



DAWSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT

INVITATION FOR BIDS

FOR

ON-CALL PLUMBING SERVICES

SUBMISSIONS ARE DUE AT THE ADDRESS SHOWN BELOW NO LATER THAN

AUGUST 22, 2017, AT 10:30AM, EST

**DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ATTENTION: PURCHASING MANAGER
25 JUSTICE WAY, SUITE 2223
DAWSONVILLE, GA 30534**

BID # 297-17

THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUBMITTING A RESPONSE TO THIS IFB ON OR BEFORE THE STATED DATE AND TIME WILL BE SOLELY AND STRICTLY THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE OFFEROR.

ISSUE DATE: AUGUST 4, 2017

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SECTION I – GENERAL OVERVIEW

A. PURPOSE

Dawson County Board of Commissioners is issuing this Invitation for Bid (IFB) to solicit services from all interested, qualified and licensed vendors who specialize in Commercial Plumbing Services. The successful commercial plumber must be a Georgia Commercial Licensed Plumber and shall provide all equipment, materials and labor for on-call plumbing services and repairs as needed in various Dawson County locations. The County does not guarantee a minimum value for this contract. Specifications are detailed under Section II.

B. INFORMATION TO VENDORS

1. IFB TIMETABLE

The anticipated schedule for the IFB is as follows:

IFB Released	August 4, 2017
Pre-Bid Meeting	None
Deadline for questions to Dawson County to mhawk@dawsoncounty.org	August 14, 2017 at 1:00PM, EST
Deadline for Addenda posted on www.dawsoncounty.org under Bids & IFBs	August 17, 2017, at 3:00PM, EST
Submittal deadline	August 22, 2017, at 10:30 AM, EST
Tentative Award Date	September 21, 2017, at 6:00PM

Chart 1

There will not be a Pre-bid Meeting held for this solicitation.

2. BID SUBMISSION

One (1) original and one (1) soft copy* of the complete signed submittal must be received, **ON, AUGUST 22, 2017, AT 10:30AM, EASTERN STANDARD TIME**. Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope stating on the outside, the vendor's name, address, **BID #297-17 ON-CALL PLUMBING SERVICES** to:

Dawson County Board of Commissioners
Attention: Purchasing Manager
25 Justice Way, Suite 2223
Dawsonville, GA 30534

Soft copy* is defined as various types of media that include but are not limited to: disc, flash drive or any other media to send a copy of the electronic Bid. Soft copies are to be included in the sealed submission. Vendors should **not** email or fax copies of bids. If vendors email or fax soft copies, vendor may be immediately disqualified. Soft copies will not be returned.

If sending Bid via UPS, FedEx or USPS, please list the above information on the outside of the shipping package/envelope to ensure there is no error in opening prior to official opening date.

Hand delivered copies may be delivered to the above address ONLY between the hours of 8:00AM and 5:00PM EST, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays observed by the Dawson County Government. For a complete listing of holidays please visit www.dawsoncounty.org.

GPS Location

Some GPS systems cannot locate the above named address. Vendors may search the following address if trying to visit the Dawson County Government Center: 25 Tucker Avenue, Dawsonville, GA 30534. Tucker Avenue is located on the East side of the Government Center. Upon arrival, please continue one block West on Shoal Creek Road to Justice Way. Parking for the Government Center is available off of Justice Way. Vendors should verify address is in Dawson County and not a surrounding community.

Coordinates: 34°25'23.08"N 84°07'12.05W

Vendors are responsible for informing any commercial delivery service, if used, of all delivery requirements and for ensuring that the required address information appears on the outer wrapper or envelope used by such service. NOTE: *Many express mail and delivery services do not guarantee overnight by noon to Dawson County.*

Submission by US Mail must be sent to the below address:

Dawson County Board of Commissioners
Attention: Purchasing Manager
25 Justice Way, Suite 2223
Dawsonville, GA 30534

The Submittal must be signed by a company officer who is legally authorized to enter into a contractual relationship in the name of the vendor.

3. CONTACT PERSON

Vendors are encouraged to contact **Melissa Hawk, Purchasing Manager at (706) 344-3501, by fax at (706) 531-2728 or email mhawk@dawsoncounty.org** to clarify any part of the IFB requirements. All questions that arise prior to the DEADLINE FOR QUESTIONS due date shall be directed to the contact person in writing via facsimile or email. Any unauthorized contact shall not be used as a basis for responding to this IFB and also may result in the disqualification of the vendor's submittal.

Vendors may not contact any elected official or other county employee to discuss the bid process or bid opportunities except: 1.) through the Purchasing Manager named herein, or 2.) as provided by existing work agreement(s). This policy shall be strictly enforced and the County reserves the right to reject the submittal of any vendor violating this provision.

4. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/ADDENDA

Dawson County will issue responses to inquiries and any other corrections or amendments it deems necessary in written addenda issued prior to the due date posted on the county's website under the bid information. Vendors should not rely on any representations, statements or explanations other than those made in this IFB or in any addendum to this IFB. Where there appears to be a conflict between the IFB and any addenda issued, the last addendum issued will prevail. Vendors are advised to check the website for addenda before submitting their bids.

Vendors must acknowledge any issued addenda by including the Addenda Acknowledgement with the submittal. Bids which fail to acknowledge the vendor's receipt of any addendum may result in the rejection of the offer if the addendum contains information which substantively changes the Owner's requirements. Absence of acknowledgement does not release the Bidder from being held to any changes/information released in the addenda.

5. LATE SUBMITTAL AND LATE MODIFICATIONS

Submittals received after the due date and time will not be considered. Modifications received after the due date will not be considered. Dawson County Government assumes no responsibility for the premature opening of a Bid not properly addressed and identified, and/or delivered to the proper designation.

6. REJECTION OF BIDS/CANCELLATION

Dawson County Government reserves the right to reject any and all submittals and reserves the right to waive any irregularities or informalities in any submittal or in the submittal procedure, when to do so would be to the advantage of Dawson County. Dawson County reserves the right to cancel this IFB at any time.

7. MIMINUM IFB ACCEPTANCE PERIOD

Submittals shall be valid and may not be withdrawn for a period of 90 days from the date specified for receipt of submittals.

8. NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

By submitting a response to this IFB, the vendor represents and warrants that such Bid is genuine and not a sham or collusive or made in the interest or in behalf of any person not therein named and that the vendor has not directly or indirectly induced or solicited any other vendor to put in a sham Bid, or any other person, firm or corporation to refrain from submitting and that the vendor has not in any manner sought by collusion to secure to that vendor any advantage over any other vendor.

By submitting a Bid, the vendor represents and warrants that no official or employee of Dawson County Government has, in any manner, an interest, directly or indirectly in the Bid or in the contract which may be made under it, or in any expected profits to arise there from.

9. COST INCURRED BY VENDORS

All expenses involved with the preparation and submission of the IFB to the Dawson County Board of Commissioners, or any work performed in connection therewith is the responsibility of the vendor(s).

10. BID OPENING

Bids will be opened and read immediately following bid deadline at the physical address stated in this document. A copy of the bid tabulation to the IFB will be posted on the County Website within three (3) days after the IFB has been opened.

11. OPEN RECORDS

All materials submitted in connection with this IFB will be public documents and subject to the Open Records Act, O.C.G.A. § 50-18-71, all other laws of the State of Georgia and the open records policies of Dawson County Board of Commissioners. All such materials shall remain the property of Dawson County and will not be returned to the respondent.

12. TAXES

Dawson County Government is tax exempt. No sales tax will be charged on any products or services. Dawson County cannot exempt any other person/vendor from applicable sales taxes that may be required of them in relations to this project. Selected vendor will be provided with Dawson County's Sales and Use Tax Certificate of Exemption number upon request.

13. VENDOR INFORMATION

All submissions shall include a completed vendor information form, current copy of business license and current W-9. Failure to provide this information could result in the disqualification of the vendor from submitting a Bid.

14. INSURANCE

Selected vendor will be required to provide a Certificate of Insurance as proof of liability and workman's compensation insurance while under contract with Dawson County. Workman's Compensation Insurance should be as required by the State of Georgia. General Liability at a minimum should cover \$1,000,000 per incident. Dawson County Board of Commissioners shall be named as additionally insured for the project herein.

15. BONDS

If required, under SECTION II – SCOPE OF WORK of this document any combination of the following bonds may be requested by Dawson County. A five percent (5%) bid bond, a one hundred percent (100%) payment bond, and a one hundred percent (100%) performance bond. All bonds would be payable to Dawson County Board of Commissioners. Failure to submit appropriate bonding will result in automatic rejection of bid. Bonding company must be authorized to do business in Georgia by the Georgia Insurance Commission, listed in the Department of Treasury's publication of companies holding certificates of authority as acceptable surety on Federal bonds and as acceptable reinsuring companies, and have an A.M. Best rating.

