



# Department of Purchasing & Contract Compliance

Felicia Strong-Whitaker, Interim Director

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**REQUEST FOR E-QUOTE NUMBER: 14RD91490B**

**PROJECT TITLE: Media Press News Monitoring Services**

**DUE DATE: 1/22/2014**

**WILL BE RECEIVED UNTIL: 2:00 P.M.**

**LAST DAY FOR QUESTIONS: 1/21/2014**

BIDDERS MAY SUBMIT REQUESTS FOR CLARIFICATION OR QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS E-QUOTE TO THE PURCHASING CONTACT PERSON LISTED BELOW. ANY REQUEST SHALL ONLY BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING (FAX OR EMAIL). ALL RESPONSES TO WRITTEN REQUEST(S) WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AS ADDENDA TO THIS E-QUOTE AND POSTED ON THE FULTON COUNTY WEBSITE AT [www.fultoncountyga.gov](http://www.fultoncountyga.gov).

THE COUNTY WILL NOT RESPOND TO REQUESTS RECEIVED AFTER 1/22/2014 AT 2:00 P.M.

E-QUOTE RESPONSES MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE AT [www.fultonvendoreselfservice.co.fulton.ga.us](http://www.fultonvendoreselfservice.co.fulton.ga.us). BY THE DATE AND TIME INDICATED. You must be a registered vendor in order to respond to E-QUOTES.

ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING PURCHASING PROCEDURES OR THE SPECIFICATIONS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED ONLY TO THE PURCHASING CONTACT PERSON LISTED BELOW VIA EMAIL ONLY. NO PHONE CALLS WILL BE ACCEPTED. BIDDERS MAY NOT HAVE CONTACT WITH COUNTY OFFICERS, ELECTED OFFICIALS OR COUNTY EMPLOYEES REGARDING THIS BID PRIOR TO AWARD OF PURCHASE ORDER. VIOLATION OF THIS INSTRUCTION WILL RESULT IN YOUR BID BEING FOUND NON-RESPONSIVE.

CONTACT NAME:  
**Rodney E. Dority**

E-MAIL ADDRESS:  
rodney.dority@fultoncountyga.gov

FAX NUMBER:  
**(404) 893-1734**

All information requested on this sheet must be completed. Unless specifications indicate "NO SUBSTITUTE", items determined by Fulton County to be "EQUAL OR BETTER" will be given full consideration. All prices QUOTED must be "FOB DELIVERED" unless otherwise requested, and must be submitted in the format requested. The County reserves the right to cancel the solicitation and to reject any or all quotes in whole or in part and is not bound to accept any quote if rejection of that quote is determined to be contrary to the best interest of the County.

REQUEST FOR QUOTE  
GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The following provisions are hereby made a part of this Request for Quote ("E-QUOTE"). Any contract or purchase order awarded as the result of this request shall be governed by these General Terms and Conditions. By submission of your responses to this e-quote, vendor agrees to furnish the LABOR(s) and/or service(s) pursuant to these conditions.

1. **GENERAL.** These provisions are standard for all County contracts. The County may delete or modify any of these standard provisions for a particular contract or purchase order by indicating a change in the special instructions or provisions. **Any vendor accepting a purchase order award as the result of this request agrees that the provisions included within this Request for E-Quote shall prevail over any conflicting provision within any standard form contract of the vendor.**
2. **SUBMISSION OF RESPONSES.** Responses must be submitted for e-quotes on-line via the Vendor Self Service system at <https://fultonvendorselfservice.co.fulton.ga.us/webapp/VSSPROD/Advantage>. Response to e-quotes must be received no later than 2:00 p.m. on the date indicated.
3. **AMENDMENTS TO THE REQUEST FOR E-QUOTE.** Any amendment to pricing is valid only if in writing and issued by the County.
4. **ADDENDUM.** Revision to the Request for E-Quote issued by the County prior to the receipt of bids.
5. **NON-COLLUSION.** Bidder certifies that this bid is made without prior understanding, agreement or connection with any other 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. Bidder further understands collusive bidding is a violation of state and federal law and can result in fines, prison sentences and civil damage awards. Bidder agrees to abide by all conditions of this bid and certifies that person signing is authorized to sign this bid or proposal for the bidder.
6. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST.** Vendor states that no County officer or employee, nor any business entity in which they have an interest: a) Has an interest in the contract awarded; b) Has been employed or retained to solicit or aid in the procuring of the resulting contract; c) Will be employed in the performance of such contract without immediate disclosure of such fact to the County.
7. **BASIS OF AWARD.** The County shall award to the overall lowest responsible and responsive vendor complying with the provisions of the Request for E-Quote. The following criteria may be considered by the County in selecting the most advantageous quote: a) Ability to perform the service required within the specified time; b) Conformance to specification; c) The quality of performance in previous contracts; d) Financial ability to perform the contract; e) vendor references. The County reserves the right to cancel the solicitation and to reject any or all quotes in whole or in part and is not bound to accept any quote if rejection of that quote is determined to be contrary to the best interest of the County.
8. **INDEMNIFICATION.** Contractor/Vendor hereby agrees to release, indemnify, defend and hold harmless the County, it's Commissioners, officers, employees, subcontractors, successors, assigns and agents from and against any and all losses (including death), claims, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses (including but not limited to all actions, proceedings, or investigations in respect thereof and any outcome of any such action, proceeding, or investigation), caused by, relating to, based upon or arising out of any act or omission by contractor, it's directors, officers, employees, subcontractors, successors, assigns or agents, or otherwise in connection with it's acceptance, of the performance, or nonperformance, of it's obligations under this agreements.
9. **TAXES.** Fulton County is exempt from the State of Georgia sales tax and exemption certificate will be furnished upon request.
10. **RIGHTS AND REMEDIES OF COUNTY FOR DEFAULT.** If any item furnished by the Vendor fails to conform to specifications, or to the sample submitted by the Vendor, the County may reject it. Upon rejection, the Vendor must promptly reclaim and remove such item without expense to the County, and shall immediately replace all such rejected items with others conforming to such specification and samples. If the Vendor fails to do so, the County has the right to purchase in the open market a corresponding quantity of any such items and to deduct from any monies due the Vendor the difference between the prices named in the purchase order and the actual cost to the County. If the Vendor fails to make prompt delivery of any item, the County has the right to purchase such item in the open market and to deduct from any monies due the Vendor the difference between the prices named in the purchase order and the actual replacement cost to the County. The rights and remedies of the County identified above are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under the purchase order.

