



Request for Proposal

AUDIT SERVICES

RFP# 20-05-018



Oconee County Board of Commissioners

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CLOSING DATE AND
TIME:

June 11, 2020 at 2:00 PM, EST

LOCATION:

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

RFP NUMBER:

20-05-018

ACCEPTANCE PLACE/
AGENCY:

Oconee County Board of Commissioners
Finance Department - Purchasing Officer
23 N. Main Street, Suite 203
Watkinsville, Georgia 30677

PRE-PROPOSAL MEETING- There is an optional pre-proposal meeting scheduled for **May 26, 2020 at 2:00 PM EST** and shall be held in the Commission Chambers at the Oconee County Courthouse, 23 N. Main Street, Suite 205, Watkinsville, GA 30677.

QUESTIONS regarding this RFP shall be received no later than **5:00 PM EST on May 29, 2020**. **ANSWERS** will be provided via addenda no later than **5:00 PM EST on June 04, 2020**.

BID OPENING shall be held in the Commission Chambers, Suite 205 at the address referenced above on **June 11, 2020, at 2:00 PM EST**.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION related to this RFP should be directed to:

Jessica Ellis, Purchasing Officer
Contact Phone Number (706) 769-2944
Contact Fax Number (706) 310-3574

Contact E-mail address: ocbids@oconee.ga.us

Proposal documents can be downloaded from our website:
<https://oconeecounty.com>

Issue Date: May 15, 2020



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Proposal Requirements

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO SOLICITORS

RECEIPT AND OPENING OF PROPOSALS

Oconee County Board of Commissioners, Oconee County, Georgia, (herein referred to as "OWNER"), invites Proposals on forms attached hereto. All blanks must be appropriately filled in. Proposals will be received by OWNER at the Oconee County Finance Department located at the Oconee County Courthouse, 23 N. Main Street, Suite 203, Watkinsville, GA 30677. Proposals will be publicly opened and the Solicitor's names read aloud by OWNER at **2:00 PM EST on June 11, 2020** in the Commission Chambers located at the Oconee County Courthouse, 23 N. Main Street, Suite 205, Watkinsville, GA 30677. OWNER may consider informal any Proposal not prepared and submitted in accordance with the provisions hereof and may waive any informalities in the Proposals received, may reject any and all Proposals, and may accept any Proposal which is deemed most favorable. Any Proposal may be withdrawn prior to the above scheduled time for the opening of Proposals or authorized postponement thereof. Any Proposal received after the time and date specified will not be considered. No Solicitor may withdraw a Proposal within SIXTY (60) days after the date of the opening thereof.

OPTIONAL PRE-BID CONFERENCE

There is an optional pre-bid conference scheduled for **May 26, 2020 at 2:00 PM EST** in the Commission Chambers located at the Oconee County Courthouse, 23 N. Main Street, Suite 205, Watkinsville, GA 30677.

TIMETABLE

RFP Issue Date:	May 15, 2020
Pre-Bid Meeting:	May 26, 2020 at 2:00 PM EST
Deadline for Project Questions:	May 29, 2020 at 5:00 PM EST
Deadline for Addenda:	June 04, 2020 at 5:00 PM EST
Proposal Submittal Deadline:	June 11, 2020 at 2:00 PM EST

PREPARATION & SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL

Proposals must meet required specifications and must be of a quality that will adequately serve the use and purpose for which intended. Each Proposal must be submitted on the prescribed Proposal forms and accompanied by the following documents. Utilizing the following list will help ensure Solicitors have met Oconee County requirements and submit a successful Proposal:

Proposal Forms Required with each Submission

Solicitor's Checklist

Cost Proposal

Timetable Proposal

Solicitor's Information and Mandatory Pre-Qualification Form (referred to as Attachment B)

Addenda Acknowledgement Form

Partnership, Corporate or Individual Certificate

Local Business Affidavit of Eligibility

Certificate & Statement of Non-Collusion Affidavit
Georgia Security & Immigration Compliance (GSIC) Act Affidavit
Affidavit Verifying Status for County Public Benefit Application (SAVE
affidavit) O.C.G.A. § 50-36-1(e)(2)
Oath of Solicitor
Drug Free Workplace Certificate
Copy of Any Licenses/Certifications

The following documents will be completed after the Contract has been awarded:

Documents Required for Successful Solicitor:

W-9 Form
Certificate of Insurance
Occupational Tax License
Notice to Proceed

Complete sets of Proposal Documents must be used in preparing Proposals; OWNER does not assume any responsibility for errors or misinterpretations resulting from the use of incomplete sets of Proposal Documents. OWNER, in making copies of Proposal Documents available on the above terms, do so only for the purpose of obtaining Proposals for the Work and do not confer a license or grant for any other use.

A total of four (4) sealed proposals, one (1) unbound original, two (2) paper copies, and one (1) digital copy, must be received no later than **2:00 PM EST on June 11, 2020**. Proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope with the following clearly labeled on the outside: "Proposal for Audit Services, RFP # 20-05-018" and should include the respondent's name and address. Each copy of the technical proposal shall be bound in a single volume and relate solely to the response to the RFP. Nothing shall be included in the technical proposal which would indicate, in whole or in part, the cost component of the proposal or would be otherwise indicative of the dollar amount associated with the technical proposal. All cost component documentation should be included in a separate sealed envelope clearly labeled as to contents. Proposals should be organized in accordance with Attachment C: Model Format of Proposal.

Pursuant to Georgia law, no proposals will be considered without an executed E-Verify affidavit. Each envelope should be addressed to:

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

Hard copies may be delivered to the above address only between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM EST, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays observed by the Oconee County Government. For a complete listing of holidays observed visit the County's website, www.oconeecounty.com.

Proposals must be in the actual possession of the Oconee County Board of Commissioners on or prior to **2:00 PM EST on June 11, 2020**, at which time they will be publicly opened and Solicitor's names will be read aloud in the Commission Chambers, Suite 205, of the Oconee County Courthouse.

Proposal modifications written on the outside of the envelope will be not accepted. Submittals or modifications received after the due date and time will not be considered. Oconee County assumes no responsibility for the premature opening of submittals not properly addressed and identified and/or

delivered to the proper designation. Late proposals properly addressed to the Oconee County Board of Commissioners shall be returned to the respondent unopened.

More than one proposal received for the same work from an individual, firm, partnership, corporation, or association under the same or different names will not be considered. Reasonable grounds for believing any applicant is interested in more than one proposal for the same work will cause the county to reject all proposals from the applicant.

If the County believes collusion exists among applicants, proposals from participants in collusion will not be considered. Conditions, limitations, or provisions attached by the applicant to the proposal forms may cause its rejection. Proposals containing items not included in the form of proposals will be considered irregular.

Solicitors should be aware that visitors to our offices will go through a security screening process upon entering the building. Solicitors should plan enough time to ensure that they will be able to deliver their submission prior to our deadline. Late submissions, for whatever reason, will not be evaluated. Solicitors should plan their deliveries accordingly. Telephone or fax proposals will not be accepted.

Directions to Oconee County Courthouse from I-85: Take I-85 North to Georgia Highway 316 (Lawrenceville/Athens exit). Drive thirty-nine (39) miles. Turn right onto Oconee Connector. Oconee Connector becomes Mars Hill Road and then Experiment Station Road. Turn right onto N. Main Street. N. Main Street becomes Georgia Highway 15. The Oconee County Courthouse is on the right side of the street. Public parking is available at the back of the courthouse.

PRE-BID SUBMITTALS

No pre-bid submittals of alternate material or equipment are included in this project.

METHOD OF PROPOSAL

Unit or lump sum prices for each item in the proposal shall include its pro rata share of overhead and profit so that the Base Proposal price given on Cost Proposal form represents the total proposal. Any proposal not conforming to this requirement may be rejected as informal. Discrepancies between words and figures will be resolved in favor of the words.

POINT OF CONTACT

Solicitors are encouraged to contact Jessica Ellis, Purchasing Officer, by email at ocbids@oconee.ga.us to clarify any part of the RFP requirements. All questions that arise prior to the DEADLINE FOR QUESTIONS due date shall be directed to the contact person in writing via email and shall have "RFP #20-05-018 – Audit Services Project " written in the subject line. The questions deadline for this solicitation is **May 29, 2020 at 5:00 PM EST**. Any unauthorized contact shall not be used as a basis for responding to this RFP and also may result in the disqualification of the contractor's submittal.

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

ADDENDA AND INTERPRETATIONS

No interpretation of the meaning of the specifications or other proposal documents will be made to any Solicitor orally. All requests for such interpretation should be directed to Jessica Ellis, Purchasing Officer, by email at ocbids@oconee.ga.us and shall have "RFP #20-05-018 – Audit Services Project " written in the subject line.

To be given consideration, all requests for interpretation must be received by no later than **5:00 PM EST on May 29, 2020**. Oconee County will issue responses to inquiries and any other corrections or amendments it deems necessary in written addenda issued no later than **5:00 PM EST on June 04, 2020**. Solicitor should not rely on any representations, statements, or explanations other than those made in this RFP or in any addendum to this RFP. Where there appears to be a conflict between the RFP and any addenda issued, the last addendum issued will prevail. Solicitors are advised to check the website for addenda before submitting their proposals. Solicitors shall acknowledge any issued addenda by including the Addenda Acknowledgement Form with the proposal submittal. Proposal submittals that fail to acknowledge the Solicitor's receipt of any addendum may result in the rejection of the proposal if the addendum contains information that substantially changes the OWNER'S requirements.

Replies will be issued by addenda posted to the County's website. Only questions answered by formal written addenda will be binding. Oral and other interpretations or clarifications will be without legal effect. Addenda may be issued to clarify, correct, or change the proposal documents.

NOTICES

Successful Solicitor will be issued a written "Notice of Award" by OWNER upon final selection, and will be issued a written "Notice to Proceed" by OWNER upon compliance with award procedures.

INSURANCE & BOND REQUIREMENTS

Bid Bond, Payment and Performance Bonds are not required for this project.