16. ANTI-DISCRIMINATION

Dawson County, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. 2000d to 2000d-4 and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Nondiscrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises as defined at 49 CFR Part 23 will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this Invitation for Bid and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, handicap/disability in consideration of an award.

By submitting their bids, all bidders certify to Dawson County that they will conform to the provisions of the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964.

In every contract of over \$10,000 the provisions in 1. and 2. below apply:

1. During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:
 - a. The contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, sex or national origin, except where religion, sex or national origin is a bona fide occupational qualification reasonably necessary to the normal operation of the contractor. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for

employment, notices setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

- b. The contractor, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, will state that such contractor is an equal opportunity employer.
 - c. Notices, advertisements and solicitations placed in accordance with federal law, rule or regulation shall be deemed sufficient for the purpose of meeting the requirements of this section.
2. The contractor will include the provisions of 1. above in every subcontract or purchase order of over \$10,000 so that the provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor.

17. GEORGIA SECURITY AND IMMIGRATION COMPLIANCE ACT

Vendors submitting a Qualification package in response to this IFB must provide the following information in the package to indicate compliance with the Georgia Security and Immigration Compliance Act. The form is provided for completion.

- A. A statement that indicates the contractor will conduct itself in compliance with O.C.G.A. §13-10-91 and Rule 300-10-.02 in the execution of the contract.
- B. By completing the affidavit that is provided with this solicitation, the vendor is attesting to the following:
 - a. The affiant has registered with and is authorized to use the federal work authorization program;
 - b. The user identification number and date of authorization for the affiant;
 - c. The affiant is using and will continue to use the federal work authorization program throughout the contract period;
 - d. Any employee, contractor, or subcontractor of such contractor or subcontractor shall also be required to satisfy the requirements set forth in this paragraph; and
 - e. Upon contracting with a new subcontractor, a contractor or subcontractor shall notify Dawson County and shall deliver a completed Subcontractor Affidavit to Dawson County within five (5) working days of entering into a contract or agreement of hire with the subcontractor before the new subcontractor begins any work.
- C. Failure to provide the completed and notarized affidavit with the contractor's Bid will result in immediate disqualification as required by the Georgia Security and Immigration Compliance Act.

18. GRATUITIES

Dawson County acknowledges that it may be customary to provide gifts to employees or departments. However, It shall be unethical for any County employee involved in making procurement decisions to have personal investments in any business entity that creates a Conflict between their private interests and their public duties.

It shall be unethical for any person to offer, give, or agree to give any Dawson County employee, or for any Dawson County employee to solicit, demand, accept, or agree to accept from any vendor or business, a gift or gratuity in any amount in exchange for any decision, approval, disapproval, or recommendation concerning a solicitation.

SECTION II – GENERAL CONDITIONS

A. PURPOSE

Dawson County Board of Commissioners is issuing this Invitation for Bids (IFB) to solicit services from all interested, qualified and licensed vendors who specialize in Commercial Plumbing Services. The successful commercial plumber must be a Georgia Commercial Licensed Plumber and shall provide all equipment, materials and labor for on-call plumbing services and repairs as needed in various Dawson County locations for the calendar year of 2018. The contract would have the option for two (2) additional one (1) year renewal terms. This contract does not include plumbing work in new constructions.

All services are subject to budget availability and are on as-needed basis. The County does not guarantee a minimum value for this contract.

B. CONTRACT PERIOD

The term of a contract awarded as a result of this Invitation for Bids shall be from the time the bid is accepted until delivery and acceptance of the goods solicited by Dawson County. All standard warranties shall apply.

The contract shall terminate absolutely and without further obligation at such time as appropriated and otherwise unobligated funds are no longer available to satisfy the obligations of the County under this contract.

If, at any time, the County determines it is in its best interest to discontinue use of these services the County reserves the right to cancel this Agreement by giving thirty (30) days advance written notice.

Dawson County will not incur any costs as a result of this IFB or a contract.

C. SPECIFICATIONS

Scope of Services

The Scope of Services, as may be modified through negotiation and/or by written addendum issued by the County, will be made part of this Agreement.

The Contractor must either own or have immediate access to equipment necessary to do ALL of services listed below. If the Contractor must rent any (or all) equipment necessary to do any part of the required services, there shall be no additional cost to the County not listed on the Price Proposal Form.

- a. All types of commercial plumbing repairs including confined space repairs
- b. Handle plumbing associated with remodels and build-outs
- c. Install new fixtures
- d. Relocate fixtures
- e. Commercial re-piping
- f. High-pressure jet drain cleaning-large and small diameter
- g. Backflow installation, testing and repair
- h. Lift Station installation, repair and maintenance
- i. Electronic line location
- j. Residential and commercial water heater replacement and repairs
- k. Fiber-optic pipeline video inspection
- l. Septic tank pumping
- m. Pump repair and installation

Qualifications

The Contractor must have an established business with a minimum of five (5) years hands-on experience in commercial plumbing servicing and repairs.

The Contractor must be located within a 75 mile radius of Dawson County, Georgia to ensure prompt service.

The Contractor must have a licensed master plumber on staff to allow for legal submission of pricing as per O.C.G.A. Title 43, Chapter 14.

No work shall be performed on any County building by anyone Contractor's staff that is not licensed to do such work as per O.C.G.A. Title 43, Chapter 14, other State and Federal laws and local code.

All work shall be performed per O.C.G.A. Title 8, Chapter 2, other State and Federal laws and local code.

The Contractor's staff performing work within confined spaces must be OSHA certified for such duty.

Delivery of Services

- a. Contractor must be able to provide service twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week, three hundred sixty five (365) days a year, including holidays for the duration of the agreement.
- b. Dawson County expects the Contractor to give "priority" service to any call for Plumbing repairs for the County. Response times must be stated on the Vendor's Price Proposal Form. Plumbing failure in some County facilities is a matter of public safety; therefore, reliable emergency response capabilities are critical. Contractor must commit to emergency response times as reported on Vendor's Price Proposal Form.
- c. Service will be performed in a variety of government locations including administrative offices, courthouses, park facilities, senior center and the Dawson County Law Enforcement Center. All unique requirements and or regulations for each location shall be strictly followed by the Contractor and the Contractor's employees.
- d. For purpose of pricing service calls, Dawson County's "normal business hours" are defined as being: 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM, Monday through Friday. All other calls outside these hours, including weekends and holidays will be considered "outside normal business hours." For a complete listing of all county observed holidays visit www.dawsoncounty.org. Travel time is to be included in the per hour rate. Travel time will not be billed separately.

The Contractor shall provide a detailed job estimate for each work requested by the County prior to the beginning of said work, unless Facilities Director waives this estimate per job. The estimate will include, at a minimum, the following:

- a. The number and type of workers to be used.
- b. The estimated time required to complete the work, start to finish.
- c. A list of all parts/supplies to be purchased.

Hourly Rate

The hourly rate quoted shall be a straight-time rate for all labor, equipment use, travel time and any and all other costs to the Contractor per person. Contractor shall not dispatch more than one (1) employee per service request, unless requested by the Facilities Director or his designee.

The extended working hours shall not exceed one-and-one half (1 ½) times the value of the regular working hours rate.

Management Agent/Employees

The Vendor shall appoint a main point of contact, or agent, who will routinely review and inspect operations and consult with the County on current and future services.

Warranty, Maintenance & Repairs

Vendors to describe the type of warranty/guarantee for service provided for the County on the Vendor's Price Proposal form, use separate pages if necessary.

Completing the Vendor's Price Bid Form

1. Vendors must provide pricing on the **Vendor's Price Bid Form** included in this document.
2. If bidding an item different in any way from the exact specifications, Bidders must furnish catalogue pages, specification sheets or similar data to support the product equivalency to the Vendor's Price Bid Form.
3. If a vendor does not wish to bid a certain item the response of "**No Bid**" is appropriate. This does not disqualify vendors. Dawson County will look at the totality of each Bid.
4. Bids shall be based upon unit prices for estimated quantities, where applicable, excepting where bid items require lump sum Bids as indicated by the Bid form.
5. Where errors or omissions result in discrepancies in bid totals, prices per unit as submitted will be binding.
6. Bidders shall state standard time from order to delivery on the Vendor's Price Bid Form. Furthermore, Bidders shall state surcharge for rush deliveries.
7. Due to the nature of this material it is *vital* that all material arrive on or before the proposed number of delivery days stated in the Price Bid Sheet. Time is of the essence and is an essential element of this IFB.
8. All vehicles and equipment will be delivered so as to arrive in good condition, if awarded as such.
9. Neither Dawson County nor its employees will be culpable for damaged vehicles resulted from handling or transportation, if awarded as FOB.