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11. **INVOICES AND PAYMENT TERMS.** Invoices are to be mailed to the County department specified on the resulting purchase order or master agreement. All invoices must include the purchase order number or master agreement number. Failure to comply may result in delayed payments. The County payment terms are Net 30 days unless a cash discount is allowed for payment within not less than twenty (20) days. The payment term shall begin on the date the merchandise is inspected, delivered and accepted by the County and the correct invoice is received in the office specified on the purchase order.
12. **LEGAL REQUIREMENTS.** Federal, State, County and local ordinances, rules and regulations, and policies shall govern development, submittal and evaluation of quote and disputes about quotes. Lack of knowledge by any Vendor about applicable law is not a defense.
13. **ASSIGNMENT.** Any purchase order awarded shall not be assignable by the Vendor without the express written approval of the County, and shall not become an asset in any bankruptcy, receivership or guardianship proceedings.
14. **REJECTION OF BID.** Bids may be considered irregular and may be rejected if they show omissions, alternations of form, additions not called for, conditions, limitations, unauthorized alternate bids or other irregularities of any kind. The County reserves the right to waive minor technicalities or irregularities of bid.
15. **TERMINATION.** In the event any of the provisions of the purchase order are violated, the County may serve written notice of its intention to terminate the purchase order. Such notice will state the reason(s) for such intention, and unless within ten (10) days after serving notice upon the contractor, such violation has ceased and satisfactory arrangements for correction made, the purchase order shall, upon expiration of ten (10) days, be terminated. Further, the County reserves the right to terminate for its convenience any purchase order in whole or in part upon giving thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other party.
16. **DEBARMENT.** If a Bidder is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or otherwise excluded from doing business with any government agency which prohibits your firm from participating in any procurement, the Bidder must provide the County with that information as part of its response to this solicitation. Failure to fully and truthfully provide the information required, may result in the disqualification of your bid from consideration or termination of the purchase order, once awarded.
17. **RIGHT TO PROTEST.** Any actual or prospective Bidder who is aggrieved in connection with a solicitation or award of a contract/purchase order must submit its protest in writing to the Director of Purchasing & Contract Compliance, 130 Peachtree St. S.W., Suite 1168, Atlanta, GA 30303. A protest must be submitted to the Director of Purchasing & Contract Compliance in writing within 14 days after such aggrieved entity knows or should have known of the solicitation, the award of contract/purchase order to another or other acts giving rise to a protest. An oral protest or a protest to an official, employee, user department, or other person apart from the Director of Purchasing does not comply with Fulton County Code Section 2-324 and does not toll the protest time period.
18. **BINDING AUTHORITY.** The individual submitting this E-QUOTE must have binding authority to submit contracts on behalf of the responding company. By submitting a response, vendor agrees that their quote is an offer to sell. All bidders shall comply with all Fulton County purchasing laws, policies, and procedures, as well as relevant state and federal laws, including compliance with EEOC hiring guidelines and requirements under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

REQUEST FOR E-QUOTE SPECIFICATIONS

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Media Press News Monitoring Services  
Atlanta Fulton Public Library Systems

**1. DESCRIPTION**

The Fulton County Department of Purchasing & Contract Compliance is soliciting e-quotes from qualified vendors to provide Media Press/News Monitoring Services for the Atlanta/Fulton County Public Library System through December 31, 2014.

