

THE UNIFIED GOVERMENT OF ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY(ACCUG

NEW SUBMISSION FORMAT FOR **ACCUG REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

June 11, 2015 **DATE:**

TO: (Design Engineering Firms)

RFP #00760 On-Call Environmental / Geotechnical / Subsurface Consultant Services **SUBJECT:**

You are invited to submit a proposal to provide proposals to provide On-Call Environmental / Geo-Technical / Subsurface / Materials of Construction Testing, for the SPLOST Program and other departments as needed.

Inquiries regarding Proposals should be made to Julie Ann Donahue, CPPB, Purchasing Administrator, or Toro Holt Senior Buyer, (706) 613-3068, fax: (706) 613-1975 or E-mail Toro.Holt@athensclarkecounty.com Technical questions may be directed to Keith Sanders, (SPLOST Project Administration) at (706)-613-3025, fax: (706)-613-3944 or email: keith.sanders@athensclarkecounty.com.

Attached hereto is the Request for Proposal (RFP) instruction document. The written requirements contained in this (RFP) shall not be changed or superseded except by written addendum from the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County Purchasing Division of the Finance Department. Failure to comply with the written requirements for this proposal may result in rejection of the proposal by the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County.

One (1) USB Flash drive with a copy of the Proposal WITHOUT Pricing, Six (6) paper copies without pricing, and One (1) Separately Sealed paper copy of section V-D Price Proposal Schedule, must be submitted. Proposals are to be sealed, marked with the offeror's name and address and labeled, "RFP #00760 On-Call Environmental / Geotechnical / Subsurface Consultant Services" and delivered to:

The Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County Finance Department, Purchasing Division 375 Satula Avenue Athens, Georgia 30601

Not later than 3:00 P.M. ET, THURSDAY, JULY 09, 2015

A qualified interpreter for the hearing impaired is available upon request at least 10 (ten) days in advance of the proposal opening date. Please call (706) 613-3088 for more information. This service is in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Hand delivered copies may be delivered to the above address ONLY between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. E.T., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays observed by the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County.

The Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to waive any technicalities or irregularities, and to award the contract based on the highest and best interest of the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County.

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SECTION I - REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

ALL PROPOSALS RECEIVED WILL BECOME A PART OF THE OFFICIAL CONTRACT FILE AND MAY BE SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE.

A complete signed proposal must include the documents listed below:

<u>PROPOSAL FORMAT:</u> Offerors are expected to examine the specifications, price schedule, and all instructions. Failure to do so will be at the offeror's risk. Each offeror shall furnish the information required by the solicitation. The proposal and price schedule must be signed by an officer of the company, who is legally authorized to enter into a contractual relationship in the name of the offeror.

All proposals received will become a part of the official contract file and may be subject to disclosure.

PROPOSAL FORMAT: All proposals should include the information outlined below and **in the following order:**

- 1. Cover Letter: A brief cover letter of introduction and interest.
- 2. **Table of Contents:** Including all sections and subsections.
- 3. <u>Business Information:</u> State the full name and address of your organization and the branch office or other subordinate element that will perform the services described in this proposal. Include telephone number, point of contact and official signature of an authorized company representative. Indicate whether you operate as a single proprietorship, partnership, or corporation. Include the state(s) in which you are incorporated and/or licensed to operate.
- 4. **Qualifications and Experience:** Include an organization chart and summary resumes of key personnel proposed for the project, including designations of the team leader, the consultant responsible for design, the project architect, the person responsible for all proposed communications with the owner and all proposed sub-consultants and a description of their roles.
- 5. **References:** Include a minimum of three references for contracts of a similar nature, preferably public sector references. Include the name, address, telephone number, point of contact and description of the contract for each reference
- 6. <u>Financial Information and Documentation</u>: Provide relevant information regarding organizational stability and strength. Documentation may include:
 - a. A statement of organizational structure (e.g., sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation, joint venture, etc.), information regarding the make-up of that structure (e.g., owner, partners, board of directors joint venture partners, etc.), a listing of financial references.
 - b. Failure to Complete Prior Projects disclose whether the Offeror (or any general partner or joint venture of the Offeror) has ever failed to complete a similar project. If so, list the date of commencement of the project and the entity for which the project was to be performed, and explain why the project was not completed.

