



# County of Georgetown, South Carolina

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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

BID NUMBER: 15-009

ISSUE DATE: Friday, April 03, 2015

**OPENING DATE: Wednesday, April 29, 2015**

**OPENING TIME: 4:00 PM (Eastern NIST)**

Bid Opening Location: Georgetown County Courthouse, Suite #239, (Purchasing Conference Room)

**MANDATORY Pre-Bid Conference/Site Inspection:** Thursday, April 16, 2015 at 11:00AM on Site (Pg 3)

**PROCUREMENT FOR: IT Managed Support and Hosted Services Provider**

Commodity Code(s): 91828, 91829, 91895

Subject to the conditions, provisions and the enclosed specifications, sealed bids will be received at the location and time stated herein and will be publicly opened and read.

**MAILING ADDRESS:**

County of Georgetown  
Post Office Drawer 421270  
Georgetown SC 29442-4200  
Attn: Purchasing

**STREET ADDRESS:**

Georgetown County Courthouse  
129 Screven Street, Suite 239  
Georgetown SC 29440-3641  
Attn: Purchasing

**IMPORTANT OFFEROR NOTES:**

- 1) Bid Number & Title must be shown on the **OUTSIDE** of the delivery package.
- 2) Federal Express does **not** guarantee delivery to Georgetown, SC before 4:30 PM Eastern Time on **Primary Overnight** Service.
- 3) **United Parcel Service (UPS)** **does** guarantee delivery to Georgetown, SC before 10:30 AM Eastern Time on Next Day "Early AM" Service.
- 4) You must register a contact name, company name, fax and/or e-mail with the Purchasing Office as below to ensure your name will be added to the contact list for future amendments and addenda.

**Purchasing Contacts:**

**Ann Puckett**  
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# Intent to Respond

**REF: Bid #15-009, IT Managed Support and Hosted Services Provider**

If your company intends to respond to this solicitation, please complete and promptly return this form to assure that you can be included on the mailing list to receive all addenda regarding this project.

It is not necessary to return any other portion of the bid documents if you are not bidding.

Failure to return the Intent to Respond shall not be sufficient cause to rule a submittal as non-responsive; nor does the return of the form obligate an interested party to submit a response. Georgetown County's efforts to directly provide interested parties with addenda or additional information are provided as a courtesy only, and do not alleviate the respondent from their obligation to verify they have received and considered all addenda. All addenda are published and available on the county website at [www.georgetowncountysc.org](http://www.georgetowncountysc.org) select "purchasing" and "current bids".

Our firm **does** intend on responding to this solicitation.

Our firm **does not** intend on responding to this solicitation.

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this completed form to Kyle Prufer, Purchasing Officer**

- by e-mail to [purch@gtcounty.org](mailto:purch@gtcounty.org)
- or by FAX to (843)545-3500.

[End of Intent to Respond]

**Time Line: Request for Proposal #15-009**

Item	Date	Time	Location*
<b>Advertised Date of Issue:</b>	Friday, April 03, 2015	n/a	n/a
<b>Pre-Bid Conference/Site Inspection:</b>	Thursday, April 16, 2015	10:30AM	Council Chambers
<b>Deadline for Questions:</b>	Wednesday, April 22, 2015	3:00PM ET	Suite 239
<b>Bids Must be Received on/or Before:</b>	Wednesday, April 29, 2015	4:00PM ET	Suite 239
<b>Public Bid Opening &amp; Tabulation:</b>	Wednesday, April 29, 2015	4:00PM ET	Suite 239
<b>County Council Consideration:</b>	Tuesday, May 12, 2015	5:30PM ET	Council Chambers
<b>Anticipated Agreement Start Date:</b>	Wednesday, July 1, 2015	n/a	n/a

\*All locations in the Old County Courthouse, 129 Screven Street, Georgetown, SC unless otherwise stated.

**RFP #15-009**  
**IT Managed Support and Hosted Services Provider**

**Introduction:**

Georgetown County, South Carolina is located on the Atlantic coast, between Horry County to the north and Charleston County to the south. The county has a total land area of 815 square miles and a population of 60,158 in the 2010 census. It provides all normal county services including public works, sheriff, jail, courts, planning and community development, fiscal departments, parks and recreation services, senior services, fire and EMS services, and administrative and support functions. The county employs approximately 700 people and has an annual budget of \$67,973,000.

Since 2012, the County has contracted for IT Managed Support utilizing the internal IT staff to manage day-to-day activities including client (employee) support and some application support. The selected provider will provide IT managed support and hosted services.

**Purpose:**

- 1) Standardize information technology (IT) services across all county departments,
- 2) Enhance IT availability of service to all employees,
- 3) Minimize downtime and technical support costs, and
- 4) Maximize return on investment in IT services.

**MANDATORY Pre-Bid**

The County will host a **MANDATORY Prebid Conference and Site Inspection** on site in the Council Chambers (Room 213) at the Georgetown County Historic Courthouse, 129 Screven Street (corner of Prince and Screven), Georgetown, SC 29440 on **Thursday, April 16, 2015**. This pre-bid will begin promptly at 11:00AM Eastern NIST. Late attendance will not be permitted. Only those providers with a representative registered in attendance will be eligible to provide a proposal.



## Scope

- 1) The County is seeking a qualified company to provide 24/7/365 information technology (IT) support and services in a blending of Managed Services and Private Cloud Hosted Desktop Services. The vendor will assume overall IT responsibility for all departments in the County for a five year period. The County IT environment is approximately made up of:
  - A. 25 County Sites
  - B. Public Safety and Administration
  - C. 285 Hosted Desktop Users — Hosted Desktop
  - D. 17 Multi use computers—Managed Services
  - E. 83 Computers — Managed Services
  - F. 120 Public Safety devices — Managed Services
  - G. 32 servers — Blending of Hosted Desktop and Managed Services
  
- 2) The County's IT services include, but are not limited to, the following:
  - A. Implementation of a custom off premises private Cloud hosted desktop solution using the County's current assets for clients
    - Application Software Requirements include but are not limited to the following:
      - Microsoft Office Version Standardization (Licensing to be provided by Vendor)
      - Standard, Professional and additional individual Office Applications
      - New World Systems Met Application (Licensing to be provided by County)
      - Email Server (Outlook Exchange - Service and Licenses to be provided by Vendor)
      - Patriot Systems Software (Licensing to be provided by County)
        - Collect Pro
        - Assess Pro
      - Fire Systems (Licensing to be provided by County)
      - ESRI GIS (Licensing to be provided by County)
      - AutoCad Civil 3D (Licensing to be provided by County)
      - Network Print Server
  - B. Provisioning of the County's IBM A/S 400 (15)
  - C. Courts Applications (Local CJIS)
  - D. Operating System Requirements
    - All currently supported Microsoft operating systems introduced into the County's environment will have their licenses provided by the vendor
  - E. Computer Hardware Requirement
    - Utilize current County hardware until end of life or failure
    - Provide replacement hardware (pricing to be included)
  - F. Support of network (Switches, routers, firewalls, access points, etc...)
  - G. Support of existing workstations (Relevant desktop operating systems and software)
  - H. Support premise based servers (Relevant server operating systems and software)
  - I. Security (Understand and provide IT best practices recommendations)
    - Recommend and guide County in any IT Security Audits
  - J. Email (configuration and support of server, desktop and mobile devices)
  - K. Full back up and Disaster Recovery services on Private Cloud Hosted Desktop
    - Daily retentions for one month
    - Monthly retentions for one year
    - Annual retentions for life of relationship
    - Redundant offsite storage of backup data.
  - L. Support of existing Data Backup used for premise based systems
  - M. Provide regulatory guidance to all County Departments
    - HIPPA

