



LUMPKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

DISASTER DEBRIS MONITORING

PROJECT NUMBER RFP 2023-001

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February 9, 2023 AT 2:00 PM, EST

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LUMPKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ATTENTION: RYAN MCDUFFIE, PURCHASING AGENT
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Release January 11, 2023

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

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Purpose of Procurement

The Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners is soliciting sealed proposals from qualified individuals/firms for Disaster Debris Monitoring Services and Fixed Site Monitoring Services to assist the County with disaster debris monitoring services. The detailed scope of work can be found in **Section 2.0**.

1.2 Proposal Certification

Pursuant to the provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated § 50-5- 67(a), Lumpkin County certifies that the use of competitive sealed proposals will be practical or advantageous to the County in completing the acquisition described in this document.

The owner shall have the right to waive any informality, irregularity, or insufficiency in the proposal procedure and in any proposal or proposals received, and to accept the proposal which, in the Owner’s sole judgment, is in the Owner’s own best interest. The Owner shall have the right to accept any proposal.

1.3 Schedule of Events

The Request for Proposals shall be governed by the following schedule:

DATE	ACTIVITY
January 11, 2023	Release of RFP
January 24, 2023, 11:30AM EST	Pre-proposal meeting
January 26, 2023, 12:00PM EST	Deadline for written questions to Purchasing Agent
January 31, 2023, 5:00PM EST	Answers to written questions and addenda posted to website
February 9, 2023, 2:00 pm EST	Proposals Due

1.4 Restrictions on Communications

From the issue date of this RFP until a vendor is selected and the award is announced, contractors are not allowed to communicate about this project with any County staff or elected officials except: 1) through the Purchasing Agent named herein, 2) at the Pre-Proposal Meeting (if applicable to project), or 3) as provided by existing work agreement(s). The County reserves the right to reject the submittal of any vendor violating this provision.

1.5 Pre-Proposal Conference

A pre-proposal conference will be held on January 24, 2023 at 11:30am in the Administration Building First Floor Conference Room, 99 Courthouse Hill, Dahlonega, GA 30533.

1.6 Questions & Addenda

All questions concerning this RFP **must be submitted in writing**, (email is preferred but fax and mail may also be used) to the Purchasing Agent no later than 12:00 PM, January 26, 2023.

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No response to inquiries, other than written, will be binding upon the County. Lumpkin County reserves the right to issue written addenda to any inquiries that alter the scope of the RFP. Addenda shall be posted to the county website, www.lumpkincounty.gov, under the Bids & Solicitations tab no later than 5:00 PM, January 31, 2023. A signed copy of any addenda shall accompany submitted proposals. **Contractors are advised to check the website for addenda before submitting their proposals.**

1.7 Contract Term

The initial contract term between the County and the contractor shall be from April 1, 2023 to March 30, 2024 and will be eligible for up to three (3) annual renewals.

Lumpkin County reserves the right to terminate the contract, with 30 days written notice, for any violations in the terms of this agreement or unreconciled issues arising as a result of this agreement. Vendor agrees to provide 30 days written notice and complete any ongoing activities if Vendor chooses to opt out of an agreement with the County.

1.8 Bonds

Proposal Bonds	Not Required
Payment Bonds	Not Required
Performance Bonds	Not Required

1.9 Exception to RFP

Each contractor shall be deemed to agree to comply with all terms, conditions, specifications, and requirements of this RFP. An “exception” is defined as the Proposer’s inability or unwillingness to meet a term, condition, specification, or requirement in the manner specified in the proposal. All exceptions taken **must** be identified and explained in writing in your RFP and must specifically reference the relevant section(s) of this RFP. If the Proposer provides an alternate solution when taking an exception to the requirement, the benefits of this alternative solution and impact, if any, on any part of the remainder of the Proposer’s solution must be explained in detail.

The County welcomes innovative suggestions and recommendations from Proposers

that will ensure a 100% successful service approach.

2.0 SCOPE OF WORK

Lumpkin County is seeking proposals for Disaster Debris Monitoring Services and Fixed Site Monitoring Services to assist the County with disaster debris monitoring services.

This solicitation will result in the selection of at least one experienced firm to perform monitoring functions on the removal and lawful disposal of disaster-generated debris (other than household putrescible garbage) from public property and public rights-of-way, on site and at Temporary Debris Staging and Reduction Sites (TDSRS) within Lumpkin County immediately after a declared disaster.

The objective of the RFP and subsequent contracting activity is to secure the services of an experienced monitoring Consultant who is capable of efficiently overseeing and monitoring the removal of disaster-generated debris from a large area in a timely and cost-effective manner and ensuring the lawful disposal of all debris. The successful Consultant must be capable of assembling, directing, and managing a work force that can complete the debris monitoring operations. Consultant's personnel must be familiar with debris removal eligibility criteria outlined in the FEMA Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide.

The successful Consultant must be knowledgeable in Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and other applicable regulations, guidelines and operating policies. The successful Consultant will support the County during a disaster recovery effort and will be responsible for all aspects of the debris monitoring process. The selected Consultant shall coordinate with the disaster debris removal Contractor(s) and the County to ensure a compliant, well-managed and organized approach to debris collection and disposal within FEMA guidelines.

The selected Consultant will oversee the debris removal and monitoring processes utilizing the following rules and regulations as guidance:

- The Stafford Act, Section 407
- The Stafford Act, Section 406
- 44 CFR § 206.224
- FEMA Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide (FP-104-009-2/January 2018)

ACTIVATION – When a major disaster occurs or is imminent, the County will contact the Consultant to advise them of the intent to activate the contract. Monitoring Services will generally be limited to monitoring of debris in, upon, or brought to public roads, rights-of-way, and other public sites.

SELECTION AND MOBILIZATION – The Consultant will be selected based on experience, methodology, availability and price.

The Consultant shall have a maximum of 48 hours from notification by the County to mobilize and begin their response. Notification may be made in writing via email and via telephone. Failure to mobilize in the allowed time may result in the selection of another Consultant. The Consultant will be responsible for determining the method and manner of Monitoring Services and lawful disposal operations. Disposal of debris will be at the approved temporary debris management sites or landfill sites. The Consultant will be responsible for overseeing the lawful disposal of all debris and debris reduction by-products generated at all debris management sites.

The Consultant will, at no cost to the County:

- Provide County full-time personnel with a half-day debris management training session. Training program must, at a minimum, meet the training requirement for debris monitors as outlined by current FEMA debris management guidance.

