

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

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Citywide Pavement Conditions Assessment

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) 13-01 Citywide Pavement Conditions Assessment Services

Sealed Proposals for Purchasing RFQ 13-01 Citywide Pavement Conditions Assessment will be received by the City of Dunwoody, hereinafter called "City." Service providers whose proposals meet the criteria established in the Request for Proposals, at the sole discretion of the City, may be considered for Contract award. The City may, by direct negotiation, finalize terms with the service provider who is selected for award based on proposals. The City reserves the right to reject any or all responses for any reason. Clarification of information may be requested by the City.

The work will be started within 10 days of the Notice to Proceed and completed no later than December 31, 2013.

The City, at its sole discretion, may short-list firms that are deemed to best meet the City's requirements, taking into consideration all criteria listed in the RFQ. The City may, at its sole discretion, ask for formal presentations from all of the responsive and responsible proposers, or only from those firms that are short-listed, if short-listing is determined to be in the best interest of the City. Negotiations may be conducted and may take place in person or via telephone with the most qualified firm as identified by the City or, if short-listing occurs, with all of the short-listed proposers. Proposers that participate in the negotiations may be given an opportunity to submit their best and final offers. The City of Dunwoody requires pricing to remain firm for the duration of the contract. Failure to hold firm pricing for the duration of the contract will be sufficient cause for the City to declare a proposal non-responsive.

A proposal must be submitted in a sealed envelope which shall be clearly marked with RFQ 13-01 and your company name. One (1) printed and signed unbound original and two (2) copies of the **proposals shall be submitted no later than 2:00pm, Friday, September 13, 2013.** (Proposals will not be submitted by facsimile or e-mail). At which time noted, all proposals received will be publicly opened and read. Any proposal received after the time and date specified for the opening of the proposals will not be considered, but will be returned unopened.

Questions regarding proposals should be directed to purchasing@dunwoodyga.gov no later than 2:00pm Friday, August 30, 2013. Proposals are legal and binding when submitted.

Mailed proposal must be addressed as follows:

Purchasing Department
City of Dunwoody
41 Perimeter Center East, Suite 250
Dunwoody, GA 30346

No Proposal may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after the time and date scheduled (or subsequently rescheduled) for proposal opening.

The City's staff will review all proposals submitted. After reviewing the proposals, staff may, at its discretion, request formal presentations from one or more of the proposers (at proposer's expense at the City's site) whose proposals appear to best meet the City's requirements.

The proposer awarded the Contract must provide proof of liability insurance in the amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00), along with any other required insurance coverage and evidence of business or occupational license, as outlined in the Proposal Documents.

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The City reserves the right to waive any informalities or irregularities of proposals, to request clarification or information submitted in any proposal, to request additional information from any proposer, or to reject any or all proposals, and to re-advertise for proposals. The City also reserves the right to extend the date or time scheduled for the opening of proposals.

Award, if made, will be to the responsible and responsive proposer submitting the proposal which is deemed by the City, in the sole discretion, to be the most advantageous to the City, price and other factors being considered.

To ensure the proper and fair evaluation of proposals, the City highly discourages any communication initiated by a proposer or its agent to an employee of the City evaluating or considering the proposal during the period of time following the issuance of the RFQ, the opening of proposals and prior to the time a decision has been made with respect to the Contract award. An appropriate Purchasing employee of the City may initiate communication with a proposer in order to obtain information or clarification needed to develop a proper and accurate evaluation of the proposal. Any communication initiated by proposer during evaluation should be submitted in writing and delivered to the City of Dunwoody, Purchasing Office, 41 Perimeter Center East, Suite 250, Dunwoody, Georgia 30346, or by e-mail to purchasing@dunwoodyga.gov or facsimile to (678) 533-0712. Unauthorized communication by the proposer may disqualify the proposer from consideration.

Citywide Pavement Condition Assessment

Scope of Services

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1. Statement of Purpose

The City of Dunwoody, a suburb of Atlanta, Georgia, is seeking proposals from qualified firms to provide a citywide pavement condition assessment update. The City maintains approximately 143 centerline miles (306 centerline miles) of roadway in a 13 square mile area.

