

BIDDING DOCUMENTS

PREPARED FOR

**EFFINGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS**

For

**CONSTRUCTION OF THE CLARENCE
MORGAN RECREATION COMPLEX
GYMNASIUM**



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Effingham County Board of Commissioners
Clarence Morgan Recreation Complex – Gymnasium Construction
RFB No. 20-29-002

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

EFFINGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Sealed BIDS will be received by the **Effingham County Board of Commissioners** at the office of the Purchasing Agent until **11.00am** (Eastern Time) on **Friday, December 6, 2019** and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud.

The Work to be bid consists of furnishing all materials, labor and equipment for the Construction of:

A 27,000sf (approx.) gymnasium as detailed in RFQ No. 20-29-001

All bids shall be accompanied by a BID BOND in favor of the **Effingham County Board of Commissioners** in the amount of at least five percent (5%) of the BID for the complete work. The BID BOND shall be forfeited to the **Effingham County Board of Commissioners** as liquidated damages if the BIDDER fails to execute the CONTRACT and provide PERFORMANCE BOND and PAYMENT BOND within ten (10) calendar days after being notified that he has been awarded the Contract.

Payment will be made on a monthly basis for work performed the previous month, less retainage. Until 50% of the value of the contract (including change orders and additions), or if the Contractor fails to maintain his construction schedule to the satisfaction of the Engineer, the County will retain 10% of the gross value of the completed work as indicated by the current estimate approved by the Engineer. After the contract (including change orders and additions) is 50% complete, there shall be no additional retainage withheld unless the work is determined to be unsatisfactory or has fallen behind schedule.

The BIDDER is expected to examine the sites of the proposed work, the BIDDERS CHECKLIST, INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS, GENERAL CONDITIONS, SPECIFICATIONS and AGREEMENT forms before submitting a BID.

The **Effingham County Board of Commissioners** reserves the right to reject any and all Bids and to waive any informality in the bidding. Additionally Effingham County may issue change orders altering the original scope of work to address changes or unforeseen conditions necessary for the project completion. No Bids shall be withdrawn within 60 days after the actual date of the opening thereof. Bids from noncertified Bidders will not be considered.

The Completion Date for this Contract shall be 300 calendar days from the date of the NOTICE TO PROCEED.

The BID must be submitted in duplicate and will include the following signed documents:

1. DOCUMENT CHECK LIST
2. DRUG FREE WORKPLACE CERTIFICATION, Attachment A
3. PROMISE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT, Attachment B
4. GEORGIA SECURITY AND IMMIGRATION COMPLIANCE ACT AFFIDAVIT (E-VERIFY) – SUBCONTRACTOR, Attachment C (can be submitted to the County after a contract has been issued, but must be submitted BEFORE any subcontractor performs work on the project)

5. BIDDERS CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION, Attachment D
6. GENERAL CONDITIONS
7. COMPLETED BID FORM
8. BID BOND, CERTIFIED CHECK OR CASHIER'S CHECK
9. CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE
10. COMPLETEDW9

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INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

1.1 PURPOSE: The purpose of this document is to provide general and specific information for use in submitting a Bid to supply Effingham County with construction, equipment, supplies and/or services as described herein. All Bids/bids are governed by the Code of Effingham County, and the laws of the State of Georgia.

1.2 HOW TO SUBMIT BIDS: All bids shall be:

A. Submitted in sealed opaque package (envelope or box as necessary), plainly marked with the bid number and title, date and time of submission, and company name.

B. Mailed or delivered in sufficient time to ensure receipt by the Purchasing Agent on or before the time and date specified above.

Hand Delivery and Mailing Address:

Effingham County Purchasing Agent,
601 North Laurel Street,
Springfield, Georgia, 31329.

BIDS NOT RECEIVED BY THE TIME AND DATE SPECIFIED WILL NOT BE OPENED OR CONSIDERED.

1.3 ERRORS IN BIDS: Bidders or their authorized representatives are expected to fully inform themselves as to the conditions, requirements, and specifications before submitting Bids. Failure to do so will be at the Bidders own risk. In case of error in extension of prices in the Bid, the unit price will govern.

1.4 STANDARDS FOR ACCEPTANCE OF BID FOR CONTRACT AWARD: The County reserves the right to reject any or all Bids and to waive any irregularities or technicalities in Bids received whenever such rejection or waiver is in the best interest of the County.

1.5 BIDDER: Whenever the term "Bidder" is used it shall encompass the "person," "business," "firm," "contractor" or other party submitting a bid to Effingham County in such capacity before a contract has been entered into between such party and the County. At times throughout this Invitation to Bid the term "contractor" may be used interchangeably with the term "bidder".

1.6 COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS: The Proposer shall obtain and maintain all licenses, permits, liability insurance, workman's compensation insurance and comply with any and all other standards or regulations required by Federal, State or County statute, ordinances and rules during the performance of any contract between the Proposer and the County. Any such requirement specifically set forth in any contract document between the Proposer and the County shall be supplementary to this section and not in substitution thereof.

1.7 COUNTY: Whenever the term "County" or "Owner" is used it is to refer to the Effingham County Board of Commissioners.

1.8 DEBARRED FIRMS AND PENDING LITIGATION: Any potential bidder/firm listed on the Federal or State of Georgia Parties Listing (barred from doing business) **will not** be considered for contract award. Bidders **shall disclose** any record of pending criminal violations (indictment) and/or convictions, pending lawsuits, etc., and any actions that may be a conflict of interest occurring within the past five (5) years.

Bids will not be accepted from any company, firm, person, party or parent subsidiary, against which Effingham County has an outstanding claim, or financial dispute relating to prior contract performance.

If the County, at any time, discovers such a dispute during any point of evaluation, the bid will not be considered further. Any bidder/firm previously defaulting or terminating a contract with the County will not be considered

Bidder acknowledges that in performing contract work for the County, Bidder shall not utilize any firms that have been a party to any of the above actions. If Bidder has engaged any firm to work on this contract or project that is later debarred, Bidder shall sever its relationship with the firm with respect to County contract.

** All Bidders are to read and complete the Bidders certification regarding debarment, suspension, ineligibility, and voluntary exclusion enclosed as Attachment H to be returned with response. Failure to do so may result in your bid being rejected as non-responsive.

1.9 IMMIGRATION: On 1 July 2009, the Georgia Security and Immigration Compliance Act (SB 529, Section 2) became effective. All employers, contractors and subcontractors entering into a contract or performing work must sign an affidavit that he/she has used the E-Verify System. E-Verify is a no-cost federal employment verification system to insure employment eligibility. Affidavits are enclosed in this solicitation. You may download M-274 Handbook for Employers at <http://www.dol.state.ga.us/spotlight/employment/rules>. You may go to <http://www.uscis.gov> to find the E-Verify information.

1.10 PROTECTION OF RESIDENT WORKERS: Effingham County Board of Commissioners actively supports the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) which includes provisions addressing employment eligibility, employment verification, and nondiscrimination. Under the INA, employers may hire only persons who may legally work in the United States (i.e., citizens and nationals of the U.S.) and aliens authorized to work in the U.S. The employer must verify the identity and employment eligibility of anyone to be hired, which includes completing the Employment Eligibility Verification Form (I-9). The Contractor shall establish appropriate procedures and controls so no services or products under the Contract Documents will be performed or manufactured by any worker who is not legally eligible to perform such services or employment.