The successful Solicitor is responsible for all personal/liability insurance and worker's compensation coverage for himself and all employees as described in the RFP and shall comply with Oconee County's insurance requirements (see Appendix A).

QUALIFICATIONS OF SOLICITOR

Each Solicitor must submit qualifications with proposal on the prescribed forms provided in the proposal documents. OWNER or OWNER's Representative may make such investigations as it deems necessary to determine the ability of Solicitor to perform the WORK and Solicitor shall furnish to OWNER all such information and data for this purpose as OWNER may request. OWNER reserves the right to reject any Solicitor if the evidence submitted by or investigation of such Solicitor fails to satisfy OWNER, or that such Solicitor is not properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the WORK and to complete the WORK contemplated therein within the time constraints.

Each Solicitor must furnish in his qualification statement, information relative to the facilities, ability, and financial resources available for the fulfillment of this proposal. Before award is made to a Solicitor who is not a resident of the State of Georgia, such Solicitor shall designate a proper agent in the State of Georgia on whom service can be made in event of litigation. Conditions, limitations, or provisions attached by Solicitor to the Proposal may cause its rejection. Proposals containing items not included in the proposal will be considered irregular.

METHOD OF AWARD

A Responsive/Responsible Solicitor shall be one who can fulfill the following requirements:

- a. Solicitor shall be one who properly completes all forms required to be completed and submitted at the time of bidding as called for in the Proposal documents.
- b. Solicitor shall maintain a permanent place of business. This requirement applies to Solicitor where Solicitor is a division or a corporation, or where Solicitor is fifty percent (50%) or more owned by a person, corporation or firm.
- c. Solicitor shall demonstrate that he has adequate experience and sufficient equipment resources to properly perform the work under and in conformance with these DOCUMENTS.
- d. Solicitor shall demonstrate that he has financial resources of sufficient strength to meet the obligations incidental to the performance of the WORK covered by these CONTRACT DOCUMENTS. The ability to obtain the required Performance and Payment Bonds will not alone demonstrate adequate financial capability.

INDEMNIFICATION

The Solicitor shall indemnify and hold harmless the OWNER and ENGINEER and their agents and employees from and against all claims, damages, losses and expenses, including but not limited to attorney's fees, arising out of or resulting from the performance of the WORK, provided that any such claim, damage, loss, expense or attorney's fees is attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease or death, or to injury to or destruction of tangible property including the loss of use resulting therefrom, and is caused in whole or in part by any negligent act or omission of the Solicitor, any subcontractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable, regardless of whether or not the negligent act is caused in part by a party indemnified hereunder. Such obligation shall not be construed to negate, abridge, or otherwise reduce any other right or obligation of indemnity which would otherwise exist as to any party or person described in this Clause. In any and all claims against the OWNER or the ENGINEER or any of their agents or employees, by any employee of the Solicitor, any subcontractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable, the indemnification obligation set forth in this paragraph shall not be limited in any way by any limitation on the amount or type of damages, compensation or benefits payable by or for the Solicitor or any subcontractor under workers' or workman's compensation acts, disability benefit acts or other employee benefit acts.

EXECUTION OF PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS

Proposals which are not signed by individuals making them shall have attached thereto a power-of-attorney evidencing authority to sign the proposal in the name of the person for whom it is signed. Proposals which are signed for a partnership shall be signed by all of the partners or by an attorney-in-fact. If a proposal is signed by an attorney-in-fact, there shall be a power-of-attorney executed by the partners attached to the Proposal evidencing authority to sign the Proposal.

Proposals which are signed for a corporation shall have the correct corporate name thereof and the signature of the President or other authorized officer of the corporation manually written below the corporate name following the wording "By ". Such Proposals shall also carry the corporate seal of said corporation. Solicitor shall furnish all data required by these proposal documents. Failure to do so may result in the proposal being declared non-responsive. Acceptance of Solicitor's documentation and substantiation or Contract Award by OWNER does not relieve Solicitor of liability for nonperformance as covered in the proposal documents, nor will Solicitor be exempted from any other legal recourse OWNER may elect to pursue.

NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

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

By submitting a proposal, the contractor represents and warrants that no official or employee of Oconee County Board of Commissioners has, in any manner, an interest, directly or indirectly in the solicitation or in the contract that may be made under it, or in any expected profits to arise there from.

SAVE AFFIDAVIT

Since a contract has been deemed a “public benefit,” the contractor or other party to the contract must be run through the Federal Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) Program. This program requires Oconee County to verify the legal status of non-U.S. citizens who apply for certain public benefits. The contractor must execute a SAVE affidavit attesting that either he or she is a U.S. citizen or legally qualified to receive the benefit. If the contractor is not a U.S. citizen, then Oconee County has to run that contractor through the SAVE system.

OATH OF SOLICITOR

The Solicitor must execute a written oath stating that he or she has not violated O.C.G.A. §36-91-21(e) regarding unlawful restriction of competitive bidding.

DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE CERTIFICATE

Solicitor shall provide a drug-free workplace certificate with proposal.

OCCUPATIONAL TAX LICENSE

The successful Solicitor shall provide evidence of a valid Oconee County occupation tax license if the applicant maintains an office within the unincorporated area of Oconee County. Incorporated, out of County, and out of State the successful Solicitor is required to provide evidence of a license to do business in any town, ordinance, or resolution.

VENDOR REGISTRATION AND PROPOSAL NOTIFICATION

Solicitors are encouraged to sign up for Oconee County's vendor registration system, which is powered by Vendor Registry. The system allows a vendor to register quickly and update details such as the types of products and services provided as well as vendor contact information. This will enable the County and Vendor Registry to notify an applicant of important Proposal opportunities in the future. Proposals are not rejected for a failure to register. Solicitors may register, or check if they are registered, as follows:

- Visit the County website at www.oconeecounty.com
- Select “Departments”
- Select “Finance”
- Click “Vendor Registration”

- Complete registration by following the instructions provided.
- For assistance, call (865) 777-4337 or email info@vendorregistry.com

LOCAL BUSINESS INITIATIVE

Any purchase or contract of under \$100,000 proposal or otherwise placed by Oconee County, herein “County”, may be awarded to a Local Business, as defined according to Oconee County Policy, in case of equivalent proposals. In cases in which a proposal by a Local Business is within 7% of the lowest overall proposal supplied by a non-local business, the County is authorized to negotiate with Local Business with the lowest proposal among the Local Business to allow such Local Business to match the lowest proposal supplied by a non-local business. In the event a Local Business matches the lowest proposal, including all other terms, quality and conditions of the proposal, then the Local Business may be awarded the contract. In the event the proposals of more than one Local Business are within 7% of the lowest overall proposal of a non-local business, the Local Business with the lowest proposal price will be given the first opportunity to match the lowest overall proposal. If this Local Business declines to do so, then the Local Business with the next lowest proposal within 7% will be given the opportunity to match the lowest proposal and this process will continue until a contract is reached with a Local Business or there is no other Local Business within 7% of the lowest overall proposal.

SCOPE OF WORK

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Request for Proposal is to establish a contract for the professional services of a Certified Public Accountant (the "auditor") for financial statements and financial and compliance audits for fiscal year ending June 30, 2020.

OCONEE COUNTY AND RECORDS INFORMATION

Information regarding Oconee County records, systems, procedures, expenditure levels, and other relevant data is included as Exhibit A to this Request for Proposal. Copies of prior audit reports, internal control survey documents, management letters, financial statements, budgets and other documents relevant to the audit engagement may be viewed by appointment.

STATEMENT OF NEEDS

A. FINANCIAL STATEMENT PREPARATION

The auditor will assist in year-end adjusting journal entries for Enterprise Funds. The auditor will prepare, type, proof, print, and copy the Basic Financial Statement, Required Supplementary Information, Other Supplementary Information, and Compliance reports. The auditor will submit a draft of the Financial Statement to be reviewed in detail by the Finance Director and staff.

B. AUDIT REQUIREMENTS

As required by the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the audit shall be conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, promulgated by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) and in accordance with the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. If a Single Audit is required as a part of the annual audit, the audit shall be performed in accordance with American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) Standards, Government Auditing Standards, the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996, and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations, or Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards 2 CFR 200 (Uniform Grant Guidance (UGG)) Subpart F.

The audit shall be designed to accomplish the following objectives:

1. To determine whether the financial statements present fairly the respective financial position

of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof [and the respective budgetary comparison for the (indicate the major governmental funds involved)] in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. In addition, to determine whether the combining and individual non-major fund financial statements are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

In addition, to determine whether the financial statements presented as supplementary information present fairly the financial position of each of Oconee County's non-major governmental, non-major enterprise, internal service, and fiduciary funds and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.)

2. To obtain an understanding of internal control over financial reporting sufficient to assess the risks of material misstatements of the financial statements whether due to error or fraud, and to design audit procedures to understand both the design of controls relevant to an audit of financial statements and whether they have been placed in operation.
3. To plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements, including note disclosures, are free of material misstatement, whether caused by error or fraud, and material misstatements arising from illegal acts that have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. Illegal acts are defined in auditing standards as violations of laws or governmental regulations. Although not explicitly stated in auditing standards, the phrase "laws and governmental regulations" generally has been interpreted to implicitly include the provisions of contract and grant agreements. U.S. Auditing Standards – AICPA (Clarified) AU-C Section 250 paragraph 13 requires the auditor to consider laws and regulations that are generally recognized by auditors to have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. The auditor's responsibility to detect and report misstatements resulting from illegal acts having a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts is the same as that for misstatements caused by error or fraud. In addition, the auditor should be aware of the possibility that illegal acts that may, in particular circumstances, be regarded as having material but indirect effects on financial statements may have occurred. If specific information comes to the auditor's attention that provides evidence concerning the existence of possible illegal acts that could have a material indirect effect on the financial statements,

the auditor should apply audit procedures specifically directed to ascertaining whether an illegal act has occurred.

