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**PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. 06RFP50268YA-DR**

ELECTRONIC FILING OF COURT DOCUMENTS

For

CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT

RFP DUE TIME AND DATE: 11:00 A.M., April 5, 2007
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SECTION 1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this request for proposals (RFP) is to provide the Superior Court of Fulton County with an integrated Civil Case Management electronic filing system. An electronic filing system, for purposes of this RFP, is defined as any system where electronic filing forms are used and data from those forms are used to populate an existing case management system, or where paper filings are received in an "imaged" form, and data from that image populates an existing case management system. This proposal for E-filing with Internet record support for the viewing public should be at no cost to the Clerk of Superior of Fulton County. This data must remain the property of the Clerk of Superior Court. This is a Joint Venture that should benefit the Clerk of Superior Court's office, the judicial community, the viewing public and the Proposer. Respondents must respond to this RFP by addressing the issues in each of the lettered subsections.

Through the issuance of this Request For Proposal ("RFP" and/or "Proposals"), the County is soliciting Proposals from qualified Proposers for the Electronic Filing System.

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 Electronic Filing System to the most advantageous Proposer based on the cost and the evaluation factors set forth in the RFP.

1.2 DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

This project involves the Superior Court of Fulton County with an integrated Civil Case Management Electronic Filing System. An Electronic Filing System, for purposes of this RFP, is defined as any system where electronic filing forms are used and data from those forms are used to populate an existing case management system, or where paper existing case management system. This proposal for E-Filing with Internet record support for the viewing public should be at no cost to the Clerk of Superior Court of Fulton County. This data must remain the property of Clerk of Superior Court. This is a Joint Venture that should benefit the Clerk of Superior Court's Office, the Judicial Community, the viewing public and the Proposer. Respondents shall respond to this RFP by addressing the issues in each of the lettered subsections.

1.3 BACKGROUND

Description of The Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Fulton County. The Office of Clerk of Superior Court of Fulton County is a constitutionally established office. The Clerk is the official custodian of all records filed in the office and the court. The Office of the Clerk of Fulton Superior Court provides court support personnel to each Superior Court Judge as well as performing other duties as mandated by State Laws. Additionally, the Clerk provides information on a wide range of records including civil and domestic suits, criminal records, real estate, non-real estate and personal property. All records are public records in accordance with the Georgia Open Records Act and can be viewed by anyone. Records such as adoptions or those ordered sealed by a Superior Court Judge are exempted by the Georgia Open Records Act.

A. Description of the Number of Filings in Fulton County Superior Court. This proposal covers the following case types: civil, domestic and child support cases. This proposal does not cover criminal/felony cases. **Table 1** illustrates the number of new filings in each of these case types for the last three (3) years. However, new case filings do not represent the subsequent documents filings.

Table 1

Case Type	Filings 2001	Filings 2002	Filings 2003	Filings 2004	Filings 2005
New Civil Cases	3,628	5,739	4,073	3,626	3,861
New Domestic Cases	5,642	5,943	7,697	7,120	7,708
New Child Support	3,884	4,196	4,193	5,115	3,154
New Family Violence Cases					
TOTALS:	13,466	16,253	15,963	14,488	14,723

C. Description of an Initial Case Filing. A case filing is described as the complaint, all pleadings, filing documents, and associated fees. A filing must include the following information that will populate the current case management system and forms: case number, court location, case type, attorney information (including the attorney State Bar number), and party information (names, locators and demographics).

D. Description of Filings/Pleadings Subsequent to the Initial Case Filing. Any filings, pleadings, and documents filed subsequent to the initial case filing must reference the case number associated with the initial case and the attorney's name and State Bar number. All images associated with filings must have both a non-

editable, frozen image and an editable image or document attached with which litigants can view.

