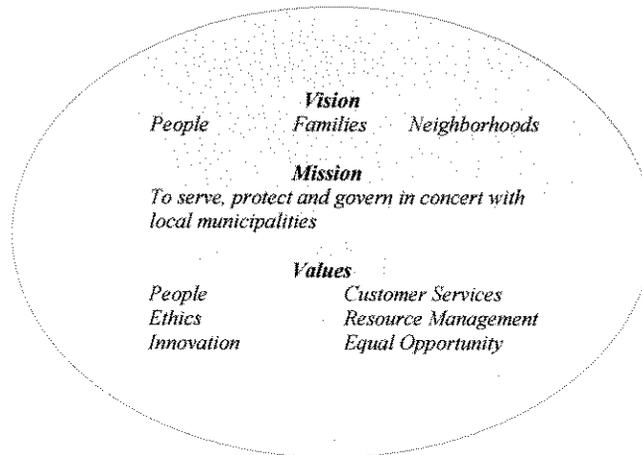




FULTON COUNTY



**PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. 07RFP57619-YC**

Standby Landscape Design and Tree Planting Services

For

Fulton County Department of Public Works

**BID DUE TIME AND DATE: 11:00 A.M. September 26, 2007
PURCHASING CONTACT: Malcolm Tyson at (404) 730-5811
E-MAIL: malcolm.tyson@co.fulton.ga.us**

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

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SECTION 1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Fulton County, Georgia ("County") is seeking qualified firms to provide Design-Build Services ("D/B Services") for the design and construction of **Standby Landscape Design and Tree Planting Services**.

Through the issuance of this Request For Proposal ("RFP" and/or "Proposals"), the County is soliciting Proposals from qualified Proposers for the planting of trees and shrubs along major arterials, public facilities and other urban locations to improve the looks of streetscapes and public properties as well as reduce air, water and noise pollution and soil erosion.

This project involves the planting of trees and shrubs along major arterials, public facilities and other urban locations to improve the looks of streetscapes and public properties as well as reduce air, water and noise pollution and soil erosion.

Proposals provided in response to this RFP that comply with the submittal requirements set forth in Section 4.0, including all forms and certifications, will be evaluated in accordance with the criteria and procedures described in Section 5.0. Based on the results of the evaluation, the County will award the [insert project description here] to the most advantageous Proposer based on the cost and the evaluation factors set forth in the RFP.

The following are the County Objectives for this project:

- ***Improve air quality***
- ***Reduce soil erosion***
- ***Improve water quality***
- ***Screen unsightly views and act as a noise buffers***
- ***Absorb carbon dioxide***
- ***Reduce summer temperatures***

1.2 PROCUREMENT PROCESS

The County is following a procurement process pursuant to Title 36, Chapter 91 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated ("O.C.G.A.") and other applicable law for the selection of a single contractor to provide both design and construction services for this Design/Build ("D/B") project.

1.3 SELECTION PROCESS

The County will make an award to the responsible and responsive Offeror whose proposal is determined in writing to be the most advantageous to the County taking into consideration the evaluation factors set forth in this RFP.

Each proposal will be reviewed to determine whether it has been submitted in accordance with the proposal requirements. Proposals deemed non-responsive will be rejected from further review and the Offeror will be advised in writing.

Proposals deemed responsive will be evaluated based on the evaluation criteria set forth in this RFP. The County will determine which proposals are reasonably susceptible of being selected for award based on evaluation criteria. The County may conduct a Best and Final Offer ("BAFO") process and each Offeror will be given the opportunity to participate in discussions, negotiations and revisions of their proposals. The County may also conduct oral presentations/interviews.

1.4 PURCHASING/ACCESSING THE RFP

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

1.5 PROPOSAL DUE DATE

All proposals are due in the Department of Purchasing and Contract Compliance of Fulton County located in the Public Safety Building, Suite 1168, 130 Peachtree St, S.W., Atlanta Georgia 30303 on or before **September 26, 2007 at 11:00 A.M.**, legal prevailing time. All submitted proposals will be time and date stamped according to the clock at the front desk of the Fulton County Department of Purchasing and Contract Compliance. Any proposals received after this appointed schedule will be considered late and subject to be returned unopened to the Proposer. The proposal due date can be changed only by addendum.

1.6 DELIVERY REQUIREMENTS

Any proposal received after the above stipulated due date and time will not be considered and will be rejected and returned. It shall be the sole responsibility of the Proposer to have his/her proposal delivered to the Fulton County Department of Purchasing and Contract Compliance for receipt on or before the above stipulated due date and time. If a proposal is sent by U.S. Mail, the proposer shall be responsible for its timely delivery to the Department of Purchasing and Contract Compliance.

1.7 CONTACT PERSON AND INQUIRIES

Any questions or suggestions regarding this RFP should be submitted in writing to the Department of Purchasing & Contract Compliance contact person, **Malcolm Tyson, Assistant Purchasing Agent, Phone (404) 730-5811, Fax (404) 335-5808, E-mail – malcolm.tyson@co.fulton.ga.us.** Any response made by the County will be provided in writing to all Proposers by addendum. No verbal responses shall be authoritative.

SECTION 2 INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS

2.1 CONTRACT DEFINITIONS

In addition to any other terms that may be defined in this solicitation, the following terms have the following meaning:

Addendum – Revision to the RFP documents issued by the County prior to the receipt of proposals.

Agreement – refers to the executed contract between the County and Contracting Entity.

Bid bond – means a bond with good and sufficient surety or sureties for the faithful acceptance of the contract payable to, in favor of, and for the protection of the governmental entity for which the contract is to be awarded.

County – Fulton County Government and its authorized representatives.

Contact Person – Purchasing staff designated by the Fulton County Department of Purchasing and Contract Compliance to submit any questions and suggestions to.

D/B Company – the selected offeror with whom the County executes the Design/Build Contract.

Design/Build Project – the Design/Build work necessary for the D/B Company to meet the obligations of the Design/Build Contract.

Design/Build Contract – the entire and integrated agreement between the County and the D/B Company concerning the Design/Build Project.

Offeror – the entity or individual submitting a proposal in response to this RFP.

Owner – Fulton County Government

Payment Bond – means a bond with good and sufficient surety or sureties payable to the governmental entity for which the work is to be done and intended for the use and protection of all subcontractors and all persons supplying labor, materials, machinery, and equipment in the prosecution of the work provided for in the public works construction contract.

Performance Bond – means a bond with good and sufficient surety or sureties for the faithful performance of the contract and to indemnify the governmental entity for any damages occasioned by a failure to perform the same within the prescribed time. Such bond shall be payable to, in favor of, and for the protection of the governmental entity for which the work is to be done.

Proposal – the document submitted by the offeror in response to this RFP.

Proposer – the entity or individual submitting a proposal in response to his RFP.

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

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

Scope of Work (“Work”) – All the services specified, indicated, shown, or contemplated by the Contract, and furnishing by the Contractor of all materials, equipment, labor, methods, processes, construction and manufacturing materials and equipment, tools, plants, supplies, power, water, transportation and other things necessary to complete such services in accordance with the Contract.

2.2 NO CONTACT DURING PROCUREMENT PROCESS

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.

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- 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.

2.3 CLARIFICATION & ADDENDA

Offerors may submit requests for clarifications or interpretations regarding this RFP and the Contract. Offerors must prepare such requests in writing for the County's consideration as set forth in this section of this RFP. While the County has not placed an initial limitation on the number of requests which can be submitted, Offerors are cautioned that if Offerors do not request meaningful clarifications or interpretations in an organized manner (e.g., limited frequency of requests), the County will set restrictions on the frequency and number of requests permitted. The County will not respond to requests, oral or written, received after **September 12, 2007 at 5:00 PM**, local prevailing time. Offerors are advised that this section places no obligation on the part of the County to respond to any or all requests for clarification or interpretation, and that the County's failure to respond to any such request will not relieve the Offeror of any obligations or conditions required by this RFP.

Requests for clarification or interpretation regarding this RFP shall only be submitted in writing (letter, fax or email) to:

**Fulton County Department of Purchasing & Contract Compliance
Attn: Malcolm Tyson
Public Safety Building
130 Peachtree Street S.W. Suite 1168
Atlanta GA 30303
Email: malcolm.tyson@co.fulton.ga.us
F: 404-893-6273**

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All responses to written requests for clarification, interpretation, or additional information will be distributed as addenda to this RFP and posted on the Fulton County website, www.fultoncountyga.gov.

No oral interpretation, instruction, or information concerning this RFP given by any employee or agent of the County shall be binding on the County. Offerors who submit a Proposal in reliance on any such oral information risk having their

response to this RFP deemed non-responsive by the County. Only written responses issued by addendum to this RFP should be considered by the Offerors. During the period provided for the preparation of Proposals, the County may issue addenda to this RFP. These addenda will be numbered consecutively and will be posted on the Fulton County website, www.fultoncountyga.gov. These addenda will be issued by, or on behalf of, the County and will constitute a part of this RFP. Each Offeror is required to acknowledge receipt of each addendum by submitting an executed acknowledgment form. This acknowledgment shall include all addenda distributed prior to the Proposal Submission Date. All responses to this RFP shall be prepared with full consideration of the addenda issued prior to the Proposal Submission Date.

2.4 TERM OF CONTRACT

The initial term of the contract shall be for a one (1) year term, with two (2), one (1) year renewal options.

2.5 REQUIRED SUBMITTALS

See **Section 11, Exhibit 1** for the Required Submittal Checklist. This checklist will assist you to ensure that all required submittals are submitted. Failure to submit all required submittals may deem your proposal non-responsive.

2.6 PROPOSAL EVALUATION

All proposals will be evaluated using the criteria specified in Section 4 of this RFP. Selection will include an analysis of proposals by a selection committee composed of three/two members from Public Works and one/two Purchasing Staff who will review the proposal submittals in accordance with the submittal requirements and the evaluation criteria set forth in Section 4 of this RFP. The committee may request oral interviews and/or site visits.

2.7 DISQUALIFICATION OF OFFERORS

The submission of more than one (1) proposal to the County as the primary Offeror or member of a joint venture for the same work by and individual firm, partnership or corporation under the same or different names may be considered as sufficient for disqualification of a Offeror and the rejection of the proposal.

2.8 RESERVED RIGHTS

The County reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all proposals, to waive irregularities and technicalities, and to request resubmission. Any sole response that is received may or may not be rejected by the County depending on available competition and timely needs of the County. There is no obligation on the part of the County to award the contract to the lowest offeror and the County reserves the right to award the contract to the responsible offerors submitting responsive proposals with resulting agreements most advantageous and in the best interest of the County. The County shall be the sole judge of the proposals and the resulting agreements that are in its best interest and its decision shall be final. Also, the County reserves the right to make such investigation as it deems necessary to determine the ability of any offeror to perform the work or service requested. Information the County deems necessary to make this determination shall be provided by the offeror. Such information may include, but shall not be limited to, current financial statements by an independent CPA; verification of availability of personnel; and past performance records.

