INVITATION TO SUBMIT

PROPOSAL

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS - RFP NO. 16-0083-4

ENGINEERING DESIGN AND PERMITTING FOR A NEW INERT LANDFILL ON BUSH ROAD, CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA

PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE: 2:00 P.M., SEPTEMBER 27, 2016

PROPOSALS RECEIVED BY: 2:00 P.M., OCTOBER 11, 2016

THE COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA

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CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA

CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA DOCUMENT CHECK LIST

The following documents, when marked, are contained in and made a part of this Package or are required to be submitted with the qualification proposal. It is the responsibility of the Proposer to read, complete and sign, where indicated, and return these documents with his/her qualification proposal. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY BE CAUSE FOR DISQUALIFICATION.

X GENERAL INFORMATION

<u>X</u> PROPOSAL

 \underline{X} SCOPE OF SERVICES

X ATTACHMENTS (A THRU H)

The undersigned bidder certifies that he/she has received the above listed and marked documents and acknowledges that his/her failure to return each, completed and signed as required, may be cause for disqualifying his/her bid.

BY:

SIGNATURE DATE

TITLE

COMPANY

The Chatham County of Commissioners have established goals to increase participation of minority and woman owned businesses. In order to accurately document participation, businesses submitting bids or proposals are encouraged to report ownership status. A minority or woman owned business is defined as a business with at least 51% ownership by one or more minority/female individuals and whose daily business

operations are managed and directed by one (1) or more of the minority/female owners. Please check ownership status as applicable:

African-American_____ Asian American_____ Hispanic_____

Native American or Alaskan Indian_____ Woman_____

In the award of "Competitive Sealed Proposals", minority/female participation may be one of several evaluation criteria used in the award process when specified as such in the Request for Proposal.

BUSINESS TAX CERTIFICATE / LICENSE NUMBER

CITY/COUNTY/STATE

CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA OFFICE OF THE PURCHASING DIRECTOR 1117 EISENHOWER DRIVE, SUITE C SAVANNAH, GEORGIA 31406 (912) 790-1622

DATE: September 7, 2016

<u>RFP NO.: 16-0083-4</u>

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

This is an invitation to submit a proposal to supply Chatham County with services as indicated herein. Sealed proposals will be received at the Office of the Purchasing Agent, 1117 **EISENHOWER DRIVE, SUITE C, SAVANNAH, GEORGIA** up to <u>2:00 P.M.,</u> <u>OCTOBER, 11, 2016</u>. Responses must either be mailed or delivered to the Purchasing Office. The Purchasing Agent reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive formalities.

Instructions for preparation and submission of a qualification proposal are contained in the Request for Proposal package. Please note that specific forms for submission of a proposal are required. Proposals must be typed or printed in ink. If you do not submit a qualification proposal, return the signed invitation sheet and state the reason; otherwise, your name may be removed from our list.

A pre-proposal conference has been scheduled for <u>2:00 P.M., SEPTEMBER 27, 2016</u> and will be held at the Chatham County Purchasing & Contract Department at 1117 Eisenhower Drive, Suite C, Savannah, Georgia. Your attendance is welcome and recommended.

Any changes to the conditions and specifications must be in the form of a written addendum to be valid; therefore, the Purchasing Agent will issue a written addendum to document approved changes. Generally when addenda are required, the bid opening date will be changed.

Chatham County has an equal opportunity procurement policy. Chatham County seeks to ensure that all segments of the business community have access to providing services needed by County programs. The County affirmatively works to encourage utilization of disadvantaged and minority business enterprises in our procurement activities. The County provides equal opportunity for all businesses and does not discriminate against any persons or businesses regardless of race, color, religion, age, sex, national origin or handicap. The County expects its contractors to make maximum feasible use of minority businesses and qualified minority employees. The terms "disadvantaged business", "minority business enterprise", and "minority person" are more specifically defined and explained in the <u>Chatham County Purchasing</u> Ordinance and Procedures Manual, Article VII - Disadvantaged Business Enterprises Program.

SECTION I INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS

1.1 Purpose: The purpose of this document is to provide general and specific information for use in submitting a qualification proposal to supply Chatham County with services as described herein. All proposals are governed by the <u>Code of Chatham County</u>, Chapter 4, Article IV, and the laws of the State of Georgia.

1.2 How to Prepare Qualification Proposals: All proposals shall be:

- A. Typewritten or completed with pen and ink, signed by the business owner or authorized representative, with all erasures or corrections initialed and dated by the official signing the proposal. ALL SIGNATURE SPACES MUST BE SIGNED.
- Proposers are encouraged to review carefully all provisions and attachments of this document prior to submission. Each proposal constitutes an offer and may not be withdrawn except as provided herein.

1.3 How to Submit Qualification Proposals: All proposals shall be:

- A. Submitted in sealed opaque envelopes, plainly marked with the proposal number and title, date and time for submission, and company name.
- **B.** Mailed or delivered as follows in sufficient time to ensure receipt by the Purchasing Agent on or before the time and date specified above.
 - a. Mailing Address: Purchasing Director, 1117 Eisenhower Drive, Suite C, Savannah, Georgia 314066.
 - b. Hand Delivery: Purchasing Director, 1117 Eisenhower Drive, Suite C, Savannah, Georgia.

<u>QUALIFICATION PROPOSALS NOT RECEIVED BY THE TIME AND DATE</u> <u>SPECIFIED WILL NOT BE OPENED OR CONSIDERED</u>. However, if a well justified request to delay receipt of proposals is received at least one work day before proposal due date, it will be considered.

1.4 How to Submit an Objection: Objections from Offerers to this Request for Proposals and/or these specifications should be brought to the attention of the County Purchasing

Agent in the following manner:

- A. When a pre-proposal conference is scheduled, the proposer may object in writing any time prior to or at the pre-proposal conference.
- B. When a pre-proposal conference is not scheduled, the Proposer shall object in writing not less than five (5) days prior to the Date for submission.
- C. The objections contemplated must pertain both to form and substance of the Request for Proposal documents. Failure to object in accordance with the above procedure will constitute a waiver on the part of the business to protest this Request for Proposal.
- **1.5 Failure to Offer:** If a Proposal is not submitted, the business should return this Request for Proposal, stating reason therefore, and indicate whether the business should be retained or removed from the County's bidders list.
- **1.6** <u>Errors in Proposals</u>: Proposers or their authorized representatives are expected to fully inform themselves as to the conditions, requirements, and specifications before submitting proposals. Failure to do so will be at the Proposer's own risk.
- **1.7 Standards for Acceptance of Proposers for Contract Award:** The County reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals and to waive any irregularities or technicalities in Proposals received whenever such rejection or waiver is in the best interest of the County. The County reserves the right to reject the Offer of a Proposer who has previously failed to perform properly or complete on time contracts of a similar nature, whom investigation shows is not in a position to perform the contract.
- **1.8 Proposer:** Whenever the term "Proposer" is used it shall encompass the "person", "business", "firm", or other party submitting a proposal to Chatham County in such capacity before a contract has been entered into between such party and the County.
- **1.9** <u>**Compliance with Laws:**</u> The Proposer shall obtain and maintain all licenses, permits, liability insurance, workman's compensation insurance and comply with any and all other standards or regulations required by federal, state or County statute, ordinances and rules during the performance of any contract between the Proposer and the County. Any such requirement specifically set forth in any contract document between the Proposer and the County shall be supplementary to this section and not in substitution thereof.
- **1.10** <u>Contractor:</u> Contractor or subcontractor means any person, firm, or business having a contract with Chatham County. The Contractor of goods, material, equipment or services certifies that the firm will follow equal employment opportunity practices in connection with the awarded contract as more fully specified in the contract documents.

- **1.11 Local Preference:** The Contractor agrees to follow the local preference guidelines as more fully specified in the contract documents.
- **1.12** Debarred Firms and Pending Litigation: Any potential proposer/firm listed on the Federal or State of Georgia Excluded Parties Listing (Barred from doing business) will not be considered for contract award. Proposers shall disclose any record of pending criminal violations (Indictment) and/or convictions, pending lawsuits, etc., and any actions that may be a conflict of interest occurring within the past five (5) years. Any proposer/firm previously defaulting or terminating a contract with the County will not be considered.

** All bidders or proposers are to read and complete the Disclosure of Responsibility Statement enclosed as an Attachment to be returned with response. Failure to do so may result in your solicitation response being rejected as non-responsive.

Bidder acknowledges that in performing contract work for the Board, bidder shall not utilize any firms that have been a party to any of the above actions. If bidder has engaged any firm to work on this contract or project that is later debarred, Bidder shall sever its relationship with that firm with respect to Board contract.

1.13 <u>**Performance Evaluation:**</u> On April 11, 2008, the Chatham County Board of Commissioners approved a change to the County Purchasing Ordinance requiring Contractor/Consultant Performance Evaluations, as a minimum, annually, prior to contract anniversary date.

Should Contractor/Consultant performance be unsatisfactory, the appointed County Project Manager for the contract may prepare a Contractor/Consultant Complaint Form or a Performance Evaluation to the County Purchasing Agent.

SECTION II

PROPOSAL CONDITIONS

- **2.1** <u>Specifications:</u> Any obvious error or omission in specifications shall not inure to the benefit of the bidder but shall put the Proposer on notice to inquire of or identify the same to the County.
- 2.2 <u>Multiple Proposals</u>: No Proposer will be allowed to submit more than one offer. Any alternate proposals must be brought to the Purchasing Agent's attention during the Preproposal Conference or submitted in writing at least five (5) days preceding the date for submission of proposals.
- **2.3** <u>Offers to be Firm</u>: The Proposer warrants that terms and conditions quoted in his offer will be firm for acceptance for a period of sixty (60) days from bid date submitted, unless otherwise stated in the proposal. When requested to provide a fee proposal, fees quoted must also be firm for a sixty day period.
- **2.4** <u>**Completeness:**</u> All information required by the Request for Proposals must be completed and submitted to constitute a proper proposal.
- 2.5 <u>Liability Provisions:</u> Where Proposers are required to enter or go into Chatham County property to take measurements or gather other information in order to prepare the proposal as requested by the County, the Proposer shall be liable for any injury, damage or loss occasioned by negligence of the Proposer, his agent, or any person the Proposer has designated to prepare the Offer and shall indemnify and hold harmless Chatham County from any liability arising therefrom. The contract document specifies the liability provisions required of the successful Proposer in order to be awarded a contract with Chatham County.
- **2.6** <u>Certification of Independent Price Determination</u>: By submission of this Offer, the Proposer certifies, and in the case of a joint offer each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, that in connection with this procurement:
 - (1) The prices in this offer have been arrived at independently, without consultation, communication, or agreement, for the purpose of restricting competition, as to any matter relating to such prices with any other competitor;
 - (2) Unless otherwise required by law, the prices which have been quoted in this offer have not been knowingly disclosed by the Proposer and will not knowingly be

disclosed by the Proposer prior to opening, directly or indirectly to any other competitor; and

- (3) No attempt has been made or will be made by the Proposer to induce any other person or firm to submit or not submit an offer for the purpose of restricting competition.
- 2.7 <u>Award of Contract</u>: The contract, if awarded, will be awarded to that responsible Proposer whose proposal will be most advantageous to Chatham County. The Board of Commissioners will make the determination as to which proposal best serves the interest of Chatham County.
- 2.8 <u>Procurement Protests</u>: Objections and protests to any portion of the procurement process or actions of the County staff may be filed with the <u>Purchasing Agent</u> for review and resolution. The <u>Chatham County Purchasing Procedures Manual</u>, Article IX Appeals and Remedies shall govern the review and resolution of all protests.
- **2.9 Qualification of Business (Responsible Proposer):** A responsible Proposer is defined as one who meets, or by the date of the acceptance can meet, all requirements for licensing, insurance, and service contained within this Request for Proposals. Chatham County has the right to require any or all Proposers to submit documentation of the ability to perform the service requested.

