



Request for Proposal

**ENGINEERING DESIGN AND SUPPORT FOR
CALLS CREEK WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY UPGRADE TO 3.0 MGD
RFP# 21-09-004**

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CLOSING DATE AND TIME: **October 29, 2020 at 2:00 PM, EDT**

LOCATION: Commission Chambers
Oconee County Courthouse
23 N. Main Street, Suite 205
Watkinsville, GA 30677

RFP NUMBER: 21-09-004

ACCEPTANCE PLACE/
AGENCY: Oconee County Board of Commissioners
Finance Department - Purchasing Officer
23 N. Main Street, Suite 203
Watkinsville, GA 30677

The Oconee County Board of Commissioners is soliciting proposals from consultants for Engineering Design and Support for the Calls Creek Water Reclamation Facility Upgrade to 3.0 MGD.

Sealed proposal packages will be accepted at the Oconee County Finance Department, located at the Oconee County Courthouse, 23 N. Main Street, Suite 203, Watkinsville, Georgia, 30677 until 2:00 PM EDT on Thursday, October 29, 2020. At the time and date above, the names will be read aloud in the Commission Chambers, located at 23 N. Main Street, Suite 205, Watkinsville, Georgia 30677. Proposals received after this time will not be accepted.

A pre-submittal conference will be held at 2:00 PM EDT on Thursday, October 8, 2020 at the Calls Creek Water Reclamation Facility, 1100 Durham's Mill Way, Watkinsville, Georgia 30677. The conference will be held jointly with a pre-submittal conference for procurement of a Construction Manager At Risk for this project. Attendance at the pre-submittal conference is required as part of the proposal submittal.

A bid bond is not required for this project.

Proposal documents, plans, and specifications are available to view at the Purchasing Office or may be obtained from the County's website, at no charge, under "Bid Opportunities." Questions regarding this RFP should be directed by email to Precision Planning, Inc. to Natalie Pifer at 861np@ppi.us and shall be received no later than 5:00 PM EDT, Friday, October 23, 2020.

Oconee County reserves the right to accept or reject all proposals or any proposal that is non-responsive or not responsible, to waive technicalities, and to issue change orders altering the original scope of work to address changes or unforeseen conditions necessary for the project completion.

By Oconee County Board of Commissioners
John Daniell, Chairman

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SECTION I GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

A. GENERAL INFORMATION

Oconee County plans on upgrading its existing Calls Creek Water Reclamation Facility (CCWRF) to provide wastewater treatment of 3.0 million gallons per day (MGD). The facility is currently designed to treat up to 1.5 MGD in accordance with the facility's NPDES Permit No. GA0050211. The proposed upgrade will involve the construction of new facilities within the existing plant's property which will employ advanced treatment technologies to produce effluent in accordance with the facility's NPDES permit.

The applicant for this project is required to complete and submit a total of six (6) sealed proposals, one (1) unbound original, four (4) bound paper copies and one (1) digital copy. All copies of the proposal must be identical. The submittal shall also include a separate sealed envelope containing the fee proposal only. All copies of the proposal shall be signed in ink by a company official who has authorization to commit company resources.

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Questions regarding this RFP should be directed by email to Precision Planning, Inc. to Natalie Pifer at 861np@ppi.us and shall be received no later than 5:00 PM EDT, Friday, October 23, 2020. No consultant and/or any member of the consultant's team shall discuss any aspect of the RFP with any Oconee County employee and/or representative except during the pre-submittal conference.

Directions to Oconee County Courthouse from I-85: Take I-85 North to Georgia Highway 316 (Lawrenceville/Athens exit). Drive 39 miles. Turn right onto Oconee Connector. Drive 5 miles. (Oconee Connector becomes Mars Hill Road, then Experiment Station Road). Turn right onto North Main Street. Drive 0.1 miles, Oconee County Courthouse is on the right side of the street. Public parking is in back of the Courthouse.

Directions to Calls Creek Water Reclamation Facility from I-85: Take I-85 North to Georgia Highway 316 (Lawrenceville/Athens exit). Drive 39 miles. Turn right onto Oconee Connector. Drive 5 miles. (Oconee Connector becomes Mars Hill Road, then Experiment Station Road). Turn left onto North Main Street. Drive 0.7 miles. Turn right onto Charity Lane. Drive 0.1 miles. Turn left onto Durham's Mill Way. Drive 0.3 miles to WRF entrance. County will be present to direct parking on-site.

B. PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Proposer Qualifications

Oconee County may make any investigations deemed necessary to determine proposer's ability to perform the work, and proposer shall furnish all information and data requested by the County. The County reserves the right to reject any proposal from any proposer that the County considers not properly qualified to carry out agreement obligations or able to satisfactorily complete the work on schedule.

2. Examination of Proposal Documents and Site
 - a. Before submitting a proposal, each proposer shall: examine the proposal document package thoroughly; become familiar with local conditions affecting cost and work progress or performance; become familiar with federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations affecting cost and work progress or performance; study and carefully correlate proposer's observations with the proposal document package; and notify the County concerning conflicts, errors, or discrepancies in the proposal document package.
 - b. Proposal submission will constitute incontrovertible representation that proposer understands and has complied with requirements contained in this article, and that proposer has read and understood the proposal document package and hereby stipulates that the documents are sufficient in scope and detail to indicate and convey understanding for terms and conditions in order to perform work.
3. Copies of Proposal Documents
 - a. The solicitation document package includes the Advertisement, Sections I-VI, all attachments, exhibits, and addenda issued during the solicitation period.
 - b. Complete sets of the solicitation document package shall be used in preparing proposals. The County assumes no responsibility for errors or misinterpretations resulting from using incomplete sets of the proposal document package.
 - c. The County, in making the RFP document package available on the above terms, does so only to obtain proposals on work and does not confer license or grant for any other use.
 - d. Any part of the RFP document package may be modified by addenda.

C. CONTACT PERSON

1. Proposers are encouraged to contact Natalie Pifer with Precision Planning, Inc. by email at 861np@ppi.us to clarify any part of the RFP requirements. All questions that arise prior to the DEADLINE FOR QUESTIONS due date shall be directed to the contact person in writing via email. Any unauthorized contact shall not be used as a basis for responding to this RFP and also may result in the disqualification of the Proposer's submittal.
2. Proposers may not contact any elected official or other County employee to discuss the proposal process or proposal opportunities except through the purchasing officer named herein or as provided by existing work agreement(s). This policy shall be strictly enforced and the County reserves the right to reject the submittal of any vendor violating this provision.

D. ADDENDA AND INTERPRETATIONS

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

2. Proposers shall acknowledge any issued addenda by including the Addenda Acknowledgement Form with the proposal submittal. Proposal submittals that fail to acknowledge the Proposer's receipt of any addendum may result in the rejection of the proposal if the addendum contains information that substantially changes the owner's requirements.
3. Addenda may be issued to modify the proposal document package as deemed necessary by Oconee County.

E. PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS

1. A total of six (6) sealed proposals, one (1) unbound original, four (4) bound paper copies and one (1) digital copy, must be received no later than 2:00 PM EDT, Thursday, October 29, 2020. Proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope with the following clearly labeled on the outside "Response for Engineering and Design Support for Calls Creek Water Reclamation Facility Upgrade to 3.0 MGD RFP# 21-09-004" and should include the respondent's name and address. All copies of the proposal must be identical.

The submittal shall also include a separate sealed envelope containing a copy of the fee proposal only. The envelope shall be clearly labeled on the outside "Fee Proposal for Engineering and Design Support for Calls Creek Water Reclamation Facility Upgrade to 3.0 MGD RFP# 21-09-004" and should include the respondent's name and address.

Each envelope should be addressed to:

Oconee County Board of Commissioners
Attn: Procurement Officer
23 N. Main Street, Suite 203
Watkinsville, GA 30677

2. Submittals may be delivered to the above address ONLY between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM EDT, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays observed by the Oconee County Government. Proposal must meet required specifications and must be of a quality that will adequately serve the use and purpose for which intended.
3. Submittals or modifications received after the due date and time will not be considered. Oconee County Government assumes no responsibility for the premature opening of submittals not properly addressed and identified and/or delivered to the proper designation. Late proposals properly addressed to the Oconee County Board of Commissioners shall be returned to the respondent unopened.
4. Each proposal shall contain the following completed County forms and documents.
 - a. Addenda Acknowledgement Form
 - b. Non-Collusion Affidavit
 - c. Drug Free Workplace Certificate
 - d. S.A.V.E. Affidavit & Verifiable Document (i.e. photocopy of GA driver's license.)
 - e. Georgia Security and Immigration Compliance Affidavit (E-Verify)
 - f. W-9

5. More than one proposal received for the same work from an individual, firm, partnership, corporation, or association under the same or different names will not be considered. Reasonable grounds for believing any applicant is interested in more than one proposal for the same work will cause the County to reject all proposals from the applicant. If the County believes collusion exists among applicants, proposals from participants in collusion will not be considered.
6. Conditions, limitations, or provisions attached by the applicant to the proposal forms may cause its rejection. Proposals containing items not included in the form of proposals will be considered irregular.

F. REQUIRED PROJECT BONDS

There are no bonds required for this project.

G. MODIFICATION AND WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSALS

1. Withdrawal prior to time for receiving proposals: Proposals may be modified or withdrawn by appropriate document duly executed and delivered to the place where proposals are to be submitted at any time prior to the deadline for submitting proposals. Proposal withdrawals will not prejudice applicant's rights to submit a new proposal prior to the deadline for submitting proposals.
2. Withdrawal after the time for receiving proposals: After the period for receiving proposals has expired, no proposal may be withdrawn, modified, or explained, except as provided for in the below Article H - Award of Contract.

H. AWARD OF CONTRACT

1. To extent permitted by applicable state and federal laws and regulations, the County reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to waive any and all informalities, and to disregard nonconforming, non-responsive, or conditional proposals. Proposals may be considered irregular and subject to rejection if they show serious omission, unauthorized form alterations, use of unauthorized forms, unauthorized alternate proposals, incomplete or unbalanced unit prices, or other irregularities. In case of error in the extension of prices in the proposal, the unit price will govern. No proposal shall be altered, amended, or withdrawn, unless the acceptance date has expired, after the opening date of proposals. Negligence on the part of the Proposer in preparing the proposal confers no right for the withdrawal of the proposal after it has been opened. Any mistake, which is obviously a clerical one, such as an error in price extension, or in placement of decimal points, reversal of prices, FOB destination, FOB point of origin, etc., may be corrected by Oconee County after verification is made by the applicant. However, under no circumstances can unit prices be changed.
2. Contract will be awarded by the County pursuant to applicable law. Nothing contained herein shall place duty upon the County to reject proposals or award proposals based upon anything other than the County's sole discretion as described herein.
3. The County will award the project at the County's discretion.