- E. **Description of the Current Data Architecture.** The data consists of two (2) files types; a text file which is comma delineated and a PDF or Adobe Acrobat Reader file. The text file will contain information related to each of the PDF files and contain the following types of information: File Name, Authorized Date, Authorizer Name, Authorizer Organization Name, Document Title, Stored Path, Number of Page(s), Filing Fee, Filing Type, Filing ID, Document ID, Case Number, Case Style, Party Name, Party Type, State Bar Number.
- F. **Description of the Current Technical Architecture.** The official county data base standard is Oracle. The current technical architecture consists of one (1) IBM RS/6000 running AIX V5. This server contains approximately 500GB of disk storage in a RAID 5 array to ensure data availability.
- G. **Description of the Current Telecommunication Architecture.** The current telecommunications architecture consists of a dedicated SDSL circuit, provided by the Georgia Superior Court Clerk's Cooperative Authority, which connects the Fulton County Clerk's Office to the Internet.
- H. **Description of File Access.** Proposer will make available, at no charge to the Fulton County Clerk's Office, all files necessary to incorporate into the Civil Case Management System. These files will be stored at a location that is maintained by the Vendor. File Transfer Process access will be provided to the Clerk's office for the purpose of downloading the files. Files will be stored on the vendor's server in a ZIP format created using the WINZIP program. There will be one (1) file for each work day and this file will contain: One (1) index file in a text format which is comma delineated and PDF files for each case submission. The Proposer will forward to an FTP site all new files from the previous day. The Clerk of Superior Court will have unrestricted access to the FTP site. The Proposer will provide a server and allow the Clerk of Superior Court to keep the server within County IT premises and use for e-filing for at least 180 days after expiration or termination of the Contract. The provided or loaned server will have at least one (1) TB of storage capacity and have any software the Clerk of Superior Court will need to create a mirror image of the vendor's data and images in the Proposer's database. The server will be maintained within IT. All other files will be archived at the Proposer's site as well as with the County's IT Department and will be available (at no cost) to the Clerk of Superior Court upon request for at least two (2) years after the cessation or termination of services. The information stored on the text file should be cumulative, i.e. it should contain case information for all case submissions up to the current date. Please see Section IV (4), PART L. The Vendor will download or transfer all electronic files within twenty-four (24) hours.

I. **Description of Reporting Capability.** Vendor will include the ability to run the following reports:

1. Create a report that will provide the number of cases filed for a specified period of time. This time frame will be daily, weekly, monthly, or user defined.
2. Create a report on the types of cases being filed and the number of each for a specified period. This report will include case number, filing date and parties names. This time will be daily, weekly, monthly or user defined.
3. Create a report on who is submitting the cases. This report will include the name of the law firm, case number, filing date, parties' names, the attorney of record, the attorney's State of Georgia Bar Identification Code, the type of case filed and the total number of pages in the file. This report will be designed to be run daily, weekly, monthly or user defined.
4. All the above reports need to be able to be combined if needed into one report for ease of use by the user.
5. Respondent must provide mechanism for automatically closing cases and provide form of notification when cases are closed.
6. Fulton County reserves the right to add or create any additional reports it deems necessary without costs.
7. Create a report that lists any case where a motion has been filed and either all parties associated with the case have responded to the motion or the time to respond to the motion has lapsed.
8. Create and print indexes of all civil, domestic, child support filings daily, weekly, monthly and yearly.

1.4 PURCHASING THE RFP

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

1.5 PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE

The County will hold a Pre-Proposal Conference, on **March 14, 2007 at 2:00 P.M.** in the Bid Conference Room of the Department of Purchasing and Contract Compliance, Fulton County Public Safety Building, Suite 1168, 130 Peachtree

Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303. Attendance at the Pre-Proposal Conference is voluntary for responding to this RFP; however, Proposers are encouraged to attend. The purpose of the Pre-Proposal Conference is to provide information regarding the project and to address any questions and concerns regarding the services sought by the County through this RFP.

1.6 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 **April 5, 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.

1.7 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.

1.8 CONTACT PERSON AND INQUIRIES

Any questions or suggestions regarding this RFP should be submitted in writing to the Purchasing Department contact person. Donald R. Riley, Assistant Purchasing Agent, 130 Peachtree Street Suite 1168, Atlanta, Georgia 3303 or email: donald.riley@fultoncountyga.gov. 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 PROPOSERS

2.1 PROCUREMENT PROCESS

The procurement will be on a formally advertised basis. All technical requirements, unless otherwise specified, must be met, or be capable of being met by the Proposer or their proposal will be disqualified as being non-responsive.

2.2 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.

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.

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

Owner – Fulton County Government

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.

Scope of 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.

2.3 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.
- 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.