Chatham County has the right to disqualify the proposal of any Proposer as being unresponsive or unresponsible whenever such Proposer cannot document the ability to deliver the requested service.

2.10 <u>County Tax Certificate Requirement:</u> Contractor must supply a copy of their Tax Certificate as proof of payment of the occupational tax where their office is located. Please contact the County Building Safety and Regulatory Services (912) 201-4300 for additional information.

No contract shall be awarded unless all real and personal property taxes have been paid by the successful contractor and/or subcontractors as adopted by the Board of Commissioners on April 8, 1994.

2.11 <u>Insurance Provisions, General:</u> The selected CONTRACTOR shall be required to procure and maintain for the duration of the contract insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder by the Contractor, his agents, representatives, employees or subcontractors. The cost of such insurance shall be included in the Bid. It is every contractor's responsibility to provide the County Purchasing and Contracting

Division current and up-to-date Certificates of Insurance for multiple year contracts before the end of each term. Failure to do so may be cause for termination of contract.

2.11.1 General Information that shall appear on a Certificate of Insurance:

I. Name of the Producer (Contractor's insurance Broker/Agent).

II. Companies affording coverage (there may be several).

III. Name and Address of the Insured (this should be the Company or Parent of the firm Chatham County is contracting with).

IV. Summary of all current insurance for the insured (includes effective dates of coverage).

V. A brief description of the operations to be performed, the specific job to be performed, or contract number.

VI. Certificate Holder (This is to always include Chatham County).

Chatham County as an "Additional Insured": Chatham County invokes the defense of "sovereign immunity." In order not to jeopardize the use of this defense, the County <u>is not</u> to be included as an "Additional Insured" on insurance contracts.

2.11.2 Minimum Limits of Insurance to be maintained for the duration of the contract:

- A. Commercial General Liability: Provides protection against bodily injury and property damage claims arising from operations of a Contractor or Tenant. This policy cl coverage includes: premises and operations, use of independent contractors, products/completed operations, personal injury, contractual, broad form property damage, and underground, explosion and collapse hazards. Minimum limits: \$1,000,000 bodily injury and property damage per occurrence and annual aggregate.
- B. Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability: Provides statutory protection against bodily injury, sickness or disease sustained by employees of the Contractor while performing within the scope of their duties. Employer's Liability coverage is usually included in Worker's Compensation policies, and insures common law claims of injured employees made in lieu of or in addition to a Worker's Compensation claim. Minimum limits: \$500,000 for each accident., disease policy limit, disease each employee and Statutory Worker's Compensation limit.
- C. **Business Automobile Liability:** Coverage insures against liability claims arising out of the Contractor's use of automobiles. Minimum limit: \$1,000,000 combined single limit per accident for bodily injury and property damage.

Coverage should be written on an "Any Auto" basis.

2.11.3 Special Requirements:

- A. **Claims-Made Coverage:** The limits of liability shall remain the same as the occurrence basis, however, the Retroactive date shall be prior to the coincident with the date of any contract, and the Certificate of Insurance shall state the coverage is claims-made. The Retroactive date shall also be specifically stated on the Certificate of Insurance.
- B. **Extended Reporting Periods**: The Contractor shall provide the County with a notice of the election to initiate any Supplemental Extended Reporting Period and the reason(s) for invoking this option.
- C. **Reporting Provisions:** Any failure to comply with reporting provisions of the policies shall not affect coverage provided in relation to this request.
- D. **Cancellation:** Each insurance policy that applies to this request shall be endorsed to state that it shall not be suspended, voided, or canceled, except after thirty (30) days prior to written notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, has been given to the County.
- E. **Proof of Insurance:** Chatham County shall be furnished with certificates of insurance and with original endorsements affecting coverage required by this request. The certificates and endorsements are to be signed by a person authorized by the insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. All certificates of insurance are to be submitted prior to, and approved by, the County before services are rendered. The Contractor mus ensure Certificate of Insurance are updated for the entire term of the County.
- F. **Insurer Acceptability:** Insurance is to be placed with an insurer having an A.M. Best's rating of A and a five (5) year average financial rating of not less than V. If an insurer does not qualify for averaging on a five year basis, the current total Best's rating will be used to evaluate insurer acceptability.
- G. Lapse in Coverage: A lapse in coverage shall constitute grounds for contract termination by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners.
- H. **Deductibles and Self-Insured Retention**: Any deductibles or self-insured retention must be declared to, and approved by, the County. At the option of the County, either: the insurer shall reduce or eliminate such

deductibles or self-insured retention as related to the County, its officials, officers, employees, and volunteers; or the Contractor shall procure a bond guaranteeing payment of related suits, losses, claims, and related investigation, claim administration and defense expenses.

2.11.4 Additional Coverage for Specific Procurement Projects:

Professional Liability: Insure errors or omission on behalf of architects, engineers, attorneys, medical professionals, and consultants.

<u>Minimum</u> <u>Limits:</u>	\$1 million per claim/occurrence.
<u>Coverage</u> <u>Requirement:</u>	If "claims-made," retroactive date must
	precede or coincide with the contract
	effective date or the date of the Notice to
	Proceed. The professional must state if
	"tail" coverage has been purchased and the
	duration of the coverage.

Indemnification. The CONSULTANT agrees to protect, defend, indemnify, and hold 2.12 harmless Chatham County, Georgia, its commissioners, officers, agents, and employees from and against any and all liability, damages, claims, suits, liens, and judgments, of whatever nature, including claims for contribution and/or indemnification, for injuries to or death of any person or persons, or damage to the property or other rights of any person or persons caused by the CONSULTANT or its subconsultants. The CONSULTANT's obligation to protect, defend, indemnify, and hold harmless, as set forth herein above shall include, but not be 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 product or service, or other business tort of any type whatsoever, or any actual or alleged violation of trade regulations. CONSULTANT further agrees to investigate, handle, respond to, provide defense for, and to protect, defend, indemnify, and hold harmless Chatham County, Georgia, at his sole expense, and agrees to bear all other costs and expenses related thereto, even if such claims, suits, etc., are groundless, false, or fraudulent, including any and all claims or liability for compensation under the Worker's Compensation Act arising out of injuries sustained by any employee of the CONSULTANT or his subcontractors or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them.

The CONSULTANT's obligation to indemnify Chatham County under this Section shall not be limited in any way by the agreed-upon contract price, or to the scope and amount of coverage provided by any insurance maintained by the CONSULTANT.

2.13 <u>Compliance with Specification - Terms and Conditions</u>: The Request for Proposals, Legal Advertisement, General Conditions and Instructions to Proposers, Specifications,

Special Conditions, Proposers Offer, Addendum, and/or any other pertinent documents form a part of the Offeror's proposal and by reference are made a part hereof.

- 2.14 <u>Signed Response Considered An Offer:</u> The signed Response shall be considered an offer on the part of the Proposer, which offer shall be deemed accepted upon approval by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, Purchasing Agent or his designee. In case of a default on the part of the Proponent after such acceptance, Chatham County may take such action as it deems appropriate, including legal action for damages or lack of required performance.
- 2.15 <u>Notice to Proceed</u>: The successful proposer shall not commence work under this Request for Proposal until a written contract is awarded and a Notice to Proceed is issued by the Purchasing Agent or his designee. If the successful Proposer does commence any work or deliver items prior to receiving official notification, he does so at his own risk.
- **2.16** <u>**Payment to Contractors:**</u> Instructions for invoicing the County for service delivered to the County are specified in the contract document.
 - A. Questions regarding payment may be directed to the Finance Department at (912) 652-7905 or the County's Project Manager as specified in the contract documents.
 - B. Contractors will be paid the agreed upon compensation upon satisfactory progress or completion of the work as more fully described in the contract document.
 - C. Upon completion of the work, the Contractor will provide the County or contractor with an affidavit certifying all suppliers, persons or businesses employed by the Contractor for the work performed for the County have been paid in full.
 - D. Chatham County is a tax exempt entity. Every contractor, vendor, business or person under contract with Chatham County is required by Georgia law to pay State sales or use taxes for products purchased in Georgia or transported into Georgia and sold to Chatham County by contract. Please consult the State of Georgia, Department of Revenue, Sales and Use Tax Unit in Atlanta (404) 656-4065 for additional information.

The undersigned proposer certifies that he/she has carefully read the preceding list of instructions and all other data applicable hereto and made a part of this invitation; and, further certifies that the prices shown in his/her proposal are in accordance with all documents contained in this Request for Proposals package, and that any exception taken thereto may disqualify his/her proposal.

This is to certify that I, the undersigned Proposer, have read the instructions to Proposer and agree to be bound by the provisions of the same.

This______, 20_____, 20_____,

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SIGNATURE

DATE

COMPANY

TITLE

TELEPHONE NUMBER

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

GENERAL CONDITIONS SECTION III

DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES: Chatham County is requesting qualification proposals from qualified firms to perform **Engineering Design and Permitting for a New Inert Landfill on Bush Road , Chatham County, Georgia** which is located on Bush Road in western Chatham County. The County presents this request for proposals to describe its needs and those criteria which will be used to determine selection of services.

3.1 <u>METHODOLOGY.</u> The procurement described herein is being conducted as a Request for Qualifications through <u>professional services selection</u>, a method of selecting professional services as provided in <u>The Chatham County Purchasing Ordinance and Procedures Manual</u>. This will be a three-step selection process, a summary of which follows:

STEP 1/ ACCEPTANCE AND EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS: All technical requirements, unless otherwise specified, must be met by the proponent. The goal of Step 1 will be to accept, evaluate and score qualification proposals that meet technical requirements and develop a "short list" (finalists) usually of no more than three firms that represent the <u>best</u> of all proposals.

-In the interest of a fair, objective and competitive process, Chatham County intends to accept all qualified proposals and give them complete and impartial consideration.

-Any proposal which does not meet all technical requirements may be disqualified as being non-responsive.

- Proposals which are deemed to be incomplete as to substance and content may be returned without consideration. Proponents whose proposals are not accepted will be promptly notified that they are not being further considered and why.

-Recommending proponents that best qualify for the short list will be done through a committee evaluation process based on established technical criteria as described herein. Final decision on the staff's recommendation is made by the Board of Commissioners.

Do not submit a Fee Proposal.

<u>STEP 2/INTERVIEWS</u>: The evaluation committee **<u>may</u>** interview each finalist firm. **If** interviews are conducted, they will be scored. It will be at the discretion of the evaluation committee on the number of firms that will be interviewed . **NOTE:** Do **<u>not</u>** submit a fee proposal.