2. Background Information

In 2009 Dunwoody completed a citywide pavement condition assessment and instituted a pavement management plan. The assessment was completed using a Road Surface Tester to obtain continuous surface condition, rutting, roughness, GPS and digital image data on each segment of the roadway. The data was then analyzed to develop a pavement condition index (PCI) from 10-100 for each road segment. The data was uploaded into PavePRO Manager software which the City uses to develop its pavement management plan.

Since the initial plan was developed in 2009, the City has invested over \$6.5 million in pavement resurfacing and has rehabilitated over 55 centerline miles of roadway.

3. Scope of Work

The City intends to engage the services of a qualified firm to gather current pavement condition data using PavePRO protocols and update the pavement management database. The scope shall include but is not limited to:

1. Field Survey/Data Collection – The City will provide the selected vendor with its PavePRO database which includes all of the streets to be evaluated and the segmentation of each street. The new data shall be collected by block in a manner consistent with the original field survey in order to maintain the integrity of the database. The survey should include a measurement of the International Roughness Index, transverse profile, all modes of cracking, and assessment of other distresses and environmental factors.
2. GIS linkage- All test data shall be linked to the City's Geographic Information System to allow for mapping based on PCI score or other data in the pavement management system.
3. Data Upload- All field data shall be processed and configured for loading to the current version of PavePRO Manager Software. The selected firm will load the updated field data, transfer existing historical data and ensure that the data continues to provide the software with all elements necessary for inventory, condition, maintenance and rehabilitation strategies, budgeting and multi-year plans.

3.1 Deliverables

The following deliverables shall be provided:

1. All survey data uploaded into PavePRO Manager including any “clean up” of the existing database to correct known errors or discrepancies.
2. Written report to include:
 - a. Project summary
 - b. Discussion of network conditions and findings
 - c. Updated rehabilitation unit rates
 - d. Analysis of the City’s current pavement management process
 - e. Network recommendations and comments
 - f. Street inventory and condition summary

PART FOUR – Proposal Format

4.1 PROPOSAL FORMAT AND CONTENT:

One signed original, and two (2) copies of the technical proposal should be submitted in a sealed envelope. To aid in thorough and consistent review, the proposal shall be organized and labeled or numbered to correspond to the sections and information listed below.

The Proposal must give a detailed report of related experiences that demonstrate the ability of the proposer to perform requested services as outlined in this RFQ. The Proposal shall include sufficient information to indicate the abilities, qualifications, and experience of all persons who would be assigned to provide the required services.

Description of required Sections and Information:

- 4.1.1 Introduction: Provide general company information including the location of the office that will manage and produce the project. (1 page limit)
- 4.1.2 Staff Qualifications: Provide an organizational chart that illustrates how the project team will be organized and managed. Provide resumes of the key team members with detailed relevant project experience; Limit individual resumes to one page. (10 page limit)
- 4.1.3 Company Qualifications: List five (5) representative projects of comparable size and complexity. Provide client name, address, contact person, telephone number, and key team member's name and responsibility. (5 page limit)
- 4.1.4 Project Approach: Provide a brief narrative on the approach proposed to complete this work and include your quality control plan. (5 page limit)
- 4.1.5 Schedule: Time is of the essence. Provide a schedule related to the project approach that details project tasks, milestone dates, review dates, and project design completion. The schedule will be incorporated into the agreement and failure to meet deadlines may constitute Contract non-compliance. (2 page limit)
- 4.1.6 Proposal Forms:

PART FIVE - EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS

- 5.1 The City's staff will review all Proposals submitted. After reviewing the Proposals, staff may, at its discretion, invite to interview (at Proposer's expense at the City's site) one or more of the Proposers whose Proposals appear to best meet the City's requirements. The purpose of such an interview would be for all proposers to elaborate upon their Proposal before a recommendation for ranking of the Proposals is made. Interview responses along with the written Proposal and samples (if any), will become part of Proposer's submission to be evaluated pursuant to the evaluation criteria. The City reserves the right to short-list Proposers for further consideration.
- 5.2 The City, in its discretion, may award the Contract to the responsible and responsive proposer submitting the Proposal which is deemed to be the most advantageous to the City, price and other factors being considered. The following are the evaluation criteria the City will consider in determining which Proposal is most advantageous to the City:

- 5.2.1 Proposed Management Plan and Approach of Work – 0 to 50 points
The Proposal shall outline the plan that the firm will use to provide the most effective delivery of the requested services put forth by the City.
- 5.2.2 Firm Qualifications - 0 to 20 points
- 5.2.3 Interview, if necessary - 0 to 20 points
- 5.2.3 Pricing - Once firms are evaluated on their qualifications they will be ranked. The City will then negotiate a fee with the highest ranked firm. If no agreement can be made then the City will begin negotiations with the 2nd highest ranked firm. Negotiations will proceed in this manner until an agreement is reached.