Payment

1. Upon inspection and acceptance of all goods, amount due shall be eligible for payment.
2. Vendor must furnish delivery receipt with invoice identifying that order has been delivered in accordance with specifications, quantities, and price set forth on the original order. A Dawson County employee's signature must appear on the delivery receipt or invoice.
3. If in the event an order is not completed or items are on back order, those items will not be included on invoice until after successful delivery. If vendor continues to invoice for items yet to be delivered, this is cause for cancellation of contract.
4. Dawson County is tax exempt. A Tax Exemption certificate will be provided upon award.
5. Dawson County cannot exempt others from taxes. Vendor must pay taxes as applicable by law.
6. Dawson County reserves the right to deduct from payment any monies owed to Dawson County by the vendor.

7. Itemized all invoices in full, to include plumbing trade used at each job, hours of work for each employee, use of specialized equipment, if any. Show payment terms, reference Purchase Orders (if applicable).
8. Inspection and Acceptance of Deliveries: The County reserves the right to inspect all goods and products delivered. The County will decide whether to accept or reject items delivered. The inspection shall be conclusive except with respect to latent defects, fraud, or such gross mistakes as shall amount to fraud. Final inspection resulting in acceptance or rejection of the products will be made as soon as practicable, but failure to inspect shall not be construed as waiver by the County to claim reimbursement or damages for such products which are later found to be in non-conformance with specifications. Should public necessity demand it, the County reserves the right to use or consume articles delivered which are substandard in quality subject to an adjustment in price be determined by the department.
9. Upon inspection and acceptance of all items, amount due shall be eligible for payment. Bids that require a down payment or mid-payment are not acceptable.
10. Final payment will be based upon actual in-place products and upon acceptance by the County.
11. Dawson County pays on a NET/30 term based on date correct invoice received by our Accounts Payable Department. All invoices should be sent to:

Dawson County Board of Commissioners
ATTN: Accounts Payable
25 Justice Way, Suite 2220
Dawsonville, GA 30534
cmcmillon@dawsoncounty.org

Contract

Representative:

Dawson County Facilities Department
ATTN: James Tolbert
189 Highway 53 West
Dawsonville, GA 30534
jtolbert@dawsoncounty.org

D. ADMINISTRATION

The project will be administered by the Purchasing Manager with the Dawson County Public Works Director or designee being the main point of contact for all questions during the term of the contract.

E. PROCEDURES AND MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

1. All questions shall be submitted in writing (e-mail is acceptable) and shall be communicated in the form of an addenda if the scope specifications are to be affected and posted on the County's website under the bid information, all firms responding to this IFB should check the website before responding to this IFB.
2. All respondents to this IFB shall indemnify and hold harmless the Dawson County

Board of Commissioners, and any of their officers and employees from all suits and claims alleged to be a result of this IFB. The issuance of this IFB constitutes only an invitation to present a Bid. The Dawson County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to determine, at its sole discretion, whether any aspect of a respondent's submittal meets the criteria in this IFB. The Dawson County Board of Commissioners also reserves the right to seek clarifications, to negotiate with any vendor submitting a response, to reject any or all responses with or without cause, and to modify the procurement process and schedule. In the event that this IFB is withdrawn or the project canceled for any reason, the Dawson County Board of Commissioners shall have no liability to any respondent for any costs or expenses incurred in connection with this IFB or otherwise.

3. The IFB is subject to the provisions of the Dawson County Purchasing Policy and any revisions thereto, which are hereby incorporated into this IFB in their entirety except as amended or superseded herein.
4. Failure to submit all the mandatory forms from this IFB package shall be just cause for the rejection of the qualification package. However, Dawson County reserves the right to decide, on a case by case basis, in its sole discretion, whether or not to reject such a bid as non-responsive.
5. Any payment terms requiring payment in less than 30 days will be regarded as requiring payment 30 days after invoice or delivery, whichever occurs last. This shall not affect offers of discounts for payment less than 30 days, however.
6. In case of failure to deliver goods in accordance with the contract terms and conditions, Dawson County, after due oral or written notice, may procure substitute goods or services from other sources and hold the Vendor responsible for any resulting additional purchasing and administrative costs. This remedy shall be in addition to any other remedies which Dawson County may have.
7. By submitting a qualification package, the vendor is certifying that they are not currently debarred from bidding on contracts by any agency of the State of Georgia, nor are they an agent of any person or entity that is currently debarred from submitting bids on contracts by any agency of the State of Georgia.
8. Any contract resulting from this IFB shall be governed in all respects by the laws of the State of Georgia and any litigation with respect thereto shall be brought in the courts of the State of Georgia. Then Vendor shall comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.
9. It is understood and agreed between the parties herein that Dawson County shall be bound hereunder only to the extent of the funds available or which may hereafter become available for the purpose of this agreement.
10. Each Bid should be prepared simply and economically, avoiding the use of elaborate promotional materials beyond those sufficient to provide a complete presentation. The cost for developing the submittal is the sole responsibility of the respondent.

F. BONDS

Bid Bond – not required

Payment Bond – not required
Performance Bond – not required

G. DETERMINATION OF SUCCESSFUL BIDDER

The contract will be awarded to the lowest responsive, responsible Bidder, if awarded.

a. Responsibility

The determination of the Bidder's responsibility will be made by the County based on whether the Bidder:

- maintains a permanent place of business.
- has the appropriate technical experience, where applicable.
- has adequate plant and equipment to do the work properly and expeditiously and has suitable financial means to meet obligations incidental to this work, where applicable.

The Bidder shall furnish, to the County, all such information and data for this purpose as the County may request.

b. Responsiveness

The determination of responsiveness will be made by the County based on a consideration of whether the Bidder has submitted a complete Bid form without irregularities, excisions, special conditions, or alternative bids for any time unless specifically requested on the Bid form.

H. FINAL SELECTION

Following review of all qualified Bids, selection of a suitable vendor, and preliminary contract negotiations, a recommendation will be made to the Dawson County Board of Commissioners by the project representative. Following Commission approval, the County will complete the contract process.

The Dawson County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to accept the response that is determined to be in the best interest of the County. The County reserves the right to reject any and or all Bids.

Every vendor submitting a Bid must complete the forms showing compliance with the **GEORGIA SECURITY AND IMMIGRATION COMPLIANCE ACT OCGA §13-10-90**. The forms are provided with this IFB package.

SECTION III – GENERAL TERMS

A. DEFINITION

Where used in the project manual, the following words and terms shall have the meanings indicated. The meanings shall be applicable to the singular, plural, masculine and feminine of the words and terms.

Acceptance. Formal action of the Owner in determining that the Contractor's work has been completed in accordance with the contract and in notifying the Contractor in writing of the acceptability of the work.

Act of God. A cataclysmic phenomenon of nature, such as a hurricane, earthquake, or abnormal flood. Rain, wind, high water, or other natural phenomenon which might reasonably have been anticipated from historical records of the general locality of the work shall not be construed as acts of God.

Addenda. Supplemental written specifications or drawings issued prior to execution of the contract which modify or interpret the project manual by addition, deletion, clarification, or corrections.

Bid. Offer of a bidder submitted on the prescribed form setting forth the price or prices of the work to be performed.

Bidder. Individual, partnership, corporation, or a combination thereof, including joint ventures, offering a bid to perform the work.

Contract. The writings and drawings embodying the legally binding obligations between the Owner and the Contractor for completion of the work; Contract Documents attached to the Contract and made a part thereof as provided herein.

Contract Documents. The Contract, Addenda (which pertain to the Contract Documents), Contractor's Bid (including documentation accompanying the Bid and any post Bid documentation submitted prior to the Notice of Award), the Notice to Proceed, the Bonds, these General Conditions, the Special Conditions, the Specifications and Drawings, together with all Written Amendments, Change Orders, Work Change directives, Field Orders, and Drawing submittals.

Contract Drawings. The drawings which show the scope, extent, and character of the work to be furnished and performed by the Contractor and which have been prepared and reviewed by the Engineer/Architect/Architect and are referred to in the Contract Documents.

Contract Price. Amount payable to the Contractor under the terms and conditions of the contract. Based on the price given on the bidding schedule, with adjustments made in accordance with the contract. The base amount given in the bidding schedule shall be either a lump sum bid or the summation of the unit price bids multiplied by the estimated quantities set forth in the bid form.

Contract Time. Number of calendar days stated in the contract for the completion of the work or portions thereof.

Contractor. The individual, partnership, corporation, or combination thereof, including joint ventures that enter into the contract with the Owner for the performance of the work. The term covers subcontractors, equipment and material suppliers, and their employees.

Contractor's Plant and Equipment. Equipment, material, supplies, and all other items, except labor, brought onto the site by the Contractor to carry out the work, but not to be incorporated in the work. The Owner will make available to the Contractor, for his plant, equipment and storage, only the area indicated on the Site Plan within the limits of the work. The Contractor shall confine his operations to his allotted areas to avoid interference with the Building's normal and continued operation. The Contractor's and subcontractor's personnel shall not be permitted to park their cars on Owner's property except in the area designated for construction. The General Contractor shall see that this restriction is enforced.

