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**PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATION 05RFQ020C**

**“SANDY SPRINGS TAX ALLOCATION DISTRICT – MARKETING AND
PROGRAM MANAGEMENT SERVICES”**

For

The Department of Economic Development

PROPOSAL DUE TIME AND DATE: 11:00 A.M. – JANUARY 12, 2005
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LOCATION: FULTON COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
130 PEACHTREE STREET, S.W., SUITE 1168
ATLANTA, GA 30303

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SECTION 1.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

SECTION 1.1 PURPOSE

The intent of this Request for Statement of Qualification is to obtain Marketing and Program Management Services for the Sandy Springs Tax Allocation District Program (hereinafter called "TAD"). Fulton County's Department of Economic Development is looking for firms with capabilities to provide marketing, communication, public relations, project evaluation and program management services. The County intends to award a two (2) year contract with four (4), two (2) year renewal options.

SECTION 1.2 PROPOSAL DUE DATE AND REQUIREMENTS

The Fulton County Purchasing Department solicits Requests for Statement of Qualification for Marketing and Program Management for Sandy Springs "TAD". Statements of Qualifications will be received in the office of the Purchasing Agent, Suite 1168, 130 Peachtree Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303, until **11:00 A.M., EST on Wednesday, January 12, 2005.**

This document and any supporting documents can be downloaded at the Fulton County Website at <http://www.co.fulton.ga.us/> under "Bid Opportunities". Any firm who downloads this Document from the website and desires to participate in the Request for Qualification opportunity may submit the proposal to:

Fulton County Purchasing Department
Attn: Malcolm Tyson
130 Peachtree Street, S.W.
Suite 1168
Atlanta, GA 30303

Prospective Offerors are encouraged to register their firms on Fulton County's Official vendors list. Related application forms may be obtained from the Fulton County Purchasing Department, 130 Peachtree Street, S.W., Suite 1168, Atlanta, GA 30303.

Offerors must **fully** comply with the County's Non-Discrimination in Contracting and Procurement Requirements.

The County reserves the right to reject any or all Request for Statement of Qualifications, to waive informalities and to re-advertise, pursuant to federal and state law.

Any Request for Statements of Qualifications received after the stated time will not be considered. It shall be the sole responsibility of the Offeror to have his/her Statement of Qualification delivered to the Fulton County Department of Purchasing for receipt on or before the stated due time and due date. If a Statement of Qualification is sent by U.S. Mail, the Offeror shall be responsible for its

timely delivery to the Department of Purchasing. Statements of Qualification delayed by mail will not be considered, shall not be opened, and arrangements shall be made for their return at the Proposer's request and expense.

SECTION 1.3 SCOPE OF SERVICES

The Scope of Services shall include following elements as outlined below:

Marketing

- Research and create a location brand for Sandy Springs that delivers a positive message for businesses, workforce, citizens, and visitors. These messages are to be based on Sandy Springs' positive "realities" and promising vision for the future.
- Design tag lines, and related graphic elements with one or more tag lines that communicate the brand message.
- Develop and produce collateral materials that include the brand message, and the new design elements.
- Develop and implement a variety of advertising and public relations plans and services including creative requirements, materials, and media development. Development of a specific marketing plan for Sandy Springs to include: 1) A list of qualified developers, 2) Marketing material, 3) A list of material to be provided to potential developers and, 4) Potential venues for plan dissemination.
- Develop a marketing and management strategy based on the Sandy Springs Tax Allocation District and Redevelopment Plan. The strategy will include efforts to support, pre-application activities, application activities, and post contract and project approval activities.

Program Management

- Provide services specified in the Sandy Springs Tax Allocation District and Redevelopment Plan, either thru internal resources or sub contractual relations, for review of applications and development of necessary reports and documents for potential TAD projects.
- Provide services, either thru internal resources or sub contractual relations, for administratively processing application thru specified committees and boards.
- Provide services, either thru internal resources or sub contractual relations, to monitor compliance with approved project contract terms, including collection and reporting of financial information and project status.

SECTION 1.4 PROCUREMENT PROCESS

All requirements, unless otherwise specified, must be met or be capable of being met by the proposer or their response to the Request for Statement of Qualification will be disqualified as being non-responsive. Proposed Statement of Qualifications which are found not to meet the

standards established will be provided a written determination setting forth the basis for such a finding by the Director of Purchasing.

SECTION 1.5 SELECTION PROCESS

Statements of Qualification are being solicited from all interested firms which specifically indicate and document the proposers pertinent experience and capabilities to perform the services. The County intends to pre-qualify proposers for the Marketing and Program Management for the Sandy Springs “TAD” from among the responses received from the Request for Statement of Qualification. Only those proposers who are pre-qualified will be considered for Marketing and Program Management Services for the Sandy Springs “TAD”.

SECTION 1.6 NO CONTACT DURING PROCUREMENT; EXCEPTIONS

In accordance with Fulton County Policy & Procedure 800-79, 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, except as may otherwise be specifically authorized and permitted by the terms and conditions of this solicitation.

All verbal and written communications initiated by such person, firm, or entity regarding this solicitation shall be directed to Malcolm Tyson, Fulton County Department of Purchasing at (404)730-5800.

Any violation of this communication policy 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 not responsive, and shall not thereafter be considered for award.

Between the date of the issuance of any solicitation of bids or proposals for County contracts and the date of the County Manager’s recommendation to the Board of Commissioners, no County officer, elected official, employee, or designated County representative, except in the course of carrying out obligations as a member of or a designated advisor to a vendor selection committee, acting in accordance with the terms and conditions of the solicitation, shall initiate or continue any verbal or written communications regarding the solicitation with any person, firm, or business entity, however situated or composed, or any such representative of same, who the officer, elected official, employee, or representative knows or should have known has obtained a copy of the solicitation and either has submitted or may submit a bid or proposal; provided, further, except for members of or designated advisors to a vendor selection committee, no County officer, elected official, employee, or designated County representative shall contact any member of such a vendor selection committee regarding a pending solicitation, and all inquiries regarding the solicitation shall be directed to the Purchasing Agent.

