PROPOSAL

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS - RFP NO.: 18-0082-7

ON CALL DESIGN ENGINEERING SERVICES OF SEWER PROJECTS FOR CHATHAM COUNTY

PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE: 10:00 A.M., AUGUST 14, 2018

PROPOSALS RECEIVED BY: 5:00 P.M., AUGUST 30, 2018

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.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

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

DATE: July 24, 2018 RFP NO.: 18-0082-7

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 P.M., August 30, 2018. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive formalities.

A pre-proposal conference has been scheduled for 10:00 A.M., August 14, 2018, 2018 and be held at the Chatham County Purchasing & Contracting Department at 1117 Eisenhower Drive, Suite C, Savannah, Georgia, to discuss the specifications and resolve any questions and/or misunderstanding that may arise.

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

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 Contractor/Consultant 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 Ordinance</u>.

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

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 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 MAY 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.
- 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.
- **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 <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.
- **1.9 CONSULTANT:** Consultant or sub-consultant means any means any person, firm, or business having a contract with Chatham County. The Consultant of design/engineering 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 LOCAL PREFERENCE:** The Consultant agrees to follow the local preference guidelines as more fully specified in the contract documents.
- 1.11 <u>DEBARRED FIRMS AND PENDING LITIGATION:</u> 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. It is the proposer's responsibility to inform the County if placed on the Federal or State of Georgia Excluded Parties Listing at any time during the proposal process. 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.

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

1.12 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, at 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.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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.
- **PROCUREMENT PROTESTS:** Objections and protests to any portion of the procurement process or actions of the County staff may be filed with the <u>Purchasing Director</u> for review and resolution. The <u>Chatham County Purchasing Ordinance Part 9 Vendor Disputes</u> shall govern the review and resolution of all protests.
- **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 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/Consultant and/or subContractor/subConsultants as adopted by the Board of Commissioners on 8 April 1994.

2.11 INSURANCE PROVISIONS, GENERAL:

CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT 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/Consultant, his agents, representatives, employees or subContractor/subConsultant. The cost of such insurance shall be included in the Bid.

It is every Contractor/Consultant'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/Consultant'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 <u>Minimum Limits of Insurance to be maintained for the duration of the contract:</u>

A. **Commercial General Liability:** Provides protection against bodily injury and property damage claims arising from operations of a Contractor/Consultant or Tenant. This policy coverage includes: premises and operations, use of independent Contractor/Consultants, 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/Consultant 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/Consultant'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/Consultant 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/Consultant 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/Consultant shall procure a bond guaranteeing payment of related suits, losses, claims, and related investigation, claim administration and defense expenses.

2.11.4 <u>Additional Coverage for Specific Procurement Projects:</u>

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

Minimum Limits: \$1 million per claim/occurrence.

Coverage Requirement: 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 <u>INDEMNIFICATION:</u> The CONSULTANT agrees to protect, indemnify, and hold harmless Chatham County, Georgia, its Commissioners, Officers, and Employees from and against any and all liability, damages, claims, suits, liens and judgements, of whatever nature, including claims for contribution and/or indemnification, for injuries to a death of any person or persons, or damage to the property or other rights of any person or persons to the extent caused by the CONSULTANT or its subconsultant's negligence in the performance of professional services. The 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, once it has been determined that damages resulted from CONSULTANT'S negligence.

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 CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT:** 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. Contractor/Consultant 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/Consultant will provide the County with an affidavit certifying all suppliers, persons or businesses employed by the Contractor/Consultant for the work performed for the County have been paid in full.
 - D. Chatham County is a tax exempt entity. Every Contractor/Consultant, 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.
- **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 <u>intended</u> 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/Consultant/Vendor is claiming minority status, the Contractor/Consultant/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.

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COMPANY	TITLE
TELEPHONE NUMBER	

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

GENERAL CONDITIONS SECTION III

3.1 <u>DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES:</u> Chatham County is requesting proposals from qualified firms to perform **On Call Design Engineering Services of Sewer Projects for 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. **Contract (s) will be for one (1) year with automatic renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms with total fees NTE \$150,000 per year, per each successful consulting firm.**

- 3.2 <u>METHODOLOGY:</u> The procurement described herein is being conducted as a Request for Proposals 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 Proposer. The goal of Step 1 will be to accept, evaluate and score qualification proposals that meet technical requirements and develop a "short list" that represent the best 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.
 - <u>STEP 2 INTERVIEWS/PRESENTATION:</u> 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.
 - **<u>FINAL SELECTION:</u>** Upon completion of the selection process by the evaluation committee, the firms will be ranked in order of recommendation using the sum of individual rankings from the evaluation committee members.
 - The committee may select multiple firms who provide the most favorable combinations of experience, qualifications, management, and proven ability to produce deliverables "on time and within budget".
- 3.3 PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE: A pre-proposal conference will be held at 10:00 A.M., on August 14, 2018, at the Chatham County Purchasing and Contracting, 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.
- **PROPOSAL DEADLINE:** The response to this 'Request for Proposal" must be received by the Purchasing Division no later than **5:00 P.M., August 30, 2018.** Any

received after the time stipulated may be rejected and returned unopened to the proponent. It is emphasized that late proposals may 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.

- 3.5 <u>WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSAL</u>: 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.
- 3.6 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.
- **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.
- **3.8 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. Stability and Local Resources
 - C. Experience and Qualifications
 - D. Ability to Provide Service
 - E. Local/MBE/WBE Participation
 - F. References
 - G. Other Relevant Facts/Information

H. Attachments

Each proposal must be submitted in one (1) original and four (4) copies and one (1) electronic version (disc or thumb drive) to:

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

- **3.9 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.
- **3.10 REJECTING QUALIFICATION 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.
- **3.11 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.
- 3.12 <u>INQUIRIES:</u> 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.

3.13 METHOD OF SOURCE SELECTION: Chatham County is using the Competitive Sealed Proposal method of source selection, as authorized by Part 3, Section I, B. of the Chatham County Purchasing Ordinance for this procurement.

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.

3.14 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

- **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.
- **EVALUATION FACTORS:** 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 local MBE /WBE firms, consultants and employees will also be regarded in evaluating proposals.
- **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.
- days of notice of award. Contract(s) will be for one (1) year with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms with total fees NTE \$150,000 per year, per each successful consulting firm. No guarantee is given to the amount of work a firm will receive over the length of the contract. NOTE: Selection of consultants will be done on a rotation basis with consideration of a firm's particular expertise in a certain areas. The selected firms will be required to submit a Schedule of Hourly Rates to the Project Manager.

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.

4.5.2 STABILITY AND LOCAL RESOURCES - TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS: 10 (SECTION B):

To include the firm's history, growth, resources, litigation history, financial information and other evidence of stability. This shall include:

Firm's History and Growth Financial Information Litigation History Overall Resources of the Firm

4.5.3 EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS – TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS: 50 (SECTION C):

To include evidence of the qualifications and experience of the firm's key staff and evidence of the ability of the firm in providing services in programs comparable in complexity, size, and function to clients such as government entities and similarly structured organizations. This includes degree of relevant competencies of the principal professional(s) and lead staff in general engineering and design services, and evidence of competence, including review of:

Relevant Project Experience of the Firm

Experience of key resources on relevant projects of the Firm

Relevant experience of the Project Manager and team members

Project Manager's and team members' education, registration, and years of
Engineering

4.5.4 ABILITY TO PROVIDE SERVICES – TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS: 40 (SECTION D):

To include the Firm's apparent ability to provide services to Chatham County, including the firm's apparent fit to the project type and /or needs of Chatham County, any special or unique qualifications for the project, past and projected work loads (available resources), quality assurance procedures, and any special or unexpected services offered by the firm which might be suitable for the program.

4.5.4 LOCAL/MBE/WBE PARTICIPATION - (SECTION E):

To include your use of local and MBE and WBE firm involvement. Indicate past efforts for local minority outreach and any current ongoing activities. Indicate proposed level of involvement for this contract.

4.5.6 REFERENCES – (SECTION F): Please provide at least three (3) references.

Please provide the client's name, address, phone number and the name of a contact person. Chatham County reserves the right to contact any known former clients about your performance.

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.

SECTION V SCOPE OF SERVICES

FOR ON CALL DESIGN ENGINEERING SERVICES OF SEWER PROJECTS FOR CHATHAM COUNTY

Chatham County is soliciting Request for Proposals (RFP) from qualified firms to provide consultation services for the planning, analysis and/or design work of various sewer projects for Chatham County. Contract(s) will be for one (1) year with automatic renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms with total fees NTE \$150,000 per year, per each successful consulting firm. This RFP seeks to identify potential providers for the above mentioned services. All respondents to this RFP are subject to instructions communicated in this document and are cautioned to completely review the entire RFP and follow instructions carefully. Chatham County reserves the right to reject any or all RFP's and to waive technicalities and informalities at the discretion of Chatham County.

Upon request, Consultants will be requested to provide a detailed Scope of Services with hourly rates for the individual project. The County Project Manager will then negotiate with the consultant the final Scope of Services and fee.

SCOPE OF SERVICES

The selected firm will perform various planning and design-related tasks. Certain tasks may require specialized sub-consultants. Anticipated tasks include, but may not be limited to the following:

- 1) Replacement of sewer force main.
- 2) Rehabilitation of sewer lift stations.
- 3) Installation of new gravity sewer manholes and mains in unserved areas.
- 4) Replacement of out dated manholes and sewer mains as needed.
- 5) Gravity and force main efficiency improvements.

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 per of the contract; and	formance
2.	Each sub-Contractor/sub-Consultant under the direction Contractor/Consultant shall secure the following written certification:	of the
(CONTRACT	TOR/CONSULTANT) certifies to Chatham County that a Drug-Free Work	place will
•	for the employees during the performance of this contract known as O	-
-	ENGINEERING SERVICES OF SEWER PROJECTS FOR CH	
	PROJECT) pursuant to paragraph (7) of subsection (B) of Code Section	
Also, the unde	dersigned further certifies that he/she will not engage in the unlawful martion, possession, or use of a controlled substance or marijuana during the per	nufacture,
CONTRACTO	TOR/CONSULTANT DATE	

NOTARY

DATE

ATTACHMENT B

PROMISE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

Kno	All Men By These Presence, that I (We),
	Name
Cha	Name of Bidder in after Company) in consideration of the privilege to bid/or propose on the following nam County project for ON CALL DESIGN ENGINEERING SERVICES OF SEWER
PRO	JECTS FOR CHATHAM COUNTY hereby consent, covenant and agree as follows:
	No person shall be excluded from participation in, denied the benefit of or otherwise minated against on the basis of race, color, national origin or gender in connection with the abmitted to Chatham County or the performance of the contract resulting therefrom;
-	That it is and shall be the policy of this Company to provide equal opportunity to all business ns seeking to contract or otherwise interested with the Company, including those companies d and controlled by racial minorities, and women;
	In connection herewith, I (We) acknowledge and warrant that this Company has been made of, understands and agrees to take affirmative action to provide minority and women owned anies with the maximum practicable opportunities to do business with this Company on this act;
(4) thro	That the promises of non-discrimination as made and set forth herein shall be continuing ghout the duration of this contract with Chatham County;
	That the promises of non-discrimination as made and set forth herein shall be and are hereby ed to be made a part of and incorporated by reference in the contract which this Company be awarded;
the	That the failure of this Company to satisfactorily discharge any of the promises of non-mination as made and set forth above may constitute a material breach of contract entitling ounty to declare the contract in default and to exercise appropriate remedies including but mited 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.

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.
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/Consultant.
List any convictions or civil judgments under states or federal antitrust statutes.
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.
List any prior suspensions or debarments by any governmental agency.
List any contracts not completed on time.
List any penalties imposed for time delays and/or quality of materials and workmanship.
List any documented violations of federal or any state labor laws, regulations, or standards, occupational safety and health rules.

I,	, as	
I,Name of individual		Title & Authority
of	, declare under oa	ath that
Company Name		
the above statements, including	g any supplemental response	es attached hereto, are true.
Signature		-
State of		
County of		
Subscribed and sworn to before	e me on this day of	
20 by	representing him/herse	lf to be
of the	e company named herein.	
Notary Public		
My Commission expires:		
Resident State:		

DPC Form #45

ATTACHMENT D

CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT AFFIDAVIT under O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91(b)(1)

By executing this affidavit, the undersigned Contractor/Consultant 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>CHATHAM COUNTY</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/Consultant will continue to use the federal work authorization program throughout the contract period and the undersigned Contractor/Consultant will contract for the physical performance of services in satisfaction of such contract only with subContractor/subConsultants who present an affidavit to the Contractor/Consultant with the information required by O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91(b). Contractor/Consultant 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/Consultant
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/CONSULTANT AFFIDAVIT under O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91(b)(3)

By executing this affidavit, the undersigned subContractor/subConsultant 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/Consultant) 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/subConsultant will continue to use the federal
work authorization program throughout the contract period and the undersigned
subContractor/subConsultant will contract for the physical performance of services in satisfaction of such
contract only with subContractor/subConsultant who present an affidavit to the
subContractor/subConsultant with the information required by O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91 (b). Additionally,
the undersigned subContractor/subConsultant will forward notice of the receipt of an affidavit from a sub-
subContractor/Consultant to the Contractor/Consultant within five (5) business days of receipt. If the
undersigned subContractor/subConsultant receives notice of receipt of an affidavit from any sub-
subContractor/Consultant that has contracted with a sub-subContractor/subConsultant to forward, within
five (5) business days of receipt, a copy of such notice to the Contractor/Consultant.
SubContractor/subConsultant 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/subConsultant
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
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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/Consultant 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 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 comple	ete 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 i	s prescribed in 18 U.S.C. 1001

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

ATTACHMENT F

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

value of Bidder					
Name of Project:			Bid No:		
M/WBE Firm	Type of Work	Contact Person/ Phone #	City, State	%	MBE or WBE
MBE Total	WBE Total_	%	M/WBE Combine	ed	%
	d enter into a formal agre n this schedule conditioned rs.				
board of Commissione					

ATTACHMENT G

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

or Occupation on O.C.G.A. contract for	n Tax Certificate, Alcoh Section 50-36-1, I am	th, as an applicant for a Chatham County, Georgia nol License, Taxi Permit, Contract or other public be stating the following with respect to my bid for a [Name of natural person apply	enefit as reference Chatham County
inaiviauai, bi	usiness, corporation, pai	rtnership, or other private entity]	
	1.)I	am a citizen of the United States.	
OR			
	2.)I a	am a legal permanent resident 18 years of age or ole	der.
OR			
	under the Federal Imi	am an otherwise qualified alien (8 § USC 1641) migration and Nationality Act (8 USC 1101 et seq present in the United States.*	_
willfu	ılly makes a false, fictiti	ntation under oath, I understand that any person white statement or representation in ar	
guilty	of a violation of Code	Section 16-10-20 of the Official Code of Georgia. Signature of Applicant: Date	
		Signature of Applicant.	
		Printed Name:	
BEFORE M	ED AND SWORN IE ON THIS THE F, 20	*Alien Registration number for non-citizen	s.
Notary Public My Commiss			

ATTACHMENT H AFFIDAVIT REGARDING LOBBYING

Each Bidder/Proposer and all proposed team members and subContractor/subConsultant 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

Resident State:

LEGAL NOTICE

CC NO. 167230

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Sealed proposals will be received until <u>5:00 P.M. on AUGUST 30, 2018</u> in Chatham County Purchasing and Contracting Department, <u>1117 EISENHOWER DRIVE, SUITE C, SAVANNAH, GA. RFP NO. 18-0082-7 ON CALL DESIGN ENGINEERING SERVICES OF SEWER PROJECTS FOR CHATHAM COUNTY.</u>

A PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE will be held at 10:00 A.M., on AUGUST 14, 2018, AT THE CHATHAM COUNTY PURCHASING AND CONTRACTING DEPARTMENT, 1117 EISENHOWER DRIVE, SUITE C, 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"