1.11 PROTECTION OF RESIDENT WORKERS: The vendor warrants for itself and any subcontractor that no elected or appointed official or employee of Effingham County, Georgia, has any interest in their bid or the proceeds of any contract/agreement which may result thereof. In the event that an elected or appointed official or employee acquires any interest in any contract/agreement which may result from this bid, or the proceeds thereof, the vendor agrees to disclose such interest to the BOARD immediately by written notice. For breach or violation of this clause, the BOARD may annul any contract/agreement resulting from this bid without liability, terminate any contract/agreement resulting from this bid for default, or take other remedial measures. "Interest" as used herein means direct or indirect pecuniary or material benefit accruing to a county commissioner, official or employee as a result of a matter which is or which is expected to become the subject of an official action by or with the county, except for such actions which, by their terms and by the substance of their provisions, confer the opportunity and right to realize the accrual of similar benefits to all other persons and/or property similarly situated. The term "interest" shall not include any remote interest. For purposes of this bid, a county commissioner, official or employee shall be deemed to have an interest in the affairs of: (1) his or her family; (2) any business entity in which the county commissioner, official or employee is a member, officer, director, employee, or prospective employee; and (3) any business entity as to which the stock, legal ownership, or beneficial ownership of a county commissioner, official or employee is in excess of five percent of the total stock or total legal and beneficial ownership, or which is controlled or owned directly or indirectly by the county commissioner, official or employee. Remote interest as used herein means the interest of (1) a volunteer director, officer, or employee of a nonprofit corporation; (2) a holder of less than 5 percent of the legal or beneficial ownership of the total shares of a business; (3) any person in a representative capacity, such as a receiver, trustee, or administrator. Family as used herein means the spouse, parents, children, and siblings, related by blood, marriage, or adoption, of a county official or employee.

ATTACHMENT A

DRUG FREE WORKPLACE CERTIFICATION

The undersigned certifies that the provisions of Code Sections 50-24-1 through 50-24-6 of the Official Code to Georgia Annotated, related to the Drug Free Workplace have been complied with.

1. A drug-free workplace will be provided for the employees during the performance of the contract;

and;

2. Each Sub-Contractor under the direction of the Contractor shall secure the following written certification:

_____ (Contractor) certifies to Effingham County that a drug-free workplace will be provided for the employees during the performance of this contract known as **RFB No. 20-29-002 – Clarence Morgan Recreation Complex – Gymnasium Construction** pursuant to paragraph (7) of subsection (B) of Code Section 50-24-3. Also, the undersigned further certifies that he/she will not engage in the unlawful manufacture, sale, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance or marijuana during the performance of the contract.

BY: Authorized Officer or Agent of Contractor (Signature)

Date

Title & Printed Name of Authorized Officer or Agent of Contractor

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME ON THIS THE

___ DAY OF _____ 20__

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: - _____, 20 __

ATTACHMENT B

PROMISE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

Know all men by these presence, that I (We), _____
Name Title

Name of Vendor

(herein after "Company"), in consideration of the privilege to Bid/Propose on the following Effingham County Procurement titled **RFB No. 20-29-002 – Clarence Morgan Recreation Complex – Gymnasium Construction** hereby consent, covenant, and agree as follows:

- A. No person shall be excluded from participation in, denied the benefit of, or otherwise discriminated against on the basis of race, color, national origin or gender in connection with the Bid submitted to Effingham County or the performance of the contract resulting there from.
- B. That it is and shall be the policy of this Company to provide equal opportunity to all business persons seeking to contract with or otherwise interested in the Company, including those companies owned and controlled by racial minorities and women.
- C. That the promises of non-discrimination as made and set forth herein shall be continuing throughout the duration of this contract with Effingham County.
- D. That the promises of non-discrimination as made and set forth herein shall be and are hereby deemed to be made part of and incorporated by reference in the contract which this Company may be awarded.
- E. That the failure of this Company to satisfactorily discharge any of the promises of non-discrimination as made and set forth above may constitute a material breach of contract entitling the County to declare the contract in default and to exercise appropriate remedies including but not limited to termination of the contract.

BY: Authorized Officer or Agent of Contractor (Signature) Date

Title & Printed Name of Authorized Officer or Agent of Contractor

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

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: - _____, 20 ____

ATTACHMENT C

SUBCONTRACTOR AFFIDAVIT (E-VERIFY)

By executing this affidavit, the undersigned subcontractor verifies its compliance with O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91, stating affirmatively that the individual, firm or corporation that is engaged in the physical performance of services under a contract with (name of contractor) on behalf of Effingham County has registered with and is participating in a federal work authorization program* [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], in accordance with the applicability provisions and deadlines established in O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91 and will agree to use this program for any newly hired employees throughout the duration of the contract. The subcontractor further agrees to provide a copy of the executed Subcontractor Affidavit to the contractor in order to be provided to the County within five (5) days entering into the contract for hire.

EEV / Basic Pilot Program* User Identification Number

Date of E-Verify Authorization

Legal Name of Company

Legal Address of Company

BY: Authorized Officer or Agent of Subcontractor (Signature)

Date

Title & Printed Name of Authorized Officer or Agent of Subcontractor

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME ON THIS THE

____ DAY OF _____ 20__

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: _____, 20 ____

* As of the effective date of O.C.G.A. 13-10-91, the applicable federal work authorization program is the "EEV/ Basic Pilot Program" operated by the U. S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Bureau of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, in conjunction with the Social Security Administration (SSA).

If subcontractor has no employees and has no intent to hire employees, instead of this affidavit, subcontractor must provide their driver's license

ATTACHMENT D

**BIDDER’S CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION,
INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION**

I hereby certify that I am the _____ and duly authorized representative of
_____ (Contractor) whose address is

_____ and I certify that I have read and understand the attached instructions and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the firm and its representatives:

(a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by the Georgia Department of Transportation, any Federal Department or Agency, Board of Education or local municipality.

(b) I acknowledge that this certification is provided pursuant to Executive Order 12549 and 49 CFR Part 29 and that this firm agrees to abide by the rules and conditions set forth therein for any misrepresentation that would render this certification erroneous, including termination of this Agreement and other remedies available to the Georgia Department of Transportation, Federal Government, Board of Education or local municipality.

(c) I further acknowledge that this firm will include this clause without modification in all lower tier transactions, solicitations, bids, contracts and subcontracts. Where the Bidder or any lower tier participant is unable to certify to this statement, that participant shall attach an explanation to this document.