SECTION 1.7 CLARIFICATION AND ADDENDA

Information regarding the proposal, either procedural or technical, may be obtained by contacting Malcolm Tyson, Fulton County Department of Purchasing. Any addenda created will be posted on the Fulton County website at www.co.fulton.ga.us. All Addenda to Inquiries must be submitted in writing to:

Department of Purchasing
Attn: Malcolm Tyson
Fulton County Purchasing Department
130 Peachtree Street S.W., 1168
Atlanta, GA 30303
Phone: (404)730-5800
Fax: (404)335-5808

Only communications that are in writing and signed will be recognized by the County. The County shall not be responsible for oral interpretations given by any County Employee, representative or others. The issuance of an addendum is the only official method whereby clarification or additional information can be given.

If any addenda are issued to this Request for Qualification (RFQ), the County will attempt to notify all prospective Proposers who have secured a RFQ; however, it shall be the responsibility of each Proposer, prior to submitting the quotation, to contact the Fulton County Department of Purchasing at 404-730-5800 to determine if addenda were issued and to make such addenda is part of the RFQ.

SECTION 1.8 SEALED AND MARKED

One signed original and six (6) copies of the Request for Statements of Qualification shall be submitted in one (1) sealed package. The envelope/package shall be clearly marked on the outside: "Sealed Request for Statement of Qualification No.05RFQ020C - Marketing and Program Management for the Sandy Springs TAD ", and addressed to:

Fulton County Purchasing Department
Attn: Malcolm Tyson
130 Peachtree Street, S.W.
Suite #1168
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Proposals shall be publicly received, with only the names of the Offerors disclosed at the above stated date and time.

Prospective Offerors are encouraged to register their firms on Fulton County's official vendors list. Registration can be obtained from the Fulton County Department of Purchasing (404)-730-5800.

SECTION 1.9 LEGAL NAME

Proposals shall clearly indicate the legal name, address, and telephone number of the proposer (company, firm, partnership, individual). Proposals shall be signed above the typed or printed name and title of the signer. The signer shall have the legal authority to bind the proposer to the submitted proposal.

SECTION 1.10 PROPOSAL EXPENSES

All expenses for making proposals to the County shall be the responsibility of the proposer.

SECTION 1.11 RESERVED RIGHTS

The County reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all Requests for Qualification, 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 Request for Qualification 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.

SECTION 1.12 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.

SECTION 1.13 SUBMITTAL RESPONSE

Interested firms shall provide responses to the statements below. Responses shall be organized in separate sections. It is imperative that the materials and information provided to the County on the qualifications of the proposer include sufficient documentation and certification that will indicate the proposer's work experience, training and education, and performance of similar work. Failure to submit any required data item may be cause for rejection. Proposers shall not submit data other than defined herein. In addition to the data described below, Proposers may provide section dividers, a

front and back cover, a table of contents, and a cover letter, not to exceed 13 pages in length, which may serve as an introduction to the proposal. A page refers to one side of a single 8½ inch x 11 inch page. Text shall be minimum 12 point.

Proposal information shall include:

A. Executive Summary

An overview of your firm including any historical information which delineates your professional capabilities that your firm has in providing Marketing and Program Management Services, particularly in the Sandy Springs area.

B. Organization

1. General information on the business location, address, telephone number, and the name(s) of officers or individuals who are authorized to enter into a written agreement with the County.
2. Name, address, phone and fax number and e-mail address of principal point of contact for all future correspondence and/or communications will be directed to for this project.

C. Experience

1. Provide a short narrative of the firm and staff's demonstrated ability to perform or provide contract over site of the proposed services.
2. Provide a minimum of two (2) references from organizations for which the firm has performed professional services related to Marketing and Program Management Services in the past five (5) years. Include contact name, title, and telephone number, dollar value of contract, and brief description of services provided.
3. Provide evidence of the following:
 - Experience in working with Economic Development Programs. Describe in detail your firms duties and responsibilities.
 - Experience with public involvement (public meetings and community outreach).
 - Experience in working with a business community.
 - Experience working with the Sandy Springs Community or any other similar community.
4. Describe any unique skills or abilities that will promote optimum relations with the Sandy Springs Community in providing Marketing and Program Management Services. Provide specific examples that relate to this project.

D. Qualifications of Key Staff

1. Provide the qualifications of the individuals to be assigned to the engagement. Include a statement of duties expected to be performed by each individual.

2. Provide resumes of staff. Resumes should include their education and professional experience with emphasis on marketing, program management and contract over site.

E. Project Understanding

Statement of understanding of the project and approach. Explain how you would propose to provide the Marketing and Program Management Services.

SECTION 1.14 EVALUATION OF STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS.

The Statement of Qualifications will be evaluated on a Pass/Fail basis. The County will determine which proposers are responsive to the material terms and conditions of the Request for Statement of Qualification. The County will then determine who is technically, financially and otherwise responsible to provide Marketing and Program Management Services.

The County intends to pre-qualify proposers to serve as a pool of potential firms to provide Marketing and Program Management Services. The Purchasing Director, in consultation with the Department of Economic Development and Contract Compliance and any affected agencies, determines which proposers meets all of the pre-qualification standards and criteria. The Purchasing Director shall pre-qualify such proposers as qualified to submit a proposal for the proposed Issue. When the Purchasing Director makes the determination to issue a Request for Proposal for Marketing and Program Management Services, only those Proposers who are pre-qualified will be invited to submit bids.

Any Statement of Qualification may be rejected if it is determined by the County to be non-responsive, provided, however, that the County reserves the right to waive any irregularities or technicalities which it determines, within its sole discretion, to be minor in nature and in the best interest of the public.