I. SIGNATURE REQUIRED

Each proposer shall furnish all information required by the proposal schedule and schedule of values. Each proposer shall sign the proposal and print or type his or her name on the schedule. The person signing the proposal must initial erasures or other changes. An authorized agent of the company must sign proposals. A VALID BID OFFER MUST BE SIGNED.

J. ALTERATIONS OF SOLICITATION AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

Alterations of County documents are strictly prohibited and will result in automatic disqualification of the proposer's solicitation response. If there are "exceptions" or comments to any of the solicitation requirements or other language, then the supplier may make notes to those areas, but may not materially alter any document language.

END OF SECTION I

SECTION II GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS

A. CONTRACT AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

The Solicitation and Proposer's response shall form part of the Purchase Order, and the provisions thereof shall be as binding upon the parties.

B. DEFINITIONS

1. 'Alternate bids' means the amount stated in the bid or proposal to be added to or deducted from the amount of the base bid or base proposal if the corresponding change in project scope or alternate materials or methods of construction is accepted.
2. 'Base bid' or 'base proposal' means the amount of money stated in the bid or proposal as the sum for which the bidder or proposer offers to perform the work.
3. 'Bid bond' means a bond with good and sufficient surety or sureties for the faithful acceptance of the contract payable to, in favor of, and for the protection of the governmental entity for which the contract is to be awarded.
4. 'Change order' means an alteration, addition, or deduction from the original scope of work as defined by the contract documents to address changes or unforeseen conditions necessary for project completion.
5. 'Competitive sealed bidding' means a method of soliciting public works construction contracts whereby the award is based upon the lowest responsive, responsible bid in conformance with the provisions of subsection (b) of Code Section 36-91-21.
6. 'Competitive sealed proposals' means a method of soliciting public works contracts whereby the award is based upon criteria identified in a request for proposals in conformance with the provisions of subsection (c) of Code Section 36-91-21.
7. 'Contractor' means a person or entity that has submitted a bid or proposal and enters into a contract with a governmental entity to perform work required by the submitted bid or proposal.
8. 'Emergency' means any situation resulting in imminent danger to the public health or safety or the loss of an essential governmental service.
9. 'Governing authority' means the official or group of officials responsible for governance of a governmental entity.
10. 'Governmental entity' means a county, municipal corporation, consolidated government, authority, board of education, or other public board, body, or commission but shall not include any authority, board, department, or commission of the state, or a public transportation agency as defined by Chapter 9 of Title 32.
11. 'Payment bond' means a bond with good and sufficient surety or sureties payable to the governmental entity for which the work is to be done and intended for the use and protection of all subcontractors and all persons supplying labor, materials, machinery, and equipment in the prosecution of the work provided for in the public works construction contract.

12. 'Performance bond' means a bond with good and sufficient surety or sureties for the faithful performance of the contract and to indemnify the governmental entity for any damages occasioned by a failure to perform the same within the prescribed time. Such bond shall be payable to, in favor of, and for the protection of the governmental entity for which the work is to be done.
13. 'Public works construction' means the building, altering, repairing, improving, or demolishing of any public structure or building or other public improvements of any kind to any public real property other than those projects covered by Chapter 4 of Title 32. Such term does not include the routine operation, repair, or maintenance of existing structures, buildings, or real property.
14. 'Responsible bidder' or 'responsible proposer' means a person or entity that has the capability in all respects to perform fully and reliably the contract requirements.
15. 'Responsive bidder' or 'responsive proposer' means a person or entity that has submitted a bid or proposal that conforms in all material respects to the requirements set forth in the invitation for bids or request for proposals.
16. 'Scope of project' means the work required by the original contract documents and any subsequent change orders required or appropriate to accomplish the intent of the project as described in the bid or proposal documents.
17. 'Scope of work' means the work that is required by the contract documents.
18. 'Sole source' means those procurements made pursuant to a written determination by a governing authority that there is only one source for the required supply, service, or construction item.

C. AGREEMENT RENEWAL (IF APPLICABLE)

NOT USED

D. NONAPPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

The Contractor acknowledges that the Finance Department cannot contract for the payment of funds not yet appropriated by the Oconee County Board of Commissioners (OCBOC). If funding to a Department is reduced due to an order by the OCBOC or the Governor, or is required by State law, or if federal funding (when applicable) is not provided, the OCBOC may terminate this contract or proportionately reduce the services and purchase obligations and the amount due from the OCBOC upon 30 days written notice. In the case that funds are not appropriated or are reduced, the OCBOC will reimburse Contractor for products delivered or services performed through the date of cancellation or reduction, and the OCBOC will not be liable for any future commitments, penalties, or liquidated damages.

E. DISCREPANCIES

Should a Proposer find discrepancies in the proposal documents and/or specifications or be in doubt as to the meaning or intent of any part thereof, the Proposer shall request clarification from the County in writing, not later than five (5) working days prior to the date for Proposal to close or as otherwise specified by the RFP. Any changes to the RFP that result from such a clarification will be communicated through a written addendum and posted on the Finance Department "Bid Opportunities" page at www.oconeecounty.com. Failure to request such a clarification is a waiver of any claim by the Proposer for additional expenses because its interpretation was different than the County's.

F. MATERIALS, SERVICES AND FACILITIES

1. It is understood that, except as otherwise specifically stated in the Contract Documents, the Contractor shall provide and pay for all materials, labor, tools, equipment, water, light, power, transportation, superintendence, temporary construction of every nature, and all other services and facilities of every nature whatsoever necessary to execute, complete, and deliver the work within the specified time.
2. Any work necessary to be performed after regular hours, on Sundays or Legal Holidays shall be performed without additional expense to the Owner.

G. CONTRACTOR'S TITLE TO MATERIALS

No materials or supplies for the work shall be purchased by the Contractor or by any subcontractor subject to any chattel mortgage or under a conditional sale contract or other agreement by which an interest is retained by the seller. The Contractor warrants that he has good title to all materials and supplies used by him in the work, free from liens, claims, or encumbrances.

H. BRAND OR MANUFACTURER'S REFERENCE

The County has determined that any manufacturer's brand defined in the RFP Specifications meets the County's product and support need. The manufacturer's reference is not intended to be restrictive, but descriptive of the type and quality the County desires to purchase. Bids for similar manufactured products of like quality will be considered if the Bid is fully noted with the manufacturer's brand name and model unless "No Substitutions" has been noted in the proposal documents. The County reserves the right to determine products and support of equal value.

I. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION

The work under this contract shall be done in accordance with the laws of the State of Georgia and under the direct supervision and to the entire satisfaction of Oconee County, Ga. Further, the County may, from time to time, make inspections of the work performed under the Agreement. Any inspection by the County does not relieve the Contractor of any responsibility in meeting the Agreement requirements. The decision of the Project Manager, upon any question connected with the execution of the work under this contract, and interpretation of the specifications or upon failure or delay of the work by the Contractor, shall be final and conclusive.

J. WARRANTY

The Contractor agrees to warrant and assume responsibility for all products (including hardware, firmware, and/or software products) that it licenses, contracts, or sells to the Oconee County Board of Commissioners (OCBOC) under this contract for a period of one year, unless otherwise specified and mutually agreed upon elsewhere in this contract. The Contractor (seller) acknowledges that all warranties granted to the buyer by the Uniform Commercial Code of the State of Georgia apply to this contract. Product liability disclaimers and/or warranty disclaimers from the seller are not applicable to this contract unless otherwise specified and mutually agreed upon elsewhere in this contract. In general, the Contractor warrants that: (1) the product will do what the salesperson said it would do, (2) the product will live up to all specific claims that the manufacturer makes in their advertisements, (3) the product will be suitable for the ordinary purposes for which such product is used, (4) the product will be suitable for any special purposes that the County has relied on the Contractor's skill or judgment to consider when it advised the County about the product, (5) the product has been properly designed and manufactured, and (6) the product is free of significant defects or unusual problems about which the County has not

been warned. Remedies available to the County include the following: The Contractor will repair or replace (at no charge to the County) the product whose nonconformance is discovered and made known to the Contractor in writing. If the repaired and/or replaced product proves to be inadequate, or fails of its essential purpose, the Contractor will refund the full amount of any payments that have been made. Nothing in this warranty will be construed to limit any rights or remedies the OCBOC may otherwise have under this contract.

K. SEVERABILITY

In the event that any provision shall be adjudged or decreed to be invalid, such ruling shall not invalidate the entire Agreement but shall pertain only to the provision in question and the remaining provisions shall continue to be valid, binding and in full force and effect.

L. APPLICABLE LAWS/FORUM

This Agreement shall be governed in all respects by the laws of the State of Georgia. Any judicial action shall be filed in the State of Georgia, County of Oconee.

M. OPEN RECORDS

Proposer acknowledges and agrees that the County is obligated to timely comply with requests for information pursuant to state and federal law and regulation. Proposer agrees to comply with all provision of the Georgia Open Records Act ("ORA") (O.C.G.A. § 50-18-70 et. seq.), and to make records pertaining to performance of services, provision of goods or other functions under this contract available for public inspection upon request, unless otherwise exempt under other provisions of the ORA. Proposer shall provide the County with immediate notice should Proposer receive an Open Records Request. If Proposer asserts that any information in its response or in any information provided to the County with respect to the services or products under this contract are a protectable trade secret, as that term is defined in O.C.G.A. § 10-1-761, then the Proposer must follow the requirements of the ORA set forth at O.C.G.A. § 50-18-72(a) (34) and submit an affidavit declaring and specifically describing their trade secrets, including those of their subcontractor.

N. NOTICES

All notices and other communications hereunder shall be deemed to have been given when made in writing and either (a) delivered in person, (b) delivered to an agent, such as an overnight or similar delivery service, or (c) deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid, certified or registered, addressed as follows:

TO CONTRACTOR

TBD

TO COUNTY

Oconee County Finance Department
Attn: Procurement Officer
23 N. Main Street, Suite 203
Post Office Box 1527
Watkinsville, Georgia 30677

O. PROCEDURES

The extent and character of the services to be performed by the Contractor shall be subject to the general control and approval of the Department Director or his/her authorized representative(s). The Contractor shall not comply with requests and/or orders issued by anyone other than the Department Director or his/her authorized representative(s) acting within their authority for the

County. Any change to the Agreement must be approved in writing by the Finance Director and the Contractor.

P. DELAYS

If delay is foreseen, the Contractor shall give immediate written notice to the Department Director. The Contractor must keep the County advised at all times of the status of the project. Default in promised delivery (without accepted reasons) or failure to meet specifications, authorizes Procurement to purchase services elsewhere and charge full increase in cost and handling to defaulting Contractor.