STEP 3/NEGOTIATION OF FEE/SCHEDULE: The highest rated firm will be notified and brought in to negotiate fee and schedule with the County. Prior to negotiation, the highest ranked firm will be presented, with any updates to, a "Scope of Work" to base its fee upon. If a negotiated fee cannot be reached with the highest ranked firm, the County will then enter negotiations with the 2nd ranked firm.

- 3.2 <u>PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE.</u> A pre-qualification conference will be held at <u>2;00 P.M. on SEPTEMBER 27, 2016</u>, at the Chatham County Purchasing & Contract Department at 1117 Eisenhower Drive, Suite C, Savannah, Georgia. Representatives from Chatham County will be in attendance. Attendance assures that all competitors hear the same information, can ask questions and suggest constructive changes to the solicitation.
- **3.3 PROPOSAL DEADLINE.** The response to this request for proposal must be received by the Purchasing Division no later than **2:00 P.M., OCTOBER 11, 2016.** Any qualification proposal received after the time stipulated will be rejected and returned unopened to the proponent.

For good and sufficient reason, up to 24 hours before the advertised deadline, the County may extend the response schedule. Should such action occur, all proponents who attended the pre-qualification conference will receive an addendum setting forth the new date and time. This will be provided initially by oral message or fax and followed by written verification.

It is emphasized that late proposals will be rejected. Hence, all firms are warned that if they find they cannot meet the established due date that it is incumbent upon them to justify and submit a request for slippage of due date **at least 24 hours prior to due date for proposals.**

3.4 WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSAL. Any proposal submitted before the deadline may be withdrawn by written request received by the County before the time fixed for receipt of qualification proposals. Withdrawal of any proposal will not prejudice the right of a proponent to submit a new or amended proposal as long as Chatham County receives it by the deadline as provided herein.

3.5 <u>CONFIDENTIALITY OF DOCUMENTS.</u> Upon receipt of a proposal by the County,

the proposal shall become the property of the County without compensation to the proponent, for disposition or usage by the County at its discretion (except for as provided by Georgia law for proprietary information). The details of the qualification proposal documents will remain confidential until final award or rejection of proposals and/or protected under the restraints of law.

3.6 FORMAT OF RESPONSES. To be considered, proponents must submit a complete response to the request for proposals. The format for responses is presented in Section 2. All responses must be presented in this format, which will not be negotiable.

<u>The response to the RFP must be submitted in 1 original with 4 copies and</u> one electronic version of your RFP on thumb drive or CD to:

Mr. Robert Marshall Senior Procurement Specialist 1117 Eisenhower Drive, Suite C Savannah, Georgia 31406 (912) 790-1622 Fax (912) 790-1627 email: rmarshall@chathamcounty.org

All questions relating to the proposal prior to and after the Pre-Proposal Conference shall be directed to Mr. Marshall either by e-mail or fax. Deadline for questions will be one week prior to proposal due date.

- **3.7 REJECTING QUALIFICATION PROPOSALS.** The County reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and will not be bound to accept any proposal should Chatham County consider that the proposal would be contrary to the best interest of Chatham County or this project.
- **3.8** <u>**COSTS TO PREPARE RESPONSES.**</u> The County assumes no responsibility nor obligation to the respondents and will make no payment for any costs associated with the preparation or submission of the proposal.
- **3.9 EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY.** During the performance of this Contract, the CONTRACTOR agrees as follows:

The CONTRACTOR will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, sex, age, national origin, place of birth, physical handicap, or marital status.

SECTION IV

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

4.1 Factors such as proponent's relevant experience, reputation, past performance on similar projects, excellence of the team and project manager to be assigned to the project, technical competence, ability to meet program goals, completion within a reasonable time will be considered in the shortlist and contract award recommendations made to the Board for their decision. Commitment in the level of involvement of MBE firms, consultants and employees will also be considered in evaluating proposals.

Firms will be evaluated initially on the basis of the written qualification proposals. Thus, the proposal must be complete, concise and clear as to the capability and intent of the respondent. Further evaluation may include an oral presentation which will be scheduled after receipt of the written qualification proposal.

As such, to maintain competitiveness and to ease evaluation, responses to the RFP must be responsive to the following and presented in this format and order:

-Introduction/cover letter
-Experience in Similar Projects
-Qualifications/Key Personnel
-Project Understanding/Methodology
-Minority/Local Outreach
-References

FORMAT ORDER AND GRADING CRITERIA OF RESPONSES TO THE RFP

NOTE: All qualification proposals will be presented on 8 1/2" by 11" paper, either bound or in a notebook with a <u>maximum of 24 pages</u>. The information will be tabbed according to each requested section.

I. <u>INTRODUCTION/COVER LETTER</u>: You should provide no more than a 2 page letter of introduction. The letter should highlight or summarize whatever information you deem appropriate as a cover letter, as a minimum, this section should include the name, address, telephone number and FAX number of one contact to whom any correspondence should be directed.

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II. <u>EXPERIENCE</u> (35 points)

- 1. List of similar projects performed in the last five years with a brief narrative of each project, client, services provided by consultant, value of services, current status on date of completion, project management, client's project manager and phone number. Include a statement as to why it is considered a similar project.
- 2. Basis of Evaluation;
 - a. Relationship of Experience to this project as it relates to size, quality and relevance.
 - b. Experience following State regulations and requirements.
 - c. Information should be complete.
 - d. Information should be in a clear and concise manner.

III. **QUALIFICATIONS** (30 points)

- 1. List of key personnel including project manager along with resumes. Identify person who on a day-by-day basis will be responsible for the work. Identify the key personnel necessary for implementing the project. Describe how key personnel will be involved in project. Describe availability of project manager and key personnel for this project (20 points)
- 2. Basis of Evaluation
 - a. Quality and relevant experience to project and the County goals.
 - b. Does description include all categories and how personnel function within categories?
 - c. Are all potential categories included?

IV. <u>PROJECT UNDERSTANDING</u> (20 points)

- 1. List key elements of project and how each will be addressed. Show project schedule and personnel needed to implement each phase.
- 2. Basis of Evaluation
 - a. Is the project discussion and schedule reasonable?
 - b. Are personnel listed adequate to implement the schedule?
 - c. Discuss method and timing of implementing project.

- V. <u>MBE/WBE/LOCAL PARTICIPATION</u> (15 points) Proponents and Prime Consultants to make Good Faith Effort to utilize Local, M/WBE sub consultants. Proponents will be awarded up to 15 points out of 100 based on a strong representation of Local and M/WBE participation throughout its team composition. As a secondary consideration, preference in points will be awarded to firms who have demonstrated a commitment to employment of minorities or women, especially at the professional level.
- VI. <u>REFERENCES</u> References (at least three), including contact, relationship, address and phone number. Note: Chatham County reserves the right to contact any known former clients about your performance.
- **4.2 EVALUATION CRITERIA (STEP 1).** The responses will be evaluated by an evaluation committee. While each proponent's proposal will be rated on its merits, the following will be regarded as assumptions applicable to each:

--Responses will follow the format and instructions within each section or subsection

--Responses should be complete.

--Responses should be presented in a clear and concise fashion.

Difficulty in reading any proponent's proposal because of confusing information, errors or missing information considered as key to a fair evaluation can result in its consideration as not responsive. PLEASE REMEMBER: EVALUATION OF THE QUALIFICATION PROPOSALS WILL DETERMINE WHICH FIRMS ARE SELECTED FOR THE SHORTLIST!

- **EVALUATION CRITERIA (STEP 2).** Based on an evaluation of proposals under Step 1, those proponents that make the "short list" (finalists) may be interviewed. If interviews are conducted, they will be scored using the same process as the proposals. (25 points possible)
- 4.4 <u>DISCRETION.</u> The County shall have sole discretion in evaluating both the responses and qualifications of the respondents. Please note that the evaluation committee will <u>recommend</u> the firm with the highest score after all steps are complete, but it is the Board of Commissioners which, after consideration of staff's recommendations, makes the final contract award decision.
- 4.5 **ASSIGNMENT.** The contractor shall not assign or transfer any interest in the contract

without the prior written consent of the County.

- **4.6** <u>**CONTRACT**</u>. The successful respondent will be expected to execute a contract within 30 days of notice of award.
- **4.7 PERFORMANCE AND APPROVAL OF SUB-CONSULTANTS**. The proponent will perform the project as an independent contractor and not as an agent or employee of the County. Joint ventures and sub-consultant arrangements are not prohibited; however, the proponent shall secure written permission from the County before subconsulting any part of the project. Such permission should be obtained during the proposal evaluation stage.
- 4.8 CHANGES. In the event a contract is awarded, the County may, at any time during the contract period, make changes within the general scope of the contract and its technical provisions. Any changes in the project team, including consultants, will require prior approval of the County. At the least, replacements must be equal in experience and preserve commitment to local or MBE participants. If any such change causes any increase or decrease in the proponent's cost of performing any part of the contract, whether changed or not changed by any such notice, an equitable adjustment shall be made in the contract price, or in the time of performance, or in both, and a written memorandum of such adjustment shall be made. Any claim by the proponent for an equitable adjustment shall be supported by detailed cost and pricing data, which the County shall have the right to verify by audit of the proponent's records or, at the County's election, by other appropriate means. Any claim by the proponent for an equitable adjustment shall be made in writing and prior to proceeding with the additional services or capital investments. The County may accept and act upon claims made later if, in the County's sole discretion, circumstances justify so doing. Nothing in this clause shall excuse the proponent from proceeding with performance of this contract in accordance with its original terms and conditions and any approved changes.
- **4.9 <u>TERMINATION OF CONTRACT</u>. The County shall have the right to terminate any contract to be made hereunder for its convenience by giving the proponent written notice 30 days in advance of its election to do so and by specifying the effective date of such termination. The proponent shall be paid for services rendered and not in question or dispute through the effective date of such termination. Further, provided a contract is awarded, if a proponent shall fail to fulfill any of its obligations hereunder, the County may, by giving written notice to the proponent at issue, terminate the agreement with said proponent for such default. If this agreement is so terminated, the proponent shall be paid only for work satisfactorily completed.</u>**

4.10 ADEQUACY AND ACCURACY. The professional and technical adequacy and accuracy of designs, drawings, specifications, documents and other work products furnished under contract, will be conducted in a manner of the profession. Where Chatham County must have work done by change order or addition resulting from an error or omission by the Engineer/Architect, the Engineer/Architect shall provide, at no cost to the County, all professional services attributable to the change order. This is in addition to the County's right to recover from the Engineer/Architect damages for the Engineer's/Architect's errors and omissions.

SECTION V SCOPE OF SERVICES CHATHAM COUNTY BUSH ROAD INERT LANDFILL

Chatham County is seeking proposals from qualified Engineering firms for design and permitting of a new inert landfill on Bush Road in Chatham County, Georgia. The scope of work shall include wetland delineation, survey, complete design, site and environmental permitting, construction plans, specifications, and final bid documents. Services shall include wetland delineation, surveying, engineering (civil, structural, and geo-technical engineering), environmental permitting and permitting from all applicable Federal, State and local agencies.

