

INVITATION TO SUBMIT

P R O P O S A L

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS - RFP NO.: 17-0023-7

**ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR SAVANNAH-CHATHAM VETERANS TREATMENT
COURT (SCVTC) SERVICES**

PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE: 2:00 PM, APRIL 13, 2017

PROPOSALS RECEIVED BY: 5:00 PM., APRIL 27, 2017

THE COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA

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R. JONATHAN HART, COUNTY ATTORNEY

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

X PROPOSAL

X SCOPE OF SERVICES

X LEGAL NOTICE

X ATTACHMENTS: A. DRUG FREE WORKPLACE; B. NONDISCRIMINATION STATEMENT; C. DISCLOSURE OF RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT; D. CONTRACTOR & SUBCONTRACTOR AFFIDAVIT AND AGREEMENT E. BIDDER'S CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION; F. M/WBE COMPLIANCE REPORT; G. SAVE AFFIDAVIT; H. LOBBYING AFFIDAVIT.

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: _____ DATE: _____
SIGNATURE: DATE:

TITLE:

COMPANY:

ACKNOWLEDGE RECIEPT OF ADDENDUM(S) _____

Chatham County has 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 51% or greater minority or female ownership. Please check ownership status as applicable:

African-American _____ Asian American _____ Hispanic _____

Native American or Alaskan Indian _____ Female _____

**CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA
OFFICE OF THE PURCHASING DIRECTOR
1117 EISENHOWER DRIVE, SUITE C
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA 31406
(912) 790-1623**

DATE: March 28, 2017

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GENERAL INFORMATION FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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 Director, **1117 EISENHOWER DRIVE, SUITE C, and SAVANNAH, GEORGIA** up to **5:00 PM, April 27, 2017**. The Purchasing Director 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

A **pre-proposal conference** has been scheduled for **2:00 PM, April 13, 2017** and will be conducted **ONSITE at the J. Tom Coleman Judicial Courthouse, 133 Montgomery Street, 6th Floor-Room 616, Savannah, Georgia**, to discuss the specifications and resolve any questions and/or misunderstanding that may arise. **You are encouraged to attend.**

Any changes to the conditions and specifications must be in the form of a written addendum to be valid; therefore, the Purchasing Director will issue a written addendum to document approved changes.

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 Chatham County Purchasing Ordinance.

All firms requesting to do business with Chatham County **must register** on-line at <http://purchasing.chathamcounty.org>. The County's Purchasing Division is interested in fostering participation by all qualified business persons offering commodities and services. For additional information please contact Purchasing and Contracting at 912-790-1620.

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 Code of Chatham County, Chapter 4, Article IV, and the laws of the State of Georgia.

1.2 HOW TO PREPARE 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 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 Director on or before the time and date specified above.

a. **Mailing Address: Purchasing Director, 1117 Eisenhower Drive, Suite C, Savannah, Georgia 31406.**

b. **Hand Delivery: Purchasing Director, 1117 Eisenhower Drive, Suite C, Savannah, Georgia.**

PROPOSALS NOT RECEIVED BY THE TIME AND DATE SPECIFIED WILL NOT BE OPENED OR 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 Director 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 ERRORS IN PROPOSALS: 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.

1.6 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.

1.7 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.

1.8 COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS: 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.

1.9 CONTRACTOR: 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.

1.10 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 must notify the County immediately if they become disbarred at any time during the proposal process and while under contract. 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 to include any staff utilized in the bid process or designated to perform services as part of this contract. 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.

- 1.11 **PERFORMANCE EVALUATION:** 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 Director.

SECTION II

PROPOSAL CONDITIONS

- 2.1 **SPECIFICATIONS:** 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 **MULTIPLE PROPOSALS:** No Proposer will be allowed to submit more than one offer. Any alternate proposals must be brought to the Purchasing Director's attention during the Pre-proposal Conference or submitted in writing at least five (5) days preceding the date for submission of proposals.
- 2.3 **OFFERS TO BE FIRM:** 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 **COMPLETENESS:** All information required by the Request for Proposals must be completed and submitted to constitute a proper proposal.
- 2.5 **LIABILITY PROVISIONS:** 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 CERTIFICATION OF INDEPENDENT PRICE DETERMINATION: 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 AWARD OF CONTRACT: The contract, if awarded, will be awarded to that responsible Proposer whose proposal will be most advantageous to Chatham County, price and other factors considered. The Board of Commissioners will make the determination as to which proposal best serves the interest of Chatham County.

2.8 PROCUREMENT PROTESTS: Objections and protests to any portion of the procurement process or actions of the County staff may be filed with the Purchasing Director for review and resolution. The Chatham County Purchasing Ordinance, Part 9- Vendor Disputes.

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 irresponsible whenever such Proposer cannot document the ability to deliver the requested service.

2.10 COUNTY TAX CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENT: A current Chatham County or municipal business license (within the State of Georgia) is required unless otherwise specified. A firm need not have a Chatham County Business License prior to submitting a proposal. However, a license must be obtained by the successful vendor prior to award of contract.