- c. Disclose information and provide explanation regarding any contracts involving the offeror or joint venture firm within the last three years which exceeded initial program or project budget, exceeded initial schedule, and any contract penalties or damages assessed.
- 7. <u>Other Relevant Information:</u> Include any other relevant information concerning the project in this section.

<u>SUBMITTAL FORMAT</u>: ALL proposal copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope or container with the <u>OUTER MOST</u> container stating the company name, address, telephone number, the RFP number and TITLE (RFP # 00760 On-Call Environmental / Geotechnical / Subsurface Consultant Services). If you have an ACCUG Vendor Number please include it on the sealed envelope or container. If you do not know your vendor number, please call (706)-613-3088 or email: accpurchasing@athensclarkecounty.com If you do not have a vendor number, please fill out a bid list application found at Bid_List_Application (http://www.athensclarkecounty.com/DocumentView.aspx?DID=256) so one may be issued to your company. The ACCUG Vendor Number is not required to submit a Bid but we encourage companies to apply.

One (1) USB Flash drive with a copy of the Proposal WITHOUT Pricing
Six (6) paper copies of the signed proposal WITHOUT price
One (1) Separately Sealed paper copy of section V-E Price Proposal Schedule
(Must be submitted separately in a sealed envelope)

Offerors 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. No responsibility shall attach to the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County for the premature opening of a proposal not properly addressed and identified, and/or delivered to the proper or Improper address. **Proposals via facsimile will NOT be considered**.

ALL DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED ON USB FLASH DRIVE MUST BE IN A SINGLE PDF FILE

THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

ON-CALL ENVIRONMENTAL / GEOTECHNICAL / SUBSURFACE CONSULTANT SERVICES SPLOST PROGRAM MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT ATHENS, GEORGIA

SECTION II - REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL OVERVIEW AND PROCEDURES

A. INTRODUCTION

PURPOSE

The Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County desires to solicit competitive proposals from responsible vendors to provide proposals to provide On-Call Environmental / Geo-Technical / Subsurface / Materials of Construction Testing, for the SPLOST Program and other departments as needed. Services for this proposal would be for a one-year period, with the option to extend the contract for up to four additional one-year term if agreed upon by all parties.

The contractor will provide services per the scope of services as indicated in Section III of this request for proposal (RFP).

B. RFP TIMETABLE

The anticipated schedule for the RFP and contract approval is as follows:

Proposal Documents Available.....THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2015

Deadline for submission of questions......THURSDAY JULY 02, 2015

Proposals Valid Until: THURSDAY, SEPETEMBER 10, 2015

C. CONTACT PERSON

The contact person for this RFP is Julie Ann Donahue, CPPB, Purchasing Administrator, or Toro Holt Senior Buyer, (706) 613-3068, fax: (706) 613-1975 or E-mail <u>Toro.Holt@athensclarkecounty.com</u>. Technical questions may be directed to Keith Sanders, (SPLOST Project Administrator) at (706)-613-3025, fax: (706)-613-3944 or email: <u>keith.sanders@athensclarkecounty.com</u>.

Offerors are encouraged to contact only the contact persons stated above to clarify any part of this RFP. Any such unauthorized contact shall not be used as a basis for responding to this RFP and also may result in the rejection of the offeror's submittal.

D. MINIMUM PROPOSAL ACCEPTANCE PERIOD

Proposals shall be valid and may not be withdrawn for a period of 60 days from the date specified for receipt of proposals.

E. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/ADDENDA

The Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County will issue responses to inquiries and any other corrections or amendments it deems necessary in written addenda issued prior to the proposal due date. Offerors 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.