Contract Technical Representative. The day-to-day County Representative designated by the Owner.

County. Owner.

Day. Calendar day.

Defective. An adjective which when modifying the word "work" refers to work, including but not limited to the furnishing of materials, that is unsatisfactory, faulty, deficient, or performed in a non-workmanlike manner, in that it does not conform to or meet the requirements of the Contract, any inspection, reference standard, test or approval referred to in the Contract, or has been damaged prior to a recommendation of final payment.

Direct. Action of the Owner by which the Contractor is ordered to perform or refrain from performing work under the contract.

Directive. Written documentation of the actions of the Engineer/Architect/Architect or the Owner in directing the Contractor.

Engineer/Architect/Architect. Whenever the word “Engineer/Architect” and/or “Architect” is used in the contract, it shall be understood as referring to the Engineer/Architect/Architect of the Owner, or such other Engineer/Architect/Architect, supervisor, or inspector as may be authorized by the Owner to act in any particular area of the Contract.

Equipment. Mechanical, electrical, instrumentation, or other device with one or more moving parts, or devices requiring an electrical, pneumatic, electronic, or hydraulic connection.

Furnish. To deliver to the job site or other specified location any item, equipment, or material.

Herein. Refers to information presented in the project manual.

Holidays. Legal holidays designated by the Owner.

Install. Placing, erecting, or constructing complete in place any item, equipment, or material.

May. Refers to permissive actions.

Owner. Dawon County Board of Commissioners, Dawsonville, Georgia.

Person. The term, person, includes firms, companies, corporations, partnerships, and joint ventures.

Project. The undertaking to be performed under the provisions of the contract.

Project Manual. Those contract documents prepared for bidding and as amended by addenda.

Provide. Furnish and install, complete in place.

Punch List. List of incomplete items of work and of items of work which are not in conformance with the contract. The list will be prepared by the Engineer/Architect when the Contractor (1) notifies the Engineer/Architect in writing that the work has been completed in accordance with the contract and (2) requests in writing that the Owner accept the work.

Shall. Refers to actions by either the Contractor or the Owner and means the Contractor or Owner has entered into a covenant with the other party to do or perform the action.

Shown. Refers to information presented on the drawings, with or without reference to the drawings.

Specifications. That part of the contract documents consisting of written descriptions of the technical features of materials, equipment, construction system, standards, and workmanship. Titles of sections and paragraphs in these contract documents are introduced merely for convenience and shall not be taken as a complete segregation of the various units of materials and labor.

Specify. Refers to information described, shown, noted, or presented in any manner in any part of the contract.

Submittals. The information which is specified for submission to the Owner in accordance with Division of the project manual.

Substantial Completion. Sufficient completion of the project or the portion thereof to permit utilization of the project, or portion thereof for its intended purpose. Substantial completion requires not only that the work be sufficiently completed to permit utilization, but that the Owner can effectively utilize the substantially completed work. Determination of substantial completion is solely at the discretion of the Owner. Substantial completion does not mean complete in accordance with the contract nor shall substantial completion of all or any part of the project entitle the Contractor to acceptance under the contract.

Substantial Completion Date. Date shown on the certificate of Substantial Completion.

Will. Refers to actions entered into by the Contractor or the Owner as a covenant with the other party to do or to perform the action.

Work. The labor, materials, equipment, supplies, services, and other items necessary for the execution, completion, and fulfillment of the contract.

B. ROYALTIES AND PATENTS

The Contractor shall pay all royalties and license fees and assume all costs incident to the use in the performance of the work or the incorporation in the work of any invention, design, process, product, or device which is the subject of the patent rights or copyrights held by others. He shall defend all suits or claims for infringement of any patent rights and shall hold harmless the Owner, its officers, employees, and agents from loss on account thereof, except that the Owner shall be responsible for all such loss when

a particular manufacturer, product, or process is specified by the Owner and properly installed by the Contractor pursuant to the manufacturer's specifications.

C. VERBAL AGREEMENTS

No verbal agreement or conversation with any officer, agent, or employee of the Owner either before or after execution of this Contract shall affect or modify any of the terms of obligations contained in any of the documents comprising said Contract.

D. GENERAL WARRANTY AND GUARANTEE

The Contractor shall warrant and guarantee the work required under this Contract for a period of twelve months from the date of Final Acceptance. The Contractor warrants and guarantees to Owner, that materials and equipment furnished under the Contract shall be of good quality and new unless otherwise required or permitted by the Contract Documents, that all work will be in accordance with the Contract Documents, and that all work will be of good quality, free from faults and defects. Work not conforming to these requirements, including substitutions not properly approved and authorized, may be considered defective. If required by the Owner or the Engineer/Architect, the Contractor shall furnish satisfactory evidence as to the kind and quality of materials and equipment.

The Contractor's obligation to perform and complete the work in a workmanlike manner, free from faults and defects and in accordance with the Contract Documents shall be absolute. The Contractor shall remedy, at his own expense, and without additional cost to the Owner, all defects arising from either workmanship or materials, as determined by the Owner, or Owner's representative. The obligations of the Contractor under this Paragraph shall not include normal wear and tear under normal usage.

E. INDEMNITY

To the fullest extent permitted by laws, statutes, rules and regulations, the Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the County, Engineer/Architect, Engineer/Architect's Consultants and the Officers, Directors, Employees, Agents, and other Consultants of each and any of them from and against claims, costs, damages, losses, and expenses, including but not limited to all fees and charges of Engineer/Architects, architects, attorneys and other professionals and all court costs, arising out of or resulting from performance of the work, but only to the extent caused in whole or in part by negligent, reckless, willful and wanton, or wrongful acts or omissions of the Contractor, its Officers, Directors, Employees, Agents, and anyone directly, or indirectly employed by them or anyone for whose acts they may be liable, regardless of whether or not such claim, cost, damage, loss, or expense is caused in part by a party indemnified hereunder, except that no party shall indemnify any other party or person for their own sole negligence.

Such obligation shall not be construed to negate, abridge or reduce other rights or obligations of indemnity which would otherwise exist as to a party or person described in this Paragraph.

Comprehensive General Liability -The successful Bidder shall exercise proper precaution at all times for the protection of persons and property. He shall carry approved insurance from insurance companies authorized to do business in Georgia and having an A.M. Best's rating of B+ or better with the following minimums:

***The limits of insurance are as follows:**

- a) general liability insurance of at least One Million (1,000,000) Dollars (Combined Single Limit per occurrence) and Two Million (2,000,000) Dollars aggregate;
- b) automobile insurance of at least One Million (1,000,000) Dollars (Combined Single Limit per accident for bodily injury or property damage); and
- c) Workers' Compensation Insurance as will protect potential bidder or offerer from Worker's Compensation Acts

F. BUSINESS LICENSE

Contractors and subcontractors shall have a current Occupation Tax Certificate, and shall furnish certificate and license numbers prior to entering into a contract with the Owner.

G. OBLIGATIONS AND LIABILITY OF THE CONTRACTOR

The Contractor shall do all the work and furnish all the materials, tools, and appliances, except as herein otherwise specified, and everything necessary for properly performing and completing the work required by the Contract, in the manner and within the time specified. He shall complete the entire work to the satisfaction of the Owner, and in accordance with the Specifications and Plans herein mentioned, at the prices herein agreed upon and fixed therefore.

All the work labor and materials to be done and furnished under this Contract shall be done and furnished strictly pursuant to, and in conformity with, the Contract Documents, and the directions of the Engineer/Architect as given from time to time during the progress of the work, under the terms of this Contract.

All loss or damage arising out of the performance or nature of the work, or any damage to the work itself to be done under this contract or from any unforeseen obstruction or difficulties which may be encountered in the prosecution of the same, or from the action of the elements or from any cause or causes whatsoever, until the same shall have been finally accepted, shall be sustained and paid for by the Contractor.

The Contractor shall coordinate his operations with those of any other contractors who may be employed on other work of the Owner and shall avoid interference therewith and cooperate in the arrangements for storage of materials.

The Contractor shall conduct his work so as to interfere as little as possible with private business and public travel. He shall, at his own expense, wherever necessary,

or required, maintain fences, furnish watchmen, maintain lights, and take such other precautions as may be necessary to protect life and property.

The Contractor shall take all responsibility for the work done under this Contract, for the protection of the work, and for preventing injuries to persons, and damage to property and utilities on or about the work.

He shall in no way be relieved of his responsibility by any rights of the Owner, its officers, employees and agents to give permission or issue orders relating to any part of the work, or by any such permission given or orders issued, or by failure of the Owner, its officers, employees and agents to give such permission or issue such orders. The Contractor shall bear all losses resulting to him or to the Owner, its officers, employees and agents on account of the amount or character of the work, or because of the nature of the land in or on which the work is done is different from what was estimated or expected, or on account of the weather elements or other causes. The Contractor shall assume the defense of all claims arising out of injury or damage to persons, corporations, or property, whether said claims arise out of negligence or not, or whether said claims are for unavoidable damage or not, and from all claims relating to labor and materials furnished for the work and from all expenses incurred in defending or settling such claims, including reasonable attorney's fees.

