FULTON COUNTY

Vision

People *Families* *Neighborhoods*

Mission

To serve, protect and govern in concert with local municipalities

Values

People *Customer Services*
Ethics *Resource Management*
Innovation *Equal Opportunity*

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
REQUEST FOR INVITATION TO BID NO. 07ITB56617A-CJC

Fire Protection Sprinkler System Inspection For General Services Department

BID DUE DATEAND TIME: July 12, 2007, 11:00 A.M.
BID ISSUANCE DATE: June 5, 2007
PURCHASING CONTACT: Charlie J. Crockett @ 404-730-5807
E-MAIL: charlie.crockett@fultoncountyga.gov

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

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INVITATION TO BID
Fire Protection Sprinkler System Inspection 07ITB56617A-CJC
FULTON COUNTY GOVERNMENT

SECTION 1 - INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

Fulton County Government ("County") invites sealed bids for 07ITB56617A-CJC, Fire Protection Sprinkler System Inspection.

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

a. **Purchasing the Bid Document:** This document and supporting documents can be downloaded at the Fulton County Website http://www.fultoncountyga.gov under "Bid Opportunities".

b. The Bid package consists of the following scope of work: To furnish all parts, labor, equipment, transportation and materials necessary to perform Testing, Maintenance and Repair on fire protection systems within Fulton County Buildings. The fire protection systems consist of fire sprinkler systems, stand pipe and hose systems, fire pumps, control valves, system valves, and fire department connections**.** The detailed scope of work and technical specifications are outlined in Section 6 of this bid document.

c. The term "Bid Documents" denotes all contract documents, notices, instructions and letters issued by the County's Purchasing Director in connection with this procurement.

a. **Bid Contact**: Information regarding the bid, either procedural or technical, may be obtained by contacting Charlie J. Crockett, Assistant Purchasing Agent at (404) 730-5708 or e-mail charlie.crockett@fultoncountyga.gov Information regarding the bid requirements may be obtained by using the following procedure. Inquiries must be submitted in writing to:

Fulton County Department of Purchasing and Contract Compliance
Attn: Charlie J. Crockett
130 Peachtree Street, S.W. Suite 1168
Atlanta, GA 30303
Phone: (404) 730-5807
Fax: (404) 893-1737
Reference Bid # 07ITB56617A-CJC

2. PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF BIDS

Bid forms must be filed in accordance with the following instructions:

a. Bidders shall **SUBMIT ONE (1) ORIGINAL, SIGNED AND DATED, AND TWO (2) COPIES** on the forms provided in the Bid Documents. All Bids must be made on the Bid forms contained herein. All blank spaces must be typed on hand written in blue ink. All dollar amounts must be BOTH in writing and figures and represent prices for the published scope of work without exceptions. Written prices prevail over number prices in the event of error. All corrections to any entry must be lined out and initialed by the Bidder. Please do not use correction tapes or fluids. **Indicate all addenda incorporated in the Bid.** Bids shall be signed by hand by an officer of principal of the Bidder with the authority to make a Contract.

Bids by joint ventures, consortia, associations or partnerships shall designate one single participant to represent all those forming the bidding entity. Bids shall be signed by a duly authorized representative of the bidding entity and evidence of the Signatory's authority signed by and listing the full names and addresses of all participants in the bidding entity shall be attached to the Bid submittal.

b. Bids must be sealed and clearly marked identifying the following information:

1. Bidder's Name/Company Name and Address.
2. Bids shall be addressed to:

Department of Purchasing and Contract Compliance
Fulton County Public Safety Building
130 Peachtree Street, S.W.
Suite 1168
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-3459

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3. 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.**

4. ADDENDA AND INTERPRETATIONS: No interpretations of the meaning of the Drawings, Specifications or other pre-bid documents will be made to any Bidder orally. Bidders requiring clarification or interpretation of the Bidding Documents shall make a request to ***Charlie J. Crockett*** no later than **2:00 PM**, **June 22, 2007**. The County will not respond to any requests oral or written received after this date. Written requests for clarification or interpretation may be mailed, hand delivered, e-mailed or faxed to the Bid Contact listed in Section 1(d). Telephone inquiries will not be accepted.

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

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

1. Bid Form
2. Bid Schedule *(if applicable)*
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 and Contract Compliance 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 Department of Purchasing and Contract Compliance. 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.

6. TERM OF CONTRACT:

Any award made as a result of this bid will be awarded to a single vendor who is the lowest responsive and responsible bidder from the date of contract execution and continuing for twelve (12) consecutive months. Fulton County reserves the right to renew this contract for one (1) additional twelve (12) month period pending availability of department funding as well as compliance with county rules, policies, contract terms/conditions and satisfactory contractor performance.

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. **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.

10. **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.

11. **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.

12. **INSURANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT PROVISIONS**: Insurance and Risk Management Provisions and Indemnification and Hold Harmless provisions are outlined in Section 6 of this bid document. The bidder is required to sign the document and include it with its bid submission.

13. **WAGE CLAUSE:** Pursuant to Fulton County Code section 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.

14. **BID OPENING:** Bids will be opened in public and read aloud. All bidders are requested to be present at the opening.

15. **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) Maintains a permanent place of business individually or in conjunction with the prime contractor.
        c) Has the appropriate and adequate technical experience. Designated Project Manager must be proficient in all aspects of contracted work.
        d) Has adequate personnel and equipment to do the work expeditiously.
        e) Has suitable financial means to meet obligations incidental to the work.

2) **Responsiveness:** The determination of responsiveness will be made by the County based on a consideration of whether the bidder has submitted a complete Bid form without irregularities, excisions, special conditions, or alternative bids for any item unless specifically requested in the Bid form.

16. **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 User Department unless earlier terminated pursuant to the termination provisions of the contract.

17. **BASIS OF AWARD:** The Contract, if awarded, will be awarded on a lump sum basis to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. 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.

18. **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.

19. **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 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.

20. **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.

21. **MINIMUM PARTICIPATION OF REQUIREMENTS FOR PRIME CONTRACTORS**

Pursuant to Fulton Code section 102-357, the prime contractor or vendor for this project or contract actually perform no less than 51% of the scope of work of the prime contract.

Construction contracts are exempt from the requirements of this section.

FULTON COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

BID GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

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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. 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 Department of Purchasing and Contract Compliance
   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.

    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".