- CJIS
  - PCI
- N. Provide Virtual Chief Information Officer Services (VCIO)
- Budgetary guidance and IT alignment / planning
  - Regular reports and recommendations from those findings
  - Ad hoc technology consulting
  - Provide supervisory guidance of County IT Supervisor and staff
- O. Provide Help Desk services and provide incident response levels and escalation processes (current Help Desk utilizes JitBit)
- P. Private cloud data center, with redundant data center relationship(s) and SSAE 16 compliance
- Q. Coordinate with all County current vendors acting as internal IT department
- R. Maintain a Project Management Team - (Include the method and approach used to manage the overall project and client correspondence).
- S. Support of existing VOIP phone system and voice mail

### **Company Overview**

Provide the following for your company:

- 1) Official registered name, address, main telephone number, toll-free numbers, and facsimile numbers.
- 2) Key contact name, title, address (if different from above address), direct telephone and fax numbers.
- 3) Brief history, including year established and number of years your company has been offering Information Technology services

### **References**

Provide at least three (3) local government references of similar size and scope (which includes a contact name, phone number and email address).

### **Client Relationship Management**

Describe how you would manage customer relationship within the county “clients..”

- 1) Resumes (including dates of all relevant experience) of all staff expected to support Georgetown County and an organization chart explaining the reporting relationships. Include all relevant IT certifications held by staff that impact support of the County.
- 2) Describe how will you propose changes in technicians assigned to the contract and seek approval to such changes from the county.
- 3) Describe your training program
- 4) Describe all support staff that would be expected to serve Georgetown County, including executive, project, and account staff
- 5) Describe the responsibilities of each individual proposed to be assigned to Georgetown County’s account
- 6) Describe the hours of operation for on-site staff as well as help desk staff.
- 7) Describe how afterhours support would be available
- 8) Describe how you would report to county contacts and users about status of systems, elicit needs of users, needs for change, etc.

## **Service Levels**

Describe service levels you will provide to Georgetown County.

- 1) Describe your work order/trouble ticket system
- 2) Describe availability of key staff during normal business hours
- 3) Describe how staff is available 24/7
- 4) Provide your guaranteed response time for issues dependent upon severity and time of day
- 5) Provide your average response time for after hours issues
- 6) Scheduled down times for routine maintenance
- 7) How are scheduled down times determined; how communicated?
- 8) How do you propose that the service level agreement be enforced?
- 9) Describe your communication strategy for keeping clients informed of system conditions and changes.
- 10) Describe how you would assist Georgetown County's elected officials and top management strategically plan to insure that the County's IT system retains its usefulness, viability, compatibility, and dependability.
- 11) Describe your plans for disaster recovery.
- 12) Describe how your on-site support representative would work and describe any special requirements that would need to be filled by the county.
- 13) Describe how major software upgrades would be applied and what upgrades would require additional fees.

## **Monitoring**

- 1) Describe your monitoring tools and strategies to monitor and insure the stability of the computing environment in Georgetown County.
- 2) Describe how these monitoring results would be communicated to Georgetown County.

## **Documentation and Records**

- 1) Describe how you would document and record maintenance, installation, performance, and changes to the system.
- 2) Describe the documentation that you would make available to Georgetown County at the end of the contract period.
- 3) Describe how you would maintain confidentiality in strict conformance with HIPPA and other confidentiality laws and regulations.

## **Background Checks**

- 1) Verify that all company employees have passed an employer background and credit check.
- 2) Certify that all approved engineers and key support staff have:
  - A. Successfully completed the Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) Security & Awareness Training Course for the Level 1 CJIS Security Test.
  - B. Passed the CJIS / NCIC law enforcement background check to verify no criminal history. Additionally they have met all requirements of that portion of the computer systems and network infrastructure interfacing directly or indirectly with the DON network for the Interstate exchange of criminal history/criminal justice information.

**Additional Requirements**

- 1) The provider will be responsible for a Server and Network data center location for hosted desktops from outside the County confines, preferably within a 300-400 mile radius of County, utilizing Citrix or VMware based software, resulting in desktop virtualization. There should be two (2) separate pipes back to the data center, specified within the proposal.
- 2) Desktop replacement PCs shall be on a five (5) year rotation basis.
- 3) Nightly 365 day back-up should be duplicated on two (2) separate sites utilizing versioning for recovery.

**Fees**

Provide all fees associated with the proposed contract for services. The following should be included in your base bid:

- 1) Fees for service initiation
- 2) Ongoing monthly fees and what is included and excluded.
- 3) Fees for connectivity to support site
- 4) Optional fees:
  - a) Extra work which is outside the proposal
  - b) Optional ongoing services
  - c) Ad-hoc services
  - d) Escalation fees
  - e) Off site disaster recovery
  - f) Response and emergency fees

**Significant Evaluation Factors**

Responses shall be reviewed on these critical factors with the indicated relative importance factors.

Company experience, Certifications, expertise, references from similar agencies.....	20%
Client Relationship Approach.....	20%
Service Levels.....	30%
Management (Change Control, Monitoring, Documentation).....	15%
Fees.....	15%

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**Instructions for Providers**  
**RFP #15-009**  
**IT Managed Support and Hosted Services Provider**

1. **Submission of Questions**

Questions must be submitted in writing via electronic mail, facsimile or postal mail to the Issuing Officer no later than the “Deadline for Questions” cutoff identified in the Bid Timeline on page two (2) in order to generate an official answer. All written questions will receive an official written response from the Georgetown County Purchasing Office (GCPO) and will become addenda to the solicitation.

GCPO reserves the right to reject or deny any requests made by the provider.

Impromptu, unwritten questions are permitted and verbal answers may be provided, but are only intended as general direction and will not represent the official GCPO position. The only official position of GCPO is that which is stated in writing and issued in the solicitation as addenda thereto.

No other means of communication, whether oral or written, shall be construed as a formal or official response/statement and may not be relied upon. **SEND QUESTIONS TO:**

Kyle Prufer, Purchasing Officer  
Post Office Box 421270, Georgetown, SC 29442-1270  
Fax: (843) 545-3500  
Email: [kprufer@gtcounty.org](mailto:kprufer@gtcounty.org)

2. Written sealed public bids for a Term Contract to provide IT Managed Support and Hosted Services Provider shall be received in the Purchasing Office, Second Floor, Suite 239, 129 Screven Street, Georgetown, SC until the cut-off time shown in the bid timeline on page (3) of this document. Bids will then be publicly and promptly opened at the designated time by the Purchasing Officer. Bids that are not in the Purchasing Officer’s possession prior to the stated opening date and time will be considered **NON RESPONSIVE** and returned unopened. An official authorized to bind the offer must sign all proposals submitted.