Please contact the Chatham County Department of Building Safety and Regulatory

Services at (912) 201-4300 for additional information.

NOTE: 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 8 April 1994.

- 2.11 INSURANCE PROVISIONS, GENERAL:** 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 and Declaration Sheets 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 **is not** 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 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, 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 must 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: (REQUIRED FOR THIS PROJECT)

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

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| <u>Minimum Limits:</u> | \$1 million per claim/occurrence. |
| <u>Coverage 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. |

2.12 INDEMNIFICATION: The PROPOSER agrees to protect, defend, indemnify, and hold 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 PROPOSER or its subproposers. The PROPOSER’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. PROPOSER 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 PROPOSER or his subcontractors or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them.

The PROPOSER’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 PROPOSER.

- 2.13 COMPLIANCE WITH SPECIFICATION - TERMS AND CONDITIONS:** 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 SIGNED RESPONSE CONSIDERED AN OFFER:** 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 Director 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 NOTICE TO PROCEED:** 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 Director 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 PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS:** 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 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.
- 2.17 LICENSES, PERMITS, AND TAXES:** The price or prices for the service shall include full compensation for all fees that the proponent is or may be required to pay. Chatham County is Tax Exempt. A Tax Exemption Certificate will be provided by the Purchasing & Contracting Office upon request (912) 790-1623.
- 2.18 MINORITY – WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PARTICIPATION:** It is the desire of the County Board of Commissioners to increase the participation of minority (MBE) and women-owned (WBE) business in its contracting and procurement programs.

The County is committed to a policy of equitable participation for these firms by setting goals for each contract. Bidder/proposers are requested to include in their proposals a narrative describing their past accomplishment and intended actions in this area. If bidder/proposers are considering minority or women owned enterprise participation in their proposal, those firms, and their specific duties must be identified in their proposal along with the percentage(s) and dollar amount awarded to the M/WBE firm. Proposers may also provide demographic information regarding their employees to show their commitment to equal opportunity. If a bidder/proposer is considered for award, he/she will be asked to meet with the County Staff so that the intended MBE/WBE participation goals can be formalized and included in the subsequent contact.

If the awarded contractor/vendor is claiming minority status, the contractor/vendor shall apply for certification by Chatham County, Georgia to the Office of Minority Business Coordinator. The Minority Business Coordinator will provide documentation of application status once approved or disapproved by Chatham County. Certification by any other government entity is acceptable if current copy of the certification is provided with this solicitation. For additional information concerning Chatham County's M/WBE Coordinator, please contact Connell Heyward, at (912) 652-7860 or cheyward@chathamcounty.org.

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 _____ day of _____, 20__.

BY

SIGNATURE

DATE

COMPANY

TITLE

TELEPHONE NUMBER

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

GENERAL CONDITIONS SECTION III

DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES: Chatham County is seeking a qualified professional licensed Consultant to provide services for the Savannah-Chatham Veterans Treatment Court Program.

- 3.1 **METHODOLOGY:** The procurement described herein may be conducted in a two-step process.

STEP 1 - ACCEPTANCE AND EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS: All technical requirements, unless otherwise specified, must be met by the proponent or such proposal will be disqualified as being non-responsive. Proposals that are deemed to be incomplete as to substance and content may be returned without consideration. A shortlist of qualified firms will be developed and ranked.

Fee proposals shall be submitted along with the proposal and will be evaluated and ranked accordingly. Fee proposal should be quoted in “all inclusive” dollars. The evaluation committee will make the selection of the firm which it believes is best qualified to provide the service, fee proposal and other qualitative factors considered. It is emphasized that the firm which offers the lowest fee proposal will not necessarily be the firm selected. The selection will be made of that firm which provided the best proposal. “Best” is defined as the best combination of qualitative factors and price proposal.

STEP 2 – INTERVIEWS/PRESENTATION: The evaluation committee **may** request an interview with 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 interview/present.

- 3.2 **PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE:** A pre-proposal conference will be held at **2:00 PM, April 13, 2017, at the J. Tom Coleman Judicial Courthouse, 133 Montgomery Street, 6th Floor-Room 616, 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 **5:00 PM, April 27, 2017.** Any proposal received after the time stipulated will be rejected and returned unopened to the proponent. It is emphasized that late proposals will be rejected

For good and sufficient reason, up to 24 hours before the advertised deadline, the County may extend the response schedule. An addendum will be issued setting forth the new date

and time.