4. To provide reasonable assurance of detecting material misstatements resulting from violations of provisions of contracts or grant agreements that have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts or other financial data significant to the audit objectives. If specific information comes to the auditor's attention that provides evidence concerning the existence of possible violations of provisions of contracts or grant agreements that could have a material indirect effect on the determination of financial statement amounts or other financial data significant to the audit objectives, auditors should apply audit procedures specifically directed to ascertain whether violations of provisions of contracts or grant agreements have occurred or are likely to have occurred. In addition, auditors should be alert to situations or transactions that could be indicative of abuse, and if indications of abuse exist that could significantly affect the financial statement amounts or other financial data, auditors should apply audit procedures specifically directed to ascertain whether abuse has occurred and the effect on the financial statement amounts or other financial data.
5. To consider the results of previous audits and attestation engagements and follow up on known significant findings and recommendations that directly relate to the objectives of the audit being undertaken.
6. To ensure that audit documentation related to planning, conducting, and reporting on the audit should contain sufficient information to enable an experienced auditor who has had no previous connection with the audit to ascertain from the audit documentation the evidence that supports the auditors' significant judgments and conclusions. Audit documentation should contain support for findings, conclusions, and recommendations before auditors issue their report.
7. To determine whether Oconee County complied with laws, regulations, and the provisions of contracts or grant agreements pertaining to federal awards that have a direct and material effect on each major program. With regard to internal control over compliance, the auditor is required to do the following (in addition to meeting the requirements of Government Auditing Standards): (1) perform procedures to obtain an understanding of internal control over federal programs that is sufficient to plan the audit to support a low assessed level of control risk for major programs, (2) plan the testing of internal control over major programs to support a low assessed level of control risk for the assertions relevant to the compliance

requirements for each major program, and (3) perform tests of internal control (unless the internal control is likely to be ineffective in preventing or detecting noncompliance).

8. To verify and test the Schedule of Nonpublic Funds, including the beginning balance of unexpended nonpublic funds, receipts and expenditures of nonpublic funds, and the ending balance of nonpublic funds for each fiscal year, sufficient to express an opinion in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards as required by the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, Section 50-8-35.
9. To verify and test expenditures of the governments Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax proceeds. In accordance with the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, Section 48-8-121, a schedule shall be included in each annual audit which shows for each project in the resolution or ordinance calling for imposition of the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax the original estimated cost, the current estimated cost if it is not the original estimated cost, amounts expended in prior years, and amounts expended in the current year. The auditor shall verify and test expenditures sufficient to provide assurance that the schedule is fairly presented in relation to the financial statements. The auditor's report on the financial statements shall include an opinion, or disclaimer of opinion, as to whether the schedule is presented fairly in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.
10. *To verify and test expenditures of the government's proceeds from the Governor's emergency fund or a special project appropriation in accordance with the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, Section 36-81-8.1. A properly completed grant certification form shall be filed on each grant with the annual audit report for each year in which such grant funds are expended or remain unexpended. If required under this Code section, the auditor shall certify that the grant funds were used solely for the express purpose or purposes for which the grant was made. The Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts can assist with the identification of grants subject to these reporting requirements and has a Grant Certification package available containing instructions and example formats.*

REPORTING AND DELIVERY REQUIREMENTS

The County will provide trial balances to the auditor. The auditor will prepare financial statements and will prepare the required audit reports.

1. a. Standard report on the financial statements.

Reference should be made that the audit was conducted in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards. Auditors should include in their report on the financial statements either a (1) description of the scope of the auditors' testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance with laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements and the results of those tests or (2) reference to the separate report(s) containing that information. If auditors report separately, the opinion or disclaimer should contain a reference to the separate report containing this information and state that the separate report is an integral part of the audit and should be considered in assessing the results of the audit.

The auditor's report on the financial statements should include an opinion, or disclaimer of opinion, as to whether the Schedule of Projects Constructed With Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax Proceeds is presented fairly in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

b. Report on Internal Controls.

Control deficiencies identified during the audit that upon evaluation are considered significant deficiencies or material weaknesses under U.S. Auditing Standards – AICPA (Clarified) AU-C Section 265 paragraph .11 must be communicated in writing to management and those charged with governance as a part of each audit, including significant deficiencies and material weaknesses that were communicated to management and those charged with governance in previous audits, and have not yet been remediated. Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards. The report should include a description of the scope of the auditor's testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts or grant agreements. The auditor should report, as applicable to the objectives of the audit, and based upon the audit work performed, (1) significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control; (2) instances of fraud and noncompliance with provisions of laws and regulations that have a material effect on the audit and any other instances that warrant the attention of those charged with governance; and (3) noncompliance with provisions of contracts or grant agreements that has a material effect on the audit; (4) abuse that has a material effect on the audit.

- c. Report on Compliance with Requirements Applicable to Each Major Program and on Internal Control Over Compliance in Accordance With UGG Subpart F.

This report should include an opinion (or disclaimer of opinion) on whether the auditee complied with Federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of Federal awards which could have a direct and material effect on each major program, and where applicable, refer to the separate schedule of findings and questioned costs. The report on internal control related to major programs should describe the scope of testing of internal control and compliance and the results of the tests and, where applicable, refer to the separate schedule of findings and questioned costs.

- d. In accordance with UGG Subpart F Section 515(a), the auditor's report(s) may be in the form of either combined or separate reports.

The auditor's report(s) shall include an opinion (or disclaimer of opinion) on whether the financial statements are presented fairly in all material respects in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles and an opinion (or a disclaimer of opinion) on whether the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented fairly in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole. Auditors should follow the guidance contained in the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants' Audit Guide: Government Auditing Standards and Circular A-133 Audits.

- e. In accordance with UGG Subpart F Section 515(a), a schedule of findings and questioned costs is required and should include the following three sections: (1) a summary of the auditor's results; (2) findings related to the financial statements that are required to be reported in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards; and (3) findings and questioned costs for federal awards.

- f. Report on the Schedule of Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (if Schedule is issued separately from financial statements).

- 2. A written management letter containing matters not included in the auditor's report on compliance and on internal control over financial reporting shall be prepared and presented to the government entity's director at the conclusion of each audit. This letter shall address all exceptions in accounting practices, immaterial instances of noncompliance with laws and regulations, and deficiencies in the internal control that are not reportable conditions as defined in American Institute of Certified Public Accountants Codification of Statements on Auditing Standards, Section AU 325. Such immaterial instances of noncompliance and

deficiencies in internal control that are not reportable conditions should be referred to in the report on compliance and on internal control over financial reporting. It is important to note that all audit findings required to be reported under UGG Subpart F Section 515(a) must be included in the schedule of findings and questioned costs; a separate letter may not be used to communicate such matters to top management in lieu of reporting them as audit findings. The auditor must offer recommendations for appropriate corrective action for each item contained in the management letter.

3. Any other reports required shall be submitted to the government entity upon request.
4. A preliminary draft of all reports shall be submitted to Oconee County prior to their release. Oconee County will review and approve the release of all draft reports.

PROPOSAL PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

A. GENERAL PROPOSAL PREPARATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Proposal Preparation

- a. Proposals shall be signed by an authorized representative of the auditor. All information requested must be submitted. The mandatory requirements listed in Part IV, Section B, Paragraph 1b are required by law, regulation or will not be waived and are not subject to negotiation.
- b. Proposals shall be prepared simply and economically, providing a straightforward, concise description of capabilities to satisfy the requirements of the RFP. Emphasis should be placed on completeness and clarity of content.
- c. Each copy of the technical proposal shall be bound in a single volume and relate solely to the response to the RFP. Nothing shall be included in the technical proposal which would indicate, in whole or in part, the cost component of the proposal or would be otherwise indicative of the dollar amount associated with the technical proposal. All cost component documentation should be included in a separate sealed envelope clearly labeled as to contents. Proposals should be organized in accordance with the Cost Proposal form.
- d. Ownership of all data, materials and documentation prepared for and submitted to Oconee County in response to the RFP shall belong exclusively to Oconee County and will be considered a record prepared and maintained or received in the course of operations of a public office or agency and subject to public inspection in accordance

with the Georgia Open Records Act, Official Code of Georgia Annotated, Section 50-18-70, et. seq., unless otherwise provided by law.

2. Oral presentation: Auditors who submit a proposal in response to the RFP may be required to give an oral presentation of their proposal to Oconee County representatives. This provides an opportunity for the auditor to clarify or elaborate on the proposal. This is a fact finding and explanation session only and does not contemplate or authorize negotiation. Oral presentation is an option of Oconee County in its sole discretion at Oconee County's request.
3. Costs incurred to prepare a proposal are solely those of the proposer. Nothing contained within this RFP is indicative of an intent by Oconee County to reimburse the proposer, in whole or in part, for any costs associated with preparation, submission, or presentation of proposals.

B. SPECIFIC PROPOSAL PREPARATION REQUIREMENTS

Proposals shall be as thorough and detailed as possible so that Oconee County may properly evaluate the auditor's capabilities to provide the required services. Proposals should be organized in accordance with Exhibit B: Model Format of Proposal. Offerors shall submit the following items as a complete proposal:

1. Complete, signed copy of the RFP
 - a. The return of this complete RFP, signed and filled out as required.
 - b. The completed Mandatory Pre-Qualification Form. The purpose of the Mandatory Pre-Qualification Form is to determine if the auditor meets the following mandatory criteria:
 1. The proposer is properly licensed for public practice as a certified public accountant.
 2. The audit firm is independent and licensed to practice in the State of Georgia as a certified public accounting firm.
 3. The firm has no conflict of interest with regard to any other work performed by the firm for the County.
 4. The firm adheres to the instructions in this request for proposal on preparing and submitting the proposal.
 5. The proposer meets the independence requirements of the Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

6. The auditor's staff working on or associated with the engagement must meet the continuing education requirements of the Government Auditing Standards.
7. The auditor does not have a record of substandard audit work.
8. The proposer agrees to abide by the terms and conditions established in Section VI, General Terms and Conditions and Section VII, Special Terms and Conditions.

