

DAWSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR SPORTING OFFICIALS SERVICES

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OCTOBER 15, AT 10:30AM, EST

DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ATTENTION: PURCHASING MANAGER 25 JUSTICE WAY, SUITE 2223 DAWSONVILLE, GA 30534

RFP # 351-19

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

ISSUE DATE: SEPTEMBER 19, 2019

DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SPORTING OFFICIALS SERVICES

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RFP #351-19 SPORTING OFFICIALS SERVICES

PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS

DAWSON COUNTY, GEORGIA Purchasing Department 25 Justice Way, Suite 2223 Dawsonville, Georgia 30534 Phone: 706-344-3500 x.42223; Email: mhawk@dawsoncounty.org

September 19, 2019

SPORTING OFFICIALS SERVICES INVITATION

Dawson County is seeking proposals from qualified parks and recreation sports leagues officials to provide services as indicated herein. Details are listed under Section II. Sealed bids will be received by the office of the Purchasing Manager at 25 Justice Way, Suite #2223, Dawsonville, GA 30454.

Instructions for preparation and submission of a bid/proposal are contained in this packet. Electronic packets may be found at <u>https://vrapp.vendorregistry.com/Bids</u> Submissions must be typed or printed in ink. Prices submitted as a result of this invitation must include the Vendor Price Proposal Form and be returned in a sealed envelope or container marked, as Sealed Bid with the applicable Proposal Name and Proposal Number on the outside. The offer may not be considered unless so received. Proposals must be submitted no later than 10:30 a.m., October 15, 2019.

There will not be a pre-proposal meeting for this RFP. All questions/comments that may arise from this invitation must be submitted in writing and emailed to the Purchasing Manager at <u>mhawk@dawsoncounty.org</u> no later than October 2, 2019, at 1:00 p.m. All questions and answers will be posted to the County website and the Georgia Procurement Registry no later than October 8, 2019, at 1:00 p.m. Answers to question submitted that materially change the conditions and specifications of this invitation will be promulgated to the County website and the Georgia Procurement Registry. Any discussions or documents will be considered non-binding unless incorporated and publicized in an addendum.

Dawson County provides equal opportunity for all businesses and does not discriminate against any person or business because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin and handicap or veteran status. This policy ensures all segments of the business community have access to supplying the goods and services need by Dawson County. Dawson County does not guarantee a minimum/maximum value for this contract.

Sincerely, Melissa Hawk Purchasing Manager

DAWSON COUNTY, GEORGIA REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR SPORTING OFFICIALS SERVICES

SECTION I – GENERAL OVERVIEW

A. INFORMATION TO PROPOSERS

1. <u>BID SUBMISSION</u>

The Proposers shall package and seal its submittal so that they will not be damaged in mailing. Technical and Cost/Fee Proposals are to be packaged and sealed **separately**.

One (1) original and five (5) copies of the technical proposal and one (1) original price proposal must be received by, OCTOBER 15, 2019, AT 10:30AM, EASTERN STANDARD TIME. Technical and price proposals must be submitted in a separate sealed envelope stating on the outside, the proposer's name, address, the solicitation number #351-19 SPORTING OFFICIALS SERVICES. If the price is referenced in the technical proposal, the submission must be disqualified and will not be evaluated. The complete submittal (price and technical) must contain the proposer's name, address and the solicitation number #351-19 SPORTING OFFICIALS SERVICES be delivered to:

Dawson County Board of Commissioners Attention: Purchasing Manager **25 Justice Way, Suite 2223** Dawsonville, GA 30534

Hand Delivery

Hand delivered copies may be brought to the above address between the hours of 8:00AM and 5:00PM EST, Monday through Friday, excluding Holidays. For a complete listing of Holidays, please visit <u>www.dawsoncounty.org</u>. If a sealed bid is delivered after 10:25 a.m., on the day of the opening, deliver the package to the Purchasing Manager, in the County Administration Training Room, Suite #2204. No submission will be accepted after 10:30 a.m., October 15, 2019, at which time all company names of offers received will be publically read aloud.

GPS Location

Some GPS systems cannot locate the above-named address. Proposers may search the following address if trying to visit the Dawson County Government Center: 25 Tucker Avenue, Dawsonville, GA 30534. Tucker Avenue is located on the East side of the Government Center. Upon arrival, please continue one block West on Shoal Creek Road to Justice Way. Parking for the Government Center is available off of Justice Way. Proposers should verify address is in Dawson County and not a surrounding community.

Coordinates: 34°25'23.08"N 34°25'23.08N 84°07'12.05

Proposers are responsible for informing any commercial delivery service, if used, of all delivery requirements and for ensuring that the required address information appears on the outer wrapper or envelope used by such service. NOTE: *Many express mail and delivery services do not guarantee overnight by noon to Dawson County.*

The Submittal must be signed by a company officer who is legally authorized to enter into a contractual relationship in the name of the proposer.

3. <u>CONTACT PERSON</u>

Proposers are encouraged to contact Melissa Hawk, Purchasing Manager at (706) 344-3501, by fax at (706) 531-2728 or email <u>mhawk@dawsoncounty.org</u> 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 facsimile or email. Any unauthorized contact shall not be used as a basis for responding to this RFP and also may result in the disqualification of the proposer's submittal.

Proposers may not contact any elected official or other county employee to discuss the bid process or bid opportunities except: 1) through the Purchasing Manager named herein, 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 proposer violating this provision.

4. <u>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/ADDENDA</u>

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

<u>Proposers must acknowledge any issued addenda by including Attachment B-Addenda Acknowledgement with the submittal.</u> Proposals which fail to acknowledge the proposer's receipt of any addendum will result in the rejection of the offer if the addendum contains information which substantively changes the Owner's requirements

5. <u>LATE SUBMITTAL AND LATE MODIFICATIONS</u>

Submittals received after the due date and time will not be considered. Modifications received after the due date will not be considered. Dawson County Government assumes no responsibility for the premature opening of a proposal not properly addressed and identified, and/or delivered to the proper designation.

6. <u>REJECTION OF PROPOSALS/CANCELLATION</u>

Dawson County Government reserves the right to reject any and all submittals and reserves the right to waive any irregularities or informalities in any submittal or in the submittal procedure, when to do so would be to the advantage of Dawson County. Dawson County reserves the right to cancel this RFP at any time.

7. <u>MIMINUM RFP ACCEPTANCE PERIOD</u>

Submittals shall be valid and may not be withdrawn for a period of 90 days from the date specified for receipt of submittals.

8. <u>NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT</u>

By submitting a response to this RFP, the proposer 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 proposer has not directly or indirectly induced or solicited any other proposer to put in a sham proposal, or any other person, firm or corporation to refrain from submitting and that the proposer has not in any manner sought by collusion to secure to that proposer any advantage over any other proposer.

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

9. <u>COST INCURRED BY PROPOSERS</u>

All expenses involved with the preparation and submission of the RFP to the Dawson County Board of Commissioners, or any work performed in connection therewith is the responsibility of the proposer(s).

10. <u>RFP OPENING</u>

Only the names of the firms responding to this RFP will be read aloud publicly due to the fact that the proposals will be subject to an evaluation review for accurate qualifications. A list of names of firms responding to the RFP may be obtained from the county's website <u>www.dawsoncounty.org</u>, after the RFP due date and time stated herein. A copy of the final evaluation tabulation to the RFP will be posted to the website after the RFP has been awarded, along with the awarded Contractor's name and date of award.

11. OPEN RECORDS

Proposers are reminded that under Georgia law, all opened documents fall under the open records act and are subject to inspection by the public. Proposers are reminded that documents and information in the possession of Dawson County will be treated as confidential/proprietary information only to the extent permitted by the Georgia Open Records Act, and will be exempt from disclosure to a third party only to the extent permitted by the Georgia Open Records Act. Should you believe that your Proposal contains any trade secrets you must include an affidavit, at time of proposal submission

that states that specific portions of the proposal contain trade secrets as defined by Georgia law (Article 27 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia). Furthermore, the affidavit must be detailed, citing specifically (citing paragraphs, articles, provisions, pages, etc.) the portions of the proposal containing any trade secrets. Accordingly, proprietary information and/or data cannot be withheld from public inspection.

12. <u>TAXES</u>

Dawson County Government is tax exempt. No sales tax will be charged on any products or services. Dawson County cannot exempt any other person/proposer from applicable sales taxes that may be required of them in relations to this project. Selected proposer will be provided with Dawson County's Sales and Use Tax Certificate of Exemption number upon request.

13. PROPOSER INFORMATION

All submissions shall include a completed proposer information form, current copy of business license and current W-9. Failure to provide this information could result in the disqualification of the proposer from submitting a proposal.

14. <u>INSURANCE</u>

Selected proposer will be required to provide Dawson County with a Certificate of Insurance for liability and workman's compensation insurance before work can begin on this County project and be effective for the duration of the work as described in the Contract Documents, including authorized change orders, plus any period of guarantee as required in the general warranty.

General liability insurance should be at least one million dollars (\$1,000,000) combined single limit per occurrence. Automobile insurance should be at least five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) combined single limit per accident for bodily injury or property damage; Workman's Compensation insurance should be as required by the State of Georgia; and Professional Liability insurance should be at least one million dollars (\$1,000,000).

The insurance certificate **must name** Dawson County Government as an **additional insured** for the contracted project.

15. <u>BONDS</u>

If required, under SECTION II – SCOPE OF WORK of this document any combination of the following bonds may be requested by Dawson County. A five percent (5%) bid bond, a one hundred percent (100%) payment bond, and a one hundred percent (100%) performance bond. All bonds would be payable to Dawson County Board of Commissioners. Failure to submit appropriate bonding will result in automatic rejection of bid. Bonding company must be authorized to do business in Georgia by the Georgia Insurance Commission, listed in the Department of Treasury's

publication of companies holding certificates of authority as acceptable surety on Federal bonds and as acceptable reinsuring companies, and have an A.M. Best rating.

16. <u>ANTI-DISCRIMINATION</u>

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

By submitting their proposals, all proposals certify to Dawson County that they will conform to the provisions of the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964.

In every contract of over \$10,000 the provisions in Sections1 and 2 below apply:

- 1. During the performance of this contract, the Consultant agrees as follows:
 - a. The Consultant will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, sex or national origin, except where religion, sex or national origin is a bona fide occupational qualification reasonably necessary to the normal operation of the Consultant. The Consultant agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
 - b. The Consultant, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Consultant, will state that such Consultant is an equal opportunity employer.
 - c. Notices, advertisements and solicitations placed in accordance with federal law, rule or regulation shall be deemed sufficient for the purpose of meeting the requirements of this section.
- 2. The Consultant will include the provisions of Section 1 above in every subcontract or purchase order of over \$10,000 so that the provisions will be binding upon each Sub-contractor or proposer.

Proposers may request this Request for Proposal in another language by contacting Purchasing Manager Melissa Hawk at p) 706-344-3501, f) 706-531-2728 or via email at mhawk@dawsoncounty.org. All bid submissions must be returned in English.

17. <u>GEORGIA SECURITY AND IMMIGRATION COMPLIANCE ACT</u>

Proposers submitting a Qualification package in response to this RFP 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 Consultant 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 proposer is attesting to the following:
 - a. The affiant has registered with and is authorized to use the federal work authorization program;
 - b. The user identification number and date of authorization for the affiant;
 - c. The affiant is using and will continue to use the federal work authorization program throughout the contract period;
 - d. Any employee, Consultant, or Sub-contractor of such Consultant or Sub-contractor shall also be required to satisfy the requirements set forth in this paragraph; and
 - e. Upon contracting with a new Sub-contractor, a Consultant or Subcontractor shall notify Dawson County and shall deliver a completed Sub-contractor Affidavit to Dawson County within five (5) working days of entering into a contract or agreement of hire with the Sub-contractor before the new Sub-contractor begins any work.
- C. Failure to provide the completed and notarized affidavit with the Consultant's proposal will result in immediate disqualification as required by the Georgia Security and Immigration Compliance Act.

SECTION II – GENERAL CONDITIONS

A. <u>PURPOSE</u>

Dawson County intends to contract with one (1) proposer for sporting officials services for youth baseball, softball, t-ball, basketball and scorekeepers. Individuals/firms must provide all equipment, materials and labor to complete the scope of work. Details are listed herein.

B. <u>CONTRACT PERIOD</u>

The term of a contract awarded as a result of this RFP shall be from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. The contract shall have the option for two (2) additional one (1) year renewal terms.

The contract shall terminate absolutely and without further obligation at such time as appropriated and otherwise unobligated funds are no longer available to satisfy the obligations of the County under this contract. The County does not guarantee a minimum value for this contract.

Any request to change the pricing of the contract by the Vendor must be received by the county at least ninety (90) days in advance of a renewal date. A pricing threshold of maximum 3% is written within this contract document.

If, at any time, the County determines it is in its best interest to discontinue use of these services the County reserves the right to cancel this Agreement by giving thirty (30) days advance written notice.

Dawson County will not incur any costs as a result of preparing a response to this RFP.

C. <u>BACKGROUND</u>

Dawson County currently holds a contract with Amicalola Officials Association, Inc. This contract's last renewal option is scheduled to expire on December 31, 2019. The total fees paid to Amicalola Officials Association each year are listed below: 2017 - \$44,075.00; 2018 - \$42,158.25; As of 7/29/2019 - \$24,758.75.

A summary of the 2019 seasons is listed below in chart 1:

| Calendar Year 2019 Sporting Information | | | | | | | |
|---|----------|--------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|--|
| Sport/Event | Schedule | Overall # of Games | Length of Game Time | Average Start Time - Weekday | Average Start Time - Weekend | | |
| Baseball | Spring | 126 | 1 hour 30 minutes | 6:00pm | 9:00am | | |
| | Fall | 87 | 1 hour 30 minutes | 6:00pm | 9:00am | | |
| T-Ball | Spring | 66 | 1 hour | 6:00pm | 9:00am | | |
| | Fall | 36 | 1 hour | 6:00pm | 9:00am | | |
| Softball | Spring | 129 | 1 hour 30 minutes | 6:00pm | 9:00am | | |
| | Fall | 6 | 1 hour 30 minutes | 6:00pm | 9:00am | | |
| 2018 - 2019 Season Sporting Information | | | | | | | |
| Basketball | Winter | 160 | 1 hour | 6:00pm | 9:00am | | |

Chart 1

It is the intent of the County to contract with the most responsive and responsible proposer.

D. SCOPE OF WORK

The consulting firm will perform the following services:

Specifications

The Contractor shall furnish all necessary staff, equipment, transportation, supervision, and all effort necessary to perform and to complete the specifications herein this RFP document. In addition, it is preferred that each member with less than two (2) years' experience must complete eight (8) hours of training prior to officiating their first game. The training should consist of four (4) hours of field training and four (4) hours of rulebook training. No umpire/referee/official/scorekeeper shall be under the age of sixteen (16).

- A. SPORT: Furnish the required number of officials for each league game; provide the cost for officials, scorekeepers and other fees as listed under on the Bidder's Price Proposal Form provided. This form provides an estimated outline of the Athletic Programs needs based on history from prior year enrollment. These figures could be more or less based on FY2016 registration completion.
- B. BASEBALL, SOFTBALL, T-BALL: The Association must maintain enough officials to meet the demands of the schedule. All umpires must be currently registered with a national organization such as ASA, USSSA, GHSA or Dizzy Dean.
- C. BASKETBALL: The Association must maintain enough officials to meet the demands of the schedule. Officials utilized during tournament season must be currently registered with GHSA.
- D. SCOREKEEPERS: The Association must provide scheduling and pricing for scorekeepers for select sports and tournaments.

SCHEDULE CHANGES

Officials may receive verbal notification of game changes and forfeits prior to game time form the Athletic Coordinators and/or the Athletic Director. Game officials will not receive any payment for forfeited games when prior notification has been made. It will be the responsibility of the designee of the Association to pick up and sign for all rainout schedules. In the event a protested game or a rainout game was interrupted and must be resumed, the County will make every effort to reschedule such game for the next available date. The County should not be billed additionally for the conclusion of said games. All game officials scheduled for County activities must arrive on-site, prepared to begin the game, at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to the start of the scheduled activity.

CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITY

The Contractor must demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the County, a proven capability in all aspects and to perform fully the contract requirements. Proposer shall assume full responsibility for the acts of its personnel.

- A. All officials assigned to Dawson County Athletics program activities by the Association shall undergo a criminal background check prior to their first game, provided at the County's expense. Any game officials convicted of violent crimes, drug offense, or crimes against children shall be prohibited from working any Dawson County Parks & Recreation activity.
- B. The Contractor is responsible for meeting all local codes including obtaining any necessary permits. Proposers shall be responsible for any and all fees that pertain to the system and the work of the successful bidder required by State, County, or local municipalities' laws.
- C. It will be the responsibility of the Contractor to maintain a log of all completed training for all trained officials in all Dawson County Athletics programming. This log should be available upon request.
- D. The successful Proposer shall enforce all rules of the Parks and Recreation Department for league and playoff games as well as the current playing rules for the sport being officiated. The Association is responsible for conducting training sessions for officials as listed and for providing rulebooks outlining rule interpretation and current year rule changes, mechanics, and uniform dress and appearance.
- E. Officials shall be subject to evaluation based on performance. Dawson County reserves the right to disqualify an official from working in any Dawson County Park based on the evaluation. In the event the County determines the work performance of an official is not satisfactory, the County shall notify the President of the Association and such officials shall not be used by the Contractor during the contractual year.
- F. To avoid the appearance of impropriety and to preclude a possible conflict of interest, any official who knowingly has a family member participating in a competition he or she is schedule to officiate must make full disclosure and must excuse him or herself from that particular assignment. It will be the responsibility of the Association to provide another game official for that competition as soon as possible.
- G. The Contractor must submit in the form of an invoice an advanced bi-weekly schedule of services to be rendered to the Parks and Recreation Department for payment processing. Mail or hand deliver invoices to the following address:

Dawson County Parks & Recreation Attn: Athletic Coordinator 445 Martin Road Dawsonville, GA 30534 <u>rwatson@dawsoncounty.org</u>

- H. The Contractor shall be responsible for scheduling officials for all schedule games. Upon notification by the Athletic Director, the Contractor shall furnish adequate officials for designated games in league, regional and state tournament playoffs.
- I. The Contractor agrees to submit any data required by Dawson County within fifteen (15) calendar days after oral or written request.