Q. WORKMANSHIP

All work under this Agreement shall be performed in a skillful and workmanlike manner. The Contractor and its employees shall be professional and courteous at all times. The County may, in writing, require the Contractor to remove any employee from work for reasonable cause, as determined by the County.

R. QUALITY

All materials used for the manufacture or construction of any supplies, materials, vehicles, or equipment covered by this proposal shall be new (unless otherwise specified), the latest model, of the best quality, and highest-grade workmanship. Vehicles and/or equipment shall be equipped with such necessary equipment complying with the Georgia State Law, but not including licensing. In addition, materials must comply with all applicable Federal and State OSHA requirements in affect at the time of proposal.

S. DELIVERY

Orders must be shipped directly to ordering agency at address specified. Shipments must be made in accordance with the item(s) as described and priced on this order. In addition, orders must be shipped F.O.B. Destination, Freight Prepaid, unless other shipping instructions are described in this order. **UNLESS INDICATED OTHERWISE, ALL ORDERS MUST BE SHIPPED PROMPTLY (WITHIN 5 WORKING DAYS), UPON RECEIPT OF ORDER.**

Responsibility and liability for loss or damage will remain with Contractor until final inspection and acceptance when responsibility will pass to the State except as to latent defects, fraud and Contractor's warranty obligations.

T. CLEANING UP

The Contractor shall at all times keep the property free from rubbish and the accumulation of any waste materials. Contractor shall be responsible for the removal of all trash at the end of each day, or more frequently as may be required by the Department Director.

U. SUBCONTRACTORS

All Proposers shall include a list of all subcontractors with their proposal. The County reserves the right to reject the successful Proposer's selection of subcontractors for good cause. If a subcontractor is rejected, the Contractor may replace that subcontractor with another subcontractor subject to the approval of the County. Any such replacement shall be at no additional expense to the County nor shall it result in an extension of time without the County's approval.

V. EXEMPTION FROM TAXES

The Contractor shall not charge the County for Georgia State Sales or Use Taxes or Federal Excise Tax on the finished goods or services provided under the Agreement. However, this exemption does not apply to the Contractor, and the Contractor shall be responsible for the payment of any sales, use, or excise tax it incurs in providing the goods required by the Agreement, including, but not limited to, taxes on materials purchased by a Contractor for incorporation in or use on a construction project. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the Contractor from including its own sales tax expense in connection with the Agreement in its Agreement price.

W. INVOICING AND PAYMENT

Upon completion of work, the Contractor shall submit a proper invoice, in duplicate, detailing a breakdown of all charges that shall be based on completion of tasks or deliverables.

Invoices shall be submitted to:

Oconee County Water Resources Department
Attn: Business Office Manager
P. O. Box 88
Watkinsville, GA 30677

All such invoices will be paid within thirty (30) days of final inspection by the County unless other payment terms have been detailed in writing prior to the start of project. Should any items thereon be questioned, in which event payment will be withheld pending verification of the amount claimed and the validity of the claim. The Contractor shall provide complete cooperation during any such investigation.

Contractor shall provide the purchase order number on the pricing form.

X. AGREEMENT DISPUTES

The Contractor shall give written notice to the Finance Director of intent to file a claim for money or other relief within ten (10) calendar days of the occurrence-giving rise to the claim or at the beginning of the work upon which the claim is to be based, whichever is earlier.

The claim, with supporting documentation, shall be submitted to the Finance Director by US Mail, courier, or overnight delivery service, no later than sixty (60) days after final payment. The Contractor shall submit its invoice for final payment within thirty (30) days after completion or delivery of the services. If the claim is not disposed of by agreement, the Finance Director shall reduce his/her decision to writing and mail or otherwise forward a copy thereof to the Contractor within thirty (30) days of the County's receipt of the claim.

The Finance Director's decision shall be final unless the Contractor appeals within thirty (30) days by submitting a written letter of appeal to the Finance Director or his/her designee. The Finance Director shall render a decision within sixty (60) days of receipt of the appeal.

Y. ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACT

The Agreement may not be assigned in whole or in part without the written consent of the Finance Department.

Z. CHANGE ORDERS OR AGREEMENT MODIFICATIONS

Oconee County may order changes within the general scope of the contract at any time by change order or modification to the purchase order. Changes within the scope of the agreement are generally initiated between Contractor and project manager. The project manager will submit a change order request to the Finance Department for administrative approval. Once a signed change order has been submitted to Purchasing, a revised purchase order is issued and distributed. The Contractor shall comply with the notice upon receipt. The Contractor shall be compensated for any additional costs incurred as the result of such order and shall give Oconee County a credit for any savings. Said compensation shall be determined by mutual agreement between Oconee County entity and the Contractor in writing.

AA. TIME FOR COMPLETION AND LIQUIDATED DAMAGES (IF APPLICABLE)

It is hereby understood and mutually agreed, by and between the Contractor and the Owner, that the date of beginning and the time for completion as specified in the Contract of the work to be done hereunder are ESSENTIAL CONDITIONS of this contract; and it is further mutually understood and agreed that the work embraced in this contract shall be commenced on a date to be specified in the Notice to Proceed.

The Contractor agrees that said work shall be prosecuted regularly, diligently, and uninterruptedly at such rate of progress as will insure full completion thereof within the time specified. It is expressly agreed that the established contract time for the work described herein is a reasonable time for the completion of the same, taking into consideration the average climatic range and usual industrial conditions prevailing in this locality.

If the said Contractor shall neglect, fail or refuse to complete the work within the time herein specified, or any proper extension thereof granted by the Owner, then the Contractor does hereby agree, as a part consideration for the awarding of this contract, to pay to the Owner, not as a penalty but as liquidated damages for such breach of contract hereinafter set forth, (insert amount) for each and every calendar day that the Contractor shall be in default after the time stipulated in the contract for completing the work.

BB. CORRECTION OF WORK

All work, all materials, whether incorporated in the work or not, all processes of manufacture, and all methods of construction shall be at all times and places subject to the inspection of Oconee County, Ga. Oconee County, GA. shall be the final judge of the quality and suitability of the work, materials, processes of manufacture, and methods of construction fail to meet their approval, they shall be forthwith reconstructed, made good, replaced and/or corrected, as the case may be, by the Contractor at his own expense. Rejected material shall immediately be removed from the site. If, in the opinion of the Owner, it is undesirable to replace any defective or damaged materials or to reconstruct or correct any portion of the work injured or not performed in accordance with the Contract Documents, the compensation to be paid to the Contractor hereunder shall be reduced by such amount as in the judgment of the Owner shall be equitable.

CC. ACCEPTANCE OF FINAL PAYMENT AS RELEASE

The acceptance by the Contractor of final payment shall be and shall operate as a release to the Owner of all claims and all liability to the Contractor for all things done or furnished in connection with this work and for every act and neglect of the Owner and others relating to or arising out of this work. No payment, however, final or otherwise, shall operate to release the Contractor from any obligations under this contract.

DD. TERMINATION

Subject to the provisions below, this Agreement may be terminated by the County upon thirty (30) days advance written notice to the Contractor; but if any work or service hereunder is in progress, but not completed as of the date of termination, then the Agreement may be extended upon written approval of the County until said work or services are completed and accepted:

a) Termination for Convenience -

The County may terminate this Agreement for convenience at any time in which the case the parties shall negotiate reasonable termination costs.

b) Termination for Cause -

In the event of Termination for Cause, the thirty (30) days advance notice is waived and the Contractor shall not be entitled to termination costs.

c) Termination Due to Unavailability of Funds in Succeeding Fiscal Years -

If funds are not appropriated or otherwise made available to support continuation of the performance of this Agreement in a subsequent fiscal year, then the Agreement shall be canceled with no further cost to the County.

EE. BID BONDS, PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENTS BONDS

NOT USED

FF. CONTRACTOR'S AND SUBCONTRACTOR'S INSURANCE

1. Contractors and Subcontractors Insurance: The Contractor shall not commence work under this contract until he has obtained all the insurance required under this paragraph and such insurance has been approved by the Owner, nor shall the Contractor allow any subcontractor to commence work on his subcontract until the insurance required of the subcontractor has been so obtained and approved.

Contractor shall incorporate a copy of the insurance requirements as herein provided in each and every subcontract with each and every Subcontractor in any tier, and shall require each and every Subcontractor of any tier to comply with all such requirements. Contractor agrees that if for any reason Subcontractor fails to procure and maintain insurance as required, all such required Insurance shall be procured and maintained by Contractor at Contractor's expense.

Compliance by the Contractor and all subcontractors with the foregoing requirements as to carrying insurance shall not relieve the Contractor and all Subcontractors of their liability provisions of the Contract.

The Contractor and all Subcontractors are to comply with the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, Public Law 91-956, and any other laws that may apply to this Contract.

The Contractor shall at a minimum apply risk management practices accepted by the contractors' industry.

2. Compensation Insurance: The Contractor shall procure and shall maintain during the life of this contract Workmen's Compensation Insurance as required by applicable State or territorial law for all of his employees to be engaged in work at the site of the project under this contract and, in case of any such work sublet, the Contractor shall require the

subcontractor similarly to provide Workmen's Compensation Insurance for all of the latter's employees to be engaged in such work unless such employees are covered by the protection afforded by the Contractor's Compensation Insurance. In case any class employees engaged in hazardous work on the project under this contract is not protected under the Workmen's Compensation Statute, the Contractor shall provide and shall cause each subcontractor to provide adequate employer's liability insurance for the protection of such of his employees as are not otherwise protected.

3. Contractor's Public Liability and Property Damage Insurance and Vehicle Liability Insurance: The Contractor shall procure and shall maintain during the life of this contract Contractor's Public Liability Insurance, Contractor's Property Damage Insurance and Vehicle Liability.
4. Subcontractor's Public Liability and Property Damage Insurance and Vehicle Liability Insurance: The Contractor shall require each of his subcontractors to procure and to maintain during the life of his subcontract, Subcontractor's Public Liability and Property Damage Insurance and Vehicle Liability Insurance of the type.

GG. PATENT INDEMNITY

The Contractor guarantees to hold the County, its agents, officers or employees harmless from liability of any nature or kind for use of any copyrighted or uncopyrighted composition, secret process, patented or unpatented invention, articles or appliances furnished or used in the performance of the contract, for which the Contractor is not the patentee, assignee or licensee.

HH. GENERAL INDEMNIFICATION

It is understood that in the event of Contractor negligence, Oconee County is protected against third-party claims. The Contractor is required to provide legal counsel to protect the owner and pay all damages arising from its negligent act.

II. AGREEMENT

Each Proposal is received with the understanding that the acceptance in writing by the County of the offer to furnish any or all of the commodities or services described therein shall constitute an agreement between the Proposer and the County which shall bind the Proposer on his part to furnish and deliver the articles quoted at the prices stated in accordance with the conditions of said accepted proposal. The County, on its part, may order from such Contractor, except for cause beyond reasonable control, and to pay for, at the agreed prices, all articles specified and delivered.