- Provide a list of key personnel and subcontractors that may be involved in the disaster debris monitoring activities to include cell phone numbers and e-mail addresses.
- The scope of services to be provided includes Debris Monitoring and Administration, Debris Assessment, Collection Monitoring/Logs, Load Ticket Processing and Reconciliation, DMS monitoring, Debris Vehicle and Equipment Certification, Damage Complaint Tracking, Issue Log Tracking, Data Compilation and Reporting, Debris Consultant Payment Monitoring and Reconciliation Processing, Category A and B Public Assistance Support, Reporting and Coordinating with the COUNTY's Project Manager, and other related services as outlined in this Scope of Services, and as directed by the County

DEBRIS MONITORING AND ADMINISTRATION

- A. The Consultant will provide debris monitors and debris monitoring services to assist the County with monitoring the operations of the disaster debris removal and disposal Consultant(s). The debris monitoring services to be provided are debris Consultant compliance monitoring and oversight, not professional engineering services. The County will provide a Project Manager to work directly with the Debris Collection Contractor and the Consultant. The County will provide debris management site(s) (DMS) for disposal of the storm debris.
- B. The Consultant shall appoint a qualified and experienced Project Manager for overall coordination and communication with the County. The Project Manager shall remain on the job and available to the County at all times during the operational phases of the debris collection and disposal project. Consultant shall supply sufficient number of trained debris monitors and trained field supervisors to accommodate the volume of debris to be removed at loading sites and debris management sites or final disposal sites. Consultant shall remove and replace employees immediately upon notice from the County Debris Project Manager for conduct or actions not in keeping with the Agreement.
- C. Examples of project management and administrative responsibilities include but are not limited to:
 - Coordinate daily briefings with key operational staff, County staff and debris management Consultant(s) to review, formulate and update debris assessment and removal operations and strategies. Schedule, manage and conduct periodic meetings with field staff and Consultants. Meetings shall be scheduled so that they will not impede, hinder nor delay the debris management Consultant(s) and the debris management operation.
 - Provide a daily report of debris Consultant crew assignments, working locations, number of trucks assigned, total loads, cubic yards collected by debris type, an updated map of streets where debris is collected, and other key operational statistics to the County's Project Manager or designee.
 - Coordinate daily scheduling, dispatching and logistical operations of the field collection monitors. Hire, train, deploy and supervise all field collection monitors and staff.
 - Conduct debris surveys and perform debris estimation by debris types as requested by the County.
 - Maintain accurate records of all debris collection vehicles, including the measurements of the inside of the useable bed space, photographs, license information, vehicle identification decal issuance and regular monitoring for vehicle modifications.
 - Track and coordinate responses to problems identified in the field, citizen complaints related to debris removal, including commercial and/or residential property damage claims as a result of debris removal.

- Make all reasonable efforts to ensure that DMS have access control and security.
- Make all reasonable efforts to ensure the field collection monitors are accurately recording the roads and locations where debris was collected.
- Schedule work for all team members and sub-Consultants on a daily basis.
- Conduct inspections on a regular, predetermined and random basis. Make all reasonable efforts to ensure the appropriate frequency of oversight is performed for all work crews, vehicles and locations.
- Monitor the debris removal Consultant(s) and DMS(s) for compliance with their contract with the County.
- Provide training to County staff in essential debris management and collection functions to ensure appropriate and responsive interface with disaster debris collection Consultant(s), County, state and federal agencies.
- Develop forms, databases, etc. for tracking field activities, and submitting invoices for reimbursement, etc.
- Daily personnel tracking sheets (field reports) shall be maintained for all Consultant personnel assigned to the project.
- Set up schedules for monitors each day and coordinate cleanup crew assignments. Survey and maintain list of areas with special needs, including but not limited to, hazardous stumps, trees, hangers/leaners, debris types, and other potential problems.
- Prepare daily and periodic tracking reports to support debris removal, DMS operations and final debris disposal for audit purposes. Maintain a database of debris managed, costs incurred and reconcile debris collection and Consultant invoices.
- Compile records and assist the County with the preparation of required forms for reimbursement.

D. In order to obtain maximum reimbursement, all debris loads shall be monitored in the field by collection monitors to assure debris eligibility. The Consultant shall provide fully trained collection monitors to assure proper and compliant documentation protocols are instituted and followed. The Consultant shall provide a field quality control team consisting of one field collection monitor per debris removal crew and at least one field supervisor for every five monitors unless otherwise approved by the County. This team will monitor the debris Consultants for contract compliance, efficiency and regulatory compliance. The team shall provide daily feedback to the County through their Project Manager. All field team members shall be equipped with the state-of-the-art technology, which shall include cameras, computers, communication devices with GPS, and other equipment as deemed necessary and/or appropriate.

E. The Consultant will establish a Quality Control Program. Examples of collection monitoring quality control tasks include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Verifying that all debris picked up is a direct result of the disaster.
- Accurately recording the addresses, streets and locations where debris was collected.
- Verifying that the debris collection Consultant(s) are working in their assigned collection areas and roads.
- Consultant shall stop work in progress immediately for improper monitoring documentation or work not being performed in the approved manner. The Consultant shall immediately notify the County's Project Manager to review matter and provide final resolution.

- Inspecting work in progress to assure that removal efforts include debris of the proper type in the proper areas.
- Assuring compliance with County contracts by all debris Consultants and debris subcontractors. Identifying eligible stumps, hangers and leaners. Coordinating with the County and federal/state representatives for eligibility determination and assure documentation (forms, photos, etc) are completed for reimbursement purposes as may be required by FEMA.
- Making all reasonable efforts to ensure that its employees and its subcontractor(s) are working in compliance with all federal, state, local safety regulations appropriate for the task being performed.
- Coordinating with the COUNTY to respond to problems in the field, such as property damage complaints, debris crew issues, other customer complaints, etc. The Consultant shall maintain a detailed database of customer complaints and resolutions. Property damage complaints must be tracked using a GIS.
- Neither the services performed by the Consultant under this Agreement nor the presence of Consultant nor shall its employees nor do subcontractors at any site in performance of its services relieve debris removal Consultant or their subcontractors, the COUNTY or any other entity of their obligations, duties, and responsibilities with respect to job site safety. Consultant has no authority to exercise any control over the debris Consultant or their subcontractors, the County or any other entity in connection with any health or safety precautions. Consultant shall have no responsibility for, advice on, or to issue directions regarding or assume control over safety precautions and programs in connection with the services performed by debris removal Consultant or their subcontractors or any other entity except to the extent relating to Consultant's employees.

F. DEBRIS VEHICLE & EQUIPMENT CERTIFICATION - All debris hauling vehicles and equipment shall be measured and certified prior to performing debris removal. The Consultant shall complete a certification on each vehicle deemed appropriate for collection. In addition to completing vehicle certification forms, photographs must be taken of each vehicle showing the vehicle number and type of vehicle. These photographs shall be attached with the certification. Original copies of these certifications, including photographs, shall be retained by the Consultant on behalf of the COUNTY and provided to the County upon their request or project completion. Additional copies shall be provided to the debris removal Consultant and the vehicle driver. Once these vehicles are certified, random verifications shall be performed at each DMS to assure that no vehicle modifications have been made and to confirm data accuracy. The Consultant shall measure the volume to the nearest cubic yard of usable space for each debris collection vehicle. The Consultant shall complete the County Vehicle Certification Form provided for each vehicle. The original Vehicle Certification Form shall be delivered to the County Project Manager or designee. The County Vehicle Certification Form will have the following information:

- Vehicle make, model
- Length
- Width
- Height
- Volume in cubic yards
- Tag number of vehicles
- VIN number of vehicles
- Vehicle type

- Driver of vehicle name
- Sub-Consultant representative name
- Certification monitor name certifying vehicle
- Date
- Vehicle certification number

When a certification monitor signs a vehicle certification, he/she is certifying that to the best of his/her knowledge and belief, the information is complete and correct. The certification monitor shall not sign or accept any partially completed information. The Consultant's Project Manager or designee shall review all truck certification forms with the debris Consultant to assure completeness and accuracy of each form before forwarding to the County's Project Manager or designee.