- J. The Contractor should provide a standard dress code for all employees. Uniforms should resemble basic attire used by national amateur athletic organizations.
- K. The County reserves the right to terminate this contract if the services provided under this contract do not meet or exceed existing industry standards. The County will be the only partly responsible for making the final determination on quality of services.
- L. Officials should be CPR certified. Dawson County will provide access to training yearly.
- M. Officials should have completed Mandated Reporters training as required by law.

COUNTY RESPONSIBILITIES

The County shall have the Athletic Coordinator supervise the administration of this contract. The Athletic Coordinator shall notify the Association of all scheduled activities and any special requirements, i.e. league, regional and state tournament playoffs. The County shall make every effort to schedule a minimum of two (2) games for each athletic event. The County shall pay the Association for services rendered, at the agreed upon price. The Athletic Coordinator shall verify the delivery of such services. The Athletic Coordinator shall conduct training sessions on:

- A. County rules pertaining to the sport being officiated and the filing of required incident reports and game summaries.
- B. Ground rules that are a permanent part of the playing area and park venues.
- C. Policies, procedures and rules pertaining to facilities used for County Athletic activities, but not owned by the County.

Notice of Award

The Consultant agrees that in the case of failure on his part to execute the said contract and the bonds within fifteen (15) consecutive calendar days of receipt of a written Notice of Award from the County, the check or bid bond accompanying this bid, and the monies payable thereon shall be paid into the funds off the Owner as liquidated damages for such failure, otherwise, the check or bid bond accompanying this proposal shall be returned to the undersigned.

Notice to Proceed

The Consultant shall begin work as agreed upon and specified on the Notice to Proceed from the County and shall meet the agreed upon benchmarks throughout the project.

Invoicing

- 1. Dawson County is Net 30. Any payment terms requiring payment in less than 30 days will be regarded as requiring payment 30 days after invoice or delivery, whichever occurs last. This shall not affect offers of discounts for payment less than 30 days, however.
- 2. Proposers shall invoice quarterly, by location, including a detailed list of services provided and only after work has been performed (in arrears).
- 3. All invoices will be paid in the year in which services are provided.

- 4. Proposer to provide contact information for dedicated team member to provide billing inquires. More information is included in the Statement of Qualifications portion of this RFP.
- 5. Invoices should be sent via mail or email to:

Accounts Payable 25 Justice Way, 2220 Dawsonville, GA 30534 cmcmillon@dawsoncounty.org

Pricing

- 1. Submissions must use returned on the Proposer's Price Proposal Form as provided within this RFP.
- 2. If submitting an alternate, use the form provided clearly labeled as alternate. Make additional copies as needed. Failure to comply may result in disqualification.

Administration

The project will be administered by the Dawson County Board of Commissioners with the Athletic Coordinator being the main point of contact for all questions related to scope of work issues during the term of the contract. Any contract issues will be directed to the Dawson County Purchasing Manager during the term of the contract.

Permits and Licensing

- 1. Proof of Licensing: Consultant shall submit proof of professional license, insurance and business license at time of submittal as it relates to the Scope of Work defined herein. The business license will be the current license your business operates, if you are out of county, this will not be a Dawson County business license.
- 2. The successful proposer must hold a valid Business License at time of proposal and a copy must be filed with the Purchasing Manager at time of proposal. If awarded to an out-of-county proposer, that proposer must register their business license with the Dawson County Planning and Development Department within 10 days of award. Fees may apply and are not a part of this agreement. *Note: Only the successful proposer needs to register with Dawson County Planning and Development Department Department. As of January 1, 2017, there is no longer a registration fee.*

E. QUALIFICATIONS

This section identifies all information which must be submitted in each proposal.

Tab A - Company Background and Structure

The Proposer will provide a general history and description of its association/company including, but not limited to, the number of years in business and number of employees. Include the legal form of the business organization, the state in which incorporated (if corporation), the types of business ventures in which the organization is involved, and the office location that will be the point of contact during the term of any resulting contract. This section should not be more than three (3) pages in length.

The proposal must provide the following:

- Length of time the Proposer has been providing similar services to local governments.
- Length of time the Proposer has been providing similar services to private entities.
- Demonstrate the Proposer's experience working with projects equal to this scope of work of this RFP.
- Description of the Proposer's organization, financial resources, staffing levels, and any other evidence of its ability to successfully complete the project.
- The proposer must certify that there are no circumstances, which will cause a conflict of interest in performing the services required.
- Statement listing any and all differences between your proposal and the work specified in the RFP.
- The proposer must demonstrate it is duly authorized to conduct business in the State of Georgia.

Tab B - Company Experience

The proposer shall submit at least three, but no more than five, projects as examples of the Consultant's past experience in performing and managing projects, comparable in scope and complexity to the scope of work. Examples showing public-sector projects are preferable.

Projects of similar scope and complexity may include any of the following:

- Projects of similar size or cost
- State/Local Government facilities projects
- Private sector projects
- Any combination of the above

Tab C - Identification of all Contracted Personnel

The Consultant's employees shall wear proper identification for all employees working in the County on the contract. At a minimum, photo identification badges will be required for each person along with employee's personal data and the awarded Consultant's name. Please state how this will be met during the project.

Tab D - Qualifications of Key Team Members

Identify and include qualifications of key staff who would be assigned to work on the scope within this RFP. Include an organizational chart that depicts how the staff would be structured to perform details herein. Proposers must have qualified and trained staff to successfully complete the contract requirements. At a minimum, the organizational chart shall identify the responsibilities, structure, and lines of authority between and among the Consultant, project manager and any Sub-contractor entities required to be named. The Proposer shall take appropriate and meaningful disciplinary measures against those who violate the terms of this provision.

The information shall be brief and include the following:

- Identification, qualifications and experience of all persons to be assigned to the County project site and team organization; and the assignments of responsibilities and level of experience by site position.
- Identification and qualifications of any key team members and any subcontract Consultants, including resumes of individual or the firm, as applicable. Resumes shall include the name and address of the contracting entity that is familiar with the work of each team member.
- The County requires that the assigned contract manager has at least five (5) years of practical experience involving officials/scorekeepers' management of the same size project. The project manager will be assigned to Dawson County for the duration of the project.
- Attach the all relevant certifications and Georgia Licenses within this tab.

Tab E - Approach to Scope of Work

Referencing the Scope of Work in Section D, provide a detailed approach to fulfill the requirements of this RFP. At a minimum, proposals must address:

- A description of the individual/firm's organizational approach to the project.
- This portion of the Proposal shall state how the association/company proposes to achieve the required outcomes through goals, objectives, policies and programs. It shall also indicate how the final projects will be organized, formatted and presented.
- A description of the association/company's understanding of the scope and challenges of the project; The Consultant's approach to selection of survey tools, like-local government entities, etc. necessary to perform the scope, including how such selections impact project cost, project delivery dates, and other matters.
- The approach shall also illustrate (through examples of relevant experiences in similar projects) how the association/firm will successfully maintain an effective line of communication throughout the process.

The County welcomes innovating suggestions and recommendations from individual/firms that will ensure a successful service approach.

Tab F - References

Proposers must submit at least five (5) references for persons that the individual/firm will assign, to include all sub-contractors, to complete the Scope of Work listed herein. Ideally, references should be government entities within Georgia should be included. The following information for each reference shall be listed:

- Name of government entity
- Address
- Contact person with title
- Phone number of contact person
- Email (highly recommended and preferred method)
- Dates of service
- Range of services

Tab G - Financial Stability

Provide financial information that would allow proposal evaluators to ascertain the financial stability of the Proposer such as a letter from a bank describing your standings.

Tab H - Business Litigation

Disclose any involvement by the individual/firm or any officer or principle in any material business litigation within the last five (5) years. The disclosure will include an explanation, as well as the current status and/or disposition of the case.

Tab I – Required Solicitation Forms

Proposers are to complete and attach all forms listed on the Proposer's Checklist and include in Tab J. **This direction excludes the Price Proposal Form.** Price shall not be included in any of the Technical submittal. This will be cause for disqualification and considered non-responsive bid.

Separate Sealed Envelope

Proposer must complete the Vendor's Price Proposal Form and submit in a separate sealed envelope with the Company Name, RFP Number and Name clearly marked on the outside, along with the verbiage "PRICE PROPOSAL FORM".

F. EVALUATION PROCESS

Proposals will be reviewed by the Review Committee for quality and completeness. These proposals will then be scored in each of the following categories using the maximum point values listed in **Chart 2** below.

| Company Background and Structure | 20 |
|--|-----|
| Experience and Qualifications of Dedicated Staff | 25 |
| Project Understanding/Approach to Scope of Work | 15 |
| References | 15 |
| Price Proposal | 25 |
| | 100 |
| TOTAL POINTS | |

Chart 2

Proposals will be reviewed and evaluated by the review committee to determine whether the Respondent has met the criteria described in this RFP.

Presentations

The top-ranking individual/firms *may* be invited to conduct oral interviews. If required, these presentations will be scheduled in advance and limited in time. Presentations will be conducted in Dawson County at a location to be determined. Independent scores compiled, during this phase of the evaluation by the RFP evaluators, will supersede the

technical scores previously published for the Proposers selected to make an oral presentation.

Dawson County shall be the sole judge of the provider's ability to meet the requirements set forth. Their decision in determining responsible and responsive provider(s) will be final. Dawson County reserves the right to act in its best interest in this determinations process, to waive all technicalities, and to select the most responsible and responsive provider.

G. PROCEDURES AND MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

- 1. All questions shall be submitted in writing via email and directed to the Dawson County Purchasing Manager. All answers shall be communicated in the form of an addendum and posted on the County's website under the bid information; all individuals/firms responding to this RFP should check the website before responding to this RFP.
- 2. All respondents to this RFP shall indemnify and hold harmless the Dawson County Board of Commissioners, and any of their officers and employees from all suits and claims alleged to be a result of this RFP. The issuance of this RFP constitutes only an invitation to present a proposal. The Dawson County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to determine, at its sole discretion, whether any aspect of a respondent's submittal meets the criteria in this RFP. The Dawson County Board of Commissioners also reserves the right to seek clarifications, to negotiate with any proposer submitting a response, to reject any or all responses with or without cause, and to modify the procurement process and schedule. In the event that this RFP is withdrawn or the project canceled for any reason, the Dawson County Board of Commissioners shall have no liability to any respondent for any costs or expenses incurred in connection with this RFP or otherwise.
- 3. The RFP is subject to the provisions of the Dawson County Purchasing Policy and any revisions thereto, which are hereby incorporated into this RFP in their entirety except as amended or superseded herein.
- 4. Failure to submit all the mandatory forms from this RFP package shall be just cause for the rejection of the qualification package. However, Dawson County reserves the right to decide, on a case by case basis, in its sole discretion, whether or not to reject such a bid as non-responsive.
- 5. In case of failure to deliver goods in accordance with the contract terms and conditions, Dawson County, after due oral or written notice, may procure substitute goods or services from other sources and hold the Consultant responsible for any resulting additional purchasing and administrative costs. This remedy shall be in addition to any other remedies which Dawson County may have.
- 6. By submitting a proposal, the proposer is certifying that they are not currently

debarred from bidding on contracts by any entity of the State of Georgia, nor are they an agent of any person or entity that is currently debarred from submitting proposals on contacts by any entity of the State of Georgia.

- 7. Any contract resulting from this RFP shall be governed in all respects by the laws of the State of Georgia and any litigation with respect thereto shall be brought in the courts of the State of Georgia. Then Consultant shall comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.
- 8. It is understood and agreed between the parties herein that Dawson County shall be bound hereunder only to the extent of the funds available or which may hereafter become available for the purpose of this agreement.

H. <u>BONDS</u>

Bid Bond – **0%** Payment Bond – **0%** Performance Bond – **0%**

I. FINAL SELECTION

Following review of all qualified proposals, selection of a suitable proposer, and preliminary contract negotiations, a recommendation will be made to the Dawson County – County Manager by the Purchasing Manager. Following County Manager approval, the Purchasing Department will complete the Contract Documents to the awarded Consultant for execution.

The Dawson County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to accept the response that is determined to be in the best interest of the County. The County reserves the right to reject any and or all proposals.

Every proposer submitting a proposal must complete the forms showing compliance with the **GEORGIA SECURITY AND IMMIGRATION COMPLIANCE ACT OCGA §13-10-90.** The forms are provided with this RFP package.

SECTION III – GENERAL TERMS

A. DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL INFORMATION

1. **Definitions.** The following words shall be defined as set forth below:

Acceptance

Formal action of the Owner in determining that the PC/construction crew's work has been completed in accordance with the contract and in notifying the Proposer in writing of the acceptability of the work.

Act of God

A cataclysmic phenomenon of nature, such as a hurricane, earthquake, or abnormal flood. Rain, wind, high water, or other natural phenomenon which might reasonably have been anticipated from historical records of the general locality of the work shall not be construed as acts of God.

Addenda

Supplemental written specifications or drawings issued prior to execution of the contract which modify or interpret the project by addition, deletion, clarification or corrections.

Bid

Response/offer of a bidder submitted on the prescribed form setting forth the price or prices of the work to be performed.

Bidder

Individual, partnership, corporation, or a combination thereof, including joint ventures, offering a bid to perform the work.

Contract

The writings and drawings embodying the legally binding obligations between the Owner and the Proposer for completion of the work; Contract Documents attached to the Contract and made a part thereof as provided herein.

Contract Documents

The Contract, Addenda (which pertain to the Contract Documents), Proposer Bid (including documentation accompanying the Bid and any post Bid documentation submitted prior to the Notice of Award), the Notice to Proceed, the Bonds, these General Conditions, the Special Conditions, the Specifications and Drawings, together with all Written Amendments, Change Orders, Work Change directives, Field Orders, and Drawing submittals.

Contract Price

Amount payable to the Contractor under the terms and conditions of the contract. Based on the price given on the bidding schedule, with adjustments made in accordance with the contract. The base amount given in the bidding schedule shall be either a lump sum bid or the summation of the unit price proposals multiplied by the estimated quantities set forth in the proposal form.

Contract Time

Number of calendar days stated in the contract for the completion of the work or portions thereof.

Contractor/Contractor

The individual, partnership, corporation, or combination thereof, including joint ventures that enter into the contract with the Owner for the performance of the work. The term covers Sub-contractors, equipment and material suppliers, and their employees.

Contract Technical Representative

The day-to-day County Representative designated by the Owner.

County Owner.

Contractor The successful Proposer(s).

DCSO Staff Dawson County Sheriff's Office staff.

DCDC Staff

Dawson County Detention Center staff.

Day Calendar day.

Equipment

Mechanical, electrical, instrumentation, or other device with one or more moving parts, or devices requiring an electrical, pneumatic, electronic, or hydraulic connection.

Furnish

To deliver to the job site or other specified location any item, equipment, or material.

Herein

Refers to information presented in the solicitation document.

Holidays

Legal holidays designated by the Owner.

Install

Placing, erecting, or constructing complete in place any item, equipment, or material.

May

Refers to permissive actions.

Owner

Commissioner of Roads and Revenue Dawson County, Dawson County Board of Commissioners, Dawsonville, Georgia and Dawson County Sheriff.

Person

The term, person, includes firms, companies, corporations, partnerships, and joint ventures.

Principal

Any officer or director of the proposing organization, and any person, firm, corporation, partnership, joint venture, or their entity, who or which own or controls three percent (3%) or more of the voting stock or any equivalent voting interest of a partnership or joint venture.

Project

The undertaking to be performed under the provisions of the contract.

Proposal

An offer or statement of a price and project description in response to a request for materials or services to be rendered to the County or its employees

Proposer

Any corporation, partnership, individual, sole proprietorship, joint stock company, joint venture, or any other private legal entity that has submitted a bid which conforms in all material respects to the requirements set forth in the RFP

Provide

Furnish and install, complete in place.

Shall

Refers to actions by either the Contractor or the Owner and means the Contractor or Owner has entered into a covenant with the other party to do or perform the action.

Services

The services and deliverables as provided in the solicitation and as further described by the Response and the Contract.

Will

Refers to actions entered into by the Contractor or the Owner as a covenant with the other party to do or to perform the action.

Work

The labor, materials, equipment, supplies, services and other items necessary for the execution, completion and fulfillment of the contract.

2. **Priority of Contract Provisions**. Any pre-printed contract terms and conditions included on Contractor's forms or invoices shall be null and void.

3. Royalties and Patents

The Prime Contractor shall pay all royalties and license fees and assume all costs incident to the use in the performance of the work or the incorporation in the work of any invention, design, process, product, or device which is the subject of the patent rights or copyrights held by others. He shall defend all suits or claims for infringement of any patent rights and

shall hold harmless the Owner, its officers, employees, and agents from loss on account thereof, except that the Owner shall be responsible for all such loss when a particular manufacturer, product, or process is specified by the Owner and properly installed by the Prime Contractor pursuant to the manufacturer's specifications.

4. Verbal Agreements

No verbal agreement or conversation with any officer, agent, or employee of the Owner either before or after execution of this Contract shall affect or modify any of the terms of obligations contained in any of the documents comprising said Contract.

B. DURATION OF CONTRACT

- 1. **Contract Term.** The Contract between the County and the Contractor shall begin and end on the dates specified in the County Standard Contract Form unless terminated earlier in accordance with the applicable terms and conditions. This Contract shall not be deemed to create a debt of the State for the payment of any sum beyond the fiscal year of execution or, in the event of a renewal, beyond the fiscal year of such renewal.
- 2. Contract Renewal. The County shall have the option, in its sole discretion, to renew the Contract for additional terms as defined on a year-to-year basis by giving the Contractor written notice of the renewal decision at least thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the initial term or renewal term. Renewal will depend upon the best interests of the County, funding, and Contractor's performance. Renewal will be accomplished through the issuance of a Contract Renewal Letter. Upon the County's election, in its sole discretion, to renew any

part of this Contract, Contractor shall remain obligated to perform in strict accordance with this Contract unless otherwise agreed by the County and the Contractor.