The Contractor shall so conduct his operations as not to damage existing structures or work installed either by him or by other contractors. In case of any such damage resulting from his own operations, he shall repair and make good as new the damaged portions at his own expense.

The Contractor warrants that he is familiar with the codes applicable to the work and that he has the skill, knowledge, competence, organization, and plant to execute the work promptly and efficiently in compliance with the requirements of the Contract Documents. The Contractor having the obligation to keep a competent superintendent on the work during its progress, to employ only skilled mechanics, and to enforce strict discipline and good order among his employees, the Contractor, himself is responsible for seeing that the work is installed in accordance with the Contract Documents.

Failure or omission on the part of the Owner, representative of the Owner, agents of the Owner, Project Representative, clerk-of-the-works, Engineer/Architects employed by the Engineer/Architect, representatives of the Engineer/Architect or the Engineer/Architect either to discover or to bring to the attention of the Contractor any deviation from, omission from, or non-compliance with the Contract Documents shall not be set up by the Contractor as a defense of failure to his part to install the work in accordance with the Contract Documents or for any other neglect to fulfill requirements of the Contract; nor shall the presence of any one, or all, or any of the foregoing at the site of the fact that any one, or all, or any of the foregoing may have examined the work or any part of it be set up as a defense by the Contractor against a claim for failure on his part to install the work in accordance with the Contract Documents or for any neglect to fulfill requirements of the Contract. No requirement of this Contract may be altered or waived except in pursuance of a written order of the Owner and in strict accordance with the provisions in the Contract for changes in the work.

H. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CONTRACTOR

1. **Subcontractors, Manufacturers, and Suppliers.**

The Contractor shall be responsible for the adequacy, efficiency, and sufficiency of subcontractors, manufacturers, suppliers and their employees.

2. **Contractor's Employees.**

The Contractor shall be responsible for the adequacy, efficiency, and sufficiency of his employees. Workers shall have sufficient knowledge, skill, and experience to perform properly the work assigned to them.

3. **Payment For Labor and Materials.**

The Contractor shall pay and require his subcontractors to pay any and all accounts for labor including Workers Compensation premiums, State Unemployment and Federal Social Security payments, and other wage and salary deductions required by law. The Contractor also shall pay and cause his subcontractors to pay any and all accounts for services, equipment, and materials used by him and his subcontractors during the performance of work under this contract. Such accounts shall be paid as they become due and payable. If requested by the Owner, the Contractor shall furnish proof of payment of such accounts to the Owner.

4. **Attention to Work.**

The Contractor, acting through his representative, shall give personal attention to and shall manage the work so that it shall be prosecuted faithfully. When his representative is not personally present at project site, his designated alternate shall be available and shall have the authority to act on the contract.

5. **Employee Safety.**

The Contractor alone shall be responsible for the safety of his and his subcontractor's employees. The Contractor shall maintain the project site and perform the work in a manner which meets the Owner's responsibility under statutory and common law for the provision of a safe place to work.

6. **Public Safety and Convenience.**

The Contractor shall conduct his work so as to insure the least possible obstruction to traffic and inconvenience to the general public and the residents in the vicinity of the work and to insure the protection of persons and property. No road or street shall be closed to the public except with the permission of the Owner. Fire hydrants on or adjacent to the work shall be accessible to firefighting equipment. Temporary provisions shall be made by the Contractor to insure the use of sidewalks, private and public driveways, and proper functioning of gutters, sewer inlets, drainage ditches and culverts, irrigation ditches and natural water courses.

7. **Cooperation with the Construction Inspector.**

The Contractor, when requested, shall assist the Construction Inspector in obtaining access to work which is to be inspected. The Contractor shall provide the Construction Inspector with information requested in connection with the inspection of the work.

I. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

The Contractor shall keep himself fully informed of all existing and future State and Federal Laws, all regulations of the various departments or agencies of the State of Georgia, and local ordinances and regulations in any manner affecting those engaged or employed in the work, or the materials used in the work, or in any way affecting the conduct of the work and of all such orders and decrees of bodies or tribunals having

any jurisdiction or authority over the same. If any discrepancy or inconsistency is discovered, in the Plans, Drawings, Specifications, or Contract for this work in relation to any such law, ordinance, regulations, order, or decree, he shall forthwith report the same to the Engineer/Architect and Owner in writing.

He shall at all times himself observe and comply with, and cause all his agents and employees to observe and comply with, all such existing and future laws, ordinances, regulations, orders, and decrees; and shall protect and indemnify the Owner, its officers, employees and agents against any claim or liability arising from or based upon violation of any such law, ordinance, regulation, order, or decree, whether by himself or his employees or any subcontractor.

J. RIGHTS OF VARIOUS INTERESTS

Wherever work, being done by the Owner's forces or by other Contractors, is contiguous to work covered by this Contract, the respective rights of the various interests involved shall be established by the Owner, to secure the completion of the various portions of the work in general harmony.

K. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

There shall be no discrimination against any employee who is employed in the work covered by this Agreement, or against any applicant for such employment because of race, color, religion, sex or national origin. This provision shall include, but is not limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, rates or pay or their forms of compensation, and selection for training, including apprenticeship.

L. MATERIAL DELIVERY, HANDLING AND STORAGE

The Contractor shall schedule and sequence the delivery of material and equipment such that installation can be accomplished in a timely manner. The Contractor shall thoroughly examine all material and equipment upon delivery and shall not accept delivery of defective or damaged material or equipment.

Nylon slings and chokers shall be used for lifting all material and equipment. Chains, cables, wire rope, or other such items that may cause change to factory applied coatings shall not be used for handling of material or equipment.

Material and equipment shall be stored as compactly and neatly as practicable at points convenient for the Contractor and which do not damage the work or interfere with or are otherwise hazardous to traffic. Material and equipment shall be stored so as to facilitate inspection and to insure preservation of their quality and fitness for use. All material and equipment shall be stored on wooden skids or platforms such as not to be in direct contact with the ground.

All mechanical and electrical equipment shall be stored and covered in a manner such as to completely be protected from dust and moisture. Prior to the delivery of any materials or equipment the Contractor shall submit, for the Engineer/Architect's review, a plan showing all designated storage and assembly areas. Should the Contractor choose to store material or equipment or use for assembly property

which is not owned by the Owner or the Contractor, a letter of permission signed by the legal owner of the property shall be obtained by the Contractor and submitted to the Engineer/Architect a minimum of 24 hours prior to delivery. All material and equipment stored at any facility other than the site shall be tagged with the Owners name and the project number. Payment shall not be made for "Stored Materials" for any material stored at locations or in any manner not suitable to the Owner.

M. SAFETY AND HEALTH REGULATIONS

The Contractor shall comply with the Department of Labor, Safety and Health Regulations for Construction promulgated under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, as amended. The Contractor also shall comply with the provisions of the High-Voltage Safety Act of the State of Georgia, O.C.G.A. Section 46-3-30 et. seq., and all federal, state, and local codes, regulations, and standards.

N. PAYMENTS WITHHELD PRIOR TO FINAL ACCEPTANCE

The Owner may withhold or, an account of subsequently discovered evidence, nullify the whole or part of any certificate of payments to such extent as may be necessary to protect himself from loss on account of:

1. Defective work not remedied.
2. Claims filed or reasonable evidence indicating proposed public filing of claims by other parties against the Contractor.
3. Failure of the Contractor to make payments properly to Subcontractors or for material or labor.
4. Damage to another Contractor.

When the above grounds are removed or the Contractor provides a Surety Bond, satisfactory to the Owner, which will protect the Owner in the amount withheld, payment shall be made for amounts withheld because of them.

Nothing in this paragraph shall negate, abridge, or alter other grounds for withholding or delaying payment to the Contractor as stated in the Contract.

O. TERMINATION OF CONTRACT

1. Termination for Convenience of Owner.

The Owner may, at will, upon written notice to the Contractor, terminate (without prejudice to any right or remedy of the Owner) the whole or any portion of the Work for the convenience of the Owner.

The Contractor in calculating his termination application for payment, shall develop his outstanding costs in accordance with Section 83, including those materials in transit and uncancellable with the appropriate percentage markups; subcontractors shall follow same procedures. All costs must be substantiated by adequate back-up documentation. The termination will not affect any rights or remedies of the Owner against the Contractor then existing or which may thereafter accrue. Any retention or payment of moneys due to the Contractor by the Owner will not release the Contractor from liability.