2.9 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.

2.10 MINIMUM PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PRIME CONTRACTORS

Pursuant to Fulton County Code 102-357, Prime Bidders on the project must perform no less than 51% of the scope of work required under the project.

2.11 INSURANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT PROVISIONS

Insurance and Risk Management provisions and Indemnification and Hold Harmless provisions are outlined in Section 7 of this RFP.

2.12 ACCURACY OF RFP AND RELATED DOCUMENTS

The County assumes no responsibility that the specified technical and background information presented in this RFP, or otherwise distributed or made available during this procurement process, is complete or accurate. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the County will not be bound by or be responsible for any explanation or interpretation of the Proposal documents other than those given in writing as an addendum to this RFP.

Should a recipient of this RFP find discrepancies in or omissions from this RFP and related documents, the recipient of this RFP shall immediately notify the Purchasing Contact Person identified in Section 1.10 in writing at the following address: Fulton County Department of Purchasing and Contract Compliance, Public Safety Bldg, 130 Peachtree Street S.E., Suite 1168 Atlanta, GA 30303. A written addendum, if necessary, then will be made available to each recipient of this RFP.

2.13 RESPONSIBILITY OF OFFEROR

Each Offeror is encouraged to conduct all necessary investigations and review all available and relevant data and information, which are necessary in its judgment in order to assume this responsibility prior to the submittal of its Proposal. Offerors are reminded of Fulton County's "**No Contact During Procurement**" policy and may only contact the person designated by the RFP.

2.14 CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

If any Proposal contains technical, financial, or other confidential information that the Offeror believes is exempt from disclosure, the Offeror must clearly label the specific portions sought to be kept confidential and specify on what the exemption is based. The County, at its sole discretion and subject to applicable law, will determine whether such exemption applies. The County has sole discretion to make such determination regarding the disclosure of information, and by responding to this RFP, Offerors waive any challenge to the County's decisions in this regard. Marking all or substantially all of a Proposal as confidential may result in the Offeror being deemed non-responsive to this RFP.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, Offerors recognize and agree that the County, its staff, and its Consultants will not be responsible or liable in any way for any losses that the Offeror may suffer from the disclosure of information or materials to third parties.

2.15 COUNTY RIGHTS AND OPTIONS

This RFP constitutes an invitation to submit Proposals to the County. Without limitation or penalty, the County reserves and holds at its sole discretion, the following rights and options:

- This RFP does not obligate the County to select, procure or contract for any services whatsoever
- The County reserves the right to change or alter the schedule for any events associated with this procurement and, if required, notify the Offerors. A

Offeror, by submitting a Proposal, agrees to be bound by any modifications made by the County

- All costs incurred by a Offeror in connection with responding to this RFP, the evaluation and selection process undertaken in connection with this procurement, and any negotiations with the County will be borne by the Offeror.
- The County reserves the right to reject all Proposals and components thereof to eliminate all Offerors responding to this RFP from further consideration for this procurement, and to notify such Offerors of the County's determination.
- The County may cancel this RFP without the substitution of another RFP and terminate this procurement at any time without any liability whatsoever.
- The County reserves the right to waive any technicalities or irregularities in the Proposals.
- The County reserves the right to eliminate any Offeror who submits incomplete or inadequate responses or is not responsive to the requirements of this RFP.
- The County may request Offerors to send representatives to the County for interviews and presentations.
- To the extent deemed appropriate by the County, the County may select and enter into discussion and negotiations with the Offeror(s) submitting Proposal(s), which are found to be reasonably susceptible for award.
- The County reserves the right to discontinue negotiations with any selected Offeror.
- The County reserves the right, without prior notice, to supplement, amend, or otherwise modify this RFP.
- All Proposals (other than portions thereof subject to patent or copyright protection) become the property of the County and will not be returned, and the County reserves the right to utilize all such information contained in the Proposals without further cost to the County
- The County may add to or delete from the Project Scope of Work set forth in this RFP.

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- Any and all Proposals not received by the Proposal Submission Date shall be rejected and returned unopened.
 - Neither the County, its staff, its representatives, nor any of its consultants or attorneys will be liable for any claims or damages resulting from the solicitation, collection, review, or evaluation of responses to this RFP.
 - The County, including its representatives and consultants, reserves the right to visit and examine any of the facilities referenced in any Proposal and to observe and investigate the operations of such facilities.
 - The County reserves the right to conduct investigations of the Offerors and their responses to this RFP and to request additional evidence to support the information included in any such response.

By responding to this RFP, Offerors acknowledge and consent to the rights and conditions set forth in this RFP.

2.16 COST OF PROPOSAL PREPARATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

Each Proposal, including preparation of all information required to be included in a Proposal pursuant to this RFP, shall be prepared at the sole cost and expense (including, but not limited to, engineering and legal costs) of the Offeror. In addition, the Offeror shall be solely responsible for all costs (including engineering and legal costs) incurred by such Offeror in connection with this selection process, including any costs incurred by the Offeror in any subsequent negotiations entered into in connection with developing the Proposal. There shall be no claims whatsoever against the County, its staff, or its consultants for reimbursement for the costs or expenses (including, but not limited to, engineering and legal costs) incurred during the preparation of the Proposal or other information required by this RFP or procurement process or in connection with the selection process or any negotiations.

2.17 TERMINATION OF NEGOTIATIONS

The County at its sole discretion may, at any time, to the extent permitted by Applicable Law, exclude a Offeror from further participation in any negotiation process if the County determines that such Offeror is failing to progress in the negotiations or if the terms of its Proposal are less advantageous than those of other Offerors and such Offeror is deemed to be no longer susceptible of selection. The County will give written notice of its decision to the Offeror, which shall be sent in writing, signed by the County.

2.18 WAGE CLAUSE

Pursuant to 102-391, Each Contractor shall agree that in the performance of the Contract he will comply with all lawful agreements, if any, which the Contractor had made with any association, union, or other entity, with respect to wages, salaries, and working conditions, so as not to cause inconvenience, picketing, or work stoppage.

2.19 ADDITIONAL OR SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

After receipt of the submittals, the County will evaluate the responses, including the references, financial statements, experience and other data relating to the Respondent's qualifications. If requested by the Fulton County Department of Purchasing and Contract Compliance, Respondent's may required to submit additional or supplemental information to determine whether the Respondent meets all of the qualification requirements.

2.20 REPORTING RESPONSIBILITIES

The successful Offeror will report directly to the Jennifer McLaurin, or designated representative of the department.

2.21 GEORGIA SECURITY AND IMMIGRATION COMPLIANCE ACT

- (1) Effective as of July 1, 2007, and pursuant to O.C.G.A. 13-10-91, every public employer, every contractor of a public employer, and every subcontractor of a public employer's contractor must register and participate in a federal work authorization program as follows:
 - (a) No public employer shall enter into a contract for the physical performance of services within this state unless the contractor registers and participates in a federal work authorization program to verify the work eligibility information all new employees.
 - (b) No contractor or subcontractor who enters into a contract with a public employer shall enter into such a contract or subcontract in connection with the physical performance of services within this state unless such contractor or subcontractor registers and participates in a federal work authorization program to verify the work eligibility information of all new employees.
- (2) In accordance with O.C.G.A. 13-10-91, the requirements of paragraphs (a) and (b) of paragraph (1) shall apply to public employers, their contractors and subcontractors, as follows:

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- (a) On or after July 1, 2007, to public employers, contractors, or subcontractors of 500 or more employees;
 - (b) On or after July 1, 2008, to public employers, contractors or subcontractors of 100 or more employees; and
 - (c) On or after July 1, 2009, to all other public employers, their contractors, or subcontractors.

See Section 5, Proposal Forms for declarations and affidavits.

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2.22 REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

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The following information pertains to the submission of a proposal to Fulton County ("County"), and contains instructions on how proposals must be presented in order to be considered. If specific conditions or instructions in the text of the Request for Proposal ("RFP") conflict with the General Requirements as listed here, those conditions or instructions in the RFP shall prevail.

1. Proposals submitted in response to the attached RFP must be formatted as specified in the RFP. Additional sheets, literature, etc., should be clearly identified.
2. The original and the required number of copies of the proposal 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
3. The envelope in which the proposal is submitted must be sealed and clearly labeled with the RFP project name and number, due date and time, and the name of the company or individual submitting the proposal. Proposals must be received by the opening date and time shown on this RFP in order to be considered. The Purchasing Agent has no obligation to consider proposals which are not in properly marked envelopes. The Technical Proposal, Cost Proposal and Contract Compliance submittals shall be submitted in separate sealed envelopes. The inclusion of any cost information in the Technical Proposal may result in such proposal being rejected by the County.
4. Proposals received after the time and date specified will not be opened or considered.
5. By submitting a signed proposal, Offeror agrees to accept an award made as a result of the submission of the prices and terms contained in that proposal. Prices proposed must be audited by the Offeror to insure correctness before the proposal is submitted. Person signing the proposal is responsible for the accuracy of information in it. The specifications, provisions, and the terms and conditions of the RFP and proposal shall become a valid contract between Fulton County and the Offeror upon notice of award of contract in writing and/or issuance of a purchase order.
6. Any contract awarded as a result of this proposal, shall comply fully with all Local, State, and Federal laws and regulations.
7. Absolutely no fax proposals or reproduction proposals will be accepted, except that if multiple copies of the proposal are required, photocopies of the original may be submitted as the additional copies, provided that they are clearly marked as such.

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8. Type or neatly print company name, as well as the full legal name and title of the person signing the proposal, in all appropriate places. The Offeror's signature must be executed by a Principal of the company duly authorized to make contracts and bind the company to all terms being proposed.
 9. Proposals may be withdrawn upon receipt of a written request prior to the stated due date and time. If a firm seeks to withdraw a proposal after the due date and time, the firm must present a notarized statement indicating that an error was made, with an explanation of how it occurred. The withdrawal request must be accompanied by documentation supporting the claim. Prior to approving or disapproving the request, an opinion will be obtained from Fulton County's Legal Counsel indicating whether the firm is bound by its proposal.