Request for additional information or clarifications must be made in writing no later than the date specified in the RFP Timetable. The request must contain the offeror's name, address, phone number, and fax number, and email address. Faxes will be accepted at (706)-613-1975.

Offerors must acknowledge any issued addenda. Proposals which fail to acknowledge the offeror's receipt of any addendum will result in the rejection of the proposal if the addendum contained information which substantively changed the Owner's requirements

Offerors who obtain this Request for Proposal from Georgia Procurement Registry or Athens Clarke County/Purchasing (http://www.athensclarkecounty.com/index.aspx) or from other than the Purchasing Division are advised to re-visit the above websites to obtain any addenda which may be issued prior to the proposal closing date. The Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County assumes no responsibility for Offerors' failure to acknowledge any addenda issued

F. LATE PROPOSALS, WITHDRAWALS, MODIFICATIONS AND REJECTIONS

Proposals shall not be modified, withdrawn, or cancelled by the offeror for a period of **sixty (60) days** following the time and date designated for the receipt of proposals, and each offeror so agrees in submitting his proposal. Negligence on the part of the Offeror in preparation of his proposal shall not be grounds for the modification or withdrawal of a proposal after the time set for proposal closing. Proposals received after the proposal due date and time are late and will not be considered. Modifications received after the proposal due date are also late and will not be considered

G. PROPOSAL CLOSING

Proposal schedule prices will not be opened or read aloud publicly. A list of names of firms providing proposals may be obtained from <u>Georgia Procurement Registry</u> or <u>Athens Clarke County Bids</u> or via email request to E-Mail: <u>Toro.Holt@athensclarkecounty.com</u> after the proposal due date and time stated herein. A tabulation of prices may be obtained upon award.

H. NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

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

By submitting a proposal, the offeror represents and warrants that no official or employee of the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County 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.

I. GEORGIA SECURITY AND IMMIGRATION COMPLIANCE ACT AFFIDAVIT

By submitting a proposal and executing the attached Affidavits, the offeror verifies its compliance with O.C.G.A. §13-10-91. The offeror further agrees to maintain records of such compliance and shall provide a copy of each such verification to Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, at the time the subcontractor(s) is retained to perform such services.

J. COST INCURRED BY OFFERORS

All expenses involved with the preparation and submission of proposals to the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, or any work performed in connection therewith shall be borne by the offeror(s). No payment will be made for any responses received or for any other effort required of or made by the offeror(s) prior to commencement of work as defined by a contract approved by the governing body of the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County.

K. MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE POLICY STATEMENT

It is the policy of the Athens-Clarke County government that no person or business shall be excluded from participation, denied the benefits of, or otherwise discriminated against in relation to the award and performance of any contract or subcontract on the grounds of race, color, creed, national origin, age, or sex.

L. HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFICATION

The Offeror agrees, insofar as it legally may, to indemnify and hold harmless the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, its officers, employees and agents from and against all loss, costs, expenses, including attorneys' fees, claims, suits and judgments, whatsoever in connection with injury to or death of any person or persons or loss of or damage to property resulting from any and all operations performed by Offeror, its officers, employees, and agents under any of the terms of this contract.

M. SITE VISIT:

Offerors are urged and expected to inspect the site where services are to be performed and to satisfy themselves regarding all general and local conditions that may affect the cost of contract performance, to the extent that the information is reasonably obtainable. In no event shall failure to inspect the site constitute grounds for a claim after contract award.

N. <u>AWARD OF CON</u>TRACT

This is a past performance/technical/price trade-off source selection in which competing offeror's past and present performance history and technical ability will be evaluated on a basis approximately equal to price. Award will be made to the responsible offeror whose proposal represents the best value after evaluation in accordance with the factors listed in Section IV herein. The Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County may reject any or all proposals if such action is in the Unified Government's interest.

O. <u>MULTIPLE AWARDS</u>

The Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County reserves the right to make multiple awards or to award a contract by individual line items or alternatives, by group of line items or alternatives, or to make an aggregate award, whichever is deemed most advantageous to the Unified Government. If the Unified Government determines that an aggregate award to one offeror is not in the Unified Government's best interest, "all or none" offers shall be rejected.