Futhermore, any Statement of Qualification may be rejected if it is determined by the County, in its sole discretion, that the proposer is not capable of managing the Marketing and Program Management Services satisfactorily based upon a review of the proposer's experience, technical and financial capabilities or the failure to provide information requested relating to such determination. Additionally, the County reserves the right to disqualify a proposer, before and after the opening of the Request for Statement of Qualifications, upon evidence of collusion with intent to defraud or other illegal practices upon the part of the proposer.

Proposers who are disqualified and determined not to meet the standards and criteria established in the Request for Statement of Qualification shall be provided a written determination from the Purchasing Department, after consultation with the Department of Economic Development, setting forth the basis for such finding. However, the County reserves the right to reject any and all responses to the Request for Statement of Qualifications if it determines, in its sole discretion, that the public interest will be best served by doing so.

SECTION 2.0

REQUIRED FORMS

FORM 1.0 - CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT ON THIS DAY OFFEROR ACKNOWLEDGES THAT HE/SHE HAS READ THIS PROPOSAL DOCUMENT, PAGES ONE (1) TO _____ INCLUSIVE, INCLUDING ADDENDUM(S) _____ 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 PROPOSING COMPANY TO SUBMIT THE PROPOSAL HEREIN AND TO LEGALLY OBLIGATE THE OFFEROR THERETO.

COMPANY NAME: _____

NAME: _____

TITLE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

PHONE: _____

FORM 2.0 NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT OF OFFEROR

NONCOLLUSION AFFIDAVIT OF BIDDER (FC Sec 2-320, (11))

State of _____)

ss.

County of _____)

_____, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that:

- (1) He is _____
(Owner, partner officer, representative, or agent) of _____, the Bidder that has submitted the Bid;
- (2) He is fully informed respecting the preparation and contents of the bid and of all pertinent circumstances respecting such bid;
- (3) Such Bid is genuine and is not a collusive of sham bid;
- (4) Neither the said Bidder nor any of its officers, partners, owners, agents, representatives, employees or parties in interest, including this affiant, has in any way colluded, conspired, connived or agreed, directly or indirectly with any other Bidder, firm or person to submit a collusive or sham Bid in connection with the Contract for which the bid has been submitted or refrain from bidding in connection with such Contract, or has in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement or collusion or communication or conference with any other Bidder, firm or person to fix the price or prices in the Bid or of any other bidder, or to fix any overhead, profit or cost element of the bidding price or the bidding price of any other bidder, or to secure through any collusion, conspiracy, connivance or unlawful agreement any advantage against Fulton County or any person interested in the proposed Contract; and
- (5) The price or prices in the bid are fair and proper and are not tainted by any collusion, conspiracy, connivance or unlawful agreement on the part of the bidder or any of its agents, representatives, owners, employees, or parties in interest, including this affiant.

(Signed) _____

_____ Title

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this ____ day of _____, 200 ____.

_____ (Signed)

Title

My commission expires _____

(Date)

FORM 3.0 NON-COLLUSION AFIDAVIT OF SUBCONTRACTOR

NONCOLLUSION AFFIDAVIT OF SUBCONTRACTOR (FC Sec 2-320, (11))

State of _____)

ss.

County of _____)

_____, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that:

- (1) He is _____
(Owner, partner officer, representative, or agent)
of _____, hereinafter referred to as the "Subcontractor";
- (2) He is fully informed respecting the preparation and contents of the Bid submitted by the Subcontractor to _____, the Contractor for certain work connection with the _____ Contractor pertaining to the Project in Fulton County, Georgia.
- (3) Such Subcontractor's Bid is genuine and is not a collusive of sham Bid;
- (4) Neither the said Subcontractor nor any of its officers, partners, owners, agents, representatives, employees or parties in interest, including this affiant, has in any way colluded, conspired, connived or agreed, directly or indirectly with any other Bidder, firm or person to submit a collusive or sham Bid in connection with such Contract or to refrain from submitting a Bid in connection with such Contract or has in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by unlawful agreement or connivance with any other Bidder, firm or person to fix the price or prices in said Subcontractor's bid, or to secure through collusion, conspiracy, connivance or unlawful agreement any advantage against Fulton County or any person interested in the proposed Contract; and
- (5) The price or prices in the Subcontractor's Bid are fair and proper and are not tainted by any collusion, conspiracy, connivance or unlawful agreement on the part of the Bidder or any of its agents, representatives, owners, employees, or parties in interest, including this affiant.

(Signed) _____

Title

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this ____ day of _____ 200 ____.

(Signed)

Title

My commission expires _____

(Date)

FORM 4.0 NON-DISCRIMINATION IN CONTRACTING AND PROCUREMENT

Policy Statement. It is the policy of Fulton County 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 that Fulton County and all vendors and contractors doing business with it shall provide to all businesses the opportunity to participate in contracting and procurement paid, in whole or in part, with monetary appropriations of the Board without regard to the race, color, gender or national origin of the ownership of any such business. Similarly, it is the policy of Fulton County that the contracting and procurement practices of Fulton County should not implicate Fulton County as a passive participant in discriminatory practices engaged in by private contractors or vendors who seek to obtain contracts with Fulton County.

Authority to Investigate. The Director of the Department of Contract Compliance shall be authorized to investigate discriminatory practices of a bidder Offeror, contractor or vendor who contracts with or seeks to contract with Fulton County. Such investigation may be initiated by the Director of the Department of Contract Compliance on the Director's own initiative, or by complaint from another, when information available to the Director provides a reasonable basis to believe that such contractor or vendor may be engaging in private discriminatory conduct.

Promise of Non-Discrimination. In consideration of, and as condition precedent to, the right and privilege to propose on or obtain construction projects and other procurement contracts of Fulton County, each bidder Offeror, contractor, or vendor shall be required to submit to the Director of the Department of Contract Compliance a duly executed and attested Promise of Non-Discrimination, enforceable at law, which by agreement, affidavit or other written instrument, unless subsequently amended by the County's Attorney, shall provide substantially as provided in Exhibit A (enclosed).