PROPOSAL FORM

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The undersigned, as Proposer, hereby declares that this Proposal is in all respects fair and submitted in good faith without collusion or fraud. Proposer represents and warrants to the City that: (i) except as may be disclosed in writing to the City with its Proposal, no officer, employee or agent of the City has any interest, either directly or indirectly, in the business of the Proposer, and that no such person shall have any such interest at any time during the term of the Contract should it be awarded the Contract; and (ii) no gift, gratuity, promise, favor or anything else of value has been given or will be given to any employee or official of the City in connection with the submission of this Proposal or the City's evaluation or consideration thereof.

The Proposer further represents that it has examined or investigated the site conditions if necessary, and informed itself fully in regard to all conditions pertaining to the place where the work is to be done; that it has examined the Contract Documents (available at http://www.dunwoodyga.gov/Departments/Finance_Administration/Purchasing.aspx) and has read all Addendum(s) furnished by the City prior to the opening of the Proposals, as acknowledged below, and that it has otherwise fully informed itself regarding the nature, extent, scope and details of the services to be furnished under the Contract.

The Proposer agrees, if this Proposal is accepted, to enter into the written Contract with the City in the form of Contract attached (properly completed in accordance with said Proposal Documents), and the Contract Documents for RFQ 13-01 Citywide Pavement Conditions Assessment Services at the City of Dunwoody, and to furnish the prescribed evidence of a valid business license, insurance, and all other documents required by these Contract Documents. The Proposer further agrees to commence work and to perform the work specified herein within the time limits set forth in the Contract Documents, which time limits Proposer acknowledges are reasonable.

The undersigned further agrees that, in the case of failure or refusal on its part to execute the said contract, provide evidence of specified insurance, a copy of a valid business or occupational license and all other documents required by these Contract Documents within ten (10) business days after being provided with Notice of Intent to Award the contract (or such earlier time as may be stated elsewhere in these Proposal Documents), the Proposal award may be offered by the City to the next ranked Proposer, or the city may re-advertise for Proposals, and in either case the City shall have the right to recover from the Proposer the City's costs and damages including, without limitation, attorney's fees, to the same extent that the City could recover its costs and expenses from the Proposer under section 10 of the Instructions to Proposers if the Proposer withdrew or attempted to withdraw its Proposal.

The Proposer further agrees, if it fails to complete the work according to the Specification within the scheduled time or any authorized extension thereof, that damages may be deducted from the Contract price otherwise payable to the Proposer.

Acknowledgement is hereby made of the following Addendum(s) received since issuance of the Solicitation Documents (identified by number)

Addendum No. Date

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It shall be the responsibility of each Proposer to visit the City Purchasing Department's website to determine if addendum(s) were issued and, if so, to obtain such addendum(s). Failure to acknowledge an addendum above shall not relieve the Proposer from its obligation to comply with the provisions of the addendum(s) not acknowledged above.

Company Name: _____

The work will be started within 10 days of the Notice to Proceed and completed no later than December 31, 2013.

The City of Dunwoody requires pricing to remain firm for the duration of the initial term of the contract. Failure to hold firm pricing for the initial term of the contract will be sufficient cause for the City to declare bid non-responsive.

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

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

Termination for fund appropriation: The City may unilaterally terminate this Agreement due to a lack of funding at any time by written notice to the Consultant. In the event of the City's termination of this Agreement for fund appropriation, the Consultant will be paid for those services actually performed. Partially completed performance of the Agreement will be compensated based upon a signed statement of completion to be submitted by the Service Provider which shall itemize each element of performance.

The Proposer agrees to provide all work described in this document.

Legal Business Name _____

Federal Tax ID _____

Address _____

Does your company currently have a location within the City of Dunwoody? Yes ___ No ___

Representative Signature _____

Printed Name _____

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Telephone Number _____

Fax Number _____

Email Address _____

REFERENCES

List below customers for whom you have provided similar products or services.