- a) The Board of Commissioners may enter into contracts and agreements as provided by state law. All capital contracts or agreements must be approved by the Board, and may be amended with the issuance of a change order under the signature of the Chair.
- b) "no parole evidence"- prohibits oral modifications to the contract or allowance for past practices by the County.
- c) Modifications, such as a written change order or amendment signed by the contracting authority, shall be the only allowable method for modification of the contract.

JJ. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND ELIGIBILITY

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. The County may choose not to accept the proposal of a Proposer who is in default on the payment of taxes, licenses or other monies due to the County. Failure to respond to three (3) consecutive times for any given commodity/service may result in removal from the supplier list under that commodity/service.

KK. GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSE (IF APPLICABLE)

Licensed General Contractors shall furnish to the County, personally or through his or her authorized agent specifically designated to act on his or her behalf in a sworn written document, his or her general Contractor license number and the identity of any business organization for which such applicant is serving as qualifying agent that is undertaking or contracting as a general contractor to construct or manage the construction.

Respondents and any subcontractors chosen by the Respondent shall be qualified and licensed Contractors, with the exception of “specialty contractors” under Chapter 14 of Title 43 (<http://sos.ga.gov/admin/files/SpecialtyLTD.pdf>)

LL. AUTHORITY TO BIND FIRM IN AGREEMENT (PROPOSER'S AFFIDAVIT)

Proposals MUST give full firm name and address of Proposer. Failure to manually sign the Proposal may disqualify it. Person signing the Proposal will show TITLE or AUTHORITY TO BIND THE FIRM IN AGREEMENT. Firm name and authorized signature must appear on the Proposal in the space provided on the pricing page. See Mandatory Forms section

Those authorized to sign are as follows:

- a) If a sole proprietorship, the owner may sign.
- b) If a general partnership, any general partner may sign.
- c) If a limited partnership, a general partner must sign.
- d) If a limited liability company, a “member” may sign or a “manager” must sign if so specified by the articles or organization.
- e) If a regular corporation, the CEO, President or Vice-President must sign.
- f) Others may be granted authority to sign but the County requires that a corporate document authorizing him/her to sign be submitted with the Proposal. This document is included in the proposal package for your convenience.

MM. ANTI-DISCRIMINATION

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

NN. GEORGIA SECURITY AND IMMIGRATION COMPLIANCE ACT

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

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

END OF SECTION II

SECTION III PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

A. PROPOSAL FORMAT

1. The Proposal shall not be more than twenty (20) pages in length. Pages shall be letter size using text no smaller than Arial font size 11. Double-sided pages are allowed.
2. Resumes will not be included in the 20-page limit. However, resumes shall be no more than two (2) pages per individual.
3. A cover letter no more than one (1) page in length may be included with the submittal. The cover letter will not be included in the 20-page limit.

B. FIRM IDENTIFICATION

1. At a minimum, the Proposal shall include the following information about the **LEAD CONSULTANT** for the project:
 - Firm name.
 - Locations of home and satellite offices to include business addresses, telephone and fax numbers, and e-mail addresses.
 - Firm background including history, services offered, and operating philosophy.
 - Management structure to include description of ownership, company officers and number of employees for each discipline offered.
2. At a minimum, the Proposal shall include the following information about each **MAJOR SUB-CONSULTANT** (i.e. - a sub-consultant to the **LEAD CONSULTANT** that will perform 10% or more of the project work based on the proposed contract total design dollar value) to be utilized in the project:
 - Firm name.
 - Locations of home and satellite offices to include business addresses, telephone and fax numbers, and e-mail addresses.
 - The role the **MAJOR SUB-CONSULTANT** will play in the project.
 - Work history between the **MAJOR SUB-CONSULTANT** and the **LEAD CONSULTANT**.
 - Firm background including history, services offered, and operating philosophy.
 - Management structure to include description of ownership, company officers and number of employees for each discipline offered.
3. At a minimum, the Proposal shall include the following information about each **MINOR SUB-CONSULTANT** (i.e. - a sub-consultant to the **LEAD CONSULTANT** that will perform less than 10% of the project work based on the proposed contract total design dollar value) to be utilized in the project:
 - Firm name.

- Locations of home office to include business address, telephone and fax numbers, and e-mail address.
- The role the **MINOR SUB-CONSULTANT** will play in the project.
- Work history between the **MINOR SUB-CONSULTANT** and the **LEAD CONSULTANT**.

C. RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

The Proposal shall include descriptions of five (5) wastewater treatment plant projects that the **LEAD CONSULTANT** has completed within the past ten (10) years which are of similar size and scope to the proposed CCWRF upgrade. The projects should demonstrate the **LEAD CONSULTANT**'s experience as a firm. Experience of individual members of the Proposer's team will not be excluded from consideration; however, firm experience with wastewater projects similar in size and scope to the proposed CCWRF upgrade is preferred. At a minimum, the following information shall be included for each of the five projects:

1. Name and location of project.
2. Name and address of client.
3. Name and telephone number of client contact.
4. Description of the project.
5. Dollar value of **LEAD CONSULTANT**'s engineering fee and total project cost, to include all construction costs.
6. Name of **LEAD CONSULTANT**'s project manager.
7. Description of the **LEAD CONSULTANT**'s responsibilities in the project to include level of participation as lead or sub-consultant.
8. Comparison of initial and final budget costs and schedules to include, as appropriate, explanation(s) of any exceedances in the initial parameters.

D. PROJECT PERSONNEL

1. The Proposal shall identify the personnel to be utilized in the project to include members of the **LEAD CONSULTANT** and all **MAJOR SUB-CONSULTANTS**.
2. The name, title and position of seniority of the **LEAD CONSULTANT**'s proposed Project Manager shall be provided. The location of the Project Manager's office during the project duration shall also be provided.
3. Projections of the percentage of time that the **LEAD CONSULTANT**'s Project Manager and key members of the project team will be committed to the project shall be provided.
4. Resumes of the **LEAD CONSULTANT**'s Project Manager and other key members of the project team - including key **MAJOR** and **MINOR SUB-CONSULTANTS** - shall be provided. Resumes will not be included in the 20-page limit for the Proposal.

E. PROJECT UNDERSTANDING AND APPROACH

In accordance with the Project Scope in Section V of this RFP, the Proposal shall include a description of the Proposer's understanding of the project's goals and outline the methodologies it will use to accomplish the scope of work. The Proposal shall include, but not be limited to, a detailed list of the tasks projected for the project and an estimated timeframe for completing each

task. The Proposal should discuss the approach to be taken in controlling the quality of the work and in maintaining or advancing the project schedule. It should also identify potential obstacles as experienced in similar projects that may affect the project cost or schedule and outline the Proposer's approach to resolving or managing the obstacles.

F. FEE PROPOSAL

The Proposal should include the Proposer's fee for accomplishing the Scope of Services as described in Section V of the RFP. The basis of payment for all services rendered by the Proposer shall be Lump Sum, with a Lump Sum total for each phase as listed in items 1-7 of the Scope of Services (Section V.B). Proposers may present further breakdowns for each phase if desired, but this is not required.

G. PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL

Sealed proposal packages will be accepted at the Oconee County Finance Department, located at the Oconee County Courthouse, 23 N. Main Street, Suite 203, Watkinsville, Georgia, 30677 until 2:00 PM EDT on Thursday, October 29, 2020. At the time and date above, the names will be read aloud in the Commission Chambers, located at 23 N. Main Street, Suite 205, Watkinsville, Georgia 30677. Proposals received after this time will not be accepted. A list of submitting firms will be available on Friday, October 30, 2020 on Oconee County's website www.oconeecounty.com.

The package shall include a sealed envelope containing copies of the complete proposal plainly marked on the outside as "Response for Engineering and Design Support for Calls Creek Water Reclamation Facility Upgrade to 3.0 MGD RFP# 21-09-004" and should include the respondent's name and address.

The submittal shall also include a separate sealed envelope containing a copy of the fee proposal only. The envelope shall be clearly labeled on the outside "Fee Proposal for Engineering and Design Support for Calls Creek Water Reclamation Facility Upgrade to 3.0 MGD RFP# 21-09-004" and should include the respondent's name and address.

Oconee County reserves the right to retain all proposals submitted. Submission of a Proposal indicates acceptance by the **LEAD CONSULTANT** of the conditions contained in the Request for Proposal (RFP). All Proposals and supporting materials, as well as all correspondence relating to this RFP, become the property of Oconee County when received. Any proprietary information contained in the Proposal should be so indicated; however, a general indication that the entire content, or major portion, of the Proposal is proprietary will not be honored.

Proposals submitted by telegraphic, facsimile or other electronic means are not acceptable and will be rejected upon receipt. Proposers are advised to allow adequate time for delivery of their Proposals.

H. CHANGES TO THE PROPOSAL

No changes to, or withdrawal requests of, Proposals will be allowed after the date and time fixed for receipt of the Proposal.

I. CHANGES TO THE RFP

Changes to the RFP shall be in accordance with the provisions outlined in Section I - General Instructions.

END OF SECTION III

SECTION IV

EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS

A Review Team appointed by the Oconee County Water Resources Department will evaluate the Proposals using a 100 point scale. The criteria to be used in the evaluations, along with their relative weights, are as follows:

Criteria No.	Description	Maximum Point Value
1	The qualifications, experience and office location of the proposed Project Manager, as it relates to projects of similar size and scope as well as the proposed Project Manager's level of authority within the LEAD CONSULTANT's organization.	20
2	Experience of LEAD CONSULTANT in design and construction of upgrades and expansions of wastewater treatment facilities while maintaining operation.	25
3	The Proposer's understanding and approach to the project.	15
4	Fee Proposal	40
Total		100

Upon completion of the RFP evaluations, the Review Team may recommend a short-list of firms or a single firm with the highest point total for consideration and/or approval by the Oconee County Board of Commissioners.

If required as directed by the Water Resources Department, the Review Team will conduct interviews with the short-listed firms prior to submitting a recommended firm for approval by the Board of Commissioners.

END OF SECTION IV

SECTION V PROJECT SCOPE

A. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Calls Creek Water Reclamation Facility (CCWRF) is located on a 22-acre site off of Durham's Mill Way in the northern portion of the City of Watkinsville, Georgia (see Exhibit 1). The facility started operation in 1985 primarily to serve the sanitary sewer needs of residents and businesses within the Watkinsville City limits. Since then, CCWRF has undergone a series of expansions to accommodate the rapid growth of development experienced in Oconee County.