This is a brief summary of the objectives and provisions of the "ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR NON-DISCRIMINATION IN PURCHASING AND CONTRACTING; TO PROVIDE FOR THE MONITORING OF PURCHASING AND CONTRACTING BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CONTRACT COMPLIANCE; TO PROVIDE FOR THE INVESTIGATION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CONTRACT COMPLIANCE REGARDING ALLEGATIONS OF DISCRIMINATION BY PERSONS OR ENTITIES THAT DO BUSINESS WITH FULTON COUNTY; TO PROVIDE FOR HEARINGS REGARDING ALLEGATIONS OF DISCRIMINATION; TO PROVIDE FOR SANCTIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES", established by the Fulton County Board of Commissioners on July 7, 1999.

For a complete copy of the Ordinance, contact the Department of Contract Compliance located at Fulton County Public Safety Building, Suite 1167, 130 Peachtree Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303, (404) 730-6300.

FORM 5.0 CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT

- (1) THE BIDDER CERTIFIES, BY SUBMISSION OF THIS BID OR PROPOSAL THAT NEITHER IT OR ITS SUBCONTRACTORS IS PRESENTLY DEBARRED, SUSPENDED, PROPOSED FOR DEBARMENT, DECLARED INELIGIBLE, OR VOLUNTARILY EXCLUDED FROM PARTICIPATION IN THE TRANSACTION BY THE FULTON COUNTY GOVERNMENT.
- (2) WHERE THE VENDOR IS UNABLE TO CERTIFY TO ANY OF THE STATEMENTS IN THIS CERTIFICATION, SUCH VENDOR OR SUBCONTRACTOR SHALL ATTACH AN EXPLANATION TO THIS BID OR PROPOSAL.

SIGNATURE

DATE

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CERTIFICATION

- (1) BY SIGNING AND SUBMITTING THIS PROPOSAL, THE BIDDER IS PROVIDING THE CERTIFICATION SET OUT BELOW.
- (2) THE CERTIFICATION IN THIS CLAUSE IS A MATERIAL REPRESENTATION OF FACT UPON WHICH RELIANCE WILL BE HEREIN PLACED IN AWARDED A CONTRACT. IF IT IS LATER DETERMINED THAT THE PROSPECTIVE VENDOR KNOWINGLY RENDERED AN ERRONEOUS CERTIFICATION, IN ADDITION TO OTHER REMEDIES AVAILABLE TO FULTON COUNTY, THE DEPARTMENT WITH WHICH THE TRANSACTION ORIGINATED MAY PURSUE AVAILABLE REMEDIES, INCLUDING SUSPENSION AND/OR DEBARMENT, FOR WITHDRAWAL OF AWARD OR TERMINATION OF A CONTRACT.
- (3) THE BIDDER SHALL PROVIDE IMMEDIATE WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE PURCHASING AGENT TO WHOM THIS BID/PROPOSAL IS SUBMITTED IF AT ANYTIME THE BIDDER LEARNS THAT ITS CERTIFICATION WAS ERRONEOUS WHEN SUBMITTED OR HAS BECOME ERRONEOUS BY REASON OF CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCES.

(FC CODE SEC. 2-322. DEBARMENT). (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, OR JOINT VENTURE, HOWEVER DESIGNATED OR 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 CONSTITUENTS OR MEMBERS, IS FOUND TO HAVE COMMITTED ANY ACT CONSTITUTING A CAUSE FOR SUSPENSION 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 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 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 SUB-CONTRACT, OR IN PERFORMANCE OF SUCH CONTRACT OR SUB-CONTRACT;

(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 BASIS FOR SUSPENSION;

C. MATERIAL MISREPRESENTATION OF THE COMPOSITION OF THE OWNERSHIP OR WORKFORCE OR BUSINESS ENTITY CERTIFIED TO THE COUNTY AS A MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE; OR

D. FALSIFICATION OF ANY DOCUMENTS.

(5) COMMISSION OR SOLICITATION OF ANY ACT THAT WOULD CONSTITUTE A VIOLATION OF THE ETHICAL STANDARDS SET FORTH IN FULTON COUNTY CODE OF ETHICS.

(6) KNOWING misrepresentation to the county, of the use which a majority owned

contractor intends to make a minority business enterprise (a business entity at least 51 percent of which is owned and controlled by minority persons, as defined in Fulton County Code Chapter 6, Article B, Minority Business Enterprise Affirmative Action Program and certified as such by the county), as a sub-contractor or a joint venture partner, in performing work under contract with the county.

COMPLIANCE PROCEDURES:

In order to be compliant with the intent and provisions of the Non-Discrimination Ordinance providing for non-discrimination in purchasing and contracting in Fulton County, **bidders must submit the following completed documents**. **Failure to provide this information shall result in the Bid being deemed non-responsive:**

- < Promise of Non-Discrimination (Exhibit A)
- < Employment Report (Exhibit B)
- < Schedule of Intended Subcontractor Utilization (Exhibit C)
- < Letter of Intent to Perform As a Subcontractor or Provide Materials or Services (Exhibit D)
- < Declaration Regarding Subcontractor Practices (Exhibit E), if applicable
- < Joint Venture Disclosure Affidavit (Exhibit F), if applicable
- < **Equal Business Opportunity Plan (EBO Plan)**

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

- < Prime Contractor's Subcontractor Utilization Report (Exhibit G)

FORM 6.0 Equal Business Opportunity Plan (EBO) Plan

NON-DISCRIMINATION IN CONTRACTING AND PROCUREMENT: 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 that Fulton County Government and all vendors and contractors doing business with Fulton County shall provide to all businesses the opportunity to participate in contracting and procurement paid, in whole or in part, with monetary appropriations of the Board without regard to the race, color, gender or national origin of the ownership of any such business. Similarly, it is the policy of Fulton County Government that the contracting and procurement practices of Fulton County Government should not implicate Fulton County as either an active or passive participant in the discriminatory practices engaged in by private contractors or vendors who seek 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 the bid. 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 should be designed to enhance the utilization of racial, gender or ethnic groups.