G. The Consultant shall provide the County's Project Manager and the debris Consultant(s) with daily Disaster Debris Status Reports. Each daily report shall contain the following:

- Overview of daily activities including status of damage complaints
- Cumulative debris totals by debris site
- Cumulative debris totals by day
- Summary of monthly debris removal efforts (cumulative and by debris site)
- Summary of mulch removal efforts (cumulative and by debris site)
- Summary of mixed/construction & demolition removal efforts (cumulative and by debris site)
- Stump volume by site
- DMS status
- Labor force report
- Debris site processing equipment summary

This reporting is due no later than 12:00 noon the following business day or as requested by the County.

H. The Consultant will provide Fixed Site Debris Monitors and Field Debris Monitors and Debris Monitoring Supervision and Management to assist the County with removal services related to natural disaster(s). The services to be provided are contract compliance supervision and inspection, not professional engineering services. At a minimum, the Consultant will provide qualified people who can perform the following roles:

1. **FIXED SITE DEBRIS MONITORS** – Consultant shall provide personnel to oversee the inspection of the disposal or unloading sites by providing the monitoring, verification of load capacity, and documentation at designated temporary disposal sites.

Services include:

- Provide disposal site monitors and inspectors personnel
- Complete record of contract haulers' cubic yardage and other record keeping as may be needed on the provided load ticket
- Initial each load ticket before permitting truck to proceed from the check-in area to the tipping area
- Remain in contact with debris management/dispatch center or supervisor
- Perform other duties as directed by the dispatch/staging operation, debris management project manager, or designated County personnel

Accurately measure load hauling compartments and accurately compute volume capacity in cubic yards; document and record measurements and computations.

2. **FIELD DEBRIS MONITORS** – Consultant shall provide roving on-site, street-level work area inspections of debris cleanup and collection.

Services include:

- Provide loading site (field) monitors to inspect and control debris collection utilizing manifest load tickets
- Provide field monitor personnel at designated areas to check and verify information on debris removal
- Monitor collection activity of trucks
- Issue manifest load tickets at loading site for each load
- Check the area for safety considerations such as – downed power lines, are traffic control needs met, are trucks and equipment being operated safely
- Ensure Freon containing appliances are sorted and ready for Freon removal on site or separate transport for Freon removal before final disposal
- Should damages occur to utility components, driveways, road surfaces, private property, vehicles, etc. document the damage with photos if possible, collect information about owner, circumstances of the damage (who, what, when, where) and report to your supervisor
- Ensure the work area is clear of debris to the specified level before equipment moves to a new loading area
- Accurately measure load hauling compartments and accurately compute volume capacity in cubic yards; document and record measurements and computations
- Properly monitor and record performance and productivity of debris removal crew
- Remain in constant contact with debris management/dispatch center or supervisor
- Ensure that loads are contained properly before leaving the loading area
- Ensure only eligible debris is collected for loading and hauling
- Ensure only debris from approved public areas is loaded for removal
- Photographically document hazardous trees (leaners and hangers)
- Verify that all trucks leaving the site have been completely emptied of all debris from the trucks
- Perform other duties from time to time as directed by the debris management project manager or designated County debris management personnel.

3. **SENIOR TECHNICIAN/FIELD SUPERVISOR** – Consultant shall provide a Senior Technician/Field Supervisor to oversee debris monitoring activities in the field.

Services include:

- Oversight and supervision of field activity
- Schedule monitoring resources and deployment timing
- Communication with County personnel
- Make suggestions to improve the efficiency of collection and removal of debris
- Coordinate daily activities and future planning
- Remain in contact with debris management/dispatch center or supervisor
- Identify, address, and troubleshoot any questions or problems that could impact work

- area safety and eligibility
 - Compile operational reports
 - Accurately measure load hauling compartments and accurately compute volume capacity in cubic yards; document and record measurements and computations.
4. SUPERVISING MONITORS – Consultant shall provide supervising monitors to coordinate actions of field and TDMS monitors. A minimum of one DMS monitor is required per debris site.

Services include:

- Coordination of daily operations with Debris Management Consultants
 - Coordination of logistics of the DMS to assure efficient traffic flow and proper handling of load tickets that record FEMA data (such as vehicle volume, type of waste, etc.).
 - Observation of vehicles entering and exiting the DMS and make reasonable efforts to ensure that vehicles are in compliance with their truck certifications (e.g., side boards in place, full tailgate, etc.).
 - Calibration of debris vehicle load determinations with the FEMA monitors (DMS monitors are expected to provide volume determination consistent with FEMA).
 - Keeping accurate records of debris vehicles, cubic yard volume determinations, time in and out, number of loads per day and other data as requested by COUNTY.
 - Coordinating with local, state and federal agencies as needed for DMS on issues such as notification, obtaining permits, determining reimbursement, etc.
 - Providing preliminary assessment and documentation of DMS and assist in return of site to original conditions.
 - Providing personnel to supervise the operation of DMS including monitoring incoming loads of debris, processing of debris and outgoing loads of processed debris.
 - Conducting end of day activities, such as verifying completion of debris crew assignments, completing all record keeping, and assuring that all vehicles have left the DMS.
 - Verification of debris eligibility, including photographic documentation of hazardous trees (leaners and hangers)
 - Review damage reports
 - Resolve complaints
 - Compile all necessary reports.
5. DATA MANAGER – Consultant shall provide a data manager to oversee the processing of load ticket information, including QA/QC aspects that ensure documentation is maintained in accordance with all federal, state and local requirements. This may involve use of electronic monitoring equipment or other approached as approved by the County. The electronic Ticket Manager would oversee such data functions.
6. COST RECOVERY SPECIALIST – Consultant shall provide a cost recovery specialist to work hand-in-hand with County personnel, or their designee, to develop project worksheets for all Category A expenses and documentation.

7. GENERAL SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED BY THE MONITORING CONSULTANT:

a. Pre-event

The pre-event services performed by the Consultant may include:

- Debris Management Plan and Standard Operating Procedures updates
- Inter-agency cooperative exercises and training
- FEMA/FHWA guidance and policy Review TDMS
- Debris management Consultant bid preparation and review.

b. Post-event

The listed services performed by the Consultant must include:

- Contract administration
- Debris estimates
- Perform oversight for road clearance and debris loading by debris management Consultants
- Provide TDMS monitoring at various locations, including sites that handle materials from multiple Consultants and or monitoring firms
- Environmental assessment of TDMS
- Truck certification
- Quality assurance and quality control of all documentation pertaining to debris management monitoring
- Safety procedures are outlined and followed
- Assist the County in responding to public inquiries
- Provide technical advice to the County
- Be available to address questions from FEMA both during and after services have been performed
- Provide assistance with FEMA Category A expense worksheets and other submittals, audits, appeals and associated processes, as needed, until final file closeout regarding each individual disaster event
- Review and validate Debris Management Consultant(s) invoices prior to submission to the County for processing.

- I. PAYMENT MONITORING AND RECONCILIATION PROCESS - The Consultant shall review, validate and reconcile debris management Consultant(s) invoices prior to submission to the County for processing. The Consultant shall conduct a meeting at the beginning of the debris management operation to fully explain the process to the County and debris Consultant(s) representatives. All invoices from the debris Consultant(s) shall be directed to the Consultant. Within seven (7) calendar days of receipt, the invoices shall be reviewed by the Consultant to be accepted or rejected. The Consultant shall issue in writing to the County and the debris Consultant, the acceptance or rejection of the invoices and a payment recommendation. If the invoice is rejected, the monitoring Consultant shall clearly state the reasons for rejection and work with the debris Consultant to resolve immediately. Billing invoices will be submitted weekly by end of week so that verification and reconciliation can be performed.