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- c) UPS WILL guarantee delivery to Georgetown, SC before 10:30 AM Eastern Time on Next Day “Early AM” Service.

4. **Inclement Weather/Closure of County Courthouse**

If the County Courthouse is closed for business at the time scheduled for bid opening, for whatever reason, sealed bids will be accepted and opened on the next scheduled business day, at the originally scheduled time.

5. This solicitation does not commit Georgetown County to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the bid, or to procure or contract for goods or services. It is the responsibility of each bidder to see that the Georgetown County Purchasing Office receives bids on, or before, the date and time specified for the bid opening. No bid will be accepted thereafter. The County assumes no responsibility for delivery of bids that are mailed. Georgetown County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities and technicalities in the bid process.

6. One (1) unbound, reproducible ORIGINAL of your proposal must be submitted in a sealed envelope and clearly marked on the outermost container as follows:

**OFFEROR'S NAME**  
**BID ITEM NAME**  
**BID NUMBER**

7. No Bidder may submit more than one bid. Multiple bids for different manufacturers but represented by the same firm will not be accepted. Bids offered directly from manufacturers shall indicate if a local dealer/representative will be involved.
8. Definitions:
- a) The terms “Proposer”, “Offeror”, “Vendor” or “Bidder” refer to those parties who are submitting sealed responses for the work set forth in this document to the OWNER, as distinct from a sub-bidder who provides a bid to the Bidder. The term “Contractor” refers to the successful Bidder.
  - b) The term “IT Managed Support and Hosted Services Provider” or “Service” refers to the **complete set of services** as specified in this document, in every aspect.
  - c) The terms “Owner” and “County” refer to the County of Georgetown, South Carolina.
  - d) Where the words “shall” or “must” are used, it signifies an absolute minimum function or capacity that, if not satisfied, may result in disqualification.
  - e) Where the words “should”, “may”, or “is desirable” are used, it signifies desirable, but not mandatory functions or capacities. Bidders who are able to provide these functions or capacities may be evaluated more favorably than those who cannot.
9. Correction or Withdrawal of Bids; Cancellation of Awards  
An offeror must submit in writing a request to either correct or withdraw a bid to the Procurement Officer. Each written request must document the fact that the offeror’s mistake is clearly an error that will cause him substantial loss.
- a) Correction of awards : An offeror shall not be permitted to correct a bid mistake after bid opening that would cause such offeror to have the low bid unless the mistake in the judgment of the Procurement Officer is clearly evident from examining the bid document; for example, extension of unit prices or errors in addition.
  - b) Cancellation of awards prior to performance: When it is determined after an award has been issued but before performance has begun that Georgetown County’s requirements for the goods or services have changed or have not been met, the award or contract may be canceled and either reawarded or a new solicitation issued.
10. Faxed or E-mailed bids will not be accepted by Georgetown County.
11. If you need any reasonable accommodation for any type of disability in order to participate in this procurement, please contact the purchasing office as soon as possible.
12. Any deviations from the specifications or modification of this bid and any extra or incidental work or reductions in work shall be set forth in writing and signed by both parties prior to making such change. Any increase or decrease in the bid price resulting from such change shall be included in writing.

13. Exceptions: The bidder shall list on a separate sheet of paper any variations from, or exceptions to, the conditions and specifications of this bid. This sheet shall be labeled "Exception(s) to Bid Conditions and Specifications," and shall be attached to the bid. When Proposers find instances where they must take exception with certain requirements or specifications of the bid, all exceptions shall be clearly identified. Written explanations shall include the scope of the exceptions, the ramifications of the exceptions for the County of Georgetown, and a description of the advantage to be gained or disadvantages to be incurred by the County as a result of these exceptions. If none, write "NONE".
14. Georgetown County reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to waive as an informality any irregularities contained in any bid as may be deemed in the best interest of the County. Georgetown County further reserves the right to reject any bid submitted, at its sole option, that the vendor may not be able to meet the service requirements of the bid.
15. Publicity releases: contractor agrees not to refer to award of any resulting contract in commercial advertising in such a manner as to state or imply that the products or services provided are endorsed or preferred by the user.
16. Ownership of Copyright: All right, title and interest in all copyrightable materials which vendor shall create in the performance of its obligations hereunder shall be the property of the procurer. Vendor agrees to assign and hereby does assign any and all interest it has in and to such material to procurer. Vendor agrees, upon the request of procurer to execute all papers and perform all other such acts necessary to assist procurer to obtain and register copyrights on such materials. Where applicable, works of authorship created by the vendor in the performance of its obligations hereunder, shall be considered "works for hire" as defined in the U.S. Copyright Act.
17. Ownership of Documents: Any reports, studies, photographs, negatives or other documents prepared by vendor in the performance of its obligations shall be the exclusive property of the procurer and all such material shall be remitted to the procurer by the vendor upon completion, termination or cancellation of this order. Vendor shall not use, willingly allow or cause to have such material used for any purpose other than performance of its obligations under this order without the prior written consent of the procurer.
18. Affirmative Action: The contractor will take affirmative action in complying with all Federal and State requirements concerning fair employment and employment of the handicapped, and concerning the treatment of all employees, without regard or discrimination by reason of age, race, color, religion, sex, national origin or physical handicap. The following are incorporated herein by reference: 41 C.F.R. 60-1.4, 60-250.4 and 60-741.4.
19. Inclusion and participation of disadvantaged, small, and local business entities is strongly encouraged, but minimum participation standards are not in effect for this project.
20. Bidders must clearly mark as "confidential" each part of their bid which they consider to be proprietary information that could be exempt from disclosure under section 30-4-40, Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended (Freedom of Information Act). If any part is designated as confidential, there must be attached to that part an explanation of how this information fits within one or more categories listed in section 30-4-40. The County reserves the right to determine whether this information should be exempt from disclosure and no legal action may be brought against the County or its agents for its determination in this regard.

21. CERTIFICATION REGARDING DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE:

The contractor certifies that the vendor(s) will provide a “drug-free workplace” as that term is defined in Section 44-107-30 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, by the complying with the requirements set forth in title 44, Chapter 107.

22. Certification of Non-Segregated Facilities

The federally-assisted construction contractor certifies that he does not maintain or provide, for his employees, any segregated facilities at any of his establishments and that he does not permit his employees to perform their services at any location, under his control, where segregated facilities are maintained. The federally-assisted construction contractor certifies that he will not maintain or provide, for his employees, segregated facilities at any of his establishments and that he will not permit his employees to perform their services at any location under his control where segregated facilities are maintained. The federally-assisted construction contractor agrees that a breach of this certification is a violation of the Equal Opportunity Clause in this Contract.

