



December 12, 2024

**INVITATION TO BID  
BL153-24**

The Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified suppliers for the **Purchase of Liquid Oxygen and Liquid Nitrogen on an Annual Contract.**

**Bid Submittal Date and Location:**

Bids should be typed or submitted in ink and returned in a sealed container marked on the outside with the BL# and Company Name. Bids will be received until **2:50 P.M. local time on January 07, 2025** at the Gwinnett County Financial Services - Purchasing Division – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 75 Langley Drive, Lawrenceville, Georgia 30046. Any bid received after this date and time will not be accepted. Bids will be publicly opened and read at 3:00 P.M. Apparent bid results will be available the following business day on our website [www.gwinnettcounty.com](http://www.gwinnettcounty.com).

**Instruction on Submitting Questions:**

Questions regarding bids should be directed to Brittany Bryant, CPPB, Purchasing Associate III, at [Brittany.Bryant@GwinnettCounty.com](mailto:Brittany.Bryant@GwinnettCounty.com) or by calling 770-822-7759, **no later than 3:00PM on December 27, 2024**. Bids are legal and binding upon the vendor when submitted. All bids should be submitted in duplicate.

Successful contractors will be required to meet insurance requirements. The Insurance Company should be authorized to do business in Georgia by the Georgia Insurance Department and must have an A.M. Best rating of **A-7 or higher**.

Gwinnett County does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission or access to its programs or activities. Any requests for reasonable accommodations required by individuals to fully participate in any open meeting, program or activity of Gwinnett County Government should be directed to the ADA Coordinator at the Gwinnett County Justice and Administration Center, 770-822-8165.

The written bid documents supersede any verbal or written prior communications between the parties.

Award will be made to the contractor(s) submitting the lowest responsive and responsible bid. Gwinnett County reserves the right to reject any or all bids to waive technicalities and to make an award deemed in its best interest. Bids may be split or awarded in entirety. Gwinnett County reserves the option to negotiate terms, conditions and pricing with the lowest responsive, responsible vendor(s) at its discretion.

Award notification will be posted after award on the County website, [www.gwinnettcounty.com](http://www.gwinnettcounty.com) and companies submitting a bid will be notified via email.

We look forward to your bid and appreciate your interest in Gwinnett County.

Brittany Bryant, CPPB  
Purchasing Associate III

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**BL153-24**

**Buyer Initials: BB**

IF YOU DESIRE TO SUBMIT A "NO BID" IN RESPONSE TO THIS PACKAGE, PLEASE INDICATE BY CHECKING ONE OR MORE OF THE REASONS LISTED BELOW AND EXPLAIN.

- Do not offer this product or service; remove us from your bidder's list for this item only.
- Specifications too "tight"; geared toward one brand or manufacturer only.
- Specifications are unclear.
- Unable to meet specifications
- Unable to meet bond requirements
- Unable to meet insurance requirements
- Our schedule would not permit us to perform.
- Insufficient time to respond.
- Other

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COMPANY NAME \_\_\_\_\_

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE

## Purchase of Liquid Oxygen and Liquid Nitrogen on an Annual Contract

**I. SCOPE**

The intent of this contract is to obtain pricing for Liquid Oxygen and Liquid Nitrogen on an Annual Contract. Suppliers may submit pricing for one or both chemicals. Pricing may be submitted for a twelve-month contract with two (2) additional one- year periods.

\*Existing contracts are in place for products included in this bid. At the discretion of Gwinnett County, contract orders for a given product under this contract will not commence until the existing contract or contract renewal period expires per the table below: Items #1 and 2 are currently on BL097-22, this contract expires on March 04, 2025.

**II. REQUIREMENTS**

A. All items should meet the individual specifications for that specific item.

B. Quantities listed are estimated based on historical usage and no guarantee as to amounts to be purchased is implied.

C. Gwinnett County will order product on an "as-needed" basis.

D. Unit Pricing:

1. All prices shall be FOB Destination Pre-Paid and Allowed to various county delivery addresses.

E. Successful supplier shall be required to supply Gwinnett County with Safety Data Sheets (SDS) on chemical, as detailed in the Compliance Sheets below.

F. Samples: When requested, suppliers must supply samples of proposed products at no cost to Gwinnett County for evaluation by Gwinnett County to determine specification compliance. Costs for such analyses will be borne by Gwinnett County. During the contract period, samples may be collected and analyzed by Gwinnett County upon delivery to determine specification compliance. Shipments that do not meet specifications will be rejected, and all cost for shipment, analysis, and removal/clean out will be the responsibility of the supplier. Samples should be delivered no later than five business days from request.

G. Delivery:

1. Clean up of spills that occur during delivery shall be the responsibility of the supplier.

2. Only quantities specifically ordered for each location will be accepted due to storage vessel size or other on- site limitations.

3. No partial deliveries will be accepted without prior approval.

4. Each delivery must be signed by an attendant at the delivery site. Each delivery ticket must reflect the actual amount of product delivered at that site. It is the supplier's responsibility to measure the amount being delivered to each location. Each location must be invoiced separately.

5. All prices shall be FOB Destination Pre-Paid and Allowed to various county delivery addresses.

H. Due to the extreme importance of these materials to the efficient operation of the Gwinnett County operations, each bidder must confirm with supplier that they can supply/allocate material to Gwinnett County prior to submitting a bid.

I. Note that GCDWR plant personnel will not assist delivery drivers by operating any equipment on or associated with the delivery truck, nor by providing fittings or hoses, compressed air, or containment materials for leaks of any size.

J. Delivery is between 7:00 am - 3:00 pm during normal business days only (No County holidays nor weekend deliveries except for emergencies declared by GCDWR).

**III. SPECIFICATIONS**

A. See the tabular specifications on the following pages for requirements in the following categories:

1. Standards and Certifications – This section contains references to AWWA, NSF, ASTM, and other standards and certifications required to be met for the various products.
2. Delivery Locations and Projected Annual Quantities – This section contains the name of the facility that may order and receive the chemical, and a projected quantity that is provided for reference only. Actual quantities will differ from the quantities provided, and some chemicals may not be ordered at all. Refer to the Delivery Locations table for facility addresses and contact information.
3. Material Specifications – This section contains requirements for chemical concentrations, purities, exceptions to standards, and other specifics of the product to be delivered.
4. Supplier Requirements – This section contains delivery requirements, submittal requirements, and other items incumbent upon the supplier to provide.
5. Testing, Verification & Payment – This section contains verification methods for delivered quantities, labeling requirements, sampling and testing requirements and options, payment terms, and other related information.
6. Compliance Sheets - Each numbered specification line item contains a field for “Comply” and one for “Exception”. Check the “Comply” field if the specification WILL BE complied with, without any exceptions. Check the “Exception” field if the specification WILL NOT BE complied with and provide an attached explanation of the requested exception. Exceptions will be evaluated by Gwinnett County staff and may be cause for rejection of the bid if the exception will cause a performance issue or other unacceptable condition in the opinion of Gwinnett County.