BY: Authorized Officer or Agent of Contractor (Signature)

Date

Title & Printed Name of Authorized Officer or Agent of Contractor

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME ON THIS THE

___ DAY OF _____ 20___

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: - _____, 20 ___

GENERAL CONDITIONS

- 2.1 SPECIFICATIONS:** Any obvious error or omission in the specifications shall not inure to the benefit of the Bidder but shall put the Bidder on notice to inquire of or identify the same to the County.
- 2.2 GEORGIA OPEN RECORDS ACT:** The responses will become part of the County's official files without any obligation on the County's part. Ownership of all data, materials, and documentation prepared for and submitted to Effingham County in response to a solicitation, regardless of type, shall belong exclusively to Effingham County and will be considered a record prepared, maintained or received in the course of operations of public office or agency and is subject to public inspection in accordance with the Georgia Open Records Act. Official Code of Georgia Annotated, Section 50-18-070, et.Seq. unless otherwise provided by law. The Georgia Open Records Act is applicable to the records of all contractors and subcontractors under contract with the County. This applies to those specific contracts currently in effect and those which have been completed or closed up to three (3) years following completion.
- 2.3 GEORGIA TRADE SECRET ACT OF 1990:** In the event that a Bidder submits secret information to the County, the information must be clearly labeled as a "Trade Secret". The County will maintain the confidentiality of such trade secrets to the extent provided by law.
- 2.4 PRICES TO BE FIRM:** The Bidder warrants that Bid prices, terms and conditions quoted in his Bid will be firm for acceptance for a period of sixty (60) days from Bid opening date, unless otherwise stated in the Bid.
- 2.5 COMPLETENESS:** All information required by the Request to Bid must be completed and submitted to constitute a proper bid. The County shall have sole discretion in evaluating qualifications and responses of Bidders. Bidder acknowledges that in performing a contract for the Board, Bidder shall not utilize any firms that have been a party to any of the actions listed in paragraph 1.8. If Bidder has engaged any firm to work on this contract or project that is later debarred, Bidder shall sever its relationship with that firm with respect to the Board's contract.
- 2.6 MULTIPLE BIDS:** No Bidder will be allowed to submit more than one offer.
- 2.7 PATENT INDEMNITY:** Except as otherwise provided, the successful Bidder agrees to indemnify Effingham County and its officers, agents and employees against liability.
- 2.8 CERTIFICATION OF INDEPENDENT PRICE DETERMINATION:** By submission of this bid, the Bidder certifies, and in the case of a joint bid each party thereto as to its own organization, that in connection with this procurement.
- A. The prices in this Bid have been arrived at independently, without consultation, communication, or agreement, for the purpose of restricting competition, as to any matter relating to such price with any other bidder or with any competitor;
 - B. Unless otherwise required by law, the prices which have been quoted in this bid have not been knowingly disclosed by the bidder and will not knowingly be disclosed by the bidder prior to opening, directly or indirectly to any other competitor; and;
 - C. No attempt has been made or will be made by the bidder to induce any other person or firm to submit or not to submit a bid for the purpose or restricting competition.
- 2.9 AWARD OF CONTRACT:** The contract, if awarded, shall be awarded to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder provided, however, that if the bid from the lowest responsible and responsive bidder exceeds funds budgeted for the contract, the county may negotiate with such apparent low bidder to

obtain a contract price within the budgeted amount. Such negotiations may include changes in the scope of work and other bid requirements. Effingham County reserves the right to reject any of all bids, and to waive formalities.

2.10 TERM OF THE CONTRACT: Lump sum.

2.11 INSURANCE PROVISIONS: The selected Bidder shall be required to procure and maintain for the duration of the contract insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder by the Bidder, his agents, representatives, employees or subcontractors. The cost of such insurance shall be included in the Bid. **Contract work will not proceed unless Effingham County has in their possession, a current Certificate of Insurance. Effingham County invokes the defense of sovereign immunity. The County is not to be included as an additional insured on insurance contracts.**

General Information that shall appear on a Certificate of Insurance:

- A. Name of Producer (Contractor's insurance Broker/Agent).
- B. Companies affording coverage (there may be several).
- C. Name and address of the Insured (this should be the Company or Parent of the firm Effingham County is contracting with).
- D. A Summary of all current insurance for the insured (includes effective dates of coverage).
- E. A brief description of the operations to be performed, the specific job to be performed, or contract number.
- F. Certificate Holder (**This is to always include Effingham County**).

2.12 LIMITS OF INSURANCE: Effective coverage shall have the following limits:

- A. **Commercial General Liability:** Provides protection against bodily injury and property damage claims arising from operations of a Contractor or Tenant. Minimum limits: \$1,000,000 bodily injury and property damage per occurrence and annual aggregate.
- B. **Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability:** Provides statutory protection against bodily injury, sickness or disease sustained by employees of the Contractor while performing within the scope of duties. Minimum limits: \$500,000 for each accident, disease policy limit, and disease each employee and Statutory Worker's Compensation limit.
- C. **Business Automobile Liability:** Coverage insures against liability claims arising out of the Contractor's use of automobiles. Minimum limit: \$1,000,000 combined single limit per accident for bodily injury, property damage, and should be written on an "Any Auto" basis.

2.13 SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

- A. **Claims-Made Coverage:** The limits of liability shall remain the same as the occurrence basis, however, the Retroactive date shall be prior to or coincident with the date of any contract, and the Certificate of Insurance shall state the retroactive date and the coverage is claims-made.
- B. **Extended Reporting Periods:** The Contractor shall provide the County with a notice of the election to initiate any Supplemental Extended Reporting Period and the reason(s) for invoking this option.
- C. **Reporting Provisions:** Any failure to comply with reporting provisions of the policies shall not affect coverage provided in relation to this request.
- D. **Cancellation/Non-Renewal Notification:** Each insurance policy supplied in response to this request shall be endorsed to state that it shall not be suspended, voided, or canceled, except after thirty (30) days prior to written notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, has been given to the County.

- E. **Proof of Insurance:** Effingham County shall be furnished with certificates of insurance and original endorsements affecting coverage required by this request. The certificates and endorsements are to be signed by a person authorized by the insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. All certificates of insurance are to be submitted prior to, and approved by, the County before services are rendered. The Proposer must ensure Certificates of Insurance are updated for the entire term of the Contract.
- F. **Insurer Acceptability:** Insurance is to be placed with an insurer having an A.M. Best's rating of A and a five (5) year average financial rating of not less than V. If an insurer does not qualify for averaging on a five year basis, the current total Best's rating will be used to evaluate insurer acceptability.
- G. **Lapse in Coverage:** A lapse in coverage shall constitute grounds for contract termination by Effingham County Board of Commissioners.
- H. **Deductible and Self-Insured Retention:** Any deductibles or self-insured retention must be declared to, and approved by, the County. At the option of the County, either: the insurer shall reduce or eliminate such deductibles or self-insured retention as related to the County, its officials, officers, employees, and volunteers; or the Proposer shall procure a bond guaranteeing payment of related suits, losses, claims and related investigation, claim administration and defense expenses

2.14 ADDITIONAL COVERAGE FOR SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT PROJECTS:

Professional Liability: Insure errors or omission on behalf of architects, engineers, attorneys, medical professionals, and consultants.

Minimum Limits: \$1,000,000 per claim/occurrence.

Coverage Requirement: If “claims made,” retroactive date must precede or coincide with the contract effective date or the date of the Notice to Proceed. The professional must state if “tail” coverage has been purchased and the duration of the coverage.

Builder’s Risk: (for Construction or Installation Contracts) Covers against insured perils while in the course of construction.

Minimum Limits: All-risk coverage equal 100% of contract value.

Coverage requirements: Occupancy clause – permits Effingham County Board of Commissioners to use the facility prior to issuance of Notice of Substantial Completion.