P. PLACE OF PERFORMANCE

The Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County will not contemplate traveling outside the City of Athens to the contractor's facility for custom fitting or alterations. The offeror shall insert in the spaces provided in the price schedule the address of the plants or facilities location(s) that he intends to use.

Q. QUALIFICATION OF OFFERORS

The Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County may make such reasonable investigations as deemed proper and necessary to determine the ability of the offeror to perform the work and the offeror shall furnish to the Unified Government all such information and data for this purpose as may be requested. The Unified Government reserves the right to reject any proposal if the evidence submitted by, or

investigations of, such offeror fails to satisfy the Unified Government that such offeror is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the contract and to complete the work contemplated therein.

The Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County contractors/vendors must have a current Athens-Clarke County business license, if they are physically located in Athens-Clarke County or, if they perform a service in Athens-Clarke County.

Proposals from any offeror that is in default on the payment of any taxes, license fees, or other monies due the Unified Government will not be accepted.

R. ALTERNATE PROPOSALS

Alternate proposals or proposals that deviate from the requirements of this solicitation will not be considered. Offerors shall not insert in their proposal any written statement which will have the effect of making any material change or changes in the Scope of Services or in any contract between the parties covering subject matter thereof.

S. OPEN RECORDS

In accordance with OCGA Section 50-18-72(a)(34) Any trade secrets obtained from a person or business entity that are required by law, regulation, bid, or request for proposal to be submitted to an agency. An entity submitting records containing trade secrets that wishes to keep such records confidential under this paragraph shall submit and attach to the records an affidavit affirmatively declaring that specific information in the records constitute trade secrets pursuant to Article 27 of Chapter 1 of Title 10. If such entity attaches such an affidavit, before producing such records in response to a request under this article, the agency shall notify the entity of its intention to produce such records as set forth in this paragraph. If the agency makes a determination that the specifically identified information does not in fact constitute a trade secret, it shall notify the entity submitting the affidavit of its intent to disclose the information within ten days unless prohibited from doing so by an appropriate court order. In the event the entity wishes to prevent disclosure of the requested records, the entity may file an action in superior court to obtain an order that the requested records are trade secrets exempt from disclosure. The entity filing such action shall serve the requestor with a copy of its court filing. If the agency makes a determination that the specifically identified information does constitute a trade secret, the agency shall withhold the records, and the requester may file an action in superior court to obtain an order that the requested records are not trade secrets and are subject to disclosure;

SECTION III - SCOPE OF SERVICES

The contractor shall provide all personnel, equipment, tools, materials, supervision, and other items and services necessary for the scope of services outlined below for the period beginning on the date of Contract Award.

A. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE

The Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County (ACCUG) is a unified city/county government located in the northeast section of the state of Georgia and is approximately sixty (60) miles northeast of Atlanta, Georgia. The Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County (the government's official name) was formed in 1991 by a referendum which required the combining of The City of Athens and Clarke County. ACCUG serves an area population of approximately 100,000 with annual growth projected at 1% per year. ACCUG provides a multitude of local and state funded services, which includes, but is not limited to, Public Safety, Utility, Courts, Corrections, Tax and Fire Services. ACCUG employs approximately 1,700 people.

Firms shall be experienced and qualified to perform work which may include on-call Environmental / Geotechnical / Subsurface exploration / Materials Testing consultant services.

Once a Contractor is selected, a "Unit Cost" for each specific service provided will be negotiated. This will be the basis of all future cost for work. On an on-call basis, the Contractor will be requested to develop a detailed scope of work and a cost utilizing the "Unit Costs" already negotiated and submitted to SPLOST 2005 Program Management for review and approval. Once a scope of work and cost s agreed upon, a supplemental agreement will be executed, a purchase order will be issued, and a Notice to Proceed provided to the Contractor for that scope of work.

B. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- 1. <u>See attached Exhibit A Owner / Testing Agency Master Agreement for the associated contract terms to be used for this On-Call Services Agreement.</u>
- 2. <u>Contract Performance Period:</u> Contract performance period shall be from **date of award** through June 30, 2016 unless terminated by either party giving to the other written notice of termination in writing thirty (30) days prior to the proposed date of termination. The Contract Period may then be renewed annually on July 1st for up to four additional one year terms. Termination by the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County can be immediate upon contractor failure to comply with any of the terms.

SECTION IV - SELECTION PROCESS AND EVALUATION CRITERIA

The Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County intends to evaluate proposals and award a contract after conducting discussions with offerors whose proposals have been determined to be within the competitive range. If it is determined that the number of proposals that would otherwise be in the competitive range exceeds the number at which an efficient competition can be conducted, the Unified Government may limit the number of proposals in the competitive range to the greatest number that will permit an efficient competition among the most highly rated proposals. Therefore, the offeror's initial proposal should contain the offeror's best terms from a price and technical standpoint.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Evaluation criteria to be used in determining the selected firm in order of importance are:

- 1. FIRM EXPERIENCE in providing services to public sector organizations.
- 2. <u>QUALIFICATIONS</u> of staff assigned to the contracts.
- 3. <u>UNDERSTANDING OF THE REQUIREMENT</u> and the ability to perform the work required.
- 4. <u>REFERENCES</u> including applicable past work with the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County.
- 5. <u>CONTRACT PRICE</u> Completed Schedule of Services/Prices/Proposal Sheet <u>submitted as a separate</u> USB Jump Drive for evaluation.

PROPOSAL EVALUATION AND CONTRACT AWARD

Based on the evaluation criteria, the Selection Committee will review and assign a score to each proposal. Proposals which rank highest upon completion of the scoring process will be short-listed. The number of short-listed firms will depend on the total number of submitted proposals. These short listed firms may be invited to make a formal presentation/interview of their firm's experience, project approach and qualifications and will be invited to provide a cost/price proposal. Upon completion of the short-listed firms presentations/interviews, the Selection Committee will then score each presentation and the highest rated firm, after the presentation/interview scoring process, considering price and price related factors, will be recommended for award.

MANDATORY SUBMITTAL

SECTION V – PROPOSAL FORMS

A: PROPOSAL FORM

(Hereinafter called "Offeror"), organized and existing under the laws of the State of	•	
In compliance with your RFP, the Offeror hereby proposes and agrees to perform and furnish all work for requirement known as RFP # 00760 On-Call Environmental / Geotechnical / Subsurface Consul Services in strict accordance with the Proposal Documents, within the time set forth therein, and at the proposed. By submission of this Proposal, the Offeror certifies, and in the case of a joint Offer, each party thereto cert as to its own organization that: 1. The Offeror has examined and carefully studied the Proposal Documents and the Addenda, receip all of which is hereby acknowledged at Section V, B. 2. The Offeror agrees that this proposal may not be revoked or withdrawn after the time set for opening of proposals but shall remain open for acceptance for a period of sixty (60) days following states.	r called "Offeror"), organized and existing	
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Authorized Representative/Title Authorized Representative Date (print or type) (Signature)		

Company Name (printed):	

MANDATORY SUBMITTAL

SECTION V – PROPOSAL FORMS

B: ADDENDA ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Offeror has examined and carefully studied the Specifications and the following Addenda, Receipt of all of which is hereby acknowledged:

Addendum No.	dated	Acknowledgement	
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			Initial
Addendum No.	dated	Acknowledgement	
			Initial
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			Initial

Offerors must acknowledge any issued addenda. Proposals which fail to acknowledge the offeror's receipt of any addendum will result in the rejection of the proposal if the addendum contained information which substantively changes the Owner's requirements.

SECTION V – PROPOSAL FORMS

C: GEORGIA SECURITY & IMMIGRATION COMPLIANCE (GSIC) AFFIDAVIT

The Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County and Contractor agree that compliance with the requirements of O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91, as amended, and Rule 300-10-1-.02 of the Rules of the Georgia Department of Labor are conditions of this Agreement for the physical performance of services.