2.4 CLARIFICATION & ADDENDA

Proposers may submit requests for clarifications or interpretations regarding this RFP and the Contract. Proposers 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, Proposers are cautioned that if Proposers 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 received after **March 29, 2007, at 2:00 PM**, local prevailing time. Proposers 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 Proposer 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 and Contract Compliance

Attn: Donald R. Riley

Public Safety Building

130 Peachtree Street S.W. Suite 1168

Atlanta GA 30303

Email: donald.riley@fultoncountyga.gov

Fax: 404-893-1876

RE: Electronic Filing of Court Documents

All responses to written requests for clarification, interpretation, or additional information will be distributed as addenda to this RFP to all persons registered with the County to have received a copy of the RFP.

No oral interpretation, instruction, or information concerning this RFP given by any employee or agent of the County shall be binding on the County. Proposers 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 Proposers.

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 distributed to those who have been issued a copy of this RFP. Additionally, the addenda 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 Proposer 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.

2.5 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.

2.6 REQUIRED SUBMITTALS

See **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.

2.7 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 two (2) members from Clerk of Superior Court's Office and one (1) 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.

2.8 DISQUALIFICATION OF PROPOSERS

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

2.9 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 Proposer and the County reserves the right to award the contract to the responsible Proposers 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 Proposer to perform the work or service requested. Information the County deems necessary to make this determination shall be provided by the Proposer. 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.

2.10 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.

2.11 MINIMUM PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PRIME CONTRACTORS

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

2.12 INSURANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT PROVISIONS

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

2.13 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.

2.14 RESPONSIBILITY OF PROPOSER

Each Proposer 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. Proposers are reminded of Fulton County's "**No Contact During Procurement**" policy and may only contact the person designated by the RFP.

2.15 CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

If any Proposal contains technical, financial, or other confidential information that the Proposer believes is exempt from disclosure, the Proposer 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, Proposers 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 Proposer being deemed non-responsive to this RFP.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, Proposers 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 Proposer may suffer from the disclosure of information or materials to third parties.

2.16 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 Proposers. A Proposer, by submitting a Proposal, agrees to be bound by any modifications made by the County
- All costs incurred by a Proposer 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 Proposer.
- The County reserves the right to reject all Proposals and components thereof to eliminate all Proposers responding to this RFP from further consideration for this procurement, and to notify such Proposers 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 Proposer who submits incomplete or inadequate responses or is not responsive to the requirements of this RFP.
- The County may request Proposers 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 Proposer(s) submitting Proposal(s), which are found to be reasonably susceptible for award.
- The County reserves the right to discontinue negotiations with any selected Proposer.
- 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.
- 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 Proposers 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, Proposers acknowledge and consent to the rights and conditions set forth in this RFP.

2.17 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 Proposer. In

addition, the Proposer shall be solely responsible for all costs (including engineering and legal costs) incurred by such Proposer in connection with this selection process, including any costs incurred by the Proposer 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.

2.18 TERMINATION OF NEGOTIATIONS

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

2.19 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.

2.20 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.

2.21 REPORTING RESPONSIBILITIES

The successful Proposer will report directly to the Avery Meeks, Information Systems Manager, or designated representative of the department.

**FULTON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PURCHASING AND CONTRACT
COMPLIANCE**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

RFP #06RFP50268YA-DR Electronic Filing of Court Documents

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.
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 sixty (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 (1) 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.
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). The Utility Contractor License number of the person who will perform the utility work shall be written on the face of the proposal envelope.

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 certificate 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".

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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 **April 5, 2007 at 11:00 A.M.** and must be addressed to:

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RFP #06RFP50268YA-DR
Fulton County Department of Purchasing and 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 executed Contract Compliance Exhibits (A-F) and Procurement Affidavits. The Technical Proposal shall include Proposer 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 Proposer, 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, THE COST PROPOSAL AND CONTRACT COMPLIANCE EXHIBITS 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
#06RFP50268DR-YA
ELECTRONIC FILING OF COURT DOCUMENTS
[Technical or Cost Proposal]**

Proposer's Name and Address

3.1.2 Number of Copies

Proposers shall submit one (1) original and five (5) copies each of the Technical and Cost Proposals. Proposers shall submit one (1) original and two (2) copies of the Contract Compliance Exhibits. All Proposals must be complete with all requested information.