- 2.15 INDEMNIFICATION:** The CONTRACTOR agrees to protect, defend, indemnify, and hold harmless Effingham County, Georgia, its commissioners, officers, agents, and employees from and against any and all liability, damages, claims, suits, liens, and judgments, of whatever nature, including claims for contribution and/or indemnification, for injuries to or death of any person or persons, or damage to the property or other rights of any person or persons caused by the CONTRACTOR or its subcontractors. The CONTRACTOR'S obligation to protect, defend, indemnify, and hold harmless, as set forth herein above shall include, but not be limited to, any matter arising out of any actual or alleged infringement of any patent, trademark, copyright, or service mark, or any actual or alleged unfair competition, disparagement of product or service, or other business tort of any type whatsoever, or any actual or alleged violation of trade regulations. CONTRACTOR further agrees to investigate, handle, respond to, provide defense for, and to protect, defend, indemnify, and hold harmless Effingham County, Georgia, at his sole expense, and agrees to bear all other costs and expenses related thereto, even if such claims, suits, etc., are groundless, false, or fraudulent, including any and all claims or liability for compensation under the Worker's Compensation Act arising out of injuries sustained by any employee of the CONTRACTOR or his subcontractors or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them. The CONTRACTOR'S obligation to indemnify Effingham County under this Section shall not be limited in any way by the agreed-upon contract price, or to the scope and amount of coverage provided by any insurance maintained by the CONTRACTOR.

- 2.16 SIGNED RESPONSE CONSIDERED AN OFFER:** The signed Bid shall be considered an offer on the part of the Bidder, which offer shall be deemed accepted upon approval by the Effingham County Board of Commissioners, or their designee. In case of a default on the part of the Bidder after such acceptance, Effingham County may take such action as it deems appropriate, including legal action for damages or lack of required performance.
- 2.17 NOTICE TO PROCEED:** The successful bidder shall not commence work under this Request for Bid until a written contract is awarded and a Notice to Proceed is issued by the Purchasing Agent or his designee. If the successful Bidder does commence any work or deliver items prior to receiving official notification, he does so at his own risk.
- 2.18 PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS:** Instructions for invoicing the County for services delivered to the County are specified in the contract document.
- A. Questions regarding payment may be directed to the Effingham County Finance Department, at (912) 754-8057.
 - B. Contractors will be paid the agreed upon compensation upon satisfactory progress or completion of the work as more fully described in the contract document.
 - C. Effingham County is a tax exempt entity. Every contractor, vendor, business or person under contract with Effingham County is required by Georgia law to pay State sales or use taxes for products purchased in Georgia or transported into Georgia and sold to Effingham County by contract. Please consult the State of Georgia, Department of Revenue, Sales and Use Tax Unit in Atlanta (404) 656-4065 for additional information.
- 2.19 CONTRACT COST ADJUSTMENTS:** Prices quoted shall be firm for the contract term.
- 2.20 VENDOR DEFAULT:** In case of vendor default, the County will provide a letter of official notice of non-performance. If the issue(s) are not remedied 30 days from receipt of said notice, the County reserves the right to procure services from other sources.
- 2.21 METHOD OF COMPENSATION:** The successful Contractor will be compensated in accordance with the approved compensation schedule. Should the Project begin within any one month, the first invoice shall cover the partial period from the beginning date of the project through the last day of the month (or a mutually agreeable time). All invoices shall be submitted on a monthly basis until the project is completed. Invoices shall be itemized to reflect actual expenses for each individual task and will be accompanied by a summary progress report which outlines the work accomplished during the billing period and shall identify any problems which may be inhibiting project execution. The terms of the resulting contract are intended to supersede all provisions of the Georgia Prompt Pay Act. As long as the gross value of work is less than 50% of the total contract amount, or if the Contractor fails to maintain his construction schedule to the satisfaction of the Engineer, the County will retain 10% of the gross value of the completed work as indicated by the current estimate approved by the Engineer. After the gross value of completed work meets or exceeds 50% of the total contract amount within a time period satisfactory to the County, there shall be no additional retainage withheld unless the work is determined to be unsatisfactory or has fallen behind schedule. The contractor may submit a final invoice to the County for the remaining retainage upon the County's acceptance of the Certificate of Substantial Completion. Final payment constituting the entire unpaid balance due shall be paid by the County to the Contractor when work has been fully completed and the contract fully performed, except for the responsibilities of the Contractor which survive final payment. The making of final payment shall constitute a waiver of all claims by Effingham County except those arising from unsettled liens, faulty or defective work appearing after substantial completion, failure of the work to comply with the requirements of the contract document, or the terms of any warranties required by the contract document

or items previously made in writing and identified by the County as unsettled at the time of final application for payment. Acceptance of final payment shall constitute a waiver of all claims by the Contractor, except for those previously made in writing and identified by the Contractor as unsettled at the time of final application for payment.

2.1 RAIN DELAYS: The time of completion includes an allowance for Rain Days that is based upon normal and anticipated rainfall events for the region for each month or part of a month that the resulting contract work is to be performed. For periods of less than a whole month, the number of days for that part of a month is determined on a prorated basis rounded to the nearest whole day. For the purpose of the resulting contract in determining the actual number of days incurred during the period of the contract, the following table shall apply:

January	4 Days	July	6 Days
February	5 Days	August	12 Days
March	6 Days	September	10 Days
April	8 Days	October	6 Days
May	1 Day	November	6 Days
June	8 Days	December	6 Days

Source: Mean number of days with precipitation 0.01 inch or more, U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration - www.ncdc.noaa.gov.

No claim shall be made by the Contractor for delay of work due to an excessive number of rain days except when accordance with the following procedures. The above listed rain days shall be applied to the corresponding months during which construction occurs. The start of construction shall be the date of “Notice to Proceed” and the end of construction shall be the date of “Substantial Completion”. The Contractor shall provide and install a rain gauge meeting the requirements of the County. Rainfall amounts shall be recorded in a permanently bound booklet indicating the date and time of the reading, the amount of rainfall during the preceding 24 hour period and the name of the person taking the reading. The gauge shall be reset to zero after each reading. The reading shall be taken at the same times each day, at times of day that are mutually agreeable to the County and the Contractor and represent the normal beginning and ending times of workdays. A missed beginning time reading may be considered cause for invalidating the subsequent ending time reading.

Any rain day shall be considered to have occurred if the amount of the rain measured at the normal ending time of a scheduled work day exceeds 0.01 inch and the Contractor provides satisfactory evidence that expected work was not performed on such day as a result of rainfall.

High groundwater provision, high tide conditions including storm surges, base-flow drainage and drainage caused by wet weather conditions, and other causes of wet ground conditions at the job site shall not be considered as rain days or in any other way considered to be unexpected. The Contractor shall plan the work under these conditions.

2.2 GUARANTEE: Unless otherwise specified by County, the Bidder shall unconditionally guarantee the materials and workmanship on all material and/or services for a period of not less than one year. If, within the guarantee period any defects occur which are due to faulty material and or services, the contractor at his expense, shall repair or adjust the condition, or replace the material and/or services to the complete satisfaction of the County. These repairs, replacement or adjustments shall be made only at such time as will be designed by the County as being least detrimental to the operation of County business.