38. Required Bid Submittal Check List for Invitation To Bid (ITB)

The following submittals shall be completed and submitted with each bid (see table below "Required Bid Submittal Check List."). **Please check to make sure that the required submittals are in the envelope before it is sealed. Failure to submit all required submittals may deem your proposal non-responsive.**

Submit one (1) Original bid, signed and dated and ____ ( ) **complete** copies of the Original Bid including all required documents.

Item #	Required Bid Submittal Check List	Check (√)
1	Bid Form – **submittal shall show amounts for both Base Bid and Alternate and shall be signed and sealed by the bidder.** All dollar amounts must be Both in writing AND figures and represent prices for the published scope of work without exceptions.	
2	Acknowledgement of each Addendum	
3	Bid Bond (separate envelope if Public Works Construction project)	
4	Purchasing Forms Form A - Non-Collusion Affidavit of Prime Bidder/Offeror Form B - Certificate of Acceptance of Request for Bid/Proposal Requirements Form C - Georgia Utility Contractor License (if applicable) Form E - Certificate Regarding Debarment Form F - Disclosure Form & Questionnaire	
5	Office of Contract Compliance Requirements Exhibit A - Promise of Non-Discrimination Exhibit B - Employment Record Exhibit C - Schedule of Intended Subcontractor Utilization Exhibit D - Letter of Intent to Perform as Subcontractor Exhibit E - Declaration Regarding Subcontractor Practices Exhibit F - Joint Venture Disclosure Affidavit Exhibit G - Prime Contractor/Subcontractor Utilization Report Equal Business Opportunity Plan (EBO Plan)	
6	Risk Management Insurance Provisions Form	
7	***Any additional requirements that the User Department would like to include should be added to this check list.***	

SECTION 2

BID FORM

Fire Protection Sprinkler System Inspection 07ITB56617A-CJC

Submitted _____, 2007.

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

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

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

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

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

BASE BID AMOUNT (Do not include any Bid Alternates)

$_____
(Dollar Amount in Numbers)

_____
(Dollar Amount in Words)

The Bidder agrees hereby to commence work under this Contract, with adequate personnel and equipment, on or before a date to be specified in the written ‘Notice to Proceed” from the County and to fully complete the project within the time limits identified in the owner-contractor agreement.

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

The Bidder furthermore agrees that, in the case of a failure on his part to execute the Contract Agreement and Bonds within ten days after receipt of conformed contract documents for execution, the Bid Bond accompanying his bid and the monies payable thereon shall be paid into the funds of the Owner as liquidated damages for such failure.

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

ADDENDUM # _____ DATED _____

ADDENDUM # _____ DATED _____

ADDENDUM # _____ DATED _____

ADDENDUM # _____ DATED _____

BIDDER: _____

Signed by: _____
[Type or Print Name]

Title: _____

Business Address: _____

_____

_____

Business Phone: _____

Bidder's Contractor License No: _____
[State/County]

License Expiration Date: _____

Enclosed is a Bid Bond in the approved form, in the sum of:

_____Dollars

($_____) according to the conditions of "Instructions to Bidders" and provisions thereof.

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

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

Name	**Address**

END OF SECTION 2

SECTION 3

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: Certificate of Acceptance of Request for Bid Requirements
- Form C: Certification Regarding Debarment
- Form D: Disclosure Form And Questionnaire

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

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 Thereto.

Company: _____

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

(Corporate Seal)

Form C

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 statues 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 _____, 2007

_____

(Legal Name of Offeror) (Date)

_____

(Signature of Authorized Representative) (Date)

_____

(Title)

Form D

DISCLOSURE FORM AND QUESTIONNAIRE

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

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

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

3. Please state whether any employee, agent or representative of said Offeror who is or will be directly involved in the subject project has or had within the last five (5) years: (i) directly or indirectly had a business relationship with Fulton County; (ii) directly or indirectly received revenues from Fulton County; or (iii) directly or indirectly receives revenues from the result of conducting business on Fulton County property or pursuant to any contract with Fulton County. Please describe in detail any such relationship.

LITIGATION DISCLOSURE:

Failure to fully and truthfully disclose the information required, may result in the disqualification of your bid

or proposal from consideration or termination of the Contract, once awarded.

1. Please state whether any of the following events have occurred in the last five (5) years with

   respect to said Offeror. If any answer is yes, explain fully the following:

   (a) whether a petition under the federal bankruptcy laws or state insolvency laws was filed by or against said Offeror, or a receiver fiscal agent or similar officer was appointed by a court for the business or property of said Offeror;

   (b) whether Offeror was subject of any order, judgment, or decree not subsequently reversed, suspended or vacated by any court of competent jurisdiction, permanently enjoining said Offeror from engaging in any type of business practice, or otherwise eliminating any type of business practice; and

   (c) whether said Offeror's business was the subject of any civil or criminal proceeding in which there was a final adjudication adverse to said or Offeror, which directly arose from activities conducted by the business unit or corporate division of said Offeror which submitted a bid or proposal for the subject project. If so please explain.

2. Have you or any member of your firm or team to be assigned to this engagement ever been indicted or convicted of a criminal offense within the last five (5) years?

   Circle One: YES NO

3. Have you or any member of your firm or team been terminated (for cause or otherwise) from any work being performed for Fulton County or any other Federal, State or Local Government?

   Circle One: YES NO

4. Have you or any member of your firm or team been involved in any claim or litigation adverse to Fulton County or any other federal, state or local government, or private entity during the last three (3) years?

Circle One: YES NO

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

Circle One: YES NO

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

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

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

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

[SIGNATURES ON NEXT PAGE]

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

On this _____ day of _____, 2007

_____
(Legal Name of Proponent) (Date)

_____
(Signature of Authorized Representative) (Date)

_____
(Title)

Sworn to and subscribed before me,

this _____ day of _____, 2007

_____
(Notary Public) (Seal)

Commission Expires _____
(Date)

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 owning 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	
Male/Female	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
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:

SUBCONTRATOR 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

SUBCONTRATOR NAME:_____
ADDRESS:_____
_____
PHONE:_____
CONTACT PERSON:_____
ETHNIC GROUP*:_____COUNTY CERTIFIED**_____
WORK TO BE PERFORMED:_____
DOLLAR VALUE OF WORK: $_____PERCENTAGE VALUE:_____%

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

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

SUBCONTRATOR 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 sub-contractor 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)

Name	Race	Sex	Financial Decisions	Supervision Field Operation
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

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.**

EXHIBIT G – PRIME CONTRACTOR/SUBCONTRACTOR UTILIZATION REPORT

This report is required to be submitted by the tenth day of each month, with a copy of your payment invoice (schedule of values/payment application) to Contract Compliance. Failure to comply may result in the County commencing proceedings to impose sanctions on the successful bidder, in addition to purchasing any other available legal remedy. Sanctions may include the suspending of any payment or part thereof, termination or cancellation of the contract, and the denial to participate in any future contracts awarded by Fulton County.