3. Contract Extension. In the event that this Contract shall terminate or be likely to terminate prior to the making of an award for a new contract for the Services, the County may, with the written consent of Contractor, extend this Contract for such period as may be necessary to afford the County a continuous supply of the Services.

C. DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES

- 1. **Specifications in Bidding Documents.** All Services shall be provided in accordance with the specifications contained in the solicitation, the terms of the Contract, and as further described in Contractor's Response.
- 2. **Product Shipment and Delivery.** All products, if any, shall be shipped F.O.B. destination. Destination shall be the location(s) specified in the solicitation or any provided Purchase Instrument. All items shall be at the Contractor's risk until they have been delivered and accepted by the receiving entity. All items shall be subject to inspection on delivery. Hidden damage will remain the responsibility of the Contractor to remedy without cost to the County, regardless of when the hidden damage is discovered.

- **3.** Non-Exclusive Rights. The Contract is not exclusive. The County reserves the right to select other contractors to provide services similar to the Services described in the Contract during the term of the Contract.
- **4.** No Minimums Guaranteed. The Contract does not guarantee any minimum level of purchases or use of Services.

D. COMPENSATION

- 1. **Pricing and Payment.** The Contractor will be paid for Services provided pursuant to the Contract in accordance with the solicitation and final pricing documents as incorporated into the solicitation and the terms of the Contract. Unless clearly stated otherwise in the Contract, all prices are firm and fixed and are not subject to variation. Prices include, but are not limited to freight, insurance, fuel surcharges and customs duties.
- 2. Billings. If applicable, and unless the solicitation provides otherwise, the Contractor shall submit, on a regular basis, an invoice for the Services supplied to the County under the Contract at the billing address specified in the Purchase Instrument or Contract. The invoice shall comply with all applicable rules concerning payment of such claims. The County shall pay all approved invoices in arrears and in accordance with applicable provisions of State law.

Unless otherwise agreed in writing by the County and the Contractor, the Contractor shall not be entitled to receive any other payment or compensation from the County for Services provided by or on behalf of the Contractor under the Contract. The Contractor shall be solely responsible for paying all costs, expenses and charges it incurs in connection with its performance under the Contract.

- 3. Delay of Payment Due to Contractor's Failure. If the County in good faith determines that the Contractor has failed to perform or deliver Services as required by the Contract, the Contractor shall not be entitled to any compensation under the Contract until such Service is performed or delivered. In this event, the County may withhold that portion of the Contractor's compensation which represents payment for Services that were not performed or delivered. To the extent that the Contractor's failure to perform or deliver in a timely manner causes the County to incur costs, the County may deduct the amount of such incurred costs from any amounts payable to Contractor. The County's authority to deduct such incurred costs shall not in any way affect the County's authority to terminate the Contract.
- 4. Set-Off Against Sums Owed by the Contractor. In the event that the Contractor owes the County and/or the State any sum under the terms of the Contract, pursuant to any judgment, or pursuant to any law, the County and/or the State may set off the sum owed against any sum owed by the County to the Contractor in the County's sole discretion.

E. TERMINATION

- 1. Immediate Termination. This Contract will terminate immediately and absolutely if the County determines that adequate funds are de-appropriated such that the County cannot fulfill its obligations under the Contract, which determination is at the County's sole discretion and shall be conclusive. Further, the County may terminate the Contract for any one or more of the following reasons effective immediately without advance notice:
 - (i) In the event the Contractor is required to be certified or licensed as a condition precedent to providing the Services, the revocation or loss of such license or certification may result in immediate termination of the Contract effective as of the date on which the license or certification is no longer in effect;
 - (ii) The County determines that the actions, or failure to act, of the Contractor, its agents, employees or subcontractors have caused, or reasonably could cause, life, health or safety to be jeopardized;
 - (iii) The Contractor fails to comply with confidentiality laws or provisions; and/or
 - (iv) The Contractor furnished any statement, representation or certification in connection with the Contract or the bidding process which is materially false, deceptive, incorrect or incomplete.
- 2. Termination for Cause. The occurrence of any one or more of the following events shall constitute cause for the County to declare the Contractor in default of its obligations under the Contract:
 - (i) The Contractor fails to deliver or has delivered nonconforming Services or fails to perform, to the County's satisfaction, any material requirement of the Contract or is in violation of a material provision of the Contract, including, but without limitation, the express warranties made by the Contractor;
 - (ii) The County determines that satisfactory performance of the Contract is substantially endangered or that a default is likely to occur;
 - (iii) The Contractor fails to make substantial and timely progress toward performance of the Contract;
 - (iv) The Contractor becomes subject to any bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding under federal or state law to the extent allowed by applicable federal or state law including bankruptcy laws; the Contractor terminates or suspends its business; or the County reasonably believes that the Contractor has become insolvent or unable to pay its obligations as they accrue consistent with applicable federal or state law;

- (v) The Contractor has failed to comply with applicable federal, state and local laws, rules, ordinances, regulations and orders when performing within the scope of the Contract;
- (vi) The Contractor has engaged in conduct that has or may expose the County or the State to liability, as determined in the County's sole discretion; or
- (vii) The Contractor has infringed any patent, trademark, copyright, trade dress or any other intellectual property rights of the County, the State, or a third party.
- 3. Notice of Default. If there is a default event caused by the Contractor, the County shall provide written notice to the Contractor requesting that the breach or noncompliance be remedied within the period of time specified in the County's written notice to the Contractor. If the breach or noncompliance is not remedied within the period of time specified in the written notice, the County may:
 - (i) Immediately terminate the Contract without additional written notice; and/or
 - (ii) Procure substitute services from another source and charge the difference between the Contract and the substitute contract to the defaulting Contractor; and/or,
 - (iii) Enforce the terms and conditions of the Contract and seek any legal or equitable remedies.
- 4. Termination Upon Notice. Following thirty (30) days' written notice, the County may terminate the Contract in whole or in part without the payment of any penalty or incurring any further obligation to the Contractor. Following termination upon notice, the Contractor shall be entitled to compensation, upon submission of invoices and proper proof of claim, for Services provided under the Contract to the County up to and including the date of termination.
- 5. Termination Due to Change in Law. The County shall have the right to terminate this Contract without penalty by giving thirty (30) days' written notice to the Contractor as a result of any of the following:
 - (i) The County's authorization to operate is withdrawn or there is a material alteration in the programs administered by the County; and/or
 - (ii) The County's duties are substantially modified.
- 6. Payment Limitation in Event of Termination. In the event of termination of the Contract for any reason by the County, the County shall pay only those amounts, if any, due and owing to the Contractor for the Services actually rendered up to the date specified in the notice of termination for which the County is obligated to pay pursuant to the Contract or Purchase Instrument. Payment will be made only upon submission of invoices and proper proof of the

Contractor's claim. This provision in no way limits the remedies available to the County under the Contract in the event of termination. The State shall not be liable for any costs incurred by the Contractor in its performance of the Contract, including, but not limited to, startup costs, overhead or other costs associated with the performance of the Contract.

- 7. The Contractor's Termination Duties. Upon receipt of notice of termination or upon request of the County, the Contractor shall:
 - (i) Cease work under the Contract and take all necessary or appropriate steps to limit disbursements and minimize costs, and furnish a report within thirty (30) days of the date of notice of termination, describing the status of all work under the Contract, including, without limitation, results accomplished, conclusions resulting therefrom, and any other matters the County may require;
 - (ii) Immediately cease using and return to the County, any personal property or materials, whether tangible or intangible, provided by the County to the Contractor;
 - (iii) Comply with the County's instructions for the timely transfer of any active files and work product produced by the Contractor under the Contract;
 - (iv) Cooperate in good faith with the County and its employees, agents and contractors during the transition period between the notification of termination and the substitution of any replacement contractor(s); and
 - (v) Immediately return to the County any payments made by the County for Services that were not delivered or rendered by the Contractor.
 - 8. Termination for Convenience of Owner. The Owner may, at will, upon written notice to the Contractor, terminate (without prejudice to any right or remedy of the Owner) the whole or any portion of the Work for the convenience of the Owner.

All costs must be substantiated by adequate back-up documentation. The termination will not affect any rights or remedies of the Owner against the Contractor then existing or which may thereafter accrue. Any retention or payment of moneys due to the Contractor by the Owner will not release the Contractor from liability.

F. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

1. Access to Confidential Data. The Contractor's employees, agents and subcontractors may have access to confidential data maintained by the County to the extent necessary to carry out the Contractor's responsibilities under the Contract. The Contractor shall presume that all information received pursuant to the Contract is confidential unless otherwise designated by the County. If it is reasonably likely the Contractor will have access to the County's confidential information, then:

- (i) The Contractor shall provide to the County a written description of the Contractor's policies and procedures to safeguard confidential information;
- (ii) Policies of confidentiality shall address, as appropriate, information conveyed in verbal, written, and electronic formats;
- (iii) The Contractor must designate one individual who shall remain the responsible authority in charge of all data collected, used, or disseminated by the Contractor in connection with the performance of the Contract; and
- (iv) The Contractor shall provide adequate supervision and training to its agents, employees and subcontractors to ensure compliance with the terms of the Contract.

The private or confidential data shall remain the property of the County at all times. Some Services performed for the County may require the Contractor to sign a nondisclosure agreement. Contractor understands and agrees that refusal or failure to sign such a nondisclosure agreement, if required, may result in termination of the Contract.

- 2. No Dissemination of Confidential Data. No confidential data collected, maintained, or used in the course of performance of the Contract shall be disseminated except as authorized by law and with the written consent of the County, either during the period of the Contract or thereafter. Any data supplied to or created by the Contractor shall be considered the property of the State. The Contractor must return any and all data collected, maintained, created or used in the course of the performance of the Contract, in whatever form it is maintained, promptly at the request of the State.
- **3. Subpoena.** In the event that a subpoena or other legal process is served upon the Contractor for records containing confidential information, the Contractor shall promptly notify the County and cooperate with the County in any lawful effort to protect the confidential information.
- **4. Reporting of Unauthorized Disclosure.** The Contractor shall immediately report to the State any unauthorized disclosure of confidential information.
- **5. Survives Termination.** The Contractor's confidentiality obligation under the Contract shall survive termination of the Contract.

G. INDEMNIFICATION

1. Contractor's Indemnification Obligation. The Contractor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the County and County officers, employees, agents, and volunteers (collectively, "Indemnified Parties") from any and all costs, expenses, losses, claims, damages, liabilities, settlements and judgments, including reasonable value of the time spent by the Attorney General's Office, related to or arising from:

- (i) Any breach of the Contract;
- (ii) Any negligent, intentional or wrongful act or omission of the Contractor or any employee, agent or subcontractor utilized or employed by the Contractor;
- (iii) Any failure of Services to comply with applicable specifications, warranties, and certifications under the Contract;
- (iv) The negligence or fault of the Contractor in design, testing, development, manufacture, or otherwise with respect to the Services provided under the Contract;
- (v) Claims, demands, or lawsuits that, with respect to the goods (if any) or any parts thereof, allege product liability, strict product liability, or any variation thereof;
- (vi) The Contractor's performance or attempted performance of the Contract, including any employee, agent or subcontractor utilized or employed by the Contractor;
- (vii) Any failure by the Contractor to comply with the "Compliance with the Law" provision of the Contract;
- (viii) Any failure by the Contractor to make all reports, payments and withholdings required by federal and state law with respect to social security, employee income and other taxes, fees or costs required by the Contractor to conduct business in the State of Georgia or the United States;
- (ix) Any infringement of any copyright, trademark, patent, trade dress, or other intellectual property right; or
- (x) Any failure by the Contractor to adhere to the confidentiality provisions of the Contract.
- 2. Duty to Reimburse State Tort Claims Fund. To the extent such damage or loss as covered by this indemnification is covered by the State of Georgia Tort Claims Fund ("the Fund"), the Contractor (and its insurers) agrees to reimburse the Fund. To the full extent permitted by the Constitution and the laws of the State and the terms of the Fund, the Contractor and its insurers waive any right of subrogation against the State, the Indemnified Parties, and the Fund and insurers participating thereunder, to the full extent of this indemnification.
- **3.** Litigation and Settlements. The Contractor shall, at its own expense, be entitled to and shall have the duty to participate in the defense of any suit against the Indemnified Parties. No settlement or compromise of any claim, loss or damage entered into by the Indemnified Parties shall be binding upon Contractor unless approved in writing by Contractor. No settlement or compromise of any claim, loss or damage entered into by Contractor shall be binding upon the Indemnified Parties approved in writing by the Indemnified Parties.

4. Patent/Copyright Infringement Indemnification. Contractor shall, at its own expense, be entitled to and shall have the duty to participate in the defense of any suit instituted against the County and indemnify the County against any award of damages and costs made against the County by a final judgment of a court of last resort in such suit insofar as the same is based on any claim that any of the Services constitutes an infringement of any United States Letters Patent or copyright, provided the State gives the Contractor immediate notice in writing of the institution of such suit, permits Contractor to fully participate in the defense of the same, and gives Contractor all available information, assistance and authority to enable Contractor to do so. Subject to approval of the County Attorneys, the County shall tender defense of any such action to Contractor upon request by Contractor. Contractor shall not be liable for any award of judgment against the State reached by compromise or settlement unless Contractor accepts the compromise or settlement. Contractor shall have the right to enter into negotiations for and the right to effect settlement or compromise of any such action, but no such settlement shall be binding upon the State unless approved by the State.

In case any of the Services is in any suit held to constitute infringement and its use is enjoined, Contractor shall, at its option and expense:

- (i) Procure for the State the right to continue using the Services;
- (ii) Replace or modify the same so that it becomes non-infringing; or
- (iii) Remove the same and cancel any future charges pertaining thereto.

Contractor, however, shall have no liability to the County if any such patent, or copyright infringement or claim thereof is based upon or arises out of:

- (i) Compliance with designs, plans or specifications furnished by or on behalf of the County as to the Services;
- (ii) Use of the Services in combination with apparatus or devices not supplied by Contractor;
- (iii) Use of the Services in a manner for which the same was neither designed nor contemplated; or
- (iv) The claimed infringement of any patent or copyright in which the County or any affiliate or subsidiary of the County has any direct interest by license or otherwise.
- **5. Survives Termination.** The indemnification obligation of the Contractor shall survive termination of the Contract.

H. INSURANCE

A. Liability

The Contractor shall maintain such insurance as will protect him from claims under workmen's compensation acts and from any other claims for damages to property, and for personal injury, including death, which may arise from operations under this contract, whether such operations be by himself or by any sub-contractor or anyone directly or indirectly employed by either of them.

Certificates of Insurance indicating that the successful proper has obtain such coverage, shall be filed with the Owner prior to the commencement by the successful proposer of the services. Such certificates shall be in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Owner, shall indicate that, except in respect to workers compensation insurance coverage and professional errors and omissions, Owner is an additional insured with respect to such coverage, and shall indicate that such coverage is primary and not contributory with any similar insurance purchased by the Owner. The certificates shall contain a provision that the insurer will endeavor, if allowed by the policy, to provide Owner with thirty (30) calendar day notice of nonrenewal, cancellation, or termination of the coverage. If the successful proposer receives a nonrenewal. cancellation, or termination notice from an insurance carrier affording coverage required herein, the successful proposer agrees to notify Owner by fax within two (2) business days with a copy of the nonrenewal, cancellation, or termination notice, or written specifications as to which coverage is no longer in compliance. Failure to comply with any of the provisions relating to insurance coverage herein shall be deemed a material breach if not cured. Certificates of such insurance shall be filed with the Owner. The Contractor shall be responsible for providing adequate limits of insurance when working within property owned by railroads, as established by such railroad company.

B. Indemnity

To the fullest extent permitted by laws, statutes, rules and regulations, the Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the County and the Officers, Directors, Employees, Agents, and other Contractors of each and any of them from and against claims, costs, damages, losses, and expenses, including but not limited to all fees and charges of Engineer/Architects, architects, attorneys and other professionals and all court costs, arising out of or resulting from performance of the work, but only to the extent caused in whole or in part by negligent, reckless, willful and wanton, or wrongful acts or omissions of the A & E, its Officers, Directors, Employees, Agents, and anyone directly, or indirectly employed by them or anyone for whose acts they may be liable, regardless of whether or not such claim, cost, damage, loss, or expense is caused in part by a party indemnified hereunder, except that no party shall indemnify any other party or person for their own sole negligence.

Such obligation shall not be construed to negate, abridge or reduce other rights or obligations of indemnity which would otherwise exist as to a party or person described in this Paragraph.

Comprehensive General Liability -The successful Bidder shall exercise proper precaution at all times for the protection of persons and property. He shall carry approved insurance from insurance companies authorized to do business in Georgia and having an A.M. Best's rating of B+ or better with the following minimums:

*The limits of insurance are as follows:

a) General Liability Insurance of at least One Million (1,000,000) Dollars (Combined Single Limit per occurrence) and Two Million (2,000,000) Dollars aggregate;
b) Automobile Insurance of at least Five Hundred Thousand (500,000) Dollars (Combined Single Limit per accident for bodily injury or property damage); and
c) Workers' Compensation Insurance as will protect potential bidder or offeror from Workers' Compensation Acts.

d) Professional Liability Insurance of at least Two Hundred Fifty Thousand (250,000) Dollars per claim and Five Hundred (500,000) Aggregate, as applicable.

I. BONDS

The Contractor shall furnish payment and performance bonds with good and sufficient surety or sureties acceptable to the Owner for the protection of persons furnishing materials or labor in connection with the performance of the work. The penal sum of such payment and performance bond will be 100% of the contract price. The bonds required hereunder will be dated as of the same date as the contract and will be furnished to the Owner at the time the contract is executed. These bonds shall be issued from a company licensed to do business in Georgia and shall be signed or counter signed by a Georgia resident agent, and shall have proper Power of Attorney evidencing the authority of the individual signing the bond. Included with the Bonds shall be a signed Affidavit on the form provided herewith.

Out of state contractors shall post a bond with the State Tax Commissioner for each tax year during construction of the project to guarantee payment of taxes on the work of this Contract.