**IV. ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS**

The following abbreviations and acronyms are used in the product specifications:	
ARV	Air Release Valve
ASTM	ASTM International (formerly American Society for Testing & Materials)
AWWA	American Water Works Association
FMCSA	Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration
FOB	Freight On Board (prepaid and allowed)
FP	Filter Plant (Water Production)
GCDWR	Gwinnett County Department of Water Resources
NSF	NSF International (formerly National Sanitation Foundation)

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ppm	Parts per Million
PS	Pump Station (Water Reclamation)
SCADA	Supervisory Controls and Data Acquisition
SDS	Safety Data Sheets (formerly Material Safety Data Sheets or MSDS)
USDOT	United States Department of Transportation
WRC	Water Resources Center

**V. DELIVERY LOCATIONS**

Delivery locations are listed below. Gwinnett County reserves the right to add and/or delete facilities during the contract period.

**Note: Suppliers qualifying their bid by requiring minimum delivery orders may be deemed non-responsive.**

Facility	Street Address	City
F. Wayne Hill Water Resource Center	1500 One Water Way	Buford
Lanier Filter Plant	2601 Buford Dam Rd	Buford
Shoal Creek Filter Plant	1755 Buford Dam Road	Buford

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**COMPLIANCE SHEETS**

1. Liquid Oxygen – LOX		Comply	Exception
<b>1</b>	<b>Standards and Certifications</b>		
1.1	Meet AWWA B304-13 or latest revision if newer AWWA standard has been published.		
1.2	Meet NSF-60. <b>Submit proof of NSF certification with bid. Failure to submit with bid may result in supplier being deemed non-responsive.</b>		
<b>2</b>	<b>Delivery Locations and Projected Annual Quantities</b>		
2.1	Shoal Creek FP	280,000 Units of 100 Cubic Feet	
2.2	Lanier FP	250,000 Units of 100 Cubic Feet	
2.3	F. Wayne Hill WRC	700,000 Units of 100 Cubic Feet	
<b>3</b>	<b>Material Specifications</b>		
3.1	Meet the following product specifications: Purity (99.5% Oxygen by volume), Dewpoint (-80 degrees F), Hydrocarbon Content (less than 20 ppm).		
<b>4</b>	<b>Supplier Requirements</b>		
4.1	Ship in bulk by manufacturer's tanker.		
4.2	After order placement, product to be delivered within 48 hours or a mutually agreed to delivery schedule.		
4.3	Comply with USDOT FMCSA Regulations for transport of hazardous materials.		
4.4	Bid as U.S. dollars per 100 cubic feet, rounded up to two (2) decimal places. If unit price bid exceeds two (2) decimal places, the bid amount will be truncated (not rounded) to two (2) decimal places.		
4.5	Submit certified analysis including purity (Oxygen by volume), dewpoint, and hydrocarbon content, <b>upon request.</b>		
4.6	Provide equipment (from the tanks to the ozone generators and including filters) maintenance services on a time and materials basis as defined in the bid form. Response time for routine (non-emergency) maintenance is defined as no greater than 72 hours. Response time of greater than 72 hours for a routine maintenance call may be cause for contract termination. Response time for emergency maintenance is 4 hours or less. If actual response time for an emergency maintenance call exceeds 4 hours, payment may be made at the routine maintenance rate, and will be cause for contract termination.		
4.7	Provide an annual inspection of all equipment and a report detailing any deficiencies found.		
4.8	For safety and security purposes send an email 24 hours before delivery to Plant Manager and Operations Supervisor at the delivery location (Contacts will be provided in the request for delivery). Include driver's name, copy of driver's license, tanker port seal #s and Bill of Lading for verification upon delivery. See facility address list for phone #s, and emails. Drivers are required to wear appropriate Personal Protective Equipment during offloading procedures.		
<b>5</b>	<b>Testing, Verification &amp; Payment</b>		
5.1	Payment will be for units of one hundred cubic feet of liquid received at each location, as verified by a certified liquid meter ticket. See the bid form for pay items related to time-and-materials charges for emergency and non-emergency maintenance services.		
5.2	Review of certified analysis (see 4.5 above) by GCDWR.		

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

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**COMPLIANCE SHEETS**

2. Liquid Nitrogen		Comply	Exception
<b>1</b>	<b>Standards and Certifications</b>		
1.1	Meet NSF-60. <b>Submit proof of NSF certification with bid. Failure to submit with bid may result in supplier being deemed non-responsive.</b>		
<b>2</b>	<b>Delivery Locations and Projected Annual Quantities</b>		
2.1	Shoal Creek FP	15,000 Liters	
2.2	Lanier FP	18,000 Liters	
<b>3</b>	<b>Material Specifications</b>		
3.1	Meet the following product specifications: Appearance (colorless, odorless, cryogenic liquid), Specific Volume (13.81 cubic feet per pound at 70 degrees F), Boiling Point (minus 320.44 degrees F), Purity (99.998% pure), Oxygen Content (less than or equal to 10 ppm), Water Content (less than or equal to 4 ppm), Dew Point (minus 90 degrees F).		
<b>4</b>	<b>Supplier Requirements</b>		
4.1	Ship in bulk by manufacturer's truck, with tank.		
4.2	After order placement, product to be delivered within 48 hours or a mutually agreed to delivery schedule.		
4.3	Comply with USDOT FMCSA Regulations for transport of hazardous materials.		
4.4	Bid as U.S. dollars per liter, rounded up to two (2) decimal places. If unit price bid exceeds two (2) decimal places, the bid amount will be truncated (not rounded) to two (2) decimal places.		
4.5	Submit certified analysis <b>after each order is placed</b> including specific volume, boiling point, purity, oxygen content, water content and dew point.		
4.6	Provide maintenance services on equipment (from the tank to the connection at the Oxygen gas line) on a time and materials basis as defined in the bid form. Response time for routine (non-emergency) maintenance is defined as no greater than 72 hours. Response time of greater than 72 hours for a routine maintenance call will be cause for contract termination. Response time for emergency maintenance is 4 hours or less. If actual response time for an emergency maintenance call exceeds 4 hours, payment will be made at the routine maintenance rate, and will be cause for contract termination.		
4.7	Provide an annual inspection of all equipment and a report detailing any deficiencies found.		
4.8	For safety and security purposes send an email 24 hours before delivery to Plant Manager and Operations Supervisor at the delivery location (Contacts will be provided in the request for delivery). Include driver's name, copy of driver's license, tanker port seal #s and Bill of Lading for verification upon delivery. Drivers are required to wear appropriate Personal Protective Equipment during offloading procedures.		
<b>5</b>	<b>Testing, Verification &amp; Payment</b>		
5.1	Payment will be for liters of liquid received at each location, as verified by a certified liquid meter ticket. See the bid form for pay items related to time-and-materials charges for emergency and non-emergency maintenance services.		
5.2	Review of certified analysis (see 4.5 above) by GCDWR.		