BACKGROUND

The site of the proposed landfill is a 105.8 acre tract of undeveloped land located at 561 Bush Road in Chatham County, Georgia (PIN 1-1036 -01-016). Chatham County acquired the site following a Preliminary Inert Landfill Site Suitability Report prepared by Terracon, dated November 5, 2014 (Appendix A). According to the report, the site is "an acceptable location for an inert landfill". The following qualifiers were identified:

- 1. The property contains designated wetlands and areas designated as special flood hazard areas. The landfill will need to be situated such that a 25 foot buffer is maintained between those areas. Also, a new wetlands delineation and approval by the US Army Corps of Engineers will be required.
- 2. The property is in a borderline seismic impact zone. The structural component of the landfill would need to be designed and constructed accordingly.

SCHEDULE

The firm shall provide a design schedule as part of this RFP. Tasks in the schedule shall include at a minimum, review of the wetlands delineation, site survey, periodic meetings with County staff, reviews, permitting from all applicable governing agencies, final design, and bid documents.

REQUIREMENTS

1. RFP's shall be accepted only from firms with experience in inert landfill design projects similar in size and scope.

2. All work shall be performed by licensed Engineers registered in the State of Georgia.

3. Design shall meet all local and state permitting requirements for Land Disturbing Activities and inert landfills.

APPENDIX A

FIGURES

Figure 1Site Vicinity MapFigure 2Site Topographic Map

INERT LANDFILL SITE SUITABILITY

Bush Road Site - Preliminary Report Chatham County, Georgia

> November 5, 2014 Terracon Project No. ES147092



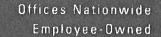
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Mr. Robert Drewry Savannah, Georgia

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November 5, 2014

Chatham County Public Works Department 7226 Varnedoe Drive Savannah, Georgia 31406

Attn: Mr. Robert Drewry E: rwdrewry@chathamcounty.org

Re: Preliminary Inert Landfill Site Suitability Report 105.8 Acre Tract on Bush Road Chatham County, Georgia Terracon Project No. ES147092

Dear Mr. Drewry:

Terracon Consultants, Inc. (Terracon) is pleased to submit the enclosed Preliminary Inert Landfill Site Suitability Report for the above-referenced site. Our report was performed in accordance with Terracon Proposal PES140420, dated September 12, 2014.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to you on this project. In addition to the services performed on this project, our firm provides **geotechnical**, **environmental**, **construction materials**, **and facilities services** on a wide variety of projects nationwide. For more detailed information on all of Terracon's services, please visit our website at <u>www.terracon.com</u>.

If you have any questions regarding this report or if we may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely, Terracon Consultants, Inc.

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Philip Kucera, EIT Environmental Engineer

William S. Anderson III, PE Senior Environmental Engineer

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1.0 PROJECT INFORMATION AND FINDINGS

The subject site is a 105.8 acre tract of undeveloped land, located at 561 Bush Road in unincorporated Chatham County, Georgia. The property is identified in the Chatham County Property Tax records as Parcel 1-1036-01-016, and the current owner is shown as RB 1 LLC. A site vicinity map and a topographic map of the area are included as Appendix A.

Based on a review of all available documents and site information, the Bush Road property met the preliminary requirements of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources' "Inert Landfill Site Suitability Criteria, Guidance and Checklist", dated May 2014, as being an acceptable location for an inert landfill in Chatham County. The Hydrogeological Assessment still needs to be completed, and the preliminary assessment yielded the following three qualifiers to site suitability:

- This property is currently not zoned for designated use as an inert landfill. Therefore, it would need to go through the zoning change process, with final approval by a vote from the Commissioners of Chatham County.
- The property contains areas designated as wetlands and areas considered to be in the 100-year flood plain. The landfill would need to be situated on the property such that a 25 foot buffer is maintained between these areas and the landfill footprint, including roads, buildings, parking areas and work zones. Also, a new wetlands delineation and review by the US Army Corps of Engineers may be required by the Georgia EPD prior to site development as an inert landfill.
- The property is in a borderline seismic impact zone. Therefore, the structural components of the landfill would need to be designed and constructed to resist the maximum horizontal acceleration in lithified earth material at the site.

The following section addresses each of the twelve site suitability criteria checklist items, and supporting documentation is provided.

2.0 INERT LANDFILL SITE SUITABILITY CRITERIA CHECKLIST

2.1 Zoning

The site must conform to all local zoning/land use ordinances.

Letter from local government indicating conformance - Yes () No (X)

The property located at 561 Bush Road is designated by Chatham County Property Records as Parcel Number 1-1036-01-016. This parcel is zoned R-A which indicates the property shall be



used for residential or public purposes. For public uses, the zoning requirement is as follows: "Buildings, structures, and uses of land by a government agency or government unit provided that application for a public use shall be referred to and approved by the Commissioners of Chatham County". Therefore, the Bush Road site would need to apply for, and be approved for, inert landfill use. A letter from the local government indicating that the site conforms to local zoning cannot be provided until the site goes through the rezoning approval process.

2.2 Solid Waste Management Plan

The site must be consistent with the local solid waste management plan.

Letter from local government indicating consistency - Yes (X) No ()

A letter from David Nash, Chatham County Environmental Services Coordinator, indicating the site plan is consistent with the local solid waste management plan is attached as Appendix B.

2.3 National Historic Sites

No Permit will be issued for an inert waste landfill located within 5,708 yards of any of the three sites in Georgia currently designated as a National Historic Site. Within 5,708 yards of a National Historic Site - Yes () No (X)

The three National Historic Sites in Georgia are:

- 1) Camp Sumter Military Prison in Andersonville, approximately 167 miles west of the site.
- 2) Martin Luther King Jr. Birthplace in Atlanta, approximately 212 miles northwest of the site.
- 3) Jimmy Carter Hometown in Plains, approximately 182 miles west of the site.

As shown above, the minimum distance requirement of 5,708 yards, or 3.24 miles, was met for the three National Historic Sites in Georgia.

In addition to the three National Historic Sites in Georgia, Terracon also reviewed Georgia Archaeological Site File records for the Bush Road site and areas within a half mile radius of the site. This search was provided by the University of Georgia's Riverbend Research Labs to determine if there were any previously recorded archaeological sites in the area that could impact the construction of an inert landfill. The records show that there are two areas within 0.5 miles of the site where archaeological surveys have been conducted, but no findings were reported for areas within the proposed landfill site boundaries. The Georgia Archaeological Site File report is included as Appendix C. A brief summary of the two surveyed areas is as follows:

Area 1 is approximately 0.3 miles southwest from the proposed landfill site property boundary, at the southwest corner of the intersection of Route 204 (Fort Argyle Road) and Bush Road



(formerly named Canal Road). This area, 130 meters by 125 meters, is designated by the State of Georgia as Official Site Number 9Ch939. Per the report, the type of site is referenced as: "Historic artifact scatter; possible former canal lock tender's house". Additional information refers to the site as: "The site was projected from historic maps and surveyed with shovel tests. It consists of a scatter of historic artifacts from topsoil and wash deposits. Prehistoric artifacts also recovered."

Area 2 is northeast of the proposed landfill site as a portion of Bush Road, formerly Canal Road. This area along Bush Road was part of the historic Ogeechee and Savannah Canal system which connected those two rivers. The report designates this location as Official State Site Number 9Ch688. No archaeological findings are noted and the report states, "Much of the canal no longer contains water".

Based on the above findings, the Georgia State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) may require the submittal of the Georgia Environmental Review Form prior to site development as an inert landfill. The SHPO would then review and comment on the submittal regarding the two nearby historic archaeological areas and the proposed inert landfill site.

2.4 Limit on Number of Solid Waste Facilities

No permit will be issued for an inert landfill if any part of the site lies within a circular area with a two-mile radius that already includes any portion of three or more landfills. *Three landfills within a two-mile radius -* Yes () No (X)

The only landfill located within 2 miles of the Bush Road site is Superior Municipal Solid Waste Landfill, located at 3001 Little Neck Road. This landfill is owned and operated by Waste Management, Incorporated.

2.5 Floodplains

An inert waste landfill cannot be sited in a 100-year floodplain.

Location of 100-year floodplain shown - Yes (X) No ()

The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) is included in Appendix D for a portion of Chatham County which includes the Bush Road site. As indicated by the map, there are 100-year floodplain areas within the Bush Road site boundary (designated as Zone AE on the map). These areas are predominantly located in the southwest and northern portions of the site. The map indicates that the property is large enough, such that a landfill site could be situated on the property, allowing for the necessary buffer zones to the floodplain areas.

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2.6 Wetlands

An inert waste landfill cannot be located in wetlands.

Wetlands delineated - Yes (X) No ()

A review of the U.S. Department of the Interior National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) Map indicated that wetland areas are present on the subject property. "Freshwater Emergent" areas are shown along the north and central areas of the site, "Freshwater Forested/Shrub" areas are located in the southwestern corner of the site, and a "Freshwater Pond" area is located in the southeastern corner of the site.

In addition to the NWI general screening map, a detailed wetland delineation was conducted for the property by Kern-Coleman and Company, LLC, map date January 28, 2009. A review of the map shows wetlands in each corner of the site to different extents, but greatest in the southwest and northeast corners. The map indicates that a landfill site could be situated on the property allowing for necessary buffer zones to the wetland areas, such that site development will not impact any wetlands located on the property. However, prior to any construction activities, Best Management Practices would need to be developed to ensure the protection of wetland areas on the site.

The NWI map and Kern-Coleman wetlands maps are included as Appendix E. It should be noted that a more recent wetlands delineation and review by the US Army Corps of Engineers may be required by the Georgia EPD prior to site development as an inert landfill.

2.7 Seismic Impact Zones

An inert waste landfill cannot be located in a seismic impact zone, unless it is demonstrated that all containment structures and stormwater control systems are designed to resist the maximum horizontal acceleration in lithified earth material for the site.

Located in a seismic impact zone - Yes (X) No ()

A seismic impact zone is defined as an area with a ten percent or greater probability that the maximum horizontal acceleration in lithified earth material, expressed as a percentage of the earth's gravitational pull (g), will exceed 0.10g in 250 years. As shown on the Seismic Impact Zone map of the United States (Appendix F), Chatham County, Georgia is approximately located on the border of the 10% probability zone. Therefore, it should be demonstrated in the design of the inert landfill, that the structural components of the landfill (e.g., landfill slope stability, final cover, and surface water control systems) will be constructed to resist the maximum horizontal acceleration in lithified earth material at the site.

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2.8 Unstable Areas

An inert waste landfill located in an unstable area will need to demonstrate that engineering measures have been incorporated into the landfill design to ensure that the integrity of the structural components will not be disrupted. Unstable areas identified - Yes () No (X)

An "Unstable Area" means a location that is susceptible to natural or human-induced events or forces capable of impairing the integrity of some or all of the landfill structural components responsible for preventing releases from a landfill. Unstable areas can include poor foundation conditions, areas susceptible to mass movements, and Karst terrains. Landfill foundation conditions will be addressed during the landfill design phase. Mass movements are usually associated with landslides, avalanches, debris slides and flows, solifluction, block sliding, and rock fall. These physiographic features, including Karst terrain, are not characteristic of the geography of Chatham County. It is not anticipated that unstable areas are present within the Bush road property.

2.9 Fault Areas

An inert waste landfill cannot be located within 200 feet of a fault that has had displacement in Holocene time.