1. COMPANY NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____
PHONE NO.: _____
E-MAIL: _____

2. COMPANY NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____
PHONE NO.: _____
E-MAIL: _____

3. COMPANY NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____
PHONE NO.: _____
E-MAIL: _____

Company Name: _____

SAMPLE

Solicitation No. _____

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 contracting with the City of Dunwoody 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 pursuant to this contract, 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 City of Dunwoody at the time the subcontractor(s) is retained to perform such service.

E-Verify * User Identification Number

Company Name

BY: Authorized Officer or Agent Date
(Contractor Signature)

Title of Authorized Officer or Agent of Contractor

Printed Name of Authorized Officer or Agent

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN
BEFORE ME ON THIS THE

_____ DAY OF _____, 200__

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

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

SAMPLE

**Affidavit Verifying Status
for City Public Benefit Application**

By executing this affidavit under oath, as an applicant for a City of Dunwoody, Georgia Business License or Occupation Tax Certificate, Alcohol License, Taxi Permit or other public benefit as referenced in O.C.G.A. Section 50-36-1, I am stating the following with respect to my application for a City of Dunwoody, Business License or Georgia Occupational Tax Certificate, Alcohol License, Taxi Permit or other public benefit (circle one) for _____.

[Name of natural person applying on behalf of individual, business, corporation, partnership, or other private entity]

1) _____ I am a United States citizen

OR

2) _____ I am a legal permanent resident 18 years of age or older or I am an otherwise qualified alien or non-immigrant under the Federal Immigration and Nationality Act 18 years of age or older and lawfully present in the United States.*

In making the above representation under oath, I understand that any person who knowingly and willfully makes a false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation in an affidavit shall be guilty of a violation of Code Section 16-10-20 of the Official Code of Georgia.

Signature of Applicant: Date

Printed Name:

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN
BEFORE ME ON THIS THE

____ DAY OF _____, 20__

* _____
Alien Registration number for non-citizens

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

*Note: O.C.G.A. § 50-36-1(e)(2) requires that aliens under the federal Immigration and Nationality Act, Title 8 U.S.C., as amended, provide their alien registration number. Because legal permanent residents are included in the federal definition of "alien", legal permanent residents must also provide their alien registration number. Qualified aliens that do not have an alien registration number may supply another identifying number below:

CITY OF DUNWOODY

**DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION – PURCHASING DIVISION
GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR PROPOSERS**

These Instructions will apply unless a particular item is specifically addressed in the solicitation document.

1. INTENT

It is the intent of these Instructions to establish guidelines for the proper completion of the Proposal Forms. These Instructions to Proposers provide guidance and explanation for subsequent Proposal Forms and Contract Documents. Please read all Instruction paragraphs.

2. GENERAL

- 2.1 The City's goal is that all the terms and conditions stated in the Proposal Documents will constitute the terms of the final Contract between the City and the successful Proposer, without significant or material change to such terms or conditions. Exceptions to any of the terms of the agreement to which a Proposer will not or does not agree must be presented by the proposer in writing as provided in this section and directed to purchasing@dunwoodyga.gov prior to the deadline for questions regarding proposals indicated in the RFQ. Such exceptions must be specific, and the Proposer must state a reason for each exception and propose alternative language, if appropriate. The purpose of the exception process is to permit the City to correct, prior to the opening of the proposals, any technical or contractual requirement, provision, ambiguity or conflict in the solicitation and related documents, which may be unlawful, improvident, unduly restrictive of competition or otherwise inappropriate. Any corrections will be made via an addendum issued prior to the submission deadline. Unless timely submitted as an exception and amended with an addendum, any such ambiguity, conflict or problem shall be resolved in favor of the City of Dunwoody. Proposers shall not substitute entire agreements or sets of terms and conditions but discuss separately each term or condition that they take exception to or desire to change.
- 2.2 A Proposer's Proposal prices shall remain firm for 60 days from the submission deadline. Any anticipated increases in Proposer's costs during the initial term of the Contract must be reflected in its prices set forth in its Proposal. The City shall not be obligated to renegotiate or increase any price for any work during the initial term of the Contract based on a Proposer's mistake or miscalculation of prices, underestimation of costs, or for any other reason. All of the Proposer's overhead costs, including, but not limited to, costs of travel and the required bonds and insurance coverage, shall be included in such Proposer's prices listed in its Proposal.
- 2.3 The Contract, if awarded, shall not be construed to create unto the Contractor any exclusive rights with respect to any of the City's requirements. The City may in its sole discretion award any additional or similar services to any third party, or if the Contract is for the provision of services, the City may elect to perform all or a portion of the services by its own employees.
- 2.4 There shall be no reimbursables or travel expenses associated with this project regarding any category or term. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, all of the Proposer's overhead costs related to travel shall be included in such Proposer's prices in its Proposal.

3. ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

The City of Dunwoody is committed to environmental sustainability. The City believes we have a unique opportunity to further expand our leadership in the area of environmentally preferable purchasing, and through our actions, elicit changes in the marketplace. By further incorporating environmental considerations into public purchasing, the City of Dunwoody will positively impact human health and the environment, remove unnecessary hazards from its operations, reduce costs and liabilities, and improve the environmental quality of the region. As such the City encourages the incorporation of environmental sustainability into proposals.

4. EXAMINATION OF PROPOSAL/CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

All prospective Proposers shall thoroughly examine and become familiar with the Proposal package and carefully note the items which must be submitted with the Proposal. (These Instructions to Proposers, the Request for Proposal, the Proposal Forms, the Contract, the General Conditions, and the Specifications are referred to herein as the "Proposal Documents" or the "Contract Documents.") Submission of a Proposal shall constitute an acknowledgment that the Proposer has read and understands the Proposal Documents. The failure or neglect of a Proposer to receive or examine any Proposal Document shall in no way relieve it from any obligations under its Proposal or the Contract. No claim for additional compensation will be allowed which is based upon a lack of knowledge or understanding of any of the Contract Documents or the scope of work. *Examples of the City's Standard Contracts and General Conditions are available on the City website.*

5. ADDENDUM(S)-CHANGES WHILE PROPOSING

Other than during the Pre-Proposal Conference, the City shall not be required to provide to any Proposer verbal interpretations as to the meaning of any portion of the Proposal Documents. Requests for interpretation, clarification or correction of Proposal

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6. PREPARATION OF PROPOSALS

- 6.1 Proposals shall be submitted on reproduced copies of the attached Proposal Forms including any revised or additional Proposal Forms supplied by Addendum(s). If an award is made, the completed Proposal Forms shall constitute a part of the Contract Documents and will be incorporated in the final Contract between the City and the successful Proposer. All blank spaces in the Proposal Forms should be filled in legibly and correctly in ink or type.
- 6.2 All Proposals shall contain the name and business address of the individual, firm, corporation, or other business entity submitting the Proposal and shall be subscribed by either the individual, a general partner, a member of a member-managed LLC, a manager of a manager-managed LLC, or an authorized officer or agent of a Corporation or business entity. If any officer or agent other than the signatories described in the preceding sentence shall sign any Contract Document on behalf of the Proposer, the City should be furnished with satisfactory evidence of such officer's or agent's authority to bind the Proposer with respect to the contents of the subject Proposal Documents so signed by him or her.
- 6.3 If the Proposer is a partnership, joint venture, or sole proprietorship, the City, reserves the right to require the Proposer to submit to the City at any time the name and business address of each owner, principal, partner, or member of the Proposer having an ownership or management position with the Proposer.
- 6.4 If the Proposer is a corporation or other state-chartered business entity, the City reserves the right to require the Proposer to submit to the City at any time, the name and business address of each officer, director and holder of 10% or more of the stock or other ownership interests of such corporation or other business entity. If the Proposer is a foreign corporation or other state-chartered business entity and is the successful Proposer, the Proposer will be required to submit evidence prior to the execution of the Contract, if awarded, that the corporation or other state-chartered business entity is authorized to do business in the State of Georgia and the City. If the Proposer elects to use a fictitious name in its Proposal, a copy of the Proposer's fictitious name registration should be provided to City.

7. PROPOSAL GUARANTY

A Proposal Guaranty shall not be required for this Contract.