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

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**BID SCHEDULE**

Item #	Product	Description	Approx. Annual Qty.	Unit Price	Total Price	** Renewal Option 1	** Renewal Option 2
1	Liquid Oxygen – LOX	Bulk Liquid	1,230,000 100 Cubic Ft	\$ /100 Cubic ft	\$	%	%
1a	Non-Emergency Labor Equipment Maintenance	Per Person, Business Hours (7am-4pm, M-F)	16 Hr	\$ /Hr	\$	%	%
1b	Non-Emergency Labor Equipment Maintenance	Per Person, Non-Business Hours	16 Hr	\$ /Hr	\$	%	%
1c	Emergency Labor Equipment Maintenance	Per Person, Business Hours (7am-4pm, M-F)	16 Hr	\$ /Hr	\$	%	%
1d	Emergency Labor Equipment Maintenance	Per Person, Non-Business Hours	16 Hr	\$ /Hr	\$	%	%
2	Liquid Nitrogen	Bulk Liquid	33,000 L	\$ /L	\$	%	%
2a	Non-Emergency Labor Equipment Maintenance	Per Person, Business Hours (7am-4pm, M-F)	16 Hr	\$ /Hr	\$	%	%
2b	Non-Emergency Labor Equipment Maintenance	Per Person, Non-Business Hours	16 Hr	\$ /Hr	\$	%	%
2c	Emergency Labor Equipment Maintenance	Per Person, Business Hours (7am-4pm, M-F)	16 Hr	\$ /Hr	\$	%	%
2d	Emergency Labor Equipment Maintenance	Per Person, Non-Business Hours	16 Hr	\$ /Hr	\$	%	%
2e	Parts, Material and Equipment, Percentage Charge Above Cost (Not to Exceed 15% of Actual Costs) <i>Calculate Total Price by adding \$15,000 + mark-up</i>		\$15,000	%	\$		

**Note:**

\*\* If a percentage increase/decrease will be needed for the renewal period(s), note this in the space provided. **Please use (+) for increase and (-) for decrease.** Use a realistic percentage or percentage range based on market forecasting. Gwinnett County can only negotiate within the range indicated on the bid document. (Example, if a supplier indicates 3-15% and the market increases 20%, the supplier will only be allowed to increase up to 15%). If the increase will apply only to certain line items, please specify in the space provided.

Gwinnett County requires pricing to remain firm for the duration of the initial term of the contract. Failure to hold firm pricing for the initial term of the contract will be sufficient cause for Gwinnett County to declare bid non-responsive. **Contract to begin March 04, 2025 or upon award. Any renewal options exercised will be for twelve-month periods.**

COMPANY NAME \_\_\_\_\_



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**BID SCHEDULE**

The undersigned acknowledges receipt of the following addenda, listed by number and date as issued appearing on each:

Addendum No. Date	Addendum No. Date
_____	_____
_____	_____

Termination for Cause: The County may terminate this agreement for cause upon ten days prior written notice to the contractor of the contractor's default in the performance of any term of this agreement. Such termination shall be without prejudice to any of the County's rights or remedies by law.

Termination for Convenience: The County may terminate this agreement for its convenience at any time upon 30 days written notice to the contractor. In the event of the County's termination of this agreement for convenience, the contractor will be paid for those services actually performed. Partially completed performance of the agreement will be compensated based upon a signed statement of completion to be submitted by the contractor, which shall itemize each element of performance.

Certification Of Non-Collusion in Bid Preparation \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

In compliance with the attached specifications, the undersigned acknowledges all requirements outlined in the "Instructions to Vendors" and all documents referred to therein, if this bid is accepted by the Board of Commissioners within ninety (90) days of the date of bid opening, to furnish any or all of the items upon which prices are quoted, at the price set opposite each item, delivered to the designated point(s) within the time specified in the fee schedule. By submission of this bid, I understand that Gwinnett County uses Electronic Payments for remittance of goods and services. Vendors should select their preferred method of electronic payment upon notice of award. For more information on electronic payments, please refer to the [Electronic Payment](#) information in the Instructions to Vendors.

Legal Business Name \_\_\_\_\_ Gwinnett County Vendor Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Does your company currently have a location within Gwinnett County? Yes  No

Representative Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person (if someone other than the authorized representative listed above)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

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**REFERENCES**

Gwinnett County requests a minimum of three (3) references where work of a similar size and scope has been completed.

Note: References should be customized for each project, rather than submitting the same set of references for every project bid. The references listed should be of similar size and scope of the project being bid on. Do not submit a project list in lieu of this form.

1. Company Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Brief Description of Project \_\_\_\_\_  
Completion Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Contract Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Start Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_
2. Company Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Brief Description of Project \_\_\_\_\_  
Completion Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Contract Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Start Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_
3. Company Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Brief Description of Project \_\_\_\_\_  
Completion Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Contract Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Start Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_



**Bid # & Description** BL153-24, Purchase of Liquid Oxygen and Liquid Nitrogen on an Annual Contract

### CODE OF ETHICS AFFIDAVIT

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM COMPLETED WITH YOUR SUBMITTAL. SUBMITTED FORMS ARE REQUIRED PRIOR TO EVALUATION.**

In accordance with Section 54-33 of the Gwinnett County Code of Ordinances the undersigned bidder/proposer makes the following full and complete disclosure under oath, to the best of their knowledge, of the name(s) of all elected officials whom it employs or who have a direct or indirect pecuniary interest in or with the vendor, its affiliates or its subcontractors:

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
Company Submitting Bid/Proposal

2. Please select one of the following:
- No information to disclose (*complete only section 4 below*)
  - Disclosed information below (*complete section 3 & section 4 below*)

3. If additional space is required, please attach list:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Gwinnett County Elected Official Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Gwinnett County Elected Official Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Gwinnett County Elected Official Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Gwinnett County Elected Official Name

4. BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Officer or Agent Signature

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Authorized Officer or Agent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title of Authorized Officer or Agent of Contractor

(seal)

Note: See Gwinnett County Code of Ethics Ordinance E02011, Sec. 54-33. The ordinance will be available to view in its' entirety at **GwinnettCounty.com**



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**CONTRACTOR AFFIDAVIT AND AGREEMENT  
(THIS FORM SHOULD BE FULLY COMPLETED AND RETURNED WITH YOUR SUBMITTAL)**

By executing this affidavit, the undersigned contractor verifies its compliance with The Illegal Immigration Reform Enhancements for 2013, stating affirmatively that the individual, firm, or corporation which is contracting with the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners has registered with and is participating in a federal work authorization program\* [any of the electronic verification of work authorization programs operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security or any equivalent federal work authorization program operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security] to verify information of newly hired employees, pursuant to the Immigration Reform and Control Act, in accordance with the applicability provisions and deadlines established therein.

The undersigned further agrees that, should it employ or contract with any subcontractor(s) in connection with the physical performance of services or the performance of labor pursuant to this contract with the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners, contractor will secure from such subcontractor(s) similar verification of compliance with the Illegal Immigration Reform and Enforcement Act on the Subcontractor Affidavit provided in Rule 300-10-01-.08 or a substantially similar form. Contractor further agrees to maintain records of such compliance and provide a copy of each such verification to the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners at the time the subcontractor(s) is retained to perform such service.

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-Verify \* User Identification Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Registered

\_\_\_\_\_  
Legal Company Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip Code

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Officer or Agent  
(Contractor Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title of Authorized Officer or Agent of Contractor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Authorized Officer or Agent

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN  
BEFORE ME ON THIS THE  
\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public  
My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

**For Gwinnett County Use Only:**  
**Document ID #** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Issue Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

### VENDOR INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

**Insurance:**

Contractor shall provide evidence of insurance for at least the coverage and amounts set forth below. All insurance shall be maintained in the form and with a company (or companies) satisfactory to the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners. The Contractor and their Subcontractor's/vendor's Certificates of Insurance shall require that the County be notified in writing thirty (30) days prior to cancellation, modification, or non-renewal of any insurance policy listed on the certificate(s). Upon request, the County will be provided certified copies of all required insurance policies.