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

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

10. 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 Offeror in 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 Offeror shall provide Fulton County the benefit through a reduction in price of any decrease in the Offeror's costs by reason of tax exemptions based upon Fulton County's status as a tax-exempt entity.
11. Propose all items specified or indicate under each item what alternative is being proposed and why it should be considered in lieu of the original specification. Failures to indicate any exceptions shall be interpreted as the Offeror's intent to fully comply with the specifications as written. Conditional or qualified proposals (except as specifically allowed in the specifications) are subject to rejection in whole or in part.
12. Fulton County shall be the sole judge of the quality and the applicability of all proposals. Design, features, overall quality, local facilities, terms and other pertinent considerations will be taken into account in determining acceptability.
13. The successful Offeror must assume full responsibility for delivery of all goods and services proposed and agree to relieve Fulton County of all responsibility and costs for prosecuting claims.
14. The successful Offeror must assume full responsibility for replacement of all defective or damaged goods and/or performance of contracted services within thirty (30) days notice by the County of such defect, damage or deficiency.
15. The successful Offeror must assume full responsibility for providing warranty service on all goods, materials, or equipment provided to the County with warranty coverage.

Should a vendor be other than the manufacturer, the vendor and not the County is responsible for contacting the manufacturer. The Offeror is solely responsible for arranging for the service to be performed.

16. The successful Offeror shall be responsible for the proper training and certification of personnel used in the performance of the services proposed.
17. The successful Offeror shall not assign, transfer, convey, sublet, or otherwise dispose of any contract resulting from the RFP or of any of all of its rights, title or interest therein without prior written consent of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners.
18. Proposals must contain references which reflect successful completion of contracts for the types of goods, materials, equipment, or services for which the vendor is submitting a proposal to the County. In instances where that does not apply, the proposal must contain a statement and supporting documentation demonstrating such expertise, knowledge, or experience to establish the vendor submitting the proposal as capable of meeting the demands of the proposal should an award be made to them.
19. Offerors submitting proposals may be required to furnish evidence that they maintain permanent places of business of a type and nature compatible with their proposal, and are in all respects competent and eligible vendors, able to fulfill the terms of the specifications. Fulton County may make such investigations as it deems necessary to determine the ability of the Offeror to perform such work, and reserves the right to reject any proposal if evidence fails to indicate that the proposed vendor is qualified to carry out the obligation of the contract and to complete the work satisfactorily.
20. By submitting a signed proposal, Offeror certifies that there has been no collusion with any other Offeror. Reasonable grounds for believing Offeror has an interest in more than one proposal will result in rejection of all proposals in which the Offeror has an interest. Any party to collusion may not be considered in future proposals for the same or similar work.
21. Upon notice of selection, the Offeror submitting the proposal is obligated to perform. Should a successful Offeror refuse to enter into a contract subsequent to an award, a penalty may be assessed and/or the Offeror may be found to be "non-responsible" in the future.
22. In case of default by the successful Offeror, Fulton County may procure the articles or services from another source and hold the successful Vendor responsible for any resultant excess cost.
23. Successful Offerors contract directly with the 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 an Offeror being found to be "non-responsible" in the future.

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24. 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 whom the service or product was provided.
 25. Fulton County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, or any part thereof, and to waive any technicalities. Fulton County reserves the right to award a contract based on this RFP and the proposal(s) received (in whole or in part) to one or several Vendors.
 26. Awards will not necessarily be based on cost alone. Other factors, as detailed in the RFP, will be considered in determining what proposal will be deemed to best meet the needs of Fulton County.
 27. 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.
 28. 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).
 29. Prior to beginning any work, the successful Offeror shall furnish to Fulton County (for the contracting firm and for any subcontractors) a certificate from an insurance company showing issuance of Workers' compensation coverage for the State of Georgia or a certificated from the Georgia Workers' Compensation Board showing proof of ability to pay compensation directly.
 30. 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.

31. Any Offeror intending to respond to this solicitation as a Joint Venture must submit an executed Joint Venture Agreement with this offer. 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 be accompanied by a document, binding upon the Joint Venture and its constituent members, making such designation. Offers from Joint Ventures that do not include these documents will be rejected as being “non-responsive”.
32. Any Offeror intending to respond to this solicitation must complete all of the Procurement Affidavit Forms provided in Section 5. Proposals that do not include these completed documents will be rejected as being “non-responsive”.

**SECTION 3
PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS**

3.1 SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

3.1.1 Proposal Submission Date and Submittal Format

All Proposals, including all attachments, must be received by the County in a sealed package no later than **September 26, 2007 at 11:00 A.M.** and must be addressed to:

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RFP Standby Landscape Design & Tree
Planting Services – 07RFP57619-YC
Fulton County Department of Purchasing & Contract Compliance
Public Safety Building
130 Peachtree Street S.E. Suite 1168
Atlanta GA 30303**

The Proposal shall consist of a Technical Proposal, a Cost Proposal and all documents listed on the Required Submittal Checklist (Exhibit 1). The Technical Proposal shall include offeror information, technical information, business-related information, and any Technical Proposal forms requested. The Cost Proposal shall include the Cost Proposal Forms and any information describing the basis for pricing and must be separately, sealed, marked and packaged.

The required content of the Technical Proposal and Price Proposal is further specified in this section of the RFP. The Proposal must be signed and acknowledged by the Offeror, including certain information to be provided under oath as required under applicable law, in accordance with the instructions herein and the various proposal forms.

THE TECHNICAL PROPOSAL, COST PROPOSAL, CONTRACT COMPLIANCE EXHIBITS AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION SHALL BE SUBMITTED IN SEPARATE, SEALED ENVELOPES OR PACKAGES. THE INCLUSION OF ANY COST INFORMATION IN THE TECHNICAL PROPOSAL MAY RESULT IN SUCH PROPOSAL BEING REJECTED BY THE COUNTY.

Each envelope or package shall be clearly marked as follows:

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RFP
Standby Landscape Design & Tree Planting Services – 07RPF57619-YC**

**[Technical or Cost Proposal]
Offeror's Name and Address**

3.1.2 Number of Copies

Offerors shall submit one (1) original and five (5) copies each of the Technical and Cost Proposals. Offerors shall submit one (1) original and two (2) copies of the Contract Compliance Exhibits in a separate sealed envelope. Offerors shall submit one (1) original of the Financial Information with the Technical Proposal marked "Original" and one (1) copy in a separate sealed envelope. All Proposals must be complete with all requested information.

3.2 OVERVIEW OF PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

Offerors shall submit Proposals in accordance with the content and format requirements set forth in this RFP. Proposals should be clearly organized and structured in a manner that allows materials included in the document to be located easily.

Each of the instructions set forth in this section must be followed for a Proposal to be deemed responsive to this RFP. In all cases, the County reserves the right to determine, at its sole discretion, whether any aspect of the Proposal meets the requirements set forth in this section. The County reserves the right to reject any Proposal, which in its judgment, does not comply with these Proposal submission requirements.

3.3 TECHNICAL PROPOSAL FORMAT AND CONTENT

The Technical Proposal shall be arranged and include content as described below:

Section 1 - Executive Summary [Required]

The executive summary shall include a brief statement of approach to the work, understanding of the project's goals and objectives and demonstrated understanding of the project's potential problems and concerns.

Section 2 – Project Plan

1. Name, address and telephone number of one (1) individual to whom all future correspondence and/or communications will be directed.
2. The Project Plan must address the management approach in completing the

work identified in Section 3.3 Scope of Work. At a minimum, the plan must identify all major tasks, when the major tasks will start and finish, planned reviews of work associated with each major task, project completion date, and any other information that will assist in the planning and tracking this project successfully. Describe methodologies including best practices and benchmarks to be used.

3. Description of project deliverables.

***Section 3 – Project Team Qualifications/ Qualifications of Key Personnel
(Resumes for key personnel must be included with proposal submittal)***

- a. Consultant shall be licensed to do business in Fulton County and the State of Georgia. (Submit with proposal)
- b. Consultant shall specialize in landscape architecture, green-space conservation and/or urban forestry.
- c. Consultant shall exhibit at least three (3) years of experience in providing Landscaping Services.
- d. Consultant shall have worked with local governments, other urban forestry organizations and/or communities on similar projects.
- e. Consultant shall have knowledge and understanding of all aspects of tree planting: Safety, Utility location, Identification and protection, Permitting, Pavement removal and repair and Traffic control.

Section 4 – Relevant Project Experience [Required]

In accordance with the minimum qualifications in section 1.4 of this RFP, identify three (3) projects where the Proposer has performed at least three (3) projects involving Landscape Design and Tree Planting Services within the past five (5) years. Such entities may include private commercial jobs, cities and/or counties which contracted for this type of service. Limit your response to one (1) page per project; please provide the following information for each project:

- The name of the project, the owner, year performed and the project location.
- A description of the project.
- References, including contact name, addresses and phone number for each project must be provided. This reference should be the owner's staff member who was in charge of the project for the owner.

Section 5 – Proposer Financial Information [Required]

Consultant will be evaluated on the strength of their Financial Statements. Annual

reports include Financial Statements from recent years, which will also be reviewed. The review will focus upon the Proposer's Statement of Income, Balance Sheet and Cash Flow Statements. Ratio Analysis will be included in determining the Proposer's financial strength as well as a review of the sources and uses of funds.

The follow documentation and statements are required. Failure to provide the required submittals shall result in your firm receiving a "Fail" for the 'Financial Responsibility" criteria for the Proposal Evaluation Criteria provided in Section 4.

Financial Statement/Capability

In order for the County to evaluate, verify and understand the Proposer's financial capability, the following documentation is requested for the Proposer:

- (1) Provide annual reports and financial statement for the last three (3) years, including income statements, balance sheets, and any changes in financial position.
- (2) The latest quarterly financial report and a description of any material changes in financial position since the last annual report..
- (3) Documentation and discussion of the financial condition and capability of the Proposer (s).

Section 6 - Availability of Key Personnel [Required]

- (1) Percentage of time key personnel will spend on this project
- (2) Current workload of key personnel

Section 7- Location of Firm [Required]

Please provide the business location (the term business location means a physical structure, office of suite but does not include a post-office box or a temporary job or project site location) of the Proposer or Bidder. If submitting as a Joint Venture or Partnership, provide a copy of the Joint Venture or partnership agreement including the business address of all members.

3.4 COST PROPOSAL FORMAT AND CONTENT

The Cost Proposal shall be provided in a **separate sealed envelope**. The Cost Proposal shall include current information and shall be arranged and include content as described below:

Section 1 - Introduction

The Offeror shall include an introduction which outlines the contents of the Cost Proposal.

Section 2 - Completed Price Proposal Forms

The Offeror is required to complete **all** of the Cost Proposal Forms provided.