- 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 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 CONFIDENTIALITY OF DOCUMENTS:** 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 proposal documents will remain confidential until final award or rejection of proposals and/or protected under the restraints of law. Only final points and ranking of proposals will be openly disclosed prior to approval by the Board of Commissioners. Proponent shall have no contact with any Department Representative or Evaluation Committee Member during and after the evaluation process. Any information contained in the proposal that is considered by the Proponent as “proprietary” to remain confidential shall be clearly identified and justified.
- 3.6 CONE OF SILENCE:** Lobbying of Procurement Evaluation Committee members, County Government employees, and elected officials regarding this product or service solicitation, Invitation to Bid (ITB) or Request for Proposal (RFP) or contract by any member of a proposer’s staff, or those people employed by any legal entity affiliated with an organization that is responding to the solicitation is strictly prohibited. Negative campaigning through the mass media about the current service delivery is strictly prohibited. Such actions may cause your proposal to be rejected.
- 3.7 FORMAT OF RESPONSES:** To be considered, proponents must submit a complete response to the Request for Proposal. The format provided in this Section is not negotiable. To assure a uniform review process and obtain the maximum degree of comparability, each proposal shall include the following content and shall be presented in the following order:
- A. Introduction/Cover Letter
 - B. Qualifications and Experience
 - C. Project Understanding/Methodology
 - D. M/WBE Participation
 - E. Fee Proposal - Submit using Fee Proposal Form
 - F. References
 - G. Other Relevant Facts/Information
 - H. Attachments

Each proposal must be submitted in one (1) original and six (6) copies bound to:

Ms. Robin L. Maurer, Asst. Purchasing Director
Chatham County Purchasing Department
1117 Eisenhower Drive - Suite C
Savannah, GA 31406
(912) 790-1623

- 3.8 COMPENSATION:** The County has attempted in SECTION V to provide as much information about the project as possible to enable firms to structure their offer.
- 3.9 REJECTING PROPOSALS:** The County reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and is not bound to accept any proposal if that proposal is contrary to the best interest of Chatham County. Similarly, the County is not bound to accept the lowest dollar proposal if the offer is not considered in the County's best interest.
- 3.10 COST TO PREPARE RESPONSES:** The County assumes no responsibility or obligation to the respondents and will make no payment for any costs associated with the preparation or submission of the proposal.
- 3.11 INQUIRIES:** Direct any questions related to this RFP to Ms. Robin Maurer, Asst. Purchasing Director, and submit all questions in writing. Include the RFP number, page, and paragraph number as a reference to each question. If you choose to mail your questions, do not place the RFP number on the outside of the envelope. *DEADLINE FOR ALL QUESTIONS IS one week prior to due date.* All questions shall be delivered by hand, mail, fax or e-mailed as follows:

Chatham County Purchasing and Contracting Division
Attn: Robin Maurer, Asst. Purchasing Director
1117 Eisenhower Drive, Suite C
Savannah, GA 31406
(912) 790-1627 (FAX)
rlmaurer@chathamcounty.org

THE ONLY OFFICIAL ANSWER OR POSITION OF CHATHAM COUNTY WILL BE THE ONE STATED IN WRITING.

- 3.12 METHOD OF SOURCE SELECTION:** Chatham County is using the Competitive Sealed Proposal method of source selection, as authorized by Part 5 of the Chatham County Purchasing Ordinance.

An award, if made, will be made to the responsible offeror whose proposal is most advantageous to Chatham County, taking into consideration price and other factors set forth in this Request for Proposal (RFP). The County will not use any other factors or criteria in the evaluation of the proposals received.

- 3.13 EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:** During the performance of this contract, the COMPANY agrees as follows:

The COMPANY 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 PENDING LITIGATION:** Proposals will not be accepted from any company, firm, person, or party, parent subsidiary, against which Chatham County has an outstanding claim, or a financial dispute relating to prior contract performance. If the County, at any time, discovers such a dispute during any point of evaluation, the proposal will not be considered further.
- 4.2 EVALUATION FACTORS:** Factors such as proponents overall capability, specialized experience, reputation, past performance on similar projects, technical competence, financial stability, ability to meet program goals, delivery under the contract terms, and fee schedule will be considered in the award recommendation. Commitment in the level of MBE/WBE firms, consultants and employees will also be considered in the evaluation of proposals.
- 4.3 SELECTION PROCESS:** *Proposals will be evaluated initially on the basis of the written document. Thus, the proposal must be complete, concise and clear as to the intent of the respondent.* Further evaluation may include an oral presentation will be scheduled after receipt of the written proposal and approval of the shortlist.
- 4.4 CONTRACT:** The term of the contract will be for one (1) year with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms.
- 4.5 PROPOSALS MUST BE RESPONSIVE TO:**
- 4.5.1 INTRODUCTION/COVER LETTER (SECTION A):** You should provide no more than a two (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 (1) contact to whom any correspondence should be directed. This section should include a clear statement of the Proposer's understanding of this RFP and the contract requirements, and how the Proposer intends to meet the RFP requirements.
- 4.5.2 QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE - TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS: 30 (SECTION B):**

- A. The name, title, address, and telephone number of the person (s) who will be assigned to perform service under the proposal.
- B. Resumes/credentials of the person(s)/staff who will perform the services required and state how long they have been with your firm. For each key staff person that will participate in the program, attach a resume. Highlight key and relevant experience. Credentials may be subject to verification. Provide any criminal convictions for these key staff members in the past 5 years.
- C. The contractor should respond on how they will handle treatment for non-English speaking participants.
- D. Adequate information to describe the scope of the offeror's previous experience in providing Veterans Treatment Court services to public entities. Include the name(s) and qualifications of the personnel that provided this service.
- E. State if your firm has operated under a different name within the past 10 years and provide that name that your firm previously operated under.
- F. Provide complete details of any contract that your firm has been fired from and/or where your contract was not renewed during the last five (5) years for services to a Veterans Treatment Court.