Fault identified - Yes () No (X)

Historical seismic data was reviewed for the southeastern United States and Savannah, Georgia. A USGS seismic map (included as Appendix G) shows that fault areas exist in South Carolina, but none are indicated for Chatham County, Georgia. The Holocene time period is approximately the last 12,000 years up to present day. The faults in South Carolina occurred within the past 150 years (per the USGS fault map), and therefore had displacement in Holocene time.

2.10 Presence of State Waters

All state waters require a 25-foot buffer.

State waters present - Yes () No (X)

The nearest state waters is the Ogeechee River located approximately 1,000 feet to the southwest from the Bush Road site. Additionally, as discussed in Section 2.6 above, there are designated wetlands on the Bush Road site. The inert landfill would be situated on the property such that a minimum 25-foot buffer would be maintained between the designated landfill site and any wetlands areas.

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2.11 Presence of Trout Streams

Perennial streams designated as "trout streams" will require a minimum 50-foot buffer. Trout streams present - Yes () No (X)

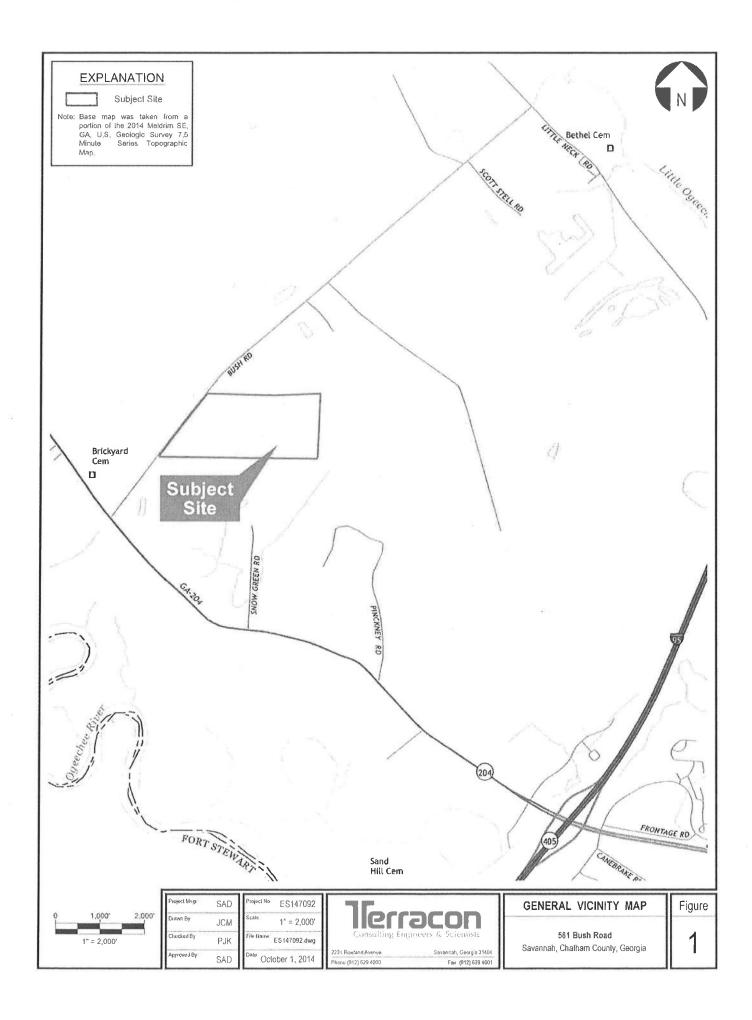
There are no trout streams in Chatham County. Trout streams exist in several counties in the northern part of Georgia. The Georgia Department of Natural Resources website, <u>georgiawildlife.com/Fishing/Trout</u>, lists state trout streams and the counties where they reside.

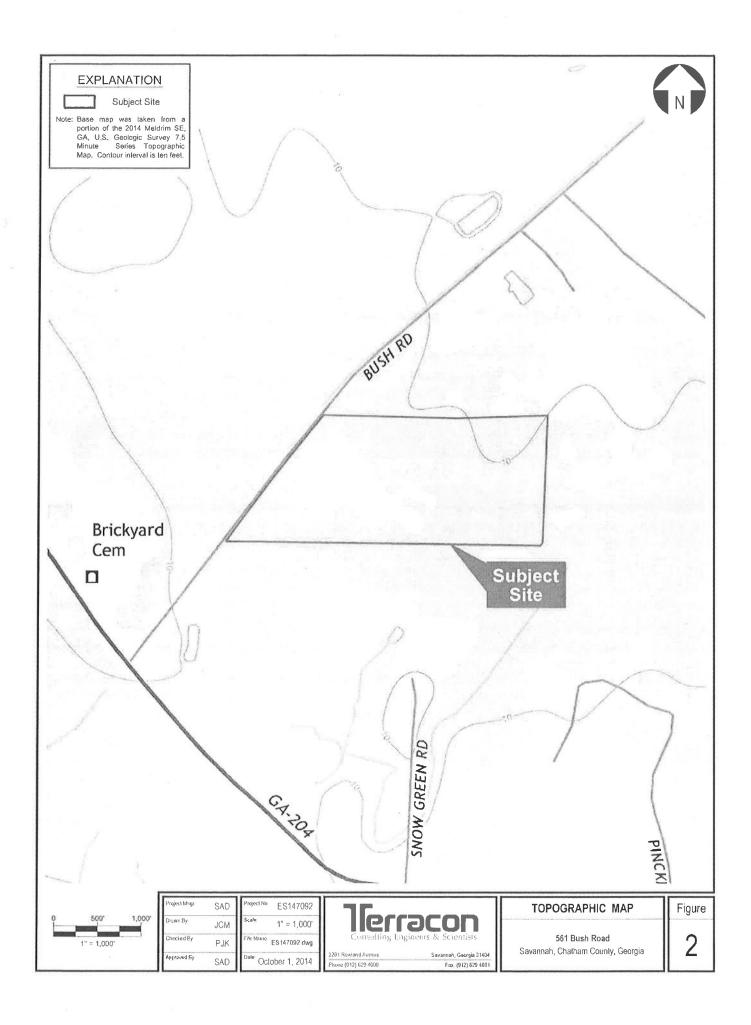
2.12 **Proximity to Surface Water Intake**

Perennial stream buffers dependent on whether site is located within a seven-mile radius and upstream of a public water supply intake.

Within seven mile radius and up-gradient of surface water intake - Yes () No (X)

The nearest public water supply intake is located near the Savannah River approximately 16.5 miles northeast of the Bush Road site. A map showing the location of the intake, from the GA EPD website, <u>epd.georgia.gov/sites/epd.georgia.gov/files/related_files/site_page/sav3.pdf</u>, is included as Appendix H.





APPENDIX B

Site Consistency Letter

CHATHAM COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PARK SERVICES



William Wright Deputy Director

Robert W. Drewry

Director

October 16, 2014

To Whom it May Concern Georgia E.P.D Brunswick, GA

Chatham County Public Works & park Services is addressing the preliminary requirements of siting a new inert landfill by remitting a letter of consistency with Chatham County's Solid Waste Management Plan.

561 Bush Rd location meets the specific goals or needs of:

- Will not impact the collection capacity within the planning area.
- Will not impact the disposal capacity within the planning area.
- Meets recycling goals in the planning area.

How the proposed facility will impact the community:

- Minimal impact to vehicle traffic with Zoning Resolution specifically indicates operating hours, type of road access, buffer zones. etc. for each type of solid waste facility that must be adhered to.
- No impact to the financial viability of the existing solid waste management system.
- No impact to individual or business solid waste management rates.
- Currently no known impact to natural or cultural resources within the planning area.
- No impact to the current solid waste management infrastructure within the planning area.

Chatham County has guaranteed funding within its current Closure/Post Closure Budget.

Staff feels confident the proposed 561 Bush Rd. site is consistent with Chatham County's Solid Waste Management Plan.

David Nash Environmental Services Coordinator

APPENDIX C

Georgia Archaeological Site File

Georgia Archaeological Site File UGA Riverbend Research Labs 110 Riverbend Road Athens, GA 30602-4702 (offee)706 542-8737 (fax) 706 542-8920 October 3, 2014

Terracon 2201 Rowland Avenue Savannah, Georgia 31404

Philip Kucera:

As per your request, a search of the Site File records was completed in order to determine if there are any previously recorded archaeological sites within 0.5 mile radius of the following project area:

PROJECT NAME – Bush Road Project TOPOGRAPHIC QUADRANGLE – Meldrim Southeast COUNTY – Chatham

There are 2 sites (9CH688, 9CH939) located within 0.5 miles your project area. There is 1 report (302) located within this area.

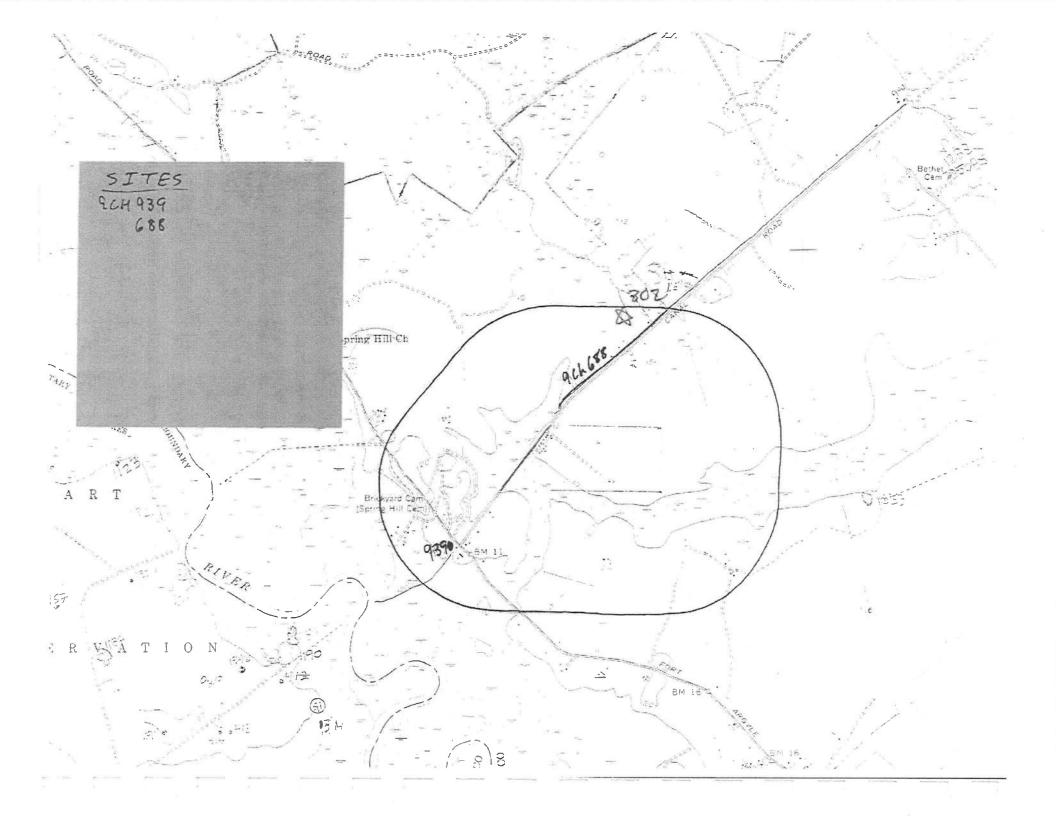
Please be aware that there could possibly be sites that have not been detected in these areas. The limitations of a site search done at the Georgia Archaeological Site File are more completely explained in our Paragraph of Disclaimer. Please know that this search does not fulfill the requirements of the Section 106 laws in the National Historic Preservation Act. If you have questions on the Section 106 law, please contact the Environmental Review Coordinator at the Georgia State Historic Preservation office at (404) 651-6624. Also, if you have any questions or need additional information from the Georgia Archaeological Site Files, do not hesitate to call us at (706) 542-8737.