The Contractor further agrees that its compliance with the requirements of O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91, as amended, and DOL Rule 300-10-1-.02 is attested to on the executed Contractor Affidavit and Agreement attached hereto.

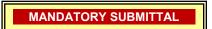
If employing or contracting with any subcontractor(s) in connection with this Agreement, Contractor further agrees:

(1) To secure from the subcontractor(s) an affidavit attesting to the subcontractor's compliance with O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91, as amended, and DOL Rule 300-10-1-.02; such affidavit being in the form attached hereto; and

The failure of Contractor to supply the affidavit of compliance at the time of execution of this Agreement and/or the failure of Contractor to continue to satisfy the obligations of O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91, as amended, and DOL Rule 300-10-1-.02 as set forth in this Agreement throughout the contract period shall constitute a material breach of the contract. Upon notice of such breach, Contractor shall be entitled to cure the breach within ten days, upon providing satisfactory evidence of compliance with the terms of this Agreement and State law. Should the breach not be cured, Athens-Clarke County shall be entitled to all available remedies, including termination of the contract and damages.

SEE AFFIDAVIT ON FOLLOWING PAGE

SECTION V – PROPOSAL FORMS



C: CONTRACTOR AFFIDAVIT & AGREEMENT UNDER O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91(b)(1)

By executing this affidavit, the undersigned contractor verifies its compliance with O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91, as amended, stating affirmatively that the individual, firm or corporation which is engaged in the physical performance of services on behalf of The Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, has registered with, is authorized to use, and uses the federal work authorization program commonly known as E-Verify, or any subsequent replacement program, in accordance with the provisions and deadlines established in O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91, as amended.

Furthermore, the undersigned will continue to use the federal work authorization program throughout the contract period and the undersigned contractor will contract for the physical performance of services in satisfaction of such contract only with subcontractors who present an affidavit to the contractor with the information required by O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91(b). Contractor hereby attests that its federal work authorization user identification number and date of authorization are as follows:

Federal Work Authorization Company Identification Number	Date of Authorization
Name of Contractor:	
Name of Project: 00760 On-Call Environmental / Geotechnic	cal / Subsurface Consultant Services
Name of Public Employer: The Unified Government of Athens-Cla	arke County
I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true	and correct.
Executed on,, 201 in	
Signature of Authorized Officer or Agent	
Printed Name and Title of Authorized Officer or Agent	
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME ON THIS THE DAY OF, 201_	
Notary Public My Commission Expires:	

Company Name (printed): MANDATORY SUBMITTAL

SECTION V – PROPOSAL FORMS

D: SCHEDULE OF SUPPLIES/SERVICES OR PRICE/PROPOSAL SCHEDULE

The **Attached Price Proposal** must be completed and turned in with each proposal. It is stipulated that the attached worksheet does not represent all of the services offered by the individual firms but it is the Owner's intent to use these line items as a representative sampling of the pricing for various services that may be used on future projects.

Because it is understood that every firm packages their services and fees differently, if the descriptions provided do not match the exact descriptions that are standard for the proposing firms it is expected that the proposing firm will adjust their pricing to match the enclosed worksheet descriptions. DO NOT SUBMITT standard pricing sheets and expect the Owner to try and determine a fair match from the RFP pricing worksheet to the firms standard descriptions. Failure to provide a properly completed pricing worksheet may be justifications for having the Proposal rejected as non-responsive.

(Must be submitted separately in a sealed envelope)

SECTION VI - OPTIONAL FORMS

E. BID LIST APPLICATION

We would like for this form to be turned in a minimum of four (4) days prior to bid

If you have an ACCUG Vendor Number please include it on the sealed envelope or container.

If you do not know your ACCUG Vendor Number, please call (706)-613-3088 or email: accpurchasing@athensclarkecounty.com

If you <u>DO NOT HAVE</u> an **ACCUG Vendor Number**, please fill out the bidder's list application attached below.