2. Default Termination.

The Owner may, if in the Owner's sole judgment and upon written notice to the Contractor, terminate (without prejudice to any right or remedy of Owner) the whole or any portion of the Work required by the contract Documents in any one of the following circumstances:

- A.** If the Contractor refuses or fails to prosecute the Work, or any separable part thereof, with such diligence as will ensure the Substantial Completion of the Work within the Contract time;
- B.** The Contractor is in material default in carrying out any provisions of this Contract for a cause within its control;
- C.** If the Contractor files a voluntary petition in bankruptcy or a petition seeking or acquiescing in any reorganization, arrangement, composition, readjustment, liquidation, dissolution or similar relief for itself under any present or future federal, state or other statute, law or regulation relating to bankruptcy, insolvency or other relief for debtors;
- D.** If a trustee, receiver or liquidator, is appointed for the Contractor or for all or any substantial part of the property of the Contractor; or if the Contractor makes a general assignment for the benefit of creditors or admits in writing its inability to pay its debts generally as they become due;
- E.** If the Contractor has filed against it a petition in bankruptcy under any present or future federal or state statute, law or regulation relating to bankruptcy, insolvency or other relief for debtors and the same is not discharged on or before forty-five (45) days after the date of the filing thereof; or if the Contractor is adjudged a bankrupt;
- F.** If the Contractor is adjudged a bankrupt, makes a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors, or if a receiver is appointed on account of its insolvency;
- G.** If the Contractor fails to supply a sufficient number of properly skilled workmen or suitable materials or equipment
- H.** If the Contractor fails to make prompt payment to Subcontractors for materials or labor, unless Contractor otherwise provides Owner satisfactory evidence that payment is not legally due;
- I.** If the Contractor persistently disregards laws, ordinances, rules, or regulations or order of any public authority having jurisdiction;
- J.** If the Contractor substantially violates any provision of the Contract Documents; or If, after Contractor has been terminated for default pursuant to Paragraph "B", it is determined that none of the circumstances set forth in Paragraph "B" exist, then such termination shall be considered a termination of convenience pursuant to Paragraph "A". If Owner terminates this agreement for any of the reasons enumerated in Paragraph "B", then the Owner may take possession of the site and of all documents, materials, equipment, tools, construction equipment and machinery thereon owned by the Contractor and may finish the work by whatever method the Owner may deem expedient. In such case, the Contractor shall not be entitled to receive any further payment until the work is finished.

3. Allowable Termination Costs.

If the Owner terminates the whole or any portion of the Work pursuant to Paragraph "A" then the Owner shall only be liable to Contractor for those costs reimbursable to Contractor in accordance with Paragraph "D", plus the cost of settling and paying claims arising out of the termination of Work under subcontracts or orders, pursuant to Paragraph "D", which are properly chargeable to the terminated portion of the Contract (exclusive of amounts paid or payable on account of completed items of equipment delivered or services furnished by subcontractors or vendors prior to the effective date of the Notice of Termination), which amounts shall be included in the costs payable under Subparagraph "B.1", above, and the reasonable costs of settlement, including accounting, legal, clerical and other expenses reasonably necessary for the preparation of settlement claims and supporting data with respect to the terminated portion of the Contract, together with reasonable storage, transportation and other costs incurred in connection with the protection of disposition of property allocable to this contract.

Provided, however, that if there is evidence that the Contractor would have sustained a loss on the entire Contract had it been completed, no profit shall be included or allowed hereunder and an appropriate adjustment shall be made reducing the amount of the settlement to reflect the indicated rate of loss.

The total sum to be paid to the Contractor under this Paragraph "C" shall not exceed the Contract sum as reduced by the amount of payments otherwise paid, by the Contract price of Work not terminated and as otherwise permitted by this Contract.

Except for normal spoilage, and except to the extent that the Owner shall have otherwise expressly assumed the risk of loss, there shall be excluded from the amounts payable to the Contractor, as provided in this Paragraph "C", the fair value, as reviewed by the Engineer/Architect, determined by the Owner, of property which is destroyed, lost, stolen or damaged so as to become undeliverable to the Owner.

4. General Termination Provisions.

After receipt of a Notice of Termination from the Owner, pursuant to Paragraph "A" or "B", and except as otherwise directed by the Owner, the Contractor shall;

- A. Stop Work under the Contract on the date and to the extent specified in the Notice of Termination;
- B. Place no further orders or subcontracts for materials, services or facilities, except as may be necessary for completion of such portion of the Work under the Contract as is not terminated;
- C. Terminate all orders and subcontracts to the extent that they relate to the performance of Work terminated by the Notice of Termination;
- D. Assign to the Owner in the manner, at the times and to the extent directed by the Owner, all of the right, title and interest of the Contractor under the orders and subcontracts so terminated, in which case the Owner shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to settle or pay any or all claims arising out of the termination of such orders and subcontracts;

- E. Settle all outstanding liabilities and all claims arising out of such termination of orders and subcontracts, with the approval or ratification shall be final for all the purposes of this clause;
- F. Transfer title and deliver to the entity or entities designed by the Owner, in the manner, at the times and to the extent, if any, directed by the Engineer/Architect, and to the extent specifically produced or specifically acquired by the Contractor for the performance of such portion of the work as had been terminated;
 - (1) The fabricated or unfabricated parts, Work in process, partially completed supplies and equipment, materials, parts, tools, dies, jigs and other fixtures, completed Work, supplies and other material produced as part of, or acquired in connection with the performance of, the Work terminated by the Notice of Termination, and
 - (2) The completed or partially completed plans, drawings, information, and other property related to the Work;
- G. Use his best efforts to sell, in the manner, at the times, to the extent and at the price or prices directed or authorized by the Engineer/Architect, and property of the types referred to in Paragraph "D"; provided, however, that the Contractor:
 - (1) Shall not be required to extend credit to any buyer, and
 - (2) May acquire any such property under the conditions prescribed by and at price or prices approved by the Engineer/Architect; and provided further that the proceeds of any such transfer or disposition shall be applied in reduction of any payments to be made by the Owner to the Contractor under this Contract or shall otherwise be credited to the price or cost of the Work covered by this Contract or paid in such other manner as the Engineer/Architect may direct;
- H. Complete performance of such part of the Work as shall not have been terminated by the Notice of Termination; and
- I. Take such action as may be necessary, or as the Engineer/Architect or Owner may direct, for the protection and preservation of the property related to this Contract, which is in the possession of the Contractor, and in which the Owner has or may acquire an interest.

P. LAWS OF GEORGIA

This contract shall be governed by the Laws of the State of Georgia.

If any provision hereof shall be held or deemed to be or shall, in fact, be inoperative or unenforceable as applied in any particular case in any jurisdiction or jurisdictions or in all jurisdictions, or in all cases because it conflicts with any other provision or provisions hereof or any constitution or statute or rule of public policy, or for any other reason, such circumstances shall not have the effect of rendering the remaining provision of this Contract invalid, inoperative or unenforceable.



**BID #297-17 2017 ON-CALL PLUMBING SERVICES
VENDOR'S CHECKLIST**

Company Name: _____

Please indicate you have completed the following documentation; and submit them in the following order.

ITEM DESCRIPTION

<input type="checkbox"/>	Vendor's Checklist
<input type="checkbox"/>	Vendor's Information Form
<input type="checkbox"/>	Vendor's Price Bid Forms & Attached brochures and product information
<input type="checkbox"/>	Detailed Specification Sheet (s)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Execution of Bid Form
<input type="checkbox"/>	Addenda Acknowledgement Form and Any Addenda Issued
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bidder's Certification and Non-Collusion Affidavit
<input type="checkbox"/>	Drug-Free Workplace Affidavit
<input type="checkbox"/>	Georgia's Security and Immigration Compliance Act Affidavit
<input type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contractor Affidavit • Subcontractor Affidavit (if applicable)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Local Small Business Initiative Affidavit (if applicable)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Proof of Insurance/Certificate of Insurance
<input type="checkbox"/>	Completed W9
<input type="checkbox"/>	Copy of Valid Business License & Special Licenses (if applicable)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Vendor's Reference Form

Authorized Signature

Title

Print Name

Date

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**BID #297-17 2017 ON-CALL PLUMBING SERVICES
VENDOR'S INFORMATION FORM**

1. Legal Business Name _____

2. Street Address _____

3. City, State & Zip _____

4. Type of Business: _____ State of Registration: _____

(Association, Corporation, Partnership, Limited Liability Company, etc.)

5. Name & Title of Authorized Signer: _____

6. Primary Contact _____

7. Phone _____ Fax _____

8. E-mail _____

9. Company Website _____

10. Has your company ever been debarred from doing business with any federal, state or local agency?

Yes _____ No _____ If Yes, please state the agency name, dates and reason for debarment.

