



CITY OF GRIFFIN, GEORGIA

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

RFP #20-005

For

PROFESSIONAL DESIGN SERVICES – Hammond Drive at

W. Poplar Street Intersection SCOPING STUDY

For all questions about this RFP contact:

Cindy Fay, Procurement Analyst
cfay@cityofgriffin.com

Deadline:
September 17, 2019 at 2:00 P.M.

IMPORTANT SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENT

Submittals must be properly labeled to ensure they are not inadvertently opened before the designated time. Affix the label below to the outside of the sealed submittal envelope or delivery package.

If this label is not used (i.e. in case of some delivery services), it is the supplier's responsibility to ensure that the information is on the OUTSIDE of the delivery package. Submissions that do not comply may be rejected.

Submittals must also include the required number of copies specified in section 1.2.

Please make sure either the label below or the information on the label appears on the **OUTSIDE of the delivery package** and is clearly visible. There may be multiple solicitations open at any given time and if the sender organization and solicitation number are not discernable, your response may not be recorded as properly received.



RESPONSE SUBMITTAL

DELIVER TO:

CITY OF GRIFFIN
PROCUREMENT – 3RD FLOOR
100 S HILL STREET
PO BOX T
GRIFFIN, GA 30224

BID/PROPOSAL #: RFP 20-005

BID/PROPOSAL NAME: PROFESSIONAL DESIGN SERVICES – Hammond Drive
SCOPING STUDY

DUE ON OR BEFORE: 09/17/19 @ 2:00 PM (EST)

COMPANY NAME: _____

COMPANY ADDRESS: _____

CONTACT NAME: _____

CONTACT PHONE & EMAIL: _____

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CITY OF GRIFFIN, GEORGIA REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL SPECIFICATIONS for 20-005 PROFESSIONAL DESIGN SERVICES – Hammond Drive at Poplar Street Intersection SCOPING STUDY

1. SECTION I – SOLICITATION-SPECIFIC INFORMATION

Information in this section is proposal-specific. Any conflicting information stipulated in this section shall supersede the General Terms & Conditions noted in Sections II - VII.

1.1. PURPOSE

The City of Griffin (City) is accepting proposals from qualified professional services firms/consultants for a scoping study of the Hammond Drive at W. Poplar Street intersection. The purpose of this study is to ensure project feasibility, provide realistic cost estimates and schedules, and identify major obstacles to implementation early in the process while defining a concise design concept which will improve the operational and safety issues that the offset intersection currently poses. The study should include survey and database preparation, traffic studies, environmental studies, stakeholder involvement, preliminary utility coordination, concept plan development, and preliminary cost estimates and schedules. Final deliverable will be in the form of a draft concept report, which may lack some detail as it is not meant to fulfill the requirements of the GDOT PDP Concept Report. Submitting firms must demonstrate a firm understanding of the project challenges and provide an approach to dealing with these challenges.

1.2. SCHEDULE & SUMMARY

This Request will be governed by the following schedule and criteria:

DATES

Release of Request	August 16, 2019
Pre-Conference Meeting*	Yes; August 27, 2019; attendance highly recommended <i>City Hall, 3rd Floor Conference Room</i> <i>100 South Hill St, Griffin, GA @ 10am</i>
Questions due	September 5, 2019 by 2:00 PM
Responses due	September 17, 2019 by 2:00 PM
# of Response Submittals Required	Six, <u>including</u> one original plus one electronic copy
Public opening	No
Bonds required	No
Professional Liability Insurance	Yes, Prior to contract if awarded
Project manager	Eric C. Pitts, P.E.; epitts@pcqeng.com

* The purpose of this meeting will be to provide those interested with an oral presentation of the City’s requirements and to allow for the presentation of questions. Although attendance at the pre- conference meeting is not mandatory, it is considered as part of the evaluation criteria and **attendance or non- attendance will be graded accordingly in the evaluation scores**. All interested parties are ‘strongly’ urged to attend. No other meeting is planned.

1.3. SCOPE OF WORK

The services to be furnished by the consultant shall be those necessary to perform survey, database preparation, environmental studies, traffic and operational studies, stakeholder involvement, railroad coordination, utility coordination, conceptual plans and concept report development.

STUDY AREA:



The work to be accomplished under this contract is divided into the following tasks:

1.3.1. Task 1 – Existing Conditions and Technical Analysis.

The consultant will conduct a thorough review and assessment of previous plans existing conditions in the study area. The focus of the assessment will include the following:

- Review of existing plans and ongoing projects in the surrounding area.
- Prepare a detailed survey of existing physical conditions, including existing rights of way, and property; conflicting utilities, topography, structures and other potential constraints to proper horizontal and vertical alignments.
- Evaluate traffic operations and traffic safety
- Determine likely impacts to potentially historic properties, or other environmentally sensitive areas, if any.

1.3.2. Task 2 – Public Involvement

The City and its consultant will conduct an outreach process that promotes the involvement of all stakeholders in the study area. The consultant will be responsible for designing an effective and innovative public involvement program. At a minimum, the outreach process shall include the following:

- The City and consultant team will seek input and comments from a project advisory group of major stakeholders. This group will include representatives from City of Griffin, ARC, GDOT District 3 Office, and adjacent property owners.
- The City will conduct a minimum of two public involvement meetings – (1) an initial meeting to understand needs, desired outcomes and to gather input on design and problem areas, and (2) a second meeting towards the end of the process to review and comment on preferred alternatives.
- The project’s ARC project manager must be notified of all public meetings taking place.

1.3.3. Task 3 – Alternatives Analysis & Concept Plan Development

Prepare a Concept Layout, typical sections and a draft GDOT Concept Report for intersection improvements based on the existing conditions, technical analysis, and public involvement. Specific elements shall include:

- Evaluation of the relative feasibility and constructability of alternative intersection improvements.
- Preferred and alternative alignments and typical sections for each approach to the intersection.
- Evaluation of innovative stormwater management alternatives and minimization of environmental impacts.
- Prepare of draft GDOT Concept Report, which includes analysis of potential environmental impacts, ROW, utility, railroad and costs estimates.

1.3.4. Task 4 – Prepare Implementation and Management Plan

Prepare a step-by-step plan that identifies the logical phases of implementation, potential partners, responsibilities, cost estimates, timeline and potential sources of funding for each phase.

1.3.5. Task 5 – Prepare Project Deliverables

The following shall be developed and submitted to the City in the format indicated below.

- Deliverables:
 - Hammond Drive at W. Poplar Street Concept Study Summary Document: Prepare a document summarizing the goals of the project, methodology, public involvement process, existing conditions, technical analysis and alternatives considered.
 - Preferred alternative concept layout for intersection.
 - Preferred alternative typical sections
 - Complete GDOT Concept Report Form
- Format:
 - One printed copy of all of the above as a combined final report. Summary document and Concept Report in 8.5"x11", and Concept Layout and Typical Sections in 11"x17".
 - One single combined PDF file of the final report document
 - Electronic editable original documents for each report element such as MS Word, InDesign files, Excel/CAD or other files.

1.4. SCHEDULE OF PERFORMANCE

Milestone	Date
Draft Final Report and Products due to City of Griffin	TBD
City Comments to Consultant	TBD
All Deliverables Received by City of Griffin	TBD

1.5. PROCESS

All responses received will be reviewed by the Procurement Agent to ensure they meet the administrative requirements. All submissions that meet the administrative requirements will be turned over to the Evaluation Committee for further assessment. The Evaluation Committee will review all responses received and determine a ranking based on the information provided and invite the top firms for confirmation interviews for the final short-list. The City reserves the option of requesting presentations be additionally made to its Board of Commissioners. Selection of firms to participate in the next stage of this process will follow the proposal-interview process.