J. WARRANTIES

- 1. Construction of Warranties Expressed in the Contract with Warranties Implied by Law. All warranties made by the Contractor and/or subcontractors in all provisions of the Contract and the Contractor's Response, whether or not the Contract specifically denominates the Contractor's and/or subcontractors' promise as a warranty or whether the warranty is created only by the Contractor's affirmation or promise, or is created by a description of the Services to be provided, or by provision of samples to the County shall not be construed as limiting or negating any warranty provided by law, including without limitation, warranties which arise through course of dealing or usage of trade, the warranty of merchantability, and the warranty of fitness for a particular purpose. The warranties expressed in the Contract are intended to modify the warranties implied by law only to the extent that they expand the warranties applicable to the Services provided by the Contractor. The provisions of this section apply during the term of the Contract and any extensions or renewals thereof.
- 2. Warranty Nonconforming Services and Goods. All Services and any goods delivered by Contractor to the County shall be free from any defects in design, material, or workmanship. If any Services or goods offered by the Contractor are found to be defective in material or workmanship, or do not conform to Contractor's warranty, the County shall have the option of

returning, repairing, or replacing the defective Services or goods at Contractor's expense. Payment for Services and any goods shall not constitute acceptance. Acceptance by the County shall not relieve the Contractor of its warranty or any other obligation under the Contract.

- **3.** Compliance with Federal Safety Acts. Contractor warrants and guarantees to the County that the Services provided under the Contract are in compliance with Sections 5 and 12 of the Federal Trade Commission Act; the Fair Packaging and Labeling Act; the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act; the Consumer Product Safety Act; the Federal Environmental Pesticide Control Act; the Federal Hazardous Substances Act; the Fair Labor Standards Act; the Wool Products Labeling Act; the Flammable Fabrics Act; the Occupational Safety and Health Act; the Office of Management and Budget A-110 Appendix A; and the Anti-Kickback Act of 1986.
- 4. Originality and Title to Concepts, Materials, and Goods Produced. Contractor represents and warrants that all the concepts, materials, goods and Services produced, or provided to the State pursuant to the terms of the Contract shall be wholly original with the Contractor or that the Contractor has secured all applicable interests, rights, licenses, permits or other intellectual property rights in such concepts, materials and works. The Contractor represents and warrants that the concepts, materials, goods and Services and the State's use of same and the exercise by the County of the rights granted by the Contract shall not infringe upon any other work, other than material provided by the Contract to the Contractor to be used as a basis for such materials, or violate the rights of publicity or privacy of, or constitute a libel or slander against, any person, firm or corporation and that the concepts, materials and works will not infringe upon the copyright, trademark, trade name, trade dress patent, literary, dramatic, statutory, common law or any other rights of any person, firm or corporation or other entity. The Contractor represents and warrants that it is the owner of or otherwise has the right to use and distribute the goods and Services contemplated by the Contract.
- 5. Conformity with Contractual Requirements. The Contractor represents and warrants that the Services provided in accordance with the Contract will appear and operate in conformance with the terms and conditions of the Contract.
- 6. Authority to Enter into Contract. The Contractor represents and warrants that it has full authority to enter into the Contract and that it has not granted and will not grant any right or interest to any person or entity that might derogate, encumber or interfere with the rights granted to the State and the County.
- 7. Obligations Owed to Third Parties. The Contractor represents and warrants that all obligations owed to third parties with respect to the activities contemplated to be undertaken by the Contractor pursuant to the Contract are or will be fully satisfied by the Contractor so that the State and the County will not have any obligations with respect thereto.
- 8. **Title to Property.** The Contractor represents and warrants that title to any property assigned, conveyed or licensed to the County is good and that transfer of title or license to the County is

rightful and that all property shall be delivered free of any security interest or other lien or encumbrance. Title to any supplies, materials, or equipment shall remain in the Contractor until fully paid for by the County. Except as otherwise expressly authorized by the County, all materials produced by Contractor personnel in performance of Services, including but not limited to software, charts, graphs, diagrams, video tapes and other project documentation shall be deemed to be work made for hire and shall be the property of the County.

- **9. Industry Standards.** The Contractor represents and expressly warrants that all aspects of the Services provided or used by it shall at a minimum conform to the standards in the Contractor's industry. This requirement shall be in addition to any express warranties, representations, and specifications included in the Contract, which shall take precedence.
- 10. Contractor's Personnel and Staffing. Contractor warrants that all persons assigned to perform Services under this Contract are either lawful employees of Contractor or lawful employees of a subcontractor authorized by the County as specified in the solicitation. All persons assigned to perform Services under this Contract shall be qualified to perform such Services. Personnel assigned by Contractor shall have all professional licenses required to perform the Services.
- 11. County Security. County requires that a criminal background investigation be made of any and all Contractor personnel utilized to provide Services to the County. Contractor represents and warrants that Contractor shall refrain from assigning personnel to any task under this Contract if such investigation reveals a disregard for the law or other background that indicates an unacceptable security risk as determined by the County. The Contractor's employees, agents and subcontractors may be granted access to state computers, hardware, software, programs and/or information technology infrastructure or operations to the extent necessary to carry out the Contractor's responsibilities under the Contract. Such access may be terminated at the sole discretion of the County. The Contractor shall provide immediate notice to County of any employees, agents and/or subcontractors suspected of abusing or misusing such access privilege. The Contractor represents and warrants that Contractor shall provide notice to County of the changed status of any employee, agent or subcontractor granted access to County computers, hardware, software, programs and/or information technology infrastructure or operations or change of the position or contract relationship.
- **12.** Use of County Vehicles. Contractor warrants that no County vehicles will be used by Contractor for the performance of Services under this Contract. Contractor shall be responsible for providing transportation necessary to perform all Services.
- 13. Liens. Neither the final payment nor any part of the retained percentage shall become due until the Contractor shall deliver to the Owner a complete release of all claims or liens arising out of this Contract and an affidavit that so far as he has knowledge or information the release and receipts include all the labor and materials for which a lien or claim could be filed; but the Contractor may, if any Sub-contractor refuses to furnish a release or receipt in full, furnish an additional bond satisfactory to the Owner, to indemnify the Owner against any

claim or lien (in cases where such payment is not already guaranteed by Surety Bond). If any claim or lien remains unsatisfied after all payments are made, the Contractor shall refund to the Owner all monies that the latter may be compelled to pay on discharging such a lien, including all costs and a reasonable attorney's fee.

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K. PRODUCT RECALL

If this Contract includes the provision of goods and in the event that any of the goods are found by the Contractor, the County, any governmental agency, or court having jurisdiction to contain a defect, serious quality or performance deficiency, or not to be in compliance with any standard or requirement so as to require or make advisable that such goods be reworked or recalled, the Contractor will promptly communicate all relevant facts to the County and undertake all corrective actions, including those required to meet all obligations imposed by laws, regulations, or orders, and shall file all necessary papers, corrective action programs, and other related documents, provided that nothing contained in this section shall preclude the County from taking such action as may be required of it under any such law or regulation. The Contractor shall perform all necessary repairs or modifications at its sole expense except to any extent that the Contractor and the State shall agree to the performance of such repairs by the State upon mutually acceptable terms.

L. CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION

- 1. Order of Preference. In the case of any inconsistency or conflict among the specific provisions of the County Standard Contract Terms and Conditions (including any amendments accepted by both the County and the Contractor attached hereto), the solicitation (including any subsequent addenda), and the Contractor's Response, any inconsistency or conflict shall be resolved as follows:
 - (i) First, by giving preference to the specific provisions of the County General Terms and Conditions.
 - (ii) Second, by giving preference to the specific provisions of the solicitation.
 - (iii) Third, by giving preference to the specific provisions of the Contractor's Response, except that objections or amendments by a Contractor that have not been explicitly accepted by the County in writing shall not be included in this Contract and shall be given no weight or consideration.

- 2. Intent of References to Bid Documents. The references to the parties' obligations, which are contained in this document, are intended to supplement or clarify the obligations as stated in the solicitation and the Contractor's Response. The failure of the parties to make reference to the terms of the solicitation or the Contractor's Response in this document shall not be construed as creating a conflict and will not relieve the Contractor of the contractual obligations imposed by the terms of the solicitation and the Contractor's Response. The contractor's Response. The contractor's Response implied from the Contractor's Response.
- Compliance with the Law. The Contractor, its employees, agents, and subcontractors 3. shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, ordinances, regulations and orders of various departments or agencies of the State of Georgia now or hereafter in effect when performing under the Contract, including without limitation, all laws applicable to the prevention of discrimination in employment and the use of targeted small businesses as subcontractors or contractors. The Contractor, its employees, agents and subcontractors shall also comply with all federal, state and local laws regarding business permits and licenses that may be required to carry out the work performed under the Contract. Contractor and Contractor's personnel shall also comply with all State and County policies and standards in effect during the performance of the Contract, including but not limited to the County's policies and standards relating to personnel conduct, security, safety, confidentiality, and ethics. Further, the provisions of O.C.G.A. Section 45-10-20 et seq. have not and must not be violated under the terms of this Contract. Contractor certifies that Contractor is not currently engaged in, and agrees for the duration of this Contract not to engage in, a boycott of Israel, as defined in O.C.G.A. § 50-5-85.
- 4. **Drug-free Workplace.** The Contractor hereby certifies as follows:
 - (i) Contractor 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; and
 - (ii) If Contractor has more than one employee, including Contractor, Contractor shall provide for such employee(s) a drug-free workplace, in accordance with the Georgia Drug-free Workplace Act as provided in O.C.G.A. Section 50-24-1 et seq., throughout the duration of this Contract; and
 - (iii) Contractor will secure from any subcontractor hired to work on any job assigned under this Contract the following written certification: "As part of the subcontracting agreement with <u>(Contractor's Name)</u>, <u>(Subcontractor's Name)</u> certifies to the contractor that a drug-free workplace will be provided for the subcontractor's employees during the performance of this Contract pursuant to paragraph 7 of subsection (b) of Code Section 50-24-3."

Contractor may be suspended, terminated, or debarred if it is determined that:

- (i) Contractor has made false certification here in above; or
- (ii) Contractor has violated such certification by failure to carry out the requirements of O.C.G.A. Section 50-24-3(b).
- **5. Amendments.** The Contract may be amended in writing from time to time by mutual consent of the parties. All amendments to the Contract must be in writing and fully executed by duly authorized representatives of the County and the Contractor.
- 6. **Third Party Beneficiaries.** There are no third-party beneficiaries to the Contract. The Contract is intended only to benefit the County and the Contractor.
- 7. Choice of Law and Forum. The laws of the State of Georgia shall govern and determine all matters arising out of or in connection with this Contract without regard to the choice of law provisions of State law. In the event any proceeding of a quasi-judicial or judicial nature is commenced in connection with this Contract, such proceeding shall solely be brought in a court or other forum of competent jurisdiction within Dawson County, Georgia. This provision shall not be construed as waiving any immunity to suit or liability, including without limitation sovereign immunity, which may be available to the State. If any provision hereof shall be held or deemed to be or shall, in fact, be inoperative or unenforceable as applied in any particular case in any jurisdiction or jurisdictions or in all jurisdictions, or in all cases because it conflicts with any other provision or provisions hereof or any constitution or statute or rule of public policy, or for any other reason, such circumstances shall not have the effect of rendering the remaining provision of this Contract invalid, inoperative or unenforceable.
- 8. Parties' Duty to Provide Notice of Intent to Litigate and Right to Demand Mediation. In addition to any dispute resolution procedures otherwise required under this Contract or any informal negotiations which may occur between the County and the Contractor, no civil action with respect to any dispute, claim or controversy arising out of or relating to this Contract may be commenced without first giving fourteen (14) calendar days written notice to the County of the claim and the intent to initiate a civil action. At any time prior to the commencement of a civil action, either the County or the Contractor may elect to submit the matter for mediation. Either the County or the Contractor may exercise the right to submit the matter for mediation by providing the other party with a written demand for mediation setting forth the subject of the dispute. The parties will cooperate with one another in selecting a mediator and in scheduling the mediation proceedings. Venue for the mediation will be in Dawsonville, Georgia; provided, however, that any or all mediation proceedings may be conducted by teleconference with the consent of the mediator. The parties covenant that they will participate in the mediation in good faith, and that they will share equally in its costs; provided, however, that the cost to the County shall not exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00).

All offers, promises, conduct and statements, whether oral or written, made in the course of the mediation by any of the parties, their agents, employees, experts and attorneys, and by the

mediator or employees of any mediation service, are inadmissible for any purpose (including but not limited to impeachment) in any litigation or other proceeding involving the parties, provided that evidence that is otherwise admissible or discoverable shall not be rendered inadmissible or non-discoverable as a result of its use in the mediation. Inadmissibility notwithstanding, all written documents shall nevertheless be subject to the Georgia Open Records Act, O.C.G.A. Section 50-18-70 et seq.

No party may commence a civil action with respect to the matters submitted to mediation until after the completion of the initial mediation session, forty-five (45) calendar days after the date of filing the written request for mediation with the mediator or mediation service, or sixty (60) calendar days after the delivery of the written demand for mediation, whichever occurs first. Mediation may continue after the commencement of a civil action, if the parties so desire.

- **9.** Assignment and Delegation. The Contract may not be assigned, transferred or conveyed in whole or in part without the prior written consent of the County. For the purpose of construing this clause, a transfer of a controlling interest in the Contractor shall be considered an assignment.
- 10. Use of Third Parties. Except as may be expressly agreed to in writing by the County, Contractor shall not subcontract, assign, delegate or otherwise permit anyone other than Contractor or Contractor's personnel to perform any of Contractor's obligations under this Contract or any of the work subsequently assigned under this Contract. No subcontract which Contractor enters into with respect to performance of obligations or work assigned under the Contract shall in any way relieve Contractor of any responsibility, obligation or liability under this Contract and for the acts and omissions of all subcontractors, agents, and employees. All restrictions, obligations and responsibilities of the Contractor must also preserve the rights of the County. The County shall have the right to request the removal of a subcontractor from the Contract for good cause.
- **11. Integration.** The Contract represents the entire agreement between the parties. The parties shall not rely on any representation that may have been made which is not included in the Contract.
- **12. Headings or Captions.** The paragraph headings or captions used in the Contract are for identification purposes only and do not limit or construe the contents of the paragraphs.
- 13. Not a Joint Venture. Nothing in the Contract shall be construed as creating or constituting the relationship of a partnership, joint venture, (or other association of any kind or agent and principal relationship) between the parties thereto. Each party shall be deemed to be an independent contractor contracting for the Services and acting toward the mutual benefits expected to be derived here from. Neither Contractor nor any of Contractor's agents, servants, employees, subcontractors or contractors shall become or be deemed to become agents, servants, or employees of the County. Contractor shall therefore be responsible for

compliance with all laws, rules and regulations involving its employees and any subcontractors, including but not limited to employment of labor, hours of labor, health and safety, working conditions, workers' compensation insurance, and payment of wages. No party has the authority to enter into any contract or create an obligation or liability on behalf of, in the name of, or binding upon another party to the Contract.

- 14. Joint and Several Liability. If the Contractor is a joint entity, consisting of more than one individual, partnership, corporation or other business organization, all such entities shall be jointly and severally liable for carrying out the activities and obligations of the Contract, and for any default of activities and obligations.
- **15.** Supersedes Former Contracts or Agreements. Unless otherwise specified in the Contract, this Contract supersedes all prior contracts or agreements between the County and the Contractor for the Services provided in connection with the Contract.
- **16.** Waiver. Except as specifically provided for in a waiver signed by duly authorized representatives of the County and the Contractor, failure by either party at any time to require performance by the other party or to claim a breach of any provision of the Contract shall not be construed as affecting any subsequent right to require performance or to claim a breach.
- **17.** Notice. Any and all notices, designations, consents, offers, acceptances or any other communication provided for herein shall be given in writing and be addressed to the person who signed the Contract on behalf of the party at the address identified in the County Contract. Notices may be sent via email, registered United States Postal Service mail, FedEx or UPS. Each such notice shall be deemed to have been provided:
 - (i) At the time it is actually received; or,
 - (ii) Within one (1) day in the case of overnight hand delivery, courier or Services such as Federal Express with guaranteed next day delivery; or,
 - (iii) Within five (5) days after it is deposited in the U.S. Mail in the case of registered U.S. Mail; or
 - (iv) At the time stamped in the email.

From time to time, the parties may change the name and address of the person designated to receive notice. Such change of the designated person shall be in writing to the other party and as provided herein.

18. Cumulative Rights. The various rights, powers, options, elections and remedies of any party provided in the Contract shall be construed as cumulative and not one of them is exclusive of the others or exclusive of any rights, remedies or priorities allowed either party by law, and shall in no way affect or impair the right of any party to pursue any other equitable or legal

remedy to which any party may be entitled as long as any default remains in any way unremedied, unsatisfied or undischarged.

- **19.** Severability. If any provision of the Contract is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, such determination shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other part or provision of the Contract. Further, if any provision of the Contract is determined to be unenforceable by virtue of its scope, but may be made enforceable by a limitation of the provision, the provision shall be deemed to be amended to the minimum extent necessary to render it enforceable under the applicable law. Any agreement of the Contract shall not affect any other part of this Contract, and the remainder of this Contract shall continue to be of full force and effect.
- **20.** Time is of the Essence. Time is of the essence with respect to the performance of the terms of the Contract. Contractor shall ensure that all personnel providing Services to the County are responsive to the County's requirements and requests in all respects.
- **21.** Authorization. The persons signing this Contract represent and warrant to the other parties that:
 - (i) It has the right, power and authority to enter into and perform its obligations under the Contract; and
 - (ii) It has taken all requisite action (corporate, statutory or otherwise) to approve execution, delivery and performance of the Contract and the Contract constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation upon itself in accordance with its terms.
- 22. Successors in Interest. The grants, covenants, provisos and claims, rights, powers, privileges and liabilities obtained in the Contract Documents shall be read and held as made by and with, and granted to an imposed upon, the Contractor and the Owner and their respective heir, executors, administrations, successors and assigns.
- **23. Record Retention and Access.** The Contractor shall maintain books, records and documents in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and procedures and which sufficiently and properly document and calculate all charges billed to the County throughout the term of the Contract for a period of at least five (5) years following the date of final payment or completion of any required audit, whichever is later. Records to be maintained include both financial records and service records. The Contractor shall permit the Auditor of the County or any authorized representative of the County, and where federal funds are involved, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any other authorized representative of the United States government, to access and examine, audit, excerpt and transcribe any directly pertinent books, documents, papers, electronic or optically stored and created records or other records of the Contractor relating to orders, invoices or payments or any other documentation or materials pertaining to the Contract, wherever such records may be located during normal business hours. The Contractor shall not impose a charge for audit or

examination of the Contractor's books and records. If an audit discloses incorrect billings or improprieties, the County reserves the right to charge the Contractor for the cost of the audit and appropriate reimbursement. Evidence of criminal conduct will be turned over to the proper authorities.