3.2 OVERVIEW OF PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

Proposers 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 SCOPE OF WORK

This project involves the Superior Court of Fulton County with an integrated Civil Case Management Electronic Filing System. An Electronic Filing System, for purposes of this RFP, is defined as any system where electronic filing forms are used and data from those forms are used to populate an existing case management system, or where paper existing case management system. This proposal for E-Filing with Internet record support for the viewing public should be at no cost to the Clerk of Superior Court of Fulton County. This data must remain the property of Clerk of Superior Court. This is a Joint Venture that should benefit the Clerk of Superior Court's Office, the Judicial Community, the viewing public and the Proposer. Respondents shall respond to this RFP by addressing the issues in each of the lettered subsections.

3.4 TECHNICAL PROPOSAL FORMAT AND CONTENT

The Technical Proposal shall include the appropriate and requested information in sufficient detail to demonstrate

EXAMPLE

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 [Required]

1. Provide resumes for each of the key personnel proposed for this project with specific emphasis on the Project Manager.
2. All proposed key personnel must have at least a minimum of three (3) years work experience in the State of Georgia appraisal contract work.
3. The Project Manager must have a minimum of five (5) years experience in real estate mass appraisal and must have completed a sexennial re-evaluation and a triennial update project within the past five (5) years in the State of Georgia.
4. Each resume should be limited to no more than three (3) pages per person and be organized according to the following:
 - Name and Title
 - Professional Background
 - Current and Past Relevant Experience
 - Relevant Training
 - Courses completed during past five (5) years
 - Previous Work Experience related to Real Estate mass appraisal in

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- the State of Georgia
 - Include two (2) references for each key personnel member on similar projects.
 - Include the role and responsibilities that each key personnel member will perform on this project.

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) analysis or process reviews of a Property Tax System with entities comparable to Fulton County within the past three (3) years. Such entities include cities and/or counties which provide appraisal and assessment of real and tangible business personal property. 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
- A reference, including a contact name, addresses and phone number. 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]

Proposers 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

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- (2) The latest quarterly financial report and a description of any material changes in financial position since the last annual report
 - (3) Proposer's most recent Dun & Bradstreet and/or Value Line Reports
 - (4) Documentation and discussion of the financial condition and capability of the Proposer(s)
 - (5) State whether the Proposer or any member of the Proposer's team has ever filed a petition for bankruptcy, taken any actions with respect to insolvency, reorganization, receivership, moratorium, or assignment of benefits of creditors, or otherwise sought relief from creditors. If yes, please provide an explanation of the circumstances

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.

3.5 COST PROPOSAL FORMAT AND CONTENT

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

Section 1 - Introduction

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

Section 2 - Completed Price Proposal Forms

The Proposer is required to complete **all** of the Price Proposal Forms included in Section 3 of the RFP. Section 3 provides a description of the Price Proposal Forms.

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Please enclose pricing sheet in separate sealed envelope marked, "Cost Proposal".

PRICING MATRIX

Cost(s)	Cost(s) to Courts	Cost(s) to Litigants
The cost, if any, of additional hardware for the courts		
The cost, if any, of additional hardware for litigants		
The cost, if any, of additional network requirements for the courts		
The cost, if any, of network requirements for the litigants		
The cost, if any, of additional software for the courts		
The cost, if any, of software for the litigants		
Any monthly/annual fees required of the courts		
Any monthly/annual fees required of the litigants		
All user fees for the courts-please be specific, any charges not specifically identified in this section will not be permitted in the contract		
All user fees for the attorneys, litigants or pro se's. Please be specific, any charges not specifically identified in this section will not be permitted in the contract		
Costs, if any, associated with software version upgrades		
Cost, if any, to integrate E-filing with the Court's current and future Case Management System		
Cost, if any, to migrate Pilot e-filed data and images to Vendor's e-filing system		
Cost, if any, for integration of current and future Case Management System Modules with proposed system		

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SECTION 4 EVALUATION CRITERIA