As used in this certification, the term "segregated facilities" means any waiting rooms, work areas, restrooms, and washrooms, restaurants and other eating areas, time clocks, locker rooms and other storage or dressing areas, parking lots, drinking fountains, recreation or entertainment areas, transportation, and housing facilities provided for employees which are segregated on the basis of race, color, religion, or national origin because of habit, local custom, or any other reason. The federally assisted construction contractor agrees that (except where he has obtained identical certifications from proposed subcontractors for specific time periods) he will obtain identical certifications from proposed subcontractors prior to the award of subcontracts exceeding \$10,000 which are not exempt from the provisions of the Equal Opportunity Clause and that he will retain such certifications in his files.

23. Nothing herein is intended to exclude any responsible vendor, his product or service or in any way restrain or restrict competition. On the contrary, all responsible vendors are encouraged to bid and their bids are solicited.

24. Acknowledgement of Addenda

Each contractor is responsible to verify the number of total addenda issued prior to bid. **Failure to acknowledge all addenda may disqualify the bidder.** All addenda are posted by the County at the website located at [www.georgetowncountysc.org](http://www.georgetowncountysc.org), select “Purchasing” and “Current Bids”. It is each proposer’s responsibility to verify that all addenda have been received and acknowledged.

25. TERMS OF AGREEMENT / RENEWAL

The initial term of any resulting contract shall be for a period of one (1) calendar year, effective from date of contract award. The County reserves the right to negotiate with the successful bidder, after contract award, for an additional discount should available funds permit the purchase of additional units within the fiscal year. The County reserves the right, at its sole option, to renew the contract for four (4) additional consecutive terms, contingent upon satisfactory performance in the prior period, not to exceed a maximum term of five (5) years total.

26. PRICE ESCALATION/DE-ESCALATION:

Prices are to remain firm for the first contract period. In subsequent terms, the contractor may request, in writing at least sixty (60) days in advance of the contract ending date, an increase/decrease. Should the County elect to exercise the option to renew the contract for additional year(s), the contract prices for the additional years shall not exceed the percentage increase/decrease of the "Services" category of the CPI-W SECTION OF THE COMSUMER PRICE INDEX of the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics for the

latest twelve month for which statistics are available. Should the price change be granted and the County elects to renew the contract, the purchase order will reflect the changes.

27. Bids must be made on Proposal or Bid Form furnished or will be rejected. Proposals shall be typewritten or written in ink on the form prepared by the County. The person signing the bid shall initial all corrections or erasures.

28. Insurance

The successful bidder shall procure, maintain, and provide proof of, insurance coverage for injuries to persons and/or property damage as may arise from or in conjunction with, the work performed on behalf of the County by the bidder, his agents, representatives, employees or subcontractors. Proof of coverage as contained herein shall be submitted fifteen (15) days prior to the commencement of work and such coverage shall be maintained by the bidder for the duration of the contract period; for occurrence policies.

a. General Liability

Coverage shall be as broad as: Comprehensive General Liability endorsed to include Broad Form, Commercial General Liability form including Products/Completed Operations.

1. Minimum Limits

General Liability:

\$1,000,000 General Aggregate Limit

\$1,000,000 Products & Completed Operations

\$1,000,000 Personal and Advertising Injury

\$1,000,000 Each Occurrence Limit

\$50,000 Fire Damage Limit

\$5,000 Medical Expense Limit

b. Automobile Liability

Coverage sufficient to cover all vehicles owned, used, or hired by the bidder, his agents, representatives, employees or subcontractors.

1. Minimum Limits

Automobile Liability:

\$1,000,000 Combined Single Limit

\$1,000,000 Each Occurrence Limit

\$5,000 Medical Expense Limit

c. Workers' Compensation

Limits as required by the Workers' Compensation Act of SC. Employers Liability, \$1,000,000.

d. Owners' & Contractors' Protective Liability

Policy will be in name of County. Minimum limits required are \$1,000,000.

e. Professional Liability

Minimum limits are \$1,000,000 per occurrence.

f. Coverage Provisions

1. All deductibles or self-insured retention shall appear on the certificate(s).
2. The County of Georgetown, its officers/ officials, employees, agents and volunteers shall be added as "additional insured" as their interests may appear. This provision does not apply to Professional Liability or Workers' Compensation/Employers' Liability.
3. The offeror's insurance shall be primary over any applicable insurance or self-insurance maintained by the County.

4. Shall provide 30 days written notice to the County before any cancellation, suspension, or void of coverage in whole or part, where such provision is reasonable.
5. All coverage for subcontractors of the bidder shall be subject to all of the requirements stated herein.
6. All deductibles or self-insured retention shall appear on the certificate(s) and shall be subject to approval by the County. At the option of the County, either; the insurer shall reduce or eliminate such deductible or self-insured retention; or the bidder shall be required to procure a bond guaranteeing payment of losses and related claims expenses.
7. Failure to comply with any reporting provisions of the policy(s) shall not affect coverage provided the County, its officers/officials, agents, employees and volunteers.
8. The insurer shall agree to waive all rights of subrogation against the County, its' officers/officials, agents, employees or volunteers for any act, omission or condition of premises which the parties may be held liable by reason of negligence.
9. The bidder shall furnish the County certificates of insurance including endorsements affecting coverage. The certificates are to be signed by a person authorized by the insurance company(s) to bind coverage on its' behalf, if executed by a broker, notarized copy of authorization to bind, or certify coverage must be attached.
10. All insurance shall be placed with insurers maintaining an A.M. Best rating of no less than an A:VII. If A.M. Best rating is less than A:VII, approval must be received from County's Risk Officer.

#### 29. Workman's Compensation Coverage

Georgetown County, SC will require each contractor and service provider to maintain on file with the purchasing officer, a current Certificate of Insurance showing limits as required by the Workers' Compensation Act of SC: Employers Liability, \$1,000,000.

The law also recognizes "statutory employees." These are employees who work for a subcontractor who may be working for a business or another contractor. Employers should inquire whether or not a subcontractor working for them has workers' compensation insurance, regardless of the number of employees employed by the subcontractor. If the subcontractor does not, the subcontractor's injured employees would be covered under the employer's workers' compensation insurance. If the subcontractor does not carry workers' compensation insurance, then the owner or the principal contractor would be liable just as if the subcontractor's employee was one of their employees.

For answers to additional questions, visit the SC Worker's Compensation Commission website, at:

<http://www.wcc.sc.gov/Pages/FrequentlyAskedQuestions.aspx#emp1>

#### 30. Hold Harmless Clause

The Contractor shall, during the term of the contract including any warranty period, indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the County, its officials, employees, agents, and representatives thereof from all suits, actions, or claims of any kind, including attorney's fees, brought on account of any personal injuries, damages, or violations of rights, sustained by any person or property in consequence of any neglect in safeguarding contract work or on account of any act or omission by the contractor or his employees, or from any claims or amounts arising from violation of any law, bylaw, ordinance, regulation or decree. The vendor agrees that this clause shall include claims involving infringement of patent or copyright.