Failure to meet the mandatory criteria will result in immediate rejection of the entire proposal and no evaluation of the remainder of the technical component or of the cost proposal will be made.

2. Technical component of the RFP

a. Detailed written narrative statements on each of the following:

1. Experience and past performance of the firm and its proposed personnel on local government audits of comparable size and complexity, including such factors as quality of work, control of cost, and ability to meet schedule.
2. Capacity of the firm to absorb the work while meeting quality standards and using a realistic estimate of time requirements.
3. Record of the firm for quality work as evidenced by quality control reviews. Please provide a copy of your firm's most recent quality control review report.
4. Expressed understanding of the County's audit objectives and requirements, technical soundness of the audit approach to be used to achieve them.
5. A work plan to accomplish the scope defined in Section III of the RFP, including information on the timing of field work, and any overview and start up work that would be required in the first audit year. Include the approximate date the audit will begin and end for the first year, as well as approximate dates for delivery of the required reports. The work plan must include time estimates for and identification of each significant segment of the work and the staff level to be assigned. The work plan must also include an explanation of the audit methodology to be followed to perform the services required in this request for proposals. The planned use of specialists must also be specified. In developing the work plan, reference should be made to such sources as the government entity's budget and related materials,

organizational charts, programs, and financial and other management information systems. Proposers will be required to provide the following information on their audit approach:

- a. Sampling techniques and the extent to which statistical sampling may be used in the engagement;
 - b. Type and extent of analytical procedures that may be used in the engagement;
 - c. Approach to be taken to gain and document an understanding of Oconee County's internal control;
 - d. Approach to be taken in determining laws and regulations that will be subject to audit test work; and
 - e. Approach to be taken in drawing audit samples for purposes of tests of compliance.
6. The proposal should identify and describe anticipated audit problems (if any), the firm's approach to resolving these problems and any special assistance that will be requested from Oconee County.

NOTE: There should be no dollar units or total costs included in the technical component of the proposal.

3. Cost Component of the RFP

For use following the technical phase of the procurement, the following information must be included as specified in this RFP's cost proposal form:

- Total hours required to complete the engagement for each year by personnel levels, i.e. total hours for partner, manager, supervisor, senior and junior.
- Total fees for audit services for each year.
- Total fees for single audit services for each year.
- An amount of professional services, in hours, allowed each year without additional cost to the government entity. Such services will not be directly related to the annual audit.

Estimated out-of-pocket expenses to be reimbursed should be presented in the sealed dollar cost bid in the format recommended in the cost proposal form. All expense reimbursements

will be charged against the total all-inclusive maximum price submitted by the firm.

The County is seeking a high-quality audit performed in a cost-effective manner. Cost will not be the primary factor in the selection of an audit firm. A separate cost proposal is required for each year of the contract period.

EVALUATION AND AWARD CRITERIA

The following factors will be considered during the evaluation:

A. TECHNICAL FACTORS

1. Responsiveness of the proposal in clearly stating an understanding of the work to be performed, including making all required statements and affirmations. Proposals should be organized in accordance with Exhibit B: Model Format of Proposal.

The following elements will be considered:

- Appropriateness and adequacy of proposed procedures.
 - Necessity of procedures.
 - Reasonableness of time estimates.
 - Appropriateness of assigned staff levels.
 - Timeliness of projected completion.
2. Technical experience of the firm.
 3. Qualifications of staff, including recent pertinent continuing education.
 4. Size and structure of the firm.
 5. Prior experience with the firm with emphasis on report and work paper quality and track record of meeting agreed upon delivery dates.

B. COST FACTORS

Cost will be given more importance when all the other evaluation criteria are relatively equal. The general approach is to first identify all qualified, responsive proposers and then to award the audit to the lowest cost proposer in that group.

If there is reason to believe that an unreasonably low proposal has been made, it will be rejected. One method of measuring reasonableness is to divide the proposed cost by a reasonable average

hourly rate to show hours of effort that might be expected.

Any proposal which does not include all the required statements and affirmations called for in this RFP will be automatically rejected as not being responsive.

SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

A. QUALIFICATIONS OF AUDITORS

Oconee County may make such reasonable investigations as deemed proper and necessary to determine the ability of the auditor to perform the work and the auditor shall furnish to Oconee County all such information and data for this purpose as may be requested. Oconee County further reserves the right to reject any bid if the evidence submitted by, or investigations of, such auditor fails to satisfy Oconee County that such auditor is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the contract and to complete the work/furnish the item(s) contemplated therein.

B. CANCELLATION OF CONTRACT

Oconee County reserves the right to cancel and terminate any resulting contract, in part or in whole, without penalty, *upon 60 days written notice to the auditor*. Any contract cancellation notice shall not relieve the auditor of the obligation to deliver and/or perform on all outstanding orders issued prior to the effective date of cancellation. In the event of termination by mutual agreement, the auditor shall be compensated for all hours worked at the specified contractual rate.

If, through any cause other than acts of god, floods, fires, storms, strikes, lockouts, riot, insurrection, acts of the public enemy, war, or other like restrictions beyond the control of the parties rendering performance under the contract impossible, the auditor fails to fulfill in a timely and proper manner obligations under the contract, Oconee County shall have the right to terminate the contract on written notice to the auditor specifying the effective date of termination.

The auditor shall not be relieved of liability to Oconee County for damages sustained by virtue of any breach of the contract by the auditor. Oconee County may withhold or require to be withheld any payment to the auditor for the purpose of setoff until such time as the exact amount of damages is agreed upon or is otherwise determined.

In the event of termination for whatever reason all property and finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, and reports prepared by the auditor shall become the property of Oconee County. Nothing contained herein shall prevent the auditor from preparing and maintaining a complete set of workpapers relating to the audit.

C. AUDIT

The auditor hereby agrees to retain all books, records, working papers, and other documents relative to this contract for *three (3) years* after final payment. Oconee County, its authorized agents, and federal and state regulatory and grantor agencies, including the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts, shall have full access to and the right to examine any of said materials during said period at no cost to either Oconee County or any other entity authorized to examine said materials.

D. REVIEW AND MONITORING

Oconee County reserves the right to conduct any review it may deem advisable to assure services conform to the specifications. The Finance Director will be designated as audit monitor to discuss issues that need to be resolved and may require periodic progress reports. The monitor will review the financial statements and may provide limited assistance to the auditor by way of comments and suggestions for enhancements to the report prior to its preparation in final form. The monitor will also be available for technical assistance concerning the interpretation of state laws, regulations and policies.

E. AGREEMENT PERIOD

The agreement for professional services shall be for a period of one year with the option to renew for four additional years. Contract renewals are subject to annual review and the annual availability of an appropriation for audit services by the government entity.

F. CONTRACT LIMITATIONS

During the contract period, the auditor agrees not to submit proposals on or perform any accounting, consulting, compilation and review, or any other services outside the scope of this contract for Oconee County without the prior written approval of Oconee County.

G. ADDITIONAL AUDIT WORK

In the event during the course of the audit it is determined by any party a change in the scope of the audit work is necessary, the discovering party shall promptly notify the other parties in writing. The parties shall then determine whether the contract shall be amended to provide for an adjustment in the audit work to be performed by the auditor. In no event shall any payment be made for audit work beyond the scope of the original contract until the contract has been amended as provided in Section VII, Item M, Integrated Agreement.

H. SUBCONTRACTS

No portion of the work shall be subcontracted without prior written consent of Oconee County. In the event that the auditor desires to subcontract some part of the work specified herein, the auditor shall furnish Oconee County the names, qualifications and experience of their proposed subcontractors. The auditor shall, however, remain fully liable and responsible for the work/service to be performed by his/her subcontractor(s) and shall assure compliance with all requirements of the contract.

I. PROPRIETARY INFORMATION

Oconee County will not accept responses to Requests for Proposals in cases where the auditor declares the entire response to the RFP to be proprietary information. The auditor must designate in the smallest increments possible, that part of the proposal which is deemed to be proprietary.

J. HIGHER LEVEL AUDIT SERVICES

If the auditor becomes aware that Oconee County is subject to audit requirements that may not be encompassed in the terms of the contract, he or she shall communicate this situation immediately to Oconee County's audit monitor, that in accordance with the established contract certain relevant legal, regulatory, or contractual requirements may not be met.

K. CHANGES IN AUDITING STANDARDS/FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS

As professional auditing standards or Federal auditing requirements change, the auditor shall adjust his/her auditing techniques and reporting formats and criteria so the new standards and requirements are met. Any additional hours used by the auditor as a result of such changes that would cause the auditor to exceed the proposed hours as submitted in the Cost Proposal shall be treated as provided by Section VII, Item G, Additional Audit Work and Section VII, Item M, Integrated Agreement.

L. RATES FOR ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

If it should become necessary for Oconee County to request the auditor to render any additional services to either supplement the services requested in this request for proposals or to perform additional work as a result of the specific recommendations included in any report issued on this engagement, then such additional work shall be performed only if set forth in an addendum to the contract between Oconee County and the firm. Any such additional work agreed to between Oconee County and the firm shall be performed at the same rates as set forth in the schedule of fees and expenses included in the sealed dollar cost bid.