**A. Minimum Coverage**

Commercial General Liability (Occurrence Form):

General Aggregate (other than Prod/Comp Ops Liability)	\$2,000,000
Products/Completed Operations Aggregate	\$2,000,000
Personal & Advertising Injury Liability	\$1,000,000
Each Occurrence	\$1,000,000

- Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners to be named as Additional Insured
- Additional Insured Endorsement CG 20 10 (edition dates of 07/04, 04/13, 12/19 or a substitute endorsement providing equivalent coverage) and CG 2037 (edition dates of 07/04, 04/13, 12/19 or a substitute endorsement providing equivalent coverage) must be provided with your Certificate of Insurance.
- Primary and Non-Contributory Endorsement to be specified in writing
- Contractual Liability
- Broad Form Property Damage
- Severability of Interest
- Underground, explosion, and collapse coverage
- Personal Injury (deleting both contractual and employee exclusions)
- Incidental Medical Malpractice
- Hostile Fire Pollution Wording
- Include Waiver of Subrogation in favor of Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners
- If project or operations are within 50 ft of a railroad, Contractor is required to name the specific Railroad as an Additional Insured and provide a copy of the Additional Insured Endorsement CG2417 or its equivalent.
- In the event the General Liability insurance required by this Contract is written on a claims-made basis, Contractor warrants that any retroactive date under the policy shall precede the effective date of this Contract; and that either continuous coverage will be maintained, or an extended discovery period will be exercised for a period of five (5) years or applicable statute of limitation period following completion of the work.

Automobile Liability to include:

Combined Single Limit – Each Accident	\$1,000,000
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- Comprehensive form providing coverage for bodily injury, death of any person, and property damage arising out of the ownership, maintenance, and use of all owned, non-owned, leased, hired, borrowed vehicles, and any other statutorily required automobile coverage.

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- Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners to be named as Additional Insured
- Additional Insured Endorsements must be provided with the Certificate of Insurance
- Coverage to include loading and unloading
- Contractual Liability

Worker’s Compensation & Employer’s Liability Coverage to include:

Workers Compensation	Georgia State Statutory Limits
Employers Liability	
Bodily Injury by Accident – Each Accident	\$500,000
Bodily Injury by Disease – Policy Limit	\$500,000
Bodily Injury by Disease – Each Employee	\$500,000
• Waiver of Subrogation in favor of Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners	

Umbrella/Excess Liability Insurance with policy limits as determined by Contract Sums (Higher limits may be required depending on the extent of contract):

Contract Sums:

Contracts up to \$999,999	
Each Occurrence and Aggregate Limit	\$1,000,000
Contracts from \$1,000,000 to \$1,999,999	
Each Occurrence and Aggregate Limit	\$3,000,000
Contracts from \$2,000,000 to \$4,999,999	
Each Occurrence and Aggregate Limit	\$5,000,000
Contracts Over \$5,000,000	
Each Occurrence and Aggregate Limit	\$10,000,000

- Concurrency of Effective Dates with Primary
- Blanket Contractual Liability
- Draw Down Feature
- Umbrella Policy must be as broad as the primary policy.
- Coverage excess over General Liability, Business Auto Liability, and Employers Liability
- In the event the Umbrella/Excess Liability insurance required by this Contract is written on a claims-made basis, Contractor warrants that any retroactive date under the policy shall precede the effective date of this Contract; and that either continuous coverage will be maintained or an extended discovery period will be exercised for a period of five (5) years or applicable statute of limitation period following completion of the work.
- Evidence of coverage in the form of a Certificate of Insurance shall be provided to the County prior to start of work.
- Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners shall be Additional Insureds.
  - Contractor shall be liable for money, securities, or other property of the County.
  - Such coverage shall include an owner coverage endorsement for County and County shall be included as a loss payee.
  - Additional Insured Endorsements must be provided with the Certificate of Insurance

Cyber Liability Insurance (Applies if scope of work includes the storage or transfer of any County data or sensitive data (including but not limited to personally identifiable, health, or payment card data) or the related hosting of database(s) or internet site(s)):

Limit of Insurance per Claim	\$1,000,000
Aggregate Limit	\$1,000,000

The Contractor shall maintain insurance coverage for network security and privacy risks, including, but not limited to, insurance for data breach or introduction of virus or malicious codes, consumer notification, whether or not required by law, forensic investigation, public relations and crisis management and credit or identity monitoring or similar remediation services, unauthorized access, failure of security information theft, damage to destruction of or alteration of electronic information, breach of privacy perils, wrongful disclosure and release of private information, collection, or other negligence in the handling of confidential information, and including coverage for related regulatory fines, defenses, and penalties allowed by law.

Property Insurance

The Contractor is fully and solely responsible for any physical loss or damage to all tools, equipment, construction office trailers and their contents, vehicles or any other personal property utilized in the performance of the Contractor’s work. Contractor agrees to waive its rights of recovery and cause its insurers, if any, to waive their rights of subrogation against Owner and Company for any such damage or loss, however caused.

Riggers Liability Insurance.

If any work to be performed involves the rigging, lifting, lowering or moving of property or equipment, then those parties performing such work shall carry Rigger’s Liability Insurance in an amount adequate to insure against the physical loss or damage to the property or equipment in its care

Aviation Insurance. (Applies if scope of work requires the use of aircraft, including helicopters, unmanned aircraft systems (e.g., drones) and/or fixed-wing aircraft):

Maintain (or require aircraft owner or operator to maintain), and Contractor shall furnish proof of, Aircraft Liability insurance with minimum limits of \$10,000,000 per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage of all aircraft.

Unmanned aircraft systems, minimum limits of \$2,000,000 for bodily injury, property damage, and personal injury (including invasion of privacy) for unmanned aircraft systems, and guest voluntary settlement bodily injury coverage (for any aircraft except unmanned aircraft systems)

- Such policy shall include contractual liability covering all owned and non-owned aircraft
- If the party providing the Aircraft Liability insurance is not Contractor, then Contractor shall require such party to (a) waive any subrogation rights of recovery they and/or their insurance carriers may have against County and any other indemnified parties and (b) name County and such other parties as Additional Insureds
- The Contractor shall (or shall require aircraft owner or operator) to hire, employ, and utilize pilots certified by the Federal Aviation Administration to operate any such aircraft.

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- B. Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners (and any applicable Authority) must be specified in writing as an Additional Insured on General Liability, Auto Liability and Umbrella Liability policies.
- C. The cancellation should provide 10 days' notice for nonpayment and 30 days' notice of cancellation.
- D. Certificate Holder should read:
- Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners  
75 Langley Drive  
Lawrenceville, GA 30046-6935
- E. Insurance Company, except Worker' Compensation carrier, must have an A.M. Best Rating of A-7 or higher. Certain Workers' Comp funds may be accepted subject to the approval of the Gwinnett County Insurance Unit. European markets including those based in London and domestic surplus lines markets that operate on a non-admitted basis are exempt from this requirement provided that the Contractor's broker/agent can provide financial data to establish that a market is equal to or exceeds the financial strengths associated with the A.M. Best's rating of A-7 or better.
- F. Insurance companies providing coverage should be licensed and authorized to do business by the Georgia with the exception of non-admitted carriers, in which case the broker placing coverage should be licensed by the Insurance Commissioner. All agents placing coverage should be licensed by the Insurance Commissioner, either as a resident or non-resident.
- G. Certificates of Insurance, and any subsequent renewals, must reference each corresponding bid/contract by project name and project/bid number, if applicable.
- H. The Contractor shall agree to provide complete certified copies of current insurance policy(ies) or a certified letter from the insurance company(ies) if requested by the County to verify compliance with these insurance requirements.
- I. All insurance coverage required to be provided by the Contractor shall state that it is primary over any insurance program carried by the County.
- J. Contractor shall incorporate a copy of the insurance requirements as herein provided in each and every subcontract with each and every subcontractor in any tier and shall require each and every subcontractor of any tier to comply with all such requirements. The Contractor agrees that if for any reason a subcontractor fails to procure and maintain insurance as required, all such required Insurance shall be procured and maintained by Contractor at Contractor's expense.
- K. No Contractor or Subcontractor shall commence any work of any kind under this Contract until all insurance requirements contained in this Contract have been complied with and until evidence of such compliance satisfactory to Gwinnett County as a to form and content has been filed with Gwinnett County. The ACORD Certificate of Insurance or a preapproved substitute is the required form in all cases where reference is made to a Certificate of Insurance or an approved substitute.