4.5.3 PROJECT UNDERSTANDING AND METHODOLOGY - TOTAL

POSSIBLE POINTS: 30 (SECTION C): Discuss the approach to rendering the required services. Any special techniques, strategies and capabilities should be discussed here. A detailed narrative statement to demonstrate the offerors' understanding of the Scope of Work described below. The statement shall include but not necessarily be limited to the offerors' proposed organizational structure and procedures to provide the required services, software and equipment to be used, reporting to be provided, expectations regarding the County's responsibilities and contributions under the contract, any limitations in delivering all the required services, any potential problem areas that might impede the successful implementation of the contract, and any other information not specifically required elsewhere in this RFP but considered pertinent by the offeror. State additional information regarding your services that distinguishes your firm from your competition.

- A. The Contractor must explain and demonstrate, through example, its theoretical background to ensure adequate, effective services will be provided to the participants. This should include what the Contractor believes will be necessary for the participants to succeed.
- B. The Contractor must propose a *preliminary* plan for the case management services including case management expectations, professionalism case

management policies, frequency of participant contact, documentation of participant contact, and communication with court personnel and treatment providers.

- C. The Contractor must propose a *preliminary* plan for implementing an operational policy consistent with the Accountability Court model. Case management services are provided to support participants as they strive to achieve programmatic goals. Support must be focused on stabilizing new participants, connecting participants to necessary community resources, ensuring safe and appropriate living environments, problem solving around individual challenges, acquiring employment, pursuing education, and compliance with Veterans Treatment Court expectations.
- D. The Contractor must propose a *preliminary* plan to obtain the goal of a 75% or better graduation rate.

4.5.4 MWBE PARTICIPATION - TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS: 15 (SECTION D): Commitment in the level of MWBE firms, subcontractors, consultants and employees. Approach to meeting and exceeding the MWBE requirements. History of Minority-owned, Women-owned business utilization.

4.5.5 FEE PROPOSAL - TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS: 20 (SECTION E): PLEASE PROVIDE A MONTHLY FLAT FEE FOR PROVIDING THE SERVICES ALL INCLUSIVE.

4.5.6 REFERENCES – TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS: 5 (SECTION F): Please provide at least five (5) current or past government clients for whom you furnish(ed) professional treatment program services. Please provide the client’s name, address, phone number and the name of a contact person. Chatham County is interested in how long that reference has been your client.

4.5.7 INTERVIEWS/PRESENTATIONS (IF REQUIRED) – TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS: 30

4.6 CONTRACT: The successful respondent will be expected to execute a contract within 30 days of notice of award.

4.7 ASSIGNMENT: The PROPOSER shall not assign or transfer any interest of the contract without prior written consent of the County.

4.8 DISCRETION: The County shall have sole discretion in evaluating both the responses and qualifications of the respondents. **Please note that the evaluation committee will recommend the firm with the highest score after all steps are complete, but it is the Board of Commissioners which, after consideration of staff’s recommendation, makes the final contract award decision.**

SECTION V STATEMENT OF WORK

5.0 INTRODUCTION

The Superior Court of Chatham County is seeking a qualified professional provider with licensed individuals experienced in providing comprehensive case management services to veterans (specifically to those veterans suffering from mental illness and/or drug/alcohol addiction) to submit proposals to implement and provide professional program services to the Savannah-Chatham Veterans Treatment Court Program.

5.1 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Accountability Courts represent the coordinated efforts of justice and treatment professionals to actively intervene and break the cycle of substance abuse, addiction, mental illness and crime. As an alternative to less effective interventions, Veterans Treatment Court, an accountability court, quickly identifies veterans who have serious charges or probation violations pending and places them under ongoing judicial monitoring and community supervision along with effective long-term treatment services.

Research demonstrates that Veterans Treatment Courts provide a highly effective alternative to incarceration for individuals whose involvement in the criminal justice system is rooted in mental illness and/or serious addiction to drugs and alcohol. Veterans Treatment Courts treat mental illness and reduce drug use. Veterans Treatment Courts reduce crime. Veterans Treatment Courts save money. Veterans Treatment Courts restore lives. Veterans Treatment Courts restore and reunite families.

The Savannah-Chatham Veterans Treatment Court was started in 2011 by the Honorable Penny Haas Freesemann. It has treated over 50 clients to date. It is funded by a combination of national, state, and local funding sources. The program seeks to contract for case management services for the upcoming term.

Funding for these services comes from a state grant and services are contingent on receiving these funds each year. The general population of the SCVTC at any one time ranges from 20 to 50 clients.