The Plan **must** identify and include:

1. Potential opportunities within the scope of work of this solicitation that will be afforded to racial, gender or ethnic groups for participation in the solicitation.
2. Efforts that will be identified to encourage and solicit minority and female businesses for opportunities within this solicitation.

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

Prompt Payment: The prime contractor **must** certify in writing and **must** document on the Department of Contract Compliance's Exhibit G Form (Prime Contractor/Subcontractor Utilization Report) that all subcontractors, sub-consultants and suppliers have been promptly paid for work and materials and previous progress payments received (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 receipt of a payment from Fulton County, the prime contractor shall pay 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 (15) days as provided for by state law.

EXHIBIT A – PROMISE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

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

(_____)
Title Firm Name

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

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

SIGNATURE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

EXHIBIT B – EMPLOYMENT REPORT

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

EMPLOYEES

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

FIRM'S NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

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

Date Completed: _____

EXHIBIT C – SCHEDULE OF INTENDED SUBCONTRACTOR UTILIZATION

If the bidder intends to subcontract any portion of this scope of work/service(s), this form **must be** completed and **submitted with the bid**. All prime bidders **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: _____

ITB/RFP NUMBER: _____

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

1. My firm, as Prime Bidder on this scope of work/service(s) is _____ is not _____ a minority or female owned and controlled business. (Please indicate below the portion of work, including, percentage of bid amount that your firm will carry out directly):

If the Prime Bidder is a Joint Venture, please complete Exhibit F: Joint Venture Disclosure Affidavit.

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

SUBCONTRACTOR NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

ETHNIC GROUP*: _____ COUNTY CERTIFIED** _____

WORK TO BE PERFORMED: _____

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

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

EXHIBIT C – SCHEDULE OF INTENDED SUBCONTRACTOR UTILIZATION

SUBCONTRACTOR NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____

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

SUBCONTRACTOR NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____

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

SUBCONTRACTOR NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____

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

SUBCONTRACTOR NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____

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

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

Total Dollar Value of Small Business Enterprise Agreements: (\$)

Total Percentage Value: (%)

CERTIFICATION: The undersigned certifies that he/she has read, understands and agrees to be bound by the Bid provisions, including the accompanying Exhibits and other terms and conditions regarding sub-contractor utilization. The undersigned further certifies that he/she is legally authorized by the Bidder to make the statement and representation in this Exhibit and that said statements and representations are true and correct to the best of his/her knowledge and belief. The undersigned understands and agrees that if any of the statements and representations are made by the Bidder knowing them to be false, or if there is a failure of the intentions, objectives and commitments set forth herein without prior approval of the Owner, 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 Owner 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 Owner may have for other defaults under the contract.

Signature/Title: _____

Firm or Corporate Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: () _____

Fax Number: () _____

Email Address: _____

EXHIBIT D

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

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

To: _____
(Name of Prime Contractor Firm)

From: _____
(Name of Subcontractor Firm)

ITB/RFP Number _____

Project Name _____

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

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

(Prime Bidder)

(Subcontractor)

Signature _____

Signature _____

Title _____

Title _____

Date _____

Date _____

EXHIBIT E – DECLARATION REGARDING SUBCONTRACTING PRACTICES

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

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

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

(Description of Work)

In making this declaration, the bidder states the following:

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

AUTHORIZED COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE

Name: _____ Title: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

Firm: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____

Email Address: _____

EXHIBIT F – JOINT VENURE DISCLOSURE AFFIDAVIT

RFP No. _____

Project Name _____

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

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

1. Firms:

- 1) Name of Business: _____
Street Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
County: _____

Nature of Business: _____

- 2) Name of Business: _____
Street Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
County: _____

Nature of Business: _____

- 3) Name of Business: _____
Street Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
County: _____

Nature of Business: _____

NAME OF JONT VENTURE (If applicable): _____

PRINCIPAL OFFICE ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

OFFICE PHONE: _____

Note: Attach additional sheets as required

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

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

EXHIBIT F – JOINT VENTURE DISCLOSURE AFFIDAVIT

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

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

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

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

FOR: _____
(Company)

Date: _____

(Signature of Affiant)

(Printed Name)

Date: _____

(Company)

(Signature of Affiant)

(Printed Name)

Date: _____

(Company)

(Signature of Affiant)

(Printed Name)

State of _____:

County of _____:

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

_____, the
aforementioned officers, personally appeared known to me to be an authorized company
representative described in the foregoing Affidavit and acknowledge that he (she) executed the
same in the capacity therein stated and for the purpose therein contained.

Notary Public

(Notary Seal) Signature

Commission Expires

EXHIBIT G – PRIME CONTRACTOR/SUBCONTRACTOR UTILIZATION REPORT

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

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

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

Executed By: _____

(Signature)

(Printed Name)

SECTION 3.0 SAMPLE CONTRACT AGREEMENT

**(SAMPLE) CONTRACT BETWEEN FULTON COUNTY
AND _____**

THIS Contract, entered into this ____ day of _____ 2004, by and between **FULTON COUNTY** (hereinafter referred to as "County"), a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, acting by and through its duly elected Board of Commissioners, and _____ (hereinafter referred to as "Contractor").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the County, through its Finance Department, identified the need for Professional Services for a Study of Cost Containment Strategies;

WHEREAS, the County by and through its Finance Department, has determined that this need can best be met by retaining professional services for an Sandy Springs "TAD";

WHEREAS, the County requested a formal Request for Proposal for a Sandy Springs "TAD";

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

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

ARTICLE 1 - ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACT

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

ARTICLE II - TERM

Paragraph 2.0 The term of this Contract shall commence on date of award and continue for all services have been provided.