In the most recent upgrade completed in 2019, plant capacity was increased to 1.5 million gallons per day (MGD) so as to meet the maximum allowable discharge into Calls Creek - the plant's receiving stream. The upgrade centered on the construction of a new aeration and clarification unit utilizing biologically enhanced nutrient removal technology followed by tertiary treatment using cloth filters and ultraviolet disinfection to produce a high quality effluent required for discharge into Calls Creek. The 2019 upgrade also included a new septage receiving station and a new screw press for dewatering of waste solids. A process flow diagram of the current facilities is shown in Exhibit 2.

The 2019 improvements reflect the first of two phases designed to increase treatment capacity at CCWRF to 3.0 MGD. The 2019 (Phase 1) design included a number of provisions to take advantage of economies of scale with regard to sitework and building construction and to ease the installation of the Phase 2 equipment. Therefore, to a large degree, Phase 2 involves the supply of the additional process equipment and the piping and electrical supply and control connections to the existing treatment works. A major exception is the inclusion of an effluent pump station to transfer treated effluent from CCWRF to a planned outfall on the Middle Oconee River so as to maintain compliance with the 1.5 MGD permitted discharge to Calls Creek.

The new facilities will be designed in accordance with the following effluent limitations:

Parameter	Discharge Limitations	
	Monthly Average	Weekly Average
Flow, MGD	3.0	3.75
BOD ₅ , mg/L	5.0	7.5
TSS, mg/L	10	15
Total Phosphorus as P, mg/L	0.5	0.75
Ammonia as N, mg/L	1.0	1.5
Fecal Coliform Bacteria	200/100 ml	200/100 ml
pH, standard units	6.0 - 8.5	6.0 - 8.5
Dissolved Oxygen, mg/L	5.0	5.0

The major components of the facilities included in the upgrade to 3.0 MGD under this project are shown in Exhibit 3 and are described as follows:

1. Headworks - Upgrade the existing channel-mounted spiral screen and grit removal system from a maximum capacity of 5.0 MGD to 7.5 MGD.
2. Influent Pump Station (IPS) - Install a third submersible pump in the existing IPS wetwell with ancillary controls, etc. to increase the station's firm capacity from 5.0 to 7.5 MGD. The pump shall be compatible with the existing pumps.
3. Influent Force Main - Construct a second 16-inch force main between the IPS and the flow splitter box.
4. Flow Splitter Box - Modify the existing flow splitter box to receive flow from the second influent force main (Item 3 above).
5. Return Activated Sludge (RAS) Pump - Install a third RAS pump to allow circulation of return solids from Treatment Unit #2. The new RAS pump shall be compatible with the existing two pumps.
6. Secondary Treatment - Install aeration equipment, piping, controls, etc. in existing tankage as needed to allow Unit #2 to treat up to 1.5 MGD of wastewater. Equipment shall match that used in Treatment Unit #1.
7. Filtration and Disinfection Building - Add third tertiary filter and second UV disinfection unit to treatment train. Design shall address all connections, controls and power supply equipment needed to make the filter and UV units fully functional. Equipment shall match existing equipment.
8. Solids Handling Facilities - Modify the existing solids handling train to improve separation of settled solids from supernatant, increase waste solids capacity and/or provide aerobic digester to decrease solids loadings to the screw presses.
9. Dewatering Building - Add second screw press to solids handling train. Design shall address all connections, controls and power supply equipment needed to make the filter and UV units fully functional. Equipment shall match existing equipment.
10. Effluent Pump Station - Construction of a new pump station to receive and pump treated effluent from CCWRF via a new transmission main to the County's planned discharge on the Middle Oconee River. The pump station will need to include a means to split plant effluent to ensure no more than 1.5 MGD is discharge into Calls Creek. The preliminary plans indicate the new main will be 24-inch in diameter and approximately 20,000 linear feet (LF). Design of the transmission main is not included in the scope of this project.
11. Yard Piping, Electrical Conduit and Other Accessories - Design shall include all associated yard piping, electrical equipment, etc. needed for operation of the new facilities.

The project will be procured via construction management (CM) at risk. The CM will be selected by Oconee County during the early stages of the design process, after which the CM and selected designer will work together to develop the final design.

B. SCOPE OF SERVICES

The scope of work is to provide a design which will provide Oconee County with a facility which will continuously treat wastewater flows to meet the levels established in the NPDES permit and to assist the County during the construction of the proposed facilities.

The services to be provided shall be as follows:

1. Pre-Design Work
 - Attendance at kick-off meeting with County representatives.
 - Development of a work plan which identifies project tasks and specifies dates of deliverables.
2. Design Process and Coordination
 - Project management activities including coordinating and controlling the project team to meet project objectives.
 - Conduct technical workshops with the County.
 - Prepare Basis of Design (BOD) and coordinate review and approval by County, to include preliminary selection of process components.
 - Prepare agendas and minutes of regularly scheduled project meetings.
 - Participate in meetings with County, CM and Program Manager.
3. Design Output
 - Provide process, hydraulic, surveying, civil, architectural, structural, mechanical, plumbing, HVAC, electrical, and instrumentation and control design for the facilities in accordance with the approved DDR.
 - Draft plans and specifications at the 60% and 90% design as well as final contract documents.
 - Design the facility to be constructed within budget.
4. Redesign
 - Modify design drawings as needed.
 - Incorporate comments from County in response to 60% and 90% submittals as well as from land disturbance permitting and from EPD in response to plans and Operations and Maintenance Manual approval process.
5. Permitting and Environmental Assistance
 - Prepare for and attend meetings with EPD.
 - Develop and obtain approval of an Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plan.
 - Prepare and obtain EPD approval of plans and specifications.
 - Provide assistance with public meetings.
 - Prepare, submit and revise DDR as needed.
 - Prepare, submit and revise NPDES permit for discharge of 1.5 MGD of treated effluent into the Middle Oconee River.

6. Construction Services

- Provide ten (10) hard copy sets of contract documents. Five (5) sets shall include full-size drawings. Five (5) sets shall include half-size drawings.
- Provide digital copies of all contract documents in pdf format.
- Organize, identify, file and distribute routine written project correspondence including shop drawings, requests for information, change orders, etc.
- Prepare and maintain shop drawing submittal log and status. Review shop drawing and material submittals.
- Project Manager to attend monthly construction progress meetings and special construction meetings as needed. Respond to issues raised at meetings.
- Provide permanent on-site inspector eight (8) hours per work day for fifty-two (52) weeks for construction observation to monitor for compliance with contract documents and to assist with the successful completion of the project.
- Provide start-up and commissioning services.
- Support CMAR in acquiring bids from subcontractors.

7. Record Drawings

- Prepare record drawings based upon red-line mark-ups provided by the Contractor and the field survey results.
- Provide CD containing electronic copies in AutoCAD format of all record drawings.

END OF SECTION V

SECTION VI
SCHEDULE

Work under this project is projected to proceed in accordance with the following general schedule:

<u>Task</u>	<u>Date</u>
Begin Preliminary Design	January 2021
County Selects CM.....	January 2021
Complete Design	July 2021
Begin Construction.....	September 2021
Plant Upgrade Becomes Operational.....	September 2022

END OF SECTION VI

APPENDIX A
REQUIRED FORMS



RFP# 21-09-004

**Design and Support Services for
Calls Creek Water Reclamation Facility Upgrade to 3.0 MGD
Addenda Acknowledgement**

The Respondent has examined and carefully studied the Request for Proposal and the following Addenda, receipt of all which is hereby acknowledged:

Addendum No./Date _____

Addendum No./Date _____

Addendum No./Date _____

Addendum No./Date _____

Authorized Representative (Signature)

Date

Authorized Representative Name/Title
(Print or Type)

Email

Proposers must acknowledge any issued addenda. Proposals which fail to acknowledge the Contractor's receipt of any addendum may result in the rejection of the proposal if the addendum contains information that substantively changes the Owner's requirements.

THIS PAGE MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED AS PART OF YOUR PROPOSAL.



RFP# 21-09-004
Design and Support Services for
Calls Creek Water Reclamation Facility Upgrade to 3.0 MGD
NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

RFP# 21-09-004
 STATE OF GEORGIA
 OCONEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is

(sole owner, partner, president, secretary, etc.)

the party making the forgoing Proposal or Bid; that such RFP is genuine and not collusive or sham; that said Respondent has not colluded, conspired, connived, or agreed, directly or indirectly, with any Respondent or person, to put in a sham Response, or that such other person shall refrain from Responding, and has not in any manner, directly or indirectly sought by agreement or collusion, or communication or conference, with any person, to fix the Response Price of affiant or any other Respondent, or to fix any overhead, profit or cost element of said Response Price, or of that of any other Respondent, or to secure any advantage against Oconee County, or any other person interested in the proposed Agreement; and all statements in said Proposal or Bid are true; and further, that such Respondent has not, directly or indirectly submitted this Response, or the contents thereof, or divulged information or data relative thereto to any association or to any member or agent thereof.

(Affiant)

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this _____ Day of _____ 20__

(Notary Public in and for)

(County)

My Commission expires _____, 20__

(SEAL)

THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED WITH YOUR PROPOSAL



RFP# 21-09-004

**Design and Support Services for
Calls Creek Water Reclamation Facility Upgrade to 3.0 MGD
Drug Free Workplace Certificate**

By signature on this certificate, the Contractor certifies that the provisions of O.C.G.A. Section 50-24-1 through 50-24-6 related to the “Drug-Free Workplace Act” has been complied with in full. The Contractor further certifies that:

1. A drug-free workplace will be provided for the Contractor’s employees during the performance of the contract; and
2. Each Contractor who hires a subcontractor to work in a drug-free workplace shall secure from that subcontractor the following written certification: “As part of the subcontracting agreement with (contractors name), (subcontractor’s name) certifies to the Contractor that a drug-free workplace will be provided for the subcontractor’s employees during the performance of this contract pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 50-24- 3(b) (7).”

By signature on this certificate, the Contractor further certifies that it will not engage in the unlawful manufacture, sale, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance or marijuana during the performance of this contract.

Contractor: _____

By: _____

Name (Printed): _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED WITH YOUR PROPOSAL

SAVE AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF GEORGIA OCONEE COUNTY

(REQUIRED FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT THAT MUST BE EXECUTED BY ANYONE ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT WITH A LOCAL GOVERNMENT)

By executing this affidavit under oath, as an applicant for the Oconee County Board of Commissioners, Oconee County, Georgia contract as referenced in O.C.G.A. § 50-36-1 and the August 1, 2010, "Report of the Attorney General on Public Benefits," I am stating the following with respect to my ability to enter into a contract with the Oconee County Board of Commissioners:

[Name of natural person applying on behalf of individual, business, corporation, partnership or other private entity]

As a representative of:

(Name of the business, corporation, partnership, or other private entity)

1) _____ I am a United States citizen

OR

2) _____ I am a legal permanent resident 18 years of age or older or I am an otherwise qualified alien or non-immigrant under the Federal Immigration and Nationality Act 18 years of age or older and lawfully present in the United States.*

In making the above representation under oath, I understand that any person who knowingly and willfully makes a false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation in an affidavit shall be guilty of a violation of O.C.G.A. § 16-10-20.