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**SECTION 4
EVALUATION CRITERIA**

PROPOSAL EVALUATION – SELECTION CRITERIA

The following criteria will be used to evaluate the proposals submitted in response to this RFP:

Evaluation Criteria	Weight
Project Plan	35%
Qualifications of Key Personnel	15%
Relevant Project Experience	10%
Past Performance on Previous Contracts	5%
Financial Responsibility	5%
Availability of Key Personnel	10%
Local Preference	10%
Cost Proposal	10%
TOTAL POINTS	100%

SECTION 5 PROPOSAL FORMS

5.1 INTRODUCTION

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, Proposers must provide the information requested and complete in detail all Proposal Forms. The appropriate individual(s) authorized to commit the Proposer to the Project must sign the Proposal Forms. Proposers should reproduce each Proposal Form, as required, and complete the appropriate portions of the forms provided in this section.

Form A - Non-Collusion Affidavit of Bidder/Offeror

Form B - Certificate of Acceptance of Request for Proposal Requirements

Form C – Certification Regarding Debarment

Form D - Disclosure Form and Questionnaire

Form E – Declaration of Employee-Number Categories

Form F – Georgia Security and Immigration Contractor Affidavit Agreement

Form G – Georgia Security and Immigration Subcontractor Affidavit Agreement

5.2

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF FULTON

FORM A: NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT OF BIDDER/OFFEROR

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: CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE OF REQUEST
FOR PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

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

Company: _____

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____ Date: _____

(Affix 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.
- (2) If the Offeror is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such Offeror or subcontractor shall attach an explanation to this bid or proposal.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CERTIFICATION

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

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

DEBARMENT ORDINANCE

The following Section 2-322 of Fulton County Code of Laws establishes the procedure for the debarment of contractors.

(a) ***Authority to suspend.***

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

three (3) years unless cause is based on a felony conviction for an offense related or associated with fraudulent contracting or misappropriation of funds wherein the suspension shall not exceed seven (7) years.

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

- 1) Conviction for commission of a criminal offense as an incident to obtain or attempting to obtain a public or private contract or subcontract, or in performance of such contract or subcontract;
- 2) Conviction of state or federal statutes of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, receiving stolen property or other offense indicating a lack of business integrity or business honesty which currently, seriously and directly affects responsibility as a county contractor.
- 3) Conviction of state or federal anti-trust statutes arising out of the solicitation and submission of bids and proposals;
- 4) Violation of contract provisions, as set forth below, of a character which is regarded by the Purchasing Agent to be so serious as to justify suspension action:
 - a. Failure to perform in accordance with the specifications within a time limit provided in a county contract;
 - b. A recent record of failure to perform or unsatisfactory performance in accordance with the terms of one or more contracts; provided, that failure to perform or unsatisfactory performance caused by acts beyond the control of the contractor shall not be considered to be a basis for suspension;
 - c. Material representation of the composition of the ownership or workforce or business entity certified to the county as a minority business enterprise; or
 - d. Falsification of any documents.
- i. For violation of the ethical standards set forth in Fulton County Code Chapter 9, Code of Ethics.
- ii. 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.

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 Proponent) (Date)

(Signature of Authorized Representative) (Date)

(Title)

FORM D: OFFEROR'S 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 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 Offerors, joint venture partners and first-tier subcontractors.

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

[SIGNATURES ON NEXT PAGE]

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

On this _____ day of _____, 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)

FORM E: DECLARATION OF EMPLOYEE-NUMBER CATEGORIES

Please affirmatively indicate by checking the appropriate box the employee-number category applicable to your company:

- 500 or more employees
- 100 or more employees
- fewer than 100 employees

Company Name: _____

I certify that the above classification is true and correct.

Signed: _____

Printed: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

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

Instructions:

Contractors must attest to compliance with the requirements of O.C.G.A 13-10-91 and the Georgia Department of Labor Rule 300-10-01-.02 by executing the Contractor Affidavit provided. The affidavit should be executed by Contractors who have indicated on Form F, Declaration of Employee-Number Categories, that they have 500 or more employees.

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF FULTON

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

By executing this affidavit, the undersigned contractor verifies its compliance with O.C.G.A. 13-10-91, stating affirmatively that the individual, firm or corporation which is engaged in the physical performance of services under a contract with **[insert name of prime contractor]** on behalf of **Fulton County Government** has registered with and is participating in a federal work authorization program* [any of the electronic verification of work authorization programs operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security or any equivalent federal work authorization program operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security to verify information of newly hired employees, pursuant to the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (IRCA), P.L. 99-603], in accordance with the applicability provisions and deadlines established in O.C.G.A. 13-10-91.

The undersigned further agrees that, should it employ or contract with any subcontractor(s) in connection with the physical performance of services to this contract with **Fulton County Government**, contractor will secure from such subcontractor(s) similar verification of compliance with O.C.G.A./ 13-10-91 on the Subcontractor Affidavit provided in Rule 300-10-01-.08 or a substantially similar form. Contractor further agrees to maintain records of such compliance and provide a copy of each such verification to the **Fulton County Government** at the time the subcontractor(s) is retained to perform such service.

EEV/Basic Pilot Program* User Identification Number

BY: Authorized Officer of Agent
(Insert Subcontract Name)

Title of Authorized Officer or Agent of Subcontractor

Printed Name of Authorized Officer or Agent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____,
200__.

Notary Public: _____

County: _____

Commission Expires: _____

NOTE:

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

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

Instructions:

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

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

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF FULTON

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

By executing this affidavit, the undersigned subcontractor verifies its compliance with O.C.G.A. 13-10-91, stating affirmatively that the individual, firm or corporation which is engaged in the physical performance of services under a contract with **[insert name of prime contractor]** behalf of **Fulton County Government** has registered with and is participating in a federal work authorization program* [any of the electronic verification of work authorization programs operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security or any equivalent federal work authorization program operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security to verify information of newly hired employees, pursuant to the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (IRCA), P.L. 99-603], in accordance with the applicability provisions and deadlines established in O.C.G.A. 13-10-91.

EEV/Basic Pilot Program* User Identification Number

BY: Authorized Officer of Agent
(Insert Subcontract Name)

Title of Authorized Officer or Agent of Subcontractor

Printed Name of Authorized Officer or Agent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____,
200__.

Notary Public: _____

County: _____

Commission Expires: _____

NOTE:

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

SECTION 6

CONTRACT COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

6.1 NON-DISCRIMINATION IN CONTRACTING AND PROCUREMENTS

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 or vendors 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 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. (Ex: subcontracting, joint venturing, etc.)
2. Efforts that will be made by the bidder/proposer to encourage and solicit minority and female business utilization in *this solicitation*. (Ex: media solicitation directed to M/FBEs, contacting Fulton County certified M/FBEs listed in the M/FBE Directory, etc.)

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 payment 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.

6.2 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 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 Subcontractors Practices
- Exhibit F – Joint Venture Disclosure Affidavit
- Equal Business Opportunity Plan (EBO Plan). This document is not a form rather a statement created by the bidder/proposer on its company letter head addressing the EBO Plan requirements.

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

- Exhibit G – Prime Contractor's Subcontractor Utilization Report

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.

EXHIBIT A – PROMISE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

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

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

- 1) No person shall be excluded from participation in, denied the benefit of, or otherwise discriminated against on the basis of race, color, national origin or gender in connection with any bid submitted to Fulton County for the performance of any resulting there from,
- 2) That it is and shall be the policy of this Company to provide equal opportunity to all businesses seeking to contract or otherwise interested in contracting with this Company without regard to the race, color, gender or national origin of the ownership of this business,
- 3) That the promises of non-discrimination as made and set forth herein shall be continuing in nature and shall remain in full force and effect without interruption,
- 4) That the promise of non-discrimination as made and set forth herein shall be made a part of, and incorporated by reference into, any contract or portion thereof which this Company may hereafter obtain,
- 5) That the failure of this Company to satisfactorily discharge any of the promises of non-discrimination as made and set forth herein shall constitute a material breach of contract entitling the Board to declare the contract in default and to exercise any and all applicable rights and remedies, including but not limited to cancellation of the contract, termination of the contract, suspension and debarment from future contracting opportunities, and withholding and/or forfeiture of compensation due and owing on a contract; and
- 6) That the bidder shall provide such information as may be required by the Director of Contract Compliance pursuant to Section 4.4 of the Fulton County Non-Discrimination in Purchasing and Contracting Ordinance.

SIGNATURE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

EXHIBIT B – EMPLOYMENT REPORT

The demographic employment make-up for the bidder/proposer **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 AMERICAN		AFRICAN AMERICAN		ASIAN AMERICAN		HISPANIC AMERICAN		CAUCASIAN AMERICAN		OTHER	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Male/Female												
Mgmt/Official												
Professional												
Supervisors												
Office/ Clerical												
Craftsmen												
Laborers												
Other (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 enterprise. (Please indicate below the portion of work, including, percentage of bid/proposal amount that your firm will carry out directly):

2. 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.

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

SUBCONTRACTOR NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

ETHNIC GROUP*: _____ COUNTY CERTIFIED** _____

WORK TO BE PERFORMED: _____

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

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

SUBCONTRACTOR NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____
CONTACT PERSON: _____
ETHNIC GROUP*: _____ COUNTY CERTIFIED** _____
WORK TO BE PERFORMED: _____

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

SUBCONTRACTOR NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____
CONTACT PERSON: _____
ETHNIC GROUP*: _____ COUNTY CERTIFIED** _____
WORK TO BE PERFORMED: _____

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

SUBCONTRACTOR NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____
CONTACT PERSON: _____
ETHNIC GROUP*: _____ COUNTY CERTIFIED** _____
WORK TO BE PERFORMED: _____

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

SUBCONTRACTOR NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____
CONTACT PERSON: _____
ETHNIC GROUP*: _____ COUNTY CERTIFIED** _____
WORK TO BE PERFORMED: _____

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

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

Total Dollar Value of Subcontractor Agreements: (\$)

Total Percentage Value: (%)

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

Signature: _____ **Title:** _____

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 subcontractor and submitted with the bid/proposal. The Prime Contractor **must** submit Letters of Intent for **ALL** known subcontractors 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/proposal.

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

perform 100% of the work required for _____
(ITB/RFP Number)

(Description of Work)

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

1. That the bidder/proposer 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/proposer 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 decision made by the bidder/proposer 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

ITB/RFP No. _____

Project Name _____

This form must be completed and submitted with the bid/proposal if a joint venture approach is to be undertaken.