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- L. The Contractor and its insurer(s) shall agree to waive all rights of subrogation against the County, the Board of Commissioners, its officers, officials, employees, and volunteers from losses arising from work performed by the Contractor for the County.
- M. Special Form Contractors' Equipment and Contents Insurance covering owned, used, and leased equipment, tools, supplies, and contents is required to perform the services called for in the Contract. The coverage must be on a replacement cost basis. The County will be included as a Loss Payee in this coverage for County owned equipment, tools, supplies, and contents.
- N. The Contractor shall make available to the County, through its records or the records of its insurer, information regarding any claim related to a County project. Any loss run information relating to a County project will be made available to the County upon its request.
- O. Compliance by the Contractor and Subcontractors with the foregoing insurance requirements shall not relieve the Contractor and Subcontractors of liability under the Contract and any applicable law.
- P. The Contractor and all Subcontractors are to comply with the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, Public Law 91-956, and any other laws that may apply to this Contract.
- Q. The Contractor shall at a minimum apply risk management practices accepted by the Contractors' industry.
- R. The Contractor shall advise the County if required limits of insurance become eroded or impaired.

## Surety Bonds (If Required)

All of the surety requirements will stay the same except the Surety Company must have the same rating as set forth in item E above.

**GWINNETT COUNTY  
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES – PURCHASING DIVISION  
GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR VENDORS, TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

**\*\*\*ATTENTION\*\*\***

FAILURE TO RETURN THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS MAY RESULT IN SUBMITTAL BEING DEEMED NON-RESPONSIVE AND AUTOMATIC REJECTION. THE COUNTY SHALL BE THE SOLE DETERMINANT OF TECHNICALITY VS. NON-RESPONSIVE SUBMITTAL:

1. FAILURE TO USE COUNTY FEE SCHEDULE.
2. FAILURE TO RETURN OR ACKNOWLEDGE APPLICABLE COMPLIANCE/SPECIFICATION SHEETS.
3. FAILURE TO RETURN OR ACKNOWLEDGE APPLICABLE ADDENDA.
4. FAILURE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON ALTERNATES OR EQUIVALENTS.
5. FAILURE TO PROVIDE BID BOND, WHEN REQUIRED, WILL RESULT IN SUBMITTAL BEING DEEMED NON-RESPONSIVE AND AUTOMATIC REJECTION. BID BONDS ARE NOT REQUIRED ON ALL SOLICITATIONS. BOND REQUIREMENTS ARE CLEARLY STATED ON THE INVITATION PAGE. IF CLARIFICATION IS NEEDED, CONTACT THE PURCHASING ASSOCIATE LISTED IN THE INVITATION. **IF BONDS ARE REQUIRED, FORMS WILL BE PROVIDED IN THIS SOLICITATION DOCUMENT.**
6. FAILURE TO PROVIDE CONTRACTOR AFFIDAVIT AND AGREEMENT, WHEN REQUIRED, MAY RESULT IN SUBMITTAL BEING DEEMED NON-RESPONSIVE AND REJECTED. THE CONTRACTOR AFFIDAVIT AND AGREEMENT IS NOT REQUIRED ON ALL SOLICITATIONS. IF CLARIFICATION IS NEEDED, CONTACT THE PURCHASING ASSOCIATE LISTED IN THE INVITATION.
7. FAILURE TO PROVIDE AN ETHICS AFFIDAVIT WHEN REQUIRED, MAY RESULT IN SUBMITTAL BEING DEEMED NON-RESPONSIVE AND REJECTED. THE ETHICS AFFIDAVIT IS REQUIRED ON ALL FORMAL SOLICITATIONS OVER \$100,000.00. IF CLARIFICATION IS NEEDED, CONTACT THE PURCHASING ASSOCIATE LISTED IN THE INVITATION.

**I. PREPARATION OF SUBMITTAL**

- A. Each vendor shall examine the drawings, specifications, schedule, and all instructions. Failure to do so will be at the vendor's risk, as the vendor will be held accountable for their submittal.
- B. Each vendor shall furnish all information required by the solicitation form or document. Each vendor shall sign the submittal and print or type his or her name on the fee schedule. The person signing the submittal should initial erasures or other changes. An authorized agent of the vendor must sign the submittal.
- C. Fee schedule pricing should have only two decimal places unless otherwise stated. In the event of a calculation error in total price, the unit pricing prevails.
- D. Except for solicitations for the sale of real property, individuals, firms, and businesses seeking an award of a Gwinnett County contract may not initiate or continue any verbal or written communications regarding a solicitation with any County officer, elected official, employee, or other County representative other than the Purchasing Associate named in the solicitation between the date of the issuance of the solicitation and the date of the final award. The Purchasing Director will review violations. If determined that such communication has compromised the competitive process, the offer submitted by the individual, firm or business may be disqualified from consideration for award. Solicitations for the sale of real property may allow for verbal or written communications with the appropriate Gwinnett County representative.
- E. Sample contracts (if pertinent) are attached. These do NOT have to be filled out with the submittal but are contained for informational purposes only. If awarded, the successful vendor(s) will be required to execute these documents prior to County execution.
- F. Effective July 1, 2013 and in accordance with the Georgia Illegal Immigration Reform Enhancements for 2013, an original signed, notarized and fully completed Contractor Affidavit and Agreement should be included with vendor's submittal, if the solicitation is for the physical performance of services for all labor or service contract(s) that exceed \$2,499.99 (except for services performed by an individual who is licensed pursuant to Title 26, Title 43, or the State Bar of Georgia). Failure to provide the Contractor Affidavit and Agreement with your submittal may result in being deemed non-responsive and automatic rejection.

**II. DELIVERY**

- A. Each vendor should state time of proposed delivery of goods or services.
- B. Words such as "immediate," "as soon as possible," etc. should not be used. The known earliest date or the minimum number of calendar days required after receipt of order (delivery A.R.O.) should be stated. If calendar days are used, include Saturday, Sunday, and holidays in the number.

**III. EXPLANATION TO VENDORS**

Any explanation desired by a vendor regarding the meaning or interpretation of the solicitation, drawings, specifications, etc. must be requested by the question cutoff deadline stated in the solicitation for a reply to reach all vendors before the deadline of the solicitation. Any information given to a prospective vendor concerning a solicitation will be furnished to all prospective vendors as an addendum to the solicitation if such information is necessary or if the lack of such information would be prejudicial to uninformed vendors. The written solicitation documents supersede any verbal or written communications between the parties. Receipt of addenda should be acknowledged in the

submittal. **It is the vendor's responsibility to ensure they have all applicable addenda prior to their submittal.** This may be accomplished by contacting the assigned Purchasing Associate prior to the submittal or visiting the Gwinnett County website.