This ____ day of _____, 20____.

Signature of Proposer: _____

Printed Name: _____

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

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: _____

*Note: O.C.G.A. § 50-36-1(e)(2) requires that aliens under the federal Immigration and Nationality Act, Title 8 U.S.C., as amended, provide their alien registration number. Because legal permanent residents are included in the federal definition of "alien," legal permanent residents must also provide their alien registration number. Qualified aliens that do not have an alien registration number may supply another identifying number below:

Alien Registration number for non-citizens:* _____

THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED WITH YOUR PROPOSAL

Contractor Affidavit under O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91(b)(1)

(E-VERIFY)

By executing this affidavit, the undersigned Contractor verifies its compliance with O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91, stating affirmatively that the individual, firm or corporation which is engaged in the physical performance of services on behalf of the OCONEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS has registered with, is authorized to use and uses the federal work authorization program commonly known as E-Verify, or any subsequent replacement program, in accordance with the applicable provisions and deadlines established in O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91. Furthermore, the undersigned Contractor will continue to use the federal work authorization program throughout the contract period and the undersigned Contractor will contract for the physical performance of services in satisfaction of such contract only with subcontractors who present an affidavit to the Contractor with the information required by O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91(b). Contractor hereby attests that its federal work authorization user identification number and date of authorization are as follows:

Federal Work Authorization User Identification Number

Date of Authorization

Name of Contractor

Name of Project

Oconee County Board of Commissioners

Name of Public Employer

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on _____, _____, 20____ in _____ (city), _____ (state).

Signature of Authorized Officer or Agent

Printed Name and Title of Authorized Officer or Agent

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

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: _____

THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED WITH YOUR PROPOSAL

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

**Give Form to the
 requester. Do not
 send to the IRS.**

▶ Go to www.irs.gov/FormW9 for instructions and the latest information.

Print or type.	See Specific Instructions on page 3.	<p>1 Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank.</p> <hr/> <p>2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above</p> <hr/> <p>3 Check appropriate box for federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one of the following seven boxes.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=Partnership) ▶ _____</p> <p>Note: Check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. Do not check LLC if the LLC is classified as a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner unless the owner of the LLC is another LLC that is not disregarded from the owner for U.S. federal tax purposes. Otherwise, a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ▶ _____</p>	<p>4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3):</p> <p>Exempt payee code (if any) _____</p> <p>Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____</p> <p><small>(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)</small></p>
		<p>5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) See instructions.</p> <hr/> <p>6 City, state, and ZIP code</p> <hr/> <p>7 List account number(s) here (optional)</p>	<p>Requester's name and address (optional)</p> <hr/>

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN*, later.

Note: If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. Also see *What Name and Number To Give the Requester* for guidelines on whose number to enter.

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Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part II, later.

Sign Here	<p>Signature of U.S. person ▶ _____</p>	<p>Date ▶ _____</p>
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General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Future developments. For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to www.irs.gov/FormW9.

Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following.

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)

- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
- Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
- Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
- Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
- Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)
- Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
- Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
- Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.

If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See What is backup withholding, later.

By signing the filled-out form, you:

1. Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),
2. Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
3. Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income, and
4. Certify that FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that you are exempt from the FATCA reporting, is correct. See *What is FATCA reporting*, later, for further information.

Note: If you are a U.S. person and a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

Definition of a U.S. person. For federal tax purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are:

- An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien;
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States;
- An estate (other than a foreign estate); or
- A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

Special rules for partnerships. Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax under section 1446 on any foreign partners' share of effectively connected taxable income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, the rules under section 1446 require a partnership to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the section 1446 withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid section 1446 withholding on your share of partnership income.

In the cases below, the following person must give Form W-9 to the partnership for purposes of establishing its U.S. status and avoiding withholding on its allocable share of net income from the partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States.

- In the case of a disregarded entity with a U.S. owner, the U.S. owner of the disregarded entity and not the entity;
- In the case of a grantor trust with a U.S. grantor or other U.S. owner, generally, the U.S. grantor or other U.S. owner of the grantor trust and not the trust; and
- In the case of a U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust), the U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust) and not the beneficiaries of the trust.

Foreign person. If you are a foreign person or the U.S. branch of a foreign bank that has elected to be treated as a U.S. person, do not use Form W-9. Instead, use the appropriate Form W-8 or Form 8233 (see Pub. 515, *Withholding of Tax on Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Entities*).

Nonresident alien who becomes a resident alien. Generally, only a nonresident alien individual may use the terms of a tax treaty to reduce or eliminate U.S. tax on certain types of income. However, most tax treaties contain a provision known as a "saving clause." Exceptions specified in the saving clause may permit an exemption from tax to continue for certain types of income even after the payee has otherwise become a U.S. resident alien for tax purposes.

If you are a U.S. resident alien who is relying on an exception contained in the saving clause of a tax treaty to claim an exemption from U.S. tax on certain types of income, you must attach a statement to Form W-9 that specifies the following five items.

1. The treaty country. Generally, this must be the same treaty under which you claimed exemption from tax as a nonresident alien.
2. The treaty article addressing the income.
3. The article number (or location) in the tax treaty that contains the saving clause and its exceptions.
4. The type and amount of income that qualifies for the exemption from tax.
5. Sufficient facts to justify the exemption from tax under the terms of the treaty article.

Example. Article 20 of the U.S.-China income tax treaty allows an exemption from tax for scholarship income received by a Chinese student temporarily present in the United States. Under U.S. law, this student will become a resident alien for tax purposes if his or her stay in the United States exceeds 5 calendar years. However, paragraph 2 of the first Protocol to the U.S.-China treaty (dated April 30, 1984) allows the provisions of Article 20 to continue to apply even after the Chinese student becomes a resident alien of the United States. A Chinese student who qualifies for this exception (under paragraph 2 of the first protocol) and is relying on this exception to claim an exemption from tax on his or her scholarship or fellowship income would attach to Form W-9 a statement that includes the information described above to support that exemption.

If you are a nonresident alien or a foreign entity, give the requester the appropriate completed Form W-8 or Form 8233.

Backup Withholding

What is backup withholding? Persons making certain payments to you must under certain conditions withhold and pay to the IRS 24% of such payments. This is called "backup withholding." Payments that may be subject to backup withholding include interest, tax-exempt interest, dividends, broker and barter exchange transactions, rents, royalties, nonemployee pay, payments made in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, and certain payments from fishing boat operators. Real estate transactions are not subject to backup withholding.

You will not be subject to backup withholding on payments you receive if you give the requester your correct TIN, make the proper certifications, and report all your taxable interest and dividends on your tax return.

Payments you receive will be subject to backup withholding if:

1. You do not furnish your TIN to the requester,
2. You do not certify your TIN when required (see the instructions for Part II for details),
3. The IRS tells the requester that you furnished an incorrect TIN,
4. The IRS tells you that you are subject to backup withholding because you did not report all your interest and dividends on your tax return (for reportable interest and dividends only), or
5. You do not certify to the requester that you are not subject to backup withholding under 4 above (for reportable interest and dividend accounts opened after 1983 only).

Certain payees and payments are exempt from backup withholding. See *Exempt payee code*, later, and the separate Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

Also see *Special rules for partnerships*, earlier.

What is FATCA Reporting?

The Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) requires a participating foreign financial institution to report all United States account holders that are specified United States persons. Certain payees are exempt from FATCA reporting. See *Exemption from FATCA reporting code*, later, and the Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

Updating Your Information

You must provide updated information to any person to whom you claimed to be an exempt payee if you are no longer an exempt payee and anticipate receiving reportable payments in the future from this person. For example, you may need to provide updated information if you are a C corporation that elects to be an S corporation, or if you no longer are tax exempt. In addition, you must furnish a new Form W-9 if the name or TIN changes for the account; for example, if the grantor of a grantor trust dies.

Penalties

Failure to furnish TIN. If you fail to furnish your correct TIN to a requester, you are subject to a penalty of \$50 for each such failure unless your failure is due to reasonable cause and not to willful neglect.

Civil penalty for false information with respect to withholding. If you make a false statement with no reasonable basis that results in no backup withholding, you are subject to a \$500 penalty.

Criminal penalty for falsifying information. Willfully falsifying certifications or affirmations may subject you to criminal penalties including fines and/or imprisonment.

Misuse of TINs. If the requester discloses or uses TINs in violation of federal law, the requester may be subject to civil and criminal penalties.

Specific Instructions

Line 1

You must enter one of the following on this line; **do not** leave this line blank. The name should match the name on your tax return.

If this Form W-9 is for a joint account (other than an account maintained by a foreign financial institution (FFI)), list first, and then circle, the name of the person or entity whose number you entered in Part I of Form W-9. If you are providing Form W-9 to an FFI to document a joint account, each holder of the account that is a U.S. person must provide a Form W-9.

a. **Individual.** Generally, enter the name shown on your tax return. If you have changed your last name without informing the Social Security Administration (SSA) of the name change, enter your first name, the last name as shown on your social security card, and your new last name.

Note: ITIN applicant: Enter your individual name as it was entered on your Form W-7 application, line 1a. This should also be the same as the name you entered on the Form 1040/1040A/1040EZ you filed with your application.

b. **Sole proprietor or single-member LLC.** Enter your individual name as shown on your 1040/1040A/1040EZ on line 1. You may enter your business, trade, or “doing business as” (DBA) name on line 2.

c. **Partnership, LLC that is not a single-member LLC, C corporation, or S corporation.** Enter the entity’s name as shown on the entity’s tax return on line 1 and any business, trade, or DBA name on line 2.

d. **Other entities.** Enter your name as shown on required U.S. federal tax documents on line 1. This name should match the name shown on the charter or other legal document creating the entity. You may enter any business, trade, or DBA name on line 2.

e. **Disregarded entity.** For U.S. federal tax purposes, an entity that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner is treated as a “disregarded entity.” See Regulations section 301.7701-2(c)(2)(iii). Enter the owner’s name on line 1. The name of the entity entered on line 1 should never be a disregarded entity. The name on line 1 should be the name shown on the income tax return on which the income should be reported. For example, if a foreign LLC that is treated as a disregarded entity for U.S. federal tax purposes has a single owner that is a U.S. person, the U.S. owner’s name is required to be provided on line 1. If the direct owner of the entity is also a disregarded entity, enter the first owner that is not disregarded for federal tax purposes. Enter the disregarded entity’s name on line 2, “Business name/disregarded entity name.” If the owner of the disregarded entity is a foreign person, the owner must complete an appropriate Form W-8 instead of a Form W-9. This is the case even if the foreign person has a U.S. TIN.