In order to evaluate the extent of small, minority and female business involvement being proposed by a Bidder/Proposer, certain relevant information must be provided prior to contract award. The information requested below is to clearly identify and explain the extent of small business participation 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: _____

Telephone No.: _____

Nature of Business: _____

2) **Name of Business:** _____

Street Address: _____

Telephone No.: _____

Nature of Business: _____

3) **Name of Business:** _____

Street Address: _____

Telephone No.: _____

Nature of Business: _____

NAME OF JOINT VENTURE (If applicable): _____

ADDRESS: _____

PRINCIPAL OFFICE: _____

OFFICE PHONE: _____

Note: Attach additional sheets as required

1. Describe the capital contributions by each joint venturer and accounting thereof.
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 estimated 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 Minority/Female Business Enterprises 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 Minority/Female Business Enterprises enterprise, the majority

firm or the joint venture: _____

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

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

In connection with any work that these firms, as a joint venture, might be authorized to perform in connection with above captioned contract, we each do hereby authorize representatives of the Fulton County Department of Contract Compliance, Departments of Purchasing and Contract Compliance, 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 officer, personally appeared _____, known to me to be the person described

in the foregoing Affidavit and acknowledges that he (she) executed the same in the capacity therein stated and for the purpose therein contained.

EXHIBIT – G PRIME CONTRACTOR/SUB-CONTRACTOR UTILIZATION REPORT

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

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

PRIME CONTRACTOR	Contract Award Date	Contract Award Amount	Change Order Amount
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
TOTALS				

Executed By: _____

_____ (Signature) _____ (Printed)

Name) _____ **Date:** _____

My Commission Expires: _____s

ould you have questions regarding any of the documents contained in Section 6, please feel free to contact the Office of Contract Compliance at (404) 763-6300, for further assistance.

**SECTION 7
INSURANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT PROVISIONS**

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 Limits - \$1,000,000
(Required if computer contractor)

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

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 to 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 8
SAMPLE CONTRACT**

Insert Sample Contract following this page!



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

CONTRACT DOCUMENTS FOR

PROJECT NUMBER

PROJECT TITLE

For

DEPARTMENT NAME

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CONTRACT AGREEMENT

Consultant: **[Insert Consultant Name]**
Contract No.: **[Insert Project Number and Title]**
Address: **[Insert Consultant Address]**
City, State
Telephone: **[Insert Consultant telephone #]**
Facsimile: **[Insert Consultant Facsimile #]**
Contact: **[Insert Consultant Contact Name]**
[Insert Consultant 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 Consultant Company Name]** to provide professional consulting services in Georgia, hereinafter referred to as "**Consultant**".

WITNESSETH

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

WHEREAS, Consultant 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 Consultant agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1. CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

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

- I. Form of Agreement;
- II. Addenda;
- III. Exhibit A: General Conditions;
- IV. Exhibit B: Special Conditions [where applicable];
- V. Exhibit C: Scope of Work

- VI. Exhibit D: Project Deliverables;
- VII. Exhibit E: Compensation;
- VIII. Exhibit F: Office of Contract Compliance Forms;
- IX. Exhibit G: Insurance and Risk Management Forms

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 Consultant'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 RFP, 3) any Addenda, 4) change orders, 5) the exhibits, and 6) portions of Consultant'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 Consultant agree the Project is to perform **[Insert project description]**. All exhibits referenced in this agreement are incorporated by reference and constitute an integral part of this Agreement as if they were contained herein.

ARTICLE 4. **SCOPE OF SERVICES**

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

ARTICLE 5. **DELIVERABLES**

Consultant shall deliver to County all reports prepared under the terms of this Agreement that are specified in Exhibit D, Project Deliverables. Consultant shall provide to County all deliverables specified in Exhibit D, Project Deliverables. Deliverables shall be furnished to County by Consultant in a media of form that is acceptable and usable

by County at no additional cost at the end of the project.

ARTICLE 6. SERVICES PROVIDED BY COUNTY

Consultant 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 Consultant 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. Consultant may rely upon written consents and approvals signed by County's authorized representative that are consistent with County rules and regulations.

ARTICLE 7. MODIFICATIONS

If during the course of performing the Project, County and Consultant 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 8. SCHEDULE OF WORK

Consultant 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 Consultant from County. The Consultant shall begin work under this Agreement no later than five (5) days after the effective date of notice to proceed.

ARTICLE 9. CONTRACT TERM

[Insert contract term and any renewal options]

ARTICLE 10. COMPENSATION

Compensation for work performed by Consultant on Project shall be in accordance with the payment provisions and compensation schedule, attached as Exhibit E, 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 11. PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT

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

Consultant 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 Consultant 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 Consultant. No changes or substitutions shall be permitted in Consultant'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 12. SUSPENSION OF WORK

Suspension Notice: The County may by written notice to the Consultant, 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 Consultant 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 Consultant will immediately resume performance under this Agreement as required in the notice.

ARTICLE 13. 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 Consultant. The Consultant 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, Consultant 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, Consultant shall proceed diligently with performance of the Agreement and in accordance with the decision of the Tax Assessors designated representative.

ARTICLE 14. TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT FOR CAUSE

- (1) Either County or Consultant 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 Consultant refuses or fails to perform the work as specified in Exhibit C, 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 Consultant, terminate Consultant'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 Consultant shall be required to provide all copies of finished or unfinished documents prepared by Consultant under this Agreement to the County as stated in Exhibit D, "Project Deliverables".
- (5) Consultant 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 Consultant's right to proceed with the work has been terminated, the Consultant shall be liable for any damage to the County resulting from the Consultant'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 Consultant to complete the project.

ARTICLE 15. 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 Consultant. If the Agreement is terminated for convenience by the County, as provided in this article, Consultant 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 Consultant which shall itemize each task element and briefly state what work has been completed and what work remains to be done.

ARTICLE 16. 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 17. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

Consultant 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 Consultant or any of its agents or employees to be the agent, employee or representative of County.

ARTICLE 18. PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Consultant 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 Consultant or under the direct supervision of Consultant. All personnel engaged in the Project by Consultant 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 Consultant without the prior written consent of the County.

ARTICLE 19. COOPERATION WITH OTHER CONSULTANTS

Consultant will undertake the Project in cooperation with and in coordination with other studies, projects or related work performed for, with or by County's employees, appointed committee(s) or other Consultants. Consultant shall fully cooperate with such other related Consultants and County employees or appointed committees. Consultant shall provide within his schedule of work, time and effort to coordinate with other Consultants under contract with County. Consultant shall not commit or permit any act, which will interfere with the performance of work by any other consultant or by County employees. Consultant shall not be liable or responsible for the delays of third parties not under its control nor affiliated with the Consultant in any manner.

ARTICLE 20. ACCURACY OF WORK

Consultant shall be responsible for the accuracy of his work and shall promptly correct its errors and omissions without additional compensation. Acceptance of the work by the County will not relieve Consultant of the responsibility of subsequent corrections of any errors and the clarification of any ambiguities. Consultant shall prepare any plans, report, fieldwork, or data required by County to correct its errors or omissions. The above consultation, clarification or correction shall be made without added compensation to Consultant. Consultant shall give immediate attention to these changes so there will be a minimum of delay to others.

ARTICLE 21. REVIEW OF WORK

Authorized representatives of County may at all reasonable times review and inspect

Project activities and data collected under this Agreement and amendments thereto. All reports, drawings, studies, specifications, estimates, maps and computations prepared by or for Consultant, shall be available to authorized representatives of County for inspection and review at all reasonable times in the main office of County. Acceptance shall not relieve Consultant of its professional obligation to correct, at its expense, any of its errors in work. County may request at any time and Consultant shall produce progress prints or copies of any work as performed under this Agreement. Refusal by Consultant to submit progress reports and/or plans shall be cause for County, without any liability thereof, to withhold payment to consultant until Consultant complies with County's request in this regard. County's review recommendations shall be incorporated into the plans by Consultant.

ARTICLE 22. INDEMNIFICATION

The Consultant shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the County, its officers, agents, employees and successors and assigns from and against any and all liability, loss, damages, claims, suits, liens, and judgments including attorneys fees, of whatever nature, including claims for contributions and/or indemnification, for injuries to or death or any person or persons, or damage to property or other rights of any person or persons caused by (1) any failure by the Consultant to perform its obligations under this Agreement; (2) the negligent, intentional or willful misconduct of the Consultant or any of its officers, directors, employees, representatives, agents or Subcontractors in connection with this Agreement; (3) Consultant's fault; or (4) the performance of the Consultant's obligations under this Agreement. The Consultant shall also indemnify the County to the extent provided elsewhere in this Agreement. To the extent there is a determination that Consultant has acted as an agent of the County, the Consultant is specifically excluded from the term "agent" mentioned in the previous sentence, such that Consultant will be required to comply with the requirements of this Article. Consultant's obligation to protect, defend, indemnify, and hold harmless, as set forth hereinabove, shall also included but not limited to any matter arising out of any actual or alleged infringement of any patent, trademark, copyright, or service mark, or any actual or alleged unfair competition disparagement of produce or service, or other business tort of any type whatsoever, or any actual or alleged violation of trade regulations. Consultant shall not indemnify or hold harmless the County for the sole acts or omissions of employees or officers of the County. Consultant further agrees to protect, defend, indemnify and hold harmless County, its officers, agents and employees from and against any and all claims or liability for compensation under the Worker's Compensation Act arising out of injuries sustained by any employees of Consultant. These Consultant 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 23. CONFIDENTIALITY

Consultant agrees that its conclusions and any reports are for the confidential
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information of County and that it will not disclose its conclusions in whole or in part to any persons whatsoever, other than to submit its written documentation to County, and will only discuss the same with it or its authorized representatives, except as required under this Agreement to provide information to the public. Upon completion of this Agreement term, all documents, reports, maps, data and studies prepared by Consultant pursuant thereto and any equipment paid for by County as a result of this Agreement, shall become the property of County and be delivered to the Chief Appraiser, County Board of Tax Assessors.

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

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

ARTICLE 24. OWNERSHIP OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND INFORMATION

Consultant agrees that Fulton County is the sole owner of all information, data, and materials that are developed or prepared subject to this Agreement. Consultant or any subcontractor is not allowed to use or sell any information subject to this contract for educational, publication, profit, research or any other purpose without the written and authorized consent of the *[Insert User Department Representative for project]*. All electronic files used in connection to this Agreement, which are by definition, any custom software files used in connection to this Agreement, (collectively, the "Software"), shall be turned over to the County for its use after termination hereof and Consultant shall have no interest of any kind in such electronic files. Any required licenses and fees for the Software or other required materials shall be purchased and/or paid for by Consultant and registered in the name of the *[Insert User Department Representative for project]*, if possible. The Software as defined hereunder, specifically excludes all software, documentation, information, and materials in which Consultant has pre-existing proprietary rights and/or has otherwise been licensed to Consultant prior to this Agreement, and any upgrades, updates, modifications or enhancements thereto. Consultant agrees to provide at no cost to County any upgrades to any software used in connection with this Agreement which may be subsequently developed or upgraded for a period of three (3) years from the date of completion of the work under the Agreement, except in the case of commercial Software licensed to the County or *[Insert User Department Representative for project]*. Any information developed for use in connection with this Agreement may be released as public domain information by the County at its sole discretion.