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

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

AMOUNT OF REQUISITION THIS PERIOD:$_____

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUISITION TO DATE:$_____

SUBCONTRACTOR UTILIZATION (add additional rows as necessary)

Name of Sub-contractor	Description of Work	Contract Amount	Amount Paid To Date	Amount Requisition This Period	Contract Period Starting Date	Ending Date
TOTALS						

Executed By:_____

_____

(Signature) (Printed Name)

END OF SECTION NO. 4

SECTION 5

Insurance and Risk Management Provisions

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

Employer's Liability Insurance	BY ACCIDENT	- EACH ACCIDENT	$500,000
Employer's Liability Insurance	BY DISEASE	- POLICY LIMIT	$500,000
(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

5. **UMBRELLA LIABILITY**
   (In excess of above noted coverage's) Each Occurrence - $2,000,000

6. **PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY** Each Occurrence - $1,000,000
(Required if respondent providing bid/quotation for professional services).

7. **FIDELITY BOND**
(Employee Dishonesty) Each Occurrence - $ 100,000

8. **BUILDERS RISK:** ***If the bid/quotation involves construction-related services the respondent will provide*** "All-risk" form of builder's risk insurance providing coverage against loss or damage by fire or other peril on an "all-risk" form, including demolition and increased cost of construction, debris removal and the full replacement cost of the Project foundations and containing an agreed amount endorsement, and, until Final Completion and Acceptance of the Project. Such policy of insurance shall contain at least the following sub-limits of insurance and deductibles:

Sub-limits:	
Property in Transit	$1,000,000
Property in Offsite Storage	$1,000,000
Plans & Blueprints	$25,000
Debris Removal	25% of Insured Physical Loss
Delay in Completion / Soft Cost	TBD
Deductibles:	
Flood and Earthquake	$25,000
Water Damage other than Flood	$100,000
All other Perils	$10,000

Owner and Contractor waive all rights against each other and any of their subcontractors, sub-subcontractors, agents and employees, each of the other, for damages caused by fire or other causes of loss to the extent covered by property insurance obtained pursuant to this Section, or other property insurance applicable to the Work, accept such rights as they have to the proceeds of such insurance.

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

Such certificates and notices shall be sent to:

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

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

USE OF PREMISES

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

PROTECTION OF PROPERTY

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

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

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

INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

Contractor/Vendor hereby agrees to release, indemnify, defend and hold harmless Fulton County, its 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/Vendor, its directors, officers, employees, subcontractors, successors, assigns or agents, or otherwise in connection (directly or indirectly) with its acceptance, or the performance, or nonperformance, of its obligations under these

agreements. Such obligations shall not be construed to negate, abridge or otherwise reduce any other rights or obligations of indemnity which would otherwise exist as to any party or person as set forth in this paragraph.

Contractor/Vendor'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 other actual or alleged unfair competition disparagement of product or service, or other tort or any type whatsoever, or any actual or alleged violation of trade regulations.

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

If the bid/quotation involves construction services Contractor/Vendor will be responsible fully for any and all damage to the work during the course of construction, until the point of Final acceptance by Fulton County.

FULTON COUNTY ACKNOWLEDGES THAT ALL PROVISIONS OF THIS INDEMNITY AGREEMENT MAY NOT BE APPLICABLE TO THE CONTRACTOR/VENDOR'S BUSINESS. TO THE EXTENT THAT CONTRACTOR/VENDOR MAY DEMONSTRATE SUCH NONAPPLICABILITY, FULTON COUNTY MAY NEGOTIATE AMENDMENTS TO THIS AGREEMENT AS THE CIRCUMSTANCES DICTATE.

CONTRACTOR/VENDOR ACKNOWLEDGES HAVING READ, UNDERSTANDING, AND AGREEING TO COMPLY WITH THIS INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT, AND THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CONTRACTOR/VENDOR IDENTIFIED BELOW IS AUTHORIZED TO SIGN CONTRACTS ON BEHALF OF THE RESPONDING CONTRACTOR/VENDOR.

COMPANY:_____SIGNATURE:_____

NAME:_____TITLE:_____

DATE:_____

SECTION 6

SCOPE OF WORK AND TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Prior to commencement of any work, the contractor must meet with facility maintenance personnel to discuss the point of contact, building access and invoice processing.

1. Three types of tasks are included in the scope of work:

   A. Three quarterly flow tests and verification of associated alarms. Three quarterly at three (3) months interval, before March, June, and September

   B. One annual inspection, testing and maintenance of the sprinkler system and fire pumps. Annual inspection and tests must be completed before December 15, 2007.

   C. One annual test required for multi-year testing compliance.

Work shall include; but is not limited to all the work shown in paragraph 5 through 10 and the following:

2. Frequency of testing and maintenance tasks for Fire Sprinkler and associated equipments shall be according to paragraphs 8, 9 and 10. Bid prices for annual tests and maintenance must include the cost of completing Multi-Year Cycle Services in item Number 7.

   2.1 Written reports on results of all tests include updated fire pump curve graphs.

   2.2 Services calls outside the scope of work for testing and identified in these specification. The vendor shall provide coverage for the building whenever any portion of a Fire Protection System is taken out of service.

   2.3 Post a tag at each Fire Department Connection and system control valve indicating which system or part thereof has been removed from service.

   2.4 Walk through the system with the appropriate county representative after maintenance and repairs are complete to demonstrate that the system is fully in service.

3. Repairs

In case of a defect observed during testing the vendor shall submit an estimate to repair the defect after obtaining approval from Zonal Manager vendor can proceed in carrying out repair work.

4. Working Hours and Work requirements:

   4.1 In the case of the following buildings all specified testing and maintenance may be <u>considered as accomplished *after* normal business hours</u>. The bidder must incorporate the additional cost for this after-hours working into the bid prices.

   (a) Government Center - Assembly Building
   (b) Government Center – Mid-rise Building
   (c) Government Center – Public Safety Building
   (d) Government Center – Tower

(e) Government Center – Atrium Building

Note: There are three (3) fire pumps and two (2) dry systems in the five (5) buildings listed above.