1.6. RESPONSE SUBMISSION

The responses are to be packaged with one original and five (5) copies for a total of six (6) hard copies and one electronic copy. **Note that all "marketing information" that is included with your response must be separate from the submittal.** Responses are to be ordered and include the following:

1.6.1. Submittal Cover page. The cover page is supplied on page 22.

1.6.2. Transmittal Letter. The short Transmittal Letter must:

- 1.6.2.1. Summarize why the respondent believes itself to be the most qualified;
- 1.6.2.2. Contain the statement that to the best of the respondent's abilities, all information contained in the RFP submittal is complete and accurate;
- 1.6.2.3. Contain a statement granting representations of the City authorization to contact any previous client for purposes of ascertaining an independent evaluation of the respondent's performance;
- 1.6.2.4. Contain at least one copy of the transmittal letter with the original signature of an officer of the principal firm.

1.6.3. Narrative. The Narrative should be organized to clearly address:

- 1.6.3.1. Philosophy and approach to the project in general;
- 1.6.3.2. Prior experience with projects of similar scale and complexity;
- 1.6.3.3. Prior experiences with public-sector clients and processes for projects of similar scale and complexity;
- 1.6.3.4. Professional qualifications of personnel assigned to the project;
- 1.6.3.5. History of effective schedule and budget management for projects of similar scale and complexity;
- 1.6.3.6. Use of processes that creatively engage staff and other stakeholders in all stages;
- 1.6.3.7. Commitment to the City of Griffin.

1.6.4. Background. Include a complete narrative description of the responding firm (or firms if the respondent is comprised of a team of firms). Information should include:

- 1.6.4.1. Firm history;
- 1.6.4.2. Location of home and branch offices;
- 1.6.4.3. Names of the principal officers of the firm;
- 1.6.4.4. Identification of the team sub consultants, if any;
- 1.6.4.5. Organization Chart: Include a simple organization chart showing how the respondent, if selected, would organize its key personnel for the project;
- 1.6.4.6. Demonstrate your organization's availability of the analytical, design tools, personnel, financial resources and methodologies commonly applicable in order to complete the project in a timely manner;

- 1.6.4.7. Key Professionals: Identify the key members of your team that would be involved in the project and describe their area of expertise and what role they will perform. Indicate their availability for this project;
- 1.6.4.8. Resumes: Provide resumes of any person identified as a key professional. The resumes should contain the following;
 - 1.6.4.8.1. Name;
 - 1.6.4.8.2. Educational background;
 - 1.6.4.8.3. Employment history;
 - 1.6.4.8.4. Proposed role in the project;
 - 1.6.4.8.5. An identification of other relevant projects in which the person has been involved and a name/phone number of a representative of any project cited that can be contacted for a reference;
 - 1.6.4.8.6. Other information that may be deemed relevant.

1.6.5. Relevant Experience. Include a summary of relevant projects. List a minimum of three and maximum of five relevant and recent projects. A relevant project is one which best exemplifies your qualifications for this project, your approach to solving complex problems, and successful coordination with stakeholders.

- 1.6.5.1. Name of project;
- 1.6.5.2. Project location;
- 1.6.5.3. Project description;
- 1.6.5.4. Describe the services your firm provided;
- 1.6.5.5. Indicate which team members were actually involved in the project and specify their role;
- 1.6.5.6. Describe any special challenges or issues encountered during the project and the resolution;
- 1.6.5.7. Provide a statement acknowledging if the project was completed on time and within budget;

1.6.6. Project Understanding. Summarize your understanding of the project and your approach to it.

1.6.7. Supplier Registration. While there are no Administrative restrictions on submitting a response to any bid or Request, a supplier must be registered and compliant (have both required documents) with the City in order to be awarded any type of contract. Instructions for registering as a supplier can be found on page 27. This registration will be used for bid notifications as well as sourcing for general projects by the departments. It is important to note that the registration must be completed online and must have a W9 and EV document in order to be considered compliant. In addition to selecting as many commodities as are applicable, you can link your website to the registration profile.

1.6.8. Proposal Information. All proposals should be **limited to 10 pages**, excluding cover page, resumes of assigned personnel, references and page delineators.

1.7. EVALUATION CRITERIA

It is imperative the submitted response fully address all the firm's ability to meet or exceed anticipated aspects of the subsequent RFP. The submittal must provide the City's evaluation team with clearly expressed information concerning the supplier's understanding of the City's needs as well as the ability to meet those requirements. Your responses are to be geared for information rather than marketing.

The basis of selection will be the best evaluated responses suited for this project. Considerations will include items listed in section 1.6, but are not limited to:

- Qualifications of Firm - Qualifications of firm and personnel that would be assigned to this project.
- Firms Experience on Similar Projects - Related project experience of the firm and personnel that would be assigned to this project
- Available Resources to Complete Project – The availability of the analytical, design tools, personnel, financial resources and methodologies commonly applicable in order to complete the project in a timely manner.
- Responsiveness to the RFP - This would include any documents submitted such as concept plans, space planning, and design concepts and other related items.

- Professional References - Provide names and contact information for professional references that can demonstrate prior performance on projects of similar size and scope.
- Other services as needed – The attendance of representatives of the firm may be requested at related functions/meetings held by the City.

1.8. ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS, NOTIFICATIONS AND INFORMATION

- 1.8.1.** This RFP is not a contract nor can it result in a contract.
- 1.8.2.** By submitting a response, Respondents represent and warrant that all information provided in the response submitted shall be true, correct and complete. Respondents who provide false, misleading or incomplete information, whether intentional or not, may be excluded;
- 1.8.3.** By submitting a response, Suppliers certify that their proposals are made without collusion or fraud and they have not offered or received any inducements in connection with their proposals. They further agree that this solicitation and any resulting contract in subsequent proposal requests shall be governed in all respects by the laws of the State of Georgia and they shall comply with applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations
- 1.8.4.** Suppliers may be disqualified from participation in the RFP process for reasons which include, but are not limited to the following:
 - 1.8.4.1. Evidence of collusion;
 - 1.8.4.2. Being in arrears on any of its existing contracts with the City or in litigation with the City or having defaulted on a previous contract with the City;
 - 1.8.4.3. Being in arrears on taxes owed to the State of Georgia;
 - 1.8.4.4. Poor, defective or otherwise unsatisfactory performance of work for the City or any other party on prior projects which, in the City's judgment and sole discretion, raises other party on prior projects which, in the City's judgment and sole discretion, raises party on prior projects which, in the City's judgment and sole discretion, raises doubts as to Supplier's ability to properly perform the work;
 - 1.8.4.5. Any offering of gifts, unauthorized compensation or other unethical actions to City employees with respect to interest in any business activity; or
 - 1.8.4.6. Any other cause which, in the City's judgment and sole discretion, is sufficient to justify disqualification of the Supplier or the rejection of their submittal.



CITY OF GRIFFIN, GEORGIA REQUESTS FOR PROPOSAL GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sections II - VII review the general terms and conditions. **Any RFP-specific information noted in Section I or in the Specifications & Response Section will take precedence.**

2. SECTION II – COMMUNICATION OF INFORMATION

All available information, notices and addenda regarding this RFP shall be posted on the City’s website. Effective July 1, 2019, House Bill 322 requires that any solicitation extended by a municipal corporation for goods and services valued at \$100,000 or more and any solicitation opportunity extended for public works subject to Chapter 91 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A. also be posted on the Georgia Procurement Registry (GPR).