ARTICLE 25. COVENANT AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES

Consultant 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 Consultant for the purpose of securing business and that Consultant 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 26. INSURANCE

Consultant 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 27. PROHIBITED INTEREST

Section 27.01 Conflict of interest:

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

Section 27.02 **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 28. **SUBCONTRACTING**

Consultant 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 29. **ASSIGNABILITY**

Consultant 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 Consultant without the prior expressed written consent of County shall at County's sole option terminate this Agreement without any notice to Consultant of such termination. Consultant binds itself, its successors, assigns, and legal representatives of such other party in respect to all covenants, agreements and obligations contained herein.

ARTICLE 30. **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. Consultant hereby promises to comply with all applicable "Anti-Kickback" Laws, and shall insert appropriate provisions in all subcontracts covering work under this Agreement.

ARTICLE 31. **AUDITS AND INSPECTORS**

At any time during normal business hours and as often as County may deem necessary, Consultant 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. Consultant's records of personnel, conditions of employment, and financial statements (hereinafter "Information") constitute trade secrets and are considered confidential and proprietary by Consultant. 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 Consultant'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 Section 8

area covered by this Agreement without the prior written consent of Consultant. Consultant 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. Consultant agrees that the provisions of this Article shall be included in any Agreements it may make with any subcontractor, assignee or transferee.

ARTICLE 32. ACCOUNTING SYSTEM

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

ARTICLE 33. 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 Consultant 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 34. 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 Consultant shall be addressed as follows:

[Insert Consultant Representative for project]

[Insert Consultant Address]

Telephone:

Facsimile:

Attention: **[Insert Consultant Representative for project]**

ARTICLE 35. 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 36. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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

Section 36.01 Consultant will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, sex or national origin;

Section 36.02 Consultant will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by, or on behalf of, Consultant state that all qualified applicants, will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, creed, color, sex or national origin;

Section 36.03 Consultant 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 37. FORCE MAJEURE

Neither County nor Consultant 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 Consultant from performing its obligations hereunder in the event of riots, rebellions or legal strikes.

ARTICLE 38. OPEN RECORDS ACT

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

ARTICLE 39. CONSULTANT'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 Consultant 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 Consultant and the County, such that the Consultant'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 40. INVOICING AND PAYMENT

Consultant 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 Consultant 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: Consultant 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]***

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

Acceptance of Payments by Consultant; Release. The acceptance by the Consultant 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 Consultant for work performed or furnished for or relating to the service for which payment was accepted, unless the Consultant 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 41. NON-APPROPRIATION

This Agreement states the total obligation of the County to the Consultant 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 Consultant 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 42. WAGE CLAUSE

Consultant shall agree that in the performance of this Agreement the Consultant will comply with all lawful agreements, if any, which the Consultant 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:

CONSULTANT:

FULTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

[Insert Consultant Company Name & Title]

John Eaves, Commission Chair
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

ATTEST:

Mark Massey
Clerk to the Commission (Seal)

Secretary/
Assistant Secretary

(Affix Corporate Seal)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Office of the County Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

[Insert User Department Head Name and Title]

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

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

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

No Special Conditions were required for this Project

EXHIBIT C

SCOPE OF WORK

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

EXHIBIT D

PROJECT DELIVERABLES

Instructions for Users: Insert any Project Deliverables to be provided by the Consultant behind this cover sheet.

EXHIBIT E

COMPENSATION

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

EXHIBIT F

OFFICE OF CONTRACT COMPLIANCE FORMS

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

EXHIBIT G

INSURANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT FORMS

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

1. Insurance and Risk Management Provisions from Solicitation Document

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

2. Certificate of Insurance
3. Payment Bonds (if applicable)
4. Performance Bonds (if applicable)

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SCOPE OF WORK

- (1) Professional Landscape Design and Tree Planting Contractor Services on a Standby basis to provide materials and labor for the installation and maintenance of trees utilizing funds available in the Tree Fund program, as outlined in the Fulton County Tree Preservation Ordinance and for the installation and maintenance of trees and shrubs utilizing funds available from the Tree Planting Program, as may be determined appropriate by the Director of the Public Works Department of Fulton County, or his designee. Incidental landscape design services may be required for certain projects.
- (2) The scope of this work requires experienced personnel at the following levels:
 - Project Director
 - Professional/Licensed Personnel
 - Georgia Registered Landscape Architect
 - Professional Support Personnel
 - Landscape Contractor
 - Support Personnel
 - Laborers
 - Clerical

REQUIRED PROCEDURES:

The Bidder shall adhere to the duties and responsibilities listed below:

- a. Services shall include the selection, planting and maintenance of trees and shrubs, when required, within the areas identified in the programs for all public lands, including school properties, as specified in the Tree Planting Program of Fulton County, and/or those properties identified by the Director, or designee thereof, for compliance within the Tree Protection Ordinance and expenditures from the Tree Fund thus established.
- b. Services shall include shipping, handling, labor, permitting, planting and other associated expenses and/or activities associated with the selection, planting and maintenance of trees and shrubs, when required; including but not limited to grading, soil enhancements, rock removal, as example of other required services associated with planting activities.
- c. Site locations for planting trees and shrubs pursuant to the Tree Planting Program shall occur in the Commission Districts specified; including governmental rights-of-way adjacent to sidewalks and/or medians in major collector or arterial roads and on public properties such as; health centers, parks, libraries, etc., or as identified by the Director. Property located within Municipalities, located within Fulton County, and/or Fulton County projects located on properties outside of Fulton County shall also be eligible to receive these services, pursuant to the approval of the Director of the Public Works Department.
- d. Bidder may be required to submit, for approval, a landscape plan indicating the species and number of trees to be planted including the locations within the

identified area prior to the commencement of planting. Species selected must be compatible with the area and limited to those listed herein upon Section 3.5.

- e. The Bidder shall provide a Tree Maintenance Bond for a sum not to exceed 10% of the full amount granted to the vendor and procured through this RFP. This bond shall be held in warranty for the insurance of the maintenance of the materials planted and for watering services which shall be provided during the months of June, July, August and September, during all weather conditions including droughts for a period of 24-month from the date of installation, using acceptable practices; such as, but not limited to, gator bags, watering trucks, etc, as may be recommended by the Director of the Public Works Department and/or assignees.

Standards for Selecting Quality Tree Stock

- a. Trees selected for planting must be free from injury, pests, disease, or nutritional disorders.
- b. Trees selected for planting must be of good vigor. The determination of vigor is a subjective evaluation and dependent upon species variability. The following criteria are generally used for the determination of vigor:
 - 1. Foliage should have a green or dark green color. Vigorous trees will have large leaves and dense foliage when compared to trees with poor vigor.
 - 2. Shoot growth for most vigorous trees will be at least 1 foot per year. At least ½ of the branches should arise from points on the lower 2/3 of a trunk.
 - 3. Bark texture can denote vigor. Smooth or shiny bark on the trunk and branches of a young tree usually signifies good vigor; conversely, rough and dull bark could indicate poor vigor.
 - 4. Trunk taper: the trunks of vigorous trees will generally have an increase in diameter with a decrease in height. Trees with reverse tapers or no taper should be avoided.
 - 5. Root color: young roots of most trees will be light in color.
- c. Trees selected for planting must be free of root defects. Two types of root defects generally occur:
 - 1. Kinked roots, in which taproots, major branch roots, or both are bent more than 90 degrees with less than 20 percent of the root system originating above the kink. A tree with such roots will probably bend at the soil line when released from a supporting stake.
 - 2. Circling or girdling roots which circle 80 percent or more of the root system by 360 degrees or more. A tree with such roots would ultimately have less than 20 percent of its system available for support.

Planting Standards

- a. The planting of new trees can result in major injury to their root system. If proper planting techniques are employed, conditions will be more favorable for tree recovery, and the rate of attrition for newly planted trees will be reduced.
- b. Planting procedures shall follow standards established by the International Society of Arboriculture in the "Trees and Shrub Transplanting Manual". The following is a summary of several of the more important considerations provided in the manual.
 - Only healthy trees with a well developed root system and a well formed top, characteristic of the species, should be planted. Standards for selecting quality stock are provided in Section C.

REVEGETATION (3.) of the Tree Preservation Ordinance of Fulton County.

- Trees selected for planting must be compatible with the specific site conditions.
- The ability of a species to regenerate a new root system and to become re-established has to be considered. Deciduous and evergreen trees must be planted in November, December, January, February or March 15th.

c. Planting procedures

- Planting holes should be no less than 1 foot wider than the root ball or bare roots of the tree being planted. A planting hole 3 times the width of the root ball is recommended.
- Trees should not be planted deeper than they were in their former location or container.
- Spade compacted bottom and sides of the planting hole should be roughed or scarified to allow the penetration of developing roots.
- Good water drainage from the bottom of the planting hole is essential for root regeneration.
- Once the transplanted tree is set, the hole should be backfilled with soil of good texture and structure. Traditionally, backfill material is comprised of a mix of native soil, organic matter such as peat, and inorganic material such as perlite or vermiculite in a 1:1:1 ratio. A back fill with native soil alone is adequate if the soil is of good quality.
- The addition of fertilizer to backfill soil can cause root injury, and is therefore not recommended. If fertilizer must be added, a low rate should be used. Approximately 1.5 pounds of nitrogen per cubic yard of back fill is recommended for bare root plants, and 2.5 pounds of nitrogen per cubic yard of back fill for balled and burlaped trees. The back fill should be gently tamped (but not compacted), and soaked for settling.
- The soil should be slightly mounded to allow for settling; a ridge or dike around the perimeter of the hole can facilitate watering.

d. Post-planting procedures

- Pruning. The amount of pruning necessary for newly planted trees depends upon the trees' response to planting. A decrease in leaf surface area from pruning can result in a reduction of the production of food, thus ultimately inhibiting root development. Pruning for vigor or to train young trees should therefore be delayed until after the first growing season. Pruning is recommended during the first growing season if the tree is showing "transplant shock" or drought symptoms (wilting), or for the removal of weak, broken, or diseased branches. Standard pruning practices should be followed.
- The soil should be slightly mounded to allow for settling; a ridge or dike around the perimeter of the hole can facilitate watering. This area should be heavily mulched (4-6) inches with cypress mulch or

other similar hardwood mulch. No pine straw or pine nuggets are allowed.