2.3 SURETY BOND REQUIREMENTS (CHECKED WHERE APPLICABLE):

- X** A. Bidder shall post a Bid Bond, Certified Check, or Money Order made payable to the Effingham County Finance Department in the amount of 5% of the Bid price.
- X** B. Contractor(s) shall post a Payment/Performance Bond, Certified Check, or Money Order made to the Effingham County Board of Commissioners, in the amount of 100% of the Bid price if awarded the contract or purchase. Bond(s) are due prior to contract execution as a guarantee that goods meet specifications and will be delivered in accordance with the contract document. Bond(s) will also guarantee quality performance of services and timely payment of invoices due any sub-contractors.
- X** C. Whenever a Bond is provided, it shall be executed by a surety authorized to do business in the State of Georgia and approved by Effingham County.
- X** D. Bidder acknowledges Effingham County’s right to require a Performance Bond of specific kind and origin.
- X** E. Forfeit in the amount of the Bid Bond as liquidated damages if he/she fails to enter into a contract with Effingham County to do and/or furnish everything necessary to provide service and/or accomplish the work stated and/or specified in this Bid Bid for the Bid amount, and;
- X** F. Forfeit the amount of the Performance Bond as liquidated damages if he/she fails to execute and fulfill the terms of the contract entered. The amount of forfeiture shall be:
 - 1. The difference between his/her Bid and the next lowest, responsible Bid that has not expired or been withdrawn, or;
 - 2. The difference between his/her Bid and the lowest, responsible Bid received as a result of re-Bidding, including all costs related to re-Bidding.

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The undersigned Bidder certifies that he/she has carefully read the preceding list of instructions and all other data applicable hereto and made a part of this invitation to Bid; and, further certifies that the prices shown in his/her bid are in accordance with all documents contained in this Invitation to Bid package, and that any exception taken thereto may disqualify his/her bid.

This is to certify that I, the undersigned Bidder, have read the instructions to Bidder and agree to be bound by the provisions of the same.

This _____ day of _____ 20 _____.

BY: _____
SIGNATURE

PRINTED NAME AND TITLE

COMPANY

ADDRESS

PHONE NUMBER

SCOPE OF WORK

GENERAL INFORMATION:

The purpose of this solicitation is to describe the requirements for:

Construction of a new 27,000 SF gymnasium. The athletic area includes two basketball courts with striping for volleyball, and all associated basketball and volleyball equipment, retractable bleachers, and locker rooms. The lobby area includes a concessions area with cooking, offices, and public toilets. The building is load-bearing CMU walls, with a combination of roof bar joists and light gauge metal roof trusses. Roofing material is TPO and standing seam. The exterior veneer is masonry. Associated site work is also included.

Safety:

The Contractor shall take all necessary precautions to protect buildings, general public and Contractor personnel. The Contractor shall at all times guard against damage or loss of Effingham County property or the general public and shall be held responsible for replacing or repairing any loss or damage to the satisfaction of The Effingham County Board of Commissioners.

The contractor shall furnish, install, maintain and remove all necessary safety signs and devices. Such work shall be considered incidental to the overall contract, and no additional compensation will be made.

GENERAL CONSTRUCTION GUIDELINES:

1. Control and testing of materials will be the contractor's responsibility. The cost of such testing shall be included in the bid price, and no additional compensation will be made.
2. Effingham County does not commit to furnishing full-time inspection or testing of the work in progress or at material sources. Lack of inspection and/or testing by the Effingham will in no way relieve the Contractor of his responsibility to provide quality workmanship.

Commencement and Completion:

WORK SHALL BEGIN WITHIN 10 DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF A "NOTICE TO PROCEED".

ALL WORK SHALL BE COMPLETED WITHIN 300 CALENDAR DAYS AFTER THE TEN DAY PERIOD.

BID FORM

ARTICLE 1 - BID RECIPIENT

1.01 This Bid is submitted to:

Effingham County Board of Commissioners

1.02 The undersigned Bidder proposes and agrees, if this Bid is accepted, to enter into an Agreement with Owner in the form included in the Bidding Documents to perform all Work as specified or indicated in the Bidding Documents for the prices and within the times indicated in this Bid and in accordance with the other terms and conditions of the Bidding Documents.

ARTICLE 2 - BIDDER’S ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

2.01 Bidder accepts all of the terms and conditions of the Instructions to Bidders, including without limitation those dealing with the disposition of Bid security. This Bid will remain subject to acceptance for 60 days after the Bid opening, or for such longer period of time that Bidder may agree to in writing upon request of Owner.

ARTICLE 3 - BIDDER’S REPRESENTATIONS

3.01 In submitting this Bid, Bidder represents that:

A. Bidder has examined and carefully studied the Bidding Documents, other related data identified in the Bidding Documents, and the following Addenda, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged:

<u>Addendum No.</u>	<u>Addendum Date</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

B. Bidder has visited the Site and become familiar with and is satisfied as to the general, local, and Site conditions that may affect cost, progress, and performance of the Work.

C. Bidder is familiar with and is satisfied as to all Laws and Regulations that may affect cost, progress, and performance of the Work.

D. Bidder has considered the information known to Bidder; information commonly known to contractors doing business in the locality of the Site; information and observations obtained from visits to the Site; and the Bidding Documents, with respect to the effect of such information, observations, and documents on (1) the cost, progress, and performance of the Work; (2) the means, methods, techniques, sequences, and procedures of construction to be employed by Bidder, including applying the specific means, methods, techniques, sequences, and procedures of construction expressly required by the Bidding Documents; and (3) Bidder’s safety precautions and programs.

E. Based on the information and observations referred to in Paragraph 3.01.D above, Bidder does not consider that further examinations, investigations, explorations, tests, studies, or data are necessary for the determination of this Bid for performance of the Work at the price(s) bid and within the times required, and in accordance with the other terms and conditions of the Bidding Documents.

F. Bidder is aware of the general nature of work to be performed by Owner and others at the Site that relates to the Work as indicated in the Bidding Documents.

- G. Bidder has given Engineer written notice of all conflicts, errors, ambiguities, or discrepancies that Bidder has discovered in the Bidding Documents, and the written resolution thereof by Engineer is acceptable to Bidder.
- H. The Bidding Documents are generally sufficient to indicate and convey understanding of all terms and conditions for the performance of the Work for which this Bid is submitted.

ARTICLE 4 - BIDDER’S CERTIFICATION

4.01 Bidder certifies that:

- A. This Bid is genuine and not made in the interest of or on behalf of any undisclosed individual or entity and is not submitted in conformity with any collusive agreement or rules of any group, association, organization, or corporation;
- B. Bidder has not directly or indirectly induced or solicited any other Bidder to submit a false or sham Bid;
- C. Bidder has not solicited or induced any individual or entity to refrain from bidding; and
- D. Bidder has not engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, or coercive practices in competing for the Contract. For the purposes of this Paragraph 4.01.D:
 - 1. “corrupt practice” means the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting of anything of value likely to influence the action of a public official in the bidding process;
 - 2. “fraudulent practice” means an intentional misrepresentation of facts made (a) to influence the bidding process to the detriment of Owner, (b) to establish bid prices at artificial non-competitive levels, or (c) to deprive Owner of the benefits of free and open competition;
 - 3. “collusive practice” means a scheme or arrangement between two or more Bidders, with or without the knowledge of Owner, a purpose of which is to establish bid prices at artificial, non-competitive levels; and
 - 4. “coercive practice” means harming or threatening to harm, directly or indirectly, persons or their property to influence their participation in the bidding process or affect the execution of the Contract.