**Oconee County Board of Commissioners
Request for Proposal (RFP) #20-05-018
Audit Services**

Solicitor's Forms & Affidavits



Solicitor's Checklist

Company Name: _____

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

ITEM DESCRIPTION

- Cost Proposal
- Timetable Proposal
- Solicitor's Information and Mandatory Pre-Qualification
- Addenda Acknowledgment
- Partnership Certificate
- Corporate Certificate
- Individual Certificate
- Local Business Affidavit of Eligibility
- Certification of Statement of Non-Collusion Affidavit
- Georgia Security & Immigration Compliance (GSIC) Act Affidavit
- Affidavit Verifying Status for County Public Benefit Application
S.A.V.E. Affidavit
- Oath of Solicitor
- Drug-Free Workplace Certificate
- W-9
- Copy of Any Licenses/Certifications

Authorized Signature

Title

Print Name

Date

RFP#20-05-018 AUDIT SERVICES
 COST PROPOSAL FORM

	FY20 Audit Services			FY21 Audit Services			FY22 Audit Services			FY23 Audit Services			FY24 Audit Services		
	HOURS	HOURLY RATE	TOTAL												
PARTNERS			\$			\$			\$			\$			\$
MANAGERS			\$			\$			\$			\$			\$
SUPERVISORY STAFF			\$			\$			\$			\$			\$
OTHER (SPECIFY)			\$			\$			\$			\$			\$
			\$			\$			\$			\$			\$
			\$			\$			\$			\$			\$
			\$			\$			\$			\$			\$
TOTAL FOR SERVICES DESCRIBED IN RFP			\$			\$			\$			\$			\$
OUT OF POCKET EXPENES															
MEALS AND LODING			\$			\$			\$			\$			\$
TRANSPORTATION			\$			\$			\$			\$			\$
OTHER (SPECIFY)			\$			\$			\$			\$			\$
			\$			\$			\$			\$			\$
			\$			\$			\$			\$			\$
			\$			\$			\$			\$			\$
TOTAL ALL-INCLUSIVE PRICE FOR AUDIT			\$			\$			\$			\$			\$
AMOUNT OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, IN HOURS, ALLOWED WITHOUT ADDITIONAL COSTS			\$			\$			\$			\$			\$

TOTAL 5-YEAR COST



RFP # 20-05-018
Audit Services
Timetable Proposal Form

Activity	Target Date
WORK WILL COMMENCE	
PRELIMINARY WORK PRIOR TO CLOSING ACCOUNTS	
POST CLOSING WORK	
PRELIMINARY REPORT COMPLETION	
EXIT CONFERENCE	
FINAL REPORT SUBMISSION	

Authorized Signature

Date

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

CHECK ONE

YES NO

- 3. Professional Membership: Do the partners of the Contractor Firm belong to either the AICPA or the Georgia Society of CPAs? _____
- 4. Proper License: Is Contractor Firm properly licensed to practice public accounting in Georgia? _____
- 5. Special Governmental Audit Requirements: Is Contractor Firm familiar with the AICPA's Code of Professional Conduct ET Section 1.400.055 – “Governmental Audits”? (According to this section, if a CPA agrees to follow specified standards, guides, rules and procedures in addition to GAAS, then the CPA is OBLIGATED to follow all such requirements.) _____
- 6. Subcontracts: Does Contractor Firm agree not to subcontract any work required without the prior express written consent of the auditee? _____
- 7. Federal Audit Laws and Rules: If federal audit work is required, does Contractor Firm agree to perform the audit work in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996, the provisions of OMB Circular A-133, *UGG Subpart F*, and AICPA Audit Guide “*Government Auditing Standards* and Circular A-133 Audits”, as necessary? _____
- 8. Confidentiality: Does Contractor Firm agree not to publish or distribute any information concerning work done for auditee, except as provided by law or rule? _____
- 9. Access to Records and Workpapers: Does Contractor Firm agree to keep workpapers and reasonable records to support work claims for at least **3 years** and make them available for audit or review by any authorized parties? _____

CHECK ONE

YES NO

10. Other Federal and State Laws and Rules: Does Contractor Firm agree to comply with all other Federal and State laws, rules and regulations which pertain to this engagement? _____
11. Independence: Does Contractor Firm meet the independence standards of the current "Government Auditing Standards", issued by the Comptroller General of the United States? (If "No", attach a brief summary of facts.) _____
12. Continuing Education: Does Contractor Firm have sufficient staff who meet continuing professional education requirements for government audits as set forth in "Government Auditing Standards"? _____
13. Conflict of Interest: Does Contractor Firm declare that there is no public or private interest which would conflict in any manner with performance of an audit for the auditee or would violate any laws of the State of Georgia? _____
14. No Substandard Work: Do Contractor Firm and all proposed Audit Team Members have a record of an acceptable standard of audit work? (Contractor Firm must answer this question "No" if the Firm or any Audit Team Member has received an enforcement action for substandard audit work during the past three years or has a related investigation pending by a professional or regulatory group. Attach a brief summary of any enforcement actions.) _____
15. Ethics: Does Contractor Firm certify that its proposals are made without collusion or fraud and that it has not offered or received any kickbacks or inducements from any other auditor, supplier, manufacturer or subcontractor in connection with their

CHECK ONE

YES NO

proposals, and that it has not conferred on any government entity employee having official responsibility for this procurement transaction any payment, loan, subscription, advance, deposit of money, services or anything of more than nominal value, present or promised, unless consideration of substantially equal or greater value was exchanged; that it is not in violation of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, Sections 16-10-2 and 16-10-22, for acts of bribery and/or conspiracy in restraint of free and open competition in transactions with state or political subdivisions?

16. Provisions of RFP: Does Contractor Firm agree to abide by all General Terms and Conditions and Special Terms and Conditions specified in the RFP?

CONTRACTOR FIRM CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

I (we) certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my (our) knowledge, and that the person submitting the RFP on behalf of the proposer has the authority to submit this RFP and make all representations contained herein. I (we) understand that the inclusion of false information may result in rejection of the proposal submitted in response to this RFP.

Contractor Firm Name

Date

Signature of Preparer



Addenda Acknowledgement

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

Addendum No./Date _____

Addendum No./Date _____

Addendum No./Date _____

Addendum No./Date _____

Authorized Representative (Signature)

Date

Authorized Representative/Title
(Print or Type)

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

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



Corporate Certificate

I, _____, certify that I am the Secretary of the Corporation named as CONTRACTOR in the foregoing bid; that _____, who signed said bid in behalf of the CONTRACTOR was then _____ of said Corporation; that said authority was duly signed for and in behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors, and is within the scope of its corporate powers; that said Corporation is organized under the laws of the State of _____.

This _____ day of _____, 20____.

CORPORATE SECRETARY

(SEAL)



Individual Certificate

STATE OF }
 }SS
COUNTY OF }

On this _____ day of _____, 20____, before me personally came and appeared _____
to me known, and known to me to the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged that he executed the same.

NOTARY PUBLIC

(SEAL)

My Commission Expires

(Date)

(SEAL)



Local Business Affidavit of Eligibility

*Legal Name of Business: _____

1. Mailing Address: _____

Physical Address: (if different) _____

2. Year business was established in Oconee County: _____

3. Occupational Tax License number issued and County/City where issued: _____

4. Business Type (circle one): Corporation Partnership Sole Proprietorship

5. Does your business have more than one office in Oconee County? Yes No

If yes, specify the location(s): _____

6. Is your business' principal base of operations in Oconee County? Yes No

7. Does your business have any locations outside of Oconee County? Yes No

If yes, specify the locations(s): _____

8. Bank (branch in Oconee County): _____

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

Attest: _____

*Not a Local Vendor

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____

*Authorized Signature: _____

day of _____, 20_____

*Print Name: _____

Commission Expires: _____

*Title: _____

(Seal)

*Non-Local Business _____
(Check Here)



NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF GEORGIA

OCONEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is

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

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

(Affiant)

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

(Notary Public in and for)

(County)

My Commission expires _____, 20__

(SEAL)

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



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 Oconee 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 Oconee 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 Oconee 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:

Wes Geddings
Oconee County Finance Director
23 N. Main Street, Suite 206
Watkinsville, GA 30677
Fax: (706) 310-3574
Email: ocbids@oconee.ga.us



Immigration and Security Form Georgia Security & Immigration Compliance (GSIC) Act Affidavit

Contractor's Name:	
County Solicitation Number	

CONTRACTOR AFFIDAVIT

By executing this affidavit, the undersigned Contractor verifies its compliance with O.C.G.A. §13-10-91, stating affirmatively that the Contractor identified above has registered with and is participating in a federal work authorization program*, in accordance with the applicability provisions and deadlines established in O.C.G.A. 13-10-91.

The undersigned further agrees that, should it employ or contract with any subcontractor(s) in connection with the physical performance of services pursuant to this contract with the County, Contractor will secure from such subcontractor(s) similar verification of compliance with O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91 on the attached Subcontractor Affidavit. Contractor further agrees to maintain records of such compliance and provide a copy of each such verification to the County at the time the subcontractor(s) is retained to perform such service.

EEV / E-Verify™ Company Identification Number

BY: Authorized Officer or Agent
(Contractor Name)

Date

Title of Authorized Officer or Agent of Contractor

Printed Name of Authorized Officer or Agent

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

[NOTARY SEAL]

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

*any of the electronic verification of work authorization programs operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security or any equivalent federal work authorization program operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security to verify information of newly hired employees, pursuant to the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (IRCA), P.L. 99-

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**Affidavit Verifying Status for County Public Benefit Application
(SAVE AFFIDAVIT)
O.C.G.A. § 50-36-1(e)(2)**

By executing this affidavit under oath, as an applicant for a Business Occupation Tax Certificate, Alcohol License or other public benefit as referenced in O.C.G.A. § 50-36-1, from Oconee County, Georgia, the undersigned applicant verifies one of the following with respect to my application for a public benefit:

- 1) ___ I am a United States citizen.
- 2) ___ I am a legal permanent resident of the United States.
- 3) ___ I am a qualified alien or non-immigrant under the Federal Immigration and Nationality Act with an alien number issued by the Department of Homeland Security or other federal immigration agency.

My alien number issued by the Department of Homeland Security or other federal immigration agency is: _____
My card number is: _____

The undersigned applicant also hereby verifies that he or she is 18 years of age or older and has provided at least one secure and verifiable document, as required by O.C.G.A. § 50-36-1(e)(1), with this affidavit.

The secure and verifiable document provided with this affidavit can best be classified as:

In making the above representation under oath, I understand that any person who knowingly and willfully makes a false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation in an affidavit shall be guilty of a violation of O.C.G.A. § 16-10-2, and face criminal penalties as allowed by such criminal statute.

Executed in _____ (city), _____ (state).

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Subscribed and Sworn to before me, this

____ day of _____, 20____

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: _____



Oath of Solicitor

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF
OCONEE

OATH OF SOLICITOR

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned officer, duly authorized to administer oaths, _____, (*insert name*), who, after being duly sworn, deposes as follows:

I, _____, (*insert name*), am a competent adult, and I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth in this Affidavit and Oath which I make for any lawful use or purpose.

I, _____ (*insert name*) swear or affirm that I have not prevented or attempted to prevent competition in bidding or submitting a proposal for this Project by any means whatsoever. I swear or affirm that I have not prevented or endeavored to prevent anyone from making a Bid for this Project by any means whatsoever, I swear I have not caused or induced any other person to withdraw a Bid for this Project. I swear or affirm that I have not violated O.C.G.A. §36-91-21(d) in any way, directly or indirectly.

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on _____, 20__ in _____ (*city*), _____ (*state*).

By: _____
Signature

Print Name of Affiant

Print Title of Affiant

Subscribed and Sworn before me on this the _____ day of _____, 20_____.

NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires:

Drug Free Workplace Certificate



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

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

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

Contractor: _____

By: _____

Name (Printed): _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

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

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

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

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

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

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

Social security number											
				-			-				
or											
Employer identification number											
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Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

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

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

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

Purpose of Form

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

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)

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

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

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

By signing the filled-out form, you:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Backup Withholding

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

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

Payments you receive will be subject to backup withholding if:

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

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

Also see *Special rules for partnerships*, earlier.

What is FATCA Reporting?

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

Updating Your Information

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

Penalties

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

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

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

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

Specific Instructions

Line 1

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Line 2

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

Line 3

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

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

Line 4, Exemptions

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

Exempt payee code.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

G—A real estate investment trust

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

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

A bank as defined in section 581

K—A broker

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

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

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

Line 5

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

Line 6

Enter your city, state, and ZIP code.

Part I. Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Part II. Certification

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3. Real estate transactions. You must sign the certification. You may cross out item 2 of the certification.

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

5. Mortgage interest paid by you, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, qualified tuition program payments (under section 529), ABL accounts (under section 529A), IRA, Coverdell ESA, Archer MSA or HSA contributions or distributions, and pension distributions. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

What Name and Number To Give the Requester

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Secure Your Tax Records From Identity Theft

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

To reduce your risk:

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

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

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

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

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

Protect yourself from suspicious emails or phishing schemes.

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

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

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

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

Privacy Act Notice

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



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Appendices

Appendix A

Oconee County Insurance Requirements

The following recommended minimum insurance limits apply to vendors doing business with the Oconee County Board of Commissioners. The Standard Insurance Limits are recommended for all procurements of goods and ancillary services. The specific requirements for vendors providing high risk services supersede the Standard Insurance Limits. Coverage types and limits are recommended minimums and should be increased as appropriate based on contract value and potential risks to the County.

To achieve the appropriate coverage levels, a combination of a specific policy written with an umbrella policy covering liabilities above stated limits is acceptable. ¹

Important:

All policies shall contain a provision that coverage afforded under the policies shall not be canceled, changed, allowed to lapse, or allowed to expire until thirty (30) calendar days after written notice has been given to the certificate holder on the certificate of insurance. All such coverage shall remain in full force and effect during the initial term of the agreement and any renewal or extension thereof.

All policies must be issued by an insurance company licensed to do business in the State of Georgia, with a minimum AM Best rating of A-, and signed by an authorized agent.

¹ For example: If appropriate limits are \$2 million per occurrence and \$2 million aggregate, acceptable coverage would include a specific policy covering \$1 million per occurrence and \$1 million aggregate written with an umbrella policy for an additional \$1 million.

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- Certificate Holder should read:
Oconee County Board of Commissioners
23 North Main Street
Watkinsville, Georgia 30677
 - Certificates of Insurance, and any subsequent renewals, must reference specific bid/contract by projected name and project/bid number.
 - Contractor shall incorporate a copy of the insurance requirements as herein provided in each and every subcontract with each and every Subcontractor in any tier, and shall require each and every Subcontractor of any tier to comply with all such requirements. Contractor agrees that if for any reason Subcontractor fails to procure and maintain insurance as required, all such required Insurance shall be procured and maintained by Contractor at Contractor's expense.
 - No Contractor or Subcontractor shall commence any work of any kind under this Contract until all insurance requirements contained in this Contract have been complied with and until evidence of such compliance satisfactory to Oconee County as to form and content has been filed with Oconee County.

- Compliance by the Contractor and all subcontractors with the foregoing requirements as to carrying insurance shall not relieve the Contractor and all Subcontractors of their liability provisions of the Contract.
- The Contractor and all Subcontractors are to comply with the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, Public Law 91-956, and any other laws that may apply to this Contract.
- The Contractor shall at a minimum apply risk management practices accepted by the contractors' industry.

A. STANDARD INSURANCE LIMITS FOR GOODS AND ANCILLARY SERVICES

Workers Compensation (WC):	Statutory Limits – required in all contracts
Bodily injury by Accident – each employee	\$ 100,000
Bodily injury by Disease – each employee	\$ 100,000
Bodily Injury by Disease – policy limit	\$ 500,000
 Commercial General Liability (CGL):	
Each Occurrence Limit	\$ 1,000,000
Personal & Advertising Injury Limit	\$ 1,000,000
General Aggregate Limit	\$ 2,000,000
Products/Completed Ops. Aggregate Limit	\$ 2,000,000
 Automobile Liability	
Combined Single Limit	\$ 1,000,000

B. HIGH RISK INSURANCE LIMITS

1. Ambulance Service:

Workers Compensation (WC):	Required for all Contracts
	NO EXEMPTIONS

Commercial General Liability (CGL):

Each Occurrence Limit	\$ 1,000,000
Personal & Advertising Injury Limit	\$ 1,000,000
General Aggregate Limit	\$ 2,000,000
Products/Completed Ops. Aggregate Limit	\$ 2,000,000

Automobile Liability

Combined Single Limit	\$ 3,000,000
Professional liability	\$ 3,000,000

Additional Insured: The vendor shall add the "Oconee County Board of Commissioners, its officers, employees and agents" as an additional insured under the commercial general, automobile, and professional liability policies.

2. Asbestos Abatement:

Workers Compensation (WC): **Required for all Contracts**
NO EXEMPTIONS

Commercial General Liability (CGL):

Each Occurrence Limit	\$ 1,000,000
Personal & Advertising Injury Limit	\$ 1,000,000
General Aggregate Limit	\$ 2,000,000
Products/Completed Ops. Aggregate Limit	\$ 2,000,000

Automobile Liability

Combined Single Limit	\$ 1,000,000
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Contractor's Pollution Liability (with 1 year extended reporting period)

Each Occurrence	\$ 3,000,000
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Additional Insured: The vendor shall add the “Oconee County Board of Commissioners, its officers, employees and agents” as an additional insured under the commercial general, automobile, and contractor’s pollution liability policies.

3. **Building Remodeling and Construction:** This includes all aspects of building work, including, but not limited to, ducts, electrical, HVAC, painting, plumbing, roofing, etc.

Workers Compensation (WC):	Required for all Contracts
	NO EXEMPTIONS
Commercial General Liability (CGL):	
Each Occurrence Limit	\$ 1,000,000
Personal & Advertising Injury Limit	\$ 1,000,000
General Aggregate Limit	\$ 2,000,000 (per project)
Products/Completed Ops. Aggregate Limit	\$ 2,000,000
Automobile Liability	
Combined Single Limit	\$ 1,000,000
Property Coverage or Builders Risk Policy	Equal to or greater than the existing building limit if performing renovations.

If hazardous substances are involved:

Contractor’s Pollution Liability (with 1 year extended reporting period)

Each Occurrence	\$ 1,000,000
Aggregate	\$ 2,000,000

Other specific coverage requirements / levels may exist depending on project size, scope, and type.

Additional Insured: The vendor shall add the “Oconee County Board of Commissioners, its officers, employees and agents” as an additional insured under the commercial general, automobile, and contractor’s pollution liability policies.

4. Consulting Services:

Workers Compensation (WC): **Required for all Contracts**

NO EXEMPTIONS

Commercial General Liability (CGL):

Each Occurrence Limit \$ 1,000,000

Personal & Advertising Injury Limit \$ 1,000,000

General Aggregate Limit \$ 2,000,000

Products/Completed Ops. Aggregate Limit \$ 2,000,000

Automobile Liability

Combined Single Limit \$ 1,000,000

Professional Liability Type and limits defer by consulting type

Additional Insured: The vendor shall add the "Oconee County Board of Commissioners, its officers, employees and agents" as an additional insured under the commercial general, automobile, and professional liability policies.

5. Custodial Services:

Workers Compensation (WC): **Required for all Contracts**

NO EXEMPTIONS

Commercial General Liability (CGL):

Each Occurrence Limit \$1,000,000

Personal & Advertising Injury Limit \$ 1,000,000

General Aggregate Limit \$ 2,000,000

Products/Completed Ops. Aggregate Limit \$ 2,000,000

Automobile Liability

Combined Single Limit \$ 1,000,000

Additional Insured: The vendor shall add the "Oconee County Board of Commissioners, its officers, employees and agents" as an additional insured under the commercial general, automobile and professional liability policies.

6. Elevator Maintenance (includes all passenger and freight elevators):

Workers Compensation (WC):	Required for all Contracts
	NO EXEMPTIONS
Commercial General Liability (CGL):	
Each Occurrence Limit	\$ 1,000,000
Personal & Advertising Injury Limit	\$ 1,000,000
General Aggregate Limit	\$ 2,000,000
Products/Completed Ops. Aggregate Limit	\$ 2,000,000
Automobile Liability	
Combined Single Limit	\$ 1,000,000

Additional Insured: The vendor shall add the "Oconee County Board of Commissioners, its officers, employees and agents" as an additional insured under the commercial general and automobile liability policies.