- Staking should be used on newly planted trees only where determined necessary. The extent of staking will depend upon tree strength, form and condition at planting, expected wind conditions, the amount of vehicle or foot traffic, and the level of follow-up maintenance. Staking can cause tree damage. Periodic follow-up inspections are required to prevent serious tree-staking problems. Staking should be removed as soon as the tree is capable of providing its own anchorage and support. Recommended types and uses of staking are as follows:
 1. Protective staking is used to provide a barrier from foot traffic, mowers, vehicles, etc., for trees able to stand without support.
 2. Anchor staking is used to hold a root ball in place during the period of reestablishment for trees with otherwise adequate support.
 3. Support staking is used for trees with weak trunks or oversized crowns and unable to stand without support or in wind.
 4. Guying is recommended where necessary for large transplanted trees (4" D.B.H. or greater) to provide both anchorage and support.
- Mulching newly planted trees will reduce competition from weeds and moderate soil moisture and temperature extremes.
- Fertilizer application should begin after the tree's first full growing season.
- Water availability for the newly planted tree is mandatory, and should be monitored and adjusted according to the species water requirements and the site conditions, and current climate conditions.

Standards for Selecting Quality Shrub Stock

- a. Shrubs selected for planting must be free from injury, pests, disease, or nutritional disorders.
- b. Shrubs selected for planting must be of good vigor. Then determination of vigor is a subjective evaluation and dependent upon species variability. The following criteria are generally used for the determination of vigor:
 1. Foliage should have a green or dark green color. Vigorous shrubs will have many leaves and dense foliage when compared to shrubs with poor vigor.
 2. Bark texture can denote vigor. Smooth or shiny bark on the branches of a young shrub usually signifies good vigor; conversely, rough and dull bark could indicate poor vigor.
 3. Root color: young roots of most shrubs will be light in color.

Planting Standards

- a. Planting procedures shall follow standards established by the International Society of Arboriculture in the "Trees and Shrub Transplanting Manual". The following is a summary of several of the more important considerations provided in the manual.

- Only healthy shrubs with a well developed root system and a well formed top, characteristic of the species, should be planted.
 - Shrubs selected for planting must be compatible with the specific site conditions.
 - The ability of a species to regenerate a new root system and to become re-established has to be considered. Deciduous and evergreen shrubs should be planted in October, November, December, January, February, March or April.
- b. Planting procedures
- Planting holes should be no less than 1 foot wider than the root ball or bare roots of the shrub being planted. A planting hole 3 times the width of the root ball is recommended.
 - Shrubs should not be planted deeper than they were in their former location or container.
 - Spade compacted bottom and sides of the planting hole should be roughed or scarified to allow the penetration of developing roots.
 - Good water drainage from the bottom of the planting hole is essential for root regeneration.
 - Once the transplanted shrub is set, the hole should be backfilled with soil of good texture and structure. Traditionally, backfill material is comprised of a mix of native soil, organic matter such as peat, and inorganic material such as perlite or vermiculite in a 1:1:1 ratio. A back fill with native soil alone is adequate if the soil is of good quality.
 - The addition of fertilizer to backfill soil can cause root injury, and is therefore not recommended. The back fill should be gently tamped (but not compacted), and soaked for settling.
 - The soil should be slightly mounded to allow for settling; a ridge or dike around the perimeter of the hole can facilitate watering. This area should be heavily mulched (4-6 inches) with cypress mulch or other similar hardwood mulch.
- c. Post-planting procedures.
- Pruning is recommended during the first growing season if the shrub is showing "transplant shock" or drought symptoms (wilting), or for the removal of weak, broken, or diseased branches. Standard pruning practices should be followed.
 - Fertilizer application should begin after the shrub's first full growing season.
 - Water availability for the newly planted shrub is critical, and should be monitored and adjusted according to the species water requirements, site conditions, and current climate conditions.

Bidders must respond fully to this request by providing an individual bid unit price and a quantity bid price for all species as identified in SECTION 3.5 of this package. Quantities listed in Section 3.5 herein are estimates only and may be more or less of those numbers of trees and/or shrubs required to accomplish any specific tasks designated for the use of these funds. Fulton County reserves the right to award this proposal as a whole, or in part, to one or more vendors. The bid will, at the discretion of the County, be awarded to the lowest responsible/responsive bidder(s). Even if selected, the firm(s) will not be entitled to any of the funds set aside for these programs unless called upon for service. Those vendors awarded any portion of the project must agree to

match the low bidder's offer in every particular, without exception. Assignments will be absolute to include costs associated with details included herewith and will not be an invitation to further Bid the job, but rather a directive to proceed.

The intent of this selection process will be to establish a primary vendor with an award to equal 40% of the total award and three secondary vendors with an award equal to 20% of the total award given for each. Should there be less than four respondents to this Invitation to Bid, the award shall be 50%, 25%, and 25% for three vendors, 60%, 40% for two vendors and a full 100% if only one vendor responds. Should any vendor that is selected choose to not enter into contract with Fulton County, then the award set aside for that vendor shall be divided equally among the remaining vendors. The Director of the Public Works Department reserves the right to amend this intention for the division of the awards per his sole discretion should he be so inclined after a full and complete review of all bids submitted for consideration.

The total allocation or cost per assignment shall not exceed those funds established by the Board of Commissioners in the Fulton County Tree Fund, as provided for in the Administrative Guidelines of the Fulton County Tree Protection Ordinance, or as may be available in the Tree Planting Program. Planting will occur between November and February, or as weather conditions may allow.

Duration of this Stand-by Tree Planting Services Agreement is for one 12-month period, commencing upon receipt of written notice to proceed until one 12-month period has passed, or as designated by action of the COUNTY. This contract may be renewal pursuant to action by the COUNTY. Extensions of this agreement may be allowed by the Board of Commissioners, based on satisfactory performance, for up to two (2) 12-month periods.

For the purpose of selecting the lowest responsible responsive vendor, the costs bids from each vendor will be based upon providing the County services on the following: an hourly rate for labor, a per unit price for materials specific to the standards of Fulton County, and a per service rate for incidental expenses.

NOTE: A total of all costs will not be used as part of the assessment of the most responsive, responsible bidder. A comparison of price per species and quantity pricing will be the central point of the evaluation.

SECTION 10

COST PROPOSAL

Tree planting prices, as specified in Section 3.5, shall include all labor and materials; including, but not limited to, shipping, handling, planting, and simple site preparation such as minor grading and stone removal. The following labor costs are only for those assignments that are above and beyond the tree planting. (Example: mass grading a site and deep rock removal or designing a landscape plan). These tasks shall be based upon a dollar per hour rate. The chart below also provides an estimated number of hours for each labor type which would cover services for the entire bid. Note that the hours listed below are estimates only. Additional time or less time than those estimated may actually be required for the projects as they are assigned.

NO OTHER CLASSIFICATION, INCLUDING UPPER LEVEL OR MID LEVEL MANAGEMENT OR ADMINISTRATIVE, MAY BE CHARGED IN ASSOCIATION WITH THESE SERVICES.

EMPLOYEE CLASSIFICATION	ESTIMATED HOURS	UNIT COST	EXTENDED COST
Project Director	25 hours	\$	\$
Georgia Registered Landscape Architect	200 hours	\$	\$
Landscape Contractor	300 hours	\$	\$
Laborers	300 hours	\$	\$
Clerical	25 hours	\$	\$
¹TOTAL EMPLOYEE CLASSIFICATION			\$

Species and Caliper by Quantity and Unit Price

Trees					
Botanical Name	Common Name	Size	**Quantity	*Unit Price	*Extended Price
Acer buergeranum	Trident Maple	2" - 2-1/2"	150	\$	\$
Acer buergeranum	Trident Maple	4"	4	\$	\$
Acer Rubrum	Red Maple	3" - 3-1/2"	10	\$	\$
Acer rubrum	Red Maple	4"	31	\$	\$
Acer rubrum "October Glory"	October Glory Red Maple	2" - 2-1/2"	5	\$	\$
Acer rubrum "October Glory"	October Glory Red Maple	3"	16	\$	\$
Acer rubrum "October Glory"	October Glory Red Maple	3" - 3-1/2"	7	\$	\$
Acer rubrum "October Glory"	October Glory Red Maple	3-1/2" - 4"	5	\$	\$
Acer rubrum 'Armstrong'	Columnar Red Maple	3" - 3-1/2"	154	\$	\$
Acer rubrum "October Glory"	October Glory Red Maple	4"	29	\$	\$
Acer truncatum	Purple Blow Maple	2" - 2-1/2"	150	\$	\$
Betula nigra	River Birch	11' - 12'	4	\$	\$
Betula nigra	River Birch	2"	14	\$	\$
Betula nigra "Dura Heat"	River Birch	12' - 14'	2	\$	\$
Carpinus betulus fastigata	Upright European Hornbeam	3" - 3-1/2"	150	\$	\$
Carpinus caroliniana	Ironwood	8' - 10'	5	\$	\$
Cedrus deodara	Deodar Cedar	12' - 14'	8	\$	\$
Cercidiphyllum japonicum	Katsura Tree	3" - 3-1/2"	5	\$	\$
Cercidiphyllum japonicum	Katsura Tree	4"	29	\$	\$
Cercis canadensis	Redbud	2"	9	\$	\$

Trees					
Botanical Name	Common Name	Size	**Quantity	*Unit Price	*Extended Price
Cercis canadensis	Redbud	8' - 10'	10	\$	\$
Chionanthus virginicus	Fringe Tree	6' - 7'	9	\$	\$
Chionanthus virginicus	Fringe Tree	6' - 8'	7	\$	\$
Cladrastis lutea	American Yellow Wood	2"	26	\$	\$
Cornus florida	Dogwood	2"	14	\$	\$
Cryptomeria japonica	Japanese Cryptomeria	12' - 14'	18	\$	\$
Cryptomeria japonica	Japanese Cryptomeria	4"	43	\$	\$
Cryptomeria japonica	Japanese Cryptomeria	6'	358	\$	\$
Fagus grandiflora	American Beech	4"	8	\$	\$
Fraxinus Oxicarpa "Raywood"	Raywood Ash	4" - 5"	27	\$	\$
Fraxinus pennsylvatica	Green Ash	3" - 3-1/2"	10	\$	\$
Fraxinus pennsylvatica	Green Ash	4"	5	\$	\$
Ginkgo biloba	Ginkgo	2"	5	\$	\$
Ginkgo Biloba "Saratoga"	Saratoga Ginkgo	4" - 5"	72	\$	\$
Gleditsia triacanthos 'Inermis'	Thornless Honey Locust	3" - 3-1/2"	12	\$	\$
Gleditsia triacanthos 'Inermis' "Skyline"	Skyline Honey Locust	4" - 5"	26	\$	\$
Ilex "Nellie R. Stevens"	Nellie R. Stevens Holly	6'	15	\$	\$
Ilex attenuata savannah	Savannah Holly	8' - 10'	26	\$	\$
Ilex opaca	American Holly	10' - 12'	6	\$	\$
Ilex opaca	American Holly	6' - 7'	28	\$	\$
Ilex vomitoria "Shadows Female"	Yaupon Holly	6' - 7'	22	\$	\$