It is the Supplier’s responsibility to check the City’s website in order to confirm they have the most current information prior to submitting a response. Subsequent to the opening, all status notices will also be posted on the City’s website.

2.1. RESTRICTIONS ON COMMUNICATIONS WITH STAFF

All questions about this RFP must be submitted in the following format:

Company Name

- Question

Citation of relevant section of the RFP

All questions regarding specification/technical issues must be in writing to the Project Manager for this RFP (with a ‘cc’ to Procurement). The Project Manager, contact email and deadline for questions is noted in section 1.2.

All questions regarding administrative issues must be in writing to the Procurement Analyst:

Address: Cindy Fay
Procurement Analyst
City of Griffin
P. O. Box T, Griffin, GA 30224

Email: cfay@cityofgriffin.com

No questions other than written will be accepted. No response other than written will be binding upon the City. Questions will be combined into one list of questions and responses and will be posted on the City’s website as an addendum.

From the issue date of this request until an award has either been made or deemed closed for other reasons, institutions or individuals providing submissions are not permitted to communicate with members of the commission, the evaluation team or City employees, other than Procurement, with regard to the purpose or intent of this document. The exception to this is the submission of written technical questions to the project manager with Procurement copied. The City reserves the right to reject the submission of the offending supplier if this provision is violated.

Any updates or changes to this and related documents will be posted on the City’s website (<https://vrapp.vendorregistry.com/Bids/View/BidsList?BuyerId=52b8c206-866a-4ed2-b7b8-bef7db8a901b>) or by selecting “Resources” and then “Bid Opportunities” from the City home page. **It is the Supplier’s responsibility to refer to the website for any addenda or other pertinent information before responding to this RFP request.**

2.2. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE AND PROPRIETARY INFORMATION

For the purposes of this procurement, the provisions of the Official Code of Georgia (O.C.G.A) Open Records Act will be in effect. All bids and any other public record with respect to solicitation shall be subject to public inspection, upon request, after the posting of the Notice of Intent to Award (NOIA) or Notice of Award (NOA). This is being done in order to protect the integrity of the procurement process unless otherwise required by law. For any Open Records requests, the City may assess fees for the costs of producing these public records as permitted by the Georgia Open Records Act. Those submitting a response should refer to the O.C.G.A. Open Records Act for further clarification.

Exceptions to the availability of information include 1) bona fide trade secrets meeting confidentiality requirements that have been properly marked and documented; 2) matters involving individual safety as determined by the City; 3) company financial information requested by the City to determine supplier responsibility that are not otherwise made public; and 4) other constitutional protections.

The supplier must clearly designate the part of the proposal that contains a trade secret and/or privileged or confidential proprietary information as "confidential" in order to claim protection, if any, from disclosure. The supplier shall mark the cover sheet of the proposal and all copies with the following legend, specifying the specific section(s) of the proposal sought to be restricted in accordance with the conditions of the legend: "*The data contained in pages _____ of the proposal have been submitted in confidence and contain trade secrets and/or privileged/confidential information. It is requested that such data not be disclosed to the public except as may be required by law.*" Further, to protect such data, each section containing such data shall be specifically identified, the pages must be identified as "CONFIDENTIAL" and marked financial information must be noted that it has not and is not available to the public under any circumstance. An entire submittal cannot be identifies as confidential and may be considered non-responsive if so marked.

Suppliers must be prepared to defend the reasons why the material is to be held confidential. If a competing supplier or other person seeks review or copies of another supplier's confidential data, the City will notify the owner of the asserted data of the request. If the owner of the asserted data does not want the information disclosed, it must agree to indemnify the City and hold the City harmless against all actions or court proceedings that may ensue (including attorney's fees), which seek to order the City to disclose the information. If the owner of the asserted data refuses to indemnify and hold the City harmless, the City may disclose the information.

Information received in response to this request will become the property of the City and will not be returned. The City will not release or divulge any bona fide confidential information to third parties without the consent of the Supplier unless required to do so by applicable law or order a court of competent jurisdiction.

3. SECTION III –OVERVIEW AND PROCEDURES

Sections II - VII review the general terms and conditions. **Any RFP-specific information noted in Section I or in the Specifications & Response Section will take precedence.**

3.1. COMPANY BACKGROUND & EXPERIENCE

Suppliers that have not contracted with the city in the past 2 years must provide a list of clients for whom similar services, as detailed in this RFP, have been provided during the past 3-4 years. References must be for the organization or person submitting the response. Subcontractor's references are not acceptable.

The list must include:

- Dates of service
- Name of contact person
- Title of contact person
- Phone number of contact person

The Supplier will also disclose any services terminated by the client(s) and the reason(s) for termination. Failure to provide this information will disqualify the submission response.

3.2. REFERENCES

References should be for historical projects of similar size and scope. Details regarding these references are noted in the Specifications and on the Reference page.

3.3. RFP REQUIREMENTS

3.3.1. SPECIAL CONDITIONS

By submitting a response, Suppliers certify that their proposals are made without collusion or fraud and they have not offered or received any inducements in connection with their proposals. They further agree that this solicitation and any resulting contract shall be governed in all respects by the laws of the State of Georgia and they shall comply with

applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations. Any contracts or leases resulting from the award of a RFP are to be for a period of not more than one year, with four renewal options for a total period not to exceed five years. Any exceptions to this policy must be noted and agreed to by both parties in writing, prior to the issuance of the Notice of Award. Pricing must remain firm for the duration of the initial term of the resulting contract; failure to hold firm pricing for the initial contract will be considered as sufficient cause for termination.

Any resulting contract shall not be binding upon the City nor should any action be started until it has been executed by both parties and a copy of the fully executed contract has been delivered to the successful Supplier. Specifications noted in this RFP shall be incorporated into the resulting contract. The City reserves the option to prepare and negotiate its own contract, giving due consideration to the stipulations of the supplier's proposed contract and associated legal documents.

The City reserves the right to reduce or increase the scope of the project if the lowest responsible and responsive Supplier's submittal is not in line with the budgeted amount for the project. The City, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to increase or decrease the scope of work to facilitate an award. This scope reduction will be enacted only if it is in the best interest of the City and constitutes no guarantee of scope.

The City also reserves the right to add to the contract any future work or purchased goods, with the agreement of the supplier, at prices offered in this awarded response. This option will be enacted during the contract or within six months subsequent to the end of the contract, if in the best interest of the City and with the agreement of both parties.

3.3.2. RESPONSES

In responding to a RFP, ALL item numbers with appropriate formatting must show some type of acknowledgment in order for the response to be properly evaluated. Failure to respond to all specification criteria items when requested may be deemed as sufficient reason to reject a submission. If response forms are not provided for all specification detail items, any non-compliance must be clearly marked, detailed and included with the response submittal. Any items not identified shall be deemed as in compliance. Suppliers must: 1) complete any/all required forms; 2) indicate any disagreement on each mandatory requirement and, if requested, provide additional information on how the specifications will be exceeded or not met; and 3) provide complete and detailed responses to any and all non-mandatory requirement that can be fulfilled.

If determined to be in the City's best interests, a Best and Final Offer (BAFO) may be requested. A BAFO may be requested when:

- The prices for all responsive and responsible submittals exceed budget;
- No single responsive and responsible submittal meets all requirements;
- When all responses are unclear or deficient in one of more areas;
- When the grading scores of two or more submittals require additional evaluation;
- At the discretion of the evaluation team to clarify submittals or to negotiate costs or other deliverables.