(f) Justice Center Tower (part dry system)
(g) Charles L Carnes Justice Center Building
(h) Lewis R Slaton Court House (part dry system-attic)

Note: There is one fire pump common for the three (3) buildings listed above

(i) Central Library – One (1) fire pump, part dry system
(j) Auburn Library – One (1) fire pump, no dry system

4.2 Inspection and Testing in all other buildings listed will be considered as accomplished during normal hours of operation.

4.3 Fulton County will not approve any special payment for working after normal business hours, unless the work is requested out side the scope of this specification.

4.4 The timing of repair services, if any, will be dictated by the seriousness of the situation.

4.5 For the purpose of this contract normal working hours will be from 7:00 A. M. To 5:00 P.M. Monday thru Friday, excluding Fulton County Holidays.

4.6 Any additional work requested by Fulton County, not included in the scope of work specified for testing and maintenance, to be performed outside of normal working hours (including weekends and Holidays) will be paid at the hourly rate quoted for after-hours work, subject to a maximum of 1.5 times the rate of the basic hourly rate bid. Holiday rates will apply only to holidays officially recognized by Fulton County.

4.7 The vendor must have sufficient number of people to assist in the work and must use walkie-talkies or other similar communication devices for effective communication.

4.8 Vendor must have enough personnel to carry out simultaneously, walking in the buildings, the tests and monitoring the alarm panels. Fulton County technicians/security will not participate in any testing/maintenance/alarm annunciation tasks.

4.9 The successful bidder is required to respond to all emergency repair calls within two (2) hours of notification. Failure to respond within the two (2) hour time period will not be a basic for overtime payment.

5. Quarterly Testing

Quarterly tests will be carried out separately three times in a year. These tests also form part of the Annual tests shown in item number 6 below. These tests include, but are not limited to the following requirements

5.1 Verify that the Water flow Alarms are operational. Record the state of alarms the time to ring alarm, for Water meter gong and Water flow switch.

5.2 Submit a written report indicating all the observations as required above.

6. Annual Service

6.1 Annual Service shall be performed at least once yearly. Annual service includes all the requirements in the quarterly service plus additional requirements listed in item number 9. All services listed as annual must be performed at this time, in addition to the tests in quarterly service. Payment shall be at the rate indicated for annual service only. The tasks include, and price quoted must take in to account the cost of, the following:

All Quarterly tests not specified in Annual Tests
Annual tasks for sprinkler system (item number 9.1)
Annual Tasks for stand pipe and hose system (item number 9.3)
Annual Tasks for Fire pumps for applicable buildings (item number 9.4)
Tasks listed under "General" (item number 9.5).
Multi Year tasks for applicable buildings (item number 10)

6.2 Winterization preventive maintenance and trip test will be done on dry systems in addition to annual service (item number 9.2). This service will be performed before 15th of November each year to ensure that any subsequent freezing weather will not adversely affect the operation of the sprinkler system. (This will also apply for option years, if exercised).

7. Multi Year Services

Multi Year Services will be indicated by the calendar year the task is required to be accomplished. Bidders must include prices for all item indicated for accomplishment in 2007.

8. Quarterly Inspection, Testing and Maintenance Tasks: Fire Sprinklers and associated systems

Outlined below is the minimum testing and maintenance requirements for Sprinkler system identified in **Schedule 'A'**, attached hereto

8.1 Sprinkler and associated systems: Quarterly Inspection and Tests

Task #	Task	NFPA Reference
1	Inspect all control valves	12.3.2.1.1
2	Inspect all Tamper switches	12.3.2.1.1
3	Inspect all Alarm valves	12.4.1.1
4	Inspect Hose connections	12.5.2.1
5	Inspect Fire Department Connections	12.7.1
6	Test all Water flow alarms	12.2.7

8.2 Fire Pump – Quarterly Inspection and Tests

Task #	Task	NFPA Reference
1	Inspect Fire pump system	8.2.2 (2)
2	Inspect gland, coupling and alignment	8.2.2 (2)
3	Inspect pressure gauge and pressure switch	8.2.2 (2)
4	Test Pump Operation (No flow)	8.3.1

9. Annual Inspection, Maintenance and Tests

The requirements in Annual inspection, maintenance and tests are described below for each component of the Fire Sprinkler System.

9.1 Wet Sprinkler System and its components: Annual Maintenance

Task #	Task	NFPA Reference
1	Visually inspect all sprinklers for obstruction to spray patterns to include foreign materials, paint and physical damage.	5.2.1
2	Inspect gauges and verify they are operational	5.2.4.1
3	Inspect stand pipe and hose system components	6.2.1 and NFPA 1962
4	Verify supply of spare sprinklers in a cabinet with required wrench.	5.2.1.3
5	Lubricate operating stems on outside screw and yoke valves.	12.3.4.1
6	Test all system control valves through full range for proper operation. Secure each valve in the open position.	12.3.4.2
7	Inspect, clean and repair internal components of alarm valve in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.	12.4.2.1 12.4.2.2
8	Test water flow alarm devices	5.3.3
9	Perform Main Drain Test.	12.2.6

9.2 Dry System: Annual Maintenance and Tests

Task #	Task	NFPA Reference
1	Trip-test each dry pipe valve	12.4.4.2.2
2	Test Quick open Devices if provided	12.4.4.2.4
3	Test dry pipe valve with control valve fully open.	12.4.4.2.3
4	Test automatic air pressure and priming water level	12.4.4.2.1
5	Clean and repair interior of dry pipe valve and drain low points in system in conjunction with dry pipe valve test.	12.4.4.3.2
6	Install tag showing details of test and test parameters	12.4.4.2.5.1

9.3 Standpipe and Hose System

Task #	Task	Frequency
1	Conduct a flow test by flowing the required volume of water at design pressure to the hydraulically most remote, highest, or dead end hose connection of each zone. Consult with Fulton County Fire Marshall when test from this location is not practical for suitable alternate.	12.2.6
2	Inspect hose valve outlets, piping, hose, hose nozzle, hose storage device, and cabinet in accordance with NFPA.25, Table 6.1 (or most recent) edition.	Table 6.1 NFPA 25
3	Operate system control valve through full range for proper operation. Secure each valve in the open position.	12.3.3.1

9.4 Fire Pumps

Task #	Task	Frequency
1	Preventive maintenance on fire pumps in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations or if these are not available, in accordance with NFPA 25, Table 8.5.3, 1992 (or most recent) edition.	8.5.3 A
2	Test fire pump assembly at "No Load", "Rated Load", and "Peak Load" conditions.	8.3.3
3	Compare results of Fire pump test to the unadjusted field acceptance test curve and previous year test curve.	8.3.5.1
4	Verify fire pump pressure relief valve is correctly adjusted and set to relieve the appropriate pressure and closes below that pressure.	12.5.6
5	Each fire pump must be provided with a tag that indicates successful testing. The tag must be in a format acceptable to Atlanta Fire Department or other AHJ	A.3.2.1

9.5 **General**

9.5.1 Test all alarms associated with the system and indicate status in the reports
9.5.2 Grease and lubricate all moving and mechanical parts in the system.
9.5.3 Test and calibrate all gauges in the system and provide status /calibration report.