8. DELIVERY OF PROPOSALS

- 8.1 All Proposals shall be submitted in sealed envelopes bearing on the outside the name of the Proposer, address, and the RFQ #. Each Proposal shall consist of (i) an executed copy of the Proposal Form, along with all other documents or information required to be submitted pursuant to the terms of the Proposal Documents (together, the "Proposal"). The documents comprising the Proposal must be completed and signed on the forms provided herein, or on exact reproductions thereof.
- 8.2 All Proposals shall be submitted pursuant to the terms outlined in these Instructions to Proposers. Any Proposals received after the time and date specified in the solicitation document for the opening of the Proposals will not be considered, but will be returned unopened.
- 8.3 Each Proposer's response shall be at the sole cost and expense of the Proposer and such Proposer shall have no right or claim against the City for costs, damages, loss of profits, or to recover such costs, damages, or expenses in the event the City exercises its right to reject any or all Proposals or to cancel an award pursuant to a provision hereof for any reason.
- 8.4 Submission of a Proposal shall constitute authorization for the City and its representatives and agents to make such copies of the Proposal or portions thereof and to distribute such copies as may be necessary or desirable to carry out the City's objectives or requirements.

9. COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS

To ensure the proper and fair evaluation of Proposals, the City highly discourages any oral communication initiated by a Proposer or its agent to an employee of the City evaluating or considering the Proposal during the period of time following the issuance of the solicitation document, the opening of Proposals and prior to the time a decision has been made with respect to the Contract award. An appropriate Purchasing employee of the City may initiate communication with a Proposer in order to obtain information or clarification needed to develop a proper and accurate evaluation of the Proposal. Any communication initiated by Proposer during evaluation should be submitted in writing and delivered to the City of Dunwoody, Purchasing Office, 41 Perimeter Center East, Suite 250, Dunwoody, Georgia 30346, or by e-mail to purchasing@dunwoodyga.gov or facsimile to (678)533-0712. Unauthorized communication by the Proposer may disqualify the Proposer from consideration.

10. WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSALS

No Proposal may be withdrawn after it is submitted unless the Proposer makes a request in writing and such request is confirmed as received prior to the time set for opening of Proposals. No Proposal may be withdrawn after the scheduled Proposal opening time for a period of sixty (60) days. Any Proposer withdrawing or attempting to withdraw its Proposal prior to the expiration of the sixty (60) day period shall be obligated to reimburse the City for all its costs incurred in connection with such withdrawal or attempted withdrawal including, without limitation, any increased costs for procuring the goods or services from another Proposer or all costs of advertising and re-procuring the goods or services, and all attorneys' fees, in addition to payment of City's other damages. A Proposer's submission of a Proposal shall be deemed the Proposer's acknowledgment of and agreement to the provisions of this Section.

11. DISQUALIFICATION OF PROPOSERS

11.1 Any of the following causes may be considered as sufficient for the disqualification of a Proposer and the rejection of its Proposal:

- 11.1.1 Submission of more than one Proposal for the same work, or participation in more than one Proposal for the same work as a partner or principal of the Proposer, by an individual, firm, partnership or corporation, under the same or different names, or by Proposers which are affiliates, either at the time of submittal, or at the time of award. For purposes of this section, the term "affiliates" means firms, partnerships, corporations or other entities under common control;
- 11.1.2 Evidence of collusion between or among Proposers;
- 11.1.3 Evidence, in the opinion of the City, of Proposer(s) attempting to manipulate the Proposal pricing for its own benefit (e.g. pricing resulting in a failure of the City's ability to enforce the Contract or impose the remedies intended following breach by Contractor);
- 11.1.4 Being in arrears on any of its existing contracts with the City or in litigation with the City or having defaulted on a previous contract with the City;
- 11.1.5 Poor, defective or otherwise unsatisfactory performance of work for the City or any other party on prior projects which, in the City's judgment and sole discretion, raises doubts as to Proposer's ability to properly perform the work; or
- 11.1.6 Any other cause which, in the City's judgment and sole discretion, is sufficient to justify disqualification of Proposer or the rejection of its Proposal.

11.2 The City has adopted a policy which addresses, among other things, the obligations of the City's employees with respect to interest in business entities, unauthorized compensation and acceptance of gifts. Please be aware that any act by a Proposer that could cause a City employee to violate the policy is sufficient cause for the denial of the right of the Proposer to propose on any contract or sell any materials, supplies, equipment, or services to the City for a period of time that is determined by the City Manager.