PLEASE NOTE THAT SITE FORMS, PROJECT REPORTS, THE SITE FILE MAPS OR ANY OTHER INFORMATION REGARDING SITE LOCATIONS ARE NOT FOR PUBLIC RELEASE.

Sincerely,

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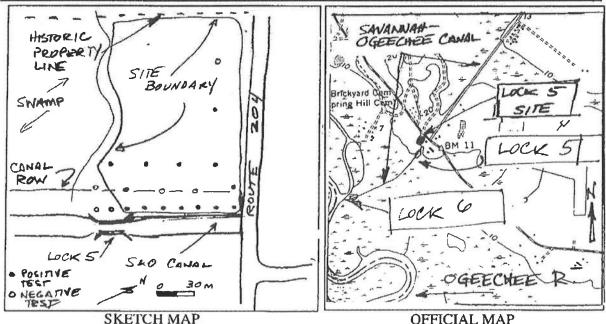
GEORGIA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE FORM 1990

Official Site Number: <u>9Ch 939</u>

Institutional Site Number: NSA-1 Site Name: Lock 5 Site County: Chatham____ Map Name: Meldrim SE, GA_____ USGS OR USNOAA UTM Zone: __17_ UTM East: 470000_ _ UTM North: _3542880_ Address: Owner: Site Length: _130 meters Width: 125_ meters Elevation: +- 3_ meters **Orientation:** 1. N-S 2. E-W 3. NE-SW 4. NW-SE 5. Round 6. Unknown Kind of Investigation: 1. Survey 2. Testing 3. Excavation 4. Documentary 5. Hearsay 6. Unknown 7. Amateur 2. Absent Standing Architecture: 1. Present Site Nature: 1. Plowzone 2. Subsurface 3. Both 4. Only Surface Known 5. Unknown 6. Underwater Midden: 1. Present 2. Absent 3. Unknown Features: 1. Present 2. Absent 3. Unknown **Percent Disturbance:** 1. None 2. Greater than 50 3. Less than 50 4. Unknown Type of Site (Mill, Mound, Quarry, Lithic Scatter, etc.): Historic artifact scatter; possible former canal lock tender's house Topography (Ridge, Terrace, etc.): Ridge

Current Vegetation (Woods, Pasture, etc.): Woods

Additional Information: ______ The site was projected from historic maps and surveyed with shovel tests. It consists of a scatter of historic artifacts from topsoil and wash deposits. Prehistoric artifacts also recovered



(Includes sites, roads, streams, landmarks)

OFFICIAL MAP (Xerox of proper map)

Public Status:1. National Historic Landmark 3. Georgia Register2. National Natural Landmark 5. HABSNational Register Standing:1. Determined Eligible 4. Nominated2. Recommended Ineligible 6. UnknownNational Register Level of Significance:1. Local2. State3. Recommended Eligible3. National
3. Recommended Eligible 4. Nominated 5. Listed 6. <u>Unknown</u> 7. Removed
National Register Level of Significance: 1. Local 2. State 3. National
Preservation State (Select up to Two):1. Undisturbed2. Cultivated3. Eroded4. Submerged 5. Lake Flooded6. Vandalized7. Destroyed8. Redeposited9. Graded10. Razed10. Razed10. Razed10. Razed
Preservation Prospects: 1. Safe 2. Endangered by: 3. Unknown 3. Unknown
RECORD OF INVESTIGATIONS Supervisor: B. Botwick Affiliation New South Associates Date: 4/28/00 Report Title:
Other Reports: Artifacts Collected: Historic: whiteware, bottle glass, brick, nails; Prehistoric: sand-tempered sherds, chert flake Location of Collections: temp, with New South Associates, Columbia, SC Location of Field Notes: temp with New South Associates, Columbia, SC Private Collections:
Name:
Phases:
FORM PREPARATION AND REVISION Date Name Institutional Affiliation 9/6/00 Brad Botwick New South Associates

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Archaeological Investigations

of the Savannah and Ogeechee Canal

September 1980

Official State Site No. 904682

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USA Laboratory of Archaeology Report No. <u>30-2</u>

INTRODUCTION

In December of 1824 the Georgia Legislature granted Ebenezer Jencks a charter for the construction of a canal from the Ogeechee River to the port city of Savannah, thereby providing the impetus for the construction of the State's first such facility. Two years later another charter was granted a group of Savannah merchants for its completion, and sometime between 1829 and 1831 the Savannah and Ogeechee Canal began servicing coastal Georgia as a major transport facility.

The Canal continued to operate, albeit at varying levels of efficiency, until the late 1860's - early 1870's. Because all records pertaining to the Canal were destroyed, little is known today of its actual construction and operation. Indeed, even the dates of the facility's opening and eventual abandonment are, at best, only approximate. What remains of the Savannah and Ogeechee Canal, however, represents an outstanding example of early 19th Century transportation projects.

From an archaeological perspective the Canal offers an excellent opportunity for an examination of construction techniques and possibly actual operational activities at both a site specific level and a comparative level. Not only do the remains of Georgia's first canal represent a significant historic resource, then, they represent an archaeological resource as well.

This report is concerned with archaeological investigations of a portion of the Savannah and Ogeechee Canal which will be directly

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impacted by Georgia Department of Transportation Project PEID-16-1(75), Chatham County. It is the purpose here to outline the research design and methodology employed in these investigations, to discuss the results of such and to put forth several conclusions on the basis of these investigations concerning the construction and configuration of the Canal.

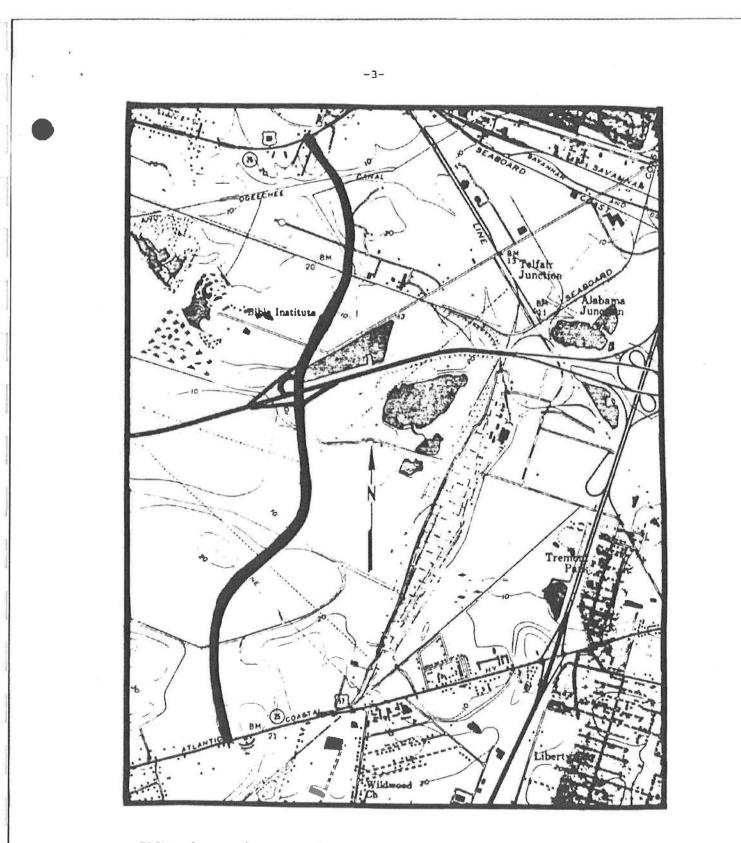
Project Description

Georgia DOT Project PEID-16-1(75), Chatham County consists of the construction of a four-lane facility on new location west of Savannah between U.S. 17 and U.S. 80. The project also includes the construction of an interchange on I-16 approximately 1.5 miles west of the I-16/Loop -S.R. 26 interchange in Savannah (Figure 1). The interchange and 300 feet of roadway on either side of the access ramps will be constructed as a Federal-aid highway project, with the remaining three miles of the facility constructed as a State-aid project. Because the State-aid portion of the project is dependent upon the Federal-aid interchange, both sections are subject to treatment in the environmental impact assessment process.

The Canal

During the early part of the 19th Century, Georgia, not unlike many of her neighboring states, was caught up in what has been termed by Richardson (1973a) as "Canal Fever". By the 1820's the Legislature had made plans for three canals. The first completed was the Savannah and Ogeechee in Chatham County, ahead of the Brunswick and Altamaha in Glynn County, and the Augusta Canal in Richmond County. It was planned as a

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APPENDIX D

Flood Zone Map



LEGEND

SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREAS (SFHAS) SUBJECT TO INUNDATION BY THE 1% ANNUAL CHANCE FLOOD

The 1% annual chance flood (100-year flood), also known as the base flood, is the flood that has a 1% chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year. The Special Flood Hazard Area is the area subject to flooding by the 1% annual chance flood. Areas of Special Flood Hazard include Zones A, AE, AH, AO, AR, A99, V, and VE. The Base Flood Elevation is the water-surface elevation of the 1% annual chance flood.

ZONE A	No Base Flood Elevations determined.			
ZONE AE	Base Flood Elevations determined.			
ZONE AH	Flood depths of 1 to 3 feet (usually areas of ponding); Base Flood Elevations determined.			
ZONE AO	Hood depths of 1 to 3 feet (usually sheet flow on sloping terrain); average depths determined. For areas of alluvial fan flooding, velocities also determined.			
ZONE AR	Special Flood Hazard Areas formerly protected from the 1% annual chance flood by a flood control system that was subsequently decertified. Zone AR indicates that the former flood control system is being restored to provide protection from the 1% annual chance or greater flood.			
ZONE A99	Area to be protected from 1% annual chance flood by a Federal flood protection system under construction; no Base Flood Elevations determined.			
ZONE V	Coastal flood zone with velocity hazard (wave action); no Base Flood Elevations determined.			
ZONE VE	Coastal flood zone with velocity hazard (wave action); Base Plood Elevations determined.			
	FLOODWAY AREAS IN ZONE AE			

The floodway is the channel of a stream plus any adjacent floodplain areas that must be kept free of encroachment so that the 1% annual chance flood can be carried without substantial increases in flood heights.

	other Fi	LOOD AREAS
ZONE X	aver	s of 0.2% annual chance flood; areas of 1% annual chance flood, with oge depths of less than 1 foot or with drainage areas less than 1 square ; and areas protected by levees from 1% annual chance flood.
	OTHER A	REAS
ZONE X	Area	s determined to be outside the 0.2% annual chance floodplain.
ZONE D	Area	s in which flood hazards are undetermined, but possible.
<u>III</u>	COASTAL	BARRIER RESOURCES SYSTEM (CBRS) AREAS
11/11	OTHERWI	SE PROTECTED AREAS (OPAs)
CBRS areas and	d OPAs are no	rmaty located within or adjacent to Special Flood Hazard Areas.
- 		1% annual chance floodplain boundary
		0.2% annual chance floodplain boundary
and construction in		Floodway boundary
		Zone D boundary
	• • • •	CBRS and OPA boundary
	(***) ****	Boundary dividing Special Flood Hazard Areas of different Base Flood Elevations, flood depths or flood velocities.
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(EL 987)		Base Flood Elevation value where uniform within zone; elevation in feet*