ATTACH COPY OF BUSINESS LICENSE AND A COMPLETED W-9 FORM
THIS PAGE MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED WITH BID



**BID #297-17 2017 ON-CALL PLUMBING SERVICES (SHEET A)
VENDOR'S PRICE BID FORM**

Company Name: _____

Item	Plumber Trade	Unit of Measure (UOM)	Price per UOM
1	Plumber Master (Regular Hours)	Hour	\$ _____
2	Plumber Master (Overtime/Holidays/Weekends)	Hour	\$ _____
3	Plumber Labor/Helper (Regular Hours)	Hour	\$ _____
4	Plumber Labor/Helper (Overtime/Holidays/Weekends)	Hour	\$ _____
5	Equipment Operator (Regular Hours)	Hour	\$ _____
6	Equipment Operator (Overtime/Holidays/Weekends)	Hour	\$ _____
7	Backflow Testing (Test per Device)	Each	\$ _____
8	Backflow Repair Services	Hour	\$ _____
9	Journeyman Plumber (Regular Hours)	Hour	\$ _____
10	Journeyman Plumber (Overtime/Holidays/Weekends)	Hour	\$ _____

Item	Services	Unit of Measure (UOM)	Price per UOM
1	Trencher Services (with Operator)	Hour	\$ _____
2	Pipe Fitter	Hour	\$ _____
3	Hydro Jetting	Hour	\$ _____
4	Boring Service (2" lines)	Hour	\$ _____
5	Boring Services (4" lines)	Hour	\$ _____
6	Boring Services (6" lines)	Hour	\$ _____

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**BID #297-17 2017 ON-CALL PLUMBING SERVICES (SHEET B)
VENDOR'S PRICE BID FORM**

Company Name: _____

Item	Equipment	Unit of Measure (UOM)	Price per UOM
1	Service Van/CCTV	Hour	\$ _____
2	Service Van/Smoke Test	Hour	\$ _____
3	Service Van/Line Cleaning (Sewer Auger)	Hour	\$ _____
4	Track Hoe/Back Hoe (with Operator)	Hour	\$ _____
5	Dump Truck (with Operator)	Hour	\$ _____
6	Septic Pumping Truck (with Operator)	Hour	\$ _____
7	Electronic Line Locator	Hour	\$ _____
Item	Parts and Materials Markup	Unit of Measure (UOM)	Price per UOM
1	Parts and Materials Markup by Vendor over Cost	Percent	_____ %

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**BID #297-17 2017 ON-CALL PLUMBING SERVICES (SHEET C)
VENDOR'S PRICE BID FORM**

Company Name: _____

Item	Response Time	Unit of Measure (UOM)	Number of Hours
1	List response time for service calls from County during <i>normal working hours</i>	Hour	_____
2	List response time for Emergency service calls from County during <i>normal working hours</i>	Hour	_____
3	List response time for Emergency service from County calls outside of working hours	Hour	_____
4	Trip Cost	Call	\$ _____

All pricing must be on the form provided. Additional information may be attached to this form.

All costs to the County are to be included in line items quoted above.

Authorized Representative (Signature)

Date

Authorized Representative/Title
(Print or Type)

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**BID #297-17 2017 ON-CALL PLUMBING SERVICES
VENDOR'S REFERENCE FORM**

All references must be from customers for whom your company has completed work similar to the specifications of this bid. Attach additional page if necessary.

References for: _____
(Company Name)

<p>1. Company _____ Street Address _____ City, State & Zip _____ Contact Person Name _____ Title _____ Phone _____ FAX _____ Email _____ Describe Scope of Work and dates of project/service: _____ _____ _____</p> <p>2. Company _____ Street Address _____ City, State & Zip _____ Contact Person Name _____ Title _____ Phone _____ FAX _____ Email _____ Describe Scope of Work and dates of project/service: _____ _____ _____</p> <p>3. Company _____ Street Address _____ City, State & Zip _____ Contact Person Name _____ Title _____ Phone _____ FAX _____ Email _____ Describe Scope of Work and dates of project/service: _____ _____ _____</p>

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**BID #297-17 2017 ON-CALL PLUMBING SERVICES
EXECUTION OF BID**

DATE: _____

The potential Contractor certifies the following by placing an "X" in all blank spaces:

- ___ That this Bid was signed by an authorized representative of the firm.
- ___ That the potential Contractor has determined the cost and availability of all materials and supplies associated with performing the services outlined herein.
- ___ That all labor costs associated with this project have been determined, including all direct and indirect costs.
- ___ That the potential Contractor agrees to the conditions as set forth in this Invitation for Bid with no exceptions.

Therefore, in compliance with the foregoing **Invitation for Bids**, and subject to all terms and conditions thereof, the undersigned offers and agrees, if this Bid is accepted within sixty (60) days from the date of the opening, to furnish the services for the prices quoted within the timeframe required.

Business Name

Authorized Signature

Date

Typed Name & Title

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**BID #297-17 2017 ON-CALL PLUMBING SERVICES
ADDENDA ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The vendor has examined and carefully studied the Invitation for Bids and the following Addenda, receipt of all of which is hereby acknowledged:

Addendum No. _____

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Addendum No. _____

Authorized Representative (Signature)

Date

Authorized Representative/Title
(Print or Type)

Vendors must acknowledge any issued addenda. Bids which fail to acknowledge the vendor's receipt of any addendum will result in the rejection of the offer if the addendum contained information which substantively changes the Owner's requirements.

THIS PAGE MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED AS A PART OF YOUR BID



**BID #297-17 2017 ON-CALL PLUMBING SERVICES
DRUG FREE WORKPLACE**

I hereby certify that I am a principle and duly authorized representative of:

Whose address is:

And it is also that:

1. The provisions of Section § 50.24.1 through § 50.24.6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Drug Free Workplace Act" have been complied with in full; and,

2. A drug free workplace will be provided for the CONTRACTOR'S employees during the performance of the contract; and,

3. Each subcontractor hired by the CONTRACTOR shall be required to ensure that the subcontractor's employees are provided a drug free workplace. The CONTRACTOR shall secure from that subcontractor the following written certification: "As part of the subcontracting agreement with _____

_____, certifies to the CONTRACTOR that a drug free workplace will be provided for the subcontractor's employees during the performance of this contract pursuant to paragraph (7) of subsection (b) of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Section § 50.24.3"; and,

4. It is certified that the undersigned will not engage in unlawful manufacture, sale, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance or marijuana during the performance of the contract.

Date

Signature

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**BID #297-17 2017 ON-CALL PLUMBING SERVICES
BIDDER'S CERTIFICATION AND STATEMENT OF NON-COLLUSION**

I _____ certify that this Bid is made without prior understanding, agreement or connection with any corporation, firm or person submitting a Bid for the same services and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. I understand that collusive bidding is a violation of state and Federal law and can result in fines, prison sentences and civil damages awards.

I certify that this Bid has been prepared independently and the price submitted will not be disclosed to another person.

I certify that there has been no contact or communication by the Bidder or the Bidder's associates with any County staff, or elected officials since the date this **BID #297-17 2017 ON-CALL PLUMBING SERVICES**.

was issued except: 1) through the Purchasing Department 2) at the Pre-Bid Conference (if applicable) or 3) as provided by existing work agreement(s). **The County reserves the right to reject the Bid submitted by any Bidder violating this provision.**

I agree to abide by all conditions of this Bid and certify that I am authorized to sign this Bid.

COMPANY NAME: _____

Authorized Representative (Signature)

Date

Authorized Representative/Title
(Print or Type)

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Georgia Security & Immigration Compliance (GSIC) Act Affidavit

As per the Georgia Senate Bill 529 and Senate Bill 447, the Georgia Department of Labor has promulgated new rules for the implementation of Section 2. O.C.G.A. §13-10-91 and Chapter 300-10-01-.02 state that no Georgia Public Employer shall enter into a contract for *the physical performance of services within the State of Georgia* unless the Contractor registers and participates in a federal work authorization program to verify the work eligibility information of all of its new employees.

The Employment Eligibility Verification “E-Verify” site operated by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Bureau of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security is the electronic federal work authorization program to be utilized for these purposes.

The website is <https://e-verify.uscis.gov/enroll/>

By executing the attached Contractor Affidavit, Contractor verifies its compliance with O.C.G.A. §13-10-91 stating affirmatively that the individual, firm or corporation which is contracting with the Dawson County Board of Commissioners has registered and is participating in this federal work authorization program in accordance with the applicability provisions and deadlines established in this Statute.

Contractor further agrees that should it employ or contract with any Sub-Contractor(s) for the physical performance of services pursuant to the contract with the Dawson County Board of Commissioners, Contractor will secure from the Sub-Contractor(s) verification of compliance with O.C.G.A. §13-10-91 on a Sub-Contractor Affidavit and shall provide a copy of each such verification to the Dawson County Board of Commissioners at the time the Sub-Contractor(s) is retained to perform such services.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE ATTACHED AFFIDAVIT AND RETURN IT TO:

Melissa Hawk
Dawson County Purchasing Manager
25 Justice Way, Suite 2223
Dawsonville, GA 30534
Phone: 706-344-3500 x 42223
Fax: (706) 531-2728
Email: mhawk@dawsoncounty.org



**IMMIGRATION AND SECURITY FORM
(GEORGIA SECURITY AND IMMIGRATION COMPLIANCE ACT AFFIDAVIT)**

Contractor's Name:	
County Solicitation/ Contract No.:	

CONTRACTOR AFFIDAVIT

By executing this affidavit, the undersigned Contractor verifies its compliance with O.C.G.A. §13-10-91, stating affirmatively that the Contractor identified above has registered with and is participating in a federal work authorization program*, 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 pursuant to this contract with the County, Contractor will secure from such subcontractor(s) similar verification of compliance with O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91 on the attached Subcontractor Affidavit. Contractor further agrees to maintain records of such compliance and provide a copy of each such verification to the County at the time the subcontractor(s) is retained to perform such service.