J. The Consultant shall provide appropriate staff to assist with damage complaints resulting from the debris removal. Complaints shall be tracked and forwarded to the project management team to be resolved with the debris Consultant(s). A weekly log of such complaints and their resolution shall be provided to the County's Project Manager.

K. OTHER RELATED SERVICES

1. Event Closure - The Consultant shall assist the County in preparing final reports necessary for reimbursement by FEMA and other applicable agencies for disaster recovery efforts by County staff and designated debris management Consultants. The Consultant shall assist in reviewing and processing requests for payment by the debris management Consultant(s).
2. Federal Funding - To ensure that processing of federal funding is acquired as quickly as possible, the following information and its accuracy is the responsibility of the awarded Consultant:
 - Review/reconciliation of debris Consultant invoices and payment recommendation letter
 - Monitoring and Collection information (reports, logs, etc.)
 - Project Status Reports
 - Completed Load tickets
 - Photographs of Debris Collections
 - Tipping Fee Receipts
 - Consultant invoices
 - Review of debris Consultant equipment hours of operation
 - Vehicle certifications
 - Start and end dates of the first debris removal pass and all subsequent passes
 - Timesheets of all subcontractors to support debris monitoring invoices
3. Compliance - The Consultant shall provide professional oversight to monitor compliance with local, state and federal regulations. The Consultant shall stay current with FEMA policies and procedures and notify the County's Project Manager immediately as changes occur.

DELIVERABLES – At a minimum, the following deliverables must be provided to the County at the completion of the event response effort. However, deliverables shall in no way be limited to the following list. At its sole discretion, the County may add and/or delete deliverables to meet the needs of the County, State, or FEMA. All deliverables will be submitted both electronically, in a format specified by the Contract Administrator and by hard copy on paper. The minimum deliverables to be provided include:

- a. A log of damages reported, damage corrections and releases for work by either the property owner of the County
- b. Original load tickets, boxed, bound by date and sorted by ticket number
- c. Electronic ticket logs including information from ticket
- d. Daily tower logs
- e. Daily logs with list of all personnel with signatures and initials

- f. Binder(s) with damage reports, completed repairs, and releases (if applicable)
- g. Binders with issues and final resolution
- h. Map books boxed by pass with daily logs
- i. List of tickets issued by monitors, and list of lost/voided tickets
- j. Each Ineligible debris pile will be tagged, in a format approved by the County, and a list compiled and submitted to the County
- k. Operational Reports shall be prepared by the Consultant and submitted to the County throughout the duration of the recovery operations. The reports shall document the Debris Management Consultant's activities and progress from the previous day and shall be submitted no later than 4 hours after the end of an operational period to the Contract Administrator or designee. Each report shall contain the following minimum information:
 - i. Correct and accurately completed load tickets consistent with all reporting documents
 - ii. The times of operation of all debris loading trucks
 - iii. Reports, maps and graphs to delineate production rates of crews and their equipment, progress by area and estimations of total quantities remaining, time to completion and daily cumulative cubic yards of debris removed, processed and hauled.
- l. A Final Report prepared by the Consultant and submitted to the Contract Administrator within thirty (30) days of completion of the recovery operations. (Recovery Operations include closure and remediation of TDMS and conclusions of all related operations.) At a minimum, this report will include a discussion of disaster response requirements and results and recommendations for future disaster responses.

3.0 MANDATORY PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Overview: The proposer shall provide detailed information so as to demonstrate their understanding of the services requested.

3.2 Documents: Lumpkin County, Georgia is not interested in elaborate brochures. All documents will be typewritten on standard 8 ½" x 11" white paper and bound in two volumes (**Volume 1-Qualifications Proposal and Volume II Cost Proposal**). Exceptions would be schematics, exhibits, photographs, or other information necessary to facilitate the County's ability to accurately evaluate the proposal.

3.3 Submission: The Proposer shall package and seal its proposals so that they will not be damaged in mailing. **Volumes I and II are to be packaged and sealed separately.** Proposers are reminded that under Georgia law, all opened documents fall under the open records act and are subject to inspection by the public. Proposers are reminded that documents and information in the possession of Lumpkin County will be treated as confidential/proprietary information only to the extent permitted by the Georgia Open Records Act and will be exempt from disclosure to a third party only to the extent permitted by the Georgia Open Records Act. Should you believe that your Proposal contains any trade secrets, you must submit an affidavit, along with the Proposal, that states that specific portions of the Proposal contain trade secrets as defined by Georgia law (Article 27 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia). Furthermore,

the affidavit must be detailed, citing specifically (citing paragraphs, articles, provisions, pages, etc.) the portions of the Proposal containing any trade secrets. Accordingly, proprietary information and/or data cannot be withheld from public inspection. Proposals and supporting documents will be submitted in accordance with the Evaluation and Proposal Submission Section.

A prospective service provider's response shall include, at minimum, the following information. Please note that the proposal should address the requirements in a clear and concise manner in the order stated herein.

Proposals must be tabbed as follows and must include, in the applicable tab, the information/documents specified. Proposals that do not adhere to the following format or include the required information/documents may be considered incomplete and therefore non-responsive.

VOLUME I- QUALIFICATIONS PROPOSAL

TAB 1 – Project Approach (Methodology)

TAB 2 – Experience on Similar Projects

TAB 3 – Company/Firm/Key Principal Qualifications and Capabilities

TAB 4 – Qualifications and Abilities of Professional Personnel

TAB 5 – Client References for Similar Projects

VOLUME II – COST PROPOSAL

TAB 1 – COST PROPOSAL

Each Proposer is required to submit a cost proposal as part of its response. The cost proposal will be evaluated and scored in accordance with scoring criteria. By submitting a response, the supplier agrees that it has read, understood, and will submit a Proposal by the following instructions/rules:

1. The submitted cost proposal must include all costs of performing pursuant to the resulting contract; and
2. Cost proposals containing a minimum order/ship quantity or dollar value, unless otherwise called for in the RFP, will be treated as non-responsive and may not be considered for award; and
3. In the event there is discrepancy between the Proposer's unit price and extended price, the unit price shall govern;
4. In the event there is a discrepancy between (1) the Proposer's pricing as quoted on the RFP's provided cost worksheet and (2) the Proposer's pricing as quoted by the Proposer in one or more additional documents, the former shall govern; and
5. The prices quoted and listed in the cost proposal shall be firm throughout the term of the resulting contract, unless otherwise noted in the RFP or contract.

The County's intent is to structure the cost format in order to facilitate comparison among all Proposers and foster competition to obtain the best market pricing. Consequently, the County requires that each Proposer's cost be in the format outlined below. Additional alternative cost structures will not be considered. Each supplier is cautioned that failure to comply with the instructions listed below, submission of an incomplete offer, or submission of an offer in a different format than the one requested may result in the rejection of the supplier's proposal.

4.0 PROPOSAL EVALUATION FACTORS

It is the County’s intent to evaluate the proposals based on technical merit and price. It is the intent of the County to choose the Proposer whose proposal provides the highest value to the County. The County reserves the right to waive any irregularities, reject any and/or all proposals, in whole or in part, when, in the County’s opinion, such rejection is in the best interests of the County. The County reserves the right to seek additional/supplemental representation on specific issues as needed.

4.1 Technical Evaluation Method

Each proposal will be reviewed by a team of qualified individuals. Their proposal review and evaluation will be subjective; however, the weighting values are established to minimize that subjectivity. The following delineates the value attributed to each section.