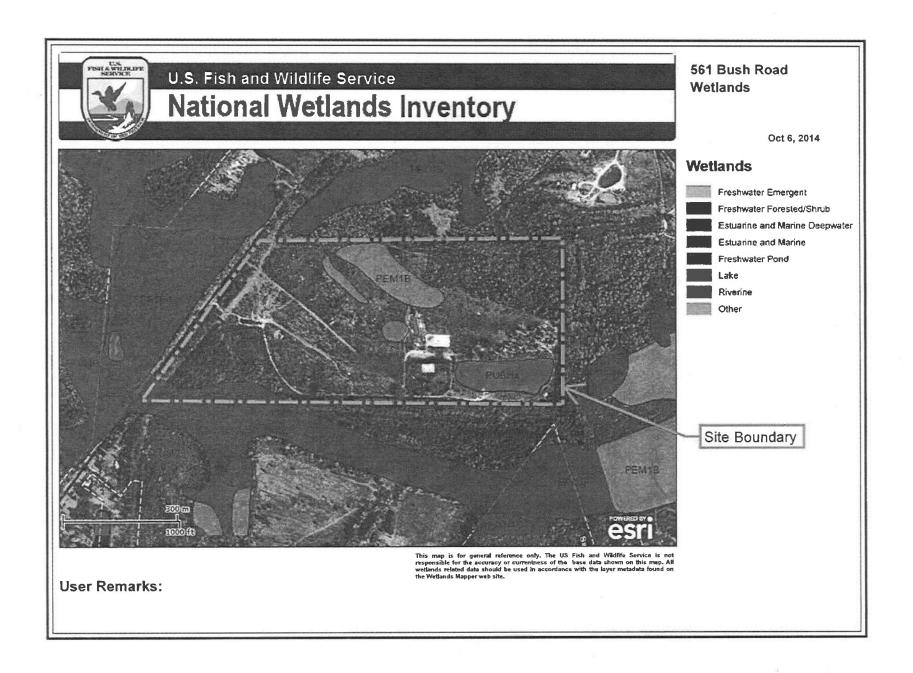
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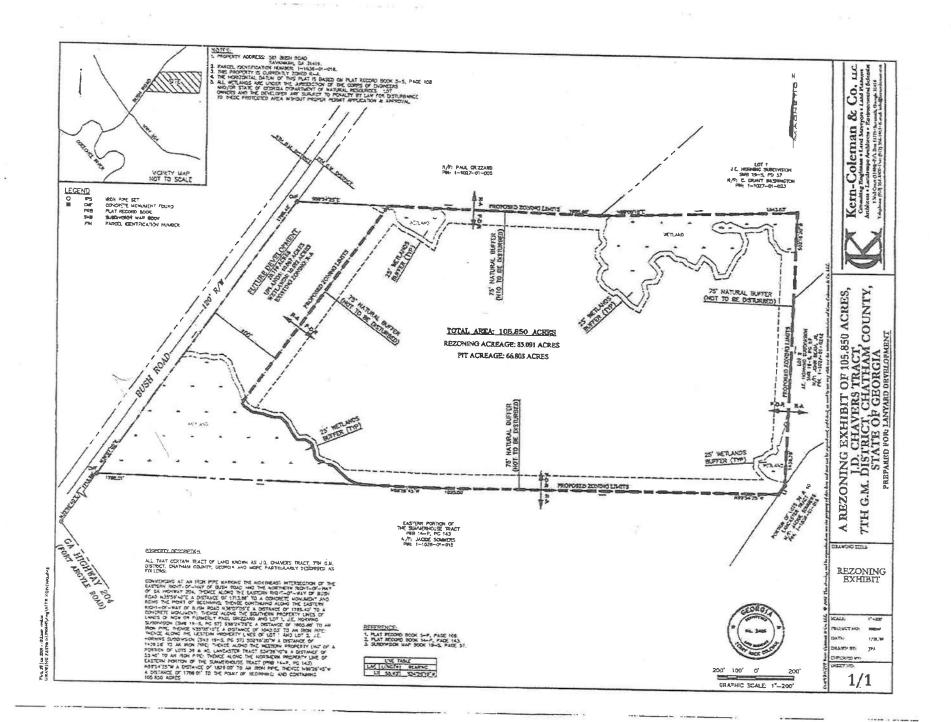
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Wetlands Maps

1) US Fish & Wildlife Service National Wetlands Inventory (NWI)

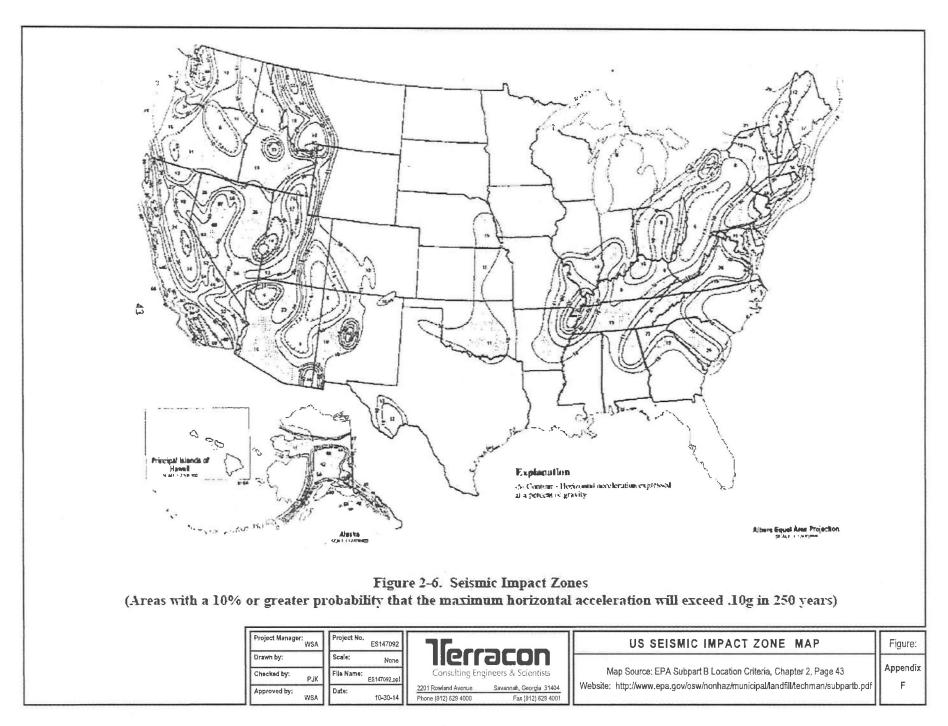
2) Kern-Coleman & Co. Site Survey





APPENDIX F

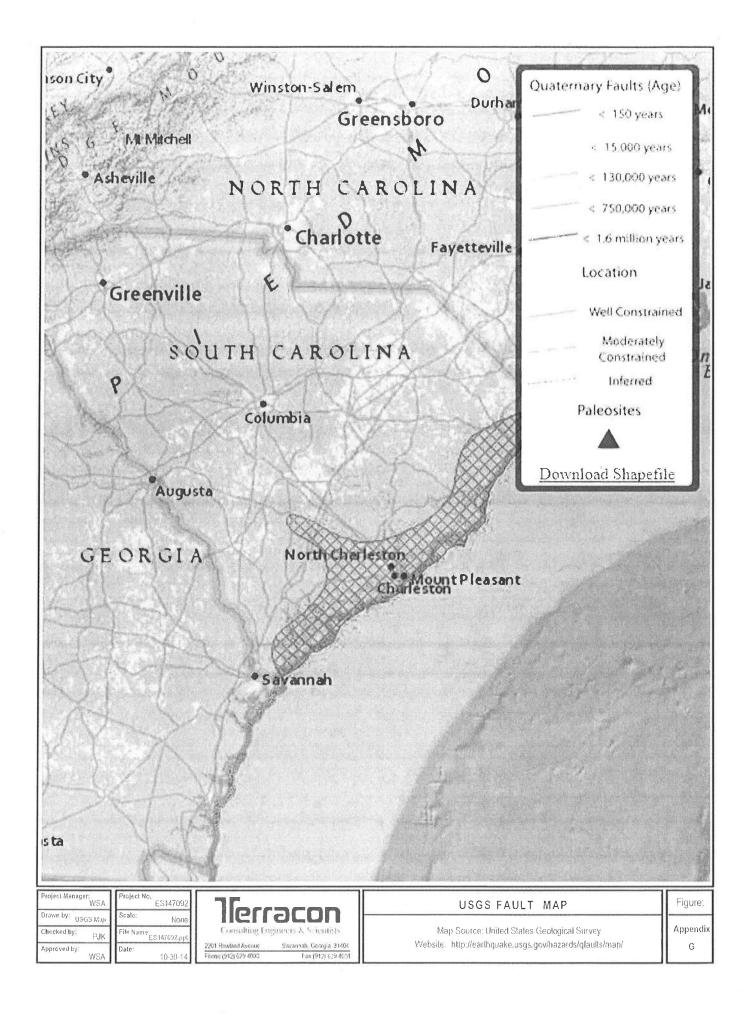
Seismic Impact Zone Map



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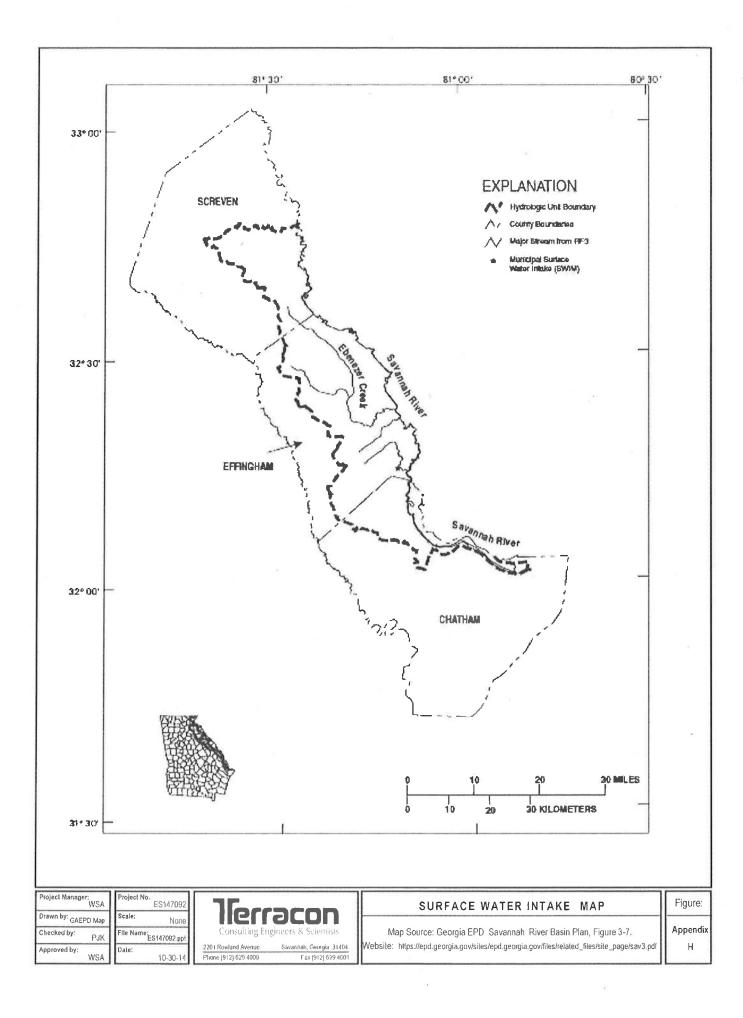
APPENDIX G