SECTION VII DOCUMENTS CHECK LIST:

PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS CHECKLIST:
1. <u>Cover Letter</u>
2. <u>Table of Contents</u>
3. <u>Business Information</u>
4. Qualifications and Experience
5. References/Reference Projects
6. Financial Information and Documentation
7. Other Relevant Information
MANDATORY PROPOSAL FORMS (SECTION V) Offeror must complete, execute and include with the proposal the following mandatory documents:
A. Proposal form
B. Acknowledgement of Addenda
C. Georgia Security & Immigration Compliance (GSIC) Act Affidavit
D. Schedule of Services/Supplies and Price Proposal (Must be submitted separately in a sealed envelope)
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ATTACHMENT A

What Your Business Needs to Know about Georgia's E- Verify Requirements

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E-Verify Contractor Requirements

Georgia law, O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91, requires all businesses that contract with a public employer for labor or services by bid or by contract in which the labor or services exceed \$2499.99 to sign an affidavit attesting that they are registered for and use E-Verify unless 1) the contractor has no employees (in which case they must present an approved state issued identification card/drivers' license from an approved state as provided on the Attorney General's website) or, 2) the contract is with an individual licensed under Title 26, Title 43, or the State Bar of Georgia who is in good standing and that individual is performing that service. Anyone your business subcontracts with for labor and services, as well as the subcontractors of your subcontractors, in furtherance of that contract is also subject to this requirement. E-Verify Contractor, Subcontractor, and Sub-Subcontractor affidavits can be found here.

E-Verify Private Employer Requirements

Georgia law, O.C.G.A. § 36-60-6, requires all businesses, with more than 10 employees that are seeking an occupation tax certificate/business license or other document required to operate a business with a county or city to sign an affidavit attesting that they are registered for and use E-Verify. Businesses with 10 or fewer employees are required to sign an affidavit attesting that they are exempt from this requirement. Once a business has provided this affidavit to the county, all subsequent renewals can be provided with the submission of the E-Verify number, as long as it is the same number as provided on the affidavit, or assertion that your business is exempt. The county will provide the format in which renewal information is collected. E-Verify Private Employer and Exemption Affidavits can be found here.

What Is E-Verify?

E-Verify is a federal Web-based system that electronically verifies the employment eligibility of newly hired employees. It works by allowing participating employers to electronically compare employee information taken from the I-9 Form (the paper-based employee eligibility verification form used for all new hires) against records in the Social Security Administration's database and the records in the Department of Homeland Security immigration databases.

Where Do I Find My E-Verify Number?

The Human Resources Department for your business should have that information, if you have registered. The E-Verify number, which consists of four to six numerical characters, is located directly below the E-Verify logo on the first page of the memorandum of understanding (MOU) entered into between your business and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to use E-Verify.

What if I cannot locate or do not have access to my MOU?

If the HR director/program administrator for E-Verify from your business has taken the E-Verify tutorial, you may obtain your company ID number by: 1) Logging in to E-Verify with your assigned user ID and password; 2) From 'My Company,' select 'Edit Company Profile;' 3) The Company Information page will display the company ID number. If your HR director/program administrator has not completed the tutorial, you must contact E-Verify Customer Support at 888-464-4218 or at E-Verify@dhs.gov for assistance.

Is the Federal Tax Identification Number/Employer Identification Number (EIN) the same as the E-Verify Number? No. While you will be required to provide the Federal Tax Identification Number/EIN for your business to DHS in order to register for E-Verify, a separate number, which consists of four to six numerical characters, will be provided as the E-Verify number for your business by DHS, which will be located on the MOU.

How Do I Register for E-Verify? To register for E-Verify, please visit the DHS website. If you need assistance in completing the registration process or need additional information relating to E-Verify, call their customer service number at 1-888-464-4218, email them at E-Verify@dhs.gov or visit their website at http://www.dhs.gov/e-verify.