- 24. Solicitation. The Contractor warrants that no person or selling agency (except bona fide employees or selling agents maintained for the purpose of securing business) has been employed or retained to solicit and secure the Contract upon an agreement or understanding for commission, percentage, brokerage or contingency.
- **25. Public Records.** The laws of the State of Georgia, including the Georgia Open Records Act, as provided in O.C.G.A. Section 50-18-70 et seq., require procurement records and other records to be made public unless otherwise provided by law.
- 26. Clean Air and Water Certification. Contractor certifies that none of the facilities it uses to provide the Services are on the Environmental Protection County (EPA) List of Violating Facilities. Contractor will immediately notify the County of the receipt of any communication indicating that any of Contractor's facilities are under consideration to be listed on the EPA List of Violating Facilities.
- 27. Debarred, Suspended, and Ineligible Status. Contractor certifies that the Contractor and/or any of its subcontractors have not been debarred, suspended, or declared ineligible by any agency of the State of Georgia or as defined in the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 48 C.F.R. Ch.1 Subpart 9.4. Contractor will immediately notify the County if Contractor is debarred by the State or placed on the Consolidated List of Debarred, Suspended, and Ineligible Contractors by a federal entity.
- **28.** Use of Name or Intellectual Property. Contractor agrees it will not use the name or any intellectual property, including but not limited to, State trademarks or logos in any manner, including commercial advertising or as a business reference, without the expressed prior written consent of the County.
- **29.** Taxes. The County is exempt from Federal Excise Taxes, and no payment will be made for any taxes levied on Contractor's employee's wages. The County is exempt from State and Local Sales and Use Taxes on the services. Tax Exemption Certificates will be furnished upon request. Contractor or an authorized subcontractor has provided the County with a sworn verification regarding the filing of unemployment taxes or persons assigned by Contractor to perform Services, which verification is incorporated herein by reference.
- **30.** Certification Regarding Sales and Use Tax. By executing the Contract, the Contractor certifies it is either (a) registered with the State Department of Revenue, collects, and remits State sales and use taxes as required by Georgia law, including Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the O.C.G.A.; or (b) not a "retailer" as defined in O.C.G.A. Section 48-8-2. The Contractor also acknowledges that the County may declare the Contract void if the above certification is false.

The Contractor also understands that fraudulent certification may result in the County or its representative filing for damages for breach of contract.

- **31.** Delay or Impossibility of Performance. Neither party shall be in default under the Contract if performance is delayed or made impossible by an act of God. In each such case, the delay or impossibility must be beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor. If delay results from a subcontractor's conduct, negligence or failure to perform, the Contractor shall not be excused from compliance with the terms and obligations of the Contract.
- **32.** Limitation of Contractor's Liability to the State. Except as otherwise provided in this Contract, Contractor's liability to the County for any claim of damages arising out of this Contract shall be limited to direct damages and shall not exceed the total amount paid to Contractor for the performance under this Contract.

No limitation of Contractor's liability shall apply to Contractor's liability for loss or damage to State equipment or other property while such equipment or other property is in the sole care, custody, and control of Contractor's personnel. Contractor hereby expressly agrees to assume all risk of loss or damage to any such County equipment or other property in the care, custody, and control of Contractor's personnel. Contractor further agrees that equipment transported by Contractor personnel in a vehicle belonging to Contractor (including any vehicle rented or leased by Contractor or Contractor's personnel) shall be deemed to be in the sole care, custody, and control of Contractor's personnel while being transported. Nothing in this section shall limit or affect Contractor's liability arising from claims brought by any third party.

- **33. Obligations Beyond Contract Term.** The Contract shall remain in full force and effect to the end of the specified term or until terminated or canceled pursuant to the Contract. All obligations of the Contractor incurred or existing under the Contract as of the date of expiration, termination or cancellation will survive the termination, expiration or conclusion of the Contract.
- **34.** Counterparts. The County and the Contractor agree that the Contract has been or may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all such counterparts shall together constitute one and the same instrument.
- **35.** Further Assurances and Corrective Instruments. The County and the Contractor agree that they will, from time to time, execute, acknowledge and deliver, or cause to be executed, acknowledged and delivered, such supplements hereto and such further instruments as may reasonably be required for carrying out the expressed intention of the Contract.
- **36.** Transition Cooperation and Cooperation with other Contractors. Contractor agrees that upon termination of this Contract for any reason, it shall provide sufficient efforts and cooperation to ensure an orderly and efficient transition of services to the County or another contractor. The Contractor shall provide full disclosure to the County and the third-party

contractor about the equipment, software, or services required to perform the Services for the State. The Contractor shall transfer licenses or assign agreements for any software or third-party services used to provide the Services to the State or to another contractor.

Further, in the event that the County has entered into or enters into agreements with other contractors for additional work related to Services rendered under the Contract, Contractor agrees to cooperate fully with such other contractors. Contractor shall not commit any act, which will interfere with the performance of work by any other contractor.

- **37. Joint Venture Contract.** In the event the Contractor is a joint venture of two or more contractors, the grants, covenants, provisos and claims, rights, power, privileges and liabilities of the contract shall be construed and held to be several as well as joint. Any notice, order, direct request, or any communication required to be or that may be given by the Owner to the Contractor under this contract, shall be well and sufficiently given to all persons being the Contractor if given to any one or more of such persons. Any notice, request, or other communication given by any one of such persons to the Owner under this Contract shall also be given to the Owner and shall be deemed to have been given by and shall bind all persons being the Contractor.
- **38.** Business License. Contractors and Sub-contractors shall have a current Occupation Tax Certificate, and shall furnish certificate and license numbers prior to entering into a contract with the Owner.
- **39. Obligations and Liability of the Contractor.** The Contractor shall do all the work and furnish all the materials, tools, and appliances, except as herein otherwise specified, and everything necessary for properly performing and completing the work required by the Contract, in the manner and within the time specified. He shall complete the entire work to the satisfaction of the Owner, and in accordance with the Specifications herein mentioned, at the prices herein agreed upon and fixed therefore.

All the work labor and materials to be done and furnished under this Contract shall be done and furnished strictly pursuant to, and in conformity with, the Contract Documents, and the directions of the Owner as given from time to time during the progress of the work, under the terms of this contract.

The Contractor shall coordinate his operations with those of any other Contractors who may be employed on other work of the Owner and shall avoid interference therewith and cooperate in the arrangements for storage of materials.

He shall in no way be relieved of his responsibility by any rights of the Owner, its officers, employees and agents to give permission or issue orders relating to any part of the work, or by any such permission given or orders issued, or by failure of the Owner, its officers, employees and agents to give such permission or issue such orders. The Contractor shall bear all losses resulting to him or to the Owner, its officers, employees and agents on account of the amount or character of the work, or because of the nature of the land in or on which the work is done is different from what was estimated or expected, or on account of the weather elements or other causes. The Contractor shall assume the defense of all claims arising out of

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injury or damage to persons, corporations, or property, whether said claims arise out of negligence or not, or whether said claims are for unavoidable damage or not, and from all claims relating to labor and materials furnished for the work and from all expenses incurred in defending or settling such claims, including reasonable attorney's fees.

The Contractor warrants that he is familiar with the codes applicable to the work and that he has the skill, knowledge, competence, organization, and plant to execute the work promptly and efficiently in compliance with the requirements of the Contract Documents.

Failure or omission on the part of the Owner, representative of the Owner, agents of the Owner, Project Representative, clerk-of-the-works, employed by the Owner either to discover or to bring to the attention of the Contractor any deviation from, omission from, or non-compliance with the Contract Documents shall not be set up by the Contractor as a defense of failure to his part to install the work in accordance with the Contract Documents or for any other neglect to fulfill requirements of the fact that any one, or all, or any of the foregoing at the site of the fact that any one, or all, or any of the foregoing at the work or any part of it be set up as a defense by the Contractor against a claim for failure on his part to install the work in accordance with the Contract. No requirement of this contract may be altered or waived except in pursuance of a written order of the Owner and in strict accordance with the provisions of the contract for changes in the work.

40. Responsibilities of the Contractor

A. Sub-contractors

The Contractor shall be responsible for the adequacy, efficiency, and sufficiency of Subcontractors and their employees.

B. Proposer Employees

The Contractor shall be responsible for the adequacy, efficiency, and sufficiency of his employees. Workers shall have sufficient knowledge, skill, and experience to perform properly the work assigned to them.

C. Payment for Labor and Materials

The Contractor shall pay and require his Sub-contractors to pay any and all accounts for labor including Workers Compensation premiums, State Unemployment and Federal Social Security payments, and other wage and salary deductions required by law. The Contractor also shall pay and cause his Sub-contractors to pay any and all accounts for services, equipment, and materials used by him and his Sub-contractors during the performance of work under this contract. Such accounts shall be paid as they become due and payable. If requested by the Owner, the Contractor shall furnish proof of payment of such accounts to the Owner.

D. Attention to Work

The Contractor, acting through his representative, shall give personal attention to and shall manage the work so that it shall be prosecuted faithfully.

E. Employee Safety

The Contractor alone shall be responsible for the safety of his and his Sub-contractor's employees. The Contractor shall perform the work in a manner which meets the Owner's responsibility under statutory and common law for the provision of a safe place to work.

- **41. Ownership of Documents.** All copies thereof furnished to the Owner may be reused on other work. All models are the property of the Owner.
- **42.** Separate Contracts. The Owner reserves the right to let other Contracts in connection with this work.
- **43.** Cleaning Up. The Contractor shall, as directed by the Owner, remove at his own expense from the Owner's property and from all public and private property all rubbish and waste materials resulting from his operations.
- 44. Laws of Georgia. This Contract shall be governed by the Laws of the State of Georgia. If any provision hereof shall be held or deemed to be or shall, in fact, be inoperative or unenforceable as applied in any particular case in any jurisdiction or jurisdictions or in all jurisdictions, or in all cases because it conflicts with any other provision or provisions hereof or any constitution or statute or rule of public policy, or for any other reason, such circumstances shall not have the effect of rendering the remaining provision of this Contract invalid, inoperative or unenforceable.
- **45. Emergencies.** In an emergency affecting the safety of life or of the work or of adjoining property, the Contractor is, without special instructions or authorization from the Owner, hereby permitted to act at his discretion to prevent such threatening loss, damage or injury. He shall also act, without appeal, if so authorized or instructed by the Owner. The Contractor shall supply the Owner with two (2) emergency phone numbers for contact per each working day in the event of an emergency.
- **46.** Accidents. The Contractor shall report in writing to the Owner all accidents whatsoever arising out of, or in connection with, the performance of the work, whether on or adjacent to the site, which causes death, personal injury, or property damages, giving full details and statement of witnesses. In addition, if death or serious damages are caused, the accident shall be reported immediately by telephone or messenger to both the Contractor and any sub-contractor an account of any accident, the Contractor shall promptly report the facts to the Owner, giving full details in writing of the claim.
- **47.** Force Majeure. Neither party will be liable to the other party for nonperformance resulting from labor, strikes, riots, wars, acts of governmental authorities preventing performance, extraordinary weather conditions or other natural catastrophe or any other cause beyond the reasonable control or contemplation of either party.

- **48. Obligation Beyond Contract Term.** The Contract shall remain in full force and effect to the end of the specified term or until terminated or canceled pursuant to the Contract. All obligations of the Contractor incurred or existing under the Contract as of the date of expiration, termination or cancellation will survive the termination, expiration or conclusion of the Contract.
- **49. Transition Cooperation and Cooperation with other Contractors.** Contractor agrees that upon termination of this Contract for any reason, it shall provide sufficient efforts and cooperation to ensure an orderly and efficient transition of services to the County or another contractor. The Contractor shall provide full disclosure to the County and the third-party contractor about the equipment, software, or services required to perform services for the County. The Contractor shall transfer licenses or assign agreements for any software or third-party services used to provide the services to the County or to another contractor.

J. INCORPORATED DOCUMENTS

The terms, conditions, and specifications of the solicitation and the Contractor's Response hereby incorporated by reference and made a part hereof just as if they had been are fully set out herein. In the case of any inconsistency or conflict among the specific provisions of the Contract and any incorporated documents, any inconsistency or conflict shall be resolved as follows: first, by giving preference to the specific provisions of any contract terms (such as special terms or an attached contract) included with the solicitation; second, by giving preference to the specific provisions of the solicitation; and third, by giving preference to the specific provisions of the Contractor's Response. Any pre-printed terms and conditions included on Contractor's forms or invoices shall be null and void.

-End of This Section-



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Company Name: _____

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

| Vendor's Checklist |
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| Vendor's Information Form |
| Vendor's Price Proposal Form |
| Vendor's Qualifications as detailed in Section II, D |
| References as listed under Section II, D |
| Execution of Proposal Form |
| Addenda Acknowledgement Form and Any Addenda Issued |
| Proposer's Certification and Non-Collusion Affidavit |
| Drug-Free Workplace Affidavit |
| Georgia's Security and Immigration Compliance Act Affidavit |
| Contractor Affidavit |
| • Subcontractor Affidavit (if applicable) |
| Local Small Business Initiative Affidavit (if applicable) |
| Proof of Insurance/Certificate of Insurance – Requirements listed on Page 7 |
| Completed W9 |
| Copy of Valid Business License |
| Copy of Professional licenses (if applicable) |

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RFP #351-19 SPORTING OFFICIAL SERVICES PROPOSER'S INFORMATION FORM

| 1. Legal Business Name | |
|---|-----------|
| 2. Street Address | |
| 3. City, State & Zip | |
| 4. Type of Business: State of Registration: (Association, Corporation, Partnership, Limited Liability Company, etc.) | |
| 5. Name & Title of Authorized Signer: | |
| 6. Primary Contact | |
| 7. Phone Fax | |
| 8. E-mail | |
| 9. Company Website | |
| 10. Has your company ever been debarred from doing business with any federal, state or local age No If Yes, please state the agency name, dates and reason for debarment. | ency? Yes |

ATTACH COPY OF BUSINESS LICENSE AND A COMPLETED W-9 FORM THIS PAGE MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED WITH PROPOSAL

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RFP #351-19 SPORTING OFFICIAL SERVICES VENDOR'S PRICE PROPOSAL FORM (SHEET A)

COMPANY NAME: _

Proposer to provide a sliding scale based on the number of meals, including costs for all materials, labor and equipment needed to complete the Scope of Work.

| Season | Sport | Age Group | Time Limit | Estimated # of Games | Officials per Game | Type of Certification | Price Per Official | Price Per Scorekeeper |
|--------|--------------------------------|-----------|-------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| | T-Ball | 7-8 | 1 hr. | | 1 | Dizzy Dean | | |
| | | | | T-E | Ball Estima | ted Total | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | | 7-8 | 1 hr 20 min | | 1 | Dizzy Dean | | |
| | Youth | 9-10 | 1 hr 20 min | | 2 | Dizzy Dean | | |
| | Softball | 11-12 | 1 hr 20 min | | 2 | Dizzy Dean | | |
| | | 13-14 | 1 hr 20 min | | 2 | Dizzy Dean | | |
| | Youth Softball Estimated Total | | | | | | | |
| D Z | | | | | | | | |
| SPRING | Adult | Men | 1 hr | | 2 | ASA | | |
| | Softball | Co-Ed | 1 hr | | 2 | ASA | | |
| | | | | Adult S | oftball Est | imated Total | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | Vouth | 7-8 | | | | Dizzy Dean | | |
| | Youth Softball | 9-10 | | | | Dizzy Dean | | |
| | Tournament | 11-12 | | | | Dizzy Dean | | |
| | | 13-14 | | | | Dizzy Dean | | |
| | | | | Youth | Tourname Tota | nt Estimated I | | |

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RFP #351-19 SPORTING OFFICIAL SERVICES VENDOR'S PRICE PROPOSAL FORM (SHEET B)

COMPANY NAME: ____

Proposer to provide a sliding scale based on the number of meals, including costs for all materials, labor and equipment needed to complete the Scope of Work.

| Season | Sport | Age Group | Time Limit | Estimated # of Games | Officials per Game | Type of Certification | Price Per Official | Price Per Scorekeeper |
|--------|-------------------|-----------|-------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| | | 7-8 | 1 hr 20 min | | 1 | Dizzy Dean | | |
| | Youth | 9-10 | 1 hr 20 min | | 2 | Dizzy Dean | | |
| | Baseball | 11-12 | 1 hr 20 min | | 2 | Dizzy Dean | | |
| | | 13-14 | 1 hr 20 min | | 2 | Dizzy Dean | | |
| | | | | Youth Tournament Estimated | | | | |
| U | | | | | Tota | | | |
| SPRING | | | | | | | | |
| SPF | Vouth | 7-8 | Open | | 2 | Dizzy Dean | | |
| | Youth Baseball | 9-10 | Open | | 2 | Dizzy Dean | | |
| | Tournament | 11-12 | Open | | 2 | Dizzy Dean | | |
| | roundinent | 13-14 | Open | | 2 | Dizzy Dean | | |
| | | | | Youth T | ourname Total | nt Estimated | | |
| | | | | Youth T | | | | |

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RFP #351-19 SPORTING OFFICIAL SERVICES VENDOR'S PRICE PROPOSAL FORM (SHEET C)

COMPANY NAME:

Proposer to provide a sliding scale based on the number of meals, including costs for all materials, labor and equipment needed to complete the Scope of Work.

| Season | Sport | Age Group | Time Limit | Estimated # of Games | Officials per Game | Type of Certification | Price Per Official | Price Per Scorekeeper |
|--------|----------|-----------|-------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| | T-Ball | 7-8 | 1 hr | | 1 | Dizzy Dean | | |
| | | | | T-E | all Estimat | ted Total | | |
| | | | T | | | Γ | | |
| | | 7-8 | 1 hr 20 min | | 1 | Dizzy Dean | | |
| | Youth | 9-10 | 1 hr 20 min | | 2 | Dizzy Dean | | |
| | Softball | 11-12 | 1 hr 20 min | | 2 | Dizzy Dean | | |
| | | 13-14 | 1 hr 20 min | | 2 | Dizzy Dean | | |
| | | | | Youth 9 | Softball Est | imated Total | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| FALL | Adult | Men | 1 hr | | 2 | ASA | | |
| ш. | Softball | Co-Ed | 1 hr | | 2 | ASA | | |
| | | | | Adult S | oftball Est | imated Total | | |
| | | - 0 | 1 ha 20 min | | 1 | Director | | |
| | | 7-8 | 1 hr 20 min | | 1 | Dizzy Dean | | |
| | Youth | 9-10 | 1 hr 20 min | | 2 | Dizzy Dean | | |
| | Baseball | 11-12 | 1 hr 20 min | | 2 | Dizzy Dean | | |
| | | 13-14 | 1 hr 20 min | | 2 | Dizzy Dean | | |
| | | | | Youth | | nt Estimated | | |
| | | | | | Tota | | | |
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RFP #351-19 SPORTING OFFICIAL SERVICES VENDOR'S PRICE PROPOSAL FORM (SHEET D)

COMPANY NAME: ____

Proposer to provide a sliding scale based on the number of meals, including costs for all materials, labor and equipment needed to complete the Scope of Work.

| Season | Sport | Age Group | Time Limit | Estimated # of Games | Officials per Game | Type of Certification | Price Per Official | Price Per Scorekeeper |
|--------|---------------------|-----------|-------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| | | 7-8 | 1 hr 20 min | | 1 | GHSA | | |
| | Youth | 9-10 | 1 hr 20 min | | 2 | GHSA | | |
| | Basketball | 11-12 | 1 hr 20 min | | 2 | GHSA | | |
| WINTER | | 13-14 | 1 hr 20 min | | 2 | GHSA | | |
| | | | | Yout | h Basketba Tota | ll Estimated I | | |
| NIN | | 7-8 | 1 hr | | 2 | GHSA | | |
| - | Youth Basketball | 9-10 | 1 hr | | 2 | GHSA | | |
| | Tournament | 11-12 | 1 hr | | 2 | GHSA | | |
| | | 13-14 | 1 hr | | 2 | GHSA | | |
| | | | | Youth | Tourname Tota | nt Estimated | | |

• Proposers must attached applicable licenses and certifications

• All costs incurred by the Proposer must be included in the Price of Project for the total scope of work as listed in this RFP.

Authorized Signature

Print Name

THIS FORM IS TO BE SEALED SEPARATE FROM TECHNICAL LABELED SEALED PRICE THIS DOCUMENT MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED AS A PART OF YOUR PROPOSAL

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All references must be from customers for whom your company has completed work similar to the specifications of this bid. Attach additional page if necessary.

| References for: | | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------|--|
| | (Company | y Name) | |
| 1. Company | | | |
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| Contact Person Name | | Title | |
| Phone | FAX | Email | |
| Describe Scope of Work and | dates of project/service: | | |
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| 2. Company | | | |
| Street Address | | | |
| City, State & Zip | | | |
| Contact Person Name | | Title | |
| Phone | FAX | Email | |
| Describe Scope of Work and | dates of project/service: | | |
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| 3. Company | | | |
| Street Address | | | |
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| Contact Person Name | | Title | |
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RFP #351-19 SPORTING OFFICIAL SERVICES EXECUTION OF PROPOSAL

DATE: _____

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

- ____ That this proposal was signed by an authorized representative of the firm.
- ____ That the potential CONSULTANT has determined the cost and availability of all materials and supplies associated with performing the services outlined herein.
- ____ That all labor costs associated with this project have been determined, including all direct and indirect costs.
- ____ That the potential CONSULTANT agrees to the conditions as set forth in this Request for Proposal with no exceptions.

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

Business Name

Authorized Signature

Date

Typed Name & Title

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RFP #351-19 SPORTING OFFICIAL SERVICES DRUG FREE WORKPLACE

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

Whose address is:

And it is also that:

1. The provisions of Section § 50.24.1 through § 50.24.6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Drug Free Workplace Act" have been complied with in full; and,

2. A drug free workplace will be provided for the CONSULTANT'S employees during the performance of the contract; and,

3. Each Sub-contractor hired by the CONSULTANT shall be required to ensure that the Subcontractor's employees are provided a drug free workplace. The CONSULTANT shall secure from that Sub-contractor the following written certification: "As part of the subcontracting agreement with

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

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

Date

Signature

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RFP #351-19 SPORTING OFFICIAL SERVICES ADDENDA ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

Addendum No.

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Addendum No.

Authorized Representative (Signature)

Date

Authorized Representative/Title (Print or Type)

<u>Proposers must acknowledge any issued addenda.</u> Proposals which fail to acknowledge the proposer's receipt of any addendum will result in the rejection of the offer if the addendum contained information which substantively changes the Owner's requirements.

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RFP #351-19 SPORTING OFFICIAL SERVICES PROPOSER'S CERTIFICATION AND STATEMENT OF NON-COLLUSION

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

I certify that this proposal has been prepared independently and the price submitted will not be disclosed to another person.

I certify that there has been no contact or communication by the proposer or the proposer's associates with any County staff, or elected officials since the date this solicitation **#351-19 SPORTING OFFICIAL SERVICES** was issued except: 1) through the Purchasing Department, 2) at the Pre-Proposal Conference (if applicable) or 3) as provided by existing work agreement(s). The County reserves the right to reject the proposal submitted by any proposer violating this provision.

I agree to abide by all conditions of this proposal and certify that I am authorized to sign this proposal.

COMPANY NAME:

Authorized Representative (Signature)

Date

Authorized Representative/Title (Print or Type)

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Georgia Security & Immigration Compliance (GSIC) Act Affidavit

As per the Georgia Senate Bill 529 and Senate Bill 447, the Georgia Department of Labor has promulgated new rules for the implementation of Section 2. O.C.G.A. §13-10-91 and Chapter 300-10-01-.02 state that no Georgia Public Employer shall enter into a contract for *the physical performance of services within the State of Georgia* unless the CONSULTANT 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 CONSULTANT Affidavit, CONSULTANT verifies its compliance with O.C.G.A. §13-10-91 stating affirmatively that the individual, firm or corporation which is contracting with the Dawson 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.

CONSULTANT 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 Dawson County Board of Commissioners, CONSULTANT 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 Dawson County Board of Commissioners at the time the Sub-contractor(s) is retained to perform such services.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE ATTACHED AFFIDAVIT AND RETURN WITH SUBMISSION:

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IMMIGRATION AND SECURITY FORM (GEORGIA SECURITY AND IMMIGRATION COMPLIANCE ACT AFFIDAVIT)

| CONSULTANT's | |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Name: | |
| County Solicitation/ | |
| Contract No.: | |

CONSULTANT AFFIDAVIT

By executing this affidavit, the undersigned CONSULTANT verifies its compliance with O.C.G.A. §13-10-91, stating affirmatively that the CONSULTANT 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 Sub-contractor(s) in connection with the physical performance of services pursuant to this contract with the County, CONSULTANT will secure from such Sub-contractor(s) similar verification of compliance with O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91 on the attached Sub-contractor Affidavit. CONSULTANT further agrees to maintain records of such compliance and provide a copy of each such verification to the County at the time the Sub-contractor(s) is retained to perform such service.

EEV / E-VerifyTM Number

BY: Authorized Officer or Agent (CONSULTANT Name)

Date

Title of Authorized Officer or Agent of CONSULTANT

Printed Name of Authorized Officer or Agent

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME ON THIS THE ______DAY OF ______20____

Notary Public

[NOTARY SEAL]

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. 99-603

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IMMIGRATION AND SECURITY FORM (GEORGIA SECURITY AND IMMIGRATION COMPLIANCE ACT AFFIDAVIT)

| CONSULTANT's | |
|----------------------|--|
| Name: | |
| County Solicitation/ | |
| Contract No.: | |

ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS TO CONSULTANT: Identify all Sub-contractors used to perform under the county contract. In addition, you must attach a signed and notarized affidavit (third page of this form) from each of the Sub-contractors listed below. The CONSULTANT is responsible for providing a signed and notarized affidavit to the County within five (5) days of the addition of any new Sub-contractor used to perform under the identified County contract.

| CONSULTANT's Name: | |
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| Sub-contractors: | |
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IMMIGRATION AND SECURITY FORM (GEORGIA SECURITY AND IMMIGRATION COMPLIANCE ACT AFFIDAVIT)

| CONSULTANT's | |
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| Name: | |
| Sub-contractor's | |
| (Your) Name: | |
| County Solicitation/ | |
| Contract No.: | |

SUB-CONTRACTOR AFFIDAVIT

By executing this affidavit, the undersigned Sub-contractor verifies its compliance with O.C.G.A. §13-10-91, stating affirmatively that the Sub-contractor which is engaged in the physical performance of services under a contract with the CONSULTANT identified above on behalf of the County 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.

EEV / E-VerifyTM Number

BY: Authorized Officer or Agent (Sub-contractor Name)

Date

Title of Authorized Officer or Agent of CONSULTANT

Printed Name of Authorized Officer or Agent

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME ON THIS THE _____DAY OF _____20___

Notary Public

[NOTARY SEAL]

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. 99-603

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RFP #351-19 SPORTING OFFICIAL SERVICES EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY (EEO) PRACTICE

EEO Plan: The successful Proposer will develop and implement an EEO policy that, as a minimum, will recruit, hire, train, and promote, at all levels, without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, or age, except where sex or age is a bona fide occupational qualification.

EEO For Veterans/Handicapped: The successful Proposer will also provide equal employment opportunities for qualified disabled veterans, handicapped persons and veterans of the Vietnam Era.

EEO For Successful Proposer Programs: The successful Proposer, will ensure equal employment opportunity applies to all terms and conditions of employment, personnel actions, and successful Proposer-sponsored programs. Every effort shall be made to ensure that employment decisions, programs and personnel actions are non-discriminatory. That these decisions are administered on the basis of an evaluation of an employee's eligibility, performance, ability, skill and experience.

EEO Acquisitions: The successful Proposer will develop and implement a policy that will give equal opportunity to the purchase of various goods and services from small businesses and minority-owned businesses.

| Does the Proposer have the above EEO policy in place? | Y | Ν |
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If the answer to the above is no, will the Proposer have such a policy in place Y N prior to commencing work on this project?

Statement of Assurance: The Proposer herein assures the County that it is in compliance with Title VI & VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, as amended, in that it does not on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, handicap, or veteran status, discriminate in any form or manner against employees or employers or applicants for employment and is in full compliance A.D.A.

Firm's Name

Authorized Signature

Date

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RFP #351-19 SPORTING OFFICIAL SERVICES LEGAL AND CHARACTER QUALIFICATIONS

Convictions: Has the Proposer (including parent corporation, if applicable) or any principal ever been convicted in a criminal proceeding (felonies or misdemeanors) in which any of the following offenses were charged?

| | | Y | Ν |
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| а | Fraud | | |
| b | Embezzlement | | |
| с | Tax Evasion | | |
| d | Bribery | | |
| e | Extortion | | |
| f | Jury Tampering | | |
| g | Anti-Trust Violations | | |
| h | Obstruction of justice (or any other misconduct affecting public or judicial | | |
| | officers' | | |
| i | False/misleading advertising | | |
| j | Perjury | | |
| k | Conspiracy to commit any of the foregoing offenses | | |

Civil Proceedings: Has the Proposer or any principal ever been a party, or is now a party, to civil proceeding in which it was held liable for any of the following?

| | | Y | Ν |
|---|---|---|---|
| а | Unfair/anti-competitive business practices | | |
| b | Consumer fraud/misrepresentation | | |
| с | Violations of securities laws (state and federal) | | |
| d | False/misleading advertising | | |
| e | Violation of local government ordinance | | |

License Revocation:

| | Y | Ν |
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| Has the proposer or any principal ever had a business license revoked, suspended, or the | | |
| renewal thereof denied, or is a party to such a proceeding that may result in same? | | |

Responses: If "yes" is the response to any of the foregoing, provide Information such as date, court, sentence, fine, location, and all other specifics for each "yes" response.

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Principals: The full names and addresses of persons or parties interested in the foregoing bid, as principals, are as follows:

| NAME | ADI | DRESS |
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| ERSON | TITLE | NUMBER/EMAIL |
| ERSON | TITLE | NUMBER/EMAIL |
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Dawson County Board of Commissioners "VOLUNTARY" Title VI Statistical Data Form

Used For Government Monitoring Purposes

Dawson County Board of Commissioners is committed to broad-based competition on all proposals. We are gathering the following information for recordkeeping in compliance with federal regulations. All information will be considered strictly private and confidential and will be used for Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 purposes only. Your responses are strictly voluntary and will help in developing and monitoring nondiscrimination enforcement programs. This form is not part of the bid document and has no emphasis on decision of award, if you prefer not to reply that is acceptable. **Failure to complete this form will not affect your chances of award.** Your cooperation is appreciated.

Instruction for submission: <u>DO NOT INCLUDE WITH BID PROPOSAL</u>. Form should be submitted separately in a non-identifying envelope addressed to the Dawson County Purchasing Department, 25 Justice Way, Suite 2223, Dawsonville, GA 30534. Please write in bid name and number for project tracking purposes.

BID NAME & BID #351-19 SPORTING OFFICIALS SERVICES

| Owner Gender: | Male | Fen | nale | | | | |
|---|---------------------------|----------------|-------------|----------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Owner Race/Ethnicity: | White/Caucasian | | | Hispanic or Latino | | | |
| | Black or African American | | ican | American Indian or Alaska Native | | | |
| | Native Hawaiian or | | | Asian | | | |
| | Other Pacific Islander | | | Two or More Races | | | |
| Disability: Any person who (1) has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities (2) has a record of such impairment; or (3) is regarded as having such impairment. | | | | | | | |
| | Yes | No | | ace as having such impairment. | | | |
| Minority Owned Business: | | | | | | | |
| Disadvantaged Business E | nterprise (DBE) | Company? _ | Yes | No | | | |
| Number of Employees: | | | | | | | |
| Staff Race/Ethnicity Make | -up: | White/Caucasi | an | Hispanic or Latino | | | |
| | | Black or Afric | an American | American Indian or Alaska | | | |
| | | | | Native | | | |
| Native Hawai | | ian or | Asian | | | | |
| Other Pacific | | Other Pacific | Islander | Two or More Races | | | |
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Please place an "X" on the line that apply

Dawson County Government is committed to serve the public efficiently, preserve our heritage, safeguard the environment, protect citizens and improve the quality of life.

Dawson County Board of Commissioners Local Small Business Initiative

Purpose & Scope:

Giving preference to local suppliers, even if it means spending a little more, can actually benefit a county's finances. Dollars spent locally generate additional economic activity even beyond the value of the initial contract as the local supplier in turn sources goods and services locally. Each additional dollar that circulates locally boosts economic activity, employment, and ultimately tax revenue. A study in Arizona found that using local independent suppliers for state contracts results in three times the economic benefit of bids fulfilled through national chains.

Local Small Business Initiative (LSBI) is a Dawson County program designed to promote opportunities to Local Small Businesses located in Dawson County.

The **LSBI** program is designed to return as much taxpayer money to the local economy, in a relatively short time span, as possible while at the same time foster inclusiveness with the County's procurement activities and a goal to provide more opportunities for Dawson County businesses.

Definition of Local Small Business:

- Local Small Business shall mean a business which has its principal office located in and having a street address within Dawson County for at least six months immediately prior to the issuance of the quote/bid/proposal. Post Office boxes (to include mailing/shipping center addresses) are not eligible and shall not be used for the purpose of establishing a physical address.
- Must hold a valid business license required by the County and have no outstanding or unresolved fees, fines or penalties due to Dawson County.
- Not have more than twenty-five (25) employees, and of which at least 33% of those employees have their primary residence in Dawson County, or, if the business has no employees, the business shall be at least fifty-one (51%) percent owned by one or more persons whose primary residence in Dawson County.
- Have a banking relationship with a bank located in Dawson County.
- Average annual gross receipts of five million dollars (\$5,000,000.00) or less over the previous three years.
- Must certify under oath to the above criteria upon submission for any bid, solicitation, or proposal to Dawson County.

The LSBI Policy will not be applicable for the following types of purchases, bids, or solicitations:

• Goods or services provided under a cooperative purchasing agreement or inter-local agreement;



- Purchases or contracts which are funded in whole or part by a governmental entity and the laws, regulations, or policies governing such funding prohibit application of preference;
- Purchases made or contracts let under emergency or non-competitive situations or for legal services;
- Projects over \$100,000.00.

Affidavit:

The County will accept an affidavit that a business meets the County's standards to be considered a Local Small Business. The County, in its sole discretion, may request additional information from the business to support its claim of being a Local Small Business. The Purchasing Department will be required to review the affidavit and request additional information as necessary to ensure the LSBI criteria are satisfied. The County will notify a business of acceptance of LSBI certification.

How Incentive Works:

Under any applicable solicitation or bid, vendors desiring to receive local preference under the LSBI Policy will be required to affirmatively demonstrate via affidavit that they satisfy all pertinent requirements. Any vendor who fails to submit the required affidavit shall be automatically excluded from LSBI consideration. Vendors shall submit the affidavit with each solicitation or bid proposal. The affidavit contemplated under this Policy is valid only for the submitted solicitation or bid, and must be reaffirmed and resubmitted for each subsequent solicitation of bid.