5.2 SAVANNAH-CHATHAM VETERANS TREATMENT COURT (SCVTC)

SCVTC

SCVTC is a judicially supervised program designed to hear cases involving individuals who have been diagnosed with a mental illness, substance abuse, or a combination of both. The Court seeks to address the underlying issues that lead to repeated involvement in the criminal justice system by compelling participants to address his/her mental illness and/or substance abuse while simultaneously serving a sentence. The SCVTC couples intensive treatment with enhanced supervision as an alternative to incarceration where appropriate, by improving the communication between the courts, community

supervision, and the behavioral health systems.

The program is divided into five (5) phases of treatment with specific tasks to be accomplished in order to transition to the next phase. The phases of treatment are: Orientation Phase, Phase I, Phase II, Phase III, and Phase IV. A general description of each phase of treatment and the requirements to successfully complete each phase follows:

A. Orientation Phase (30-60 days) – This phase of treatment is designed to introduce clients to connect the veteran to treatment offered through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), mental health, and/or substance use treatment. Participant will enter the program, have a treatment plan created, and begin receiving services.

The requirements to successfully complete the Orientation Phase are:

1. attend treatment – listen
2. if available, begin MRT classes
3. attend court weekly
4. report to probation weekly
5. meet with VJO to begin identifying applicable VA benefits
6. identify gaps in job skills
7. identify financial issues, such as child support and/or other debts
8. identify transportation issues, including driver's license issues
9. take all medications as required
10. submit to random drug and alcohol screens
11. honesty with your assigned case manager/treatment team about mental health treatment needs and level of substance use
12. have a (temporary) housing plan: live in court approved housing
13. abide by curfew
14. no missed or unexcused absences (doctors, treatment, probation, drugs screens) for 30 consecutive days
15. complete a written petition for advancement to the next phase

B. Phase I (minimum of 3-5 months) – This phase is to make treatment and medication compliance habits for the veteran. The participant will continue with intensive case management, become accustomed to attending treatment, move toward medication maintenance, and begin to embrace recovery.

The requirements to successfully complete Phase I are:

1. attend treatment – demonstrate a positive adjustment to treatment
2. continue with MRT classes
3. attend court weekly
4. report to probation bi-weekly and develop a plan to complete probation requirements
5. connect to the VA, including the VBA and VHA
6. identify gaps in job skills and begin to work towards solutions, including education, training and resume writing

7. identify financial issues and begin working toward solutions
8. identify transportation issues and begin working toward solutions
9. medication compliance for a minimum of 60 consecutive days
10. submit to random drug and alcohol screens
11. no positive drug test results (including missed, diluted, or tampered) for minimum of 30 consecutive days
12. stabilize housing: live in court approved housing
13. abide by curfew
14. no missed or unexcused absences (doctors, treatment, probation, drugs screens) for 30 consecutive days
15. begin working towards fulfilling community service hours and other probation requirements
16. identify issues with unhealthy relationships and family connections
17. begin considering your definition of a Meaningful Day
18. remain sanction free for at least 30 consecutive days prior to phase advancement
19. complete a written petition for advancement to the next phase

C. Phase II (minimum of 6 months)—This phase of treatment is designed to adjust the treatment plan to include the life goals presented in Phase I, and to initiate the veteran’s return to the community as a useful and productive citizen. The achievement of basic life necessities is the focus of this phase, as well as substantial progress toward employment, housing, substance abuse recovery, and individual life goals.

The requirements to successfully complete Phase II are:

1. attend treatment – demonstrate progress
2. continue with MRT classes
3. attend court weekly
4. report to probation bi-weekly and develop a plan to complete probation requirements
5. connect to the VA, including the VBA and VHA
6. identify gaps in job skills and begin to work towards solutions, including education, training and resume writing
7. identify financial issues and begin working toward solutions
8. identify transportation issues and begin working toward solutions
9. medication compliance for a minimum of 60 consecutive days
10. submit to random drug and alcohol screens
11. no positive drug test results (including missed, diluted, or tampered) for minimum of 30 consecutive days
12. stabilize housing: live in court approved housing
13. abide by curfew
14. no missed or unexcused absences (doctors, treatment, probation, drugs screens) for 30 consecutive days
15. begin working towards fulfilling community service hours and other probation requirements
16. identify issues with unhealthy relationships and family connections
17. begin considering your definition of a Meaningful Day

18. remain sanction free for at least 30 consecutive days prior to phase advancement
19. complete a written petition for advancement to the next phase

D. Phase III (minimum of 6 months)—This phase of treatment is designed to work toward a successful transition from a lifestyle within the court structure to a lifestyle representative of what a client wants after graduation. The key concepts of this phase are sustaining recovery and solidifying achievements.