#### **IV. SUBMISSION OF FORMAL OFFERS/SUBMITTALS**

- A. Formal bid and proposal submittals shall be enclosed in a sealed package or envelope, addressed to the Gwinnett County Purchasing Division with the name of the vendor, the date and hour of opening and the solicitation number on the face of the package or envelope. Facsimile or emailed submittals will not be considered. Any addenda should be enclosed in the sealed envelopes as well.
- B. ADD/DEDUCT: Add or deduct amounts indicated on the outside of the envelope are allowed and will be applied to the lump sum amount. Amount shall be clearly stated and should be initialed by an authorized representative.
- C. Samples of items, when required, must be submitted within the time specified and, unless otherwise specified by the County, at no expense to the County. Unless otherwise specified, samples will be returned at the vendor's request and expense, if items are not destroyed by testing.
- D. Items offered must meet required specifications and must be of a quality that will adequately serve the use and purpose for which intended.
- E. Full identification of each item submitted, including brand name, model, catalog number, etc. must be furnished to identify exactly what the vendor is offering. Manufacturer's literature may be furnished but vendor should not submit excessive marketing material.
- F. The vendor must certify that items to be furnished are new and that the quality has not deteriorated to impair its usefulness.
- G. Unsigned submittals will not be considered except in cases where it is enclosed with other documents that have been signed. The County will determine acceptability in these cases.
- H. Gwinnett County is exempt from federal excise tax and Georgia sales tax regarding goods and services purchased directly by Gwinnett County. Vendors are responsible for federal excise tax and sales tax, including taxes for materials incorporated in county construction projects. Vendors should contact the State of Georgia Sales Tax Division for additional information. Agreements were there is a cost-plus mark-up, mark-up will not be paid on taxes.
- I. Information submitted by a vendor in the solicitation process shall be subject to disclosure after the public opening in accordance with the Georgia Open Records Act.

#### **V. WITHDRAWAL DUE TO ERRORS**

Vendors must give Gwinnett County Purchasing Division written notice within two (2) business days of completion of the opening stating that they wish to withdraw their submittal without penalty for an obvious clerical or calculation error. Submittal may be withdrawn from consideration if the price was substantially lower than the other submittals due solely to a mistake therein, provided pricing was submitted in good faith, and the mistake was a clerical mistake as opposed to a judgment mistake and

was due to an unintentional arithmetic error or an unintentional omission of a quantity of work, labor or material made directly in the compilation of the submittal. The unintentional arithmetic error or omission can be clearly proven through inspection of the original work papers, documents, and materials used in preparing the submittal sought to be withdrawn. The vendor's original work papers shall be the sole acceptable evidence of error and mistake if a vendor elects to withdraw their submittal. If a quote or bid submittal is withdrawn under the authority of this provision, the lowest remaining responsive offer shall be deemed to be low bid.

No vendor who is permitted to withdraw their submittal shall, for compensation, supply any material or labor or perform any subcontract or other work agreement for the person or firm to whom the contract is awarded or otherwise benefit, directly or indirectly, from the performance of the project for which the withdrawn bid or proposal was submitted.

Vendors who fail to request withdrawal by the required forty-eight (48) hours may automatically forfeit bid bond if a bond was required. Bid may not be withdrawn otherwise.

Withdrawal is not automatically granted and will be allowed solely at Gwinnett County's discretion.

#### **VI. TESTING AND INSPECTION**

Since tests may require several days for completion, the County reserves the right to use a portion of any supplies before the results of the tests are determined. Cost of inspections and tests of any item that fails to meet the specifications, shall be borne by the vendor.

#### **VII. F.O.B. POINT**

Unless otherwise stated in the request for invitation and any resulting contract, or unless qualified by the vendor, items shall be shipped F.O.B. Destination, Freight Prepaid and Allowed. The seller shall retain title for the risk of transportation, including the filing for loss or damages. The invoice covering the items is not payable until items are delivered and the contract of carriage has been completed. Unless the F.O.B. clause states otherwise, the seller assumes transportation and related charges either by payment or allowance.

#### **VIII. PATENT INDEMNITY**

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

#### **IX. BID BONDS AND PAYMENT AND PERFORMANCE BONDS (IF REQUIRED, FORMS WILL BE PROVIDED IN THIS DOCUMENT)**

A five percent (5%) bid bond, a one hundred percent (100%) performance bond, and a one hundred percent (100%) payment bond must be furnished to Gwinnett County for any solicitation as required in the solicitation package or document. **Failure to submit a bid bond with the proper rating will result in submittal being deemed non-responsive.** Bonding company must be authorized to do business in Georgia by the Georgia Insurance Commission, listed in the Department of the 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 as stated in the insurance requirement of the solicitation. **The bid bond, payment bond, and performance bond must have the proper A.M. Best rating as stated in the solicitation document.**

#### **X. DISCOUNTS**

- A. Time payment discounts may be considered in arriving at net prices and in award of solicitations. Offers of discounts for payment within ten (10) days following the end of the month are preferred.

- B. In connection with any discount offered, time will be computed from the date of delivery and acceptance at destination, or from the date correct invoice or voucher is received, whichever is the later date. Payment is deemed to be made for the purpose of earning the discount on the date of the County check.

**XI. AWARD**

- A. Award will be made to either the highest scoring firm (for proposals) or the lowest responsive and responsible vendor (for quotes/bids). The quality of the articles to be supplied, their conformity with the specifications, their suitability to the requirements of the County, and the delivery terms will be taken into consideration in making the award. The County may make such investigations as it deems necessary to determine the ability of the vendor to perform, and the vendor shall furnish to the County all such information and data for this purpose as the County may request. The County reserves the right to reject any submittal if the evidence submitted by, or investigation of such vendor fails to satisfy the County that such vendor is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the contract.
- B. The County reserves the right to reject or accept any or all offers and to waive technicalities, informalities and minor irregularities in the submittals received.
- C. The County reserves the right to make an award as deemed in its best interest, which may include awarding to a single vendor or multiple vendors; or to award the whole solicitation agreement, only part of the agreement, or none of the agreement, based on its sole discretion of its best interest.
- D. In the event of proposal scores rounded to the nearest whole number result in a tie score, the award will be based on lowest cost.
- E. If proposal negotiations with the highest ranked firm are unsuccessful, the County may then negotiate with the second ranked firm and so on until a satisfactory agreement has been reached.

**XII. DELIVERY FAILURES**

Failure of a vendor to deliver within the time specified or within reasonable time as interpreted by the Purchasing Director, or failure to make replacement of rejected articles/services when so requested, immediately or as directed by the Purchasing Director, shall constitute authority for the Purchasing Director to purchase in the open market articles/services of comparable grade to replace the articles/services rejected or not delivered. On all such purchases, the vendor shall reimburse the County within a reasonable time specified by the Purchasing Director for any expense incurred in excess of the contract prices, or the County shall have the right to deduct such amount from monies owed the defaulting vendor. Alternatively, the County may penalize the vendor one percent (1%) per day for a period of up to ten (10) days for each day that delivery or replacement is late. Should public necessity demand it, the County reserves the right to use or consume articles/services delivered which are substandard in quality, subject to an adjustment in price to be determined by the Purchasing Director.