31. Condition of Items

All items shall be new, in first class condition, including containers suitable for shipment and storage, unless otherwise indicated herein. Verbal agreements to the contrary will not be recognized.

32. Workmanship and Inspection

All work under this contract shall be performed in a skillful and workmanlike manner. The County may, in writing, require the Contractor to remove any employee from work that the County deems incompetent or careless.

Further, the County may, from time to time, make inspections of the work performed under this contract. Any inspection by the County does not relieve the Contractor from any responsibility regarding defects or other failures to meet the contract requirements.

33. Invoicing and Payment

The firm shall submit invoices on a frequency to be determined, as agreed upon by the County, for each payment requested. Such invoice shall also include a detailed breakdown of all charges. All such invoices will be paid within thirty (30) days unless any items thereon are questioned, in which event payment will be withheld pending verification of the amount claimed and the validity of the claim. The firm shall provide complete cooperation during any such investigation. All invoices shall be forwarded to the following address:

County of Georgetown  
Accounts Payable  
P.O. Box 421270  
Georgetown, SC 29442-1270

Individual contractors shall provide their social security numbers, and proprietorships, partnerships, and corporations shall provide their federal employer identification number on the pricing form.

34. South Carolina Sales Tax

The County of Georgetown, SC is not exempt and pays the appropriate SC sales tax on all applicable purchases. Effective May 01, 2015, the sales tax rate will increase from 6% to 7% which includes a VAT for Georgetown County.

35. Assignment of Contract

This contract may not be assigned in whole or part without the written consent of the Purchasing Officer.

36. Termination

Subject to the provisions below, the contract may be terminated by the County upon thirty (30) days advance written notice to the other party; but if any work or service hereunder is in progress, but not completed as of the date of termination, then this contract may be extended upon written approval of the County until said work or services are completed and accepted.

a. Termination for Convenience

In the event that this contract is terminated or canceled upon request and for the convenience of the County, without the required thirty (30) days advance written notice, then the County shall negotiate reasonable termination costs, if applicable.

b. Termination for Cause

Termination by the County for cause, default or negligence on the part of the contractor shall be excluded from the foregoing provision; termination costs, if any, shall not apply. The thirty (30) days advance notice requirement is waived in the event of Termination for Cause.

c. Non-Appropriation:

It is understood and agreed by the parties that in the event funds are not appropriated in the current fiscal year or any subsequent fiscal years, this contract will become null and void and the County will only be required to pay for services completed to the satisfaction of the County.

37. Default

In case of default by the contractor, for any reason whatsoever, the County may procure the goods or services from another source and hold the contractor responsible for any resulting excess cost and may seek other remedies under law

38. Severability

In the event that any provision shall be adjudged or decreed to be invalid, such ruling shall not invalidate the entire Agreement but shall pertain only to the provision in question and the remaining provisions shall continue to be valid, binding and in full force and effect.

39. Applicable Laws

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of South Carolina, U.S.A.

40. Claims and Disputes:

All claims, disputes and other matters in question between parties arising out of, or relating to, this Agreement, or the breach thereof, shall be decided in the Circuit Court of the Fifteenth Judicial circuit in Georgetown County, South Carolina. By executing this Agreement, all parties specifically consent to venue and jurisdiction in Georgetown County, South Carolina and waive any right to contest jurisdiction and venue in said Court.

41. Rights of County

The County reserves the right to reject all or any part of any bid, waive informalities and award the contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder to best serve the interest of the County.

42. Award of Bid

In determining the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, in addition to price, there shall be considered the following:

- (a) The ability, capacity and skill of the bidder to perform the contract.
- (b) Whether the bidder can perform the contract within the time specified, without delay or interference.
- (c) The character, integrity, reputation, judgment, experience and efficiency of the bidder.
- (d) The quality of performance on previous contracts.
- (e) The previous and existing compliance by the bidder with laws and ordinances relating to the contract.
- (f) The sufficiency of the financial resources to perform the contract to provide the service.
- (g) The quality, availability and adaptability of the supplies or contractual services to the particular use required.
- (h) The ability of the bidder to provide future maintenance and service.
- (i) The discount terms and conditions of the bid.
- (j) Delivery time.

43. Notice of Award

A ***Notice of Intent to Award*** will be mailed to all respondents.

44. Protest

Bidders may refer to Sections 2-67, 2-73, and 2-74 of Ordinance #2008-09, also known as the Georgetown County, South Carolina Purchasing Policy to determine their remedies concerning this competitive process. The failure to be awarded a bid shall not be valid grounds for protest.

45. Debarment

By submitting a bid, the offeror certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals, sub-contractors and assigns are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal, State or local department or agency. A copy of the County's debarment procedure in accordance with Section 2-68 of Ordinance #2008-09, also known as the Georgetown County, South Carolina Purchasing Policy is available upon request.

46. Firm Pricing for County Acceptance

Bid price must be firm for County acceptance for 90 days from bid opening date. "Discount from list," bids are not acceptable unless specifically requested.

47. Quotations to be F.O.B.: Destination

Quote F.O.B.: Destination for this competitive sealed bid. As an alternate, show exact cost for delivery.

48. Unit Prices and Extension

Bid unit price on quantity specified -- extend and show total. In case of errors in extension, unit prices shall govern. Bids subject to unlimited price increases will not be considered.

49. Use of Brand Names (If Appropriate)

Unless otherwise stated in an Invitation for Bid, the name of a certain brand, make or manufacturer does not restrict bidders to the specific brand, make or manufacturer named; it conveys the general style, type, character, and quality of the article desired, and any article which the County in its sole discretion determines to be the equal of that specified, considering quality, workmanship, economy of operation, and suitability for the purpose intended, shall be accepted. Any catalog, brand name or manufacturer's reference used in bid invitation is descriptive - NOT restrictive - it is to indicate type and quality desired. Bids on brands of like nature and quality will be considered. If bidding on other than reference or specifications, bid must show manufacturer, brand or trade name, catalog number, etc. of article offered. If other than brand(s) specified is offered, illustrations and complete description must be submitted with bid. Samples may be required. If bidder makes no other bid and takes no exception to specifications or reference data, he will be required to furnish brand names, numbers, etc., as specified. Bidders must certify that item(s) bid upon meet and/or exceed specifications.

50. Permits

The successful Offeror must be responsible for obtaining all necessary city, county, and state permits/licenses and must comply with all local codes and ordinances. Copies of such permits/licenses shall be made available to the County upon request. Building contractors working within Georgetown County must also secure a Contractor's License from the Building Department. Work within the Georgetown City Limits may require a City Business License. For additional information, please review the "Forms and Fees" section of the Building and Planning web page at the link below:

<http://www.georgetowncountysc.org/building/default.html>

51. Environmental Management:

Vendor/Supplier/Contractor will be responsible for complying with all federal, state and local environmental regulations relating to transportation, handling, storage, spillage and any other aspect of providing the services specified herein, as applicable.

52. Bid Tabulation Results

Vendors wishing to view the bid tabulation results may visit the Georgetown County, SC web-site at: <http://www.georgetowncountysc.org>. Select "Purchasing", then "Bids Information" and double click the link under the individual bid listing.

53. The Bidder hereby certifies that he or she has carefully examined all of the Documents for the project, has carefully and thoroughly reviewed this Request for Bid/Quotation, has inspected the location of the project (if applicable), and understands the nature and scope of the work to be done; and that this Bid is based upon the terms, specifications, requirements, and conditions of the Request for Bid/ Documents. The Bidder further agrees that the performance time specified is a reasonable time, having carefully considered the nature and scope of the project as aforesaid.

54. Any attempt by the vendor to influence the opinion of County Staff or County Council by discussion, promotion, advertising, misrepresentation of the submittal or purchasing process or any procedure to promote their offer will constitute a violation of the vendor submittal conditions and will cause the vendor's submittal to be declared null and void.

55. Apparent omission of a detailed description concerning any point, shall be regarded as meaning the best commercial practice is to prevail and that only material and workmanship of the finest quality are to be used.

56. Response Clarification

Georgetown County reserves the right to request additional written or oral information from Bidders in order to obtain clarification of their Responses.

57. Georgetown County, SC has a Local Vendor Preference Option by ordinance:

**Sec 2-50. Local Preference Option**

1. A vendor shall be deemed a Local Georgetown County vendor for the purposes of this Section if such vendor is an individual, partnership, association or corporation that is authorized to transact business within the State, maintains an office in Georgetown County, and maintains a representative inventory or commodities within the County on which the bid is submitted, and has paid all taxes duly assessed.
2. This option allows the lowest local Bidder whose bid is within five-percent (5%) of the lowest non-local Bidder to match the bid submitted by the non-local Bidder and thereby be awarded the contract. This preference shall apply only when (a) the total dollar purchase is \$10,000 or more; (b) the vendor has a physical business address located and operating within the limits of Georgetown County and has been doing business in the County for a period of twelve (12) months or more; and (c) the vendor provides proof of payment of all applicable Georgetown County taxes and fees if so requested.
3. Should the lowest responsible and responsive Georgetown County bidder not exercise its right to match the bid as granted herein, the next lowest qualified Georgetown County bidder shall have that right and so on. The right to exercise the right to match the bid shall be exercised within 24 hours of notification of the right to match the non-Georgetown County bidder's bid.
4. In order to qualify for the local preference authorized by this Section, the vendor seeking same shall be required to submit with its bid a statement containing relevant information which demonstrates compliance with the provisions of this Section. This statement shall be on a form provided by the County purchasing department and shall be signed under penalty of perjury. Failure to provide such affidavit at the time the bidder submits its bid shall constitute a waiver of any claim for preference.

5. For all contracts for architecture, professional engineering, or other professional services governed by § 2-56, Architect-Engineer and Land Surveying Services – Public Announcement and Selection Process, the county shall include the local business status of a firm among the factors considered when selecting which firms are “most highly qualified.” In determining which firm is the “most qualified” for purposes of negotiating a satisfactory contract, preference shall be given to a local business where all other relevant factors are equal.
6. Local preference shall not apply to the following categories of contracts: (a) Goods or services provided under a cooperative purchasing agreement or similar “piggyback” contract; (b) Contracts for professional services except as provided for in section five (§5) above; (c) Purchases or contracts which are funded, in whole or in part, by a governmental or other funding entity, where the terms and conditions of receipt of the funds prohibit the preference; (d) Purchases or contracts made pursuant to a noncompetitive award process, unless otherwise provided by this section; or (e) Any bid announcement which specifically provides that the general local preference policies set forth in this section are suspended due to the unique nature of the goods or services sought, the existence of an emergency as found by either the county council or county administrator, or where such suspension is, in the opinion of the county attorney, required by law.

See the RESIDENCE CERTIFICATION FOR LOCAL PREFERENCE form attached for details.

58. Vendor Checklist

The items indicated below must be returned as a part of the Bid Submission package:

- Non-Collusion Oath
- Substitute for Form W-9
- Mandatory Bid Submittal Form
- Resident Certification for Local Preference
- Mandatory Exceptions Page

The successful proposer will be required to provide a Certificate of Insurance naming Georgetown County, SC as an additional insured. This must be on file prior to any final award.

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**NON-COLLUSION OATH** )

**COUNTY OF:** \_\_\_\_\_ )

**STATE OF:** \_\_\_\_\_ )

Before me, the Undersigned, a Notary Public, for and in the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_ and made oath that the Offeror Herein, his agents, servants, and/or employees, to the best of his knowledge and belief have not in any way colluded with anyone for and on behalf of the Offeror, or themselves, to obtain information that would give the Offeror an unfair advantage over others, not have they colluded with anyone for and on behalf of the Offeror, or themselves, to gain any favoritism in the award of the contract herein.

SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS

\_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2015

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signature of Offeror

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR THE

STATE OF: \_\_\_\_\_

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

(Note: Notary seal required for out-of-state offeror)



**SUBSTITUTE FOR FORM W-9  
MANDATORY BID SUBMISSION FORM**

Pursuant to Internal Revenue Service Regulations, you must furnish your Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) to Georgetown County. If this number is not provided, you may be subject to a 26% withholding on each payment.

**INDIVIDUAL OR OWNER'S NAME** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Sole Proprietor Must Provide Individual Name along with Business Name)

**LEGAL BUSINESS NAME (d/b/a):** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** ( \_\_\_\_\_  
( \_\_\_\_\_  
( \_\_\_\_\_

**9 DIGIT TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (TIN)**  
(Individual Must Provide SS#; Sole Proprietorship may provide SS# or EIN#)

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
Employer Identification Number \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**BUSINESS DESIGNATION**

- Individual, Sole Proprietor, or Single-Member LLC
- S-Corporation
- Trust/Estate
- Non-Profit Organization/501(a)
- Limited Liability Company (Must Circle the appropriate Tax Classification):  
C = Corporation      S = S Corporation      P = Partnership
- C-Corporation
- Partnership
- Governmental Entity
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY** (List Type of Service or Product Provided):

\_\_\_\_\_

MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDER       ATTORNEY/LEGAL SERVICES PROVIDER

**CERTIFICATION** Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
- I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
- I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person; and
- The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. *The Internal Revenue Service does not require your consent to any provision of this document other than the certifications required to avoid back-up withholding.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



## RESIDENCE CERTIFICATION FOR LOCAL PREFERENCE

### MANDATORY VENDOR SUBMITTAL FORM

WHEREAS, Georgetown County Council desires to further its support of local businesses when awarding contracts for the provision of supplies and construction services to the County through its established procurement procedures.