ARTICLE III - SCOPE OF WORK

Paragraph 3.0 The County retains Contractor and Contractor accepts retention by the County to render **Professional Services for a Sandy Springs "TAD"**, as specified by Fulton County Invitation to Bid (ITB) #_____, Contractor's bid and any and all clarifications or amendments thereto, all of which are incorporated herein, made part of this Contract, and referred to collectively as the "Contract Documents". Contractor shall perform all such services, including any and all agreed upon in written amendments, in the manner and to the extent agreed to by the parties

herein. ITB # _____ is hereby attached and incorporated herein as Attachment A. Contractors bid is hereby attached and incorporated herein as Attachment B. Contractor is to furnish all labor, equipment, transportation, material, insurance, and other requirements necessary to provide **A Sandy Springs “TAD”** in Fulton County as specified in Attachment A. Fulton County reserves the right to add and/or delete facilities pursuant to a formal change order as required by Policy & Procedure 800-6 during the term of the Contract based upon addition/deletion requirements at any location as required by Fulton County.

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

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

advance pursuant to change order policy and procedure 800-6 of Contractor providing services and billed at the unit rate stated in the bid response.

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

ARTICLE IV - AUDIT

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

Paragraph 4.1 The County's authorized representative shall have the right to supervise the Sandy Springs "TAD" performed by the Contractor, with regard to the frequency and adequacy of services provided. For this purpose, the respective appointed supervisor(s) will be the County's authorized representative.

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

ARTICLE V - COMPENSATION FOR SCOPE OF WORK

Paragraph 5.0 The services described under "Scope of Work" herein shall be performed by Contractor for flat "not to exceed" fee in the amount of \$ _____.

Paragraph 5.1 Any additional services requested by the County shall be performed by the Contractor and a detailed invoice submitted which references the written agreement, which must be approved by the County pursuant to change order policy 800-6 before the work is started.

Paragraph 5.2 Contractor shall submit monthly invoices for work performed during the previous calendar month to the Director of Finance or his appointed representative. No job, task, or duty may be submitted to Fulton County for payment unless the work has been completed. Any invoice which attempts to change the terms of this Contract is null and void and Contractor shall be required to provide a proper invoice to Fulton County prior to payment.

Paragraph 5.3 Fulton County shall make payments to Contractor by U.S. mail approximately thirty (30) days after receipt of a proper invoice by the Fulton County General Services Department. Parties hereto expressly agree that the above contract term shall supersede the rates of interest, payment periods, and contract and subcontract terms provided for under the Georgia Prompt Pay Act, O.C.G.A. 13-11-1 et seq., pursuant to 13-11-7(b), and the rates of interest, payment periods, and contract and subcontract terms provided for under the Prompt Pay Act shall have no application to this Contract; parties further agree that Fulton County shall not be liable for any interest or penalty arising from late payments.

ARTICLE VI - RESPONSIBILITY FOR CLAIMS AND LIABILITY

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

Worker's Compensation Act arising out of injuries sustained by any employees of **CONTRACTOR**. These indemnities shall not be limited by reason of the listing of any insurance coverage.

ARTICLE VII – TERMINATION FOR CAUSE

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

ARTICLE VIII – TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE

Paragraph 8.0 In the event that the County determines that it is no longer in its best interest to provide these services through the use of an independent contractor, the County may terminate this Contract, without any liability whatsoever upon the County, by giving (10) days notice in writing (by hand delivery or posting in the U.S. Mail) to Contractor, stating the reasons for such termination. If the Contract is terminated by the County, Contractor will be compensated for the work satisfactorily performed up to the termination date.

Paragraph 8.1 Upon termination of the Contract, the Contractor shall immediately turn over to the County all information, reports, data, equipment, etc, in its possession, respective of whether such information, report data, equipment is in a completed form.

ARTICLE VIX - SUSPENSION OF WORK

Paragraph 9.0 COUNTY may order CONTRACTOR in writing to suspend, delay or interrupt all or any part of the work for such period of time as it may determine appropriate for the convenience of COUNTY. The time for completion of the work shall be extended by the number of days the work is suspended. COUNTY shall not be responsible for any claims, damages or cost stemming from any delay of the project.

ARTICLE X - INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

Paragraph 10.0 Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to create any relationship other than that of an independent contractor between the County and Contractor. Under no circumstances shall Contractor, its subcontractors, directors, officers, employees, agents, partners, successors or assigns be deemed employees, agents, partners, successors, assigns or legal representatives of the County. Contractor acknowledges that its subcontractors, directors, officers, employees, agents and assigns shall have no right of redress pursuant to the personnel rules and regulations of Fulton County.

ARTICLE XI - PROVIDE COUNTY INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Paragraph 11.0 All insurance shall be provided to and accepted by the County in accordance with the requirements stated in the specifications of the Proposal Documents.

Paragraph 11.1 Contractor acknowledges that insurance meets all requirements under state law including solvency of surety and status of Georgia surety.

Paragraph 11.2 It shall be the Contractor's responsibility to monitor the status of the insurance company to be certain that the policies continue to be current and valid during the entire term of the contract. If a policy becomes invalid for any reason, the Contractor must provide the County with a current, valid policy within ten (10) days.

ARTICLE XII - VARIATIONS OR MODIFICATIONS TO CONTRACT

Paragraph 12.0 This Contract and the incorporated documents constitutes the entire agreement between the County and Contractor and there are no further written or oral agreements with respect thereto. No variation or modification of this Contract, and no waiver of this provision, shall be valid unless in writing, comply with change order procedure 800-6 and approved by the Board of Commissioners.