4.1 PROPOSAL EVALUATION – SELECTION CRITERIA

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

	Evaluation Criteria	Weight
A.	Ability of the Respondent to provide the services as set forth in this RFP	35%
B.	The extent to which the Respondent completed all of the subsections required in Section II of this RFP. The Respondent must attach a checklist indicating that all of the subsections of Section II have been completed, are clearly identified in the proposal, and are included in the Respondent's proposal. The Respondent must attach a checklist for these evaluation criteria	5%
C.	Extent to which the Respondent satisfies all of the proposal's requirements listed in the "Proposal Requirements for Base Electronic Filing Service" Section IV of this RFP. The Respondent must attach a checklist for these evaluation criteria	5%
D.	Inclusion at no cost to the Court or County of other features not mentioned in this proposal but that would facilitate and enhance the delivery of the services proposed in this RFP	5%
E.	Quality and performance in providing the service to a court system of comparable size and the length of that service, along with references	5%
F.	Respondent's proposed plan to provide 24 (twenty-four) hours a day (seven) 7 days a week customer support as well as local training for litigants using the system	5%
G.	Financial stability of the Respondent from the information provided in the RFP	5%
H.	Respondents past performance and commitment to future innovations as they relate to the services Proposal	5%
I.	Costs of the proposed services to the State Court of Fulton County and the other parties receiving the proposed service as outlined in Section III of this RFP	17.5%
J.	The time frame for complete installation	2.5%
K.	Locality of Respondents	10%
	TOTAL POINTS	<u> </u>

SECTION 5 PROPOSAL FORMS

5.1 INTRODUCTION

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.

Procurement Affidavits

Procurement Affidavit Form 1	Certification Regarding Debarment
Procurement Affidavit Form 2	Form A: Non-Collusion Affidavit of Offeror Form B: Sub-Contractor Non-Collusion Affidavit
Procurement Affidavit Form 3	Certificate of Acceptance of Request for Proposal Requirements
Procurement Affidavit Form 4	Disclosure Form and Questionnaire

5.2 PROCUREMENT AFFIDAVIT FORMS DESCRIPTION

The following paragraphs present an overview of each Procurement Affidavit Form required.

5.2.1 Certification Regarding Debarment

Proposer shall complete and submit Form 1, which certifies that neither it nor its Subcontractors are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or otherwise excluded from doing business with any government agency.

5.2.2 Non-Collusion Affidavit

The Proposal shall include a copy of Proposal Form 2A, executed by an authorized officer of the corporation. Proposals developed by a Joint Venture shall be similarly executed by all Joint Venture participants. Additionally, all sub-Contractors shall execute a copy of Proposal Form 2B which shall also be submitted with the proposal.

5.2.3 Certificate of Acceptance of Request for Proposal Requirements

Proposer shall complete and submit Form 3, which certifies that Proposer has read the solicitation including all addenda, exhibits, attachments and appendices.

5.2.4 Disclosure Form and Questionnaire

Proposer shall complete and submit Form 4, which requests disclosure of business and litigation.

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.

[SIGNATURES ON NEXT PAGE]

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF FULTON

NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT OF OFFEROR

I, _____ certify that pursuant to Fulton County Code Section 2-320 (11), this 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 proposal and certify that I am authorized to sign this proposal for the Proposer.

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 proposals by any means whatsoever. Affiant further states that (s)he has not prevented or endeavored to prevent anyone from making an offer on the project by any means whatever, nor has Affiant caused or induced another to withdraw an offer for the work.

Affiant further states that the said offer of _____ is bona fide, and that no one (1) 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.

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF FULTON

NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT OF SUBCONTRACTOR

I, _____ certify that pursuant to Fulton County Code Section 2-320 (11), this proposal is made without prior understanding, agreement or connection with any corporation, firm or person submitting a proposal 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 proposal and certify that I am authorized to sign this proposal for the Proposer.

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**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)

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ELECTRONIC FILING OF COURT DOCUMENTS

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 submitting a proposal in response to a Request for Proposal.

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 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 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 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 proposal declared as non-responsive. This document must be completed and included as a part of the proposal package along with other required documents.

[SIGNATURES ON NEXT PAGE]

Under the 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 _____, 2005

(Legal Name of Proponent) (Date)

(Signature of Authorized Representative) (Date)

(Title)

Sworn to and subscribed before me,

this _____ day of _____, 2006

(Notary Public) (Seal)

Commission Expires _____
(Date)

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 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 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), 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 proposal 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 Proposer shall provide such information as may be required by the Director of Purchasing and 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 Proposer **must** be identified and submitted with this proposal. In addition, if Subcontractors will be utilized by the Proposer to complete this project, then the demographic employment make-up of the Subcontractor(s) must be identified and submitted with this proposal.