THEREFOR pursuant to Georgetown County, SC Ordinance #2014-02 as adopted, §2-50 Local Preference Option, the Georgetown County Purchasing Officer requests each offeror provide Residence Certification. The Local Preference Option provides some restrictions on the awarding of governmental contracts; provisions of which are stated below:

#### **Sec 2-50. Local Preference Option**

1. A vendor shall be deemed a Local Georgetown County vendor for the purposes of this Section if such vendor is an individual, partnership, association or corporation that is authorized to transact business within the State, maintains an office in Georgetown County, and maintains a representative inventory or commodities within the County on which the bid is submitted, and has paid all taxes duly assessed.
2. This option allows the lowest local Bidder whose bid is within five-percent (5%) of the lowest non-local Bidder to match the bid submitted by the non-local Bidder and thereby be awarded the contract. This preference shall apply only when (a) the total dollar purchase is \$10,000 or more; (b) the vendor has a physical business address located and operating within the limits of Georgetown County and has been doing business in the County for a period of twelve (12) months or more; and (c) the vendor provides proof of payment of all applicable Georgetown County taxes and fees if so requested.
3. Should the lowest responsible and responsive Georgetown County bidder not exercise its right to match the bid as granted herein, the next lowest qualified Georgetown County bidder shall have that right and so on. The right to exercise the right to match the bid shall be exercised within 24 hours of notification of the right to match the non-Georgetown County bidder's bid.
4. In order to qualify for the local preference authorized by this Section, the vendor seeking same shall be required to submit with its bid a statement containing relevant information which demonstrates compliance with the provisions of this Section. This statement shall be on a form provided by the County purchasing department and shall be signed under penalty of perjury. Failure to provide such affidavit at the time the bidder submits its bid shall constitute a waiver of any claim for preference.
5. For all contracts for architecture, professional engineering, or other professional services governed by § 2-56, Architect-Engineer and Land Surveying Services – Public Announcement and Selection Process, the county shall include the local business status of a firm among the factors considered when selecting which firms are “most highly qualified.” In determining which firm is the “most qualified” for purposes of negotiating a satisfactory contract, preference shall be given to a local business where all other relevant factors are equal.
6. Local preference shall not apply to the following categories of contracts:

- (a) Goods or services provided under a cooperative purchasing agreement or similar “piggyback” contract;
- (b) Contracts for professional services except as provided for in section five (§5) above;
- (c) Purchases or contracts which are funded, in whole or in part, by a governmental or other funding entity, where the terms and conditions of receipt of the funds prohibit the preference;
- (d) Purchases or contracts made pursuant to a noncompetitive award process, unless otherwise provided by this section; or
- (e) Any bid announcement which specifically provides that the general local preference policies set forth in this section are suspended due to the unique nature of the goods or services sought, the existence of an emergency as found by either the county council or county administrator, or where such suspension is, in the opinion of the county attorney, required by law.

I certify that [Company Name] \_\_\_\_\_ is a **Resident Bidder** of Georgetown County as defined in Ordinance #2014-02, and our principal place of business is \_\_\_\_\_ [City and State].

I certify that [Company Name] \_\_\_\_\_ is a **Non-Resident Bidder** of Georgetown County as defined in Ordinance #2014-02, and our principal place of business is \_\_\_\_\_ [City and State].

(X) \_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Company Officer**

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**MANDATORY BID SUBMITTAL FORM**  
**RFP #15-009**  
**IT Managed Support and Hosted Services Provider**

The undersigned, on behalf of the vendor, certifies that: (1) this bid is made without previous understanding, agreement or connection with any person, firm or corporation making a bid on the same project; (2) is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud; (3) the person whose signature appears below is legally empowered to bind the firm in whose name the bid is entered; (4) they have read the complete Request for Bid and understand and accept all provisions; (5) if accepted by the County, this bid is guaranteed as written and amended and will be implemented as stated; and (6) mistakes in writing of the submitted bid will be their responsibility.

1. Name of Company submitting bid \_\_\_\_\_

2. SC Sales Tax                      Permit # \_\_\_\_\_

Georgetown County is subject to: **6% SC Sales Tax**

If your company is authorized to collect SC Sales Tax, place your SC Sales Tax Permit Number and the amount of tax to be collected on the line above, otherwise write "NO" in both line items. On May 1, 2015 the Georgetown County Sales Tax will increase to 7%.

3. Bid cost must remain valid ninety (90) days from bid opening date.

4. Contact Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

5. Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

6. Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number \_\_\_\_\_

7. E-Mail address \_\_\_\_\_

8. Remittance Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

9. Accounting Contact \_\_\_\_\_

10. Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number \_\_\_\_\_

11. E-Mail address \_\_\_\_\_

12. FEIN or Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

13. Suspension and Debarment

Federal guidelines require grant recipients to obtain sufficient assurance that vendors are not suspended or debarred from participating in federal programs when contracts exceed \$25,000. By signing below you verify that no party to this agreement is excluded from receiving Federal contracts, certain subcontracts, and certain Federal financial and nonfinancial assistance and benefits, pursuant to the provisions of 31 U.S.C. 6101, note, E.O. 12549, E.O. 12689, 48 CFR 9.404, and each agency's

codification of the Common Rule for Nonprocurement suspension and debarment. [See <https://www.epls.gov/> for additional information.]

14. Will you honor the submitted prices for purchase by other departments within Georgetown County and by other government entities who participate in cooperative purchasing with Georgetown County, South Carolina?

**Yes**                      **No**

15. Acceptance of Invitation for Bid Content: The contents of the successful IFB/RPS are included as if fully reproduced herein. Therefore, the selected contractor must be prepared to be bound by his/her proposal as submitted.

16. RENEWAL OF CONTRACT

The continuation of the terms, conditions, and provisions of any resulting contract beyond the fiscal year is subject to approval and ratification by the Georgetown County Council and appropriation by them of the necessary money to fund said contract for each succeeding year.

17. CERTIFICATION REGARDING DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE:

The undersigned certifies that the vendor listed below will provide a “drug-free workplace” as that term is defined in Section 44-107-30 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, by the complying with the requirements set forth in title 44, Chapter 107.

**Yes**                      **No**

18. Any attempt by the vendor to influence the opinion of County Staff or County Council by discussion, promotion, advertising, misrepresentation of the submittal or purchasing process or any procedure to promote their offer will constitute a violation of the vendor submittal conditions and will cause the vendor’s submittal to be declared null and void.

19. The lowest or any proposal will not necessarily be accepted and the County reserves the right to award any portion thereof. I/We, the undersigned, hereby confirm that all the above noted documents for Bid/Request for Proposal No. 15-009 were received.

20. ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION: Non-Construction (NOV. 2008): (An overview is available at [www.procurement.sc.gov](http://www.procurement.sc.gov)) By signing your offer, you certify that you will comply with the applicable requirements of Title 8, Chapter 14 of the South Carolina Code of Laws and agree to provide to the State upon request any documentation required to establish either: (a) that Title 8, Chapter 14 is inapplicable to you and your subcontractors or sub-subcontractors; or (b) that you and your subcontractors or sub-subcontractors are in compliance with Title 8, Chapter 14. Pursuant to Section 8-14-60, "A person who knowingly makes or files any false, fictitious, or fraudulent document, statement, or report pursuant to this chapter is guilty of a felony, and, upon conviction, must be fined within the discretion of the court or imprisoned for not more than five years, or both." You agree to include in any contracts with your subcontractors language requiring your subcontractors to (a) comply with the applicable requirements of Title 8, Chapter 14, and (b) include in their contracts with the sub-subcontractors language requiring the sub-subcontractors to comply with the applicable requirements of Title 8, Chapter 14. [07-7B097-1]

21. INFORMATION ONLY:  
Our company accepts VISA government procurement cards.  
Our company does not accept VISA government procurement cards.