**XIII. COUNTY FURNISHED PROPERTY**

No material, labor or facilities will be furnished by the County unless so provided in the solicitation package.

**XIV. REJECTION OF SUBMITTALS**

Failure to observe any of the instructions or conditions in this solicitation package may constitute grounds for rejection.

**XV. CONTRACT**

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

Upon receipt of a solicitation package containing a Gwinnett County "Sample Contract" as part of the requirements, it is understood that the vendor has reviewed the documents with the understanding that Gwinnett County requires that all agreements between the parties must be entered into via this document. If any exceptions are taken to any part, each must be stated in detail and submitted as part of the vendor's submittal. If no exceptions are stated, it is assumed that the vendor fully agrees to the provisions contained in the "Sample Contract" in its entirety.

Any Consultant as defined in O.C.G.A. §36-80-28 that is engaged to develop or draft specifications/requirements or serve in a consultative role during the procurement process for any County procurement method, by entering into such an arrangement or executing a contract, the consultant agrees to abide by the current state law and: 1) Avoid any appearance of impropriety and shall follow all policies and procedures of the County, 2) Disclose to the County any material transaction or relationship pursuant to §36-80-28, that is considered a conflict of interest, any involvement in litigation or other dispute, relationship, or financial interest not disclosed in the ethics affidavit, and 3) Acknowledge that any violation or threatened violation of the agreement may cause irreparable injury to the County, entitling the County to seek injunctive relief in addition to all other legal remedies.

When the vendor has performed in accordance with the provisions of this agreement, Gwinnett County shall pay to the vendor, within thirty (30) days of receipt of any department approved payment request and based upon work completed or service provided pursuant to the contract, the sum so requested, less the retainage stated in this agreement, if any. If Gwinnett County fails to pay the vendor within sixty (60) days of receipt of a pay request based upon work completed or service provided pursuant to the contract, the County shall pay the vendor interest at the rate of ½% per month or pro rata fraction thereof, beginning the sixty-first (61<sup>st</sup>) day following receipt of pay requests. The vendor's acceptance of progress payments or final payment shall release all claims for interest on said payment.

The parties agree that this Contract shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Georgia.

**XVI. NON-COLLUSION**

Vendor declares that the submittal is not made in connection with any other vendor's submittal for the same commodity or commodities, and that the submittal is bona fide and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. An affidavit of non-collusion shall be executed by each vendor. Collusion and fraud in submittal preparation shall be reported to the State of Georgia Attorney General and the United States Justice Department.

**XVII. DEFAULT**

The contract may be canceled or annulled by the Purchasing Director in whole or in part by written notice of default to the vendor upon non-performance or violation of contract terms. An award may be made to the next low responsive and responsible vendor, or the next highest scoring responsive and responsible proposer, or articles specified may be purchased on the open market similar to those so

terminated. In either event, the defaulting vendor (or their surety) shall be liable to the County for costs to the County in excess of the defaulted contract prices; provided, however, that the vendor shall continue the performance of this contract to the extent not terminated under the provisions of this clause. Failure of the vendor to deliver materials or services within the time stipulated on their offer, unless extended in writing by the Purchasing Director, shall constitute contract default.

**XVIII. TERMINATION FOR CAUSE**

The County may terminate this agreement for cause upon ten days prior written notice to the vendor of the vendor's default in the performance of any term of this agreement. Such termination shall be without prejudice to any of the County's rights or remedies by law.

**XIX. TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE**

The County may terminate this agreement for its convenience at any time upon 30 days written notice to the vendor. In the event of the County's termination of this agreement for convenience, the vendor will be paid for those services actually performed. Partially completed performance of the agreement will be compensated based upon a signed statement of completion to be submitted by the vendor, which shall itemize each element of performance.

**XX. SUBSTITUTIONS**

Vendors offering substitutions or who are deviating from the attached specifications shall list such deviations on a separate sheet to be submitted with their offer. The absence of such a substitution list shall indicate that the vendor has taken no exception to the specifications contained herein.

**XXI. INELIGIBLE VENDORS**

The County may choose not to accept the offer by an individual, firm, or business who is in default on the payment of taxes, licenses, or other monies owed to the County. Additionally, vendors or persons placed on an Ineligible Source List for reasons listed in Part 6, Section II of the Gwinnett County Purchasing Ordinance shall not be eligible to provide any commodities or services to the County during the period such person remains on the Ineligible Source List.

**XXII. PENDING LITIGATION**

An individual, firm, or business that has litigation pending against the County, or anyone representing a firm or business in litigation against the County, not arising out of the procurement process, will be disqualified.

**XXIII. OCCUPATION TAX CERTIFICATE**

Each successful vendor must have a valid Gwinnett County occupation tax certificate if the vendor maintains an office within the unincorporated area of Gwinnett County. Incorporated, out of County, and out of State vendors are required to have any and all certificates necessary to do business in any town, County or municipality in the State of Georgia, or as otherwise required by County ordinance or resolution. Vendors may be required to provide evidence of valid certificates. Out of State vendors are required to have a certificate in the Georgia jurisdiction where they receive the most revenue.

**XXIV. PURCHASING POLICY AND REVIEW COMMITTEE**

The Purchasing Policy & Review Committee has been established to review purchasing procedures and make recommendations for changes; resolve problems regarding the purchasing process; make recommendations for standardization of commodities, schedule buying, qualified products list, annual contracts, supplier performance (Ineligible Source List), and other problems or requirements related to purchasing. The Purchasing Policy & Review Committee has authority to place vendors on the Ineligible Source List for reasons listed in Part 6, Section II of the Gwinnett County Purchasing Ordinance, for a period not to exceed three (3) years.



**XXV. AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT**

All vendors for Gwinnett County are required to comply with all applicable sections of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) as an equal opportunity employer. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Gwinnett County provides reasonable accommodations to permit a qualified applicant with a disability to enjoy the privileges of employment equal to those employees without disabilities. Disabled individuals must satisfy job requirements for education background, employment experience, and must be able to perform those tasks that are essential to the job with or without reasonable accommodations. Any requests for the reasonable accommodations required by individuals to fully participate in any open meeting, program or activity of Gwinnett County should be directed to the ADA Coordinator, 75 Langley Drive, Lawrenceville, Georgia 30046, 770-822-8165.

**XXVI. ALTERATIONS OF SOLICITATION AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS**

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

**XXVII. TAX LIABILITY**

Local and state governmental entities must notify vendors of their use tax liability on public works projects. Under Georgia law, private vendors are responsible for paying a use tax equal to the sales tax rate on material and equipment purchased under a governmental exemption that is incorporated into a government construction project: excluding material and equipment provided for the installation, repair, or expansion of a public water, gas, or sewer system when the property is installed for general distribution purposes. To the extent the tangible personal property maintains its character (for example, the installation of a kitchen stove), it remains tax-exempt. However, if the installation incorporates the tangible personal property into realty (for example, the installation of sheetrock), it becomes taxable to the private vendor. See O.C.G.A. §48-8-3(2) and O.C.G.A. §48-8-63.

**XXVIII. STATE AND FEDERAL LAW REGARDING WORKER VERIFICATION**

Effective July 1, 2013 State Law requires that all who enter into a contract for the physical performance of services for all labor or service contract(s) that exceed \$2,499.99 (except for services performed by an individual who is licensed pursuant to Title 26, Title 43, or the State Bar of Georgia) and that all who enter into a contract for public works as defined by O.C.G.A. §36-91-2(12) for the County, must satisfy the Illegal Immigration Reform Enhancements for 2013 in conjunction with the Federal Immigration Reform and Control Act (IRCA) of 1986, in all manner, and such are conditions of the contract.