10. **Multi-Year cycle tests**

The following multi-year tests shall be conducted in addition to the annual tests mentioned above in the buildings shown in 4.1 (a) through (J)

10.1 Conduct a full flow test at the stand pipe and hose system, at the hydraulically most remote point. (6.3.1)
10.2 Test the hose, pressure control valve and pressure reducing valve.(12.5.1.2)
10.3 Test the hose connections and hose racks (12.5.3.2)

SECTION 7

GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. Experience and Qualifications

1.1 The vendor must provide copies of State of Georgia Certifications or other acceptable forms of certification to prove that they are qualified to perform maintenance on fire protection systems including fire pump and dry system.

Note: The bidder understands that failure to submit Certification as required in this paragraph will be a reason for disqualifying the bidder.

1.2 The vendor must have been in the business of testing and maintaining fire protection systems for minimum of three (3) years.

2. Maximum Repair Allowance

The successful bidder is responsible for submitting an estimate prior to performing any repairs outside the scope of work of testing and maintenance. This shall include an estimated cost for repair and also the estimated cost of replacing the item. The successful bidder must identify any items where the cost of repair is equal to or greater than seventy- five percent (75%) of the price of a new item. Failure to adhere to the requirements of this paragraph will be grounds for termination of the contract.

Example:	New Fire Pump	=$1000.00
	Maximum Repair Allowance on Fire Pump	=$750.00
	Repair of Fire Pump	=$758.00

Action: Recommend Replacement's of old fire pump instead of repair.

Inventory

The bidder must certify below that he has a full inventory of parts and services required within a fifty (50) mile radius of the Fulton County Government Center, 141 Pryor Street, Atlanta, Georgia 30303. The bidder understands that having the materials/ supplies/ services on an "if needed, as needed, and when needed basic" will be used in selecting the successful bidder. Fulton County reserves the right to reject any bid not meeting this requirement.

Delivery

Delivery requirements will be as required by the individual Zonal Managers. However, the successful bidder must be capable of responding to emergency repair calls within two (2) Hours. The successful bidder is required to maintain a point of contact for service twenty-four (24) hours per day, seven (7) days per week including holidays.

[A]	Emergency Requests:	Services and/or parts must be provided within two (2) hours to mitigate the emergency situation.
[B]	Urgent Requests:	Services and/or parts must be provided within twenty-four (24) hours.
[C]	Routine Requests:	Services and/or parts must be provided within Three (3) days.

3. **Parts Pricing**

This Paragraph is only applicable for work provided beyond routine testing and maintenance. The successful bidder is required to supply all parts associated with testing and routine maintenance under the scope of this contract.

Approval must be obtained from Zonal Manager prior to purchasing any parts. The following documents must be provided when submitting invoice for payment:

The successful bidder's reimbursement for parts priced at $ 500 or less will be computed utilizing the following formula:

(Bidder's Cost for part) x (1+ Bidder's markup percentage) + cost of freight.

All Other markups on parts that cost more than $500 will be individually approved by the designated County representative. Fulton County reserves the right to reject any and all pricing for parts and to require the successful bidder to install parts procured from other sources. If Fulton County elects to procure parts from an outside source, the successful bidder's warranty shall extend to labor.

Warranty Clause

The successful bidder will be responsible for providing warranty on all parts and labor for minimum period of ninety (90) days from the completion of the service. In the case of parts, if the manufacturer's standard warranty period is greater than 90 days, the manufacturer's standard warranty period will prevail. Any repair or replacement required within the warranty period will be at the expense of the successful bidder. Parts under warranty will be replaced at no additional cost to Fulton County.

SECTION 8

PRICING FORMS

Rates for testing and maintenance for each facility shall be given in the accompanying Schedule 'A'

The list in Schedule 'A' indicates buildings identified as of now. If any of these facilities need to be removed from this contract after it is in place, it may be done so at the request of the County, reducing the total amount due by the amount bid for that facility. If additional facilities need to be added during the time this contract is in place, they will be added and billed at an amount to be mutually agreed to before the service is performed.

Vendors shall fill in the following information. **DO NOT LEAVE BLANKS**.

[A] Labor rate for other than testing and maintenance:

$ _____ *Per Hour/ Per Man*

[B] Overtime labor rate for other than testing and maintenance (shall not exceed 1.5 times the labor rate indicated in Paragraph 26A.)

$ _____ *Per Hour/ Per Man*

[C] Parts markup / discount from manufacturer's list price: (Indicate specifically in mark-up or discount)

____ % Markup **Or** ____ % Discount

[D] Indicate length of warranty period on labor and parts other than manufacturer's warranty:

____ Days/ Months (Circle One)

Facilities with Fire Sprinkler

Schedule 'A'

Note: Annual cost of maintenance will be calculated as 3 x Quarterly Maintenance Plus Cost of Annual Maintenance Quarterly Maintenance will be carried out every three months. The fourth quarterly maintenance will coincide with the Annual maintenance