3.3.3. PACKAGING OF SUBMITTAL RESPONSE

Submissions must be by the following method:

No e-mail, fax or scanned submissions will be accepted. Hard copies are to be submitted in a sealed package containing an unbound original and the number of copies specified in Section I. The sealed package must be labeled on the outside as follows:

(Supplier Name)
RFP # (RFP Number)
(RFP Title)

Supplier response to this solicitation must consist of the following documents in addition to any specific information requested:

- **Pricing**
- **Schedule of proposed work (when applicable),**
- **Completion Schedule (when applicable),**
- **Supplier Registration is to be completed online, with the following forms needing to be uploaded**
 - **Supplier Affidavit (E-Verify) (available online),**
 - **W-9 (available online),**
 - **Some responses may require an additional notarized Supplier affidavit. (see section 1.4),**
 - *The City cannot award to a supplier that is not registered and compliant,*
- **Tax Compliance form (required if over \$99,000) (supplied if required),**

- **Reference list of a minimum of three (3) references (*supplied*).**

3.3.4. SUBMISSION OF RFP RESPONSE

The original and specified copies of the response must be delivered to the Procurement Department no later than **the time and date specified in Section I. Any response received after stated time or delivered to department other than Procurement will not be accepted. The City of Griffin will not be responsible for any responses not received by the Procurement Department prior to the deadline.**

Responses must be submitted to:

**City of Griffin
Attention: Cindy Fay, Procurement Analyst
P. O. Box T, Griffin, GA 30224**

Or delivered to:

**Attention: Cindy Fay, Procurement Analyst
100 S Hill Street, 3rd Floor
Griffin, GA 30223**

***Note: Notify Procurement via email (cfay@cityofgriffin.com) if submittal is mailed via Post Office (USPS).**

3.3.5. ALTERNATE DOCUMENTS

Documents prepared by the City must be used for the submission of the RFP Response. Alternate document forms or forms that deviate from the requirements of this solicitation may not be considered. Suppliers shall not insert in their submission any written statement which will have the effect of making any material change or changes in the Scope of Services or in any contract between the parties covering the subject matter thereof.

3.3.6. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/ADDENDA

The City will issue responses to inquiries and any other corrections or amendments it deems necessary in written addenda issued prior to the opening date. Suppliers should not rely on any representations, statements, or explanations other than those made in this Request for Proposal and its' addendums. Where there appears to be a conflict between the RFP and any addenda issued, the last addendum issued will prevail. It is the Supplier's responsibility to check for addendums (under Bid Opportunities) on the City's website.

Suppliers must acknowledge any issued addenda. Response submittals which fail to acknowledge the Supplier's receipt of any addendum will result in the rejection of the response submittal if the addendum contains information which substantively changes the City's requirements.

3.3.7. PROPOSAL PRICING, ERRORS AND OMISSIONS .

- 3.3.7.1. In the event there is a discrepancy between a unit price submitted and the extended price, the unit price will prevail;
- 3.3.7.2. All corrections, changes or erasures to the proposal submission are to be initialed in ink.

3.3.8. WITHDRAWAL OF RESPONSE

A Supplier may withdraw his response before the submittal deadline without prejudice to the Supplier by submitting a written request of withdrawal to the Procurement Agent.

3.3.9. LATE SUBMITTAL, LATE MODIFICATIONS & LATE WITHDRAWALS

Response submittals received after the RFP opening date and time will not be accepted. Modifications to responses received after the opening date will not be considered. The City assumes no responsibility for the premature opening of a submittal not properly addressed and identified or not delivered to the proper designation.

3.3.10. MINIMUM ACCEPTANCE PERIOD

Responses shall be valid and may not be withdrawn for a minimum period of 90 days from the date specified for receipt. Suppliers will be asked for an 'expiration date' for their response, when exceptions are appropriate. This does not impact the contract price once awarded.

3.3.11. DISQUALIFICATION OF RESPONSES OR SUPPLIERS

Suppliers may be disqualified from participation in the RFP process for reasons which include, but are not limited to the following:

Evidence of collusion;

Attempting to manipulate the submittal pricing for its' own benefit (i.e. pricing resulting in a failure of the City's ability to enforce the Contract or impose the remedies intended following breach by Supplier);

Being in arrears on any of its existing contracts with the City or in litigation with the City or having defaulted on a previous contract with the City;

Being in arrears on taxes owed to the State of Georgia;

Poor, defective or otherwise unsatisfactory performance of work for the City or any other party on prior projects which, in the City's judgment and sole discretion, raises other party on prior projects which, in the City's judgment and sole discretion, raises doubts as to Supplier's ability to properly perform the work;

Any offering of gifts, unauthorized compensation or other unethical actions to City employees with respect to interest in any business activity; or

Any other cause which, in the City's judgment and sole discretion, is sufficient to justify disqualification of the Supplier or the rejection of their submittal;

3.3.12. REJECTION/CANCELLATION/AWARD

The City reserves the right to:

- a) reject any and all submittals received outside the time/place stated in the notice;
- b) reject any submittals which show omissions, irregularities, alteration of forms or unsolicited responses;
- c) waive any minor technicalities of form, or formalities of the responses without prejudice to other responses;
- d) reject any or all responses or any part thereof;
- e) obtain clarification on any point in a respondent submittal or obtain additional information;
- f) accept the proposal that is in the best interest of the City, regardless of whether it is the lowest submission;
- g) award the proposals received on the basis of individual items or on the entire list of items.

The City also reserves the right to cancel this RFP at any time and will not be liable for any cost/losses incurred by the Supplier throughout this process.

Where applicable, the City reserves the right to make multiple awards or to award a contract by individual line items or alternatives, by group of line items or alternatives, or to make an aggregate award, whichever is deemed most advantageous to the City. If the City determines that an aggregate award to one Supplier is not in the City's best interest, "all or none" offers will be rejected.

3.3.13. COST INCURRED BY SUPPLIERS

All expenses involved with the preparation and submission of the response submittals to the City, or any work performed in connection therewith, are the responsibility of the Supplier(s).

3.3.14. RFP OPENING

All RFP responses will be opened on the pre-determined opening date. The response submittal details and related documents will not be reviewed at the opening; they will be turned over to an evaluation committee. No announcements or awards will be made or implied at this time. The Status field on the City's website will be updated following any change in the RFP process. Refer to section 2.1 for details regarding this Status. **Any RFP-specific exceptions to the 'non-public opening' will be noted in the Schedule (section 1.2).**

3.3.15. AWARD AND RESULTING CONTRACT

Award will be made to the lowest responsive and responsible Supplier whose submittal is compliant to the terms of this solicitation request. The quality of the articles to be supplied, their conformity with the specifications, their suitability to the requirements of the City, the delivery terms and other criteria, as well as price, will be taken into consideration in making the award.

Any resulting contract shall not be binding upon the City nor should any action be started until it has been executed by both parties and a copy of the fully executed contract has been delivered to the successful Supplier. Specifications noted in this request shall be incorporated into the resulting contract. The City reserves the option to prepare and negotiate its own contract, giving due consideration to the stipulations of the supplier's proposed contract and associated legal documents.

3.3.16. PROTESTS

Protest may be filed by the affected party regarding any aspect of the solicitation, evaluation or award. All protests must be in writing, include the information listed below and directed to the Procurement Department. Protests regarding the specifications or how a solicitation was written must be filed at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the deadline. Protests regarding the validity of the evaluation team or the evaluation process must be filed within seventy-two (72) hours of the notice to respondents. Protests regarding the recommended awardee must be filed within ten (10) days of the Notice.