The Purchasing Division Director with the assistance of the Internal Audit Division shall be authorized to conduct random audits of a vendor's or subcontractors' compliance with the Illegal Immigration Reform Enhancements for 2013 and the rules and regulations of the Georgia Department of Labor. The vendor and subcontractors shall retain all documents and records of its compliance for a period of five (5) years following completion of the contract or shall abide by the current time requirements at the time of the contract. This requirement shall apply to all contracts for all public works, labor or service contracts that exceed \$2,499.99 except for services performed by an individual who is licensed pursuant to Title 26, Title 43, or the State Bar of Georgia.

Whenever it appears that a vendor's or subcontractor's records are not sufficient to verify the work eligibility of any individual in the employment of such vendor or subcontractor, the Purchasing Director shall report same to the Department of Homeland Security and may result in termination of the contract if it is determined at any time during the work that the vendor or subcontractor is no longer in compliance with worker verification.

By submitting an offer to the County, vendor agrees that, in the event the vendor employs or contracts with any subcontractor(s) in connection with the covered contract, the vendor will secure from the subcontractor(s) such subcontractor(s)' indication of the employee-number category applicable to the subcontractor, as well as attestation(s) from such subcontractor(s) that they follow the Illegal Immigration Reform Enhancements for 2013 in conjunction with all federal requirements. Original signed, notarized Subcontractor Affidavits and Agreements must be maintained by the vendor awarded the contract.

A vendor's or subcontractor's failure to participate in the federal work authorization program as defined above shall be subject to termination of the contract. A vendor's failure to follow Gwinnett County's instruction to terminate a subcontractor that is not participating in the federal work authorization program may be subject to termination of the contract.

**XXIX. SOLID WASTE ORDINANCE**

No individual, partnership, corporation, or other entity shall engage in solid waste handling except in such a manner as to conform to and comply with the current Gwinnett County Solid Waste Ordinance and all other applicable local, state and federal legislation, rules, regulation, and orders.

**XXX. GENERAL CONTRACTORS LICENSE**

Effective July 1, 2008: **All General Contractors must have a current valid license from the State Licensing Board for Residential and General Contractors, unless specifically exempted from holding such license pursuant to Georgia law (O.C.G.A. §43-41-17).**

**XXXI. PRODUCTS MANUFACTURED IN GEORGIA**

When contracting for or purchasing supplies, materials, equipment, or agricultural products that exceeds \$100,000.00, excluding beverages for immediate consumption, Gwinnett County shall give preference as far as may be reasonable and practicable to such supplies, materials, equipment, and agricultural products as may be manufactured or produced in this state. Such preference shall not sacrifice quality. Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners shall consider, among other factors, information submitted by the vendor which may include the vendor's estimate of the multiplier effect on gross state domestic product and the effect on public revenues of the state and the effect on public revenues of political subdivisions resulting from acceptance of an offer to sell Georgia manufactured or produced goods as opposed to out-of-state manufactured or produced goods. Any such estimates shall be in writing. **(O.C.G.A. §36-84-1).**

**XXXII. INDEMNIFICATION**

To the fullest extent permitted by law, the vendor shall, at his sole cost and expense, indemnify, defend, satisfy all judgments, and hold harmless the County, its commissioners, officers, agents, and employees from and against all claims, damages, actions, judgments, costs, penalties, liabilities, losses and expenses, including, but not limited to, attorney's fees arising out of or resulting from the performance of the work, provided that any such claim, damage, action, judgment, cost, penalty, liability, loss or expense (1) is attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease, or death, or to injury to or destruction of tangible property (other than the work itself) including the loss of use resulting therefrom, and (2) is caused in whole or in part by the negligent acts, errors by any act or omission of the vendor, any subcontractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable, regardless whether such claim is caused in part by a party indemnified hereunder. Such obligation shall not be construed to negate, abridge, or otherwise reduce any of the rights or obligations of indemnity which would otherwise exist as to any party or person described in this agreement. In any and all claims against the County, its commissioners, officers, agents, and employees by any employee of the vendor, any subcontractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them, or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable, the indemnification obligation contained herein shall not be

limited in any way by any limitation on the amount or type of damages, compensation, or benefits payable by or for the vendor or any subcontractor under Worker's Compensation Acts, disability benefit acts, or other employee benefit acts.

Vendor shall also indemnify, hold harmless, insure, and defend the County for damages, losses, or expenses to the extent caused by or resulting from the negligence, recklessness, or intentionally wrongful conduct of the vendor or other persons employed or utilized by the vendor in the performance of a contract that utilizes survey services.

### **XXXIII. CODE OF ETHICS**

Vendors shall disclose under oath the name of all elected officials whom it employs or who have a direct or indirect pecuniary interest in the business entity, its affiliates, or its subcontractors. (This shall not apply to informal purchases as defined by the Purchasing Ordinance.) The vendor shall execute a Code of Ethics affidavit. Failure to submit the affidavit during the procurement process shall render the offer non-responsive.

Any business entity holding a contract with Gwinnett County that after execution of the contract or issuance of the purchase order employs, subcontracts with, or transfers a direct or indirect pecuniary interest in the business entity to an elected official shall within five (5) days disclose such fact in writing under oath to the Clerk of the Board of Commissioners. Failure to comply, or vendors submitting false information or omitting material information shall be referred to the Purchasing Policy & Review Committee for action pursuant to the Purchasing Ordinance or to the District Attorney for possible criminal prosecution. Note: See Gwinnett County Code of Ethics Ordinance EO2011, Sec. 54-33. The ordinance is available to view in its entirety at [www.gwinnettcounty.com](http://www.gwinnettcounty.com).

### **XXXIV. ELECTRONIC PAYMENT**

Vendors accepting procurements should select one of Gwinnett County's electronic payment options.

- A. A vendor may select ePayables payment process which allows acceptance of Gwinnett County's virtual credit card as payment for outstanding invoices. The authorized vendor representative must send an email to: [vendorelectronicpayment@gwinnettcounty.com](mailto:vendorelectronicpayment@gwinnettcounty.com) and indicate the desire to enroll in Gwinnett County's virtual credit card payment process.
- B. A vendor may select Direct Deposit payment process and the payment will be deposited directly into an account at their designated financial institution. To securely enroll in Direct Deposit, either access your online [Vendor Login and Registration](#) on the County's web site and update the requested information on the Direct Deposit tab or mail a [Direct Deposit Authorization Agreement](#) form.

The County will send a Payment Advice notification via email for both payment types. For more information about Electronic Payments, please visit the Gwinnett County Treasury Division page or click here -> [Gwinnett County Electronic Payments](#).

### **DIRECTIONS TO GJAC BUILDING FROM I-85**

Take I-85 to Georgia Highway 316 (Lawrenceville/Athens exit). Exit Highway 120 (Lawrenceville/Duluth exit) and turn right. At seventh traffic light, turn right onto Langley Drive. Cross Highway 29 through the traffic light and proceed through the roundabout. Visitors can either proceed to the front parking area on the left or to the parking deck behind the building. Click [here](#) for additional information about parking. The Purchasing Division is located on the second floor, West Wing.