12. REJECTION OF IRREGULAR PROPOSALS

A Proposal may be considered irregular and may be rejected if it is improperly executed, shows omissions, alterations of form, additions not called for, unauthorized conditions, or limitations, or unauthorized alternate Proposals, fails to include the proper Proposal Guaranty, Contract references, other certificates, affidavits, statements, or information required to be included with Proposals, including, but not limited to, the Proposer's prices, or contains other irregularities of any kind.

13. NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD CONTRACT

Unless all Proposals are rejected, a Notice of Intent to Award is anticipated to be provided within ninety (90) days from the opening of Proposals to the responsible and responsive Proposer submitting the Proposal deemed to be most advantageous to the City, price and other factors being considered. For all procurements, the City reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals and to cancel the procurement or to solicit new Proposals.

14. RESPONSIBILITY OF PROPOSERS

- 14.1 City reserves the right, to aid it in determining a Proposer's responsibility, to require a Proposer to submit such evidence of Proposer's qualifications as the City may deem necessary, and may consider any evidence available to the City of the financial, technical, and other qualifications and abilities of a Proposer, including past performance (experience) with the City and others. The City shall be the final authority in the award of any and all Proposals.
- 14.2 All Proposers shall furnish the City with the company name, address, contact person, and telephone number of at least three (3) entities (preferably a firm other than the City) for which they have supplied similar services as requested in this Proposal during the past three (3) years, unless otherwise noted in the Proposal Document. The information should be submitted with the knowledge that the City will use the data for reference purposes. The City does check all references and requires the Proposer to notify the reference, verify contract information, and obtain permission from the reference before completing the form.
- 14.3 For a Proposer to meet the minimum responsibility criteria for this Contract, the Proposer must provide verifiable evidence, through references or otherwise, that the Proposer is an individual, a firm, a corporation, or other entity that is currently employed or otherwise engaged in providing similar services and, taking into account the activities of a related predecessor, affiliate, or principal of Proposer, has been actively engaged in such activity for at least three (3) years immediately preceding the date of the Proposer's response to this request.

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- 15. AFFIDAVIT AND AGREEMENT FOR PHYSICAL PERFORMANCE OF SERVICES AS DEFINED BY O.C.G.A. 13-10-90**
- 15.1 When applicable, awarded vendor will be required to submit a City supplied Affidavit and Agreement (sample on City website) in accordance with O.C.G.A. 13-10-90 as part of the contract execution process.
- 16. AFFIDAVIT VERIFYING STATUS FOR CITY PUBLIC BENEFIT APPLICATION**
- 16.1 Awarded vendor will be required to submit an Affidavit Verifying Status for City Public Benefit Application (sample on City website) in accordance with O.C.G.A. 50-36-1 as part of the contract execution process.
- 17. EXECUTION OF CONTRACT**
- 17.1 The Proposer to whom the Notice of Intent to Award is given shall, within ten (10) business days of the date of the Notice of Intent to Award, execute and/or deliver the following to the City: the Contract, a copy of the Proposer's valid business or occupational license, and all other documents and information required by the Contract Documents. All of the above documents and information must be furnished and the Contract Documents executed by Proposer, and delivered to the City, before the Contract will be executed by the City.
- 17.2 A Proposer's failure to timely fulfill its obligations under this section shall be just cause for withdrawal of such Notice of Intent to Award. In such case, a Notice of Intent to Award may then be issued to the next ranked Proposer or all Proposals may be rejected and the Contract re-advertised. In such event, the City shall be entitled to receive its damages and costs, including, but not limited to, its attorneys' fees caused by or in connection with a Proposer's failure to fulfill its obligations under this paragraph. A Proposer's liability for failing to timely fulfill the obligations stated in this paragraph shall be the same as for withdrawing its Proposal (see Section 10).
- 17.3 The Contract shall not be binding upon the City until it has been executed by the City and a copy of such fully executed Contract is delivered to the Contractor. The City reserves the right to cancel the award without liability to any Proposer at any time before the Contract has been fully executed by the City and delivered to the Contractor. Accordingly, the Contractor is hereby warned that it should not commence performance or incur costs or expenses in connection with the Contract obligations until it has been delivered a final, fully executed copy of the Contract.
- 18. GEORGIA SALES TAX**
- The City is a governmental agency and a political subdivision under Georgia law. Purchases by the City under this Contract are exempt from sales tax: A City tax exempt number is not required for a municipality. No purchase made by any entity is qualified to be exempt other than those made directly by the City. The City's sales tax exemption does not apply to goods or services purchased or consumed by a Contractor for which the Contractor is deemed to be the ultimate consumer in connection with the fulfillment of its Contract obligations, and the City shall have no liability for such taxes.
- 19. SUBCONTRACTS**
- 19.1 The Contractor's right to subcontract shall be governed by the provisions of Section 17 of the General Conditions.
- 19.2 Nothing contained in these Contract Documents shall be construed as creating any contractual relationship between any subcontractor and the City.
- 19.3 The Contractor shall be fully responsible to the City for the acts and omissions of a subcontractor and of persons employed by said subcontractor to the same extent that the Contractor is liable to the City for acts and omissions of persons directly employed by it.
- 20. FAMILIARITY WITH LAWS**
- All Proposers and the Contractor are presumed to be familiar with and shall observe all Federal, State and local laws, ordinances, codes, rules and regulations, including, without limitation, the City's rules and regulations, that may in any way affect work herein specified. Ignorance on the part of the Contractor shall in no way relieve Contractor from any such responsibility or liability. Contractor's compliance with requirements of O.C.G.A. 13-10-91 and Rule 300-10-1-.02, if applicable, will be attested.
- 21. SECURITY**
- The successful Proposer will be required to comply with all applicable standards of the City relating to security which may be in effect or changed from time to time.
- 22. MINORITY AND WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE ("MWBE") PARTICIPATION**
- An MWBE participation goal has not been established for this Contract. Such participation is encouraged, but will not be considered during the evaluation process for award of this Contract.
- 23. LOCAL DEVELOPING BUSINESS ("LDB") PARTICIPATION**
- An LDB participation goal has not been established for this Contract. Such participation is encouraged, but will not be considered during the evaluation process for award of this Contract.