ARTICLE 5 - BASIS OF BID

DESCRIPTION - GENERAL	UNITS	ESTIMATED QUANTITY	BID UNIT PRICE	BID PRICE
BASE BID – COMPLETE	LUMP	1	\$	\$
UNIT COST ALLOWANCE – UNSUITABLE SOIL – HAUL OFF	CY	500	\$	\$
UNIT COST ALLOWANCE – STRUCTURAL FILL SOIL – IMPORT	CY	500	\$	\$
UNIT COST ALLOWANCE – STRUCTURAL STONE SOIL – IMPORT	CY	200	\$	\$
GRAND TOTAL OF BID				\$

ARTICLE 6 - TIME OF COMPLETION

- 6.01 Bidder agrees to commence work within ten (10) days after the Notice to Proceed is issued and to complete all Work within 300 calendar days after the 10 day period.
- 6.02 Bidder accepts the provisions of the Agreement as to liquidated damages.

ARTICLE 7 - ATTACHMENTS TO THIS BID

- 7.01 The following documents are submitted with and made a condition of this Bid:
 - A. Required Bid security in the form of _____;
 - B. Evidence of authority to do business in the state of the Project;
 - C. Drug Free Workplace Certification (Attachment A);
 - D. Promise of Non Discrimination Statement (Attachment B);
 - E. Bidders Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion (Attachment D);
 - F. Subcontractor Affidavit if applicable (E-VERIFY) (Attachment C);

ARTICLE 8 - BID SUBMITTAL

8.01 This Bid is submitted by:

If Bidder is:

An Individual

Name (typed or printed): _____

By: _____
(Individual's signature)

Doing business as: _____

A Partnership

Partnership Name: _____

By: _____
(Signature of general partner -- attach evidence of authority to sign)

Name (typed or printed): _____

A Corporation

Corporation Name: _____ (SEAL)

State of Incorporation: _____
Type (General Business, Professional, Service, Limited Liability): _____

By: _____
(Signature -- attach evidence of authority to sign)

Name (typed or printed): _____

Title: _____
(CORPORATE SEAL)

Attest _____

Date of Qualification to do business in Georgia is ____/____/____.

A Joint Venture

Name of Joint Venture: _____

First Joint Venturer Name: _____ (SEAL)

By: _____
(Signature of first joint venture partner -- attach evidence of authority to sign)

Name (typed or printed): _____

Title: _____

Second Joint Venturer Name: _____ (SEAL)

By: _____
(Signature of second joint venture partner -- attach evidence of authority to sign)

Name (typed or printed): _____

Title: _____

(Each joint venturer must sign. The manner of signing for each individual, partnership, and corporation that is a party to the joint venture should be in the manner indicated above.)

Bidder's Business Address _____

Phone No. _____ Fax No. _____

E-mail _____

SUBMITTED on _____, 20____.

State Contractor License No. _____.

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BID BOND

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS THAT WE _____ [*Insert contractor's name*], as Principal, hereinafter called the Principal, and (Surety) _____ a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of _____ as Surety, hereinafter called the Surety, and held and firmly bound unto

Effingham County Board of Commissioners
601 N. Laurel Street,
Springfield, Georgia 31329

as Obligee, hereinafter called Obligee, in the sum of _____ Dollars (\$ _____), or percent (**5** %) of the amount bid, whichever is less, for the payment of which sum well and truly to be made, the said Principal and the said Surety, bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

WHEREAS, the Principal has submitted a bid for:

RFB No. 20-29-002 – Clarence Morgan Recreation Complex – Gymnasium Construction

NOW, THEREFORE, if the Obligee shall accept the bid of the Principal and the Principal shall enter into a Contract with the Obligee in accordance with the terms of such bid and give such bonds or bond as may be specified in the bidding or Contract Documents with good and sufficient surety for the faithful performance of such Contract and for the prompt payment of labor and material furnished in the prosecution thereof, or in the event of the failure of the Principal to enter such Contract and give such bond or bonds, if the Principal shall pay to the Obligee the difference not to exceed the penalty hereof between the amount specified in said bid and such larger amount for which the Obligee may in good faith contract with another party to perform the Work covered by said bid, then this obligation shall be null and void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

Signed and Sealed this _____ day of _____, 20____.

(Principal)

By:

(Witness) (Title)

**AGREEMENT
BETWEEN OWNER AND CONTRACTOR
FOR CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT**

CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

This Construction Contract (hereinafter referred to as “Agreement” or “Contract”) is by and between the Board of Commissioners of Effingham County, Georgia (hereinafter referred to as “Owner” or “County”) and _____ (hereinafter referred to as “Contractor”). County and Contractor agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1 – SCOPE OF WORK

1.01 A. The term “Work” means the construction, labor, materials, equipment, tools, machinery, testing, temporary services and utilities, supervision, administration, coordination, planning, insurance, bonds, transportation, security, and all other services and things necessary to provide the County with the facilities, improvements, features, and functions in strict conformity with the construction contract documents and those documents included in the bid documents. The Contractor agrees to complete the Work in a good, firm, substantial and workmanlike manner in strict conformity with this Contract.

The Work relates to the following Project: RFB No. 20-29-002 – Clarence Morgan Recreation Complex – Gymnasium Construction.

B. Unless otherwise stipulated, the Contractor shall furnish all of the Work in accordance with the Contract and all incidental work necessary to complete the Project in an acceptable manner, ready for use, occupancy, or operation by the County. The Contractor shall be responsible for the entire Work and every part thereof.

ARTICLE 2 – ENGINEER

2.01 The Project has been designed by Hussey Gay Bell, which is to act as Owner’s representative, assume all duties and responsibilities, and have the rights and authority assigned to Engineer in the Contract Documents in connection with the completion of the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents.

ARTICLE 3 – CONTRACT TIMES

3.01 *Time of the Essence*

All time limits for Milestones, if any, Substantial Completion, and completion and readiness for final payment as stated in the Contract Documents are of the essence of the Contract.

3.02 *Days to Achieve Completion and Final Payment*

The Work shall be completed within **300** calendar days after the date of the Notice to Proceed.

ARTICLE 4 – LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

4.01 Contractor and Owner recognize that time is of the essence as stated in Paragraph 3.01 above and that Owner will suffer financial loss if the Work is not completed within the times specified in Paragraph 3.02 above, plus any extensions thereof allowed. The parties also recognize the delays, expense, and difficulties involved in proving in a legal or arbitration preceding the actual loss suffered by Owner if the Work is not completed on time. Accordingly, instead of requiring any such proof, Owner and Contractor agree that as liquidated damages for delay (but not as a penalty), Contractor shall pay Owner **\$1,500** for each day that expires after the time specified in Paragraph 4.02 above for Completion until the Work is complete.

ARTICLE 5 – CONTRACT PRICE

5.01 Owner shall pay Contractor for completion of the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents an amount in current funds equal to the sum of the amounts determined pursuant to Paragraphs 5.01.A, below: *For all Unit Price Work, an amount equal to the sum of the established unit price for each separately identified item of Unit Price Work times the actual quantity of that item:*

DESCRIPTION - GENERAL	UNITS	ESTIMATED QUANTITY	BID UNIT PRICE	BID PRICE
BASE BID – COMPLETE	LUMP	1	\$	\$
UNIT COST ALLOWANCE – UNSUITABLE SOIL – HAUL OFF	CY	500	\$	\$
UNIT COST ALLOWANCE – STRUCTURAL FILL SOIL – IMPORT	CY	500	\$	\$
UNIT COST ALLOWANCE – STRUCTURAL STONE SOIL – IMPORT	CY	200	\$	\$
GRAND TOTAL OF BID				\$

The Bid prices for Unit Price Work set forth as of the Effective Date of the Agreement are based on estimated quantities. Estimated quantities are not guaranteed, and determinations of actual quantities and classifications are to be made by Engineer.

ARTICLE 6 – PAYMENT PROCEDURES

6.01 *Submittal and Processing of Payments*
 Contractor shall submit Applications for Payment in accordance with Section 1.30 of the General Conditions. Applications for Payment will be processed by Engineer as provided in the General Conditions.

6.02 *Progress Payments; Retainage*

A. Owner shall make progress payments on account of the Contract Price on the basis of Contractor's Applications for Payment on or about the **25th** day of each month during performance of the Work as provided in Paragraph 6.02.A.1 below as long as the pay request is received by the **1st** of the month. All such payments will be measured based on the number of units completed times the unit price of each completed unit.

Prior to Substantial Completion, progress payments will be made in an amount equal to the percentage indicated below but, in each case, less the aggregate of payments previously made and less such amounts as Engineer may determine or Owner may withhold, including but not limited to liquidated damages, in accordance with Paragraph 4.01 above.

- a. **90** percent of Work completed (with the balance being retainage). Until 50% of the value of the contract (including change orders and additions), or if the Contractor fails to maintain his construction schedule to the satisfaction of the Engineer, the County will retain 10% of the gross value of the completed work as indicated by the current estimate approved by the Engineer. After the contract (including change orders and additions) is 50% complete, there shall be no additional retainage withheld unless the work is determined to be unsatisfactory or has fallen behind schedule; and
- b. **90** percent of cost of materials and equipment not incorporated in the Work (with the balance being retainage).

B. Upon Substantial Completion, Owner shall pay an amount sufficient to increase total payments to Contractor to **100** percent of the Work completed, less such amounts as Engineer shall determine and less **150** percent of Engineer's estimate of the value of Work to be completed or corrected as shown on the tentative list of items to be completed or corrected.

6.03 *Final Payment*

Upon final completion and acceptance of the Work, Owner shall pay the remainder of the Contract Price as recommended by Engineer.

ARTICLE 7 – INTEREST

7.01 All moneys not paid when due, shall bear interest at the rate of **1** percent per annum.

ARTICLE 8 – CONTRACTOR'S REPRESENTATIONS

8.01 In order to induce Owner to enter into this Agreement, Contractor makes the following representations:

A. Contractor has examined and carefully studied the Contract Documents and the other related data identified in the Bidding Documents.

- B. Contractor has visited the Site and become familiar with and is satisfied as to the general, local, and Site conditions that may affect cost, progress, and performance of the Work.
- C. Contractor is familiar with and is satisfied as to all federal, state, and local Laws and Regulations that may affect cost, progress, and performance of the Work.
- D. Contractor has considered the information known to Contractor; information commonly known to contractors doing business in the locality of the Site; information and observations obtained from visits to the Site; the Contract Documents; and the Site-related reports and drawings identified in the Contract Documents, with respect to the effect of such information, observations, and documents on (1) the cost, progress, and performance of the Work; (2) the means, methods, techniques, sequences, and procedures of construction to be employed by Contractor, including any specific means, methods, techniques, sequences, and procedures of construction expressly required by the Contract Documents; and (3) Contractor's safety precautions and programs. Based on the information and observations referred to in Paragraph 8.01.D above, Contractor does not consider that further examinations, investigations, explorations, tests, studies, or data are necessary for the performance of the Work at the Contract Price, within the Contract Times, and in accordance with the other terms and conditions of the Contract Documents.
- E. Contractor is aware of the general nature of work to be performed by Owner and others at the Site that relates to the Work as indicated in the Contract Documents.
- F. Contractor has given Engineer written notice of all conflicts, errors, ambiguities, or discrepancies that Contractor has discovered in the Contract Documents, and the written resolution thereof by Engineer is acceptable to Contractor.
- G. The Contract Documents are generally sufficient to indicate and convey understanding of all terms and conditions for performance and furnishing of the Work.

ARTICLE 9 – COUNTY'S RIGHT TO SUSPEND OR TERMINATE WORK

9.01 *Termination for Convenience*

County may, for its own convenience and at its sole option, without cause and without prejudice to any other right or remedy of County, elect to terminate the Contract by delivering to the Contractor, at the address listed for giving notices in this Contract, a written notice of termination specifying the effective date of termination. Such notice shall be delivered to Contractor at least thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of termination.

9.02 *Termination for Default*

If the Contractor is adjudged bankrupt or insolvent, or if he makes a general assignment for the benefit of his creditors, or if a trustee or receiver is appointed for the Contractor or for any of his property, or if he files a petition to take advantage of any debtor's act or to reorganize under the bankruptcy or applicable laws, or if he fails to supply sufficient skilled workers or suitable materials or equipment, make payments to Subcontractors or for labor, materials or equipment, or if he disregards laws, ordinances, rules, regulations or orders of any public body having jurisdiction of the Work, or if he otherwise violates any provision of the Contract, then the County may, without prejudice to any other right or remedy, and after giving the Contractor and his surety a maximum of seven (7) days

from delivery of a written notice, declare the Contract in default and terminate this Contract. In that event, the County may take possession of the Project and of all materials, equipment, tools, construction equipment and machinery thereon owned by the Contractor. The County may cause the Work to be completed and corrected by whatever method it deems expedient. If called upon by the County to finish the Work, the Contractor's surety shall promptly do so. In any case, the Contractor and its surety shall be liable to the County for any and all damages and costs incurred by the County as a result of any default by the Contractor, including without limitation all costs of completion or correction of the Work, liquidated damages, attorneys' fees, expert fees, and other costs of dispute resolution. Termination of this Contract pursuant to this paragraph may result in disqualification of the Contractor from bidding on future County contracts for a period of time not to exceed five (5) years.

- 9.03** If Contractor's services are terminated by the County pursuant to paragraph A or B above, the termination will not affect any rights or remedies of the County then existing or which may thereafter accrue against Contractor or its surety. Any retention or payment of moneys due Contractor by County will not release Contractor from liability. If it is determined that the Contractor was not in default or that the failure to perform is excusable, a termination for default will be considered to have been a termination for the convenience of the County, and the rights and obligations of the parties shall be governed accordingly.
- 9.04** In case of termination of this Contract before completion of the Work, Contractor will be paid only for materials and equipment accepted by the County and the portion of the Work satisfactorily performed through the effective date of termination as determined by the County.
- 9.05** Except as otherwise provided in this Contract, neither party shall be entitled to recover lost profits, special, consequential or punitive damages, attorney's fees or costs from the other party to this Contract for any reason whatsoever.
- 9.06** The parties' obligations pursuant to this Contract shall survive any Acceptance of Work, or expiration or termination of this Contract.

ARTICLE 10 – CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

10.01 *Contents*

- A. The Contract Documents consist of the following:
1. This Agreement (pages 1 to 9, inclusive).
 2. General Conditions (pages 1 to 7, inclusive).
 3. Specifications as listed in the table of contents of the Project Manual.
 4. Addenda (numbers _____ to _____, inclusive).

5. Exhibits to this Agreement (enumerated as follows):
 - a. Contractor's Bid (pages 1 to 5, inclusive).
 - b. Documentation submitted by Contractor prior to Notice of Award (pages _____ to _____, inclusive).
6. The following which may be delivered or issued on or after the Effective Date of the Agreement and are not attached hereto:
 - a. Notice to Proceed (pages 1 to 1, inclusive).
 - b. Work Change Directives.
 - c. Change Orders.
- B. The documents listed in Paragraph 9.01.A are attached to this Agreement (except as expressly noted otherwise above).
- C. There are no Contract Documents other than those listed above in this Article 9.
- D. The Contract Documents may be amended to provide for additions, deletions, and revisions in the Work or to modify the terms and conditions thereof by either a Change Order or a Work Change Directive.
- E. The requirements of the Contract Documents may be supplemented, and minor variations and deviations in the Work may be authorized, by one or more of the following ways:

A Field Order;

 1. Engineer's approval of a Shop Drawing or Sample; or
 2. Engineer's written interpretation or clarification.

ARTICLE 11 – MISCELLANEOUS

11.01 *Terms*

Terms used in this Agreement will have the meanings stated in the General Conditions and the Supplementary Conditions.

11.02 *Assignment of Contract*

No assignment by a party hereto of any rights under or interests in the Contract will be binding on another party hereto without the written consent of the party sought to be bound; and, specifically but without limitation, moneys that may become due and moneys that are due may not be assigned without such consent (except to the extent that the effect of this restriction may be limited by law), and unless specifically stated to the contrary in any written consent to an assignment, no assignment will release or discharge the assignor from any duty or responsibility under the Contract Documents.

11.03 *Successors and Assigns*

Owner and Contractor each binds itself, its partners, successors, assigns, and legal representatives to the other party hereto, its partners, successors, assigns, and legal representatives in respect to all covenants, agreements, and obligations contained in the Contract Documents.

11.04 *Severability*

Any provision or part of the Contract Documents held to be void or unenforceable under any Law or Regulation shall be deemed stricken, and all remaining provisions shall continue to be valid and binding upon Owner and Contractor, who agree that the Contract Documents shall be reformed to replace such stricken provision or part thereof with a valid and enforceable provision that comes as close as possible to expressing the intention of the stricken provision.

11.05 *Contractor's Certifications*

Contractor certifies that it has not engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, or coercive practices in competing for or in executing the Contract. For the purposes of this Paragraph 11.05:

1. "corrupt practice" means the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting of anything of value likely to influence the action of a public official in the bidding process or in the Contract execution;
2. "fraudulent practice" means an intentional misrepresentation of facts made (a) to influence the bidding process or the execution of the Contract to the detriment of Owner, (b) to establish Bid or Contract prices at artificial non-competitive levels, or (c) to deprive Owner of the benefits of free and open competition;
3. "collusive practice" means a scheme or arrangement between two or more Bidders, with or without the knowledge of Owner, a purpose of which is to establish Bid prices at artificial, non-competitive levels; and
4. "coercive practice" means harming or threatening to harm, directly or indirectly, persons or their property to influence their participation in the bidding process or affect the execution of the Contract.

11.06 *Counterparts*

This Contract may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, and all such counterparts together shall constitute one and the same Contract.

11.07 *Interpretation*

The laws of the State of Georgia shall govern the construction of this Contract without regard for conflicts of laws. Should any provision of this Contract require judicial interpretation, it is agreed that the court interpreting or construing the same shall not apply a presumption that the terms hereof shall be more strictly construed against one party, by reason of the rule of construction, that a document is to be construed more strictly against the party who itself or through its agent prepared same;

it being agreed that the agents of all parties have participated in the preparation hereof, and all parties have had an adequate opportunity to consult with legal counsel. In interpreting this Contract in its entirety, the printed provisions of this Contract, and any additions written or typed hereon, shall be given equal weight, and there shall be no inference by operation of law or otherwise; that any provision of this Contract shall be construed against either party hereto.

11.08 *No Third-Party Beneficiary*

Except as expressly and specifically set forth herein, this Contract shall not be deemed to provide any third-party with any remedy, claim, right of action, or other right.

11.09 *Venue*

The courts of Effingham County, Georgia shall have exclusive jurisdiction to try disputes arising under or by virtue of this Contract.

11.10 *Right to Audit*

The County shall have the right to audit all books and records, including electronic records, relating or pertaining to this Contract or Agreement, including but not limited to all financial and performance related records, property, and equipment purchased in whole or in part with County funds and any documents or materials which support those records, kept under the control of the Contractor, including but not limited to those kept by the Contractor's employees, agents, assigns, successors and subcontractors. The County also has the right to communicate with Contractor's employees related to the audited records.

The Contractor shall maintain such books and records, together with such supporting or underlying documents and materials, for the duration of this Contract and for seven (7) years after termination or expiration, including any and all renewals thereof. The books and records, together with supporting documents and materials shall be made available, upon request to the County or its designee, during normal business hours at the Contractor's office or place of business. In the event that no such location is available, then the books, records, and supporting documents shall be made available for audit at a time and location which is convenient for the County.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Owner and Contractor have signed this Agreement. Counterparts have been delivered to Owner and Contractor. All portions of the Contract Documents have been signed or have been identified by Owner and Contractor or on their behalf.

This Agreement will be effective on _____ (which is the Effective Date of the Agreement).

OWNER:

Effingham County Board of Commissioners

By: _____

Title: Chairman

Attest: _____

Title: County Clerk

Address for giving notices:

601 N. Laurel Street
Springfield, GA 31329

CONTRACTOR:

By: _____

Title: _____

(If Contractor is a corporation, a partnership, or a joint venture, attach evidence of authority to sign.)

Attest: _____

Title: _____

Address for giving notices:

NOTICE TO PROCEED

TO:

RE: NOTICE TO PROCEED – CONSTRUCTION

RFB No. 20-29-002 – Clarence Morgan Recreation Complex – Gymnasium Construction

Gentlemen:

Please consider this your NOTICE TO PROCEED on the above referenced project. In accordance with the terms of the contract, work is to commence within ten (10) days of receipt of the Notice to Proceed and to be completed within 300 calendar days from that time. Failure to complete the work by this time/date will result in deductions from the monies due the contractor as “liquated” damages in an amount equal to \$1,500.00 per calendar day. Requests for time extensions shall be documented and made in writing within 7 calendar days after the delay.

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2019

Effingham County Board of Commissioners

Wesley Corbitt, Chairman

ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICE:

Receipt of the above Notice to Proceed is acknowledged.

Contractor: _____

By: _____

Title: _____

Date of Acceptance: _____