The requirements to successfully complete Phase III are:

1. attend treatment – begin thinking how treatment should be involved after graduation
2. attend court bi-weekly
3. report to probation monthly
4. continue with connections to the VA
5. work toward solutions for job skill gaps, including training, education and resume writing
6. work toward solutions for financial issues
7. work toward solutions for transportation issues, including driver's license
8. medication compliance for a minimum of 120 consecutive days
9. submit to random drug and alcohol screens
10. no positive drug test results (including missed, diluted, or tampered) for minimum of 90 consecutive days
11. continue working on relapse prevention plan
12. maintain a sober, safe, and stable place to live that is court approved for a minimum of 120 days
13. abide by curfew
14. no missed or unexcused absences (doctors, treatment, probation, drugs screens) for 30 consecutive days
15. complete all probation requirements
16. make progress for achievement of social, education and personal goals
17. continue working toward healthy relationships and family connections
18. continue working on your definition of a Meaningful Day
19. remain sanction free for at least 30 consecutive days prior to phase advancement
20. complete a written petition for advancement to the next phase

E. Phase IV (minimum of 6 months)— This phase of treatment is designed to prepare the veteran for graduation. A plan for sustained health is developed and approved with the greatest level of input from the veteran. Entry into this phase means that the veteran has already met and successfully sustained the goals of the program.

The requirements to successfully complete Phase IV are:

1. attend treatment – develop a plan for how treatment should be involved after graduation
2. attend court bi-weekly
3. report to probation monthly
4. have a plan for connection to the VA

5. have a plan for job or school if applicable
6. have a plan financial issues
7. have a plan for transportation issues, including driver's license
8. medication compliance for duration of Phase IV
9. submit to random drug and alcohol screens
10. no positive drug test results (including missed, diluted, or tampered) for minimum of 90 consecutive days
11. have a relapse prevention plan
12. maintain a sober, safe, and stable place to live that is court approved for duration of Phase IV
13. abide by curfew
14. no missed or unexcused absences (doctors, treatment, probation, drugs screens) for 30 consecutive days
15. continue making progress toward achievement of social, education and personal goals
16. develop a definitive aftercare plan that has been approved by treatment
17. have a plan for continued healthy relationships and family connections
18. chart out your definition of a Meaningful Day
19. remain sanction free for at least 30 consecutive days prior to graduation
20. complete a graduation packet and written petition for graduation

5.3 SCOPE OF WORK

5.3.1 Case management services consists of rehabilitative skills building, development of environmental supports and resources coordination considered essential to assist a person in improving functioning, gaining access to necessary services and creating environments that promote recovery and support the emotional and functional improvement of the individual. The service activities of case management include:

- A. Assistance to the person and other identified recovery partners in the facilitation and coordination of the Individual Recovery Plan (IRP) including providing skills support in the person's self-articulation of personal goals and objectives;
- B. Planning in a proactive manner to assist the person in managing or preventing crisis situations;
- C. Individualized interventions, which shall have as objectives:
 - 1) Identification, with the person, of strengths which may aid him/her in achieving recovery, as well as barriers that impede the development of skills necessary for functioning in work, with peers, and with family/friends;
 - 2) Support to facilitate enhanced natural supports (including

support/assistance with defining what wellness means to the person in order to assist them with recovery-based goal setting and attainment);

3) Assistance in the development of interpersonal, community coping and functional skills (which may include adaptation to home, adaptation to work, adaptation to healthy social environments, learning/practicing skills such as personal financial management, medication self-monitoring, symptom self-monitoring, etc);

4) Encouraging the development and eventual succession of natural supports in living, learning, working, and other social environments;

5) Assistance in the acquisition of skills for the person to self-recognize emotional triggers and to self-manage behaviors related to the behavioral health issue;

6) Assistance with personal development, work performance, and functioning in social and family environments through teaching skills/strategies to ameliorate the effect of behavioral health symptoms;

7) Assistance in enhancing social and coping skills that ameliorate life stresses resulting from the person's mental illness/addiction;

8) Service and resource coordination to assist the person in gaining access to necessary rehabilitative, medical, social and other services and supports (including the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs);

9) Assistance to the person and other supporting natural resources with illness understanding and self-management (including medication self-monitoring);

10) Any necessary monitoring and follow-up to determine if the services accessed have adequately met the person's needs (including the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs);

11) Identification, with the individual and named natural supporters, of risk indicators related to substance related disorder relapse, and strategies to prevent relapse.

5.3.2 This service is provided in order to promote stability and build towards functioning in their daily environment. Stability is measured by a decreased number of incarcerations and hospitalizations, by decreased frequency and duration of crisis episodes and by increased and/or stable participation in community/work activities. Supports based on the person's needs are used to promote recovery while understanding the effects of the mental illness and/or

substance use/abuse and to promote functioning. The Community Support staff will serve as the primary coordinator of behavioral health services and will provide linkage to community; general entitlements; and psychiatric, substance use/abuse, medical services, crisis prevention and services.