24. INSURANCE

The Proposer to whom the Notice of Intent to Award is given shall provide a signed Certificate of Insurance. The Certificate of Insurance shall evidence the insurance coverage required by the City pursuant to Section 14.7 of the General Conditions and shall be filed with the City within ten (10) business days of the date of the Notice of Intent to Award. The Certificate of Insurance must contain a provision that the coverage provided under the policies will not be cancelled or modified or the limits thereunder decreased unless at least thirty (30) days prior written notice has been given to the City.

25. PROPOSAL ERRORS

In the case of a Proposer's error in the extension or addition of Proposal prices, the unit prices will govern. Proposals having erasures or corrections should be initialed in ink.

26. COMPLIANCE WITH OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT

The Proposer certifies that all materials, equipment, chemicals, etc. contained in its Proposal or otherwise to be provided or used by the Proposer in its performance of the Contract work, and including any replacements or substitutions therefore, shall meet all EPA and OSHA requirements.

27. PERFORMANCE STANDARD

The standards by which the Contractor's performance will be evaluated are set forth in the General Conditions and Specifications. The successful Proposer's failure to meet these standards, after receipt of written notice to correct such deficiencies, may in addition to the City's other remedies, in the City's sole discretion, result in a termination of the Contract for cause pursuant to the termination provisions of the General Conditions.

28. NO PROPOSALS

In the event a potential Proposer elects not to submit a Proposal, such potential Proposer is nonetheless requested to respond by advising the City of the reason for not submitting a Proposal.

29. PUBLIC RECORDS/PUBLIC MEETINGS

Bidders hereby acknowledge that meetings of the City's Council are duly noticed public meetings and all documents submitted to the City as a part of or in connection with a Proposal shall constitute public records under Georgia law regardless of any person's claim that proprietary or trade secret information is contained therein. By submission to the City, Bidders waive any declaration that any portion of its response to be proprietary information. Proposals and all related correspondence are governed by the Georgia Open Records Act and will be provided to anyone properly requesting same, after contract award. The City cannot protect proprietary data submitted in vendor proposals unless provided for under the open records law and clearly marked as proprietary by the bidder. In the event, the Bidder deems certain information to be exempt from the disclosure requirements, the proposal must specify what content is considered exempt and cite the applicable provision of the law to support that assessment. In the event such information is requested under the open records law, the Bidder's assessment will be examined by the City Attorney who will make a determination. The decision to withhold or release the information will be at the City's sole discretion.

***** END OF INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS *****