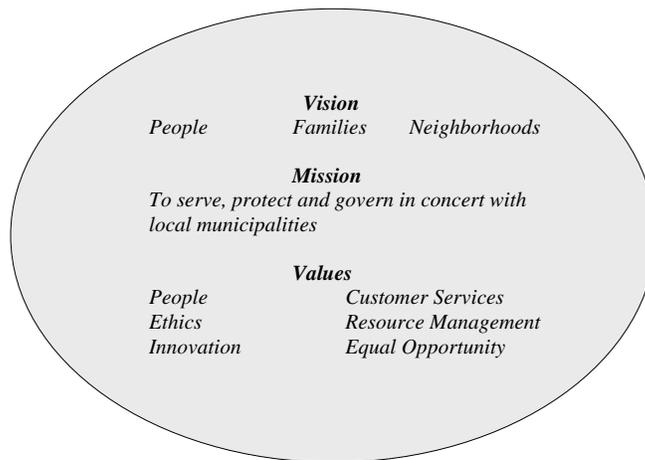




FULTON COUNTY



PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

INVITATION TO BID # 08ITB61502YC-AP

BALLOT CARD PRINTING

For

Registrations & Elections Department

BID DUE TIME AND DATE: Wednesday, May 14, 2008, 11:00 A.M.
(Non Mandatory) Pre Proposal Conference Date: 9:00AM April 29, 2008
Last Day to Submit Written Questions: May 2, 2008
PURCHASING CONTACT: Al Micah Phillips
E-MAIL: almicah.phillips@fultoncountyga.gov

LOCATION: FULTON COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
130 PEACHTREE STREET, S.W., SUITE 1168
ATLANTA, GA 30303

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INVITATION TO BID

SECTION 1

1.0 **Purpose:**

Fulton County is soliciting bids from qualified vendors to provide Ballot Card Printing during a five (5) month calendar period beginning upon contract execution.

1.1 **Bid Document**

This document and supporting documents can be downloaded at the Fulton County Website, <http://www.fultoncountyga.gov> under "Bid Opportunities".

1.2 **Term of Contract:**

Any award made as a result of this bid shall be for five (5) months from the date of contract execution. The County reserves the right for an option of two (2) additional twelve (12) month renewal period pending approval by the Board of Commissioners, vendor satisfactory performance and the availability of departmental appropriated funding. Renewal year price increase(s) in this contract, if exercised by Fulton County, shall be limited to the bid prices offered under this solicitation and subsequent contract unless otherwise specifically accepted by Fulton County, but in no instance shall exceed the consumer price index. The term "consumer price index" shall mean the consumer price index published by the Bureau of Labor statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor with particular reference to the average shown on such index for all terms.

1.3 **No Contact Provision**

It is the policy of Fulton County that the evaluation and award process for County contracts shall be free from both actual and perceived impropriety, and that contacts between potential vendors and County officials, elected officials and staff regarding pending awards of County contracts shall be prohibited.

- A. No person, firm, or business entity, however situated or composed, obtaining a copy of or responding to this solicitation, shall initiate or continue any verbal or written communication regarding this solicitation with any County officer, elected official, employee, or designated County representative, between the date of the issuance of this solicitation and the date of the County Manager's recommendation to the Board of Commissioners for award of the subject contract, except as may otherwise be specifically authorized and permitted by the terms and conditions of this solicitation.

- B. All verbal and written communications initiated by such person, firm, or entity regarding this solicitation, if same are authorized and permitted by the terms and conditions of this solicitation, shall be directed to the Purchasing Agent.
- C. Any violation of this prohibition of the initiation or continuation of verbal or written communications with County officers, elected officials, employees, or designated County representatives shall result in a written finding by the Purchasing Agent that the submitted Bid or proposal of the person, firm, or entity in violation is “non-responsive”, and same shall not be considered for award.

1.4 Bid Contact

Information regarding the bid, either procedural or technical, may be obtained by contacting Al Micah Phillips, Chief Assistant Purchasing Agent, Almicah.phillips@fultoncountyga.gov at (404) 730.4214, Fulton County Department of Purchasing & Contract Compliance. Information regarding the bid requirements may be obtained by using the following procedure. Inquiries must be submitted in writing to;

**Al Micah Phillips, Assistant Purchasing Agent
Fulton County Purchasing Department
130 Peachtree Street, S.W. Suite 1168
Atlanta, GA 30303
Phone: (404) Fax: (404) 730.4214
Fax: (404) 893.1736
Reference Bid # 08ITB61502YC-AP, BALLOT CARD PRINTING**

1.5 PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE

The County will hold a Pre-Proposal Conference, on **April 29, 2008, at 9:00 A.M.** In the Purchasing Department located at **130 Peachtree Street, S.W., Suite 1168 Atlanta, Ga 30303**. The purpose of the Pre-Proposal Conference is to provide information regarding the project and to address any questions and concerns regarding the services sought by the County through this ITB.

1.6 Bid Opening

Bids will be opened in public and read aloud on **Wednesday, May 14, 2008 at 11:00 A.M., local time** in the Fulton County Purchasing Department’s bid room, located at 130 Peachtree Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303. Bids received after 11:00 A.M., will be considered late and will be returned to the bidder unopened. Bidders may, at their discretion, attend the bid opening. **Bidders must submit three (3) copies, one (1) originally signed and one (1) copy.**

1.7 Bid Due Date

All Bids are due in the Purchasing Department of Fulton County located in the Public Safety Building, Suite 1168, 130 Peachtree Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303 on or before **Wednesday, May 14, 2008 at 11:00 A.M.**, legal prevailing time. All submitted bids will be time and date stamped according to the clock at the front desk of the Fulton County Purchasing Department. Any bid received after this appointed schedule will be considered late and subject to be returned unopened to the bidder. The bid due date can be changed only by addendum. Bids shall clearly indicate the legal name, address, and telephone number of the proposer (company, firm, partnership, individual). Bids shall be signed above the typed or printed name and title of the signer. The signer shall have the authority to bind the proposer to the submitted proposal. ***The bid number must be clearly visible on all bid packages submitted.***

1.8 Delivery Requirements

Any bid received after the above stipulated due date and time will not be considered and will be rejected and returned. It shall be the sole responsibility of the bidder to have his/her bid delivered to the Fulton County Department of Purchasing for receipt on or before the above stipulated due date and time. If a bid is sent by U.S. Mail, the bidder shall be responsible for its timely delivery to the Department of Purchasing.

1.9 Basis of Award

The Contract will be awarded to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder(s), if awarded.

All Bids must be made on the Bid forms contained herein. The Bid shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope, addressed to Department of Purchasing & Contract Compliance, Fulton County Public Safety Building, 130 Peachtree Street, S.W., Suite 1168 Atlanta, Georgia 30303 and labeled "Bid for **Ballot Card Printing**."

SECTION 2

FULTON COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

BID GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

2.0 The following information pertains to the submission of a Bid to Fulton County, and contains instructions on how Bids must be presented in order to be considered. Listed below are the requirements for all Bidders interested in doing business with Fulton County.

1. The Bid sheets included in this Invitation to Bid ("Bid") must be fully completed and returned with the Bid unless otherwise specified in writing by the Purchasing Department. Type or neatly print the date, company name, and the full legal name and title of the person(s) signing the Bid in the place provided at the bottom of each Bid sheet. Any additional sheets submitted must contain the same signature and Bidder information.
2. Original signature(s) must appear on each page of the Bid document. All signatures must be executed by person(s) having contracting authority for the Bidder
3. Absolutely no fax Bids or reproduction Bids will be accepted, except that photocopies may be submitted in addition to the original when multiple copies of the Bid are specifically requested in the solicitation
4. The envelope in which the Bid response is submitted must be sealed and clearly labeled with the bid number, project title, due date and time, and the name of the company or individual submitting the proposal. Bids must be received by the opening date and time shown on this Bid in order to be considered. The Purchasing Agent has obligation to consider Bids which are not in properly marked envelopes. Contract Compliance submittals shall be submitted in a separated sealed envelope or package.
5. The original and the required number of copies of the Bid must be returned to:

Al Micah Phillips, Chief Assistant Purchasing Agent
Department of Purchasing & Contract Compliance
130 Peachtree Street, S.W., Suite 1168
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Any inquiries, questions, clarifications or suggestions regarding this solicitation should be submitted in writing to the Purchasing Contact Person. Contact with any other County personnel in regard to a current solicitation is strictly prohibited in accordance with Fulton County " No

Contact” Show information and prices in the format requested. Prices are to be quoted F.O.B. Destination, and must include all costs chargeable to the Contractor executing the Contract, including taxes. Unless otherwise provided in the Contract, Fulton County shall have no liability for any cost not included in the price. The Contractor shall provide Fulton County the benefit through a reduction in price of any decrease in the Contractor’s costs by reason of any tax exemption based upon Fulton County’s status as a tax-exempt entity.

6. All prices Bid must be audited by the Bidder to ensure correctness before the Bid is submitted. The Bidder is solely responsible for the accuracy of information placed on a Bid sheet, including prices. Clerical or mathematical error is insufficient to void a successful Bid but a Bidder may withdraw a sealed Bid prior to opening without a penalty.
7. All prices must be submitted in the format requested and less all trade discounts. When multiple items are being Bid, Bidder must show both the unit price and the total extended price for each item. When applicable, the Bidder must include an additional lump sum Bid for groups or items. In the event a Bidder is offering an additional discount on groups of items, Bidder must indicate the total lump sum Bid for the particular group of items before any extra discount, the amount of extra discount, and the net total for the particular group. In the event of an extension error, unit pricing shall prevail.
8. By submitting a signed Bid, Bidder agrees to accept an award made as a result of that Bid under the terms and conditions spelled out in the Bid documents. In the event of a conflict between the different Bid documents, the County’s cover Contract (if used) shall have precedence, followed in order by the Invitation to Bid Purchase Order, Bid, Contractor’s Warranty Agreement, Maintenance Agreement, and/or other Contractor provided agreements.
9. A Bidder may submit only one (1) Bid response for each specific Bid solicitation unless otherwise authorized in the specifications.
10. All prices submitted by the Bidder to Fulton County must be guaranteed by the authorized person(s) against any price increase for the time period designated in the Bid specifications, and Fulton County must be given the benefit of any price decrease occurring during such designated time period.
11. All items Bid must be new. Used, rebuilt and refurbished items will not be considered unless specifically authorized by Fulton County in the written specifications.

12. All Bidders must specify in the Bid response the earliest actual delivery date for each item unless otherwise specified in writing by Fulton County. The delivery date may be a factor in deciding the Bidder's capability to perform.
13. A successful Bidder's delivery ticket(s) and invoice(s) must list each item separately and must show Fulton County's purchase order number as well as the proper department and address to which delivery was made, as listed on the purchase order or in the Bidder's contract with Fulton County.
14. Unless clearly shown as "no substitute" or words to that effect, any items in this invitation to Bid which have been identified, described or referenced by a brand name or trade name are for reference only. Such identification is intended to be descriptive but not restrictive, and is to indicate the general quality and characteristics of products that may be offered. Each item Bid must be individually identified as to whether it is a specified item or an equivalent item by typing or printing after the item(s): The brand name; model or manufacturer's number, or identification regularly used in the trade. Deviations from the specifications must be clearly and fully listed on the Bid sheet, including photographs or cuts, specifications, and dimensions of the proposed "alternate". Fulton County is the sole judge of "exact Equivalent: or " alternate". The factors to be considered are function, design, materials, construction, workmanship, workmanship finishes, operating features, overall quality, local services facilities, warranty terms and service and other relevant features of item(s) Bid.
15. For all Bids, Fulton County reserves the right to request representative samples. If requested, samples must be delivered at the Bidder's cost within three (3) business days. Samples are submitted at the risk of the Bidder and may be subjected to destructive tests by Fulton County. Samples must be plainly tagged with Fulton County's Bid number, item name, manufacturer, and the name of the Bidder.
16. Item(s) Bid must be complete and ready to operate. No obvious omissions of components or necessary parts shall be made even though the specifications may not detail or mention them. Unit(s) must be furnished with factory installed equipment and must be comparable with the basic form, fit, and functional requirements which are all to be included in the base price as well as any other equipment included as standard by the manufacturer or generally provided to the buying public.
17. All successful Bidders must assume full responsibility for all item(s) damaged prior to F.O.B. Destination delivery and agree to hold harmless Fulton County of all responsibility for prosecuting damage claims.

18. All successful Bidders must assume full responsibility for replacement of all defective or damaged goods within thirty (30) days of notice by Fulton County of such defect or damage.
19. All successful Bidders must assume full responsibility for providing or ensuring warranty service on any and all items including goods, materials, or equipment provided to the County with warranty coverage. If a successful Bidder is not the manufacturer, all manufacturer's warranties must be passed through to Fulton County. The Bidder and not Fulton County is responsible for contacting the manufacturer of the warranty service provided during the warranty period and supervising the completion of the warranty service to the satisfaction of Fulton County.
20. As a successful Bidder providing any equipment which requires fitting and assembly the Bidder shall be solely responsible for such installation being performed by a manufacturer's authorized or approved servicer an experienced worker, utilizing workmanship of the highest caliber. The Bidder must verify all dimensions at the site, shall be responsible for their correctness, and shall be responsible for the availability of replacement parts when specified in writing by Fulton County in the specifications, purchase order, or other contract.
21. A successful Bidder is solely responsible for disposing of all wrappings, crating, and other disposable material upon deliver of item(s).
22. All Bidders are required to be authorized distributors or regularly engaged in the sale or distribution of the type of goods, materials, equipment or services for which the Bidder is submitting a Bid response in addition, all Bidders are required to provide Fulton County with three (3) written references documenting the successful completion of Bids or contracts for the types of items including goods, materials, equipment, or services for which the Bidder is submitting a Bid response. In instances where a Bidder has never supplied such goods, material, equipment, or services before, the Bidder must submit with the Bid response a statement and supporting documentation demonstrating such expertise, knowledge, or experience to establish the Bidder as a responsible Bidder, capable of meeting the Bid requirements should an award be made. No exceptions to this provision will be made unless authorized in the Bid specifications.
23. Bidders may be required to furnish evidence that they maintain permanent places of business of a type and nature compatible with their Bid proposal, and are in all respects competent and eligible vendors to fulfill the terms of the specifications. Fulton County may make such investigations as it deems necessary to determine the ability of the Bidder to perform such work, and reserves the right to reject any Bidder if evidence fails to

indicate that the Bidder is qualified to carry out the obligation of the Contract and to complete the work satisfactorily.