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) _____ Proposer
 _____ Subcontractor

Submitted by: _____ **Date Completed:** _____

EXHIBIT C - SCHEDULE OF INTENDED SUBCONTRACTOR UTILIZATION

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

FP Number: _____

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

1. My firm, as Prime 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 proposal amount that your firm will carry out directly):

2. If the Prime 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.**

SUBCONTRATOR NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____

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

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

SUBCONTRATOR NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____

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

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

SUBCONTRATOR NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____

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

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

SUBCONTRATOR NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____

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

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

***Ethnic Groups: African American (AABE); Asian American (ABE); Hispanic American (HBE); Native American (NABE); White Female American (WFBE); **If yes, 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 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 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 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)

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 Proposer)

(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 proposal.

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

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

(Description of Work)

In making this declaration, the Proposer states the following:

1. That the 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 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 Proposer will provide, upon request, information sufficient for the County to verify Item Number one (1).

AUTHORIZED COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE

Name: _____ **Title:** _____ **Date:** _____

Signature: _____

Firm: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____

Email Address: _____

EXHIBIT F - JOINT VENTURE DISCLOSURE AFFIDAVIT

RFP No. _____

Project Name _____

This form must be completed and submitted with the 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 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	Contract Period	% Complete to Date
Name:						
Address:						
Telephone #:						

AMOUNT OF REQUISITION THIS PERIOD: \$ _____
 TOTAL AMOUNT REQUISITION TO DATE: \$ _____

SUBCONTRACTOR UTILIZATION (add additional rows as necessary)

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

Executed By: _____
 (Signature)

 (Printed Name)

Nortary: _____

Date: _____

My Commission Expires: _____

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

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

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

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.

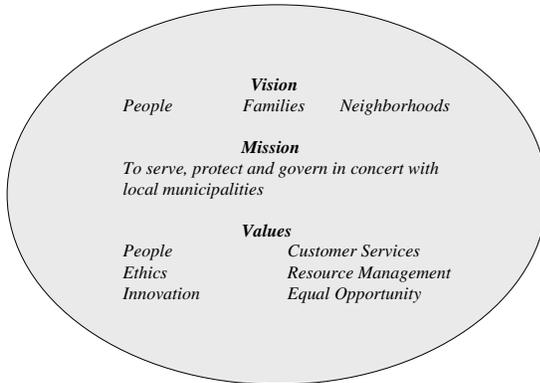
COMPANY: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

NAME: _____ TITLE: _____ DATE: _____

**SECTION 8
SAMPLE CONTRACT**



FULTON COUNTY



CONTRACT DOCUMENTS FOR

PROJECT NUMBER

PROJECT TITLE

For

DEPARTMENT NAME

1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1 *Index of Articles*

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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

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- 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 manners 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:

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- 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

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- (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 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 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:

FULTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

CONSULTANT:

[Insert Consultant Company Name & Title]

Karen Handel, 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

**SECTION 9
EXHIBITS**

Exhibit 1

The following submittals shall be completed and submitted with each proposal (see table below "Required proposal 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 five (5) **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, changes 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 B - Non-Collusion Affidavit of Sub-Contractor Form C - Certificate of Acceptance of Request for Bid/Proposal Requirements Form D - Georgia Utility Contractor License Form E - Certificate Regarding Debarment Form F - Corporate Certificate Form G - Disclosure Form & Questionnaire	
7	Office of Contract Compliance Requirements	

	Exhibit A - Promise of Non-Discrimination Exhibit B - Employment Record Exhibit C - Schedule of Intended Subcontractor Utilization Exhibit D - Letter of Intent to Perform as Subcontractor Exhibit E - Declaration Regarding Subcontractor Practices Exhibit F - Joint Venture Disclosure Affidavit Exhibit G - Prime Contractor/Subcontractor Utilization Report Equal Business Opportunity Plan (EBO Plan)	
8	Risk Management Insurance Provisions Form	
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**SECTION 10
GENERAL CONDITIONS**

The proposed system is voluntary for the bar and all litigants.