**2. CONTACT PERSON**

Please contact Rodney E. Dority, Procurement Officer by e-mail [rodney.dority@fultoncountyga.gov](mailto:rodney.dority@fultoncountyga.gov) or Fax (404) 893-1734 only, with any procedural or technical questions. All questions should be submitted in writing to the Purchasing contact person via email only. No phone calls will be accepted. Any responses made by the County will be provided in writing to all Bidders by addendum. No verbal responses shall be authoritative.

**3. TERM OF AGREEMENT**

*12 months*

**4. LABOR/SERVICE SPECIFICATIONS**

***Successful vendors must provide media/press clipping or news monitoring services that can monitor, track, manage and organize articles regarding the Atlanta Fulton Public Library System. The services provided must meet the following mandatory requirements:***

- ***Vendor must have and provide website address***
- ***The vendor must provide complete copies of all newspaper articles or published information regarding the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System.***
- ***The vendor must utilize all major print sources (including daily and non-daily newspapers, regional publications, trade, and consumer magazines) in carrying out the responsibilities under this contract.***
- ***Vendor will be required to search and provide articles/information regarding the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library from online publications (including news wires, web news sources, Internet forums, blogs, social network sites, Twitter, video sharing sites).***
- ***Vendor must have access to broadcast channels (by digital clip or transcript from all major media markets)***
- ***The service provided by the vendor must include collecting all this content and making it available to the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library.***
- ***Vendor must have the ability to access clips online, and to search for and arrange clips by date, multiple subjects and type of media***
- ***Vendor must utilize online organizations that give digital access to***

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*those stories that match our specific search instructions*

- *Unlimited Keyword searches/mentions*
- *Ability to print online results, to sort results into different online folders, and to filter out erroneous or irrelevant news clips*
- *The service should include providing reports and analysis of all data*
- *The price must include any fixed fees or additional costs as well as the charge per clipping*

**5. PRICING SHEETS**

Media/Press Clipping or News monitoring we estimate we will receive an average of 100-125 clippings per month. Vendor price should be inclusive of all fees associated with services.

Total price \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Examples of pricing sheets are provided below:*

*Hourly Labor Rates*

<i>Item No.</i>	<i>Labor category</i>	<i>Estimated hours/year</i>	<i>Hourly labor rate</i>

**6. SPECIAL CONDITIONS/INSTRUCTIONS**

*Deliver to:*

*Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System  
 One Margaret Mitchell Square  
 Atlanta, GA 30303  
 Attention: Financial Systems Manager*

**7. INSURANCE & RISK MANAGEMENT PROVISIONS**

*[Insurance only applies to labor and/or service bids, do not insert in goods and commodity only quotes].*

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**GEORGIA SECURITY AND IMMIGRATION CONTRACTOR AFFIDAVIT  
For Services or Labor to be Performed**

**E-Verify Affidavit**

**Instructions:**

Contractors must attest to compliance with the requirements of O.C.G.A 13-10-91 and the Georgia Department of Labor Rule 300-10-01-.02 by executing the Contractor Affidavit.

E-Verify apply and is defined as the performance of labor or services where the labor or services is in excess of \$2,499.99.

The **E-Verify Affidavit** must be submitted with the quote submittal.

**STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF FULTON**

**GEORGIA SECURITY AND IMMIGRATION CONTRACTOR AFFIDAVIT AND AGREEMENT**

By executing this affidavit, the undersigned contractor verifies its compliance with O.C.G.A. 13-10-91, stating affirmatively that the individual, firm or corporation which is engaged in the physical performance of services<sup>1</sup> under a contract with **[insert name of prime contractor]** on behalf of **Fulton County Government** has registered with and is participating in a federal work authorization program<sup>2</sup>,<sup>2</sup> in accordance with the applicability provisions and deadlines established in O.C.G.A. 13-10-91.

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

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**EEV/Basic Pilot Program\* User Identification Number**

\_\_\_\_\_  
BY: Authorized Officer of Agent  
(Insert Contractor Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title of Authorized Officer or Agent of Contractor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Authorized Officer or Agent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

Notary Public: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

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1O.C.G.A. § 13-10-90(4), as amended by Senate Bill 160, provides that “physical performance of services” means any performance of labor or services for a public employer (e.g., Fulton County) using a bidding process (e.g., ITB, RFQ, RFP, etc.) or contract wherein the labor or services exceed \$2,499.99, except for those individuals licensed pursuant to title 26 or Title 43 or by the State Bar of Georgia and is in good standing when such contract is for service to be rendered by such individual.

2\*[Any of the electronic verification of work authorization programs operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security or any equivalent federal work authorization program operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security to verify information of newly hired employees, pursuant to the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (IRCA), P.L. 99-603].