- 5.3.3 The case manager will assist with data collection as needed by the Court and complete the necessary risk/needs assessment prior to entry into the Veterans Treatment Court. The case manager will also attend the weekly staffing and court sessions. The case manager will also notify the Court of participant's compliance and non-compliance.
- 5.3.4 The Veterans Treatment Court case manager will link participants with the appropriate level of treatment in the community. This treatment can include linkage to a private psychiatrist and therapist if private insurance is available. This treatment can also include linkage to the local Community Service Board for indigent or state-served clients and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.
- 5.3.5 Case management planning will be an ongoing process to link participants to the following services: group counseling, individual counseling, drug testing, psychosocial rehabilitation, family support, medication management, family counseling, gender specific counseling, domestic violence counseling, health screening, assessment and counseling for co-occurring substance use issues. Ancillary services will include but are not limited to: employment counseling and assistance, educational component, medical and dental care, transportation, housing, mentoring and alumni groups, and assistance with government funded/community based assistance programs, and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

5.3.6 **Contractor Services**

- A. The Contractor shall furnish in totality all labor, materials, and other equipment necessary to provide alcohol and substance abuse treatment, case management services, data entry, billing, reporting, copying, printing, ancillary services, and case management and other services as identified to the clients of the Savannah-Chatham County Veterans Treatment Court.
- B. The Contractor will provide all necessary labor for alcohol and drug testing to include creatinine levels of all SCVTC participants to be tested twice each week.
- C. The Contractor will agree to appoint and provide a consistent, knowledgeable representative to attend weekly staffing and Court sessions and provide them with copies of the ACCM progress notes for each team member.

- D. The Contractor will agree to have adequate meeting space available for all Court participant groups to include GED tutoring with 4 computers, individual and group sessions, and alumni meetings with easily accessible public transportation.
- E. The Contractor will conduct multiple group therapy sessions specific to and for participants in various phases of the SCVTC. The Contractor will provide such groups during the evening, weekdays, weekends and any time needed. Such groups will last an hour and a half to three hours with breaks as needed. The Contractor will be aware that different phases of the program may be conducted at simultaneous times during the week. The Contractor will provide for individual counseling, including MRT, Seeking Safety and EMDR, as warranted by individual participants throughout the program.
- F. The Contractor will agree to report and provide all treatment information to the SCVTC and its affiliates as requested, including but not limited to, treatment plans, information shared in group, and drug/alcohol screen results. The Contractor will keep the Court current using the Court's case management software (ACCM-5 Points).
- G. The Contractor will agree that they will be a member of the SCVTC, but not necessarily a management member. The SCVTC Judge, the Superior Court Administrator, and the SCVTC Coordinator make all final administrative decisions.
- H. As funding permits, the Contractor is required to send staff to state and national training.

5.3.7 Contractor Qualifications:

- A. The Contractor will have a history of service in the field of mental health, substance abuse, knowledge of the criminal justice system, an understanding of the Accountability Court concept, and experience working with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.
- B. The Contractor will have a staff large enough to accommodate the SCVTC participants and be willing to grow with the program.
- C. The Contractor will provide the Court qualified, trained, experienced staff to meet the challenges faced by the criminal justice/substance abuse population, as well as the proper documentation to support qualifications.

5.3.8 Specific Requirements for Savannah-Chatham Veterans Treatment Court

The successful candidate must comply with all of the requirements of the federal and state standards and the funding sources. This includes:

1. U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs: <https://www.va.gov/>
2. Treatment Standards: <http://www.gaaccountabilitycourts.org/standards-and-certification>
3. State Drug Court Standards: <http://www.gaaccountabilitycourts.org/standards-and-certification>
4. Case Management Expectations: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M2Mskl4lsMc&feature=youtu.be>
5. National Drug Court Standards: <http://nadcp.org/Standards>
6. Maintain enrollment as a DBHDD substance abuse provider: <http://dbhdd.georgia.gov/providers>
7. Maintain a Health Care Facility License: <http://dch.georgia.gov/facility-licensure>
8. Model Code of Conduct for Court Professionals: <https://nacmnet.org/ethics/index.html>
9. The contractor must allow oversight as dictated by: <http://cjcc.georgia.gov/workshopstrainings>
10. The contractor must attend state training and national training when funded such as: <http://www.gaaccountabilitycourts.org/training>

**SECTION VI
EVALUATION AND AWARD
SAVANNAH-CHATHAM COUNTY VETERANS TREATMENT COURT SERVICES**

6.1 EVALUATION: Each response to this RFP shall be subject to the same review and assessment process. Proposals will be evaluated and ranked on the basis of points awarded by a technical review panel. A description of the factors which will be analyzed, and the relative weight accorded each factor follows. *The County will not consider the proposal of any Offeror who lacks accreditation or authorization to provide the Consultant Services requested.*

STEP 1: PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL (TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS: 100).

| <i>Evaluating Factor:</i> | <i>Points Possible:</i> |
|---|-------------------------|
| <i>Qualifications and Experience</i> | 30 |
| <i>Project Understand and Methodology</i> | 30 |
| <i>M/WBE Participation</i> | 15 |
| <i>Fee Proposal</i> | 20 |
| <i>References</i> | 5 |

STEP 2- INTERVIEWS/PRESENTATIONS- IF REQUIRED (TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS: 30)