Line 2

If you have a business name, trade name, DBA name, or disregarded entity name, you may enter it on line 2.

Line 3

Check the appropriate box on line 3 for the U.S. federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one box on line 3.

IF the entity/person on line 1 is a(n) . . .	THEN check the box for . . .
• Corporation	Corporation
• Individual • Sole proprietorship, or • Single-member limited liability company (LLC) owned by an individual and disregarded for U.S. federal tax purposes.	Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC
• LLC treated as a partnership for U.S. federal tax purposes, • LLC that has filed Form 8832 or 2553 to be taxed as a corporation, or • LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner but the owner is another LLC that is not disregarded for U.S. federal tax purposes.	Limited liability company and enter the appropriate tax classification. (P= Partnership; C= C corporation; or S= S corporation)
• Partnership	Partnership
• Trust/estate	Trust/estate

Line 4, Exemptions

If you are exempt from backup withholding and/or FATCA reporting, enter in the appropriate space on line 4 any code(s) that may apply to you.

Exempt payee code.

- Generally, individuals (including sole proprietors) are not exempt from backup withholding.
- Except as provided below, corporations are exempt from backup withholding for certain payments, including interest and dividends.
- Corporations are not exempt from backup withholding for payments made in settlement of payment card or third party network transactions.
- Corporations are not exempt from backup withholding with respect to attorneys’ fees or gross proceeds paid to attorneys, and corporations that provide medical or health care services are not exempt with respect to payments reportable on Form 1099-MISC.

The following codes identify payees that are exempt from backup withholding. Enter the appropriate code in the space in line 4.

- 1—An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a), any IRA, or a custodial account under section 403(b)(7) if the account satisfies the requirements of section 401(f)(2)
- 2—The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities
- 3—A state, the District of Columbia, a U.S. commonwealth or possession, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities
- 4—A foreign government or any of its political subdivisions, agencies, or instrumentalities
- 5—A corporation
- 6—A dealer in securities or commodities required to register in the United States, the District of Columbia, or a U.S. commonwealth or possession
- 7—A futures commission merchant registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission
- 8—A real estate investment trust
- 9—An entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940
- 10—A common trust fund operated by a bank under section 584(a)
- 11—A financial institution
- 12—A middleman known in the investment community as a nominee or custodian
- 13—A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947

The following chart shows types of payments that may be exempt from backup withholding. The chart applies to the exempt payees listed above, 1 through 13.

IF the payment is for . . .	THEN the payment is exempt for . . .
Interest and dividend payments	All exempt payees except for 7
Broker transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4 and 6 through 11 and all C corporations. S corporations must not enter an exempt payee code because they are exempt only for sales of noncovered securities acquired prior to 2012.
Barter exchange transactions and patronage dividends	Exempt payees 1 through 4
Payments over \$600 required to be reported and direct sales over \$5,000 ¹	Generally, exempt payees 1 through 5 ²
Payments made in settlement of payment card or third party network transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4

¹ See Form 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Income, and its instructions.

² However, the following payments made to a corporation and reportable on Form 1099-MISC are not exempt from backup withholding: medical and health care payments, attorneys' fees, gross proceeds paid to an attorney reportable under section 6045(f), and payments for services paid by a federal executive agency.

Exemption from FATCA reporting code. The following codes identify payees that are exempt from reporting under FATCA. These codes apply to persons submitting this form for accounts maintained outside of the United States by certain foreign financial institutions. Therefore, if you are only submitting this form for an account you hold in the United States, you may leave this field blank. Consult with the person requesting this form if you are uncertain if the financial institution is subject to these requirements. A requester may indicate that a code is not required by providing you with a Form W-9 with "Not Applicable" (or any similar indication) written or printed on the line for a FATCA exemption code.

A—An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a) or any individual retirement plan as defined in section 7701(a)(37)

B—The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities

C—A state, the District of Columbia, a U.S. commonwealth or possession, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities

D—A corporation the stock of which is regularly traded on one or more established securities markets, as described in Regulations section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i)

E—A corporation that is a member of the same expanded affiliated group as a corporation described in Regulations section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i)

F—A dealer in securities, commodities, or derivative financial instruments (including notional principal contracts, futures, forwards, and options) that is registered as such under the laws of the United States or any state

G—A real estate investment trust

H—A regulated investment company as defined in section 851 or an entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940

I—A common trust fund as defined in section 584(a)

J—A bank as defined in section 581

K—A broker

L—A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947(a)(1)

M—A tax exempt trust under a section 403(b) plan or section 457(g) plan

Note: You may wish to consult with the financial institution requesting this form to determine whether the FATCA code and/or exempt payee code should be completed.

Line 5

Enter your address (number, street, and apartment or suite number). This is where the requester of this Form W-9 will mail your information returns. If this address differs from the one the requester already has on file, write NEW at the top. If a new address is provided, there is still a chance the old address will be used until the payor changes your address in their records.

Line 6

Enter your city, state, and ZIP code.

Part I. Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. If you are a resident alien and you do not have and are not eligible to get an SSN, your TIN is your IRS individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN). Enter it in the social security number box. If you do not have an ITIN, see *How to get a TIN* below.

If you are a sole proprietor and you have an EIN, you may enter either your SSN or EIN.

If you are a single-member LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner, enter the owner's SSN (or EIN, if the owner has one). Do not enter the disregarded entity's EIN. If the LLC is classified as a corporation or partnership, enter the entity's EIN.

Note: See *What Name and Number To Give the Requester*, later, for further clarification of name and TIN combinations.

How to get a TIN. If you do not have a TIN, apply for one immediately. To apply for an SSN, get Form SS-5, Application for a Social Security Card, from your local SSA office or get this form online at www.SSA.gov. You may also get this form by calling 1-800-772-1213. Use Form W-7, Application for IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, to apply for an ITIN, or Form SS-4, Application for Employer Identification Number, to apply for an EIN. You can apply for an EIN online by accessing the IRS website at www.irs.gov/Businesses and clicking on Employer Identification Number (EIN) under Starting a Business. Go to www.irs.gov/Forms to view, download, or print Form W-7 and/or Form SS-4. Or, you can go to www.irs.gov/OrderForms to place an order and have Form W-7 and/or SS-4 mailed to you within 10 business days.

If you are asked to complete Form W-9 but do not have a TIN, apply for a TIN and write "Applied For" in the space for the TIN, sign and date the form, and give it to the requester. For interest and dividend payments, and certain payments made with respect to readily tradable instruments, generally you will have 60 days to get a TIN and give it to the requester before you are subject to backup withholding on payments. The 60-day rule does not apply to other types of payments. You will be subject to backup withholding on all such payments until you provide your TIN to the requester.

Note: Entering "Applied For" means that you have already applied for a TIN or that you intend to apply for one soon.

Caution: A disregarded U.S. entity that has a foreign owner must use the appropriate Form W-8.

Part II. Certification

To establish to the withholding agent that you are a U.S. person, or resident alien, sign Form W-9. You may be requested to sign by the withholding agent even if item 1, 4, or 5 below indicates otherwise.

For a joint account, only the person whose TIN is shown in Part I should sign (when required). In the case of a disregarded entity, the person identified on line 1 must sign. Exempt payees, see *Exempt payee code*, earlier.

Signature requirements. Complete the certification as indicated in items 1 through 5 below.

1. Interest, dividend, and barter exchange accounts opened before 1984 and broker accounts considered active during 1983.

You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

2. Interest, dividend, broker, and barter exchange accounts opened after 1983 and broker accounts considered inactive during 1983.

You must sign the certification or backup withholding will apply. If you are subject to backup withholding and you are merely providing your correct TIN to the requester, you must cross out item 2 in the certification before signing the form.

3. Real estate transactions.

You must sign the certification. You may cross out item 2 of the certification.

4. Other payments.

You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification unless you have been notified that you have previously given an incorrect TIN. "Other payments" include payments made in the course of the requester's trade or business for rents, royalties, goods (other than bills for merchandise), medical and health care services (including payments to corporations), payments to a nonemployee for services, payments made in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, payments to certain fishing boat crew members and fishermen, and gross proceeds paid to attorneys (including payments to corporations).

5. Mortgage interest paid by you, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, qualified tuition program payments (under section 529), ABLE accounts (under section 529A), IRA, Coverdell ESA, Archer MSA or HSA contributions or distributions, and pension distributions.

You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

What Name and Number To Give the Requester

For this type of account:	Give name and SSN of:
1. Individual	The individual
2. Two or more individuals (joint account) other than an account maintained by an FFI	The actual owner of the account or, if combined funds, the first individual on the account ¹
3. Two or more U.S. persons (joint account maintained by an FFI)	Each holder of the account
4. Custodial account of a minor (Uniform Gift to Minors Act)	The minor ²
5. a. The usual revocable savings trust (grantor is also trustee)	The grantor-trustee ¹
b. So-called trust account that is not a legal or valid trust under state law	The actual owner ¹
6. Sole proprietorship or disregarded entity owned by an individual	The owner ³
7. Grantor trust filing under Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 1 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(A))	The grantor*
For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
8. Disregarded entity not owned by an individual	The owner
9. A valid trust, estate, or pension trust	Legal entity ⁴
10. Corporation or LLC electing corporate status on Form 8832 or Form 2553	The corporation
11. Association, club, religious, charitable, educational, or other tax-exempt organization	The organization
12. Partnership or multi-member LLC	The partnership
13. A broker or registered nominee	The broker or nominee

For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
14. Account with the Department of Agriculture in the name of a public entity (such as a state or local government, school district, or prison) that receives agricultural program payments	The public entity
15. Grantor trust filing under the Form 1041 Filing Method or the Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 2 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(B))	The trust

¹ List first and circle the name of the person whose number you furnish. If only one person on a joint account has an SSN, that person's number must be furnished.

² Circle the minor's name and furnish the minor's SSN.

³ You must show your individual name and you may also enter your business or DBA name on the "Business name/disregarded entity" name line. You may use either your SSN or EIN (if you have one), but the IRS encourages you to use your SSN.

⁴ List first and circle the name of the trust, estate, or pension trust. (Do not furnish the TIN of the personal representative or trustee unless the legal entity itself is not designated in the account title.) Also see *Special rules for partnerships*, earlier.

*Note: The grantor also must provide a Form W-9 to trustee of trust.

Note: If no name is circled when more than one name is listed, the number will be considered to be that of the first name listed.

Secure Your Tax Records From Identity Theft

Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal information such as your name, SSN, or other identifying information, without your permission, to commit fraud or other crimes. An identity thief may use your SSN to get a job or may file a tax return using your SSN to receive a refund.