For any solicitation that is under \$100,000.00 the Local Small Business (as demonstrated via affidavit) that submits a <u>responsive</u>, responsible price, a local preference credit of 3%.

Waiver:

The application of local preference to a particular purchase, contract, bid, solicitation or category of contracts may be waived by the Dawson County Board of County Commissioners in its sole discretion. The promulgation of this Policy is not intended nor should it be construed as created a right or property interest in local preference or in the local preference credit.



DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS AFFIDAVIT OF ELIGIBILITY

Complete form and submit with your bid. Incomplete forms may be rejected.

| 1. | Legal Name of Firm | | | | | | | |
|----------|--|-------------------------------------|---------------|----|--|--|--|--|
| 2. | Mailing Address: | Physical Address (if different) | | | | | | |
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| 3. | Year business was established in Dawson | County: | | | | | | |
| 4. | Business License Number issued by Daws | son County: | | | | | | |
| 5. | Number of Employees: | | | | | | | |
| 6. | Average annual gross receipts for past three | ee years: | | | | | | |
| 7. | 7. Business Type (circle one): Corporation, Partnership, Sole Proprietorship | | | | | | | |
| 8. | Does your business have more than one lo | Yes | No | | | | | |
| | If yes, specify the location(s): | | | | | | | |
| | Is your businesses' principal base of operation | ations in Dawson County? | Yes | No | | | | |
| | Does your business have any locations our | tside Dawson County? | Yes | No | | | | |
| 9. | If yes, please specify the location(s): | | | | | | | |
| true and | FICATION : I hereby certify under penalty of perj correct, that I am authorized to sign on behalf of th , within 10 days of notice, the necessary documents | business set out above, and if requ | lested by the | | | | | |
| Attest: | | | | | | | | |
| Sworn t | o and subscribed before me this | Authorized Signature | | | | | | |
| | _ day of, 20 | Print Name | | | | | | |
| Notary | | | | | | | | |
| | ssion Expires: | Title | | | | | | |

RFP #351-19 SPORTING OFFICIALS SERVICES

SAMPLE CONTRACT NUMBER: 351-19

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN OWNER AND CONSULTANT

RFP #351-19 SPORTING OFFICIAL SERVICES

This Agreement is made and entered into this <u>th</u> day of <u>.</u>, by and between Dawson County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, (hereinafter referred to as the "Owner") and (hereinafter referred to as the "Consultant") under seal for all professional services called for in the Dawson County **Request for Proposals #351-19 SPORTING OFFICIAL SERVICES**, and for furnishing materials, labor, and equipment necessary for job description as listed in the specifications and proposed by the Consultant.

In consideration of the mutual promises, covenants, and payment set forth herein and for other good and valuable consideration, the County and Consultant agree to perform in accord with the terms of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 1

THE CONTRACT AND THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

1.1 The Contract

1.1.1 The Contract between the Owner and the Consultant, consists of the Contract Documents and shall be effective on the date this Agreement is executed by the last party to execute it. If any items in the Contract conflict with the law of the State of Georgia law, law of the State of Georgia shall prevail.

1.2 The Contract Documents

1.2.1 The Contract Documents consist of this Document, the **Request for Proposals #351-19 SPORTING OFFICIAL SERVICES** and all addenda, all Change Orders issued hereafter, and any other amendments executed by the parties hereafter. Documents not enumerated in this paragraph are not Contract Documents and do not form part of this Contract.

1.3 Entire Agreement

1.3.1 This Contract constitutes the entire and exclusive agreement between the Owner and the Consultant with reference to the Scope of Services. Specifically, but without limitation, this Contract supersede all prior written or oral communications, representations and negotiations, if any, between the Owner and Consultant.

1.4 No Privity with Others

1.4.1 Nothing contained in this Contract shall create, or be interpreted to create, privity or any other contractual agreement between the Owner and any person or entity other than the Consultant.

1.5 Intent and Interpretation

1.5.1 The intent of this Contract is to require complete, correct and timely execution of the Work. Any work that may be required, implied or inferred by the Contract Documents, or any one or more of them, as necessary to produce the intended result shall be provided by the Consultant for the Contract Price.

1.5.2 This Contract is intended to be an integral whole and shall be interpreted as internally consistent. What is required by any one Contract Document shall be considered as required by the Contract.

RFP #351-19 SPORTING OFFICIALS SERVICES

1.6 Ownership of Contract Documents

1.6.1 The Contract Documents, and each of them, shall remain the property of the Owner. The Consultant shall have the right to keep one record set of the Contract Documents upon completion of the work; provided, however, that in no event shall Consultant use, or permit to be used, any or all of such Contract Documents on other work without the Owner's prior written authorization.

1.7 Unobligated Funds

1.7.1 This Agreement shall terminate absolutely and without further obligation at such time as appropriated and otherwise unobligated funds are no longer available to satisfy the obligations of the County under this Agreement.

ARTICLE II

CONTRACT DEFINITIONS

The following terms shall have the following meanings whether in the singular or in the plural:

2.1 Agreement Execution. The Agreement Execution means the date both parties execute this Agreement.

2.2 *Contract.* The word contract has the identical meaning as the word Agreement.

2.3 *Contract Documents*. The contract documents consist of this Agreement between the County and the Consultant, the request for proposals, addenda issued before the execution of this Agreement, the Consultant's statement of proposal and required response forms, change orders and modifications issued after execution of this Agreement, a written amendment to this Agreement signed by both parties, and a supplemental Agreement in the form of change work order signed by both parties.

2.4 *Contract Price*. The contract price means the total monies, adjusted in accordance with any provision set forth herein, payable to the Consultant pursuant to a change work order or a supplemental Agreement.

2.5 *Contract Time*. The contract time means the period of time stated herein for completion of work.

2.6 *Cost of Work.* The cost of work means the fixed price or estimated cost necessary to perform the work described in the scope of services or any change work order.

2.7 *County*. The County means Dawson County, Georgia, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia.

2.8 *Deliverables.* Deliverables means all reports, drawings, plans, designs, and other documents prepared by the Consultant identified in the scope of services as deliverable to the County.

2.9 *Drawings*. The drawings, if any, shall be the graphic and pictorial portions of the contract documents whether completed or partially completed.

2.10 *Liaison*. Liaison means the representative of the County who shall act as a liaison between the County and the Consultant for all matters pertaining to this Agreement including review of Consultant's plans and work.

2.11 *Multi-year Contract.* Multi-year contract means a contract for the purchase of supplies or services for more than one (1), but not more than five (5), fiscal years. A multi-year contract may provide that performance under the contract during the second and subsequent years of the contract is contingent upon the appropriation of funds, and (if it does so provide) may provide for a cancellation payment to be made to the Consultant if appropriations are not made.

2.12 *Project.* Project means a task or set of tasks assigned pursuant to the Scope of Work and/or a Change Work Order.

2.13 *Specifications.* Specifications mean the written technical provisions including all appendices thereto, both general and specific, which form part of the contract documents.

2.14 *Sub-Consultant.* A sub-Consultant means any person, firm, partnership, joint venture, company, corporation or entity with an Agreement with the Consultant or Consultant's sub-Consultants to provide part of the work required by a change work order.

2.15 *Change Work Order.* A Change Work Order shall mean a written order to the Consultant executed by the County, issued after execution of this Contract, authorizing and directing a change in the work or an adjustment in the Contract Price or the Contract Time. The Contract Price and the Contract Time may be changed only by Change Order.

2.16 *Work.* The work means any and all obligations, duties and responsibilities, including furnishing equipment, consulting, design, labor, and any other service or thing necessary to the successful completion of the project assigned to or undertaken by the Consultant under this Agreement or change work order.

2.17 *Term of Agreement.* Term of Agreement means a fixed duration that the contract will be in effect. The signing parties are obligated to adhere to the terms and conditions within the contract until the expiration, or end date, of the contract or if the contract is terminated as specified herein.

ARTICLE III

THE WORK

3.1 Scope of Services

3.1.1 The Consultant shall perform all of the Work required, implied or reasonably inferable from this Contract, all in accordance with scope of service, amendments and the Consultants response to the RFP document and in accordance with the with the terms of this agreement.

3.1.2 The term "Work" shall mean whatever is done by or required of the Consultant to perform and complete its duties under this Contract, including the following: design of the whole or a designated portion of the Project; furnishing of any required insurance; provision of required certifications and documentation of associated testing results, if required in the RFP; provision or furnishing of labor, supervision, services, materials, supplies, equipment, fixtures, appliances, facilities, tools, transportation, storage, power, permits and licenses required of the Consultant, fuel, heat, light, cooling and all other utilities as required by this Contract. The work to be performed by the Consultant is generally described in Exhibit "A":

ARTICLE IV

CONTRACT TIME

4.1 Time and Liquidated Damages

4.1.1 The Consultant shall complete the work within time specified in the RFP upon receipt of the notice to proceed.

4.1.2 The Owner reserves the right to insert a liquidated damages provision in any change work order.

4.2 Substantial Completion

4.2.1. "Substantial Completion" shall mean that state in the progression of the Work when the Work is sufficiently complete in accordance with this Contract that the Owner can enjoy beneficial use or occupancy of the work and can utilize the work for its intended purpose.

4.3 Time is of the Essence

4.3.1 All limitations of time set forth in the Contract Documents are of the essence of this Contract.

ARTICLE V

CONTRACT PRICE

5.1 The Contract Price

5.1.1 The Owner shall pay the Consultant the fee calculated in accord with "Exhibit B" and set forth in the project specified within as the Fee Proposal for RFP. The Consultant and Owner shall periodically review project progress and schedules to ensure timely completion of work and to determine the status of the estimated project budget.

5.2.1 The Consultant agrees that the Consultant shall not be compensated for customary overhead items that are not referenced within "Exhibit B". The parties agree that the Owner shall review and approve any proposed billing rate adjustments of the Consultant before any such billing rate adjustments shall be implemented.

ARTICLE VI

PERSONNEL OF THE CONSULTANT

6.1 Personnel

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

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

6.2 Personnel, Sub-Consultants and Suppliers

6.2.1 *Terms of Subcontracts.* All sub-contracts and purchase orders with sub-Consultants shall afford Consultant rights against the sub-Consultant that correspond to those rights afforded to the Owner against the Consultant in accord with the terms of this Agreement, including the right to suspend or terminate the sub-contract. Further, the parties hereto agree that no relationship of agency or employment or otherwise shall be created between the Owner and any sub-Consultant of the Consultant, and the Consultant shall insert a provision to this effect within all sub-contracts between the Consultant and any sub-Consultant.

6.2.2 The Consultant shall remain responsible to the County for all acts, defaults, omissions or negligence of the Consultant's sub-Consultants and suppliers. At the term of this Contract, the Consultant shall submit Attachment "C" to the Purchasing Manager.

6.3 Notice of Personnel Changes

6.3.1 The Consultant key personnel identified within the statement of qualifications/proposal as submitted with Consultant's Technical Proposal shall not be changed or substituted without the prior written approval of the Owner.

ARTICLE VII

PAYMENT TO THE CONSULTANT

7.1 Payment

7.1.1 The Owner shall pay to the Consultant on the basis of an executed task work order, and all invoices submitted by the Consultant shall be detailed to reflect the hours per task by personnel category and employee name at the billing rates referenced in "Exhibit B" and incorporated herein by reference. The billing rate shall include any other direct expenses. The Consultant shall not be entitled to payment for overtime. Invoices shall be paid per Owner policies and procedures, which is typically 30 calendar days from receipt. If any dispute arises regarding an invoice, then the Consultant may separate the disputed portion of the invoice and resubmit the undisputed portion of the invoice, which will be paid pursuant to Owner policies and procedures. The disputed portion of the invoice shall be paid upon resolution of the dispute. After completion by the Consultant of the work, the Owner shall pay the Consultant all outstanding invoices. The Consultant agrees that acceptance of final payment shall be full and final settlement of all claims against the Owner for work completed or performed, materials furnished, costs incurred, or otherwise arising out of a change work order, and shall release the Owner from any claim from the Consultant resulting from such change work order and project.

7.1.2 The Consultant warrants that upon submittal of an Application for Payment, all work for which payments have been received from the Owner shall be free and clear of liens, claims, security interest or other encumbrances in favor of the Consultant or any other person or entity whatsoever. The Consultant shall promptly pay each Sub-Consultant out of the amount paid to the Consultant on account of such Sub-Consultant's work, the amount to which such Sub-Consultant is entitled. In the event the Owner becomes informed that the Consultant has not paid a Sub-Consultant as herein provided, the Owner shall have the right, but not the duty, to issue future checks in payment to the Consultant of amounts otherwise due hereunder naming the Consultant and such Sub-Consultant as joint payees.

7.1.3 No progress payment, nor any use or occupancy of the Project by the Owner, shall be interpreted to constitute an acceptance of any work not in compliance with this Contract.

7.2 Withheld Payment

7.2.1 The Owner may decline to make payment, may withhold funds, and, if necessary, may demand the return of some or all of the amounts previously paid to the Consultant to protect the Owner from loss because of:

- a) Claims of third parties against the Owner;
- b) Failure by the Consultant to pay Sub-Consultants or others in a prompt and proper fashion;
- c) Evidence that the balance of the work cannot be completed in accordance with the Contract for the unpaid balance of the Contract Price;
- d) Evidence that the work will not be completed in the time required for substantial or final completion;
- e) Persistent failure to carry out the work in accordance with the Contract; or
- f) Damage to the Owner or a third party to whom the Owner is, or may be, liable

7.3 Completion and Final Payment

7.3.1 When all of the work is finally complete and the Consultant is ready for a final inspection, Consultant shall notify the Owner in writing. Thereupon, the Owner will make final inspection of the work and, if the work is complete in compliance with this Contract and this Contract has been fully performed, then the Consultant will promptly issue a final Application for Payment certifying to the Owner that the Project is complete and the Consultant is entitled to the remainder of the unpaid Contract Price, less any amount withheld pursuant to this Contract. Consultant will return Attachment "C" to the Purchasing Manager at 25 Justice Way, Suite 2223, Dawsonville, Georgia 30534 at time of final Application for Payment.

7.3.2 Acceptance of final payment shall constitute a waiver of all claims against the Owner by the Consultant except for those claims previously made in writing against the Owner by the Consultant, pending at the time of final payment, and identified in writing by the Consultant as unsettled at the time of its request for final payment, as attested to in Attachment "C".

ARTICLE VIII

THE OWNER

8.1 Information, Services and Things Required from Owner

8.1.1 The Owner shall furnish to the Consultant, at the time of executing this Contract, any and all written and tangible material in its possession that are necessary to facilitate the completion of this project in a timely manner, if any.

8.2 Right to Stop Work

8.2.1 If the Consultant fails or refuses to perform the work in accordance with this Contract, the Owner may order the Consultant to stop the work, or any described portion thereof, until the cause for stoppage has been corrected, no longer exists, or the Owner orders that work be resumed. In such event, the Consultant shall immediately obey such order. The stop work order referenced herein must be in writing and must specify in detail the alleged failure of the Consultant in accordance with the contract documents.

8.3 Owner's Right to Perform Work

8.3.1 If the Consultant's work is stopped by the Owner under Paragraph 8.2 and the Consultant fails within seven (7) days of such stoppage to provide adequate assurance to the Owner that the cause of such stoppage will be eliminated or corrected, then the Owner may, without prejudice to any other rights or remedies the Owner may have against the Consultant, proceed to carry out the subject work. In such a situation, an appropriate Change Order shall be issued deducting from the Contract Price the cost of correcting the subject deficiencies, plus compensation for the Project Manager's additional services and expenses necessitated thereby, if any. If the unpaid portion of the Contract Price is insufficient to cover the amount due the Owner, then the Consultant shall pay the difference to the Owner.

8.4 Suspension and Termination

8.4.1 If the County directs a suspension of performance because of no fault of the Consultant, then the County agrees to pay the Consultant as full compensation for such suspension the Consultant's reasonable costs actually incurred and paid costs, of demobilization and remobilization, preserving and protecting work in place, and storage of materials or equipment purchased for the project.

8.4.2 If the County lifts the suspension of performance, then the County shall notify the Consultant in writing, and the Consultant shall promptly resume performance of the work order unless the Consultant has exercised its right of termination.

ARTICLE IX

THE CONSULTANT

9.1 The Consultant shall perform the work strictly in accordance with this Contract.

9.2 The Consultant shall supervise and direct the work using the Consultant's best skill, effort and attention. The Consultant shall be responsible to the Owner for any and all acts or omissions of the Consultant, its employees, Sub-Consultants, and others engaged in the work on behalf of the Consultant.

9.3 Warranty

9.3.1 The Consultant warrants to the Owner that all labor furnished to progress the work under this Contract will be competent to perform the tasks undertaken, that the product of such labor will yield only firstclass results, that materials and equipment furnished will be of good quality and new unless otherwise permitted by this Contract, and that the work will be of good quality, free from faults and defects and in strict conformance with this Contract. All work not conforming to these requirements may be considered defective. The Consultant shall use that degree of skill and care ordinarily exercised under similar conditions by reputable members of Consultant's profession practicing in the same or similar locale at the time of performance and in compliance with the Project at issue.

9.4 The Consultant shall comply with all lawful requirements applicable to the work and shall give and maintain any and all notices required by applicable law pertaining to the work.

9.5 Cleaning the Site and the Project

9.5.1 The Consultant shall keep the site reasonably clean during performance of the work as stipulated in the RFP document. Upon final completion of the work, the Consultant shall clean the site and the Project and remove all waste, together with all of the Consultant's property.

9.6 Access to Work

9.6.1 The Owner and the Project Manager shall have access to the work at all times from commencement of the work through final completion. The Consultant shall take whatever steps necessary to provide access when requested.

9.7 Indemnity

9.7.1 The Consultant hereby agrees to indemnify and hold the County harmless to the fullest extent permitted by law from any and all claims, liability, damages, loss, cost and expense of every type whatsoever, including without limitation reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses in connection with the Consultant's performance of this Agreement, to the extent that the same results from the (1) negligent act, error or omission or willful misconduct of the Consultant, Sub-Consultant, anyone directly or indirectly employed by them or anyone for whose acts they may be liable, or (2) the breach by the Consultant of any material provision of this Agreement.