7. Food Service:

Workers Compensation (WC):	Required for all Contracts
	NO EXEMPTIONS
Commercial General Liability (CGL):	
Each Occurrence Limit	\$ 1,000,000
Personal & Advertising Injury Limit	\$ 1,000,000
General Aggregate Limit	\$ 2,000,000
Products/Completed Ops. Aggregate Limit	\$ 2,000,000
Liquor Liability (When applicable)	\$ 1,000,000

Automobile Liability

Combined Single Limit \$ 1,000,000

Additional Insured: The vendor shall add the "Oconee County Board of Commissioners, its officers, employees and agents" as an additional insured under the commercial general, automobile, and liquor liability policies.

8. Information Technology: See Standard Insurance Limits and Professional Liability insurance which includes Errors and Omissions coverage.

9. Landscaping / Lawn Care:

Workers Compensation (WC): **Required for all Contracts**
NO EXEMPTIONS

Commercial General Liability (CGL):

Each Occurrence Limit	\$ 1,000,000
Personal & Advertising Injury Limit	\$ 1,000,000
General Aggregate Limit	\$ 2,000,000
Products/Completed Ops. Aggregate Limit	\$ 2,000,000

Automobile Liability

Combined Single Limit \$ 1,000,000

If herbicide, fungicide, pesticide or other chemical application is involved:

Environmental Impairment Liability (with 1 year extended reporting period)

Each Occurrence	\$ 1,000,000
Aggregate	\$ 2,000,000

Additional Insured: The vendor shall add the “Oconee County Board of Commissioners, its officers, employees and agents” as an additional insured under the commercial general, automobile, and environmental impairment liability policies.

10. **Medical/Therapist Services** (including optical and laboratory): This includes all contracted medical services, including but not limited to, assisted physician services, laboratory equipment maintenance, and patient testing.

Workers Compensation (WC): **Required for all Contracts**

NO EXEMPTIONS

Commercial General Liability (CGL):

Each Occurrence Limit	\$ 1,000,000
Personal & Advertising Injury Limit	\$ 1,000,000
General Aggregate Limit	\$ 2,000,000
Products/Completed Ops. Aggregate Limit	\$ 2,000,000

Automobile Liability

Combined Single Limit	\$ 1,000,000
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Professional liability (malpractice) \$ 3,000,000

Additional Insured: The vendor shall add the “Oconee County Board of Commissioners, its officers, employees and agents” as an additional insured under the commercial general, automobile, and professional liability policies.

11. Pest Control:

Workers Compensation (WC): **Required for all Contracts**

NO EXEMPTIONS

Commercial General Liability (CGL):

Each Occurrence Limit	\$ 1,000,000
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Personal & Advertising Injury Limit	\$ 1,000,000
General Aggregate Limit	\$ 2,000,000
Products/Completed Ops. Aggregate Limit	\$ 2,000,000

Automobile Liability

Combined Single Limit	\$ 1,000,000
Environmental Impairment Liability (with 1 year extended reporting period)	
Each Occurrence	\$ 1,000,000
Aggregate	\$ 2,000,000

Additional Insured: The vendor shall add the “Oconee County Board of Commissioners, its officers, employees and agents” as an additional insured under the commercial general, automobile, and professional environmental impairment liability policies.

12. **Recreational Services:** This includes a broad range of contracted services, including, but not limited to, golf course management, amusement services, pyrotechnic display, camps and clinics not sponsored by the agency.

Workers Compensation (WC): **Required for all Contracts**
NO EXEMPTIONS

Commercial General Liability (CGL):

Each Occurrence Limit	\$ 1,000,000
Personal & Advertising Injury Limit	\$ 1,000,000
General Aggregate Limit	\$ 2,000,000
Products/Completed Ops. Aggregate Limit	\$ 2,000,000

Automobile Liability

Combined Single Limit	\$ 1,000,000
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Umbrella Liability \$ 2,000,000

Additional Insured: The vendor shall add the “Oconee County Board of Commissioners, its officers, employees and agents” as an additional insured under the commercial general and automobile liability policies.

13. Refuse Transportation and Disposal: See the “Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Services of Oconee County, Georgia” for insurance requirements. Document available upon request.

Additional Insured: The vendor shall add the “Oconee County Board of Commissioners, its officers, employees and agents” as an additional insured under the commercial general and contractor’s pollution liability policies.

14. Security:

Workers Compensation (WC):	Required for all Contracts
	NO EXEMPTIONS
Commercial General Liability (CGL):	
Each Occurrence Limit	\$ 1,000,000
Personal & Advertising Injury Limit	\$ 1,000,000
General Aggregate Limit	\$ 2,000,000
Products/Completed Ops. Aggregate Limit	\$ 2,000,000
Automobile Liability	
Combined Single Limit	\$ 1,000,000
Professional Liability Insurance	\$ 3,000,000

Additional Insured: The vendor shall add the “Oconee County Board of Commissioners, its officers, employees and agents” as an additional insured under the commercial general and professional liability policies.

15. Staffing Services:

Workers Compensation (WC):	Required for all Contracts
	NO EXEMPTIONS
Commercial General Liability (CGL):	
Each Occurrence Limit	\$ 1,000,000

Personal & Advertising Injury Limit	\$ 1,000,000
General Aggregate Limit	\$ 2,000,000
Products/Completed Ops. Aggregate Limit	\$ 2,000,000
Automobile Liability	
Combined Single Limit	\$ 1,000,000

Additional Insured: The vendor shall add the "Oconee County Board of Commissioners, its officers, employees and agents" as an additional insured under the commercial general and automobile liability policies.

Appendix B

General Terms & Conditions

A. CONTRACT AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

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

B. DEFINITIONS

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

payable to, in favor of, and for the protection of the governmental entity for which the work is to be done.

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

C. **AGREEMENT RENEWAL (IF APPLICABLE)**

This agreement may be renewed up to four (4) successive, one-year periods contingent upon the appropriation of funds by the Oconee County Board of Commissioners in the annual budget for such fiscal year. The execution of all documents is subject to the Owner's approval. Written notice shall be given approximately sixty (60) days prior to the expiration date of each agreement period

D. **NONAPPROPRIATION OF FUNDS**

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

E. **DISCREPANCIES**

Should a Bidder find discrepancies in the bid documents and/or specifications or be in doubt as to the meaning or intent of any part thereof, the Bidder shall request clarification from the County in writing, not later than five (5) working days prior to the date for Bid to close. Any changes to the RFQ that result from such a clarification will be communicated through a written addendum and posted on the Finance Department "Bid Opportunities" page at www.oconeecounty.com.

Failure to request such a clarification is a waiver of any claim by the Bidder for additional expenses because its interpretation was different than the County's.

F. MATERIALS, SERVICES AND FACILITIES

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

G. CONTRACTOR'S TITLE TO MATERIALS

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

H. BRAND OR MANUFACTURER'S REFERENCE

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

I. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION

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

J. WARRANTY

The Contractor agrees to warrant and assume responsibility for all products (including hardware, firmware, and/or software products) that it licenses, contracts, or sells to the Oconee County Board of Commissioners (OCBOC) under this contract for a period of one year, unless otherwise specified and mutually agreed upon elsewhere in this contract. The Contractor (seller) acknowledges that all warranties granted to the buyer by the Uniform Commercial Code of the State of Georgia apply to this contract. Product liability disclaimers and/or warranty disclaimers from the seller are not applicable to this contract unless otherwise specified and mutually agreed upon elsewhere in this contract. In general, the Contractor warrants that: (1) the product will do what the salesperson said it would do, (2) the product will live up to all specific claims that the

manufacturer makes in their advertisements, (3) the product will be suitable for the ordinary purposes for which such product is used, (4) the product will be suitable for any special purposes that the County has relied on the Contractor's skill or judgment to consider when it advised the County about the product, (5) the product has been properly designed and manufactured, and (6) the product is free of significant defects or unusual problems about which the County has not been warned. Remedies available to the County include the following: The Contractor will repair or replace (at no charge to the County) the product whose nonconformance is discovered and made known to the Contractor in writing. If the repaired and/or replaced product proves to be inadequate, or fails of its essential purpose, the Contractor will refund the full amount of any payments that have been made. Nothing in this warranty will be construed to limit any rights or remedies the OCBOC may otherwise have under this contract.

K. **SEVERABILITY**

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

L. **APPLICABLE LAWS/FORUM**

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

M. **OPEN RECORDS**

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

N. **NOTICES**

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

TO CONTRACTOR

TBD

TO COUNTY:

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

O. PROCEDURES

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

P. DELAYS

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

Q. WORKMANSHIP

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

R. QUALITY

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

S. DELIVERY

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

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

T. **CLEANING UP**

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

U. **SUBCONTRACTORS**

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

V. **EXEMPTION FROM TAXES**

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

W. **INVOICING AND PAYMENT**

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

Invoices shall be submitted to:
Oconee County Board of Commissioners
Attn: Finance Department
P. O. Box 1527
Watkinsville, GA 30677

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

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

X. **AGREEMENT DISPUTES**

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

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

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

Y. **ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACT**

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

Z. **CHANGE ORDERS OR AGREEMENT MODIFICATIONS**

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

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

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

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

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

BB. CORRECTION OF WORK

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

CC. ACCEPTANCE OF FINAL PAYMENT AS RELEASE

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

DD. TERMINATION

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

- a) Termination for Convenience-
The County may terminate this Agreement for convenience at any time in which the case the parties shall negotiate reasonable termination costs.
- b) Termination for Cause-
In the event of Termination for Cause, the thirty (30) days advance notice is waived and the Contractor shall not be entitled to termination costs.
- c) Termination Due to Unavailability of Funds in Succeeding Fiscal Years-
If funds are not appropriated or otherwise made available to support continuation of the performance of this Agreement in a subsequent fiscal year, then the Agreement shall be canceled with no further cost to the County.