No	Building Code	Building Name and Address	Cost of Qtrly Maintenance Paragraph. 19	Cost of Annual Maintenance Paragraph 20	Cost for annual testing of Dry System
1	B451011	Auburn Library, 101 Auburn Ave. Atlanta, GA 30303			------NA-------
2	B400012	Central Library, 1 Margaret Mitchell Sq. Atlanta, GA 30303			------NA-------
3	B600032	Fulton County Courthouse - Sup. Ct. Bldg., 136 Pryor St. Atlanta, GA 30303			
4	B600012	Charles L. Carnes Justice Center Building of F.C., 160 Pryor St. Atlanta, GA 30303			------NA-------
5	B613012	Government Center - Assembly Building, 141 Pryor St., SW Atlanta, GA 30303			
6	B613062	Government Center - Atrium Building, 141 Pryor St., SW Atlanta, GA 30303			------NA-------
7	B613022	Government Center - Midrise Building (*), 141 Pryor St., SW Atlanta, GA 30303			
8	B613042	Government Center - Public Safety Building, 130 Peachtree St., SW Atlanta, GA 30303			------NA-------
9	B613052	Government Center -Tower Building, 141 Pryor St., SW Atlanta, GA 30303			------NA-------
10	B600052	Justice Tower - Was Justice Center Tower (*), 185 Central Ave. Atlanta, GA 30303			
11	B435011	Alpharetta Library, 238 Canton St. Alpharetta, GA 30201			------NA-------
12	B431012	Buckhead Library, 269 Buckhead Ave., NE Atlanta, GA 30305			------NA-------
13	B501022	Central Maintenance Facility, 895 Marietta Blvd. Atlanta, GA 30318			------NA-------
14	B449012	Dogwood Library, 1838 Bankhead Hwy., NW Atlanta, GA 30318			------NA-------

No	Building Code	Building Name and Address	Cost of Qtrly Maintenance Paragraph. 19	Cost of Annual Maintenance Paragraph 20	Cost for annual testing of Dry System
15	B360012	Dorothy C. Benson Senior Multi-Purpose Complex, 6500 Vernon Woods Dr Sandy Springs, GA			------NA-------
16	B370013	Harriet G Darnell Senior Multi-Purpose Facility, 677 Fairburn Road Atlanta, GA 30331			------NA-------
17	B374012	Helene S. Mills Senior Multi purpose Facility, 515 John Wesley Dobbs Ave Atlanta, GA 30312			------NA-------
18	B504032	Jefferson Place Homeless Shelter, 1135 Jefferson Street Atlanta, GA 30318			------NA-------
19	B453012	Kirkwood Library, 11 Kirkwood Rd. Atlanta, GA 30317			------NA-------
20	B810013	North Fulton Senior Citizens Center, 1250 Warsaw Rd. Roswell, GA 30075-1645			------NA-------
21	B428012	Northeast Regional Library, 9650, Spruill Rd Alpharetta, GA 30022			------NA-------
22	B430012	Northside/Paces Ferry Library, 3295 Northside Pkwy., NW Atlanta, GA 30327			------NA-------
23	B433012	Ponce De Leon Library, 980 Ponce De Leon Ave. Atlanta, GA 30306			------NA-------
24	B436011	Roswell Library, 115 Norcross St. Roswell, GA 30075			------NA-------
25	B421011	Sandy Springs Library, 395 Mt. Vernon Hwy, NE Atlanta, GA 30331			------NA-------
26	B425013	Washington Park/Annie McPheters Library, 1116 M.L.K.Jr.Dr, Atlanta GA30314			------NA-------
27	B434012	Adamsville/Collier Heights Library, 3424 M.L.K. Jr., Dr. Atlanta, GA 30331			------NA-------
28	B800243	Camp Truitt Neighborhood Senior Center (*), 4320 Herschel Rd. College Park, GA 30337			
29	B447013	Cleveland Library, 47 Cleveland Ave. Atlanta, GA 30315			------NA-------
30	B320013	College Park Regional Health Center, 1920 John Wesley Ave. College Park, GA 30337			------NA-------
31	B811023	Gilbert G. Dulaney Emergency Child Shelter, 2836 Springdale Road Atlanta, GA 30315			------NA-------
32	B710013	H.J.C Bowden Multi-Purpose Senior Center, 2885 Church St. East Point, GA			------NA-------

No	Building Code	Building Name and Address	Cost of Qtrly Maintenance Paragraph. 19	Cost of Annual Maintenance Paragraph 20	Cost for annual testing of Dry System
		30344			
33	B371013	Hapeville Neighborhood Senior Center, 527 King Arnold Street Hapeville, GA 30354			------NA-------
34	B811013	Palmetto Neighborhood Senior Center, 510 Turner Avenue Palmetto, GA 30268			------NA-------
35	B448013	South Fulton Library, 4055 Flat Shoals Rd., SW College Park, GA 30291			------NA-------
36	B251013	South Fulton Multi-Purpose Center, 4255 Will Lee Rd. College Park, 30349			------NA-------
37	B373013	Southeast Neighborhood Senior Center, 1650 New Town Cir. Atlanta, GA 30315			------NA-------
38	B380013	Southwest Arts Center, 915 New Hope Road Atlanta, GA 30331			------NA-------
39	B440013	Southwest Regional Library, 3665 Cascade Rd., SW Atlanta, GA 30331			------NA-------
40	B502023	Stonewall Camp Operation Ctr. Off &Visit, 5601 Stonewall Tell Rd. College Park, GA 30349			------NA-------
41	B229013	Tom Lowe Shooting Range - 10 M Building, 3025 Merck Road, SW College Park, GA 30349			------NA-------
42	B229023	Tom Lowe Shooting Range - 25 M Building, 3025 Merck Road, SW College Park, GA 30349			------NA-------
43	B229033	Tom Lowe Shooting Range - 50 M Building, 3025 Merck Road, SW College Park, GA 30349			------NA-------
44	B452013	West End Library, 525 Peeples St., SW Atlanta, GA 30310			------NA-------

FULTON COUNTY

Vision

People *Families* *Neighborhoods*

Mission

To serve, protect and govern in concert with local municipalities

Values

People *Customer Services*
Ethics *Resource Management*
Innovation *Equal Opportunity*

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Fire Protection Sprinkler System Inspection

For

General Services Department

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CONTRACT AGREEMENT

Contractor: ***[Insert Contractor Name]***

Contract No.: ***[Insert Project Number and Title]***

Address: ***[Insert Contractor Address]***
City, State

Telephone: ***[Insert Contractor telephone #]***

Facsimile: ***[Insert Contractor Facsimile #]***

Contact: ***[Insert Contractor Contact Name]***
[Insert Contractor Contact Title

This Agreement made and entered into effective the _____ day of _____, 20 by and between **FULTON COUNTY, GEORGIA**, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, hereinafter referred to as **"County"**, and **[Insert Contractor Company Name]** to provide professional consulting services in Georgia, hereinafter referred to as **"Contractor".**

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, County through its General Services Department hereinafter referred to as the **"Department"**, desires to retain a qualified and experienced Contractor to perform Fire Protection Sprinkler System Inspection, to furnish all parts, labor, equipment, transportation and materials necessary to perform testing, maintenance and repair on fire protection systems within the Fulton County Building hereinafter, referred to as the **"Project"**.