24. All Bidders must comply with all Fulton County Purchasing laws, policies, and procedures, non-discrimination in contracting and procurement ordinances, and relevant state and federal laws including but not limited to compliance with EEOC hiring guidelines and requirements under the Americans with Disabilities Act. Successful Bidder must obtain all permits, licenses, and inspections as required and furnish all labor, materials, insurance, equipment, tools, supervision, and incidentals necessary to accomplish the work in these specifications.
25. If a successful Bidder is unable or unwilling to enter into a Contract with Fulton County subsequent to being granted an award, or who fails to perform in accordance with the Bid specifications the Bidder will be subject to damages and all other relief allowed by law.
26. Successful Bidders contract directly with Fulton County and are the party or parties obligated to perform. Contracts may not be assigned and any failure to perform the Contract in accordance with the specifications will constitute a breach of Contract and may result in a Bidder being found to be “non-responsive” in the future.
27. In case of default by the successful Bidder, Fulton County may procure the articles for services from another source and hold the successful Bidder responsible for any resulting excess cost.
28. The County may award any Bid in whole or in part to one or more vendors or reject all Bids and/or waive any technicalities if it is in the best interests of the County to do so. In the event that all Bids are not rejected, Bids for items including goods, materials, equipment, and services will be awarded to the lowest “responsible” Bidder(s) as determined by Fulton County. Submitting the lowest Bid, as published at the Bid opening, does not constitute an award or the mutual expectation of an award of a Contract and purchase order. For purposes of this notice and the attached Bid sheets, a purchase order is a Contract to provide items including goods, materials, equipment, and services and is intended to have the full force and effect of a Contract. A breach of the terms and conditions of a purchase order constitutes a breach of Contract.
29. Bids for projects that are solicited pursuant to the Georgia Local Government Registrations & Elections Construction Law (O.C.G.A 36-91-1 et seq) may withdrawn as follows:

Competitive sealed Bids (Bid) may not be revoked or withdrawn until 60 days after the time set by the governmental entity for opening of Bids. At

the end of this time period the Bid will cease to be valid, unless the Bidder provides written notice to the County prior to the scheduled expiration date that the Bid will be extended for a time period specified by the County.

30. In the evaluation of the Bids, any award will be subject to the Bid being:
 - A. Compliant to the specification – meets form, fit, and function requirements stated or implied in the specification.
 - B. Lowest cost to the County over projected useful life.
 - C. Administratively Compliant – Including all required bonds, insurance, established quality of work and general reputation, financial responsibility, relevant experience, and related criteria.
31. All bids and Bids submitted to Fulton County are subject to the Georgia “Open Records Act”, Official Code of Georgia, Annotated (O.C.G.A.) §50-18-70 et seq.
32. All bids and Bids submitted to Fulton County involving Utility Contracting are subject to the Georgia law governing licensing of Utility Contractors, O.C.G.A. §43-14-8.2(h). The Utility Contractor License number of the person who will perform the utility work shall be written on the face of the Bid envelope.
33. The apparent silence of this specification, and any supplement thereto, as to details, of the omission from it of a detailed description concerning any point, will be regarded as meaning only the best commercial practices are to prevail. Only materials of the highest quality, correct type, size, and design are to be used. All interpretations of this specification will be made upon the basis of this statement, with Fulton County interpretation to prevail.
34. It is the policy of Fulton County that the evaluation and award process for County contracts shall be free from both actual and perceived impropriety, and that contacts between potential vendors and County officials, elected officials and staff regarding pending awards of County contracts shall be prohibited.
 - A. No person, firm, or business entity, however situated or composed, obtaining a copy of or responding to this solicitation, shall initiate or continue any verbal or written communication regarding this solicitation with any County officer, elected official, employee, or designated County representative, between the date of the issuance of this solicitation and the date of the County Manager’s recommendation to the Board of Commissioners for award of the subject contract, except as may otherwise be specifically

authorized and permitted by the terms and conditions of this solicitation.

- B. All verbal and written communications initiated by such person, firm, or entity regarding this solicitation, if same are authorized and permitted by the terms and conditions of this solicitation, shall be directed to the Purchasing Agent.
 - C. Any violation of this prohibition of the initiation or continuation of verbal or written communications with County officers, elected officials, employees, or designated County representatives shall result in a written finding by the Purchasing Agent that the submitted Bid or proposal of the person, firm, or entity in violation is “non-responsive”, and same shall not be considered for award.
35. Any Bidder intending to respond to this solicitation as a Joint Venture must submit an executed Joint Venture Agreement with this Bid. This agreement must designate those persons or entities authorized to execute documents or otherwise bind the Joint Venture in all transactions with Fulton County, or are accompanied by a document, binding upon the Joint Venture and its constituent members, making such designation. Bids from Joint Ventures that do not include these documents will be rejected as being “non-responsive”.
36. Any Bidder intending to respond to this solicitation must complete all of the Procurement Affidavit Forms provided in this solicitation. Bids that do not include these completed documents will be rejected as being “non-responsive”.

2.1 Definition of Purchasing Terms

Addenda - the plural of addendum.

Addendum - a written or graphic change to the contract documents issued prior to bid opening which becomes a part of the specifications for the project.

Advertisement - public notice inviting bids shall be published for two (2) consecutive weeks. All projects shall be published on the Fulton County's website @ www.fultoncountyga.gov, under "Bid Opportunities".

Amendment – a change, addition, alteration, correction or revision to a bid or proposal or contract document.

Award - approval by the Board of Commissioners, to begin the contracting process with the lowest most responsive and responsible bidder.

Bid - the formal process allowing prospective vendors to compete for goods and services sought by the County.

Bid acceptance - the acceptance of bids delivered to the Purchasing Agent at the time, place, and under the conditions contained in the invitation for bids and as further stipulated in the specifications document.

Bid opening - the public opening of bids received and accepted and the reading aloud of the name of each bidder and the amount of bid in the presence of one (1) or more witnesses at the time and place designated in the invitation to bid. For RFP openings only the name of the proponents are read aloud.

Brand name or equal specification – means a specification limited to one or more items by manufacturer's names or catalogue numbers to describe the standard of quality, performance and other salient characteristics needed to meet County requirements and which provides for the submission of equivalent products from any manufacturer.

Brand name specifications – means a specification limited to one or more items by manufacturer's names or catalogue numbers.

Collusion – a secret agreement, whether expressed or implied, to commit a fraudulent, deceitful, unlawful, or wrongful act.

Collusive bidding – a violation of antitrust statutes that consists of a response to a solicitation by two or more persons who have secretly agreed to circumvent laws and rules regarding independent and competitive bidding.

County - "County" shall mean the Fulton , Georgia, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, and shall include all agencies, establishments or officials of the government of the .

Contractor - any person or entity having a contract with the County.

Days - "Days" shall mean calendar days.

Debarment – the exclusion of a person or company from participating in a procurement activity for an extended period of time, as specified by law, because of previous illegal or irresponsible action.

Designee - an authorized representative of a person holding superior position of responsibility.

Invitation to bid (ITB) - all documents, whether attached or incorporated by reference, utilized for soliciting sealed bids.

Inspection - an authorized representative of the County, or of the County's architect/engineer, assigned to make all necessary inspections, test, and reports of the work performed or being performed.

May - denotes permissive.

Offer - a proposal by an offeror submitted when procurement is made by a source selection method other than competitive sealed bidding.

Offeror – a person making an offer.

Procurement - buying, purchasing, renting, leasing or otherwise acquiring any supplies, services or construction. Also includes all functions that pertain to the obtaining of any supply, service or construction, including a description of requirements, selection and solicitation of sources, preparation and award of contracts, and all phases of contract administration.

Purchasing Agent - the Director of the Fulton County Department of Purchasing the principal purchasing official for the County.

Responsible bidder or responsible offeror – means a person or entity that has the capability in all respects to perform fully and reliably the contract requirements.

Scope of work - means the work that is required by the contract documents.

Shall - denotes imperative.

Solicitation - an invitation for bid, a request for proposal, a request for quotation, or any other document issued by the County for the purpose of soliciting bids or bids to perform a County contract.

Specifications – means any description of the physical or functional characteristics or of the nature of a supply, service or construction item. It may include a description of any requirement for inspecting, testing or preparing a supply, service or construction item for delivery.

2.2 Clarification and Interpretations

Bidders may submit requests for clarifications or interpretations regarding this ITB. Bidders must prepare such requests in writing for the County's consideration as set forth in this section of this ITB. While the County has not placed an initial limitation on the number of requests which can be submitted, Bidders are cautioned that if Bidders do not request meaningful clarifications or interpretations in an organized manner (e.g., limited frequency of requests), the County will set restrictions on the frequency and number of requests permitted. The County will not respond to requests received after **May 2, 2008 at 5:00 PM**, local prevailing time. Bidders are advised that this section places no obligation on the part of the County to respond to any or all requests for clarification or interpretation, and that the County's failure to respond to any such request will not relieve the bidder of any obligations or conditions required by this ITB.

Request for clarification or interpretation regarding this ITB shall only be submitted in writing (letter, fax or email) to:

Al Micah Phillips, Assistant Purchasing Agent
Department of Purchasing
Fulton County Public Safety Building
130 Peachtree Street, S.W., 1168
Atlanta, GA 30303
Fax: (404) 893.1736
Almicah.phillips@fultoncountyga.gov

All responses to written requests for clarification, interpretation, or additional information will be distributed as addenda to this ITB to all persons registered with the County to have received a copy of the ITB.

No oral interpretation, instruction, or information concerning this ITB given by any employee or agent of the County shall be binding on the County. Bidders who submit a bid in reliance on any such oral information risk having their response to this ITB deemed non-responsive by the County. Only written responses issued by addendum to this ITB should be considered by the bidders.

During the period provided for the preparation of bids, the County may issue addenda(s) to this ITB. These addenda will be numbered consecutively and will be distributed to those who have been issued a copy of this ITB. Additionally, the addenda will be posted on the Fulton County website, www.fultoncountyga.gov. These addenda will be issued by, or on behalf of, the County and will constitute a part of this ITB. Each bidder is required to acknowledge by submitting an executed acknowledgment form included with this bid. This acknowledgment shall include all addenda distributed prior to the bid submission date. All responses to this ITB shall be prepared with full consideration of the addenda issued prior to the bid submission date.

2.3 Right to Reject Bids

The County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities. No bids will be received after the time set for opening bids. Any unauthorized conditions, limitations or provisions attached to the Bid, except as provided herein, will render it informal and may cause its rejection. Unbalanced bids will be subject to rejection. Any bidder may withdraw his/her bid, either personally or by telegraphic or written request, at any time prior to the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids. Telegraphic or written requests for withdrawal must be in the possession of the County prior to the closing time for receipt of bids.

2.4 Disqualification of Bidders

The submission of more than one (1) bid to the County as the primary Bidder or member of a joint venture for the same bid by an individual firm, partnership or corporation under the same or different names may be considered as sufficient for disqualification of a bidder and the rejection of the bid.

2.5 Applicable Laws

All applicable laws and regulations of the State of Georgia and ordinances and regulations of Fulton County shall apply. Protestors shall seek resolution of their complaints in the manner provided in the Fulton County Code of Laws §2-324, which is incorporated by reference herein.

2.6 Examination of Contract Documents

Prospective bidders shall examine the contract documents and before submitting a bid, shall make a written request to the County for an interpretation or correction of any ambiguity, in consistency or error therein which could be discovered by a bidder. At the bid opening each bidder shall be presumed to have read and be familiar with the contract documents.

2.7 Termination

The County may terminate the contract resulting from this solicitation at any time the vendor fails to carry out the contract provisions, if in the opinion of the County, the performance of the contract is unreasonably delayed, or the vendor is in direct violation of the contract conditions. The County shall provide the vendor with notice of any conditions which violate or endanger the performance of the contract and, if after such notice the contractor fails to remedy such conditions within thirty (30) days, to the satisfaction of the County, the County may exercise their option in writing to terminate the Contract without further notice to the Contractor and order the Contractor to stop work immediately and vacate the premises. Vendor agrees by its bid submission that the County's decision is final and valid.

2.8 Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreement

Contractor/Vendor hereby agrees to release, indemnify, defend and hold harmless the County, its Commissioners, officers, employees, subcontractors, successors, assigns and agents, from and against any and all losses (including death), claims, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses (including but not limited to all actions, proceedings, or investigations in respect thereof and any costs of judgments, settlements, court costs, attorney's fees or expenses, regardless of the outcome of any such action, proceeding, or investigation), caused by, relating to, based upon or arising out of any act or omission by contractor, its directors, officers, employees, subcontractors, successors, assigns or agents, or otherwise in connection with its acceptance, or the performance, or nonperformance, of its obligations under this agreements.

2.9 Irrevocable Offer

No bid may be modified, withdrawn, or cancelled by the bidder for sixty (60) days following the date and time designated for receipt of bids, and each bidder so agrees in submitting its bid. All adjustment factors shall remain valid during this time period unless noted otherwise.

Prior to the date and time designated for receipt of bids, a bid may be withdrawn on written or facsimile (fax) request, provided that written confirmation of any fax withdrawal over the signature of the bidder must have been mailed and postmarked on or before the date and time set for receipt of bids. A withdrawn bid may be resubmitted up to the date and time designated for receipt of bids, provided that it is then fully in conformance with these Instructions to Bidders.

Required Bid Submittal Check List for Invitation to Bid (ITB)

Reference Bid #08ITB61502YC-AP Ballot Card Printing

The following submittals shall be completed and submitted with each bid (see table below “Required Bid Submittal Check List.”). Please check to make sure that the required submittals are in the envelope before it is sealed. Failure to submit all required submittals may deem your proposal non-responsive. Submit one (1) Original bid, signed and dated and 3 (√) **complete** copies of the Original Bid including all required documents.

Item #	Required Bid Submittal Check List	Check (√)
1	Bid Form – submittal shall show amounts for both Base Bid and Alternate and shall be signed and sealed by the bidder. All dollar amounts must be Both in writing AND figures and represent prices for the published scope of work without exceptions.	
2	Acknowledgement of each Addendum	
3	Bid Bond (separate envelope if General Services Construction project)	
4	Purchasing Forms Form A - Non-Collusion Affidavit of Prime Bidder/Offeror Form B - Certificate of Acceptance of Request for Bid/Proposal Requirements Form C - Certificate Regarding Debarment Form D - Corporate Certificate Form E - Disclosure Form & Questionnaire Form F - Georgia Utility License (If General Services Construction project)	
5	Office of Contract Compliance Requirements Exhibit A - Promise of Non-Discrimination Exhibit B - Employment Record Exhibit C - Schedule of Intended Subcontractor Utilization Exhibit D - Letter of Intent to Perform as Subcontractor Exhibit E - Declaration Regarding Subcontractor Practices Exhibit F - Joint Venture Disclosure Affidavit Exhibit G - Prime Contractor/Subcontractor Utilization Report Equal Business Opportunity Plan (EBO Plan)	
6	Risk Management Insurance Provisions Form	

ALL OF THE IDENTIFIED FORMS ABOVE MUST BE RETURNED WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE TO BE UTILIZED BY THE BIDDER.