EE. BID BONDS, PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BONDS

If required, each bidder must deposit with his bid a Bid Bond or Certified Check for five percent (5%) of the total bid amount, and a Consent of Surety form from a surety company licensed to do business in the State of Georgia. The Consent of Surety shall state that upon award of the Agreement, a Performance and Payment Bond each for one hundred percent (100%) of the Total Agreement Amount can be furnished. The payment and performance bonds are required before the Notice to Proceed can be issued. NOT ALL BID SOLICITAIONS REQUIRE A BID BOND. IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING BID BONDS, PLEASE CONTACT THE PROCUREMENT OFFICER.

FF. CONTRACTOR'S AND SUBCONTRACTOR'S INSURANCE

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

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

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

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

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

2. **Compensation Insurance:** The Contractor shall procure and shall maintain during the life of this contract Workmen's Compensation Insurance as required by applicable State or territorial law for all of his employees to be engaged in work at the site of the project under this contract and, in case of any such work sublet, the Contractor shall require the subcontractor similarly to provide Workmen's Compensation Insurance for all of the latter's employees to be engaged in such work unless such employees are covered by the protection afforded by the Contractor's Compensation Insurance. In case any class employees engaged in hazardous work on the project under this contract is not protected under the Workmen's Compensation Statute, the Contractor shall provide and shall cause each subcontractor to provide adequate employer's liability insurance for the protection of such of his employees as are not otherwise protected.
3. **Contractor's Public Liability and Property Damage Insurance and Vehicle Liability Insurance:** The Contractor shall procure and shall maintain during the life of this contract Contractor's Public Liability Insurance, Contractor's Property Damage Insurance and Vehicle Liability.
4. **Subcontractor's Public Liability and Property Damage Insurance and Vehicle Liability Insurance:** The Contractor shall require each of his subcontractors to procure and to maintain during the life of his subcontract, Subcontractor's Public Liability and Property Damage Insurance and Vehicle Liability Insurance of the type.

GG. PATENT INDEMNITY:

The contractor guarantees to hold the County, its agents, officers or employees harmless from liability of any nature or kind for use of any copyrighted or uncopyrighted composition, secret

process, patented or unpatented invention, articles or appliances furnished or used in the performance of the contract, for which the contractor is not the patentee, assignee or licensee.

HH. **GENERAL INDEMNIFICATION**

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

II. **AGREEMENT**

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

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

JJ. **COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND ELIGIBILITY**

The bidder shall obtain and maintain all licenses, permits, liability insurance, workman’s compensation insurance and comply with any and all other standards or regulations required by federal, state, or county statute, ordinances and rules during the performance of any contract between the bidder and the County. Any such requirement specifically set forth in any contract document between the bidder and the County shall be supplementary to this section and not in substitution thereof. The County may choose not to accept the bid of a bidder who is in default on the payment of taxes, licenses or other monies due to the County. Failure to respond to three (3) consecutive times for any given commodity/service may result in removal from the supplier list under that commodity/service.

KK. **GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSE (IF APPLICABLE)**

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

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

LL. AUTHORITY TO BIND FIRM IN AGREEMENT (Bidder’s Affidavit)

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

Those authorized to sign are as follows:

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

MM. ANTI-DISCRIMINATION

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

NN. GEORGIA SECURITY AND IMMIGRATION COMPLIANCE ACT

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

- a) A statement that indicates the contractor will conduct itself in compliance with O.C.G.A. §13-10-91 and Rule 300-10-.02 in the execution of the contract.
- b) By completing the affidavit that is provided with this solicitation, the vendor is attesting to the following:

- (1) The affiant has registered with and is authorized to use the federal work authorization program;
 - (2) The user identification number and date of authorization for the affiant;
 - (3) The affiant is using and will continue to use the federal work authorization program throughout the contract period;
 - (4) Any employee, contractor, or subcontractor of such contractor or subcontractor shall also be required to satisfy the requirements set forth in this paragraph; and
 - (5) Upon contracting with a new subcontractor, a contractor or subcontractor shall notify Oconee County and shall deliver a completed Subcontractor Affidavit to Oconee County within five (5) working days of entering into a contract or agreement of hire with the subcontractor before the new subcontractor begins any work.
- c) Failure to provide the completed and notarized affidavit with the contractor's proposal will result in immediate disqualification as required by the Georgia Security and Immigration Compliance Act.

END OF APPENDIX B



**Oconee County Board of Commissioners
Request for Proposal (RFP) #20-05-018
Audit Services**

Exhibits

EXHIBIT A: OCONEE COUNTY AND RECORDS INFORMATION

In 1875, Oconee County was incorporated under the laws of the State of Georgia and is governed by a five-member Board. The current population is approximately 33,000. The FY20 Total Approved Budget is \$52,112,905 with a General Fund Budget of \$30,507,038. Oconee County currently has 242 full time employees. You will find a copy of the approved budget and the Oconee County, Georgia, Financial Statements for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019 on the Oconee County website, www.oconeecounty.com.

The Finance Department is led by Wes Geddings, Finance Director, and is supported by 6 staff members as follows:

- *Melissa Braswell, CPA, Assistant Finance Director – Specializing in Audit*
- *Donna Norton, Budget Officer - Specializing in Budget & Audit*
- *Jessica Ellis, Procurement Officer - Specializing in Procurement*
- *Kimberly Mitchell, Finance Officer - Specializing in Accounts Payable & Cash Receipts*
- *Bobby Chesnutt, Finance Officer - Specializing in Accounts Payable & Payroll Processing*
- *Susan Gibson, Payroll Officer -Specializing in Payroll Processing*

Staff members will be available to prepare schedules, reproduce and pull documents as required. A conference room on the third floor has been reserved for audit field work.

Oconee County has established Fiscal Policies. The Finance Department primarily uses BS&A software for financial reporting and asset management. The accounting software records budget appropriations, revenue, expenditures and encumbrances. Interfund and interdepartmental reconciliations are made on a monthly basis. As detailed in the Financial Statements, there are multiple funds and departments. Oconee County has approximately 47 bank accounts, which include accounts for investments and checking. There are (2) component units that should be included in the government – wide financial statements. Both component units have fiscal year-end dates of June 30th and separate financial statements will be provided to you during the field work period. The Notes to the Financial Statements provide detail of Cash and Deposits, Capital Assets, Other Assets-Investments, Long-term Obligations, Restricted Assets as well as Retirement Benefits and Other Postemployment Benefits.

EXHIBIT B: MODEL FORMAT OF PROPOSAL

To simplify the review process and obtain the maximum degree of comparability, proposals should be organized in the manner specified by the RFP. The following outline includes all the information called for in the RFP.

COMPLETE COPY OF THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

1. Provide a complete copy of the Request for Proposals, including all required forms.
2. Sign the Request for Proposals in ALL places requiring signature.
3. Complete and sign the Mandatory Pre-Qualification Form.

TECHNICAL COMPONENT OF PROPOSAL

Title Page

Show the RFP subject, the name of the proposer's firm, local address, telephone number, name of the contact person, and the date.

Table of Contents

Include a clear identification of the material by section and by page number.

Letter of Transmittal

Limit to one or two pages.

1. Briefly state the proposer's understanding of the work to be done. Make a positive statement that deadlines specified in the RFP will be met.
2. State the names of the persons who will be authorized to make representations for the proposer, their titles, addresses, and telephone numbers.
3. State that the person signing the letter will be authorized to bind the proposer.
4. State the name of the partner assigned to this engagement and the name of the partner assigned the responsibility for the quality of the report and working papers.

Profile of the Proposer

1. State whether the firm is local, regional, national or international.
2. State the location of the office from which the work is to be done and the number of partners, managers, supervisors, seniors, and other professional staff employed at that office.
3. Describe the range of activities performed by the local office such as auditing, accounting, tax service, or management services.

Summary of the Proposer's Qualifications

1. State the identity of the partners and managers who will work on the audit, including staff from other than the local office. Resumes including relevant experience and continuing education for each supervisory person to be assigned to the audit should be included. (The resumes may be included as an appendix.)

Specify governmental CPE attended in the past 24 months by the partner(s) and each person to be assigned to this engagement.

2. Describe the recent local office auditing experience similar to the type of audit requested. Rank these audit engagements according to total staff hours. Indicate the scope of work, dates when work was performed, engagement partner(s), total hours, and the name and telephone number of the client contact. A maximum of 5 (five) of the most significant audit engagements performed in the last three (3) years similar to the engagement described in this request for proposals should be provided.

Proposer's Approach to the Audit

Submit a work plan to accomplish the scope defined in Section III of this RFP. The work plan must include time estimates for and identify each significant segment of the work and the staff level to be assigned. The planned use of specialists must also be specified. In developing the work plan, reference should be made to such sources as the government entity's budget and related materials, organizational charts, programs, and financial and other management information systems. Proposers will be required to provide the following information on their audit approach:

- a. Sampling techniques and the extent to which statistical sampling may be used in the engagement;
- b. Type and extent of analytical procedures that may be used in the engagement;
- c. Approach to be taken to gain and document an understanding of the government entity's internal control;
- d. Approach to be taken in determining laws and regulations that will be subject to audit test work; and
- e. Approach to be taken in drawing audit samples for purposes of tests of compliance.

The proposal should identify and describe anticipated audit problems (if any), the firm's approach to resolving these problems and any special assistance that will be requested from the government entity.

Additional Data

Since the preceding sections are to contain only data that is specifically requested, any additional information considered essential to the proposal should be separately bound. The proposer's general information publications, such as directories or client lists, should not be included. If there is no additional information to present, include a statement as the last section of the technical component of the proposal that "there is no additional information we wish to present".

COST COMPONENT OF PROPOSAL

(To be included in a SEPARATE, SEALED envelope)

Using the cost proposal form, state the total hours and hourly rate required by staff classification and the resulting all-inclusive maximum fee, including out of pocket costs for which the requested work will be done. State the amount of professional services, in hours, allowed each year without additional cost to the auditee. A separate all-inclusive fee must be stated for each audit for each year.