9.7.1.2 The Consultant shall initiate a Notice of Claim or dispute against the Owner arising out of or related to this Contract or any change work order issued pursuant to this contract through a written notice submitted to the Owner. Such written notice shall be received by the Owner no later than seven (7) days after the event or the first appearance of the circumstances causing the claim and shall set forth in detail all known facts and circumstances supporting the claim. The Consultant hereby agrees and acknowledges that if the Consultant fails to provide written notice of a claim as set forth herein, then such failure shall constitute a waiver of any claim for additional compensation or time extension related thereto. In claims against any person or entity indemnified under this Paragraph 9.7 by an employee of the Consultant, a Sub-Consultant, any one directly or indirectly employed by them or anyone for whose acts they may be liable, the indemnification obligation under this Paragraph 9.7 shall not be limited by a limitation on amount or type of damages, compensation or benefits payable by or for the Consultant or a Sub-Consultant under workers' compensation acts, disability benefit acts or other employee benefit acts.

ARTICLE X

CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION

10.1 Administration

10.1.1 The Dawson County Project Manager shall be the Owner's representative from the effective date of this Contract until final payment has been made for work site operations. Any and all change orders must be submitted through the Dawson County Project Manager to the County Manager. Acceptance of the change order will be reflected on the project purchase order issued by the Purchasing Manager.

10.1.2. The Owner and the Consultant shall communicate with each other in the first instance through the Project Manager for all site work.

10.1.3 The Owner's Representative shall be the initial interpreter of the requirements of the drawings and specifications and the judge of the performance by the Consultant.

10.1.4 The Owner's Representative shall have authority to reject work that is defective or does not conform to the requirements of this Contract.

10.1.5 The Owner's Representative will review the Consultant's Applications for Payment and will certify those amounts then due the Consultant as provided in this Contract.

10.1.6 The Owner's Representative, shall, upon request from the Consultant, conduct inspections to determine the date of final completion, will receive records, written warranties and related documents required by this contract and will issue a final Certificate for Payment upon compliance with the requirements of this Contract.

10.2 Claims by the Consultant

10.2.1 All Consultant claims shall be initiated by written notice and claim to the Owner at the attention the Purchasing Department. Such written notice and claim must be furnished within seven (7) days after occurrence of the event or the first appearance of the condition giving rise to the claim.

10.2.2 Pending final resolution of any claim of the Consultant, the Consultant shall diligently proceed with performance of this Contract and the Owner shall continue to make payments to the Consultant in accordance with this Contract. The resolution of any claim under this paragraph 9.7 shall be reflected by a Change Order executed by the Owner and the Consultant.

10.2.3 Claims for Additional Time

10.2.3.1 If the Consultant is delayed in progressing any task, which at the time of delay is then critical or which during the delay becomes critical, as the sole result of any act or neglect to act by the Owner or someone acting on the Owner's behalf or by changes ordered in the work, unusual delay in transportation, unusually adverse weather conditions not reasonably anticipated, fire or any causes beyond the Consultant's control, then the date for achieving completion of the work shall be extended upon the written notice and claim of the Consultant to the Owner's Representative for such reasonable time as the Owner's representative may determine. Any notice and claim for an extension of time by the Consultant shall be made not more than fifteen (15) days after the occurrence of the event or the first appearance of the condition giving rise to the claim and shall set forth in detail the Consultant's basis for requiring additional time in which to complete the Project.

10.2.4 Claims for Weather Delays

10.2.4.1 Claims for weather delays shall not be considered unless work is not feasible for more than onehalf of a day due to weather conditions. Claims for weather delays shall not be considered for Sundays unless the Consultant consistently works on Sundays prior to the claim. Weather Days are to be turned in within four weeks of the occurrence.

ARTICLE XI

CHANGES IN THE WORK

11.1 Changes Permitted

11.1.1 *County's Right to Order Changes*. The County may unilaterally make changes in the services or the work within the general scope of the project, which may consist of additions, deletions or revisions. Any change order shall mean a written order to the Contractor executed by the Owner issued after the execution of this Contract and Agreement authorizing and directing a change in services. The price and time may be changed only through a change order. If the change order requires additional services or directs the omission of certain services covered by this Contract, then an equitable adjustment in price shall be made, but any claim for any such adjustment shall be asserted within thirty (30) days of receipt of the written change order. Change Orders are to be processed through the Dawson County Project Manager with the County Manager's signature required as authorization. All Change Orders must be processed by the County Purchasing Manager on the issued Project Purchase Order for record.

11.1.2 Changes in the work shall be performed under applicable provisions of this Contract and the Consultant shall proceed promptly with such changes.

11.2 Change Order Defined

11.2.1 Change Order shall mean a written order to the Consultant executed by the Owner, issued after execution of this Contract, authorizing and directing a change in the work or an adjustment in the Contract Price or the Contract Time. The Contract Price and the Contract Time may be changed only by Change Order. Acceptance of the change order will be reflected on the project purchase order issued by the Purchasing Manager.

11.3 Changes in the Contract Price

11.3.1 Any change in the Contract Price resulting from a Change Order shall be determined as follows: (a) by mutual agreement between the Owner and the Consultant as evidenced by (1) the change in the Contract Price being set forth in the Change Order, (2) such change in the contract Price, together with any conditions or requirements related thereto, being initialed by both parties and (3) the Consultant's execution of the Change Order, or (b) if no mutual agreement occurs between the Owner and the Consultant, then as provided in Subparagraph 11.3.2 below. Acceptance of the change order will be reflected on the project purchase order issued by the Purchasing Manager.

11.3.2 If no mutual agreement occurs between the Owner and the Consultant as contemplated in Subparagraph 11.3.1 above, the change in the Contract Price, if any, shall then be determined by the Owner on the basis of the reasonable expenditures or savings of performing, deleting or revising the work attributable to the change, including, in the case of an increase or decrease in the Contract Price, a reasonable allowance for direct job site overhead and profit. In such case, the Consultant shall present, in such form and with such content as the Owner requires an itemized accounting of such expenditures or savings, plus appropriate supporting data for inclusion in a Change Order.

ARTICLE XII

CONTRACT TERMINATION

12.1 Termination by the Consultant

12.1.1 If the work is stopped for a period of ninety (90) days by an order of any court or other public authority or as a result of an act of the Government, through no fault of the Consultant or any person or entity working directly or indirectly for the Consultant, the Consultant may, upon ten (10) days' written notice to the Owner, terminate performance under this contract and recover from the Owner payment for the actual reasonable expenditures of the Consultant for all work executed.

12.1.2 If the Owner shall persistently or repeatedly fail to perform any material obligation to the Consultant for a period of thirty (30) days after receiving written notice from the Consultant of its intent to terminate hereunder, then the Consultant may terminate performance under this Contract by written notice to the Owner. In such event, the Consultant shall be entitled to recover from the Owner as though the Owner had terminated the Consultant's performance under this Contract for convenience pursuant to Subparagraph 12.2.1.

12.1.3 The Consultant may terminate this Agreement with the County by providing thirty (30) calendar days written notice. The Consultant shall continue until completion of any outstanding work orders or other ongoing projects unless otherwise agreed by the County, even if the Consultant must work to extend beyond the effective date of termination.

12.2 Termination by the Owner

12.2.1 *for Convenience*

12.2.1.1 The Owner may for any reason whatsoever terminate performance under this Contract by the Consultant for convenience. The Owner shall give written notice of such termination to the Consultant specifying when termination becomes effective, which shall be a minimum of thirty (30) days from the written notice.

12.2.1.2 The Consultant shall incur no further obligations in connection with the work and the Consultant shall stop work when such termination becomes effective. The Consultant shall also terminate outstanding orders and subcontracts. The Consultant shall settle the liabilities and claims arising out of the termination of subcontracts and orders. The Owner may direct the Consultant to assign the Consultant's right, title and interest under terminated orders or subcontracts to the Owner or its designee.

12.2.1.3 The Consultant shall transfer title and deliver to the Owner such completed or partially completed work and materials, equipment, parts, fixtures, information and Contract rights as the Consultant has.

12.2.1.4 The Consultant shall submit a termination claim to the Owner specifying the amounts due because of the termination for convenience together with costs, pricing or other data required by the Owner. If the Consultant fails to file a termination claim within one (1) year from the effective date of termination, then the Owner shall pay the Consultant an amount derived in accordance with subparagraph (b) below.

(a) The Owner and the Consultant may agree to the compensation, if any, due to the Consultant hereunder.

(b) Absent agreement of the amount due to the Consultant, the Owner shall pay the Consultant the following amounts:

- i. Contract prices for labor, materials, equipment and other services accepted under this Contract;
- ii. Reasonable costs incurred in preparing to perform and in performing the terminated portion of the work, and in terminating the Consultant's performance, plus a fair and reasonable allowance for overhead and profit thereon (such profit shall not include anticipated profit or consequential damages); provided however, that if it appears that the Consultant would have not profited or would have sustained a loss if the entire Contract would have been completed, no profit shall be allowed or included, and the amount of compensation shall be reduced to reflect the anticipated rate of loss, if any;
- iii. Reasonable costs of settling and paying claims arising out of the termination of subcontracts or orders pursuant to Subparagraph 12.2.1.2 of this Paragraph. These costs shall not include amounts paid in accordance with other provisions hereof;
- iv. The total sum to be paid the Consultant under this Subparagraph 12.2.1 shall not exceed the total Contract Price, as properly adjusted, reduced by the amount of payments otherwise made, and shall in no event include duplication of payment.

12.3.2 for Cause

12.3.2.1 If the Consultant persistently or repeatedly refuses or fails to prosecute the work in a timely manner, supply enough properly skilled workers, supervisory personnel or proper equipment or materials, or it fails to make prompt payment to Sub-Consultants or for materials or labor, or persistently disregards laws,

ordinances, rules, regulations or orders of any public authority having jurisdiction, or otherwise is guilty of a substantial violation of a material provision of this Contract, then the Owner may by written notice to the Consultant, without prejudice to any other right or remedy, terminate the employment of the Consultant and take possession of the site and of all materials, equipment, tools, construction equipment and machinery thereon owned by the Consultant and may finish the work by whatever methods it may deem expedient. In such case, the Consultant shall not be entitled to receive any further payment until the work is finished.

12.3.2.2 If the unpaid balance of the Contract Price exceeds the cost of finishing the work, such excess shall be paid to the Consultant. If such costs exceed the unpaid balance, then the Consultant shall pay the difference to the Owner. This obligation for payment shall survive the termination of the Contract.

12.3.2.3 In the event the employment of the Consultant is terminated by the Owner for cause pursuant to subparagraph 12.2.2 and it is subsequently determined by a Court of competent jurisdiction that such termination was without cause, such termination shall thereupon be deemed a Termination for Convenience under Subparagraph 12.2.1 and the provisions of Subparagraph 12.2.1 shall apply.

ARTICLE XIII

INSURANCE

13.1 Consultant's Insurance Requirements

13.1.1 The Consultant shall maintain in full force and effect at all times during the Contract period Comprehensive General Liability and Automobile Insurance in an amount equal to One Million (\$1,000,000.00) Dollars.

13.1.2 The Consultant shall provide to the Owner Certificates of Insurance naming the Owner as additional insured party under the policy or policies of all Insurance as required by Paragraphs 13.1.1, 13.1.4 and 13.1.5.

13.1.3 The insurance policy or policies as aforesaid shall provide that thirty (30) days written notice be given to the Owner prior to cancellation thereof.

13.1.4 The Consultant shall maintain in full force and effect at all times during the Contract period Workers' Compensation Insurance as provided by Georgia law in such form as to protect Contractor and the County with the County being named as an additional insured for any claims for damages or bodily injury, including death and damage to property that may arise from acts or omissions of Contractor under this Contract.

13.1.5 The Consultant shall maintain in full force and effect at all times during the Contract period all other Professional Insurance policies as required in the RFP document.

13.1.6 Contractor agrees to protect, defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County, the County's commissioners, agents and employees from and against any liability, damage, claim, including attorney fees and expenses of litigation, suit, lien, and judgment for injuries to or death of any person or damage to property or other rights of any person caused by the Contractor, the Contractor's employees, servants, agents or subcontractors. The Contractor's obligation to protect, defend, indemnify, and hold harmless extends to any claim for the alleged infringement of any patent, trademark, copyright, or any actual or alleged unfair competition, disparagement of product or service, or other business tort or any actual or alleged violation of trade regulations arising out of the performance of Contractor's duties in accord with this Contract, as well as any other claim. The Contractor shall maintain worker's compensation and comprehensive general liability insurance in such form as to protect Contractor and the County with the County being named as an additional

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insured for any claims for damages or bodily injury, including death and damage to property that may arise from acts or omissions of Contractor under this Contract.

ARTICLE XIV

MISCELLANEOUS

14.1 Governing Law

14.1.1 The parties agree that this Agreement shall be construed with and is to be governed by the law of the State of Georgia and venue for any dispute shall be Dawson County, Georgia

14.2 Successors and Assigns

14.2.1 The Owner and Consultant bind themselves, their successors, assigns and legal representatives to the other party hereto and to successors, assigns and legal representatives of such other party in respect to covenants, agreements and obligations contained in this Contract. The Consultant shall not assign this Contract without written consent of the Owner.

14.3 Severability

14.3.1 The parties agree that each of the provisions included in this Agreement is separate, distinct and severable from the other and remaining provisions of this Agreement, and that the invalidity of any provision shall not affect the validity of any other provision of this Agreement.

14.4 Merger

14.4.1 The parties agree that the terms of this Agreement, include the entire Agreement between the parties and that no other representation either oral or written may be used to contradict the terms of this Agreement. If there is any conflict between the terms of the contract documents, the latter shall prevail and take precedence.

14.5 Confidential Information

14.5.1 While performing services for the Owner, the Contractor shall not disclose any confidential business information that may become known to the Contractor. Personnel acting on behalf of the Contractor shall be instructed to not remove any of the Owner's documents or materials and to not disclose any confidential information to any persons other than Owner personnel, unless written authorization from the Owner is provided.

All documents and materials prepared pursuant to the RFP and this Contract shall be the property of Dawson County. The Owner shall have the unrestricted authority to publish, disclose, distribute and otherwise use, in whole or in part, any reports, data, maps, or other materials prepared in accord with the terms of this Contract and Agreement.

14.6 Litigation and Arbitration

14.6.1 The Owner and the Contractor agree to resolve through negotiation, mediation or arbitration any disputes between the parties arising out of or relating to this Contract and Agreement. If the parties do not resolve the dispute through negotiation and do not agree to mediation, then arbitration shall be the exclusive and final method of resolving any disputes related to this agreement. Arbitration proceedings shall be in

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accord with O.C.G.A. § 9-9-1, the Georgia Arbitration Code. Venue for any litigation arising for arbitration shall be the Superior Court of Dawson County, Georgia. A demand for arbitration shall be made within a reasonable term after the claim, dispute or other matter in question occurs but, not later than one-hundred eighty (180) days after such claim, dispute or other matter.

14.7 Condition Precedent – Litigation

14.7.1 This Contract shall be governed by the Laws of the State of Georgia. The Consultant hereby agrees that as a condition precedent to the filing of any legal action against the Owner arising out of or related to this Agreement, the Consultant shall first provide the Owner thirty (30) days' written notice of its intent to file such action. Such notice shall include an identification of the anticipated parties to the action and a description of all anticipated claims and causes of action to be asserted.

14.8 Term of Agreement

14.8.1 This Agreement shall commence on the 1^{st} day of March, 2018 and shall terminate on 31^{st} day of December, 2018 with four (4), one (1) calendar year renewals permitted if both parties agree. The Contractor shall provide the County with a minimum of ninety (90) days' notice of any price increase requests. This contract shall be automatically renewed in accord with the terms hereof, unless the County takes action to terminate the Contract by providing thirty (30) days' notice of the intent not to renew the terms thereof.

14.9 Multi-year Contract

14.9.1 This Contract and Agreement shall terminate absolutely and without further obligation on the part of the Owner at the close of the calendar year in which this Contract is executed and at the close of each succeeding calendar year for which the Contract may be renewed. The Contract shall be automatically renewed in accord with the term hereof, unless the Owner takes action to terminate the Contract by provided thirty (30) days' notice of the intent not to renew the terms hereof.

14.9.2 This Contract shall terminate immediately and absolutely at such time as appropriated and otherwise unobligated funds are no longer available to satisfy the obligations of the County under the terms of this Contract or any renewal.

14.10 Notices

14.10.1 Any notice to be given in accord with the terms hereof may be affected either by personal delivery, by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid with return receipt requested, or by recognized overnight delivery service. Notice shall be delivered as follows:

| Owner: | Consultant: |
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| Dawson County Board of Commissioner | |
| Attn: Melissa Hawk | Attn: |
| 25 Justice Way, Suite 2223 | |
| Dawsonville, GA 30534 | |
| Phone: 706-344-3500 x42223 | Phone: |
| Email: mhawk@dawsoncounty.org | Email: |

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Undersigned have set their hands and seals on the day and date appearing below the signatures of their authorized representatives.

| OWNER: DAWSON COUNTY, GEORGIA | CONSULTANT: | |
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| By: | By: | |
| Name: | Name: | |
| Title: | Title: | |
| Date: | Date: | |
| Attest: | Attest: | |
| By: | By: | |
| Name: | Name: | |
| Title: <u>County Clerk</u> | Title: | |

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EXHIBIT "B"

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EXHIBIT "C"

AFFIDAVIT OF PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

(SUBMIT TO THE PURCHASING MANAGER AT TME OF FINAL INVOICE)

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| 20appeared before me | | , a Notary |
| Public, in and for | , and b | eing by me first duly |
| sworn states that all sub-Consultants and supplier | s of labor and materia | lls have been paid all sums |
| due them to date for work performed or material | urnished in the perfor | rmance of the contract |
| between: | | |
| Dawson County Board of Commissioners and | | (Consultant), |
| last signed, 20 for the SP | ORTING OFFICIAL | SERVICES. |
| BY: | | |
| TITLE: | | |
| DATE: | | |
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| NOTARY PUBLIC | | |

(Notary Seal)