<u>SECTION</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>
Project Approach (Methodology)	25 points
Experience on Similar Projects	15 points
Company/Firm/Key Principal Qualifications and Capabilities	15 points
Qualifications and Abilities of Professional Personnel	15 points
Client References for Similar Projects	15 points
Quality of Submittal Package	5 points
Cost	10 points
	Total 100 points

Following the evaluation of the proposals, the Team may request the top-ranking firm(s) to make an oral presentation and/or be interviewed. If a determination is made that presentations are necessary, they will take place in Dahlonega, Georgia at a mutually acceptable date and time that will be promulgated by the Purchasing Agent.

Based on the total score of the Technical and Cost proposals, the Board of Commissioners may choose Proposers with whom to negotiate the final project methodology/scope, fees, and schedules with a view toward entering into a contractual agreement.

NOTE: The BOC reserves the right to accept a proposal, as submitted, and enter directly into a contractual agreement with that selected Proposer. Accordingly, it is imperative that all Proposers present their best technical and cost offers in their initial submission.

5.0 RFP Amendments

The County reserves the right to amend the RFP prior to the proposal due date. All addenda and additional information will be posted to the County’s website www.lumpkincounty.gov under Bids & Solicitations project RFP 2023-001 DISASTER DEBRIS MONITORING, prior to 5:00 pm, EST on January 31, 2023. **It is the Proposer’s responsibility to check the website for addenda before submitting a proposal. All signed addenda shall be included with the proposal.**

5.1 Agreement and Project Forms

The agreement form shall be the Owner's agreement form. The Owner's payment, waiver of lien, and change order form(s) shall be used.

5.2 RFP Withdrawal

A submitted RFP may be withdrawn prior to the due date by a signed written request to the Purchasing Agent.

5.3 Costs for Preparing RFP

The cost for developing the RFP is the sole responsibility of the contractor. The County will not provide reimbursement for such cost.

5.4 Conflict of Interest

If a Proposer has any existing client relationship that involves Lumpkin County, the Proposer must disclose each relationship.

5.5 Contractor Selection

Lumpkin County anticipates making a single award; however, it reserves the right to make multiple awards should it deem in the best interest of the County. It is anticipated that such an award, if any, will be accomplished within sixty (60) days (unless otherwise agreed upon by the Proposer(s) and the County) from the proposal opening.

5.6 Negotiations and Apparent Winner

Prior to award, the apparent winning proposer will be required to enter into discussions with the County to resolve any contractual differences. These discussions are to be finalized within two (2) weeks of notification unless extending the time period is advantageous to the County. Failure to resolve differences will lead to rejection of the contractor's RFP.

The County reserves the right to negotiate modifications and costs with the successful Proposer, provided that no such modifications affect the specifications set forth herein. The contractor shall commence work only after the transmittal of a fully executed contract and a Notice to Proceed document is received from the County.

5.7 Taxes

Lumpkin County is exempt from sales taxes; however, the contractor shall pay all taxes required as stated by law. Lumpkin County cannot exempt others from tax.

5.8 Compliance with Laws

The contractor will comply with all State and Federal laws, rules, and regulations.

5.9 Non-Collusive Bidding

Contractor shall not prevent or attempt to prevent competition in bidding or proposals by any means whatsoever. Contractor shall not prevent or endeavor to prevent anyone from making a bid or proposal by any means whatsoever, nor shall Contractor cause or induce another to withdraw a bid or proposal for the work. § 36-91-21.

If the contractor is a partnership, all of the partners and any officer, agent, or other person who may have represented or acted for them in bidding for or procuring the contract shall also make the oath. If the contractor is a corporation, all officers, agents, or other persons who may have acted for or represented the corporation in bidding for or procuring the contract shall make the oath. If such oath is false, the contract shall be void, and all sums paid by the governmental entity on the contract may be recovered by appropriate action.

5.10 Cancellation

If either party shall refuse, fail, or be unable to perform or observe any of the terms or conditions of the contract for any reason, then the party claiming such failure shall give the other party a written notice of such breach. If within thirty (30) days from such notice, the failure has not been corrected, the injured party may cancel the contract effective thirty (30) days after notice of cancellation.

Lumpkin County reserves the right to terminate the contract immediately in the event that the contractor discontinues or abandons operations, is adjudged bankrupt or is reorganized under any bankruptcy law or fails to keep in force any required insurance policies or bonds.

Failure of the successful Proposer to comply with any section or part of the contract will be considered grounds for immediate termination of the contract by the County without penalty to Lumpkin County. Lumpkin County shall pay for services rendered up to the point of termination.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the contract between the County and the successful contractor, the County may, without prejudice to any other rights it may have, terminate the contract for convenience and without cause, by giving thirty (30) days written notice to the successful Proposer.

If the termination clause is used by the County, the successful contractor will be paid by the County for all scheduled work completed satisfactorily by the successful contractor up to the termination date set forth in the written termination notice.

5.11 Conditions of Materials

It is understood and agreed that materials delivered shall be new, of latest design, and in first quality condition.

5.12 Rejection of Submissions/Cancellation of Request for Proposal

Lumpkin County reserves the right to reject any or all RFPs, to waive any irregularity or informality in an RFP, and to accept or reject any item or combination of items, when

to do so would be to the advantage of Lumpkin County. It is also within the rights of Lumpkin County to reject RFPs that do not contain all elements and information requested in this document. Lumpkin County reserves the right to cancel this request for proposal at any time. Lumpkin County will not be liable for any cost/losses incurred by the contractors throughout this process.

5.13 Non-discrimination

Lumpkin County does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, age, or disability.

5.14 Insurance

The contractor shall be responsible for his/her work and every part thereof and for all materials, tools, equipment, appliances, and properties of any and all description used in connection with this project. The contractor assumes all risks of direct and indirect damage or injury to the property of persons used or employed on or in connection with the work contracted for and of all damage or injury to any person or property wherever located, resulting from any action, omission, commission, or operation under the contract, or in connection in any way whatsoever with the contracted work. The contractor shall, during the continuance of all work under the contract, provide the following:

1. Maintain statutory Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability insurance in an amount not less than \$1,000,000.00 to protect the contractor from any liability or damages for any injuries (including death and disability) to any of its employees, volunteers, or sub-contractors, including any and all liability or damage which may arise by virtue of any statute or law in force within the State of Georgia, or which may be herein after enacted.
2. The Proposer agrees to maintain Comprehensive General Liability Insurance in an amount of not less than \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence to protect the contractor, its sub-contractors, and the interest of the County against any and all injuries to third parties, including bodily injury and personal injury, wherever located, resulting from any action or operation under the contract or in connection with the contracted work. The General Liability Insurance shall also include the Broad Form Property Damage Liability endorsement, in addition to coverage for explosion, collapse, and underground hazards where required.
3. The contractor agrees to maintain Automobile Liability Insurance in an amount of not less than \$500,000 per occurrence. Such insurance shall include coverage for owned, hired, and non-owned automobiles.
4. The contractor further agrees to protect, defend, indemnify, and hold harmless Lumpkin County, its commissioners, officers, agents, and employees from and against any and all liability incurred whatsoever as a result of the work performed pursuant to the terms of this proposal.
5. The contractor shall notify the County in writing sixty (60) days prior to change in insurance or cancellation date. The failure of the contractor to deliver a new certificate shall result in suspension of all payments until the new certificate is furnished. Additionally, contract work may be suspended until the new certificate is furnished to the County.
6. Insurance coverage required in these specifications shall be in force throughout the contract term. Should the contractor fail to provide acceptable evidence of current insurance within five (5) days of written notice at any time during the contract term, the owner shall have the absolute right to terminate the contract without any further obligation to the contractor. Furthermore, the contractor shall be responsible for the cost

- of procuring the uncompleted portion of the contract at the time of termination.
7. Contractual and other liability insurance provided under the contract shall not contain a supervision, inspection, or engineering services exclusion that would preclude the County from supervising and/or inspecting the project as to the end result. The contractor shall assume all on the job responsibilities as to the control of persons under its direct employment and of the sub-contractors and any persons employed by the sub-contractors.
 8. The contractor and all sub-contractors shall comply with the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 and amendments as it may apply to this contract.
 9. If the contractor does not meet the insurance requirements of the specifications, alternate insurance coverage satisfactory to the County may be considered. The contractor shall be responsible for the costs of any and all alternate insurance coverage so obtained.