3.3.16.1. FILING A PROTEST

Only suppliers intending to submit a response may protest a solicitation and only suppliers that respond to a solicitation may protest the evaluation /award. All Protests must be directed to the Procurement Department, be in writing and contain the following information in order to be valid:

- 3.3.16.1.1. The name (company), address, telephone number and email of the protestor;
- 3.3.16.1.2. Signature and printed name of the protestor;
- 3.3.16.1.3. Identification of the solicitation and the sections contested;
- 3.3.16.1.4. A statement of reason for the protest including copies of relevant supporting documents;
- 3.3.16.1.5. A description of the remedy requested;
- 3.3.16.1.6. A decision will be rendered by Procurement. Should the protest need to be escalated, it shall continue as needed through the following stages: City Attorney, Board of Commissioners, court system.

3.4. INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE OF EQUIPMENT (FOR PURCHASE)

Where applicable, all items offered that are to be purchased must be completely new, free from defects and operate as intended unless otherwise specified in writing. Discontinued, remanufactured or demonstrator items will not be accepted unless specifically requested. The manufacturer's standard warranty shall be identified and copies of the warranties are to be presented upon request. In addition, all items supplied shall comply with all Federal and State regulations, applicable and effective on the date of acceptance. All items must meet or exceed all existing Federal, State and Local health, safety, lighting, emissions and noise standards.

The City reserves the right to inspect and test any equipment being offered prior to making any award. The City may also request a demonstration or site visit for evaluation purposes. The equipment delivered under this RFP shall remain the property of the seller until a physical inspection of the equipment is made and accepted by the City. In the event that the equipment supplied to the City is found to be defective or does not conform to the City's specifications, the City reserves the right to cancel the order upon written notice to the seller and to return the equipment to the seller at the seller's expense.

3.5. STATEMENT OF EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS

The Supplier may be required, upon request, to prove to the satisfaction of the City that he/she has the skill and experience and the necessary facilities and ample financial resources to perform the contract(s) in a satisfactory manner and within the required time. If the available evidence of competency of any Supplier is not satisfactory, the response of such Supplier may be rejected. The City reserves the right to request clarifications of any response or to conduct discussions for the purpose of clarification. Any clarifications made as a result of these discussions are to be provided in writing.

3.6. NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

By submitting the notarized signature in the response, the Supplier represents and warrants that such response is genuine and real and not made in the interest or on behalf of any person not therein named. It is further warranted that the Supplier has not directly or indirectly solicited any other Supplier to put in a sham submittal, or any potential Supplier to refrain from submitting and that the Supplier has not in any manner sought by collusion to secure any

advantage over any other Supplier. By submitting a response, the Supplier represents and warrants that no official or employee of City has, in any manner, an interest directly or indirectly in the RFP or in the contract which may be made under it, or in any expected profits to arise therefrom. It is further warranted that the Supplier is independent of the City.

3.7. HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFICATION

The Supplier agrees, insofar as it legally may, to indemnify and hold harmless the City, its officers, employees and agents from and against all loss, costs, and expenses, including attorneys' fees, claims, suits and judgments in connection with injury to or death of any person or persons or loss of or damage to property resulting from any and all operations performed by Supplier, its officers, employees, and agents under any of the terms of this contract.

3.8. BID BONDS (Bid, Performance, Payment)

For any proposal as required and noted in Section 1 of this document, a one hundred ten percent (110%) Performance bond and a one hundred ten percent (110%) Payment bond shall be furnished payable to, in favor of, and for the protection of the City. When Bid bonds are required, they must be in a sum equal to five percent (5%) of the total amount of the Supplier's response and may be in the form of a surety issued bond or cashier's check made payable to the City of Griffin. Bid bonds are returned to the unsuccessful Suppliers when the Notice of Award has been issued or contract has been executed. When bonding is required, failure to submit appropriate bonding will result in automatic rejection of the response. Performance and/or Payment bonds must be presented within ten (10) days of the Notice of Intent to Award or prior to the award of contract, whichever is later. Surety companies executing bonds must appear on the Treasury Department's most current publication (Circular 570 as amended) and be authorized to do business in Georgia. Unless otherwise specified, bonds shall be in effect for a period of one year from the completion of the project. The bond amounts shall be increased as the contract amount is increased. No alternative securities are currently accepted in lieu of performance or payment surety bonds.

4. SECTION IV – OTHER GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS

Sections II - VII review the general terms and conditions. **Any RFP-specific information noted in Section I or in the Specifications & Response Section (if applicable) will take precedence.**

4.1. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-91-24, it is understood that the Notice-to-Proceed and the time for completion of the work as specified are ESSENTIAL conditions of any resulting contract and that the performance and completion of this work within the specified time is vital to the City's economic interests. If the Supplier neglects, fails or refuses to complete the work within the mutually agreed time specified, the City may impose liquidated damages for each day of non-compliance past the scheduled completion date. Unless otherwise specified in Section I of this document or in the resulting contract, liquidated damages may be assessed at a rate of 1%, with a limit of \$500.00 per day of non-compliance.

4.2. FORCE MAJEURE

The City and Supplier will be excused from the performance of their respective obligations under this Contract when and to the extent that their performance is delayed or prevented by any circumstances beyond their control including but not limited to, fire, flood, explosion, strikes or other labor disputes, act of God or public emergency, war, riot, order/act of any governmental authority, provided that:

- 4.2.1.** The non-performing party gives the other party prompt written notice within three (3) business days describing the particulars of the Force Majeure including, but not limited to, the nature of the occurrence and its expected duration, and continues to furnish timely reports with respect thereto during the period of the Force Majeure;
- 4.2.2.** The excuse of performance is of no greater scope and of no longer duration than is required by the Force Majeure;
- 4.2.3.** No obligations of either party that arose before the Force Majeure causing the excuse of performance are excused as a result of the Force Majeure;
- 4.2.4.** The non-performing party uses its best efforts to remedy its inability to perform. Economic hardship of the Provider will not constitute Force Majeure. The term of the Provider shall be extended by a period equal to that during which either party's performance is suspended under this Section.

The provisions of this section shall not preclude the City from canceling or terminating any resulting award (or any order for any goods or services included herein), or from revising the scope of the Work, as otherwise permitted under this RFP.

4.3. SUPPLIER'S INVOICE

4.3.1. The Supplier shall prepare and submit invoices to the attention of the project manager at: City of Griffin, Attn: *(insert project manager name)*, PO Box T, Griffin, GA 30224. A proper invoice must include the items below;

- (a) Name and address of the Supplier.
- (b) Invoice date and invoice number. (The Supplier should date invoices as close as possible to the date of the mailing or transmission.)
- (c) Purchase order number for supplies delivered or work completed.
- (d) Description, quantity, unit of measure, unit price, and extended price of supplies delivered.
- (e) Shipping and payment terms (e.g., shipment number and date of shipment, discount for prompt payment terms).
- (f) Name and address to which payment is to be sent.
- (g) Name (where practicable), title, phone number, and mailing address of person to notify in the event of a defective invoice.
- (h) Any other information or documentation required by the contract (e.g., evidence of shipment).

4.3.2. A summary invoice shall be provided for all deliveries made during a billing period, identifying the delivery tickets covered therein, stating their total dollar value. A summary invoice shall be supported by receipt copies of the delivery tickets. Delivery tickets or sales slips shall contain:

- (a) Name of supplier
- (b) Purchase Order number
- (c) Ship to Department and Address
- (d) Description, Quantity, unit price, and extension of each item.
- (e) Date of delivery or shipment.