ARTICLE XIII - NON-DISCRIMINATION

Paragraph 13.0 Contractor agrees to comply with federal and state laws, rules and regulations and the County's policy relative to non-discrimination in employment practices and to non-discrimination in client and client services practices regarding political affiliation, religion, race, color, sex, disability, age or national origin.

ARTICLE XIV - SEVERABILITY OF TERMS

Paragraph 14.0 If any part or provision of this Contract is held invalid, the remainder of this Contract shall not be affected thereby and shall continue in full force and effect.

ARTICLE XV - CAPTIONS

Paragraph 15.0 The captions are inserted herein only as a matter of convenience and for reference and in no way define limits or describe the scope of this Contract or the intent of the provision thereof.

ARTICLE XVI - NOTICES

Paragraph 16.0 Any and all notices referred under this Contract shall be sent, via certified mail, to the following individual on behalf of Fulton County:

Purchasing Department
130 Peachtree Street, S.W.
Atlanta, GA 30303

With copies to the Director of Finance and the County Attorney.

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

Contractor's Name	Contractor's
Owner	Address
Contractor's Company Name	

ARTICLE XVII - WAIVER OF BREACH

Paragraph 17.0 The waiver by either party of a breach or violation of any provision of this Contract, shall not operate or be construed to be, a waiver of any subsequent breach or violation of the same or other provision thereof.

ARTICLE XVIII - COOPERATION WITH OTHER CONTRACTORS

Paragraph 18.0 **CONTRACTOR** will undertake the Scope of Services in cooperation with and in coordination with other studies, projects or related work performed for, with or by **COUNTY** employees, appointed with other contractors, **CONTRACTOR** shall fully cooperate with such other related consultants and **COUNTY** employees or appointed committees. **CONTRACTOR** shall provide within his schedule or work, time and effort to coordinate with other contractors under contract with **COUNTY**. **CONTRACTOR** shall not commit or permit any act, which will interfere with the performance of work by any other contractors or by **COUNTY** employees.

ARTICLE XIX - FORCE MAJEURE

Paragraph 19.0 Neither the County nor the Contractor shall be deemed in violation of this Contract if either is prevented from performing its obligations hereunder for any reason beyond its control, including but not limited to, acts of God, civil or military authority, acts of public enemy, war, accidents, fires, explosions, earthquakes, floods, or catastrophic failure of public transportation, provided however, that nothing herein shall relieve or be construed to relieve the Contractor from performing its obligations hereunder in the event of riots, rebellions, or legal strikes.

ARTICLE XX - PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT

Paragraph 20.0 **CONTRACTOR** shall identify in writing a project manager who shall have sole authority to represent **CONTRACTOR** on all manners pertaining to this Contract. **CONTRACTOR** represents that it has secured or will secure, at its own expense, all equipment and personnel necessary to complete Contractor's Services under the Contract, none of whom shall be employees of or have any contractual relationship with **COUNTY**. All of the services required hereunder will be performed by **CONTRACTOR** under his supervision and all personnel engaged in the work shall be fully qualified and shall be authorized or permitted under law to perform such services.

ARTICLE XXI - GOVERNING LAW

Paragraph 21.0 This Contract shall be governed in all respects as to validity, construction, capacity, performance or otherwise by the laws of the State of Georgia.

In witness whereof, the parties have executed this amendment.

For Contractor's Company Name

Contractor's Name
Owner

(seal)

Approved as to Form:

Attest:

Office of the County Attorney

Mark Massey
Clerk to the Commission (seal)

Approved as to Content:

For Fulton County

(Director)
Finance Department

Karen Handel, Chair
Board of Commissioners

SECTION 4.0

FULTON COUNTY PROPOSAL GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT GENERAL REQUIREMENTS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FORM 99-RFP

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION PERTAINS TO THE SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL TO FULTON 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 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 REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (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 PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
130 PEACHTREE STREET, S.W., SUITE 1168
ATLANTA, GA. 30303

3. THE ENVELOPE IN WHICH THE PROPOSAL IS SUBMITTED MUST BE SEALED AND CLEARLY LABELED WITH THE RFP 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 RESERVES THE RIGHT TO OPEN ANY PROPOSAL WHICH IS NOT MARKED AS SPECIFIED.

4. PROPOSALS RECEIVED AFTER THE TIME AND DATE SPECIFIED MAY NOT BE OPENED OR CONSIDERED.

5. BY SUBMITTING A SIGNED PROPOSAL, RESPONDENT 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 RESPONDENT TO INSURE CORRECTNESS BEFORE PROPOSAL IS SUBMITTED. PERSON SIGNING THE PROPOSAL IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACCURACY OF INFORMATION IN IT. THE RESPONDENT UNDERSTANDS AND AGREES THAT THE PROPOSAL, SPECIFICATIONS, PROVISIONS, AND THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE RFP BECOME A VALID CONTRACT BETWEEN FULTON COUNTY AND THE RESPONDENT 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. THE COUNTY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL PROPOSALS.
8. ABSOLUTELY NO FAX PROPOSALS OR REPRODUCTION PROPOSALS WILL BE ACCEPTED, EXCEPT THAT IF MULTIPLE COPIES OF THE PROPOSAL ARE REQUIRED, PHOTO COPIES OF THE ORIGINAL MAY BE SUBMITTED AS THE EXTRA COPIES, PROVIDED THAT THEY ARE CLEARLY MARKED AS SUCH.
9. 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 RESPONDENT'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.
10. 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.
11. SHOW INFORMATION AND PRICES IN THE FORMAT REQUESTED. PRICES ARE TO BE QUOTED F.O.B. DESTINATION, AND MUST INCLUDE ALL COSTS CHARGEABLE TO THE CONTRACTOR 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 CONTRACTOR SHALL PROVIDE FULTON COUNTY THE BENEFIT THROUGH A REDUCTION IN PRICE OF ANY DECREASE IN THE CONTRACTOR'S COSTS BY REASON OF ANY TAX EXEMPTION BASED UPON FULTON COUNTY'S STATUS AS A TAX-EXEMPT ENTITY.
12. PROPOSE ALL ITEMS AS SPECIFIED OR INDICATE UNDER EACH ITEM WHAT ALTERNATIVE IS BEING PROPOSED AND WHY IT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IN LIEU OF THE ORIGINAL SPECIFICATION. FAILURE TO INDICATE ANY EXCEPTIONS SHALL BE INTERPRETED AS THE RESPONDENT'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.
13. 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.
14. THE SUCCESSFUL VENDOR 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.
15. THE SUCCESSFUL VENDOR MUST ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR RE-PLACEMENT 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.