5.15 Project Coordination

The contractor shall employ and assign only qualified and competent personnel to perform any service or task involved in this project. The contractor shall designate one such person as a Project Manager, and the Project Manager shall be deemed to be the contractor's authorized representative, who shall be authorized to receive and accept any and all communication from the County.

The contractor hereby agrees to replace any personnel of sub-contractor, at no cost or penalty to the County, if the County reasonably determines that the performance or any sub-contractor or personnel is unsatisfactory.

5.16 Accuracy of Work

The contractor shall be responsible for the accuracy of work performed and shall promptly correct its errors and omissions without additional compensation. Acceptance of the work by the County will not relieve the contractor of the responsibility for subsequent correction of errors, the clarification of any ambiguities, or the costs associated with any additional work caused by negligent acts, errors, or omissions by the contractor or latent defects in the products sold by the contractor.

At any time during the execution of this project or during any phase of work performed by others based on data secured by the contractor under this agreement, the contractor shall confer with the County for the purpose of interpreting the information supplied by the contractor and to correct any errors or omissions. The above consultations, clarifications, and/or corrections shall be made without added compensation to the contractor.

The contractor shall give immediate attention to these changes so there will be minimum delay to others, the contractor shall be responsible for errors and omissions and hold harmless the County and its agents as provided in the agreement.

5.17 News Release by Contractor

As a matter of policy, the County does not endorse the products or services of a contractor. News releases concerning any resultant contract from this solicitation shall not be made by a contractor without the proper written approval of the County. All proposed news releases shall be routed to the Lumpkin County Purchasing Agent for review and approval.

5.18 Severability

It is understood and agreed by the parties hereto that if any part, term, or provision of this contract is held illegal or in conflict with any law of the State where made or having jurisdiction over any of the parties hereto, the validity of the remaining portions or provisions shall not be affected, and the rights and obligations of the parties shall be construed and enforced as if the contract did not contain the particular part term or provisions held to be invalid.

The County and the contractor agree to resolve through negotiation or mediation prior to filing any cause of action. The venue for any litigation arising from this contract shall be Lumpkin County, Georgia.

The County reserves the right to cancel the contract and discontinue the services with a thirty (30) day written notice as a result of the failure of the contractor to provide acceptable work and services as delineated in the response to this document or if determined that services can be better provided by in-house or other sources.

5.19 Drug Free Workplace

By submission of a proposal, the contractor certifies that the provisions of Code Sections 50-24- 1 through 50-24-6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the “Drug Free Workplace Act,” have been complied with in full. The Proposer further certifies that:

5.19.1 A drug free workplace will be provided for the contractor’s employees during performance of the contract; and

5.19.2 Each contractor who hires a sub-contractor to work in a drug free work place shall secure from that sub-contractor the following written certification: as part of the sub-contracting agreement, Sub-Contractor certifies to the contractor that a drug free workplace will be provided for the subcontractor’s employees during the performance of this contract pursuant to paragraph (7) of sub-section (b) of Code Section 50-24-3.

5.19.3 The contractor further certifies that he 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.

5.20 Assignment of Contractual Rights

It is agreed that the contractor will not assign, transfer, convey, or otherwise dispose of a contract that may result from this proposal or his right, title, or interest in or to the same, or any part thereof without written consent of the County.

5.21 Indemnity

To the fullest extent permitted by law, the contractor will indemnify, defend, and hold Lumpkin County harmless from and against any and all claims, damages, losses, and expenses, including but not limited to, fees and charges of attorneys and court and arbitration costs, arising out of or resulting from negligent acts, negligent omissions, willful misconduct, or reckless misconduct of the Proposer or anyone for whom the contractor is responsible.

5.22 Appropriation of Funds

The initial contract and any continuation contract(s) shall terminate immediately and absolutely at any such time as there are no appropriated and otherwise unencumbered funds available to satisfy the County's obligation under said contract(s).

5.23 Documents Deemed Part of Contract

All contract documents issued by the owner and executed by both parties through the completion of the project shall be deemed part of the contract. No documentation or information provided by the contractor, as part of this proposal or otherwise, shall be deemed part of the contract unless and until incorporated into the contract documents issued by the owner.

5.24 Georgia Security and Immigration Compliance Act

Proposers submitting a response to this Request for Proposal **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.

5.25 Gratuities

Lumpkin County acknowledges that, particularly during the holiday season, it may be customary to provide gifts to employees or departments. However, the Lumpkin County Personnel Policy prevents the acceptance of such gifts. Your cooperation in respecting the policy is appreciated.

5.26 Contraband

Employees of the successful Proposer shall not enter County Buildings with goods or products that shall be considered contraband, i.e. drugs, drug paraphernalia, tobacco products smokeless or otherwise, etc.



PROPOSER’S TECHNICAL CHECKLIST PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL PACKET
(For use with Volume I- Qualifications Proposal)

Company: _____

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

- Proposers Qualification Sheet
- Tab 1- Project Approach (Methodology)
- Tab 2- Experience on Similar Projects
- Tab 3- Company/Firm/Key Principal Qualifications and Capabilities
- Tab 4- Qualifications and Abilities for Professional Personnel Projects
- Tab 5- Client References for Similar Projects

Authorized Signature

Title

Print Name

Date

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PROPOSER'S QUALIFICATION SHEET

All references must include information for whom your company has completed work similar to the Scope of Work in this Proposal. Attach additional page if necessary.

Company Name: _____

Company _____
Street Address _____
City, State & Zip _____
Contact Person Name _____ Title _____
Phone _____ FAX _____ Email _____
Describe Scope of Work and dates of project/service: _____ _____
Company _____
Street Address _____
City, State & Zip _____
Contact Person Name _____ Title _____
Phone _____ FAX _____ Email _____
Describe Scope of Work and dates of project/service: _____ _____
Company _____
Street Address _____
City, State & Zip _____
Contact Person Name _____ Title _____
Phone _____ FAX _____ Email _____
Describe Scope of Work and dates of project/service: _____ _____

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**PROPOSER'S FINANCIAL CHECKLIST AND PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL PACKET
(For Use with Volume II- Cost Proposal)**

Company Name: _____

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

- Proposer's Information
- Execution of Proposal
- Proposal Fee Form
- Affidavit of Non-Collusion
- Drug-Free Workplace
- Addenda Acknowledgement
- Georgia's Security and Immigration Compliance Act Affidavit
- Completed W9
- Proof of Insurance

Authorized Signature

Title

Print Name

Date

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PROPOSER'S INFORMATION FORM

1. Legal Business Name _____

2. Street Address _____

3. City, State & Zip _____

4. Type of Business: State of Registration: _____
(Association, Corporation, Partnership, Limited Liability Company, etc.)