Fault Zone Map



APPENDIX H

Surface Water Intake Map



ATTACHMENT A

DRUG - FREE WORKPLACE CERTIFICATION

THE UNDERSIGNED CERTIFIES THAT THE PROVISIONS OF CODE SECTIONS 50-24-1 THROUGH 50-24-6 OF THE OFFICIAL CODE TO GEORGIA ANNOTATED, RELATED TO THE **DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE**, HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH IN FULL. THE UNDERSIGNED FURTHER CERTIFIES THAT:

- 1. A Drug-Free Workplace will be provided for the employees during the performance of the contract; and
- 2. Each sub-contractor under the direction of the Contractor shall secure the following written certification:

(CONTRACTOR) certifies to Chatham County that a Drug-Free Workplace will be provided for the employees during the performance of this contract known as <u>Engineering Design and Permitting for a</u> <u>New Inert Landfill on Bush Road, Chatham County, Georgia</u> (PROJECT) pursuant to paragraph (7) of subsection (B) of Code Section 50-24-3. Also, the undersigned further certifies that he/she will not engage in the unlawful manufacture, sale, distribution, possession, or use of a controlled substance or marijuana during the performance of the contract.

CONTRACTOR

DATE

NOTARY

DATE

ATTACHMENT B

PROMISE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

Know All Men By These Presence, that I (We), ____

Name

Name of

Title

Bidder

(herein after Company) in consideration of the privilege to bid/or propose on the following Chatham County project procurement <u>Engineering Design and Permitting for a New Inert</u> <u>Landfill on Bush Road, Chatham County, Georgia</u> 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 the bid submitted to Chatham County or the performance of the contract resulting therefrom;

(2) That it is and shall be the policy of this Company to provide equal opportunity to all business persons seeking to contract or otherwise interested with the Company, including those companies owned and controlled by racial minorities, and women;

(3) In connection herewith, I (We) acknowledge and warrant that this Company has been made aware of, understands and agrees to take affirmative action to provide minority and women owned companies with the maximum practicable opportunities to do business with this Company on this contract;

(4) That the promises of non-discrimination as made and set forth herein shall be continuing throughout the duration of this contract with Chatham County;

(5) That the promises of non-discrimination as made and set forth herein shall be and are hereby deemed to be made a part of and incorporated by reference in the contract which this Company may be awarded;

(6) That the failure of this Company to satisfactorily discharge any of the promises of nondiscrimination as made and set forth above may constitute a material breach of contract entitling the County to declare the contract in default and to exercise appropriate remedies including but not limited to termination of the contract.

Signature

Date

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ATTACHMENT C

Contractor Affidavit under O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91(b)(1)

By executing this affidavit, the undersigned contractor verifies its compliance with O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91, stating affirmatively that the individual, firm or corporation which is engaged in the physical performance of services on behalf of <u>(name of public employer)</u> has registered with, is authorized to use and uses the federal work authorization program commonly known as E-Verify, or any subsequent replacement program, in accordance with the applicable provisions and deadlines established in O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91. Furthermore, the undersigned contractor will continue to use the federal work authorization program throughout the contract period and the undersigned contractor will contract for the physical performance of services in satisfaction of such contract only with subcontractors who present an affidavit to the contractor with the information required by O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91(b). Contractor hereby attests that its federal work authorization number and date of authorization are as follows:

Federal Work Authorization User Identification Number

Date of Authorization

Name of Contractor

Name of Project

Name of Public Employer

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on _____, ___, 201__ in _____(city), _____(state).

Signature of Authorized Officer or Agent

Printed Name and Title of Authorized Officer or Agent

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME ON THIS THE _____ DAY OF _____,201__.

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:

ATTACHMENT D

Subcontractor Affidavit under O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91(b)(3)

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 (name of contractor) on behalf of (name of public employer) has registered with, is authorized to use and uses the federal work authorization program commonly known as E-Verify, or any subsequent replacement program, in accordance with the applicable provisions and deadlines established in O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91. Furthermore, the undersigned subcontractor will continue to use the federal work authorization program throughout the contract period and the undersigned subcontractor will contract for the physical performance of services in satisfaction of such contract only with sub-subcontractors who present an affidavit to the subcontractor with the information required by O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91(b). Additionally, the undersigned subcontractor will forward notice of the receipt of an affidavit from a sub-subcontractor to the contractor within five business days of receipt. If the undersigned subcontractor receives notice that a subsubcontractor has received an affidavit from any other contracted sub-subcontractor, the undersigned subcontractor must forward, within five business days of receipt, a copy of the notice to the contractor. Subcontractor hereby attests that its federal work authorization user identification number and date of authorization are as follows:

Federal Work Authorization User Identification Number

Date of Authorization

Name of Subcontractor

Name of Project

Name of Public Employer

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on _____, ___, 201__ in _____(city), _____(state).

Signature of Authorized Officer or Agent

Printed Name and Title of Authorized Officer or Agent

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME ON THIS THE _____ DAY OF _____,201__.

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:

ATTACHMENT E

Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) Affidavit Verifying Status for Chatham County Benefit Application

By executing this affidavit under oath, as an applicant for a Chatham County, Georgia Business License or Occupation Tax Certificate, Alcohol License, Taxi Permit, Contract or other public benefit as reference in O.C.G.A. Section 50-36-1, I am stating the following with respect to my bid for a Chatham County contract for _______. [Name of natural person applying on behalf of individual, business, corporation, partnership, or other private entity]

1.) I am a citizen of the United States.

OR

2.) I am a legal permanent resident 18 years of age or older.

OR

3.) I am an otherwise qualified alien (8 § USC 1641) or nonimmigrant under the Federal Immigration and Nationality Act (8 USC 1101 et seq.) 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:

ATTACHMENT F

CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA

BIDDER'S CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION

The undersigned certifies, by submission of this proposal or acceptance of this contract, that neither Contractor nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntary excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency, State of Georgia, City of Savannah, Board of Education or local municipality. Bidder agrees that by submitting this proposal that Bidder will include this clause without modification in all lower tier transactions, solicitations, proposals, contracts and subcontracts. Where the Bidder or any lower tier participant is unable to certify to this statement, that participant shall attach an explanation to this document.

Bidder must verify Sub-Tier Contractors and Suppliers are not debarred, suspended, ineligible, pending County litigation or pending actions from any of the above government entities.

Certification - the above information is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(Printed or typed Name of Signatory)

(Signature)

(Date)

NOTE: The penalty for making false statements in offers is prescribed in 18 U.S.C. 1001

END OF DOCUMENT Mod. CC P & C 6/2005

ATTACHMENT G

DISCLOSURE OF RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

Failure to complete and return this information will result in your bid/offer/proposal being disqualified from further competition as non-responsive.

- 1. List any convictions of any person, subsidiary, or affiliate of the company, arising out of obtaining, or attempting to obtain a public or private contract or subcontract, or in the performance of such contract or subcontract.
- 2. List any indictments or convictions of any person, subsidiary, or affiliate of this company for offenses such as embezzlement, theft, fraudulent schemes, etc. or any other offenses indicating a lack of business integrity or business honesty which affects the responsibility of the contractor.
- 3. List any convictions or civil judgments under states or federal antitrust statutes.
- 4. List any violations of contract provisions such as knowingly (without good cause) to perform, or unsatisfactory performance, in accordance with the specifications of a contract.
- 5. List any prior suspensions or debarments by any governmental agency.
- 6. List any contracts not completed on time.
- 7. List any penalties imposed for time delays and/or quality of materials and workmanship.
- 8. List any documented violations of federal or any state labor laws, regulations, or standards, occupational safety and health rules.

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of, declare under oath that	
Company Name	
the above statements, including any supplemental responses attached here	to, are true.
Signature	
State of	
County of	
Subscribed and sworn to before me on this day of	
20by representing him/herself to be	
of the company named herein.	
Notary Public	
My Commission expires:	
Resident State:	

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ATTTACHMENT H AFFIDAVIT REGARDING LOBBYING

Each Bidder/Proposer and all proposed team members and subcontractors must sign this affidavit and the Bidder /Proposer shall submit the affidavits with their proposal confirming that there has been no contact with public officials or management staff for the purpose of influencing award of the contract. Furthermore, each individual certifies that there will be no contact with any public official prior to contract award for the purpose of influencing contract award.

The undersigned further certifies that no team member or individual has been hired or placed on the team in order to influence award of the contract. All team members are performing a commercially useful function on the project.

Failure to provide signed affidavits from all team members with your response may be cause to consider your bid/proposal non-responsive.

Title of Authorized Officer or Agent

Printed Name of Authorized Officer or Agent

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME ON THIS THE _____ DAY OF _____, 2012

Notary Public My Commission Expires:

My Commission expires:

Resident State:

Date

LEGAL NOTICE

CC NO. 166578

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Sealed proposals will be received until <u>2:00 P.M. on OCTOBER 11, 2016</u> in Chatham County Purchasing and Contracting Department, <u>1117 EISENHOWER DRIVE, SUITE C,</u> <u>SAVANNAH, GA. for: RFP 16-0083-4</u> ENGINEERING DESIGN AND PERMITTING FOR A NEW INERT LANDFILL ON BUSH ROAD, CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA.

<u>A PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE</u> will be held at <u>2:00 P.M. SEPTEMBER 27, 2016, AT</u> <u>THE CHATHAM COUNTY CITIZENS CENTER, 1117 EISENHOWER DRIVE, SUITE</u> C, SAVANNAH, GEORGIA.

Invitation to Submit Proposal Packages are available at 1117 Eisenhower Drive, Suite C, Savannah, Georgia, and on the Chatham County Purchasing Web Site <u>http://purchasing.chathamcounty.org</u>, or by calling Robert Marshall, Senior Procurement Specialist, at (912) 790-1622. All firms requesting to do business with Chatham County must also register on-line at <u>http://purchasing.chathamcounty.org</u>

CHATHAM COUNTY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY/AND OR ALL PROPOSALS AND TO WAIVE ALL FORMALITIES. ONLY THOSE FIRMS RESPONDING TO THE RFP WILL BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROJECT.

"CHATHAM COUNTY IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER, M/F/H, ALL PROPOSERS ARE TO BE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYERS"

SING DIRECTOR

SAVANNAH N/P INSERT: Sep. 14, 2016

Please send affidavit to: Chatham County Purchasing and Contracting Department 1117 Eisenhower Drive, Suite C Savannah, GA 31406 912-790-1622