BID FORM

**Bid08ITB61502YC-AP
Ballot Card Printing**

The undersigned, as Bidder, hereby declares that the only person or persons interested in the Bid as principal or principals is or are named herein and that no other person than herein mentioned has any interest in this Bid or in the Contract to be entered into; that this Bid is made without connection with any other person, company or parties making a Bid; and that it is in all respects fair and in good faith without collusion or fraud.

The Bidder further declares that he has examined the site of the work and informed himself fully in regard to all conditions pertaining to the place where the work is to be done; that he has examined the Drawings and Specifications for the work and contractual documents relative thereto, and has read all instructions to Bidders and General Conditions furnished prior to the openings of bids; that he has satisfied himself relative to the work to be performed.

The Bidder proposes and agrees, if this Bid is accepted, to contract with the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County, Atlanta, Georgia, in the form of contract specified, to furnish all necessary materials, equipment, machinery, tools, apparatus, means of transportation and labor necessary, and to complete the construction of the work in full and complete accordance with the shown, noted, and reasonably intended requirements of the Specifications and Contract Documents to the full and entire satisfaction of the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County, Atlanta, Georgia, with a definite understanding that no money will be allowed for extra work except as set forth in the attached General Conditions and Contract Documents for the following prices.

THE BASE BID IS THE AMOUNT UPON WHICH THE BIDDER WILL BE FORMALLY EVALUATED AND WHICH WILL BE USED TO DETERMINE THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER.

The base bid may not be withdrawn or modified for a period of sixty (60) days following the receipt of bids.

BASE BID AMOUNT (Do not include any Bid Alternates)

\$ _____
(Dollar Amount in Numbers)

(Dollar Amount in Words)

The Bidder agrees hereby to commence work under this Contract, with adequate personnel and equipment, on a date to be specified in a written order of the Contracting Officer and to fully complete all work under this Contract within **One Hundred and Twenty (120)** consecutive calendar days from and including said date.

The Bidder declares that he understands that the quantities shown for the unit prices items are subject to either increase or decrease, and that should the quantities of any of the items of work be increased, the Bidder proposes to do the additional work at the unit prices stated herein; and should the quantities be decreased, the Bidder also understands that payment will be made on the basis of actual quantities at the unit price bid and will make no claim for anticipated profits for any decrease in quantities; and that actual quantities will be determined upon completion of work, at which time adjustments will be made to the contract amount by direct increase or decrease.

The Bidder furthermore agrees that, in the case of a failure on his part to execute the Contract Agreement and Bonds within ten days after receipt of conformed contract documents for

PURCHASING FORMS & INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Introduction

To be deemed responsive to this ITB, Bidders must provide the information requested and complete in detail all Bid Forms. The appropriate individual(s) authorized to commit the Bidder must sign the Bid Forms. Bidders should reproduce each Bid Form, as required, and complete the appropriate portions of the forms provided in this section.

Procurement Affidavits

Procurement Affidavit Form 1	Form A: Non-Collusion Affidavit (Prime)
Procurement Affidavit Form 2	Certificate of Acceptance of Bid/Proposal Requirements
Procurement Affidavit Form 3	Certification Regarding Debarment
Procurement Affidavit Form 4	Disclosure Form and Questionnaire
Procurement Affidavit Form 5	Declaration off Employee-Number Agreement
Procurement Affidavit Form 6	Georgia Security and Immigration Contractor Affidavit and Agreement
Procurement Affidavit Form 7	Georgia Security and Immigration Subcontractor Affidavit and Agreement

3.2 Procurement Affidavit Forms Description

The following paragraphs present an overview of each Procurement Affidavit Form required.

3.2.1 Non-Collusion Affidavit

The Bidder shall include a copy of Proposal Form 2A, executed by an authorized officer of the corporation. Bids developed by a joint venture shall be similarly executed by all joint venture participants. Additionally, all sub-contractors shall execute a copy of Bid Form 2B which shall also be submitted with the bid.

3.2.2 Certificate of Acceptance of Invitation to Bid Requirements

Bidder shall complete and submit Form 3, which certifies that Bidder has read the solicitation including all addenda, exhibits, attachments and appendices.

3.2.3 Certification Regarding Debarment

Bidder shall complete and submit Form 1, which certifies that neither it nor its subcontractors are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or otherwise excluded from doing business with any government agency.

3.2.4 Disclosure Form and Questionnaire

Bidder must answer each question identified on this form

3.2.5 Declaration of Employee-Number Agreement

Please affirmatively indicate by checking the appropriate box the employee-number category applicable to your organization.

3.2.6 Georgia Security and Immigration Contractor Affidavit and Agreement

Contractors must attest to compliance with the requirements of O.C.G.A 13-10-91 and the Georgia Department of Labor Rule 300-10-01-.02 by executing the Contractor Affidavit. The affidavit should be executed by Contractors with 500 or more employees.

3.2.7 Georgia Security and Immigration Contractor Affidavit and Agreement

In the event that your company is awarded the contract for this project, and will be utilizing the services of any subcontractor(s) in connection with the physical performance of services pursuant to this contract, the following affidavit must be completed by such subcontractor(s). Your company must provide a copy of each such affidavit to Fulton County Government, Department of Purchasing & Contract Compliance with the proposal submittal

**STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF FULTON**

NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT OF PRIME BIDDER/OFFEROR

I, _____ certify that pursuant to Fulton County Code SECTION 2-320 (11), this bid or proposal is made without prior understanding, agreement or connection with any corporation, firm or person submitting a bid for the same work, labor or service to be done or the supplies, materials or equipment to be furnished and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. I understand collusive bidding is a violation of state and federal law and can result in fines, prison sentences and civil damages awards. I agree to abide by all conditions of this bid or proposal and certify that I am authorized to sign this bid or proposal for the bidder.

Affiant further states that pursuant to O.C.G.A. SECTION 36-91-21 (d) and (e), _____ has not, by itself or with others, directly or indirectly, prevented or attempted to prevent competition in such bidding or bids by any means whatsoever. Affiant further states that (s)he has not prevented or endeavored to prevent anyone from making a bid or offer on the project by any means whatever, nor has Affiant caused or induced another to withdraw a bid or offer for the work.

Affiant further states that the said offer of _____ is bona fide, and that no one has gone to any supplier and attempted to get such person or company to furnish the materials to the bidder only, or if furnished to any other bidder, that the material shall be at a higher price.

(COMPANY NAME)

(PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, 2008.

(SECRETARY/ASSISTANT SECRETARY)

(Affix corporate seal here, if a corporation)

Notary Public: _____

County: _____

Commission Expires: _____

NOTE:

IF THE OFFEROR IS A PARTNERSHIP, ALL OF THE PARTNERS AND ANY OFFICER, AGENT, OR OTHER PERSON WHO MAY HAVE REPRESENTED OR ACTED FOR THEM IN BIDDING FOR OR PROCURING THE CONTRACT SHALL ALSO MAKE THIS OATH.

IF THE OFFEROR IS A CORPORATION, ALL OFFICERS, AGENTS, OR OTHER PERSONS WHO MAY HAVE ACTED FOR OR REPRESENTED THE CORPORATION IN BIDDING FOR OR PROCURING THE CONTRACT SHALL MAKE THE OATH.

CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE OF INVITATION TO BID
REQUIREMENTS

This is to certify that on this day, offeror acknowledges that he/she has read this solicitation document, pages # _____ to # _____ inclusive, including any addenda # _____ to # _____ exhibit(s) # _____ to # _____, attachment(s) # _____ to # _____, and/or appendices # _____ to # _____ in its entirety, and agrees that no pages or parts of the document have been omitted, that he/she understands, accepts and agrees to fully comply with the requirements therein, and that the undersigned is authorized by the offeror to submit the proposal herein and to legally obligate the offeror thereto.

Company: _____

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____ Date: _____

Phone: _____

(Affix Corporate Seal)

CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT

- (1) The Offeror certifies that neither it or its subcontractors is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or otherwise excluded from doing business with any government agency. Any such exclusion may cause prohibition of your firm from participating in any procurement by the Fulton County Government.
- (2) If the Offeror is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such Offeror or subcontractor shall attach an explanation to this bid or proposal.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CERTIFICATION

By signing and submitting this certification, the Offeror is providing the certification set out below:

- (1) The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance will be placed. If it is later determined that the prospective vendor knowingly rendered a false certification, the Purchasing Agent may pursue all available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment, for withdrawal of award or termination of a contract.
- (2) The prospective Offeror shall provide immediate written notice to the Purchasing Agent if at anytime the Offeror learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
- (3) Offeror shall be under a continuing duty to immediately inform the Purchasing Agent in writing of any changes, if as a result of such changes, the Offeror certification regarding debarment is affected.

DEBARMENT ORDINANCE

The following SECTION 2-322 of Fulton County Code of Laws establishes the procedure for the debarment of contractors.

- (a) *Authority to suspend.*

After reasonable notice to the entity involved and reasonable opportunity for that entity to be heard, the Purchasing Agent, after consultation with user department, the County Manager and the County Attorney shall have the authority to suspend an entity for cause from consideration for award of county contracts. As used in this SECTION, the term entity means any business entity, individual, firm, contractor, subcontractor or business corporation, partnership, limited liability corporation, firm, contractor,

subcontractor or business structured; provided, further, that any such entity shall also be subject to suspension under this SECTION if any of its constituents, members, subcontractors at any tier of such entity's and the entity, or any constituent or member, knew or should have known of the commission of the act. The suspension shall be for a period not to exceed three (3) years unless cause is based on a felony conviction for an offense related or associated with fraudulent contracting or misappropriation of funds wherein the suspension shall not exceed seven (7) years.

(b) *Causes for Suspension.* The causes for suspension include:

- (1) Conviction for commission of a criminal offense as an incident to obtain or attempting to obtain a public or private contract or subcontract, or in performance of such contract or subcontract;
- (2) Conviction of state or federal statutes of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, receiving stolen property or other offense indicating a lack of business integrity or business honesty which currently, seriously and directly affects responsibility as a county contractor.
- (3) Conviction of state or federal anti-trust statutes arising out of the solicitation and submission of bids and bids;
- (4) Violation of contract provisions, as set forth below, of a character which is regarded by the Purchasing Agent to be so serious as to justify suspension action:
 - a. Failure to perform in accordance with the specifications within a time limit provided in a county contract;
 - b. A recent record of failure to perform or unsatisfactory performance in accordance with the terms of one or more contracts; provided, that failure to perform or unsatisfactory performance caused by acts beyond the control of the contractor shall not be considered to be a basis for suspension;
 - c. Material representation of the composition of the ownership or workforce or business entity certified to the county as a minority business enterprise; or
 - d. Falsification of any documents.
- (5) For violation of the ethical standards set forth in Fulton County Code Chapter 9, Code of Ethics.
- (6) Knowing misrepresentation to the county, of the use which a majority

owned contractor intends to make a minority business enterprise (a business entity at least 51 percent of which is owned and controlled by minority persons, as defined in Fulton County Code Chapter 6, Article B, Minority Business Enterprise Affirmative Action Program and certified as such by the county), as a sub-contractor or a joint venture partner, in performing work under contract with the county.

Failure to fully and truthfully provide the information required, may result in the disqualification of your bid/proposal from consideration or termination of the Contract, once awarded. This document must be completed and included as a part of the bid/proposal package along with other required documents.

Under penalty of perjury, I declare that I have examined this certification and all attachments hereto, if applicable, to the best of my knowledge and belief, and all statements contained hereto are true, correct, and complete.

On this _____ day of _____, 2008

(Legal Name of Offeror) (Date)

(Signature of Authorized Representative) (Date)

(Title)

DISCLOSURE FORM AND QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Please provide the names and business addresses of each of the Offeror's firm's officers and directors.

For the purposes of this form, the term "Offeror" means an entity that responds to a solicitation for a County contract by either submitting a proposal in response to a Request for Proposal or a Request for Qualification or a Bid in response to an Invitation to Bid.

Describe accurately, fully and completely, their respective relationships with said Offeror, including their ownership interests and their anticipated role in the management and operations of said Offeror.

2. Please describe the general development of said Offeror's business during the past five (5) years, or such shorter period of time that said Offeror has been in business.
3. Please state whether any employee, agent or representative of said Offeror who is or will be directly involved in the subject project has or had within the last five (5) years: (i) directly or indirectly had a business relationship with Fulton County; (ii) directly or indirectly received revenues from Fulton County; or (iii) directly or indirectly receives revenues from the result of conducting business on Fulton County property or pursuant to any contract with Fulton County. Please describe in detail any such relationship.

LITIGATION DISCLOSURE:

Failure to fully and truthfully disclose the information required, may result in the disqualification of your bid or proposal from consideration or termination of the Contract, once awarded.

1. Please state whether any of the following events have occurred in the last five (5) years with respect to said Offeror. If any answer is yes, explain fully the following:
 - (a) whether a petition under the federal bankruptcy laws or state insolvency laws was filed by or against said Offeror, or a receiver fiscal agent or similar officer was appointed by a court for the business or property of said Offeror;
 - (b) whether Offeror was subject of any order, judgment, or decree not subsequently reversed, suspended or vacated by any court of competent jurisdiction, permanently enjoining said Offeror from engaging in any type of business practice, or otherwise eliminating any type of business practice; and
 - (c) whether said Offeror's business was the subject of any civil or criminal proceeding in which there was a final adjudication adverse to said Offeror, which directly arose from activities conducted by the business unit or corporate division of said Offeror which submitted a bid or proposal for the subject project. If so please explain.

2. Have you or any member of your firm or team to be assigned to this engagement been indicted or convicted of a criminal offense within the last five (5) years?

Circle One: YES NO

3. Have you or any member of your firm or team ever been terminated (for cause or otherwise) from any work being performed for Fulton County or any other Federal, State or Local Government ?

Circle One: YES NO

4. Have you or any member of your firm or team been involved in any claim or litigation adverse to Fulton County or any other Federal, State or Local Government, or private entity during the last three (3) years?

Circle One: YES NO

5. Has any offeror, member of offeror's team, or officer of any of them (with respect to any matter involving the business practices or activities of his or her employer), been notified within the five (5) years preceding the date of this offer that any of them are the target of a criminal investigation, grand jury investigation, or civil enforcement proceeding?

Circle One: YES NO

If you have answered "YES" to any of the above questions, please indicate the name(s) of the person(s), the nature, and the status and/or outcome of the information, indictment, conviction, termination, claim or litigation, the name of the court and the file or reference number of the case, as applicable. Any such information should be provided on a separate page, attached to this form and submitted with your proposal.

NOTE: If any response to any question set forth in this questionnaire has been disclosed in any other document, a response may be made by attaching a copy of such disclosure. (For example, said Offeror's most recent filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") may be provided if they are responsive to certain items within the questionnaire.) However, for purposes of clarity, Offeror should correlate its responses with the exhibits by identifying the exhibit and its relevant text.

Disclosures must specifically address, completely respond and comply with all

information requested and fully answer all questions requested by Fulton County. Such disclosure must be submitted at the time of the bid or proposal submission and included as a part of the bid/proposal submitted for this project. Disclosure is required for Offerors, joint venture partners and first-tier subcontractors.

Failure to provide required disclosure, submit officially signed and notarized documents or respond to any and all information requested/required by Fulton County can result in the bid/proposal declared as non-responsive. This document must be completed and included as a part of the bid/proposal package along with other required documents.

Under penalty orf perjury, I declare that I have examined this questionnaire and all attachments hereto, if applicable, to the best of my knowledge and belief, and all statements contained hereto are true, correct, and complete.

On this _____ day of _____, 2008

(Legal Name of Proponent) (Date)

(Signature of Authorized Representative) (Date)

(Title)

Sworn to and subscribed before me,

this _____ day of _____, 2008__

(Notary Public) (Seal)

Commission Expires _____
(Date)

DECLARATION OF EMPLOYEE-NUMBER CATEGORIES

Please affirmatively indicate by checking the appropriate box the employee-number category applicable to your company:

- 500 or more employees
- 100 or more employees
- fewer than 100 employees

Company Name: _____

I certify that the above classification is true and correct.

Signed: _____

Printed: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

GEORGIA SECURITY AND IMMIGRATION CONTRACTOR AFFIDAVIT AND AGREEMENT

Instructions:

Contractors must attest to compliance with the requirements of O.C.G.A 13-10-91 and the Georgia Department of Labor Rule 300-10-01-.02 by executing the Contractor Affidavit provided. The affidavit should be executed by Contractors who have indicated on Form F, Declaration of Employee-Number Categories, that they have 500 or more employees.

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF FULTON

**GEORGIA SECURITY AND IMMIGRATION CONTRACTOR AFFIDAVIT AND
AGREEMENT**

By executing this affidavit, the undersigned contractor verifies its compliance with O.C.G.A. 13-10-91, stating affirmatively that the individual, firm or corporation which is engaged in the physical performance of services under a contract with _____

[insert name of prime contractor] on behalf of **Fulton County Government** 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 of 1986 (IRCA), P.L. 99-603], in accordance with the applicability provisions and deadlines established in O.C.G.A. 13-10-91.

The undersigned further agrees that, should it employ or contract with any subcontractor(s) in connection with the physical performance of services to this contract with **Fulton County Government**, contractor will secure from such subcontractor(s) similar verification of compliance with O.C.G.A. 13-10-91 on the Subcontractor Affidavit provided in Rule 300-10-01-.08 or a substantially similar form. Contractor further agrees to maintain records of such compliance and provide a copy of each such verification to the **Fulton County Government** at the time the subcontractor(s) is retained to perform such service.

EEV/Basic Pilot Program* User Identification Number

BY: Authorized Officer of Agent
(Insert Subcontract Name)

Title of Authorized Officer or Agent of Subcontractor

Printed Name of Authorized Officer or Agent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, 2008.

Notary Public: _____

County: _____

Commission Expires: _____

NOTE:

*** As of the effective date of O.C.G.A. 13-10-91, the applicable federal work authorization program is the “EEV/Basic Pilot Program” 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).**

GEORGIA SECURITY AND IMMIGRATION SUBCONTRACTOR AFFIDAVIT

Instructions:

In the event that your company is awarded the contract for this project, and will be utilizing the services of any subcontractor(s) in connection with the physical performance of services pursuant to this contract, the following affidavit must be completed by such subcontractor(s). Your company must provide a copy of each such affidavit to Fulton County Government, Department of Purchasing & Contract Compliance with the proposal submittal.

All subcontractor affidavit(s) shall become a part of the contract and all subcontractor(s) affidavits shall be maintained by your company and available for inspection by Fulton County Government at any time during the term of the contract. All subcontractor(s) affidavit(s) shall become a part of any contractor/subcontractor agreement(s) entered into by your company.

**STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF FULTON**

GEORGIA SECURITY AND IMMIGRATION SUBCONTRACTOR AFFIDAVIT

By executing this affidavit, the undersigned subcontractor verifies its compliance with O.C.G.A. 13-10-91, stating affirmatively that the individual, firm or corporation which is engaged in the physical performance of services under a contract with _____

[insert name of prime contractor] behalf of **Fulton County Government** 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 of 1986 (IRCA), P.L. 99-603], in accordance with the applicability provisions and deadlines established in O.C.G.A. 13-10-91.

EEV/Basic Pilot Program* User Identification Number

BY: Authorized Officer of Agent
(Insert Subcontract Name)

Title of Authorized Officer or Agent of Subcontractor

Printed Name of Authorized Officer or Agent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, 2008.

Notary Public: _____

County: _____

Commission Expires: _____

NOTE:

* As of the effective date of O.C.G.A. 13-10-91, the applicable federal work authorization program is the “EEV/Basic Pilot Program” 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).

SECTION 4

CONTRACT COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

NON-DISCRIMINATION IN CONTRACTING AND PROCUREMENT

Policy Statement: It is the policy of Fulton County Government that discrimination against businesses by reason of the race, color, gender or national origin of the ownership of any such business is prohibited. Furthermore, it is the policy of the Board of Commissioners (“Board”) that Fulton County and all vendors and contractors doing business with Fulton County shall provide to all businesses the opportunity to participate in contracting and procurement paid, in whole or in part, with monetary appropriations of the Board. Similarly, it is the policy of the Board that the contracting and procurement practices of Fulton County should not implicate Fulton County as either an active or passive participant in the discriminatory practices engaged in by private contractors seeking to obtain contracts with Fulton County.

Equal Business Opportunity Plan (EBO Plan): In addition to the proposal submission requirements, each vendor **must** submit an Equal Business Opportunity Plan (EBO Plan) with their bid/proposal. The EBO Plan is designed to enhance the utilization of a particular racial, gender or ethnic group by a bidder/proposer, contractor, or vendor or by Fulton County. The respondent **must** outline a plan of action to encourage and achieve diversity and equality in the available procurement and contracting opportunities with *this solicitation*.

The EBO Plan **must** identify and include:

1. Potential opportunities within the scope of work of *this solicitation* that will allow for participation of racial, gender or ethnic groups.
2. Efforts that will be made by the bidder/proposer to encourage and solicit minority and female business utilization in this solicitation.

Fulton County encourages joint ventures, teaming, partnering and mentor-protégé relationships with minority and female businesses in an effort to achieve contracting and procurement diversity.

Prompt Payment: The prime contractor **must** certify in writing and **must** document on the Exhibit G Form (Prime Contractor/Subcontractor Utilization Report) that all subcontractors, sub-consultants and suppliers have been promptly paid for work and materials, (less any retainage by the prime contractor prior to receipt of any further progress payments). In the event the prime contractor is unable to pay subcontractors, sub-consultants or suppliers until it has received a progress payment from Fulton County, the prime contractor shall pay all subcontractors, sub-consultants or suppliers funds due from said progress payments within forty-eight (48) hours of receipt of payment from Fulton County. In no event shall a subcontractor, sub-consultant or supplier be paid later than fifteen (15) days as provided for by state law.

REQUIRED FORMS AND EBO PLAN:

In order to be compliant with the intent and provisions of the Fulton County Non-Discrimination in Purchasing and Contracting Ordinance (99-0960), bidders/proposers **must** submit the following completed documents. Failure to provide this information **shall** result in the bid/proposal being deemed non-responsive:

- **Exhibit A** - Promise of Non-Discrimination
- **Exhibit B** - Employment Report
- **Exhibit C** - Schedule of Intended Subcontractor Utilization
- **Exhibit D** - Letter of Intent to Perform As a Subcontractor or Provide Materials or Services
- **Exhibit E** - Declaration Regarding Subcontractor Practices
- **Exhibit F** - Joint Venture Disclosure Affidavit
- **Equal Business Opportunity Plan (EBO Plan)** – This document is not a form. It is a statement created by the bidder/proposer on its company letter head addressing the EBO Plan requirements.

All Contract Compliance documents (Exhibits A – F and EBO Plan) are to be placed in a **separate sealed envelope** clearly marked “Contract Compliance”. The EBO Plan must be submitted on company letterhead. These documents are considered part of and should be submitted with the Technical Proposal.

The following document **must** be completed as instructed if awarded the bid:

- **Exhibit G** - Prime Contractor’s Subcontractor Utilization Report

EXHIBIT A – PROMISE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

“Know all persons by these presents, that I/We (_____),
Name

_____ Title Firm Name

Hereinafter “Company”, in consideration of the privilege to bid on or obtain contracts funded, in whole or in part, by Fulton County, hereby consent, covenant and agree as follows:

- 1) No person shall be excluded from participation in, denied the benefit of, or otherwise discriminated against on the basis of race, color, national origin or gender in connection with any bid submitted to Fulton County for the performance of any resulting there from,
- 2) That it is and shall be the policy of this Company to provide equal opportunity to all businesses seeking to contract or otherwise interested in contracting with this Company without regard to the race, color, gender or national origin of the ownership of this business,
- 3) That the promises of non-discrimination as made and set forth herein shall be continuing in nature and shall remain in full force and effect without interruption,
- 4) That the promise of non-discrimination as made and set forth herein shall be made a part of, and incorporated by reference into, any contract or portion thereof which this Company may hereafter obtain,
- 5) That the failure of this Company to satisfactorily discharge any of the promises of non-discrimination as made and set forth herein shall constitute a material breach of contract entitling the Board to declare the contract in default and to exercise any and all applicable rights and remedies, including but not limited to cancellation of the contract, termination of the contract, suspension and debarment from future contracting opportunities, and withholding and/or forfeiture of compensation due and owing on a contract; and
- 6) That the bidder shall provide such information as may be required by the Director of Contract Compliance pursuant to SECTION 4.4 of the Fulton County Non-Discrimination in Purchasing and Contracting Ordinance.

SIGNATURE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

EXHIBIT B – EMPLOYMENT REPORT

The demographic employment make-up for the bidder/proposer **must** be identified and submitted with this bid/proposal. In addition, if subcontractors will be utilized by the bidder/proposer to complete this project, then the demographic employment make-up of the subcontractor(s) must be identified and submitted with this bid.

EMPLOYEES

CATEGORY	NATIVE AMERICAN		AFRICAN AMERICAN		ASIAN AMERICAN		HISPANIC AMERICAN		CAUCASIAN AMERICAN		OTHER	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Male/Female												
Mgmt/Official												
Professional												
Supervisors												
Office/ Clerical												
Craftsmen												
Laborers												
Other (specify)												
TOTALS												

FIRM'S NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

This completed form is for (Check one) Bidder/Proposer Subcontractor

Submitted by: _____ **Date Completed:** _____

EXHIBIT C - SCHEDULE OF INTENDED SUBCONTRACTOR UTILIZATION

If the bidder/proposer intends to subcontract any portion of this scope of work/service(s), this form **must be** completed and **submitted with the bid/proposal**. All prime bidders/proposers **must** include Letter(s) of Intent (Exhibit D) in the bid document for all subcontractors who will be utilized under the scope of work/services.

Prime Bidder/Proposer: _____

ITB/RFP Number: _____

Project Name or Description of Work/Service(s): _____

1. My firm, as Prime Bidder/Proposer on this scope of work/service(s) is _____ is not a minority or female owned and controlled business enterprise. (Please indicate below the portion of work, including, percentage of bid/proposal amount that your firm will carry out directly):

2. If the Prime Bidder/Proposer is a Joint Venture, please complete Exhibit F: Joint Venture Disclosure Affidavit and attach a copy of the executed Joint Venture Agreement.
3. Sub-Contractors (including suppliers) to be utilized in the performance of this scope of work/service(s), if awarded, are:

SUBCONTRACTOR NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

ETHNIC GROUP*: _____ COUNTY CERTIFIED** _____

WORK TO BE PERFORMED: _____

DOLLAR VALUE OF WORK: \$ _____ PERCENTAGE VALUE: _____ %

***Ethnic Groups: African American (AABE); Asian American (ABE); Hispanic American (HBE); Native American (NABE); White Female American (WFBE); **If yes, please attach copy of recent certification.**

SUBCONTRACTOR NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____
CONTACT PERSON: _____
ETHNIC GROUP*: _____ COUNTY CERTIFIED** _____
WORK TO BE PERFORMED: _____

DOLLAR VALUE OF WORK: \$ _____ PERCENTAGE VALUE: _____ %

SUBCONTRACTOR NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____
CONTACT PERSON: _____
ETHNIC GROUP*: _____ COUNTY CERTIFIED** _____
WORK TO BE PERFORMED: _____

DOLLAR VALUE OF WORK: \$ _____ PERCENTAGE VALUE: _____ %

SUBCONTRACTOR NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____
CONTACT PERSON: _____
ETHNIC GROUP*: _____ COUNTY CERTIFIED** _____
WORK TO BE PERFORMED: _____

DOLLAR VALUE OF WORK: \$ _____ PERCENTAGE VALUE: _____ %

SUBCONTRACTOR NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____
CONTACT PERSON: _____
ETHNIC GROUP*: _____ COUNTY CERTIFIED** _____
WORK TO BE PERFORMED: _____

DOLLAR VALUE OF WORK: \$ _____ PERCENTAGE VALUE: _____ %

Total Dollar Value of Subcontractor Agreements: (\$)

Total Percentage Value: (%)

CERTIFICATION: The undersigned certifies that he/she has read, understands and agrees to be bound by the Bid/Proposer provisions, including the accompanying Exhibits and other terms and conditions regarding sub-contractor utilization. The undersigned further certifies that he/she is legally authorized by the Bidder/Proposer to make the statement and representation in this Exhibit and that said statements and representations are true and correct to the best of his/her knowledge and belief. The undersigned understands and agrees that if any of the statements and representations are made by the Bidder/Proposer knowing them to be false, or if there is a failure of the intentions, objectives and commitments set forth herein without prior approval of the County, then in any such event the Contractor's acts or failure to act, as the case may be, shall constitute a material breach of the contract, entitling the County to terminate the Contract for default. The right to so terminate shall be in addition to, and in lieu of, any other rights and remedies the County may have for other defaults under the contract.

Signature: _____ **Title:** _____

Firm or Corporate Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: () _____

Fax Number: () _____

Email Address: _____

EXHIBIT D

**LETTER OF INTENT TO PERFORM AS A SUBCONTRACTOR
OR
PROVIDE MATERIALS OR SERVICES**

This form **must** be completed by **ALL** known subcontractor and submitted with the bid/proposal. The Prime Contractor **must** submit Letters of Intent for **ALL** known subcontractors at time of bid submission.

To: _____
(Name of Prime Contractor Firm)

From: _____
(Name of Subcontractor Firm)

ITB/RFP Number: _____

Project Name: _____

The undersigned is prepared to perform the following described work or provide materials or services in connection with the above project (specify in detail particular work items, materials, or services to be performed or provided):

Description of Work	Project Commence Date	Project Completion Date	Estimated Dollar Amount

(Prime Bidder)

(Subcontractor)

Signature _____

Signature _____

Title _____

Title _____

Date _____

Date _____

EXHIBIT E - DECLARATION REGARDING SUBCONTRACTING PRACTICES

If the bidder/proposer **does not intend to subcontract** any portion of the scope of work services(s), this form **must be** completed and submitted with the bid/proposal.

_____ hereby declares that it is my/our intent to
(Bidder)

perform 100% of the work required for _____
(ITB/RFP Number)

(Description of Work)

In making this declaration, the bidder/proposer states the following:

1. That the bidder/proposer does not customarily subcontract elements of this type project, and normally performs and has the capability to perform and will perform **all elements** of the work on this project with his/her own current work forces;
2. If it should become necessary to subcontract some portion of the work at a later date, the bidder/proposer will comply with all requirements of the County's Non-Discrimination Ordinance in providing equal opportunities to all firms to subcontract the work. The determination to subcontract some portion of the work at a later date shall be made in good faith and the County reserves the right to require additional information to substantiate a decision made by the bidder/proposer to subcontract work following the award of the contract. Nothing contained in this provision shall be employed to circumvent the spirit and intent of the County's Non-Discrimination Ordinances;
3. The bidder will provide, upon request, information sufficient for the County to verify Item Number one.

AUTHORIZED COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE

Name: _____ Title: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

Firm: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____

Email Address: _____

EXHIBIT F - JOINT VENTURE DISCLOSURE AFFIDAVIT

ITB/ No. _____

Project Name _____

This form must be completed and submitted with the bid/proposal if a joint venture approach is to be undertaken.

In order to evaluate the extent of small, minority and female business involvement being proposed by a Bidder/Proposer, certain relevant information must be provided prior to contract award. The information requested below is to clearly identify and explain the extent of small business participation in the proposed joint venture. All items must be properly addressed before the business entity can be evaluated.

1. Firms:

1) Name of Business: _____

Street Address: _____

Telephone No.: _____

Nature of Business: _____

2) Name of Business: _____

Street Address: _____

Telephone No.: _____

Nature of Business: _____

3) Name of Business: _____

Street Address: _____

Telephone No.: _____

Nature of Business: _____

NAME OF JOINT VENTURE (If applicable): _____

ADDRESS: _____

PRINCIPAL OFFICE: _____

OFFICE PHONE: _____

Note: Attach additional sheets as required

1. Describe the capital contributions by each joint venturer and accounting thereof.
2. Describe the financial controls of the joint venture, e.g., will a separate cost center be established? Which venturer will be responsible for keeping the books? How will the expense therefore be reimbursed? What is the authority of each joint venture to commit or obligate the order?
3. Describe any ownership, options for ownership, or loans between the joint ventures. Identify terms thereof.
4. Describe the estimated contract cash flow for each joint venturer.
5. To what extent and by whom will the on-site work be supervised?
6. To what extent and by whom will the administrative office be supervised?
7. Which joint venturer will be responsible for material purchases including the estimated cost thereof? How will the purchase be financed?
8. Which joint venturer will provide equipment? What is the estimated cost thereof? How will the equipment be financed?
9. Describe the experience and business qualifications of each joint venturer.
10. Submit a copy of all joint venture agreements and evidence of authority to do business in the State of Georgia as well as locally, to include all necessary business licenses.
11. Percent of Minority/Female Business Enterprises ownership by each joint venture in terms of profit and loss sharing: _____

12. The authority of each joint venturer to commit or obligate the other: _____

13. Number of personnel to be involved in project, their crafts and positions and whether they are employees of the Minority/Female Business Enterprises enterprise, the majority firm or the joint venture: _____

14. Identification of control and participation in venture; list those individuals who are responsible for day-to-day management and policy decision-maker, including, but not limited to, those with prime responsibility for areas designated below; (use additional sheets if necessary)

<u>Name</u> <u>Operation</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Financial</u> <u>Decisions</u>	<u>Supervision</u> <u>Field</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

In connection with any work that these firms, as a joint venture, might be authorized to perform in connection with above captioned contract, we each do hereby authorize representatives of the Fulton County Department of Contract Compliance, Departments of Purchasing and Finance, under the direction of the County Manger's Office, to examine, from time to time, the books, records and files to the extent that such relate to this County project.

WE DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE AND AFFIRM UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY THAT THE CONTENTS OF THE FOREGOING DOCUMENT ARE TRUE AND CORRECT, AND THAT WE ARE AUTHORIZED, ON BEHALF OF THE ABOVE FIRMS, TO MAKE THIS AFFIDAVIT AND GRANT THE ABOVE PRIVILEGE.

FOR _____
(Company)

Date: _____

(Signature of Affiant)

(Printed Name)

(Company)

Date: _____

(Signature of Affiant)

(Printed Name)

State of _____:

County of _____:

On this ____ day of _____, 2008, before me, appeared

_____, the undersigned known to me to be the person described in the foregoing Affidavit and acknowledge that he (she) executed the same in the capacity therein stated and for the purpose therein contained.

EXHIBIT – G PRIME CONTRACTOR/SUB-CONTRACTOR UTILIZATION REPORT

This report **must** be submitted by the **tenth day** of each month, along with a copy of your monthly invoice (schedule of values/payment application) to Contract Compliance. Failure to comply **shall** result in the County commencing proceedings to impose sanctions to the prime contractor, in addition to pursuing any other available legal remedy. Sanctions may include the suspending of any payment or part thereof, termination or cancellation of the contract, and the denial of participation in any future contracts awarded by Fulton County.

REPORTING PERIOD		PROJECT NAME:				
FROM:		PROJECT NUMBER:				
TO:		PROJECT LOCATION:				
PRIME CONTRACTOR		Contract Award Date	Contract Award Amount	Change Order Amount	Contract Period	% Complete to Date
Name:						
Address:						
Telephone #:						

AMOUNT OF REQUISITION THIS PERIOD: \$ _____
 TOTAL AMOUNT REQUISITION TO DATE: \$ _____

SUBCONTRACTOR UTILIZATION (add additional rows as necessary)

Name of Sub-Contractor	Description of Work	Contract Amount	Amount Paid To Date	Amount Requisition This Period	Contract Period	
					Starting Date	Ending Date
TOTALS						

Executed By: _____

 (Signature)

 (Printed Name)

Notary: _____

Date: _____

My Commission Expires: _____

SPECIFICATIONS
Ballot Card Printing

A. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Per the intergovernmental agreement between the Georgia Secretary of State and Fulton County, entered into and approved by the Board of Commissioners on August 15, 2002, the County shall obtain Absentee and Provisional Ballots that meet the required printing specifications established by the equipment vendor in order to obtain uniform election results and to conform to warranty requirements.

The County therein acknowledges that its failure to obtain ballots that meet the required ballot specifications may hinder the effectiveness and accuracy of the Absentee and Provisional Ballot System, and make warranties and technical support difficult or impossible to enforce under the Contract. Furthermore, the County acknowledges that obtaining ballots from a printing vendor that is not qualified or capable of meeting the required ballot specifications may jeopardize the County's ability to meet its responsibility for production, support and recovery of election results for the optical scan ballots.

1. Must be an experienced vendor for printing optical scan ballot cards for use with the Accu-Vote ES-2000 Optical Scan Ballot processing unit. Ballot printing is highly technical and this specification must be met in order for ballots to be correctly tabulated. Must provide a list of counties with the Accu-Vote ES 2000 Optical Scan unit for which ballots have been printed.
2. Must be able to print ballots directly from Postscript® files provided on electronically or on diskette. This is the medium used for the transmission of ballot layout and design.
3. Devote the time and personnel resources necessary to provide ballots by delivery deadlines specified by Fulton County at the time each ballot order is placed. The Ballot Layout will be prepared by Kennesaw State University Elections Center or Fulton County. Once the print files are provided to the printer, proofs of ballots must be provided to Fulton County within forty-eight (48) hours of receipt of the print file.
4. Base all computation of time required to print ballots on calendar days, not work days, to ensure that ballots are provided on schedule.

5. Supplier must successfully demonstrate that printed ballots are able to be accurately tabulated by the Accu-Vote ES 2000 Optical Scan unit. Must ensure quality control of the printed ballots, correct placement of timing marks and accurate tabulation by the Accu-Vote ES-2000 Ballot Processing unit.
6. Print ballots at the location of their printing facility. There can be no subcontracting of job to other printers.
7. Provide security for printed ballots, print files and all documentation or items connected to the printing of the ballots to ensure the integrity and security of the ballot is maintained.
8. Include in price quote all costs associated with reprinting of ballots, printing of additional ballots, and shipping.
9. Turnaround time for receiving accurate ballots is critical, with no room for error. Supplier must be able to meet all deadlines for delivery as required.

B. 2008 ELECTION SCHEDULE

Special Election September 16, 2008
 General Election November 4, 2008
 General Runoff Election December 2, 2008

PRINTING SPECIFICATIONS

1. The ballot layout will be created by Kennesaw State University Elections Center or Fulton County using the Global Election Management System (GEMS) software or other Global Election System software which generates the Postscript Level 2 language file necessary for ballot printing.
2. All ballots to be printed on 90-lb bond or index.
3. Ballots will be printed on the front and the back as necessary.
4. Ballots including ovals are to be printed in black ink. The black ink used to print the critical data elements such as the timing marks, diagnostic marks, ballot ID marks, and the ballot ovals shall have a maximum reflectance of 5% at 620 nanometer wavelength (an ink normally containing a significant amount of black carbon in its formula). **NOTE:** Reflectance measurements are referenced at 100% absolute white - not paper white.
5. The ballots shall be printed on White Paper, with Black Ovals.

BALLOT CHARACTERISTICS

1. Ballot Size shall be 8½” x 11” or larger (will be specified at time of a scheduled election). This size is the actual size of the ballot minus the ballot stub. The ballot stub is described in No. 2, below.

Actual dimensions and tolerances:

WIDTH	<i>8.500 in.+ 0.030 in. - 0.020 in.</i>
LENGTH	<i>11.000 in.+ 0.060 in. - 0.000 in.</i> <i>14.000 in.+ 0.060 in. - 0.000 in.</i> <i>18.000 in.+ 0.060 in. - 0.000 in.</i>
THICKNESS (CALIPER)	<i>0.0070 in. to 0.0090 in.± 0.0005 in.</i>

NOTE: Thickness dimension is in ten thousandths of an inch, **NOT** one thousandths of an inch.

2 Ballot Stubs

The ballot stub is not part of the file structure and must be attached to the ballot by the printer. The wording for the ballot stub is per Attachment A. The ballot stub generally adds 2" to 2½" to the length of the ballot and is to be attached to the bottom of the ballot.

3. Ballot Cutting

The cutting of the ballots must be kept within the printed “cut tolerance marks” as shown on Figure 1. These marks are 0.030 in. (approximately 1/32 in.) wide by 0.125 in. (1/8 in.) long. They specify the four (4) corners of the ballot **on both sides**. When the ballot is cut to its proper size, a small portion of these marks (approximately 0.010 in.) **MUST** still be present on all four (4) corners of the ballot’s edges on **both sides of the ballot**. Accurate front to back registration of the printed image will improve the supplier’s ability to meet the ballot cutting specifications.

4. Ballot Curl

The curl of the ballot shall be measured from a flat reference surface. The maximum allowable curl of the ballot measured from the flat surface to the most protruding point of the curl on the ballot is **0.050 in.** This dimension applies to the ballot in both face up and face down orientations.

5. Additional Requirements: Additional Printing Specifications along with the quantity will be submitted at time of election.

6. Restricted zones and critical marks

For each ballot, all of the restricted zones in the ballot layout must be of the same uniform color and density. The background color for the restricted zones must be selected from the PANTONE® PMS colors specified. In the restricted zones, only one of the available colors can be used per ballot. Outside of the restricted zones, any color or watermark pattern specified by Fulton County may be used.

- a. **Calibration Zones:** The calibration zones are the areas on the top and bottom of both sides of the ballot. **TEXT & WATERMARK** - No text or watermarks may be printed in any of the four (4) zones. **BACKGROUND COLOR** - The calibration zones must be of uniform color and density. **MARKS** - No black ink is to be used in any of the calibration zones. No marks, text or smudges can exist in the calibration zones except for portions of the cut tolerance marks. There are four (4) calibration zones. **Each calibration zone is defined as the following area:**

[0.260 in. from cut edge of ballot] by [full width of ballot (8½”)]

- b. **Timing Mark Zones:** The timing marks are the black rectangular marks (0.191 in. width by 0.063 in. height) that run along both sides of the ballot, front and back. This equates to four (4) zones. The timing marks are spaced apart 0.250 in. from their centers. Each timing mark zone is defined as the following area:

[full length of ballot (11”, 14” or 18”) minus calibration zones] by [0.125 in. from center of each timing mark column to either side of timing mark column]

TEXT & WATERMARK - No text or watermark patterns can be printed in any of these four (4) zones. **BACKGROUND COLOR** - The timing mark zones must be uniform in the background color and density. **MARKS** - Black ink is to be used to print the timing marks. No marks, text or smudges can exist between the individual timing marks, or above and below each timing mark column.

- c. **ID Mark Zones and Diagnostic Mark Zones:** The ID marks are the black rectangular marks (0.191 in. width by 0.063 in. height) that run across the bottom of the ballot, front and back. The presence or absence of ID marks is different for each card number. The **diagnostic marks** are the black rectangular marks (0.191 in. width by 0.063 in. height) that run across the top of the ballot, front and back. The full row of diagnostic marks is always the same for every card number. This equates to four (4) zones. Each of these zones is defined as the following area:

[between timing mark zones on each face of the ballot] by [0.092 in. above and below the center of each row of ID marks and diagnostic marks]

TEXT & WATERMARK - No text or watermark patterns can be printed in any of the four (4) zones. **BACKGROUND COLOR** - The ID mark and diagnostic mark zones must be uniform in the background color and density. **MARKS** - Black ink is to be used to create the ID marks and diagnostic marks. The printed marks are to have sharp edged boundaries and are to be of uniform density. No marks, text or smudges can exist in between the individual ID marks or in the 0.060 in. margin above and below each ID mark row and diagnostic mark row.

- d. **Voting Position Zones:** The voting position ovals are the marks that outline the data area to be filled in by the voter. Although the voting positions usually follow a column, each voting position can be considered a zone defined by the following area:

[0.125 in. to either side of center of each oval] by [0.100 in. above and below center of each oval]

TEXT & WATERMARK - No text or watermark patterns can be printed in any of the voting position zones. **BACKGROUND COLOR** - The voting position zones must be uniform in the background color and density. **MARKS** - Any visible color (with sufficient contrast relative to the background color), including black ink, can be used to create the voting position ovals. The oval's line thickness cannot exceed 0.002 in. The printed ovals are to have sharp edged boundaries and are to be of uniform density. No marks (other than the oval line), text or smudges can exist inside each voting position zone.

7. Non-Restricted Zones
Any area(s) **NOT** listed or described as a restricted zone under #6 above, are considered a non-restricted zone. The background of these non-restricted zones can be of any color or halftone. However, Fulton County will specify the color. Any type of text, marks, and/or watermark patterns may be placed in these zones.

8. Ballot Identification Text
The precinct number, card number (if indicated), and serial numbers are to be printed on the ballot stub for the provisional and absentee ballots according to the precinct. The precinct number and card number only are to be printed on the provisional and absentee ballots. **Note:** Precinct numbers begin with AP01A and end with UC04.

Ballot identification text shall be placed below the ID marks on the front and back of the ballot and must be positioned as shown on the illustration provided. The bottom of the text must not penetrate the calibration zone and the top of the text must be no closer than 0.060 in. to the ID marks. The height of the text must be no greater than 0.100 in. (typically an 8 point font). The text must be printed in black ink, unless specified otherwise. Fulton County will confirm the color.

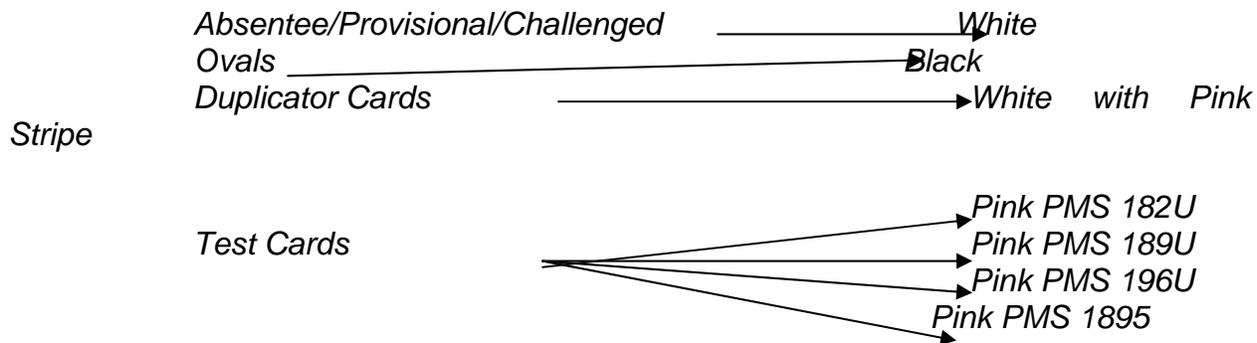
9. General Text
General text (e.g. headers, footers, candidates and race names) is to be printed in black ink in any font size as long as the text does not penetrate the critical zones previously described.

10. Printed Image Registration
The front to back printed image registration will be within tolerances as long as the specifications for the ballot cutting (cut tolerance marks) have been met.

11. Color Matching Tolerances
In the restricted zones, the color selection must be printed within a tolerance match $4\Delta e$. The supplier is to use a reflective densitometer to check the color and periodically through the production run, samples are to be checked against the standard PMS color swatch.

12. Background colors
The allowable background colors are defined by the PANTONE® Color Management System (PMS). The color selections listed are taken from PANTONE® Color Selector 1000/Uncoated. Only those colors listed may be used in the process of ballot printing and are the background colors for the various types of ballots. The number or name listed to the left of each color is the PMS color specification. The color names to the right of each PANTONE® listing is an interpreted description of the PANTONE® color swatches under fluorescent lighting (D50 illuminant). The supplier must provide samples of paper in PMS colors specified prior to the printing of ballots. Samples provided by supplier are to be identified by PMS color.

Fulton County has approved the following colors for use in ballot printing. All other colors must be pre-approved by Fulton County:



13. Folding and Ballot Scoring

All ballots are to be scored for folding. The scores are to be placed to accommodate the official absentee ballot envelope which measures 6" x 11 1/2". Scoring for folding ballots must occur **between** the timing marks. Scoring cannot occur anywhere on the timing marks. The scoring must align with the equal and opposite sides of the ballot. Example:

If the score starts between the 10th and 11th timing mark on the left side of the ballot, then it must end between the 10th and 11th timing mark on the right side of the ballot. Accurate printed image registration and ballot cutting will improve supplier's ability to meet the specification for ballot scoring. Ballots may **NOT be printed on "pre-scored" ballot stock.**

14. Perforation

All ballots are to be perforated in one (1) location. The placement of the perforation will be submitted with the official ballot order.

D. **PACKAGING AND DELIVERY LOCATION AND INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Ballot Packaging

Provisional/Challenged Ballots (Precinct Ballots): The Provisional Ballots are to be shrink-wrapped and boxed by precinct. No more than 1000 ballots per box, in boxes suitable for distribution of ballots to precincts. The boxes should be of uniform size and as closely configured to the length, width and depth of the 1000 ballots as possible. The type and date of the election, precinct number, and number of boxes (i.e., 1 of 10, 2 of 10, 3 of 10, etc.) is to be indicated on the outside of each box.. All boxes of ballots, as boxed for distribution to the precinct, should be packed in the same container. However, nothing shall preclude more than one precinct from being packed in a container for shipping purposes.

2. **Absentee Ballots:** The Absentee Ballots are to be shrink-wrapped and boxed by Card Number. No more than 1000 ballots per box, in boxes suitable for distribution. The boxes should be of uniform size and as closely configured to the length, width and depth of the 1000 ballots as possible. The type and date of the election, card number, and number of boxes (i.e., 1 of 10, 2 of 10, 3 of 10, etc.) is to be indicated on the outside of each box. All boxes of ballots, as boxed for distribution by card number, should be packed in the same container. However, nothing shall preclude more than one type card number from being packed in a

container for shipping purposes.

3. Point of destination delivery is required with inside delivery to:

Fulton County Elections Preparation Center
1365 English Street, NW
Atlanta, Georgia 30318
Point of Contact: Ira Turnipseed, Ph. (404) 612-3130

NOTE: All deliveries must be made Monday thru Friday between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

E. BALLOT SIZE, COLOR AND QUANTITIES SPECIFIC TO EACH ELECTION

1. The Ballot Size and Color will be determined at the time of an election and page 9 of this document includes an estimate of the quantity of ballots that will be needed for the remaining 2008 elections.

In addition to the printing specification and requirements for printing the ballots, the following specifications are required:

BALLOTS ARE TO BE PRINTED AS FOLLOWS:

1. All ballots are to be printed with Black Ovals (red ovals are acceptable)
2. All Test Ballots are to be printed on Pink Background, specifically Pantone® PMS 182U.
3. The Provisional/Challenged (Precinct Ballots) shall be printed by precinct and serially numbered on the stub beginning with the number 0001 for each precinct (i.e., for Precinct AP01A, 0001 – 0600 , for a total of 600 ballots for Precinct AP01A.
4. The Absentee Ballots shall be printed by card number and serially numbered on the stub beginning with the number 0001 for each card type (i.e., for Card Number 1, 0001 – 0500, for a total of 500 ballots for Card Number 1.
5. The duplicate ballots will be printed according to card number on **White Background with a pink stripe**. NOTE: Duplicate Ballots are **NOT** to be serially numbered.
6. The Precinct Number and/or Card Number shall appear in two places on each ballot. Currently Fulton County has a total of 344 Voting Precincts.
7. The Absentee/Provisional/Challenged Ballot Stub shall be scored to facilitate folding. The score lines must be between the timing marks and must align with the equal and opposite side of the ballot.

8. The Absentee Ballots shall be stitched in pads of fifty (50). Stitching must be accomplished on the bottom edge of the stub by stapling ballots together with 1 staple off center – 1.5 inches from left.
9. Duplicate Ballots are **NOT** to be stitched. However, the duplicate ballots shall be shrink-wrapped by Card Number.
10. The Provisional/Challenged Ballots (Precinct Ballots) shall be boxed together by Precinct Number. The Precinct Number and the number of boxes per precinct shall be clearly indicated on the front of each box (e.g. 1 of 10, 2 of 10, 3 of 10, etc.).
11. Absentee Ballots shall be boxed by Card number with each box clearly labeled with the Card Number on the front and no more than 1000 ballots per box.
12. A minimum of 50 additional **Test Ballots** of each type and card (without serial numbers) must be provided by the supplier at no cost to Fulton County for use in logic and accuracy testing. Test ballots must be a sample of each run of the press, on the same type paper, and identical in every way to the “real” ballots except non serial numbers and no stitching. Test ballots must be boxed separately from regular ballots and clearly labeled “TEST.”
13. A **PROOFING COPY** must be returned before printing of the entire order. The proof must receive sign-off by the Director, Elections Chief, or Registration Chief. Please submit proof to: Dwight Brower, Elections Chief, (404) 612-7033, Fax#: (404) 730-7024,
e-mail: Dwight.Brower@co.fulton.ga.us

Listed below are the estimated quantities of ballots needed for the 2008 year. Note: Actual quantity and size will be provided at time of a scheduled election.

**TOTAL BALLOT QUANTITY NEEDED
FOR 2008 ELECTIONS
(quantity noted is the total ballots needed for the year)**

APPROXIMATE QUANTITY	TYPE BALLOTS	COLOR/SIZE
210,000	Absentee Ballots	To be determined at time of a scheduled election
490,000	Precinct Ballots	To be determined at time of a scheduled election
10,000	Duplicate Ballots	White with Pink Stripe
5,000	Test Ballots	Pink
715,000	TOTAL	

ESTIMATE BALLOT STYLES:

- For the September 16, 2008 Special Election there will be approximately 10-50 ballot styles
- For the November 4, 2008 General Election there will be approximately 175-200 ballot styles
- For the December 2, 2008 General Runoff Election there will be approximately 175-200 ballot styles

PLEASE INCLUDE A QUOTE FOR THE FOLLOWING:

1. **SHIPPING COST:** INCLUDE OVERNIGHT AND STANDARD RATES
2. **COST TO PRINT BALLOTS IN LENGTHS OF:**
 - 8-1/2" x 11"
 - 8-1/2" x 14"
 - 8-1/2" x 18"
3. **ANY OTHER COST**

EXPECTED TURNAROUND TIME FOR SHIPPING BALLOTS

Absentee Ballots shall be received within two weeks of receipt of ballot quantities
 Provisional/Challenged Ballots shall be received within 3-4 weeks of receipt of ballot quantities.

NOTE: FULTON COUNTY WILL NOT PROVIDE VENDORS WITH AN ACCU-VOTE ES-2000 BALLOT PROCESSING UNIT FOR TESTING BALLOTS DURING THE PRINTING PROCESS. VENDORS MUST HAVE THIS UNIT ON SITE (SEE PAGE 1, ITEM 5).

SAMPLE

SECTION 6

BID PRICING SHEET

ELECTION DATE	QUANTITY	UNIT COST PER 10,000	TOTAL COST
September 2008	100,000	\$	\$
November 2008	223,700	\$	\$
December 2008	179,000	\$	\$
TOTAL COST FOR ALL ELECTIONS			\$



FULTON COUNTY

Vision
People Families Neighborhoods

Mission
To serve, protect and govern in concert with local municipalities

Values
People Customer Services
Ethics Resource Management
Innovation Equal Opportunity

**CONTRACT DOCUMENTS FOR
INVITATION TO BID # 08ITB61502YC-AP
BALLOT CARD PRINTING
For
Registrations & Elections Department**

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CONTRACT AGREEMENT

Consultant: **[Insert Consultant Name]**
Contract No.: **[Insert Project Number and Title]**
Address: **[Insert Consultant Address]**
City, State
Telephone: **[Insert Consultant telephone #]**
Facsimile: **[Insert Consultant Facsimile #]**
Contact: **[Insert Consultant Contact Name]**
[Insert Consultant Contact Title]

This Agreement made and entered into effective the _____ day of _____, 20__ by and between **FULTON COUNTY, GEORGIA**, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, hereinafter referred to as “**County**”, and **[Insert Consultant Company Name]** to provide professional consulting services in Georgia, hereinafter referred to as “**Consultant**”.

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, County through its **[Insert User Department Name]** hereinafter referred to as the “**Department**”, desires to retain a qualified and experienced Consultant to perform **[Insert project description/services to be provided]**, hereinafter, referred to as the “**Project**”.

WHEREAS, Consultant has represented to County that it is experienced and has qualified and local staff available to commit to the Project and County has relied upon such representations.

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, County and Consultant agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1. CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

County hereby engages Consultant, and Consultant hereby agrees, to perform the services hereinafter set forth in accordance with this Agreement, consisting of the following contract documents:

- I. Form of Agreement;
- II. Addenda;
- III. Exhibit A: General Conditions;
- IV. Exhibit B: Special Conditions [where applicable];
- V. Exhibit C: Scope of Work
- VI. Exhibit D: Project Deliverables;
- VII. Exhibit E: Compensation;
- VIII. Exhibit F: Office of Contract Compliance Forms;
- IX. Exhibit G: Insurance and Risk Management Forms

The foregoing documents constitute the entire Agreement of the parties pertaining to the Project hereof and is intended as a complete and exclusive statement of promises, representations, discussions and agreements oral or otherwise that have been made in connection therewith. No modifications or amendment to this Agreement shall be binding upon the parties unless the same is in writing, conforms to Fulton County Policy and Procedure 800-6 governing change orders, is signed by the County’s and the Consultant’s duly authorized representatives, and entered upon the meeting minutes of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners.

If any portion of the Contract Documents shall be in conflict with any other portion, the various documents comprising the Contract Documents shall govern in the following order of precedence: 1) the Agreement, 2) the RFP, 3) any Addenda, 4) change orders, 5) the exhibits, and 6) portions of Consultant's proposal that was accepted by the County and made a part of the Contract Documents.

The Agreement was approved by the Fulton County Board of Commissioners on **[Insert Board of Commissioners approval date and item number]**.

ARTICLE 2. **SEVERABILITY**

If any provision of this Agreement is held to be unenforceable for any reason, the unenforceability thereof shall not affect the remainder of the Agreement, which shall remain in full force and effect, and enforceable in accordance with its terms.

ARTICLE 3. **DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:**

County and Consultant agree the Project is to perform **[Insert project description]**. All exhibits referenced in this agreement are incorporated by reference and constitute an integral part of this Agreement as if they were contained herein.

ARTICLE 4. **SCOPE OF SERVICES**

Unless modified in writing by both parties in the manner specified in the agreement, duties of Consultant shall not be construed to exceed those services specifically set forth herein. Consultant agrees to provide all services, products, and data and to perform all tasks described in Exhibit C, Scope of Services.

ARTICLE 5. **DELIVERABLES**

Consultant shall deliver to County all reports prepared under the terms of this Agreement that are specified in Exhibit D, Project Deliverables. Consultant shall provide to County all deliverables specified in Exhibit D, Project Deliverables. Deliverables shall be furnished to County by Consultant in a media of form that is acceptable and usable by County at no additional cost at the end of the project.

ARTICLE 6. **SERVICES PROVIDED BY COUNTY**

Consultant shall gather from County all available non-privileged data and information pertinent to the performance of the services for the Project. Certain services as described in Exhibit C, Scope of Services, if required, will be performed and furnished by County in a timely manner so as not to unduly delay Consultant in the performance of said obligations. County shall have the final decision as to what data and information is pertinent.

County will appoint in writing a County authorized representative with respect to work to be performed under this Agreement until County gives written notice of the appointment of a successor. The County's authorized representative shall have complete authority to transmit instructions, receive information, and define County's policies, consistent with County rules and regulations. Consultant may rely upon written consents and approvals signed by County's authorized representative that are consistent with County rules and regulations.

ARTICLE 7. **MODIFICATIONS**

If during the course of performing the Project, County and Consultant agree that it is necessary to make changes in the Project as described herein and referenced

exhibits, such changes will be incorporated by written amendments in the form of Change Orders to this Agreement. Any such Change Order and/or supplemental agreement shall not become effective or binding unless approved by the Board of Commissioners and entered on the minutes. Such modifications shall conform to the requirements of Fulton County Policy 800-6, which is incorporated by reference herein.

ARTICLE 8. **SCHEDULE OF WORK**

Consultant shall not proceed to furnish such services and County shall not become obligated to pay for same until a written authorization to proceed (Notice to Proceed) has been sent to Consultant from County. The Consultant shall begin work under this Agreement no later than five (5) days after the effective date of notice to proceed.

ARTICLE 9. **CONTRACT TERM**

[Insert contract term and any renewal options]

ARTICLE 10. **COMPENSATION**

Compensation for work performed by Consultant on Project shall be in accordance with the payment provisions and compensation schedule, attached as Exhibit E, Compensation.

The total contract amount for the Project shall not exceed **[Insert amount approved by BOC]**, which is full payment for a complete scope of services.

ARTICLE 11. **PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT**

Consultant shall designate in writing a person(s) to serve as its authorized representative(s) who shall have sole authority to represent Consultant on all manners pertaining to this contract.

Consultant represents that it has secured or will secure, at its' own expense, all equipment and personnel necessary to complete this Agreement, none of whom shall be employees of or have any contractual relationship with County. All of the services required hereunder will be performed by Consultant under his supervision and all personnel engaged in the work shall be fully qualified and shall be authorized or permitted under law to perform such services.

Written notification shall be immediately provided to County upon change or severance of any of the authorized representative(s), listed key personnel or subcontractor performing services on this Project by Consultant. No changes or substitutions shall be permitted in Consultant's key personnel or subcontractor as set forth herein without the prior written approval of the County. Requests for changes in key personnel or subcontractors will not be unreasonably withheld by County.

ARTICLE 12. **SUSPENSION OF WORK**

Suspension Notice: The County may by written notice to the Consultant, suspend at any time the performance of all or any portion of the services to be performed under this Agreement. Upon receipt of a suspension notice, the Consultant must, unless the notice requires otherwise:

- 1) Immediately discontinue suspended services on the date and to the extent specified in the notice;
- 2) Place no further orders or subcontracts for material, services or facilities with respect to suspended services, other than to the extent required in the notice; and
- 3) Take any other reasonable steps to minimize costs associated with the suspension.

Notice to Resume: Upon receipt of notice to resume suspended services, the Consultant will immediately resume performance under this Agreement as required in the notice.

ARTICLE 13. **DISPUTES**

Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, any dispute concerning a question of fact arising under this contract which is not disposed of by agreement shall be decided by the Fulton County [insert user department name] designated representative. The representative shall reduce the decision to writing and mail or otherwise furnish a copy thereof to the Consultant. The Consultant shall have 30 days from date the decision is sent to appeal the decision to the County Manager or his designee by mailing or otherwise furnishing to the County Manager or designee, copy of the written appeal. The decision of the County Manager or his designee for the determination of such appeal shall be final and conclusive. This condition shall not be pleaded in any suit involving a question of fact arising under this Agreement, unless

the same is fraudulent, or capricious, or arbitrary, or so grossly erroneous as necessarily to imply bad faith, or is not supported by substantial evidence. In connection with any appeal proceeding under this clause, Consultant shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard and to offer evidence in support of an appeal. Pending any final decision of a dispute hereunder, Consultant shall proceed diligently with performance of the Agreement and in accordance with the decision [insert user department name] of the designated representative.

ARTICLE 14. TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT FOR CAUSE

- (1) Either County or Consultant may terminate work under this Agreement in the event the other party fails to perform in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement. Any party seeking to terminate this Agreement is required to give thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other party.
- (2) Notice of termination shall be delivered by certified mail with receipt for delivery returned to the sender.
- (3) **TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE** and if the Consultant refuses or fails to perform the work as specified in Exhibit C, Scope of Services and maintain the scheduled level of effort as proposed, or any separable part thereof, with such diligence as will insure completion of the work within the specified time period, or any extension or tolling there of, or fails to complete said work within such time. The County may exercise any remedy available under law or this Agreement. Failure to maintain the scheduled level of effort as proposed or deviation from the aforesaid proposal without prior approval of County shall constitute cause for termination
- (4) The County may, by written notice to Consultant, terminate Consultant's right to proceed with the Project or such part of the Project as to which there has been delay. In such event, the County may take over the work and perform the same to completion, by contract or otherwise, and Consultant shall be required to provide all copies of finished or unfinished documents prepared by Consultant under this Agreement to the County as stated in Exhibit D, "Project Deliverables".
- (5) Consultant shall be entitled to receive compensation for any satisfactory work completed on such documents as reasonably determined by the County.
- (6) Whether or not the Consultant's right to proceed with the work has been terminated, the Consultant shall be liable for any damage to the County resulting from the Consultant's refusal or failure to complete the work within the specified time period, and said damages shall include, but not be limited to, any additional costs associated with the County obtaining the services of another Consultant to complete the project.

ARTICLE 15. TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE OF COUNTY

Notwithstanding any other provisions, the County may terminate this Agreement for its convenience at any time by a written notice to Consultant. If the Agreement is terminated for convenience by the County, as provided in this article, Consultant will be paid compensation for those services actually performed. Partially completed tasks will be compensated for based on a signed statement of completion to be submitted by Consultant which shall itemize each task element and briefly state what work has been completed and what work remains to be done.

ARTICLE 16. WAIVER OF BREACH

The waiver by either party of a breach or violation of any provision of this Agreement, shall not operate or be construed to be, a waiver of any subsequent breach or violation of the same or other provision thereof.

ARTICLE 17. **INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR**

Consultant shall perform the services under this Agreement as an independent contractor and nothing contained herein shall be construed to be inconsistent with such relationship or status. Nothing in this Agreement shall be interpreted or construed to constitute Consultant or any of its agents or employees to be the agent, employee or representative of County.

ARTICLE 18. **PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**

Consultant represents that it has, or will secure at its own expenses, all personnel appropriate to perform all work to be completed under this Agreement;

All the services required hereunder will be performed by Consultant or under the direct supervision of Consultant. All personnel engaged in the Project by Consultant shall be fully qualified and shall be authorized or permitted under applicable State and local law to perform such services.

None of the work or services covered by this Agreement shall be transferred, assigned, or subcontracted by Consultant without the prior written consent of the County.

ARTICLE 19. **COOPERATION WITH OTHER CONSULTANTS**

Consultant will undertake the Project in cooperation with and in coordination with other studies, projects or related work performed for, with or by County's employees, appointed committee(s) or other Consultants. Consultant shall fully cooperate with such other related Consultants and County employees or appointed committees. Consultant shall provide within his schedule of work, time and effort to coordinate with other Consultants under contract with County. Consultant shall not commit or permit any act, which will interfere with the performance of work by any other consultant or by County employees. Consultant shall not be liable or responsible for the delays of third parties not under its control nor affiliated with the Consultant in any manner.

ARTICLE 20. **ACCURACY OF WORK**

Consultant shall be responsible for the accuracy of his work and shall promptly correct its errors and omissions without additional compensation. Acceptance of the work by the County will not relieve Consultant of the responsibility of subsequent corrections of any errors and the clarification of any ambiguities. Consultant shall prepare any plans, report, fieldwork, or data required by County to correct its errors or omissions. The above consultation, clarification or correction shall be made without added compensation to Consultant. Consultant shall give immediate attention to these changes so there will be a minimum of delay to others.

ARTICLE 21. **REVIEW OF WORK**

Authorized representatives of County may at all reasonable times review and inspect Project activities and data collected under this Agreement and amendments thereto. All reports, drawings, studies, specifications, estimates, maps and computations prepared by or for Consultant, shall be available to authorized representatives of County for inspection and review at all reasonable times in the main office of County. Acceptance shall not relieve Consultant of its professional obligation to correct, at its expense, any of its errors in work. County may request at any time and Consultant shall produce progress prints or copies of any work as performed under this Agreement. Refusal by Consultant to submit progress reports and/or plans shall be cause for County, without any liability thereof, to withhold payment to consultant until Consultant complies with County's request in this regard. County's review recommendations shall be incorporated into the plans by Consultant.

ARTICLE 22. **INDEMNIFICATION**

The Consultant shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the County, its officers, agents, employees and successors and assigns from and against any and all liability, loss, damages, claims, suits, liens, and judgments including attorneys fees, of whatever nature, including claims for contributions and/or indemnification, for injuries to or death or any person or persons, or damage to property or other rights of any person or persons caused by (1) any failure by the Consultant to perform its obligations under this Agreement; (2) the negligent, intentional or willful misconduct of the Consultant or any of its officers, directors, employees, representatives, agents or Subcontractors in connection with this Agreement; (3) Consultant's fault; or (4) the performance of the Consultant's obligations under this Agreement. The Consultant shall also indemnify the County to the extent provided elsewhere in this Agreement. To the extent there is a determination that Consultant has acted as an agent of the County, the Consultant is specifically excluded from the term "agent" mentioned in the previous sentence, such that Consultant will be required to comply with the requirements of this Article. Consultant's obligation to protect, defend, indemnify, and hold harmless, as set forth hereinabove, shall also included but not limited to any matter arising out of any actual or alleged infringement of any patent, trademark, copyright, or service mark, or any actual or alleged unfair competition disparagement of produce or service, or other business tort of any type whatsoever, or any actual or alleged violation of trade regulations. Consultant shall not indemnify or hold harmless the County for the sole acts or omissions of employees or officers of the County. Consultant further agrees to protect, defend, indemnify and hold harmless County, its officers, agents and employees from and against any and all claims or liability for compensation under the Worker's Compensation Act arising out of injuries sustained by any employees of Consultant. These Consultant indemnities shall not be limited by reason of the listing of any insurance coverage.

These indemnity provisions are for the protection of the County indemnities only and shall not establish, of themselves, any liability to third parties. The provisions of this article shall survive termination of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 23. CONFIDENTIALITY

Consultant agrees that its conclusions and any reports are for the confidential information of County and that it will not disclose its conclusions in whole or in part to any persons whatsoever, other than to submit its written documentation to County, and will only discuss the same with it or its authorized representatives, except as required under this Agreement to provide information to the public. Upon completion of this Agreement term, all documents, reports, maps, data and studies prepared by Consultant pursuant thereto and any equipment paid for by County as a result of this Agreement, shall become the property of County and be delivered to [insert user department name].

Articles, papers, bulletins, reports, or other materials reporting the plans, progress, analyses, or results and findings of the work conducted under this Agreement shall not be presented publicly or published without prior approval in writing of County.

It is further agreed that if any information concerning the Project, its conduct results, or data gathered or processed should be released by Consultant without prior approval from County, the release of the same shall constitute grounds for termination of this Agreement without indemnity to Consultant, but should any such information be released by County or by Consultant with such prior written approval, the same shall be regarded as Public information and no longer subject to the restrictions of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 24. OWNERSHIP OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND INFORMATION

Consultant agrees that Fulton County is the sole owner of all information, data, and materials that are developed or prepared subject to this Agreement. Consultant or any subcontractor is not allowed to use or sell any information subject to this contract for educational, publication, profit, research or any other purpose without the written and authorized consent of the ***[Insert User Department Representative for project]***. All electronic files used in connection to this Agreement, which are by definition, any custom software files used in connection to this Agreement, (collectively, the "Software"), shall be turned over to the County for its use after termination hereof and Consultant shall have no interest of any kind in such

electronic files. Any required licenses and fees for the Software or other required materials shall be purchased and/or paid for by Consultant and registered in the name of the **[Insert User Department Representative for project]**, if possible. The Software as defined hereunder, specifically excludes all software, documentation, information, and materials in which Consultant has pre-existing proprietary rights and/or has otherwise been licensed to Consultant prior to this Agreement, and any upgrades, updates, modifications or enhancements thereto. Consultant agrees to provide at no cost to County any upgrades to any software used in connection with this Agreement which may be subsequently developed or upgraded for a period of three (3) years from the date of completion of the work under the Agreement, except in the case of commercial Software licensed to the County or **[Insert User Department Representative for project]**. Any information developed for use in connection with this Agreement may be released as public domain information by the County at its sole discretion.

ARTICLE 25. **COVENANT AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES**

Consultant warrants that no person or selling agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this Agreement upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee, excepting bona fide employees maintained by Consultant for the purpose of securing business and that Consultant has not received any non-County fee related to this Agreement without the prior written consent of County. For breach or violation of this warranty, County shall have the right to annul this Agreement without liability or at its discretion to deduct from the Contract Price or consideration the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee.

ARTICLE 26. **INSURANCE**

Consultant agrees to obtain and maintain during the entire term of this Agreement, all of the insurance required as specified in the Agreement documents, Exhibit G, Insurance and Risk Management Forms, with the County as an additional insured and shall furnish the County a Certificate of Insurance showing the required coverage. The cancellation of any policy of insurance required by this Agreement shall meet the requirements of notice under the laws of the State of Georgia as presently set forth in the Georgia Code.

ARTICLE 27. **PROHIBITED INTEREST**

Section 27.01 **Conflict of interest:**

Consultant agrees that it presently has no interest and shall acquire no interest direct or indirect that would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of its service hereunder. Consultant further agrees that, in the performance of the Agreement, no person having any such interest shall be employed.

Section 27.02 **Interest of Public Officials:**

No member, officer or employee of County during his tenure shall have any interest, direct or indirect, in this Agreement or the proceeds thereof.

ARTICLE 28. **SUBCONTRACTING**

Consultant shall not subcontract any part of the work covered by this Agreement or permit subcontracted work to be further subcontracted without prior written approval of County.

ARTICLE 29. **ASSIGNABILITY**

Consultant shall not assign or subcontract this Agreement or any portion thereof without the prior expressed written consent of County. Any attempted assignment or subcontracting by Consultant without the prior expressed written consent of County shall at County's sole option terminate this Agreement without any notice to Consultant of such termination. Consultant binds itself, its successors, assigns, and legal representatives of such other party in respect to all covenants, agreements and obligations contained herein.

ARTICLE 30. **ANTI-KICKBACK CLAUSE**

Salaries of engineers, surveyors, draftsmen, clerical and technicians performing work under this Agreement shall be paid unconditionally and not less often than once a month without deduction or rebate on any account except only such payroll deductions as are mandatory by law. Consultant hereby promises to comply with all applicable "Anti-Kickback" Laws, and shall insert appropriate provisions in all subcontracts covering work under this Agreement.

ARTICLE 31. **AUDITS AND INSPECTORS**

At any time during normal business hours and as often as County may deem necessary, Consultant shall make available to County and/or representatives of the County for examination all of its records with respect to all matters covered by this Agreement.

It shall also permit County and/or representative of the County to audit, examine and make copies, excerpts or transcripts from such records of personnel, conditions of employment and other data relating to all matters covered by this Agreement. Consultant's records of personnel, conditions of employment, and financial statements (hereinafter "Information") constitute trade secrets and are considered confidential and proprietary by Consultant. To the extent County audits or examines such Information related to this Agreement, County shall not disclose or otherwise make available to third parties any such Information without Consultant's prior written consent unless required to do so by a court order. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as granting County any right to make copies, excerpts or transcripts of such information outside the area covered by this Agreement without the prior written consent of Consultant. Consultant shall maintain all books, documents, papers, accounting records and other evidence pertaining to costs incurred on the Project and used in support of its proposal and shall make such material available at all reasonable times during the period of the Agreement and for three years from the date of final payment under the Agreement, for inspection by County or any reviewing agencies and copies thereof shall be furnished upon request and at no additional cost to County. Consultant agrees that the provisions of this Article shall be included in any Agreements it may make with any subcontractor, assignee or transferee.

ARTICLE 32. **ACCOUNTING SYSTEM**

Consultant shall have an accounting system, which is established, and maintaining in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Consultant must account for cost in a manner consistent with generally accepted accounting procedures, as approved by Fulton County.

ARTICLE 33. **VERBAL AGREEMENT**

No verbal agreement or conversation with any officer, agent or employee of County either before, during or after the execution of this Agreement, shall affect or modify any of the terms of obligations herein contained, nor shall such verbal agreement or conversation entitle Consultant to any additional payment whatsoever under the terms of this Agreement. All changes to this shall be in writing and the form of a change order in supplemental agreement, approved by the County, and entered on the Minutes of the Board of Commissioners.

ARTICLE 34. **NOTICES**

All notices shall be in writing and delivered in person or transmitted by certified mail, postage prepaid.

Notice to County, shall be addressed as follows:

[Insert User Department Representative Position for project]

[Insert User Department Address]

Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Telephone:

Facsimile:

Attention: **[Insert User Department Representative for project]**

With a copy to:

Fulton County Department of Purchasing
Purchasing Director
130 Peachtree Street, Suite 1168
Atlanta, Georgia 30303
Telephone: (404) 730-5800
Facsimile: (404) 893-6273
Attention: Jerome Noble

Notices to Consultant shall be addressed as follows:

[Insert Consultant Representative for project]

[Insert Consultant Address]

Telephone:

Facsimile:

Attention: **[Insert Consultant Representative for project]**

ARTICLE 35. JURISDICTION

This Agreement shall be administered and interpreted under the laws of the State of Georgia. Jurisdiction of litigation arising from this Agreement shall be in that state. If any part of this Agreement is found to be in conflict with applicable laws, such part shall be inoperative, null and void insofar as it is in conflict with said laws, but the remainder of this Agreement shall be in full force and effect.

Whenever reference is made in the Agreement to standards or codes in accordance with which work is to be performed, the edition or revision of the standards or codes current on the effective date of this Agreement shall apply, unless otherwise expressly stated.

ARTICLE 36. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

During the performance of this Agreement, Consultant agrees as follows:

Section 36.01 Consultant will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, sex or national origin;

Section 36.02 Consultant will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by, or on behalf of, Consultant state that all qualified applicants, will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, creed, color, sex or national origin;

Section 36.03 Consultant will cause the foregoing provisions to be inserted in all subcontracts for any work covered by the Agreement so that such provision will be binding upon each subcontractor, provided that the foregoing provisions shall not apply to contracts or subcontracts for standard commercial supplies or raw materials.

ARTICLE 37. FORCE MAJEURE

Neither County nor Consultant shall be deemed in violation of this Agreement if either is prevented from performing its obligations hereunder for any reason beyond its control, including but not limited to acts of God, civil or military authority, act of public enemy, accidents, fires, explosions, earthquakes, floods or catastrophic failures of public transportation, provided however, that nothing herein shall relieve or be construed to relieve Consultant from performing its obligations hereunder in the event of riots, rebellions or legal strikes.

ARTICLE 38. OPEN RECORDS ACT

The Georgia Open Records Act, O.C.G.A. Section 50-18-70 et seq., applies to this Agreement. The Consultant acknowledges that any documents or computerized data provided to the County by the Consultant may be subject to release to the public. The Consultant also acknowledges that documents and computerized data created or held by the Consultant in relation to the Agreement may be subject to release to the public, to include documents turned over to the County. The Consultant shall cooperate with and provide assistance to the County in rapidly responding to Open Records Act requests. The Consultant shall notify the County of any Open Records Act requests no later than 24 hours following receipt of any such requests by the Consultant. The Consultant shall promptly comply with the instructions or requests of the County in relation to responding to Open Records Act requests.

ARTICLE 39. **CONSULTANT'S COMPLIANCE WITH ALL ASSURANCES OR PROMISES MADE IN RESPONSE TO PROCUREMENT**

Where the procurement documents do not place a degree or level of service relating to the scope of work, M/FBE participation, or any other matter relating to the services being procured, should any Consultant submit a response to the County promising to provide a certain level of service for the scope of work, M/FBE participation, or any other matter, including where such promises or assurances are greater than what is required by the procurement documents, and should this response containing these promises or assurances be accepted by the County and made a part of the Contract Documents, then the degree or level of service promised relating to the scope of work, M/FBE participation, or other matter shall be considered to be a material part of the Agreement between the Consultant and the County, such that the Consultant's failure to provide the agreed upon degree or level of service or participation shall be a material breach of the Agreement giving the County just cause to terminate the Agreement for cause, pursuant to ARTICLE 14 of the Agreement.

ARTICLE 40. **INVOICING AND PAYMENT**

Consultant shall submit monthly invoices for work performed during the previous calendar month, in a form acceptable to the County and accompanied by all support documentation requested by the County, for payment and for services that were completed during the preceding phase. The County shall review for approval of said invoices. The County shall have the right not to pay any invoice or part thereof if not properly supported, or if the costs requested or a part thereof, as determined by the County, are reasonably in excess of the actual stage of completion.

Time of Payment: Invoices for payment shall be submitted to County by the first (1st) calendar day of the month to facilitate processing for payment in that same month. Invoices received after the first (1st) calendar day of the month may not be paid until the last day of the following month. The County shall make payments to Consultant by U.S. mail approximately thirty (30) days after receipt of a proper invoice. Parties hereto expressly agree that the above contract term shall supersede the rates of interest, payment periods, and contract and subcontract terms provided for under the Georgia Prompt Pay Act, O.C.G.A. 13-11-1 et seq., pursuant to 13-11-7(b), and the rates of interest, payment periods, and contract and subcontract terms provided for under the Prompt Pay Act shall have no application to this Agreement; parties further agree that the County shall not be liable for any interest or penalty arising from late payments.

Submittal of Invoices: Consultant shall submit all invoices in original and one (1) copy to:

[Insert User Department Representative Position for project]

[Insert User Department Address]

Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Telephone:

Facsimile:

Attention: **[Insert User Department Representative for project]**

Consultant's cumulative invoices shall not exceed the total not-to-exceed fee established for this Agreement.

Optional: [A narrative of one (1) page only, listing the scope of services billed for shall accompany each invoice.]

County's Right to Withhold Payments: The County may withhold payments for services that involve disputed costs, involve disputed audits, or are otherwise performed in an inadequate fashion. Payments withheld by the County will be released and paid to the Consultant when the services are subsequently performed adequately and on a timely basis, the causes for disputes are reconciled or any other remedies or actions stipulated by the County are satisfied. The County shall promptly pay any undisputed items contained in such invoices.

Payment of Sub-consultants/Suppliers: The Consultant must certify in writing that all sub-consultants of the Consultant and suppliers have been promptly paid for work and materials and previous progress payments received. In the event the prime Consultant is unable to pay sub-consultants or suppliers until it has received a progress payment from Fulton County, the prime Consultant shall pay all sub-consultants or supplier funds due from said progress payments within forty-eight (48) hours of receipt of payment from Fulton County and in no event later than fifteen days as provided for by State Law.

Acceptance of Payments by Consultant; Release. The acceptance by the Consultant of any payment for services under this Agreement will, in each instance, operate as, and be a release to the County from, all claim and liability to the Consultant for work performed or furnished for or relating to the service for which payment was accepted, unless the Consultant within five (5) days of its receipt of a payment, advises the County in writing of a specific claim it contends is not released by that payment.

ARTICLE 41. NON-APPROPRIATION

This Agreement states the total obligation of the County to the Consultant for the calendar year of execution. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Agreement, the obligation of the County to make payments provided under this Agreement shall be subject to annual appropriations of funds thereof by the governing body of the County and such obligation shall not constitute a pledge of the full faith and credit of the County within the meaning of any constitutional debt limitation. The Director of Finance shall deliver written notice to the Consultant in the event the County does not intend to budget funds for the succeeding Contract year.

Notwithstanding anything contained in this Agreement, if sufficient funds have not been appropriated to support continuation of this Agreement for an additional calendar year or an additional term of the Agreement, this Agreement shall terminate absolutely and without further obligation on the part of the County at the close of the calendar year of its execution and at the close of each succeeding calendar year of which it may be renewed, unless a shorter termination period is provided or the County suspends performance pending the appropriation of funds.

ARTICLE 42. WAGE CLAUSE

Consultant shall agree that in the performance of this Agreement the Consultant will comply with all lawful agreements, if any, which the Consultant had made with any association, union, or other entity, with respect to wages, salaries, and working conditions, so as not to cause inconvenience, picketing, or work stoppage.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Contract to be executed by their duly authorized representatives as attested and witnessed and their corporate seals to be hereunto affixed as of the day and year date first above written.

OWNER:

FULTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

CONSULTANT:

**[Insert Consultant Company
Name & Title]**

Karen Handel, Commission Chair
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

ATTEST:

Mark Massey
Clerk to the Commission (Seal)

Secretary/
Assistant Secretary

(Affix Corporate Seal)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Office of the County Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

**[Insert User Department Head]
[Name and Title]**

ADDENDA

Instructions for Users: Acknowledgement(s) of any addenda should be inserted behind this cover sheet.

EXHIBIT A

GENERAL CONDITIONS

Instructions for Users: Insert any General Conditions that were in the solicitation document behind this cover sheet.

Example: “Fulton County Purchasing Department Request For Proposal (RFP) General Requirements”.

EXHIBIT B

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

Instructions for Users: Insert any Special Conditions that were in the solicitation document behind this cover sheet. If no Special Conditions were required, on a separate page behind this cover page please use the following language:

No Special Conditions were required for this Project

EXHIBIT C

SCOPE OF WORK

Instructions for Users: Insert the detailed Scope of Work to be provided by the Consultant behind this cover sheet.

EXHIBIT D

PROJECT DELIVERABLES

Instructions for Users: Insert any Project Deliverables to be provided by the Consultant behind this cover sheet.

EXHIBIT E

COMPENSATION

Instructions for Users: Insert the detailed Compensation to Consultant (payment to consultant providing service) behind this cover sheet.

EXHIBIT F

OFFICE OF CONTRACT COMPLIANCE FORMS

Instructions for Users: Insert the Contract Compliance forms submitted by the Consultant. Please contact Contract Compliance to insure you have the correct forms. Insert forms behind this cover sheet.

EXHIBIT G

INSURANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT FORMS

Instructions for Users: Insert the following information behind this cover sheet.

1. Insurance and Risk Management Provisions from Solicitation Document

The following information should be inserted after you have received submittals from the Consultant:

2. Certificate of Insurance
3. Payment Bonds (if applicable)
4. Performance Bonds (if applicable)