5. Name & Title of Authorized Signer: _____

6. Primary Contact: _____

7. Phone: _____ Fax: _____

8. E-mail _____

9. Company Website _____

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

Yes ____ No ____

If yes, please state the agency name, dates and reason for debarment.

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PROPOSER'S EXECUTION OF PROPOSAL FORM

DATE: _____

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

___ That this bid was signed by an authorized representative of the firm.

___ That the potential Contractor has determined the cost and availability of all materials and supplies associated with performing the services outlined herein.

___ That all labor costs associated with this project have been determined, including all direct and indirect costs.

___ That the potential Contractor agrees to the conditions as set forth in this Request for Proposal with no exceptions.

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

Business Name

Authorized Signature

Date

Typed Name & Title

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PROPOSAL FEE FORM

I have read and understand the requirements of this **RFP # 2023-001 DISASTER DEBRIS MONITORING** and agree to provide required services in accordance with this proposal and all other attachments, exhibits, etc. I understand that the County will not be responsible for the reimbursement of any costs not specifically set forth in this proposal.

***HOURLY RATE SCHEDULE ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE**

I hereby certify that this Financial Proposal is made without prior understanding, agreement or connection with any corporation, firm or person submitting a Proposal for the same services and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. I certify that I am authorized to sign this Financial Proposal.

Company Name _____

Authorized Signature _____

Print Name _____ Date _____

HOURLY RATE SCHEDULE

The hourly rates shall include all cost including applicable overhead and profit, overtime, lodging, meals, transportation, rentals, safety gear, telephone costs, cameras, GPS devices and other incidentals.

ITEM #	POSITIONS	HOURLY RATES	HOURS*	TOTAL
1.	Project Manager	\$		\$
2.	Data Manager	\$		\$
3.	Cost Recovery Specialist	\$		\$
4.	Field Supervisors	\$		\$
5.	Fixed Site Monitors	\$		\$
6.	Environmental Specialist	\$		\$
7.	GIS Specialist	\$		\$
8.	Supervising Monitors	\$		\$
9.	Billing/Invoice Analysts	\$		\$
10	Administrative Assistants	\$		\$
11.	Field Monitors	\$		\$
		TOTAL (Items 1-11)		\$

***-Provide an estimate of weekly hours for each position. Assume 1 TDMS and 5 debris removal contractor trucks.** These hours are not intended to represent the actual contract amount but are an estimated representation of a typical work week. The actual contract value will be negotiated with the successful proposing agency prior to issuance of the notice to proceed for each event.

NAME OF BUSINESS: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: _____



PROPOSER'S AFFIDAVIT OF NON-COLLUSION

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

I certify that I did not prevent or attempt to prevent competition in bidding or proposals by any means whatsoever. I did not prevent or endeavor to prevent anyone from making a bid or proposal by any means whatever. I did not, nor will I, cause or induce another to withdraw a bid or proposal for the work.

I have not directly or indirectly violated subsection (d) of O.C.G.A § 36-91-21, nor has any officer, representative, agent or other person acting on behalf of my company.

If this oath is false, the contract shall be void, and all sums paid by Lumpkin County on the contract may be recovered by appropriate action.

COMPANY NAME: _____

Authorized Representative (Signature) Date

Authorized Representative/Title

(Print or Type)

This affidavit is given this _____ day of _____, 2023.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, 2023.

Notary Public

Commission Expires

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DRUG FREE WORKPLACE FORM

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

whose address is: _____

And it is also that:

1. The provisions of Section § 50.24.1 through § 50.24.6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Drug Free Workplace Act" have been complied with in full; and,
2. A drug free workplace will be provided for the CONTRACTOR'S employees during the performance of the contract; and,
3. Each subcontractor hired by the CONTRACTOR shall be required to ensure that the subcontractor's employees are provided a drug free workplace. The CONTRACTOR shall secure from that subcontractor the following written certification: "As part of the subcontracting agreement with

Name of Sub Contractor

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

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

Signature

Date

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ADDENDA ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Proposer has examined and carefully studied the proposal and the following Addenda, receipt of all of which is hereby acknowledged:

Addendum No. _____

Addendum No. _____

Addendum No. _____

Addendum No. _____

Authorized Representative (Signature)

Date

Authorized Representative/Title
(Print or Type)

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

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Georgia Security & Immigration Compliance (GSIC) Act Affidavit

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

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

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

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

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

PLEASE COMPLETE THE ATTACHED AFFIDAVIT AND RETURN IT TO:

Ryan McDuffie
Lumpkin County Purchasing Agent
99 Courthouse Hill, Suite D
Dahlonega, GA 30533
Fax: (706) 482-2201
Email: ryan.mcduffie@lumpkincounty.gov

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**LUMPKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SAVE Affidavit**

(Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements)

Affidavit for a Public Benefit as required by the Georgia Immigration Reform and Enforcement Act of 2011

By executing this affidavit under oath, as an applicant for a public benefit as referenced in the Georgia Illegal Immigration Reform and Enforcement Act of 2011 [O.C.G.A. § 50-36-1(e) (2)], I am stating the following:

_____ **I am a United States citizen; or**

_____ **I am a legal permanent resident of the United States*; 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.***

*Alien registration number for non-citizens issued by the Department of Homeland Security or other federal immigration agency is:

At least one secure and verifiable document for identification purposes must be provided as required by O.C.G.A. § 50-36-1 (e) (1). See list on page 2 of this document.

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 Code Section 16-10-20 of the Official Code of Georgia and face criminal penalties as allowed by such criminal statute.

Applying on behalf/Name of associated business

Signature of Applicant

Date

Printed Name

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

[NOTARY SEAL]

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, provides 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. [Page 1 of 2]
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SECURE AND VERIFIABLE DOCUMENTS UNDER O.C.G.A. §50-36-2

[Issued August 1, 2011 by the Office of the Attorney General, Georgia]

The following list of secure and verifiable documents, published under the authority of O.C.G.A. §50-36-2, contains documents that are verifiable for identification purposes, and documents on this list may not necessarily be indicative of residency or immigration status.

**INDICATE AND ATTACH A COPY OF THE DOCUMENT
(Front and back)**

- United States passport or passport card
- United States military identification card
- Merchant Mariner Document or Merchant Mariner Credential issued by the United States Coast Guard
- Secure Electronic Network for Travelers Rapid Inspection (SENTRI) card
- Driver's license issued by one of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands, the United States Virgin Island, American Samoa, or the Swain Islands, provided that it contains a photograph of the bearer or lists sufficient identifying information regarding the bearer, such as name, date of birth gender, height, eye color, and address to enable the identification of the bearer.
- Identification card issued by one of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands, the United States Virgin Island, American Samoa, or the Swain Islands, provided that it contains a photograph of the bearer or lists sufficient identifying information regarding the bearer, such as name, date of birth gender, height, eye color, and address to enable the identification of the bearer.
- Tribal identification card issued by one of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands, the United States Virgin Island, American Samoa, or the Swain Islands, provided that it contains a photograph of the bearer or lists sufficient identifying information regarding the bearer, such as name, date of birth gender, height, eye color, and address to enable the identification of the bearer.
- Passport issued by a foreign government
- Free and Secure Trade (FAST) card
- NEXUS card
- United States Permanent Resident Card or Alien Registration Receipt Card
- Employment Authorization Document that contains a photograph of the bearer.
- Certificate of Citizenship issued by the United States Department of Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) [Form N-560 or Form N-561]
- Certificate of Naturalization issued by the United States Department of Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) [Form N-550 or Form N-570]

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E-Verify Affidavit

Georgia Security & Immigration Compliance (GSIC) Act
(CONTRACTOR) E-VERIFY AFFIDAVIT AND AGREEMENT

The Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners and Contractor agree that compliance with the requirements of O.C.G.A. §13-10-91 and Rule 300-10-1-.02 of the Rules of the Georgia Department of Labor are conditions of this Agreement for the physical performance of services.

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 contracting with the Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners has registered with and is participating the federal work authorization program known as "E-Verify", web address <https://e-verify.uscis.gov/enroll/> operated by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services Bureau of the United States Department of Homeland Security to verify information of newly hired employees, pursuant to the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (IRCA), P.L. 99-603], in accordance with the applicability provisions and deadlines established in O.C.G.A. §13-10-91.* The undersigned Contractor also verifies that he/she/it is using and will continue to use the federal work authorization program throughout the contract period.

The undersigned Contractor agrees that, should it employ or contract with any subcontractor(s) in connection with the physical performance of services pursuant to the contract with the Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners, Contractor will secure from such subcontractor(s) similar verification of compliance with O.C.G.A. §13-10-91 on the Subcontractor Affidavit provided in Rule 300-10-01-.08 or a substantially similar form. Contractor further agrees the Contractor will advise the Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners of the hiring a new subcontractor and will provide Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners with a Subcontractor Affidavit attesting to the Subcontractor's name, address, user identification number, and date of authorization to use the Federal Work Authorization Program within five (5) days of the hiring before the Subcontractor begins working on the Project. Contractor also agrees to maintain all records of such compliance for inspection by Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners at any time and to provide a copy of each such verification to the Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners at the time the subcontractor(s) is retained to perform such services.

E-Verify Employment Eligibility Verification User Identification Number

Date of Authorization to Use Federal Work Authorization Program

NAME OF CONTRACTOR

Title of Authorized Officer or Agent of Contractor

Signature and Printed Name of Authorized Officer or Agent

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

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: _____

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E-Verify Affidavit

Georgia Security & Immigration Compliance (GSIC) Act (SUB-CONTRACTOR) E-VERIFY AFFIDAVIT AND AGREEMENT

The Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners and Contractor agree that compliance with the requirements of O.C.G.A. §13-10-91 and Rule 300-10-1-.02 of the Rules of the Georgia Department of Labor are conditions of this Agreement for the physical performance of services.

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 contracting with the Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners has registered with and is participating the federal work authorization program known as "E-Verify", web address <https://e-verify.uscis.gov/enroll/> operated by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services Bureau of the United States Department of Homeland Security to verify information of newly hired employees, pursuant to the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (IRCA), P.L. 99-603], in accordance with the applicability provisions and deadlines established in O.C.G.A. §13-10-91.* The undersigned Contractor also verifies that he/she/it is using and will continue to use the federal work authorization program throughout the contract period.

The undersigned Contractor agrees that, should it employ or contract with any subcontractor(s) in connection with the physical performance of services pursuant to the contract with the Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners, Contractor will secure from such subcontractor(s) similar verification of compliance with O.C.G.A. §13-10-91 on the Subcontractor Affidavit provided in Rule 300-10-01-.08 or a substantially similar form. Contractor further agrees the Contractor will advise the Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners of the hiring a new subcontractor and will provide Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners with a Subcontractor Affidavit attesting to the Subcontractor's name, address, user identification number, and date of authorization to use the Federal Work Authorization Program within five (5) days of the hiring before the Subcontractor begins working on the Project. Contractor also agrees to maintain all records of such compliance for inspection by Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners at any time and to provide a copy of each such verification to the Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners at the time the subcontractor(s) is retained to perform such services.

E-Verify Employment Eligibility Verification User Identification Number

Date of Authorization to Use Federal Work Authorization Program

NAME OF SUB-CONTRACTOR

Title of Authorized Officer or Agent of Sub-Contractor

Signature and Printed Name of Authorized Officer or Agent

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

Notary Public

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Private Employer Exemption Affidavit Pursuant To O.C.G.A. § 36-60-6(d)

By executing this affidavit, the undersigned private employer verifies that it is exempt from compliance with O.C.G.A. § 36-60-6, stating affirmatively that the individual, firm or corporation employs fewer than eleven employees and therefore, is not required to register with and/or utilize 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. § 13-10-90.

Signature of Exempt Private Employer

Printed Name of Exempt Private 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

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Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

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

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

Requester's name and address (optional) _____

List account number(s) here (optional) _____

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 Part I instructions on page 3. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a*

Social security number									
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TIN on page 3.

Note. If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1 and the chart on page 4 for guidelines on whose number to enter.

or

Employer identification number									

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 on page 3.

Sign Here	Signature of U.S. person ▶	Date ▶
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General Instructions

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

Future developments. Information about developments affecting Form W-9 (such as legislation enacted after we release it) is at www.irs.gov/fw9.

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? on page 2.

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?* on page 2 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 Publication 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 28% 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 Part II instructions on page 3 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* on page 3 and the separate Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

Also see *Special rules for partnerships* above.

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* on page 3 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, list first, and then circle, the name of the person or entity whose number you entered in Part I of 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 in line 3 for the U.S. federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one box in line 3.

Limited Liability Company (LLC). If the name on line 1 is an LLC treated as a partnership for U.S. federal tax purposes, check the "Limited Liability Company" box and enter "P" in the space provided. If the LLC has filed Form 8832 or 2553 to be taxed as a corporation, check the "Limited Liability Company" box and in the space provided enter "C" for C corporation or "S" for S corporation. If it is a single-member LLC that is a disregarded entity, do not check the "Limited Liability Company" box; instead check the first box in line 3 "Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC."

Line 4, Exemptions

If you are exempt from backup withholding and/or FATCA reporting, enter in the appropriate space in 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.

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. However, the IRS prefers that you use your SSN.

If you are a single-member LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner (see *Limited Liability Company (LLC)* on this page), 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 the chart on page 4 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. You can get Forms W-7 and SS-4 from the IRS by visiting IRS.gov or by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

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 items 1, 4, or 5 below indicate 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), 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)	The actual owner of the account or, if combined funds, the first individual on the account ¹
3. Custodian account of a minor (Uniform Gift to Minors Act)	The minor ²
4. a. The usual revocable savings trust (grantor is also trustee) b. So-called trust account that is not a legal or valid trust under state law	The grantor-trustee ¹ The actual owner ¹
5. Sole proprietorship or disregarded entity owned by an individual	The owner ³
6. 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:
7. Disregarded entity not owned by an individual	The owner
8. A valid trust, estate, or pension trust	Legal entity ⁴
9. Corporation or LLC electing corporate status on Form 8832 or Form 2553	The corporation
10. Association, club, religious, charitable, educational, or other tax-exempt organization	The organization
11. Partnership or multi-member LLC	The partnership
12. A broker or registered nominee	The broker or nominee
13. 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
14. 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

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* on page 2.

*Note. 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 Publication 4535, Identity Theft Prevention and Victim Assistance.

Victims of identity theft who are experiencing economic harm or a system 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 contact them at www.ftc.gov/idtheft or 1-877-IDTHEFT (1-877-438-4338).

Visit IRS.gov 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.

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