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

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

ARTICLE 1. CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

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

I. Form of Agreement;
II. Addenda;
III. Exhibit A: General Conditions;
IV. Exhibit B: Scope of Work
V. Exhibit C: Compensation;
VI. Exhibit D: Purchasing Forms;
VII. Exhibit E: Contract Compliance Forms;
VIII. Exhibit F: Insurance and Risk Management Form;
IX. Exhibit G: Payment & Performance Bonds (if applicable)

The foregoing documents constitute the entire Agreement of the parties pertaining to the Project hereof and is intended as a complete and exclusive statement of promises, representations, discussions and agreements oral or otherwise that have been made in connection therewith. No modifications or amendment to this Agreement shall be binding upon the parties unless the same is in writing, conforms to Fulton County Policy and Procedure 800-6 governing change orders, is signed by the County's and the Contractor's duly authorized representatives, and entered upon the meeting minutes of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners.

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

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

ARTICLE 2. **SEVERABILITY**

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

ARTICLE 3. **DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:**

County and Contractor agree the Project is to perform Testing, maintenance and repair on the fire protection systems within Fulton County Buildings. All exhibits referenced in this agreement are incorporated by reference and constitute an integral part of this Agreement as if they were contained herein.

ARTICLE 4. **SCOPE OF SERVICES**

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

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ARTICLE 5. **SERVICES PROVIDED BY COUNTY**

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

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

ARTICLE 6. **MODIFICATIONS**

If during the course of performing the Project, County and Contractor agree that it is necessary to make changes in the Project as described herein and referenced exhibits, such changes will be incorporated by written amendments in the form of Change Orders to this Agreement. Any such Change Order and/or supplemental agreement shall not become effective or binding unless approved by the Board of Commissioners and entered on the minutes. Such modifications shall conform to the requirements of Fulton County Policy 800-6, which is incorporated by reference herein.

ARTICLE 7. **SCHEDULE OF WORK**

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

ARTICLE 8. **CONTRACT TERM**

Any award made as a result of this bid will be awarded to a single vendor who is the lowest responsive and responsible bidder from the date of contract execution and continuing for twelve (12) consecutive months. Fulton County reserves the right to renew this contract for one (1) additional twelve (12) month periods pending availability of department funding as well as compliance with county rules, policies, contract terms/conditions and satisfactory contractor performance.

ARTICLE 9. **COMPENSATION**

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

The total contract amount for the Project shall not exceed ***[Insert amount approved by BOC]***, which is full payment for a complete scope of services.

ARTICLE 10. **PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT**

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

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

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

ARTICLE 11. **SUSPENSION OF WORK**

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

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

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

ARTICLE 12. **DISPUTES**

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

ARTICLE 13. **TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT FOR CAUSE**

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

(2) Notice of termination shall be delivered by certified mail with receipt for delivery returned to the sender.

(3) **TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE** and if the Contractor refuses or fails to perform the work as specified in Exhibit B, Scope of Services and maintain the scheduled level of effort as proposed, or any separable part thereof,

with such diligence as will insure completion of the work within the specified time period, or any extension or tolling there of, or fails to complete said work within such time. The County may exercise any remedy available under law or this Agreement. Failure to maintain the scheduled level of effort as proposed or deviation from the aforesaid proposal without prior approval of County shall constitute cause for termination

(4) The County may, by written notice to Contractor, terminate Contractor's right to proceed with the Project or such part of the Project as to which there has been delay. In such event, the County may take over the work and perform the same to completion, by contract or otherwise, and Contractor shall be required to provide all copies of finished or unfinished documents prepared by Contractor under this Agreement.

(5) Contractor shall be entitled to receive compensation for any satisfactory work completed on such documents as reasonably determined by the County.

(6) Whether or not the Contractor's right to proceed with the work has been terminated, the Contractor shall be liable for any damage to the County resulting from the Contractor's refusal or failure to complete the work within the specified time period, and said damages shall include, but not be limited to, any additional costs associated with the County obtaining the services of another Contractor to complete the project.

ARTICLE 14. **TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE OF COUNTY**

Notwithstanding any other provisions, the County may terminate this Agreement for its convenience at any time by a written notice to Contractor. If the Agreement is terminated for convenience by the County, as provided in this article, Contractor will be paid compensation for those services actually performed. Partially completed tasks will be compensated for based on a signed statement of completion to be submitted by Contractor which shall itemize each task element and briefly state what work has been completed and what work remains to be done.

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

ARTICLE 15. **WAIVER OF BREACH**

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

ARTICLE 16. **INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR**

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

ARTICLE 17. **RESPONSIBILITY OF CONTRACTOR**

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

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

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

ARTICLE 18. **INDEMNIFICATION**

Contractor hereby agrees to release, indemnify, defend and hold harmless Fulton County, its 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, its directors, officers, employees, subcontractors, successors, assigns or agents, or otherwise in connection (directly or indirectly) with its acceptance, or the performance, or nonperformance, of its obligations under these agreements. Such obligations shall not be construed to negate, abridge or otherwise reduce any other rights or obligations of indemnity which would otherwise exist as to any party or person as set forth in this paragraph.

Contractor 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 other actual or alleged unfair competition disparagement of product or service, or other tort or any type whatsoever, or any actual or alleged violation of trade regulations.

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

These indemnity provisions are for the protection of the County indemnities only and shall not establish, of themselves, any liability to third parties. The provisions of this article shall survive termination of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 19. **COVENANT AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES**

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

ARTICLE 20. **INSURANCE**

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

ARTICLE 21. **PROHIBITED INTEREST**

Section 21.01 **Conflict of interest:**

Contractor agrees that it presently has no interest and shall acquire no interest direct or indirect that would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of its service hereunder. Contractor further agrees that, in the performance of the Agreement, no person having any such interest shall be employed.