4.4. TAX LIABILITY

The City is exempt from sales tax under Georgia law. The successful Supplier will be provided with the City's Sales and Use Tax Certificate of Exemption number upon request. No purchase made by an entity or supplier is qualified to be exempt other than those made directly by the City.

4.5. PAYMENT

Payment will be made for deliverables satisfactorily executed and accepted by the City; standard terms are net 30.

4.6. ESTIMATED QUANTITIES

Any quantities of items specified in the Schedule are estimates only and are not purchased by this contract. If the City's requirements do not result in orders in the quantities described as "estimated", that fact shall not constitute the basis for an equitable price adjustment. Delivery shall be made only as authorized by orders issued in accordance with the Ordering clause. Subject to any limitations in the Order clause or elsewhere in this contract, the Supplier shall furnish to the City all items specified in the Schedule & Summary and called for by orders issued in accordance with the Ordering clause.

4.7. ASSIGNMENT OR NOVATION OF CONTRACT

The Supplier shall not assign or transfer, whether by Assignment or Novation, any of its rights, duties, benefits, obligations, liabilities, or responsibilities under the Contract without the written consent of the City; provided, however, that assignments to banks, trust companies or other financial institutions for the purpose of securing a bond may be made without the consent of the City.

4.8. TERMINATION FOR CAUSE

The City reserves the right to terminate the resulting contract, in whole or in part, for failure to comply with any provisions of the contract as outlined by providing a written notice to the Supplier at least thirty (30) days before the effective date of termination. The Supplier will not be relieved of any outstanding responsibilities or unfinished obligations under this contract. Receipt of items by the delivery date is critical to the terms of this contract. The City considers late delivery of contract items as reasonable cause to terminate the contract.

Prior to termination, a Cure Notice will be issued by the City. The Notice will identify the problems and deadlines that need to be met to remedy the problems to avoid termination for default. If the Supplier does not respond with an acceptable action plan to remedy the default or commence to remedy the default within a period of five (5) business days (or such longer period as the City may authorize in writing) after the issuance of notice, the City may issue termination for cause.

The Supplier also has a right to terminate this contract for cause by providing a written notice of intent to terminate at least thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of the contract termination.

4.9. TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE

The City reserves the right to terminate the resulting contract, in whole or in part, in the event the City determines that such termination is in the best interest of the City, such as an unforeseen project cancellation. Any such termination shall be effected by the delivery of a notice specifying the extent to which performance of work under the contract is termination and the date upon which the termination becomes effective. The City will be responsible for payment of deliverables satisfactorily executed according to industry standards or proven loss with respect to materials, etc.

4.10. TERMINATION FOR FUND APPROPRIATION

The City may unilaterally terminate this Agreement due to a lack of funding at any time by written notice to the Supplier. In the event of the City's termination of the resulting contract for fund appropriation, the Supplier will be paid for those services actually performed. Partially completed performance of the Agreement will be compensated based upon a signed statement of completion to be submitted by the Supplier which shall itemize each element of performance

4.11. CHANGES

All work and materials furnished for this project shall be made in conformance with the contract documents. Changes in the scope of work or the terms and conditions of this contract may be made only by written agreement of the parties. Changes that involve an alteration to the payment amounts shall not commence until approved by the City and a Change Order has been issued.

4.12. REPORTING DISPUTES

The Supplier shall report any contract disputes and/or problems to the Procurement Analyst, both verbally and in writing within 48 hours of their occurrence.

5. SECTION V –INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Sections II - VII review the general terms and conditions. **Any RFP-specific information noted in Section I or in the Specifications & Response Section will take precedence.**

Prior to commencing work, the Supplier shall procure and maintain at their own cost and expense for the duration of the agreement the following insurance against claims for injuries to person or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work or services hereunder by the Supplier, his agents, representatives, employees or Subcontractors. The cost of such insurance shall be included in the response submittal. A Certificate of Insurance (COI) and any other documents required by the City must be submitted to the City prior to the commencement of any work. In the event of failure to supply the required documentation, the City shall have the right to recover any costs or damages incurred.

The City of Griffin, its agents, elected officials, and employees shall be included as additionally named insured with respect to all liability policies herein except the professional liability coverage and worker's compensation which shall be indicated on all applicable certificates of insurance. The insurance Certificates indicated above shall carry a written notice of change cancellation and shall be submitted in a reasonable period prior to the execution of any work under this contract. It shall be the responsibility of the Supplier to provide similar insurance for each subcontractor, or to provide evidence that each subcontractor carries his own insurance in like amounts, prior to the time such subcontractor proceeds to perform under the contract. The Supplier's insurance policy shall be primary for the additional insured, and not excess over any policy held by the additional insured.

The information described below sets forth minimum amounts and coverage and is not to be construed in any way as a limitation on the Supplier's liability.

5.1. STANDARD INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

5.1.1. The City reserves the right to require higher insurance limits on any contract, provided notice of such requirement is stated in the solicitation.

5.1.2. *Commercial General Liability Insurance* - \$1,000,000 limit per person, \$2,000,000 per occurrence for property damage and bodily injury. The Supplier should indicate in the proposal and on the insurance certificate that the coverage provided is occurrence based.

The City of Griffin shall be named as "additional insured" as its interest may appear and "waiver of subrogation granted". The insurance shall include coverage for the following:

- Premise/Operations
- Explosion, Collapse and Underground Property Damage Hazard (only when applicable to the project)
- Products/Completed Operations
- Contractual
- Independent Suppliers
- Broad Form Property Damage
- Personal Injury

5.1.3. *Automobile Insurance* - \$1,000,000 limit per person, \$2,000,000 *combined single* limit for property damage and personal injury

- Owned/Leased Autos
- Non-owned Autos
- Hired Autos

5.1.4. *Umbrella Coverage*

5.1.4.1. *Workers' Compensation and Employers' Insurance* -- with benefits and monetary limits as set forth by Title 34, Chapter 9 of the O.C.G.A. Workers' Compensation coverage is required as a condition of performing work or services for the City whether or not the Supplier is otherwise required by law to provide such coverage. The Supplier shall supply the City with proof of compliance with the Workers' Compensation Act while performing work for the City by way of a COI. This proof must be received by the City **prior to** the commencement of work. If the Supplier does not meet the requirement for workers' compensation coverage, the certificate of insurance shall state that the contractor waives subrogation in regard to workers' compensation.

5.1.4.2. *Professional Liability/Errors & Omissions Insurance* - \$2,000,000 or as per project (ultimate loss value per occurrence). Primarily E&O insurance is designed to protect the professional advice providers (i.e. consultants, financial services) or professional service-providing professionals (i.e. medical providers, lawyers).

5.2. OTHER INSURANCE PROVISIONS

5.2.1. All Coverage

5.2.1.1. Each insurance policy required by this clause shall be endorsed to state that coverage shall not be suspended, voided, canceled, reduced in coverage or in limits except after thirty (30) days prior written notice has been given to the City.

5.2.1.2. If the Supplier, for any reason, fails to maintain insurance coverage which is required pursuant to this Agreement, the same shall be deemed a material breach of contract. City, at its sole option, may terminate this Agreement and obtain damages from the Supplier resulting from said breach.

5.2.1.3. Alternatively, the City may purchase such required insurance coverage (but has no special obligation to do so), and without further notice to the Supplier, the City may deduct from sums due to the Supplier any premium costs advanced by City for such insurance.

5.2.2. Commercial General Liability and Automobile Liability Coverage

- 5.2.2.1. The City, members of its City Commission, boards, commissions and committees, officers, agents, employees and volunteers are to be covered as insured as respects: liability arising out of activities performed by or on behalf of the Supplier; products and completed operations of the Supplier; premises owned, leased or used by the Supplier or premises on which the Supplier is performing services on behalf of the City. The coverage shall contain no special limitations on the scope of protection afforded to the City, members of the City Commission, boards, commissions and committees, officers, agents, employees and volunteers.
- 5.2.2.2. The Supplier's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects the City, members of its City Commission, boards, commissions and committees, officers, agents, employees and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the City, members of its City Commission, boards, commissions and committees, officers, agents, employees and volunteers shall be excess of the Supplier's insurance and shall not contribute with it.
- 5.2.2.3. Any failure to comply with reporting provisions of the policies shall not affect coverage provided to the City, members of its City Commission, boards, commissions and committees, officers, agents, employees and volunteers.
- 5.2.2.4. Coverage shall state that Supplier's insurance shall apply separately to each insured against to whom a claim is made or suit is brought, except with respect to the limits of the insurer's liability.

5.2.3. Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability and Property Coverage

The insurer shall agree to waive all rights of subrogation against the City, member of its' City Commission, boards, commissions and committees, officers, agents, employees and volunteers for losses arising from activities and operations of the Supplier in the performance of services under this Agreement (*see 5.1.4.1*).

5.2.4. Deductibles and Self-Insured Retention.

Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to the City.

5.2.5. Acceptability of Insurer

Insurance is to be placed with Georgia admitted 'A' rated carriers or better by A.M. Best's rating service.

5.2.6. Verification of Coverage

Supplier shall furnish the City with certificates of insurance and with original endorsements affecting coverage required by this clause. The certificates and endorsements for each policy are to be signed by a person authorized by that insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. The certificates and endorsements are to be received and approved by the City before work commences.

5.2.7. Subcontractors

Subcontractors must also be insured under the policies of insurance required herein.

6. REQUIRED IMMIGRATION/ENTITLEMENT AFFIDAVITS FOR GEORGIA

For the successful Suppliers contracting for physical labor or providing services with the City:

6.1. VENDOR/CONTRACTOR AFFIDAVIT

Pursuant to the Georgia Security and Immigration Compliance Act of 2006, the Supplier understands and agrees that compliance with the requirements of O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91 and Georgia Department of Labor Rule 300-10-1-.02 are conditions of this Agreement. The Supplier further agrees that such compliance shall be attested by the Supplier through execution of the contractor affidavit required by Georgia Department of Labor Rule 300-10-1-.07, or a substantially similar supplier affidavit. The Supplier's fully executed affidavit is attached hereto as an Exhibit and is incorporated into this Agreement by reference herein.

6.2. SUBCONTRACTORS

The Supplier understands and agrees that, in the event the Supplier employs or contracts with any subcontractor or subcontractors in connection with this Agreement, the Supplier shall:

- 6.2.1.** Be responsible to the City for the acts and omissions of a sub-contractor or persons employed by said sub-contractor to the same extent that the Supplier is liable to the City;
- 6.2.2.** Secure from each such subcontractor an indication of the employee number category as identified in O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91 that is applicable to the subcontractor;
- 6.2.3.** Secure from each such subcontractor an attestation of the subcontractor's compliance with O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91 and Georgia Department of Labor Rule 300-10-1-.02 by causing each such subcontractor to execute the subcontractor affidavit required by Georgia Department of Labor Rule 300-10-1-.08, or a substantially similar subcontractor affidavit. The Supplier further understands and agrees that the Supplier shall require the executed subcontractor affidavit to become a part of the agreement between the Supplier and each such subcontractor. The Supplier agrees to maintain records of each subcontractor attestation required hereunder for inspection by the Department at any time."

7. TITLE VI –as applied through the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987

The CITY OF GRIFFIN, GEORGIA, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. 2000d to 2000d-4, as amended by The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, hereby notifies all suppliers that no person shall on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, and handicap/disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity conducted by the CITY regardless of whether those programs, services, and activities are federally-funded or not. Further, 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 in response to this request and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, handicap/disabled in consideration for an award.

***Please separate and use the following pages with your response submittal.
Additional pages may be used as needed. Thank you for your interest and
participation in this opportunity.***



**CITY OF GRIFFIN, GEORGIA
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

RESPONSE SUBMITTAL COVER

RFP #20-005

For

**PROFESSIONAL DESIGN SERVICES – Hammond Drive at
W. Poplar Street Intersection SCOPING STUDY**

Submitted by:

Name of Company:

Mailing Address:

City/State/Zip:

Phone (including area code):

E-mail:

**Submittal Deadline:
September 17, 2019 at 2:00 P.M.**

RFP 20-005

COST SUBMITTAL: Design Svcs – Hammond Dr Scoping Study

Company Name _____ Cost Valid Through _____

COST STRUCTURE – Complete the following and include any associated information specifics for the cost quoted.

Task 1 – Existing Conditions & Technical Analysis: _____

Task 2 – Stakeholder and Public Involvement: _____

Task 3 – Alternatives Analysis & Concept Plan Development: _____

Task 4 – Implementation Plan: _____

Task 5 – Prepare Project Deliverables: _____

Other add'l charges or fees not included above (please specify): _____

Total cost \$ _____

DELIVERY:

ANTICIPATED COMPLETION FROM NOTICE TO PROCEED: _____ DAYS

Additional comments/recommendations: _____

The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive any technicalities and formalities in the bidding. The City reserves the right to accept the BEST-EVALUATED BID as deemed by the Evaluation Committee, which may or may not be the lowest monetary bid.

The undersigned understands that any conditions stated above, clarifications made to the above or information other than that requested should be under separate cover and shall be considered at the discretion of the City.

COMPLETED BY:

Company Name: _____

Contact Person: _____
(Signature) (Printed Name)



SUPPLIER DISCLOSURES 20-005

All solicitations **MUST** contain signed and notarized statement of Non-Collusion and non-Conflict of Interest. Any **YES** response for other disclosures must be detailed and attached to this sheet as part of your submittal. Reference to 'Supplier' denotes the organization submitting the response as well as the principal representing the organization.

Collusion. Collusion exists when two or more parties act together to achieve a fraudulent or unlawful act. Collusion inhibits free and open competition and is in violation of antitrust laws.

I certify that this bid response is genuine and is not a collusive or sham proposal. I further state that:

- o The prepared response is made without prior understanding, agreement, or connection with any corporation, firm, or person submitting a bid or offer for the same supplies, labor, services, construction, materials or equipment to be furnished or professional or consultant services, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud; and
- o The price(s) submitted has/have been arrived at independently and without consultation, communication or agreement with any other supplier, supplier or potential responder to the solicitation; and
- o No attempt has been made or will be made to induce any company or person to refrain from responding to this solicitation, or to induce them to submit a budget that is higher than the budget in this solicitation, or to submit any intentionally high or noncompetitive response or other form of nonresponsive submittal; and
- o I understand collusive bidding is a violation of city, state and federal law and can result in fines, prison sentences, and civil damages awards. I also certify that I am authorized to sign for this Supplier.

Conflict of interest. A Conflict of Interest exists when personal interests interfere in any way with the best interest of the City. This can arise if any agent of the City or their families will receive a monetary or other type of benefit based on the award of this project or if any supplier has an unfair competitive advantage over other suppliers. A conflict is also perceived if any previous history would make it impossible for the supplier to objectively fulfill the obligations associated with this project.

I certify that there is no known conflict of interest with the City or any employee or agent of the City. There is presently no interest and no interest shall be acquired that would directly or indirectly conflict in any manner with the performance of this solicitation, should it be awarded.