EEV / E-Verify™ Company Identification Number

BY: Authorized Officer or Agent
(Contractor Name)

Date

Title of Authorized Officer or Agent of Contractor

Printed Name of Authorized Officer or Agent

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME ON THIS
THE _____ DAY OF _____ 20__

[NOTARY SEAL]

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

*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



**IMMIGRATION AND SECURITY FORM
(GEORGIA SECURITY AND IMMIGRATION COMPLIANCE ACT AFFIDAVIT)**

Contractor's Name:	
County Solicitation/ Contract No.:	

ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS TO CONTRACTOR: Identify all subcontractors used to perform under the county contract. In addition, you must attach a signed and notarized affidavit (third page of this form) from each of the subcontractors listed below. The contractor is responsible for providing a signed and notarized affidavit to the County within five (5) days of the addition of any new subcontractor used to perform under the identified County contract.

Contractor's Name:	
Subcontractors:	



**IMMIGRATION AND SECURITY FORM
(GEORGIA SECURITY AND IMMIGRATION COMPLIANCE ACT AFFIDAVIT)**

Contractor's Name:	
Subcontractor's (Your) Name:	
County Solicitation/ Contract No.:	

SUBCONTRACTOR AFFIDAVIT

By executing this affidavit, the undersigned Subcontractor verifies its compliance with O.C.G.A. §13-10-91, stating affirmatively that the Subcontractor which is engaged in the physical performance of services under a contract with the Contractor identified above on behalf of the County identified above has registered with and is participating in a federal work authorization program*, in accordance with the applicability provisions and deadlines established in O.C.G.A. 13-10-91.

EEV / E-Verify™ Company Identification Number

BY: Authorized Officer or Agent
(Subcontractor Name)

Date

Title of Authorized Officer or Agent of Contractor

Printed Name of Authorized Officer or Agent

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME ON THIS
THE _____ DAY OF _____ 20__

[NOTARY SEAL]

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

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Dawson County Board of Commissioners

Local Small Business Initiative

Purpose & Scope:

Giving preference to local suppliers, even if it means spending a little more, can actually benefit a county's finances. Dollars spent locally generate additional economic activity even beyond the value of the initial contract as the local supplier in turn sources goods and services locally. Each additional dollar that circulates locally boosts economic activity, employment, and ultimately tax revenue. A study in Arizona found that using local independent suppliers for state contracts results in three times the economic benefit of bids fulfilled through national chains.

Local Small Business Initiative (LSBI) is a Dawson County program designed to promote opportunities to Local Small Businesses located in Dawson County.

The **LSBI** program is designed to return as much taxpayer money to the local economy, in a relatively short time span, as possible while at the same time foster inclusiveness with the County's procurement activities and a goal to provide more opportunities for Dawson County businesses.

Definition of Local Small Business:

- Local Small Business shall mean a business which has its principal office located in and having a street address within Dawson County for at least six months immediately prior to the issuance of the quote/bid/Bid. Post Office boxes (to include mailing/shipping center addresses) are not eligible and shall not be used for the purpose of establishing a physical address.
- Must hold a valid business license required by the County and have no outstanding or unresolved fees, fines or penalties due to Dawson County.
- Not have more than twenty-five (25) employees, and of which at least 33% of those employees have their primary residence in Dawson County, or, if the business has no employees, the business shall be at least fifty-one (51%) percent owned by one or more persons whose primary residence in Dawson County.
- Have a banking relationship with a bank located in Dawson County.
- Average annual gross receipts of five million dollars (\$5,000,000.00) or less over the previous three years.
- Must certify under oath to the above criteria upon submission for any bid, solicitation, or Bid to Dawson County.

The LSBI Policy will not be applicable for the following types of purchases, bids, or solicitations:

- Goods or services provided under a cooperative purchasing agreement or inter-local agreement;
- Purchases or contracts which are funded in whole or part by a governmental entity and the laws, regulations, or policies governing such funding prohibit application of preference;

- Purchases made or contracts let under emergency or non-competitive situations or for legal services;
- Projects over \$100,000.00.

Affidavit:

The County will accept an affidavit that a business meets the County's standards to be considered a Local Small Business. The County, in its sole discretion, may request additional information from the business to support its claim of being a Local Small Business. The Purchasing Department will be required to review the affidavit and request additional information as necessary to ensure the LSBI criteria are satisfied. The County will notify a business of acceptance of LSBI certification.

How Incentive Works:

Under any applicable solicitation or bid, vendors desiring to receive local preference under the LSBI Policy will be required to affirmatively demonstrate via affidavit that they satisfy all pertinent requirements. Any vendor who fails to submit the required affidavit shall be automatically excluded from LSBI consideration. Vendors shall submit the affidavit with each solicitation or bid. The affidavit contemplated under this Policy is valid only for the submitted solicitation or bid, and must be reaffirmed and resubmitted for each subsequent solicitation or bid.

For any solicitation that is under \$100,000.00 the Local Small Business (as demonstrated via affidavit) that submits a responsive, responsible price, a local preference credit of 3%.

Waiver:

The application of local preference to a particular purchase, contract, bid, solicitation or category of contracts may be waived by the Dawson County Board of County Commissioners in its sole discretion. The promulgation of this Policy is not intended nor should it be construed as created a right or property interest in local preference or in the local preference credit.



**DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS
AFFIDAVIT OF ELIGIBILITY**

Complete form and submit with your bid. Incomplete forms may be rejected.

1. Legal Name of Firm _____
2. Mailing Address: _____ Physical Address (if different) _____

3. Year business was established in Dawson County: _____
4. Business License Number issued by Dawson County: _____
5. Number of Employees: _____
6. Average annual gross receipts for past three years: _____
7. Business Type (circle one): Corporation, Partnership, Sole Proprietorship
8. Does your business have more than one location in Dawson County? Yes No
If yes, specify the location(s): _____
Is your businesses' principal base of operations in Dawson County? Yes No
Does your business have any locations outside Dawson County? Yes No
9. If yes, please specify the location(s): _____

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify under penalty of perjury that the information which I have provided on this form is true and correct, that I am authorized to sign on behalf of the business set out above, and if requested by the County will provide, within 10 days of notice, the necessary documents to substantiate the information on this form.

Attest: _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

_____ day of _____, 20____

Notary Public

Commission Expires: _____

(SEAL)

Authorized Signature

Print Name

Title



Dawson County Board of Commissioners
“VOLUNTARY”
Title VI Statistical Data Form
Used For Government Monitoring Purposes

Dawson County Board of Commissioners is committed to broad-based competition on all bids. We are gathering the following information for recordkeeping in compliance with federal regulations. All information will be considered strictly private and confidential and will be used for Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 purposes only. Your responses are strictly voluntary and will help in developing and monitoring nondiscrimination enforcement programs. This form is not part of the bid document and has no emphasis on decision of award, if you prefer not to reply that is acceptable. **Failure to complete this form will not affect your chances of award.** Your cooperation is appreciated.

Instruction for submission: DO NOT INCLUDE WITH BID BID. Form should be submitted separately in a non-identifying envelope addressed to the Dawson County Purchasing Department, 25 Justice Way, Suite 2223, Dawsonville, GA 30534. Please write in bid name and number for project tracking purposes.

BID NAME & BID #297-17 ON-CALL PLUMBING SERVICES

Please place an “X” on the line that apply

Owner Gender: ___ Male ___ Female

Owner Race/Ethnicity: ___ White/Caucasian ___ Hispanic or Latino
 ___ Black or African American ___ American Indian or Alaska Native
 ___ Native Hawaiian or ___ Asian
 Other Pacific Islander ___ Two or More Races

Disability: Any person who (1) has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities; (2) has a record of such impairment; or (3) is regarded as having such impairment.
 ___ Yes ___ No

Minority Owned Business: ___ Yes ___ No

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Company? ___ Yes ___ No

Number of Employees: _____

Staff Race/Ethnicity make-up: ___ White/Caucasian ___ Hispanic or Latino ___ Asian
(Provide % on line) ___ Black or African American ___ American Indian or Alaska Native
 ___ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander ___ Two or More Races

Dawson County Government is committed to serve the public efficiently, preserve our heritage, safeguard the environment, protect citizens and improve the quality of life.