16. THE SUCCESSFUL VENDOR MUST ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROVIDING WARRANTY SERVICE ON ANY AND 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 VENDOR IS SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR ARRANGING FOR THE SERVICE TO BE PERFORMED.

17. THE SUCCESSFUL VENDOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROPER TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION OF PERSONNEL USED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THE SERVICES PROPOSED.

18. THE SUCCESSFUL VENDOR SHALL NOT ASSIGN, TRANSFER, CONVEY, SUBLET, OR OTHERWISE DISPOSE OF ANY CONTRACT RESULTING FROM THE RFP OR OF ANY OR ALL OF ITS RIGHTS, TITLE, OR INTEREST THEREIN WITHOUT PRIOR WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

19. 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.

20. VENDORS 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 RESPONDENT 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.

21. BY SUBMITTING A SIGNED PROPOSAL, RESPONDENT CERTIFIES THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO COLLUSION WITH ANY OTHER RESPONDENT. REASONABLE GROUNDS FOR BELIEVING RESPONDENT HAS AN INTEREST IN MORE THAN ONE PROPOSAL WILL RESULT IN REJECTION OF ALL PROPOSALS IN WHICH THE RESPONDENT HAS AN INTEREST. ANY PARTY TO COLLUSION MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED IN FUTURE PROPOSALS FOR THE SAME OR SIMILAR WORK.

22. UPON NOTICE OF SELECTION, THE VENDOR SUBMITTING THE PROPOSAL IS OBLIGATED TO PERFORM. SHOULD A SUCCESSFUL VENDOR REFUSE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT SUBSEQUENT TO AN AWARD, A PENALTY MAY BE ASSESSED AND/OR THE VENDOR MAY BE FOUND TO BE "NOT RESPONSIBLE" IN THE FUTURE.

23. IN CASE OF DEFAULT BY THE SUCCESSFUL VENDOR, FULTON COUNTY MAY PROCURE THE ARTICLES OR SERVICES FROM ANOTHER SOURCE AND HOLD THE SUCCESSFUL VENDOR RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY RESULTANT EXCESS COST.

24. SUCCESSFUL VENDORS 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 A VENDOR BEING FOUND TO BE "NOT RESPONSIBLE" IN THE FUTURE.

25. 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.

26. 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 REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL AND THE PROPOSAL(S) RECEIVED IN WHOLE OR IN PART TO ONE OR SEVERAL VENDORS.

27. 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.

28. IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO FURNISH A PROPOSAL AT THIS TIME, PLEASE RETURN A COPY OF THE RFP AND STATE ON IT AND ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE ENVELOPE THAT YOU ARE SUBMITTING A "NO RESPONSE". STATE IN THE RESPONSE WHETHER YOUR COMPANY WISHES TO REMAIN ON FULTON COUNTY'S VENDOR LIST.

29. ALL PROPOSALS AND BIDS SUBMITTED TO FULTON COUNTY ARE SUBJECT TO THE GEORGIA "OPEN RECORDS ACT", O.C.G.A. §50 18 70 ET SEQ.

30. ALL PROPOSALS AND BIDS SUBMITTED TO FULTON COUNTY INVOLVING UTILITY CONTRACTING ARE SUBJECT TO THE GEORGIA LAW GOVERNING LICENSING OF UTILITY CONTRACTORS AND RFP CLOSING PROCEDURES, O.C.G.A. 43 14 8.2 (H).

31. PRIOR TO BEGINNING ANY WORK, SUCCESSFUL CONTRACTOR WILL 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 CERTIFICATE FROM THE GEORGIA WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD SHOWING PROOF OF ABILITY TO PAY COMPENSATION DIRECTLY.

32. 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, EXCEPT AS MAY OTHERWISE BE SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED AND PERMITTED BY THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS SOLICITATION.

33. 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.

34. 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 NOT RESPONSIVE, AND SAME SHALL NOT THEREAFTER BE CONSIDERED FOR AWARD.

35. 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 CONSISTENT MEMBERS, MAKING SUCH DESIGNATION. OFFERS FROM JOINT VENTURES THAT DO NOT INCLUDE THESE DOCUMENTS WILL BE REJECTED AS BEING NON-RESPONSIVE.

SECTION 5.0 RESPONSE TO PROPOSAL

SECTION 5.1 NOTE TO VENDOR REGARDING “NO-PROPOSAL” RESPONSE

Please respond to the attached bid, even if your company’s response is a “no-bid”.

We are very interested in ensuring that our bids are non-restrictive and that no bidder is eliminated arbitrarily. It is the County’s intent to abolish any and all barriers to its procurement process which prevent interested and qualified bidders from participating.

Completion of this form is optional, but should you respond with a “no-bid”, please use this sheet to let us know why. (It is not necessary to send back the entire package if making a “no-bid” response).

Examples are:

- (1) Our company cannot meet these specifications because you require:

- (2) Our company can not competitively bid on this product or service because:

- (3) Other:

Your response will be given careful consideration and included in the bid file with other vendor comments. If it appears from the feedback received that the specifications are restrictive, your input will help the County make the necessary changes so that a greater number of interested bidders can be included in the future. Your input is needed; it will make a difference!