Company Name

Signature of Authorized official of company

Printed Name

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ **day of** _____ **, 20** _____ **.**

Notary Public: _____

County: _____

Commission Expires: _____

OTHER SUPPLIER DISCLOSURES

Any response of 'Yes' must be explained in full (separate sheet may be used).

_____ **Debarment.** Supplier certifies that neither it or its subcontractors is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or otherwise excluded from doing business with any government agency. Has the Supplier been deemed ineligible from participating in any business with any government agency in the past five (5) years?

___ **Litigation.** Within the past five (5) years, has the Supplier been the subject of or party to any civil or criminal proceedings or investigations based on wrongful death, fraud, theft, breach of contract, safety, misrepresentation or any other conduct?

___ **Financial stability.** Financial stability demonstrates that the Supplier has the resources to complete and the ability to remain in business for the duration of the subsequent contract. Has any petition of bankruptcy, orders or judgment been filed against the supplier in the past five (5) years?

___ **Liquidated Damages.** Liquidated Damages are types of compensation designed to reimburse the City for certain problems or delays associated with a project; it serves as protection to both parties in the form of 'contract completion insurance'. Has the Supplier been assessed any liquidated damages or defaulted on any project with a government agency in the past five (5) years?

___ **OSHA.** Has the Supplier been cited for any OSHA violations in the past five (5) years?

___ **COMMUNICATIONS.** Has the Supplier communicated OR discussed pricing with anyone associated with the City, other than Procurement, since the solicitation was published?

SUPPLIER ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS *(please initial)*

___ **Resources.** We agree that we have the resources needed for the satisfactory completion of the project.

___ **Exceptions.** All deviations and exceptions to this RFP must be expressly stated in writing and attached as an Exception page. The absence of any exceptions assures the City of their full agreement and compliance with all specifications, terms and conditions, requirements and obligations of this RFP.

___ **Occupational Tax License.** If a City of Griffin Occupational Tax License is needed in order to fulfill the project, we will obtain such license prior to the confirmation of contract.

___ **Insurance.** We understand the insurance requirements noted and are prepared to supply the required insurance endorsements for these requirements prior to the confirmation of contract.

___ **Terms and Conditions.** The specifications, as well as the terms and conditions of this Request for Proposal shall be incorporated as an integral part of the final contract.

The Supplier has examined, carefully studied and hereby acknowledges the Specifications and any Addenda and agrees to provide the required services in accordance with this proposal. **The Supplier agrees to all specification items listed unless specifically noted on an Exceptions page.** The Supplier further certifies that they are not currently debarred from submitting proposals by any agency of the State of Georgia or the federal government.

Specifications Acknowledgement _____

Addendum No. ____ dated _____ Acknowledgement _____

Addendum No. ____ dated _____ Acknowledgement _____

Addendum No. ____ dated _____ Acknowledgement _____

Suppliers must acknowledge the Specifications and any issued addenda. Responses which fail to acknowledge the Supplier's receipt of any addendum will result in the rejection of the bid if the addendum contained information which substantively changes the City's requirements.

BID RESPONSE SIGNATURE

I am registered (and compliant) with the City's online registration system: Yes ___ Not yet ___
The City cannot award to a supplier that is not registered and compliant.

NAME OF COMPANY: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY /STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE (including area code): _____ E-MAIL: _____

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE TITLE

NAME (PRINTED)

TITLE (PRINTED)

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REFERENCES

The City of Griffin requests a minimum of three references where work of a similar size and scope has been completed within the past 3-4 years.

REFERENCE 1:

Company Name: _____

Brief Description of Project: _____

Completion Date: _____

Contact Person: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

REFERENCE 2:

Company Name: _____

Brief Description of Project: _____

Completion Date: _____

Contact Person: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

REFERENCE 3:

Company Name: _____

Brief Description of Project: _____

Completion Date: _____

Contact Person: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

COMPLETED BY:

Company Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

(Signature)

(Printed Name)



TAX COMPLIANCE FORM*

**Must be completed for all submittals with an aggregate total of more than \$99,000.00.*

INSTRUCTIONS TO SUPPLIERS

Please complete the following information:

- Supplier's Name: _____
- Physical Location Address: _____

- Federal Identification Number (FEI): _____
- Have you ever been registered in the State of Georgia? _____
- If so, please provide the following information, if applicable:
 - State Taxpayer Identification Number (STI): _____
 - Sales and Use Tax Number: _____
 - Withholding Tax Number: _____
- What type of service will you perform? _____
- Will you sell any tangible personal property or goods? _____
- Supplier's Affiliate's Name: _____
 - FEI: _____
 - STI: _____
 - Sales and Use Tax Number: _____
 - Withholding Tax Number: _____

If there is more than one affiliate, please attach a separate sheet listing the information above.

- Person responsible for handling supplier's tax issues (such as the CFO, the company tax officer, etc.):
 - Name: _____
 - Telephone Number: _____
 - E-mail Address: _____

NOTICE TO SUPPLIER:

In the event the supplier is considered for contract award, the information provided on this form will be submitted to the Georgia Department of Revenue ("DOR") for a determination as to whether the supplier is a "prohibited source" (as defined by O.C.G.A. §50-5-82) or whether there are any other outstanding tax issues. MISSING, INCOMPLETE, OR ERRONEOUS DATA MAY DELAY OR PROHIBIT VERIFICATION OF YOUR ELIGIBILITY FOR CONTRACT AWARD. NO PROHIBITED SOURCE MAY RECEIVE CONTRACT AWARD; THEREFORE, YOU ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO CHECK YOUR TAX STATUS NOW AND RESOLVE ANY OUTSTANDING TAX LIABILITIES AND/OR MISSING TAX RETURNS.



SUPPLIER REGISTRATION

Supplier Registration with the City Of Griffin consists of the following:

The City of Griffin now has online self-service registration, via Vendor Registry. In order to be registered as a City of Griffin supplier, you must access the registration via the City's site. This will give you the opportunity to keep your information accurate and current. It also permits unlimited NIGP commodity codes, allowing for notifications based on your specific business criteria. In addition to the visibility to the City, this service will allow for other agencies in our area to have visibility of your company and it will allow you to have visibility of opportunities from other agencies in our area. There is no charge for this basic service, but you do have the option to automatically expand your visibility to other areas for a small fee to Vendor Registry at any time.

TO REGISTER:

- ✓ Please visit our website at www.cityofgriffin.com
- ✓ Select "Resources"
- ✓ Select "Register my Business with the City"
- ✓ Complete your registration by following the instructions provided
 - Two documents (forms included below) will be required to be **uploaded online** before your registration is complete. They are:
 - **Supplier Affidavit** – This document is also referred to as the E-Verify affidavit and has been updated to reflect new laws that have recently gone into effect. An E-Verify (EV) number is REQUIRED by the State of Georgia (OCGA § 13-10-91) if you provide labor or services to the City that is valued in excess of \$2,499.99. In addition to the EV number and signature, the affidavit must be notarized. If you are a sole proprietor or your company provides only products, simply initial the statement that applies to your situation and sign. **There is no need to notarize the affidavit unless you provide your EV number.**
 - **W-9** – This document supplies the Employer Identification Number (EIN) or the Social Security (SS) number of the supplier.

Note: *If you have problems getting registered, Vendor Registry is available to answer questions and help get you registered; they can be reached toll-free at (865) 777-4337. The City is also available to help.*

If you are registered on Vendor Registry with another agency other than City of Griffin, you can 'piggyback' off of your existing profile to create a profile for Griffin. Contact Vendor Registry or our Procurement office for help in creating this new record.