6.2 CONTRACT AWARD:

- 6.2.1 Successful Proponent will be asked to submit his/her firms' contractual issues for consideration in the Chatham County contract. Proposals will become part of the contract.
- 6.2.2 No work shall be performed under the contract until a contract has been fully executed by both parties. A notice to proceed will be issued by Chatham County.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
RFP NO. 17-0023-7
SAVANNAH-CHATHAM COUNTY VETERANS TREATMENT COURT SERVICES
CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA

FEE PROPOSAL FORM

I have read and understand the requirements of this proposal, RFP #17-0023-7, and agree to provide the required services in accordance with this proposal, and all other attachments, exhibits, etc. The proposed fee shall include all labor, material, equipment, insurance to provide the services as outlined including any travel or per diem expenses and any other miscellaneous expenses involved.

Proposed fees shall be based on an inclusive monthly fee.

Fees provided must be all inclusive and cover any item which may normally be regarded as reimbursable. Phones, staff mileage, computers, office supplies etc are the responsibility of the contractor.

MONTHLY FEE \$ _____

FIRM NAME: _____

PROPOSER: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

FAX NUMBER: _____

E-MAIL: _____

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:

_____ (SERVICE PROVIDER) certifies to Chatham County that a Drug-Free Workplace will be provided for the employees during the performance of this contract known as **SAVANNAH-CHATHAM COUNTY VETERANS TREATMENT COURT SERVICES** (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

_____, _____
Title Name of Bidder

(herein after Company) in consideration of the privilege to bid/or propose on the following Chatham County project for **SAVANNAH-CHATHAM COUNTY VETERANS TREATMENT COURT SERVICES** 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 non-discrimination 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

ATTACHMENT C
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.

I, _____, as _____
Name of individual Title & Authority

of _____, declare under oath that

Company Name _____

the above statements, including any supplemental responses attached hereto, are true.

Signature

State of _____

County of _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this _____ day of _____

20__ by _____ representing him/herself to be

_____ of the company named herein.

Notary Public

My Commission expires:

Resident State: _____

DPC Form #45

ATTACHMENT D

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 CHATHAM COUNTY 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 user identification 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 _____, ____, 20__ 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 _____, 20__.

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:

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 CHATHAM COUNTY 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 (5) business days of receipt. If the undersigned subcontractor receives notice of receipt of an affidavit from any sub-subcontractor that has contracted with a sub-subcontractor to forward, within five (5) business days of receipt, a copy of such 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 _____, ____, 20__ 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 _____, 20__.

NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires:

ATTACHMENT E

**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 voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency, State of Georgia, City of Savannah, Board of Education of 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.

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

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ATTACHMENT F

**Chatham County
Minority and Women Business Enterprise Program
M/WBE Participation Report**

Name of Bidder: _____

Name of Project: _____

Bid No: _____

| M/WBE Firm | Type of Work | Contact Person/ Phone # | City, State | % | MBE or WBE |
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MBE Total _____

WBE Total _____%

M/WBE Combined _____%

The undersigned should enter into a formal agreement with M/WBE Contractor identified herein for work listed in this schedule conditioned upon execution of contract with the Chatham County Board of Commissioners.

Signature _____ Print _____

Phone () _____

Fax () _____

ATTACHMENT G

***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 non-immigrant 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 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.

BY: Authorized Officer or Agent

Date

Title of Authorized Officer or Agent

Printed Name of Authorized Officer or Agent

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN
BEFORE ME ON THIS THE
____ DAY OF _____, 20____

Notary Public
My Commission Expires:

My Commission expires:

Resident State: _____

LEGAL NOTICE

CC NO. 166764

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Sealed proposals will be received until **5:00 P.M. on APRIL 27, 2017** in **Chatham County Purchasing and Contracting Department, 1117 EISENHOWER DRIVE, SUITE C, SAVANNAH, GA. RFP NO. 17-0023-7 ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR SAVANNAH-CHATHAM VETERANS TREATMENT COURT SERVICES.**

ON-SITE PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE will be held at **2:00 PM ON APRIL 13, 2017 AT THE J. TOM COLEMAN COURTHOUSE, 133 MONTGOMERY STREET, 6TH FLOOR-ROOM 616, SAVANNAH, GEORGIA. You are encouraged to attend.**

Invitation to Submit Proposal Packages are available at 1117 Eisenhower Drive, Suite C, Savannah, Georgia, and on the Chatham County Purchasing Web Site <http://purchasing.chathamcounty.org> ,or by calling Robin Maurer, Asst. Purchasing Director, at (912) 790-1623. All firms requesting to do business with Chatham County must also register on-line at <http://purchasing.chathamcounty.org>

CHATHAM COUNTY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY/AND OR ALL PROPOSALS AND TO WAIVE ALL FORMALITIES. THIS WILL BE THE ONLY SOLICITATION FOR THIS PROJECT. 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"

MARGARET H. JOYNER, PURCHASING DIRECTOR

SAVANNAH N/P INSERT: March 30, 2017