Trees					
Botanical Name	Common Name	Size	**Quantity	*Unit Price	*Extended Price
Juniperus virginiana	Eastern Red Cedar	12' - 14'	11	\$	\$
Juniperus virginiana	Eastern Red Cedar	2"	35	\$	\$
Juniperus Virginiana "Brodie"	Brodie Eastern Red Cedar	8' - 9'	68	\$	\$
Juniperus Virginiana "Brodie"	Brodie Eastern Red Cedar	9' - 10'	32	\$	\$
Juniperus virginiana "Emerald Sentinel"	Emerald Sentinel Eastern Red Cedar	2"	26	\$	\$
Koelreuteria bipinnata	Bougainvillea Golden Raintree	2" - 2-1/2"	500	\$	\$
Koelreuteria paniculata	Golden Rain Tree	2"	7	\$	\$
Koelreuteria paniculata	Golden Rain Tree	4" - 5"	20	\$	\$
Lagerstroemia Indica "Glendora White"	Glendora White Crape Myrtle	2" -2 -1/2"	54	\$	\$
Liriodendron tulipifera	Tulip Poplar	3" - 3-1/2"	3	\$	\$
Liriodendron tulipifera	Tulip Poplar	4"	37	\$	\$
Magnolia grandiflora	Southern Magnolia	12' - 14'	20	\$	\$
Magnolia grandiflora	Bracken's Brown Beauty Southern Magnolia	6' - 7'	32	\$	\$
Magnolia virginiana	Sweet Bay Magnolia	8' - 10'	5	\$	\$
Metasequoia glyptostropoides	Dawn Redwood	3" - 3-1/2"	7	\$	\$
Myrica serifera	Wax Myrtle	6' - 8'	25	\$	\$
Nyssa sylvatica	Black Gum	2" - 2-1/2"	3	\$	\$
Nyssa sylvatica	Black Gum	3-1/2" - 4 "	3	\$	\$
Pinus taeda	Loblolly Pine	5'	170	\$	\$

Trees					
Botanical Name	Common Name	Size	**Quantity	*Unit Price	*Extended Price
Pinus virginiana	Virginia Pine	6' - 8'	7	\$	\$
Pistacia Chinensis	Chinese Pistachio	4" - 5"	19	\$	\$
Platanus acerifolia 'Yarwood'	Yarwood Sycamore	3" - 3-1/2"	500	\$	\$
Prunus yedoensis	Yoshino Cherry	2"	17	\$	\$
Prunus yedoensis "Akebono"	Akebono Yoshino Cherry	2" - 2-1/2"	52	\$	\$
Quercos phellos	Willow Oak	3"	8	\$	\$
Quercos phellos	Willow Oak	3" - 3-1/2"	2	\$	\$
Quercos phellos	Willow Oak	4" - 4-1/2"	1	\$	\$
Quercus accutissima	Sawtooth Oak	2"	7	\$	\$
Quercus accutissima	Sawtooth Oak	3" - 3-1/2"	500	\$	\$
Quercus accutissima	Sawtooth Oak	4"	23	\$	\$
Quercus bicolour	Swamp White Oak	3" - 3-1/2"	10	\$	\$
Quercus lyrata	Overcup Oak	3" - 3-1/2"	14	\$	\$
Quercus lyrata	Overcup Oak	3-1/2" - 4"	5	\$	\$
Quercus lyrata	Overcup Oak	4"	19	\$	\$
Quercus macrocarpa	Bur Oak	4"	19	\$	\$
Quercus nuttalli	Nuttall Oak	3" - 3-1/2"	500	\$	\$
Quercus nuttalli	Nuttall Oak	3-1/2" - 4"	3	\$	\$
Quercus nuttalli	Nuttall Oak	4"	47	\$	\$
Quercus nuttalli	Nuttall Oak	4" - 4-1/2"	4	\$	\$
Quercus phellos	Willow Oak	3" - 3-1/2"	11	\$	\$
Quercus phellos	Willow Oak	4"	3	\$	\$

Trees					
Botanical Name	Common Name	Size	**Quantity	*Unit Price	*Extended Price
Quercus prinus	Chestnut Oak	4"	29	\$	\$
Quercus rubra	Northern Red Oak	4"	9	\$	\$
Quercus rubra	Northern Red Oak	4" - 4-1/2"	9	\$	\$
Quercus shumardii	Shumard Oak	3" - 3-1/2"	500	\$	\$
Taxodium disticum	Bald Cypress	3" - 3-1/2"	5	\$	\$
Tilia cordata 'Corinthian'	Compact Little Leaf Linden	2" - 2-1/2"	150	\$	\$
Tsuga canadensis	Canadian Hemlock	12' - 14'	30	\$	\$
Tsuga canadensis	Canadian Hemlock	7' - 8'	5	\$	\$
Ulmus Americana "princeton"	American Elm	4" - 4-1/2"	2	\$	\$
Ulmus parviflora	Chinese Elm	3" - 3-1/2"	500	\$	\$
Ulmus parviflora	Chinese Elm	4"	14	\$	\$
Ulmus parvifolia 'EmerII'	Allee Elm	3" - 3-1/2"	500	\$	\$
Vitex agnus castus	Chaste Tree	6' - 8'	9	\$	\$
Zelcova serrata	Zelcova Elm	3" - 3-1/2"	5	\$	\$
Zelcova serrata	Japanese Zelkova	4"	11	\$	\$
²TOTAL PRICE TREES					\$

****Quantities provided are only estimates, exact quantities will be determined during site plan review**

***Unit price and Quantity price should include shipping, labor for handling and planting, material, equipment use and maintenance**

SHRUBS FOR LANDSCAPING IN RIGHT OF WAYS AND MEDIANS

* (E) = Evergreen (D) = Deciduous

** Quantities provided are only estimates, exact quantities will be determined during site plan review

*** Unit Price and Quantity Price should include shipping, labor for handling, and planting, material, equipment use and maintenance

****Quantity Price should reflect any saving from ordering in bulk rather than as individual units

Botanical Name	Common Name	Sun/Shade	(E) or (D)*	Mature Height	Size	** Quantity	*** Unit Price	**** Total P
Forsythia x intermedia	Forsythia	Sun	D	8-10 feet	B&B	750	\$	\$
Loropetalum chinense	Chinese Fringe-flower	Sun or part shade	E	6-10 feet	B&B	1250	\$	\$
Rhus typhina or glabra	Staghorn or Smooth Sumac	Sun or part shade	D	10-15 feet	B&B	900	\$	\$
Rhus typhina or glabra	Staghorn or Smooth Sumac	Sun or part shade	D	15-25 feet	3 Gal	750	\$	\$
Osmanthus heterophyllus	Holly Osmanthus	Sun or part shade	E	6-10 feet	3 Gal	3000	\$	\$
Callicarpa Americana	Beautyberry	Sun or part shade	D	4-6 feet	3 Gal	2000	\$	\$
Kerria japonica	Japanese Kerria	Sun or part shade	D	4-6 feet	B&B	2000	\$	\$
Vitex Agnus-Castus	Chaste – Tree	Sun or part shade	E	10-12 feet	3 Gal	1250	\$	\$
Berberis Julianae	Wintergreen Barberry	Sun	E	4-6 feet	3 Gal	2000	\$	\$
Mahonia Pinnata	Cluster Mahonia	Sun or part shade	E	4-6 feet	3 Gal	2000	\$	\$
Pyracantha Koidzumii	Lowdense Pyracantha	Sun	E	4-6 feet	3 Gal	2000	\$	\$
Rosa wichuraiana	“Knock-out” Rose	Sun	D	8-16 inches	3 Gal	3000	\$	\$
Juniperus species	“Sea Green” Juniper	Sun	E	4-6 feet	3 Gal	3000	\$	\$
³TOTAL SHRUB COSTS								\$

Incidental Requirements

Service		Cost per Item
Gator Bags	(Each)	\$
Ooze Tubes	(Each)	\$
Hardwood Mulch (Cypress Mulch)	(2cuft bag)	\$

COST OF ITEMS:

¹EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION: \$ _____

²TREES: \$ _____

³SHRUBS COMBINED: \$ _____

GATOR BAGS: \$ _____

OOZE TUBES: \$ _____

HARDWOOD MULCH: \$ _____

TOTAL COST ALL ITEMS: \$ _____

EXHIBIT 1
Required Proposal Submittal Check List for Request to Proposal (RFP)
Section 11

The following submittals shall be completed and submitted with each proposal (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 proposal and ____ () **complete** copies of the Original Proposal including all required documents.

Item #	Required Bid Submittal Check List	Check (√)
1	One (1) Proposal marked " Original ", ____ () copies	
2	Technical Proposal	
3	Cost Proposal (submitted in a separate sealed envelope)	
4	Acknowledgement of each Addendum	
5	Technical Evaluation Factors Executive Summary Qualifications of Key Personnel Relevant Project Experience Financial Information (1) Annual Report and financial statement for last 3 yrs, income statements, balance sheets, change in financial position. (2) Latest quarterly financial report, description of material, change in financial position since last the last annual report. (3) Most recent Dun & Bradstreet and/or Value Line Reports. (4) Documentation and discussion of the financial condition and capability of the Proposer(s). (5) Statement regarding Proposer's team filing for bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, receivership, moratorium, or assignment of benefits of creditors. Availability of Key Personnel Location of Firm	
6	Purchasing Forms Form A - Non-Collusion Affidavit of Prime Bidder/Offeror Form C Form B - Certificate of Acceptance of Request for Proposal Requirements Form C - Certificate Regarding Debarment Form D - Disclosure Form and Questionnaire Form E - Declaration regarding subcontractor Practices Form F - Georgia Security and Immigration Contractor Affidavit Form G - Georgia Security and Immigration Subcontractor Affidavit	
7	Office of Contract Compliance Requirements	

EXHIBIT 1

Required Proposal Submittal Check List for Request to Proposal (RFP)

	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)	
8	Risk Management Insurance Provisions Form	

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