Section 21.02 **Interest of Public Officials:**

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

ARTICLE 22. SUBCONTRACTING

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

ARTICLE 23. ASSIGNABILITY

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

ARTICLE 24. ANTI-KICKBACK CLAUSE

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

ARTICLE 25. AUDITS AND INSPECTORS

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

It shall also permit County and/or representative of the County to audit, examine and make copies, excerpts or transcripts from such records of personnel, conditions of employment and other data relating to all matters covered by this

Agreement. Contractor's records of personnel, conditions of employment, and financial statements (hereinafter "Information") constitute trade secrets and are considered confidential and proprietary by Contractor. To the extent County audits or examines such Information related to this Agreement, County shall not disclose or otherwise make available to third parties any such Information without Contractor's prior written consent unless required to do so by a court order. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as granting County any right to make copies, excerpts or transcripts of such information outside the area covered by this Agreement without the prior written consent of Contractor. Contractor shall maintain all books, documents, papers, accounting records and other evidence pertaining to costs incurred on the Project and used in support of its proposal and shall make such material available at all reasonable times during the period of the Agreement and for three years from the date of final payment under the Agreement, for inspection by County or any reviewing agencies and copies thereof shall be furnished upon request and at no additional cost to County. Contractor agrees that the provisions of this Article shall be included in any Agreements it may make with any subcontractor, assignee or transferee.

ARTICLE 26. **ACCOUNTING SYSTEM**

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

ARTICLE 27. **VERBAL AGREEMENT**

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

ARTICLE 28. **NOTICES**

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

Notice to County, shall be addressed as follows:

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

Facsimile:
Attention: ***[Insert User Department Representative for project]***

With a copy to:

Fulton County Department of Purchasing
Purchasing Director
130 Peachtree Street, Suite 1168
Atlanta, Georgia 30303
Telephone: (404) 730-5800
Facsimile: (404) 893-6273
Attention: Jerome Noble

Notices to Contractor shall be addressed as follows:

[Insert Contractor Representative for project]
[Insert Contractor Address]
Telephone:
Facsimile:
Attention: ***[Insert Contractor Representative for project]***

ARTICLE 29. **JURISDICTION**

This Agreement shall be administered and interpreted under the laws of the State of Georgia. Jurisdiction of litigation arising from this Agreement shall be in that state. If any part of this Agreement is found to be in conflict with applicable laws, such part shall be inoperative, null and void insofar as it is in conflict with said laws, but the remainder of this Agreement shall be in full force and effect.

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

ARTICLE 30. **EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

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

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

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

Section 30.03 Contractor will cause the foregoing provisions to be inserted in all subcontracts for any work covered by the Agreement so that such provision will be binding upon each subcontractor, provided that the foregoing provisions shall not apply to contracts or subcontracts for standard commercial supplies or raw materials.

ARTICLE 31. **FORCE MAJEURE**

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

ARTICLE 32. **OPEN RECORDS ACT**

The Georgia Open Records Act, O.C.G.A. Section 50-18-70 et seq., applies to this Agreement. The Contractor acknowledges that any documents or computerized data provided to the County by the Contractor may be subject to release to the public. The Contractor also acknowledges that documents and computerized data created or held by the Contractor in relation to the Agreement may be subject to release to the public, to include documents turned over to the County. The Contractor shall cooperate with and provide assistance to the County in rapidly responding to Open Records Act requests. The Contractor shall notify the County of any Open Records Act requests no later than 24 hours following receipt of any such requests by the Contractor. The Contractor shall promptly comply with the instructions or requests of the County in relation to responding to Open Records Act requests.

ARTICLE 33. **CONTRACTOR'S COMPLIANCE WITH ALL ASSURANCES OR PROMISES MADE IN RESPONSE TO PROCUREMENT**

Where the procurement documents do not place a degree or level of service relating to the scope of work, M/FBE participation, or any other matter relating to the services being procured, should any Contractor submit a response to the County promising to provide a certain level of service for the scope of work, M/FBE participation, or any other matter, including where such promises or assurances are greater than what is required by the procurement documents, and should this response containing these promises or assurances be accepted by the County and made a part of the Contract Documents, then the degree or level of service promised relating to the scope of work, M/FBE participation, or other matter shall be considered to be a material part of the Agreement between the Contractor and the County, such that the Contractor'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 ARTICLE 14 of the Agreement.

ARTICLE 34. **INVOICING AND PAYMENT**

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

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

Submittal of Invoices: Contractor shall submit all invoices in original and one (1) copy to:

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

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

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

County's Right to Withhold Payments: The County may withhold payments for services that involve disputed costs, involve disputed audits, or are otherwise performed in an inadequate fashion. Payments withheld by the County will be

released and paid to the Contractor when the services are subsequently performed adequately and on a timely basis, the causes for disputes are reconciled or any other remedies or actions stipulated by the County are satisfied. The County shall promptly pay any undisputed items contained in such invoices.

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

Acceptance of Payments by Contractor; Release. The acceptance by the Contractor of any payment for services under this Agreement will, in each instance, operate as, and be a release to the County from, all claim and liability to the Contractor for work performed or furnished for or relating to the service for which payment was accepted, unless the Contractor within five (5) days of its receipt of a payment, advises the County in writing of a specific claim it contends is not released by that payment.

ARTICLE 35. **NON-APPROPRIATION**

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

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

ARTICLE 36. **WAGE CLAUSE**

Contractor shall agree that in the performance of this Agreement the Contractor will comply with all lawful agreements, if any, which the Contractor had made

with any association, union, or other entity, with respect to wages, salaries, and working conditions, so as not to cause inconvenience, picketing, or work stoppage.

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

OWNER:

FULTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

John H. Eaves, Commission Chair
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Mark Massey
Clerk to the Commission (Seal)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Office of the County Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

[Insert Department Head Name
Insert Department Head Title]]

CONTRACTOR:

[Insert Contractor Company Name & Title]

ATTEST:

Secretary/
Assistant Secretary

(Affix Corporate Seal)

ADDENDA

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

EXHIBIT A

GENERAL CONDITIONS

Instructions for Users: Insert any General Conditions that were in the solicitation document behind this cover sheet.

Example: “Fulton County Purchasing Department Request For Proposal (RFP) General Requirements”.

EXHIBIT B

SCOPE OF WORK

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

EXHIBIT C

COMPENSATION

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

EXHIBIT D

PURCHASING FORMS

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

EXHIBIT E

CONTRACT COMPLIANCE FORMS

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

EXHIBIT F

INSURANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT FORMS

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

1. Insurance and Risk Management Provisions from Solicitation Document

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

1. Certificate of Insurance

EXHIBIT G

PAYMENT & PERFORMANCE BONDS

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