To reduce your risk:

- Protect your SSN,
- Ensure your employer is protecting your SSN, and
- Be careful when choosing a tax preparer.

If your tax records are affected by identity theft and you receive a notice from the IRS, respond right away to the name and phone number printed on the IRS notice or letter.

If your tax records are not currently affected by identity theft but you think you are at risk due to a lost or stolen purse or wallet, questionable credit card activity or credit report, contact the IRS Identity Theft Hotline at 1-800-908-4490 or submit Form 14039.

For more information, see Pub. 5027, Identity Theft Information for Taxpayers.

Victims of identity theft who are experiencing economic harm or a systemic problem, or are seeking help in resolving tax problems that have not been resolved through normal channels, may be eligible for Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) assistance. You can reach TAS by calling the TAS toll-free case intake line at 1-877-777-4778 or TTY/TDD 1-800-829-4059.

Protect yourself from suspicious emails or phishing schemes.

Phishing is the creation and use of email and websites designed to mimic legitimate business emails and websites. The most common act is sending an email to a user falsely claiming to be an established legitimate enterprise in an attempt to scam the user into surrendering private information that will be used for identity theft.

The IRS does not initiate contacts with taxpayers via emails. Also, the IRS does not request personal detailed information through email or ask taxpayers for the PIN numbers, passwords, or similar secret access information for their credit card, bank, or other financial accounts.

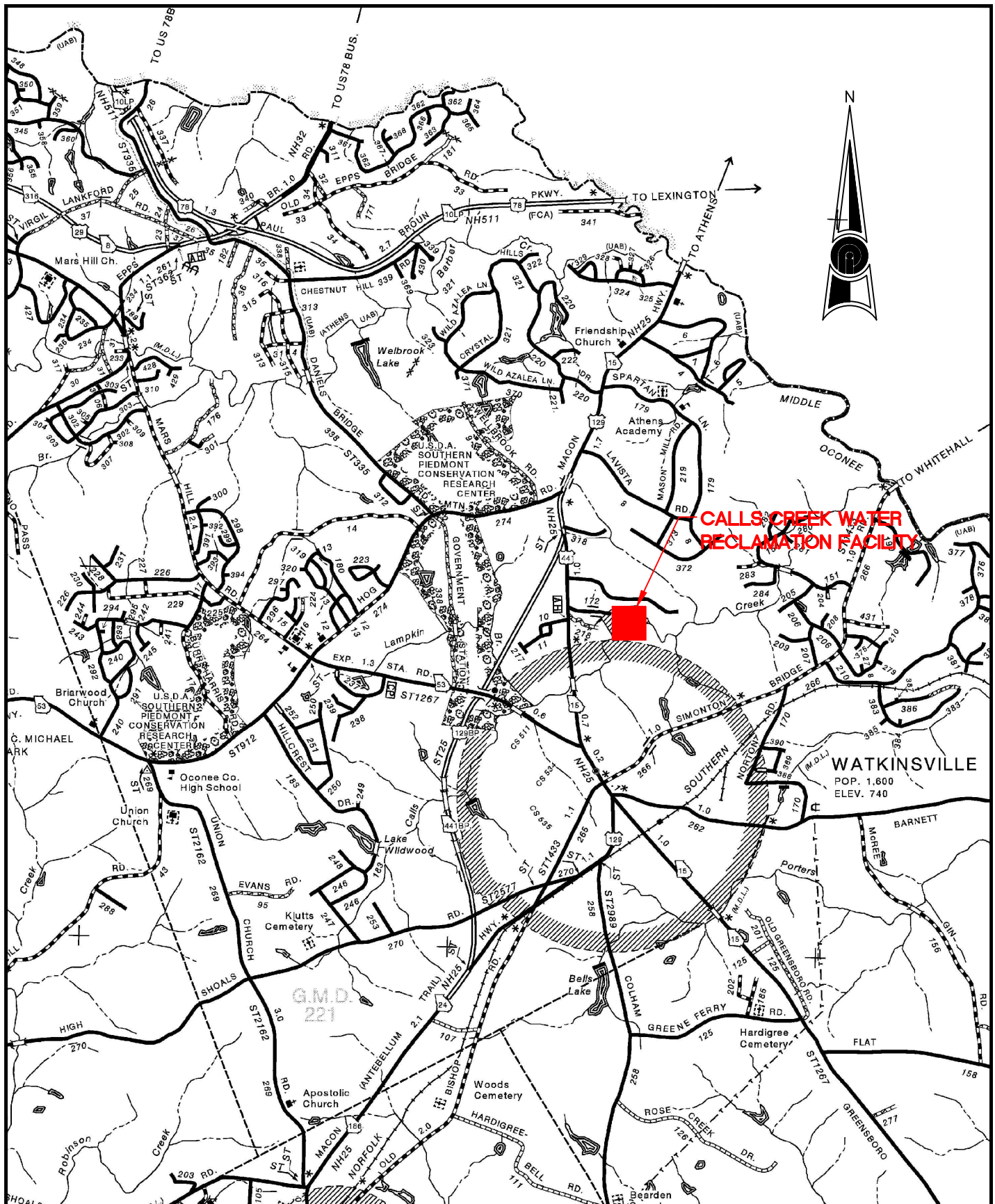
If you receive an unsolicited email claiming to be from the IRS, forward this message to phishing@irs.gov. You may also report misuse of the IRS name, logo, or other IRS property to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) at 1-800-366-4484. You can forward suspicious emails to the Federal Trade Commission at spam@uce.gov or report them at www.ftc.gov/complaint. You can contact the FTC at www.ftc.gov/idtheft or 877-IDTHEFT (877-438-4338). If you have been the victim of identity theft, see www.IdentityTheft.gov and Pub. 5027.

Visit www.irs.gov/IdentityTheft to learn more about identity theft and how to reduce your risk.

Privacy Act Notice

Section 6109 of the Internal Revenue Code requires you to provide your correct TIN to persons (including federal agencies) who are required to file information returns with the IRS to report interest, dividends, or certain other income paid to you; mortgage interest you paid; the acquisition or abandonment of secured property; the cancellation of debt; or contributions you made to an IRA, Archer MSA, or HSA. The person collecting this form uses the information on the form to file information returns with the IRS, reporting the above information. Routine uses of this information include giving it to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation and to cities, states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. commonwealths and possessions for use in administering their laws. The information also may be disclosed to other countries under a treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce civil and criminal laws, or to federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies to combat terrorism. You must provide your TIN whether or not you are required to file a tax return. Under section 3406, payers must generally withhold a percentage of taxable interest, dividend, and certain other payments to a payee who does not give a TIN to the payer. Certain penalties may also apply for providing false or fraudulent information.

APPENDIX B
EXHIBITS



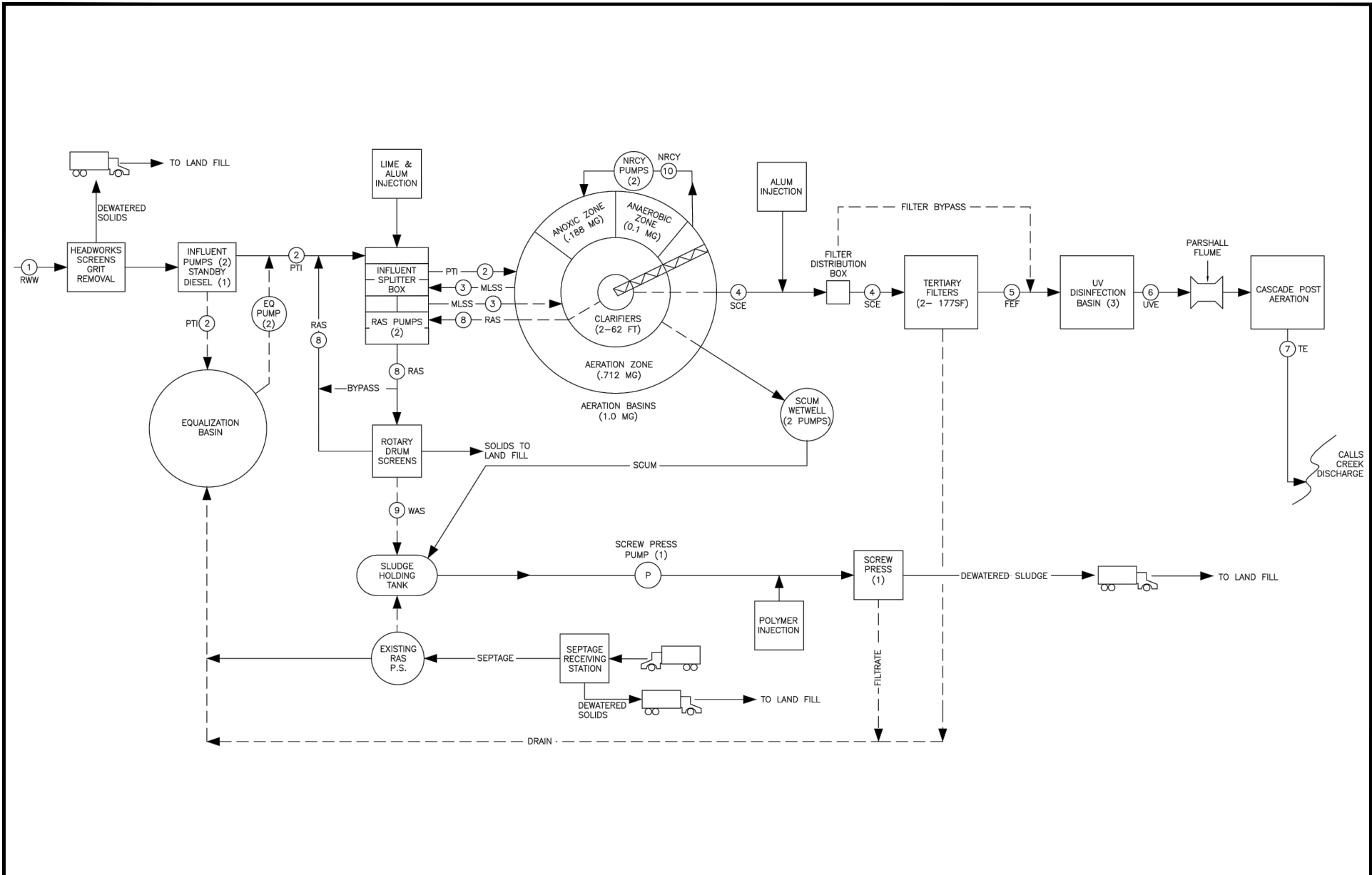
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EXHIBIT 1
 PROJECT LOCATION

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EXHIBIT 2 - FLOW SCHEMATIC
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EXHIBIT 3 - PROJECT COMPONENTS

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