1. The proposed system will be utilized in civil case types at the discretion of the Chief Judge's order, and for those case types, electronic filing will be mandatory.
2. The Office of the Clerk of Superior Court nor the County shall not have to expend any resources on hardware. All hardware, software application, system upgrades and all maintenance support and funding will be provided by the Proposer at no cost to Fulton County. Neither the Clerk nor the County should have to expend any resources on networking or telecommunications. All networking or telecommunication upgrades will be provided by the Proposer at no cost to Fulton County.
3. Networking must comply with Fulton County standards on telecommunications.
4. Any document server must comply with State of Georgia and Fulton County retention standards.
5. The Clerk's office should not have to expend any resources on software applications.
6. Electronic filing must provide data capable of being subsequently uploaded and integrated into TSG Civil Case Management System. The Electronic filing data must be provided in such a format that it can subsequently automatically populate TSG Civil Case Management System with the appropriate TSG Civil Case Management System court codes-including financial transactions. New cases must populate an Electronic Filing Screen. The Deputy Clerks in the Clerk's office must have the ability to either accept or reject these filings. Proposer is solely responsible at no cost to Fulton County for contracting with TSG or any future civil case system to ensure that case information correctly and fully populates the civil case management system.
7. Access to the imaged documents must be twenty-four (24) hours a day seven (7) days a week except for routine maintenance. Clerk of Superior Court, as well as legal counsel must have electronic access to the imaged documents. Attorneys must have a capacity to send copies of their filings to anyone. Clerk of Superior Court access to these documents must not cost Fulton County or the Clerk of Superior Court of Fulton County anything. Court access must reside in the Clerk of Superior Court's office and all other participants including judges' staff should have read only access. Legal counsel must have view only access to the documents it has filed in any case. The Clerk must have the capability of verifying the recorded docket data via the internet and in the current or future case management system.
8. Attorneys/Pro Se's should not be able to access the Oracle Database.

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9. The system(s) must be Windows 2003 and/or Windows XP compatible. The application must be able to work with Norton Antivirus on the same server and there can not be any generic login accounts on the box.

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10. System must be vendor and version neutral regarding word processing capabilities.

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11. The Proposer must provide a mechanism for the Clerk to electronically send orders to legal counsel and get receipts.

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12. Proposer must provide a "disaster recovery" plan that is a real time replication of information stored at the Proposer's primary data storage site. Disaster recovery is defined as any necessary hardware and internet connectivity required allowing the continued storage and transfer of files.

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13. The Proposer must provide for offsite storage of the data stored on a daily basis.

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14. The Proposer must provide a solution for the Clerk of Superior Court to possess an electronic copy of all "imaged documents" in an indexed format.

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15. The document server must meet the Clerk's office requirements which encompass RAID level 5 protection.

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16. The solution(s) must provide for Internet access to the civil case management information. Internet access is defined as Web Page access through the entire available web browsers. Proposer will provide, at no cost to Fulton County, all necessary hardware and software needed to create the web page(s) and the ability to display these web pages on the internet i.e. installation of a IIS web server along with all development of the web pages. Proposer will be solely responsible for the installation, support and maintenance of the web server. The Clerk of Superior Court will have final authorization over the "look and feel" of the web pages created. The Clerk of Superior Court will have final determination as to the hosting location of the web server.

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17. All documents must be stored in read-only PDF format.

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18. The Proposer must provide an electronic signature solution for filing documents and for judge orders. The Proposer must attach rules of court and statutes from other jurisdictions that have authorized the electronic signature.

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19. Court filing fees will be collected by the Proposer and deposited in the Court's bank account within twenty-four (24) hours. Fees must be able to be posted electronically in the TSG Civil Case Management System for any future civil case management system. Programming for this posting

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20. Must be provided by the Proposer while working with the designated court staff and TSG.

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21. Sealed and/or suppressed cases and/or documents must be secure. Proposers must propose a method for ensuring this security.
22. Proposers must maintain a detailed transaction log by user ID.
23. All cases in the database must be indexed for court staff and should also be keyed for indexing by specific attorney subscribers for their cases.
24. The system must provide for electronic acknowledgments and receipts to the Court and user-litigants for all filings and fees.
25. The Proposer must provide a mechanism for either the Clerk or the attorney to print any document imaged on the database related to their cases without loss of content or appearance.
26. The Proposer must provide network security between their system and the Court. This security proposal must be approved by the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court Data Systems Division. Access to the system must be by user ID and must be password protected. Users will have the ability to change their own password. This may be managed by the Clerk's Office Data Systems Division. The network security established for this system must meet or exceed IT and the Clerk's office standards.
27. Attorney information electronically transferred must be linked to the attorney registration module in the TSG Civil Case Management System.

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