22. Printed Name of person binding bid \_\_\_\_\_

23. Signature (X)\_\_\_\_\_

24. Date\_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: THE ENTIRE IFB PACKET NEED NOT BE RETURNED. Please be sure to provide the requested number of copies of all offeror provided attachments. Thank you.**

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# **EXCEPTIONS PAGE**

## **MANDATORY BID SUBMISSION FORM**

List any areas where you cannot or will not comply with the specifications or terms contained within the bid documentation. If none, write "NONE".



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
 )  
 GEORGETOWN COUNTY )

PROFESSIONAL  
 SERVICES  
 CONTRACT

This AGREEMENT is made and entered into between the COUNTY OF GEORGETOWN, a political subdivision of the State of South Carolina, whose Administrative Office is located at 129 Screven Street, Georgetown, S.C. 29440 (“County”), and \_\_\_\_\_ whose Administrative Office is located at \_\_\_\_\_ (“Contractor”).

This Contract for Professional Services (“Contract”) is dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015, and shall have an Effective Date of the day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015 (the “Effective Date”).

1. GENERAL TERMS OF CONTRACT

1.1. Headings: Headings to paragraphs in this Contract shall not interpret or alter the meaning of the words in the respective paragraph, nor any other provision of this Contract.

1.2. Time of Performance: The timely performance by Contractor of the services described in this Contract is of the essence, and shall commence on the Effective Date. Failure to perform timely, except for cause occasioned by Act of God, shall permit County to declare this Contract voided and of no further effect.

1.3. Arbitration: This contract is not subject to arbitration.

1.4. Dispute Resolution: If the parties hereto cannot settle any difference arising between them without litigation, any such litigation shall take place in the South Carolina Circuit Court in Georgetown, South Carolina.

1.5. Merger, Amendment, and Waiver: This Contract contains all the terms of all agreements, oral or written, between the parties, and is the only document containing all such terms. This Contract merges all prior contracts, agreements, and understandings between County and Contractor concerning the scope of work described herein. The Scope of Services described in this Contract, and all other terms of this Contract, shall not be amended or varied except by a written instrument signed by a duly authorized signatory of County and Contractor. Forbearance by County from enforcing the strict terms of this Contract shall not be a waiver of any other term of this Contract, nor shall such forbearance entitle Contractor to rely upon such forbearance in the event of another similar breach by Contractor of the terms of this Contract. Any variance to the terms of this Contract shall be attached as an Exhibit hereto, and shall have effect as from the effective date thereof as set forth on such Exhibit.

1.6. Compliance with EEOC and other State and Federal Laws: To the extent set forth in the respective statutes, Contractor shall comply with the provisions of:

1.6.1. Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964;

1.6.2. Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967;

1.6.3. Title I of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990;

1.6.4. Equal Pay Act of 1963;

1.6.5.Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938;

1.6.6.Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986; and

1.6.7.South Carolina Wages Act, S.C. Code § 37-10-10 et seq.

1.6.8 South Carolina Worker’s Compensation Act, S.C. Code § 42-1-10 et seq.

1.7. By entering into this Contract, Contractor affirmatively warrants that Contractor is currently in compliance with such laws, and further warrants that during the term of this Contract, Contractor shall remain in compliance therewith.

2. SCOPE OF SERVICES:

2.1. Contractor shall perform those tasks set forth in Exhibit “A” that is attached hereto and is incorporated herein by reference, within the time limits set forth therein. If any term of the Scope of Services set forth on Exhibit “A” shall conflict with the terms of this Contract, then such term as set forth on Exhibit “A” shall not bind County.

2.2. All services to be performed by Contractor under this Contract shall be performed within the lesser of (a) the term set forth on Exhibit “A”; or (b) the expiration of three years after the Effective Date of this Contract; whichever is the lesser period of time.

3. PAYMENT FOR SERVICES:

3.1. The costs of services are set forth in Exhibit “B” of this Contract. Contractor’s invoice to County will be on a basis of net 30 days after receipt by County of invoice. Invoices in respect of necessary services rendered by Contractor after a notice of termination, as set forth herein shall be fully payable by County as if this Contract continued in full force and effect.

3.2. Payment for services not included in the Scope of Services constitute additional charges to County, at rates and intervals to be agreed between County and Contractor in a written instrument executed prior to the performance of such services.

4. WARRANTIES OF CONTRACTOR AND COUNTY:

4.1. County warrants that:

4.1.1.County has the lawful authority required under State law and County’s Ordinances to enter into and perform this Contract;

4.1.2.County shall not offer employment to any employee of Contractor for a period of two (2) years after the termination, except for cause, of this Contract.

4.2. Contractor warrants that Contractor has:

- 4.2.1. All necessary licenses and consents required for Contractor to enter into and fully perform the Scope of Services set forth on Exhibit "A", and is in good standing in the State of South Carolina;
- 4.2.2. All required insurances, including Worker's Compensation Insurance and General Liability Insurance, to indemnify County against any and all claims arising under or as a result of the performance of this Contract;
- 4.2.3. No conflict of interest with any other contract with a third party that might cause a claim to arise against County by the entry into or performance of this Contract by Contractor.
- 4.3. Contractor warrants that Contractor shall throughout the term of this Contract:
  - 4.3.1. Perform all tasks required under the Scope of Services with a degree of skill and care of reputable members of the same profession in South Carolina;
  - 4.3.2. Maintain all insurances required by law or this Contract, including worker's compensation, premises liability, general liability, and professional malpractice coverage in those amounts set forth on County's invitation to bid or Request For Proposal, that formed the basis of the Scope of Services of this Contract.
  - 4.3.3. Properly withhold from all wages, commissions, salaries, and fees paid by Contractor to third parties or employees, agents, or sub-Contractors of Contractor, all amounts required by State or Federal law to be withheld for or on account of taxes, social security payments, or other withholdings mandated by law or regulation;
  - 4.3.4. Ensure that any third party, employee, agent, or sub-Contractor of Contractor shall comply with the terms of this Contract concerning employment discrimination, insurances, and withholdings, so far as concerns this Contract;
  - 4.3.5. Comply with all lawful demands made pursuant to the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, S.C. Code § 30-4-10 et seq. or the Federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C.S. § 552;
  - 4.3.6. Make no offer of employment to any County employee for a period of two (2) years after the termination of this Contract.

## **5. OWNERSHIP OF PROJECT MATTER:**

Unless otherwise agreed between County and Contractor, and approved by County's attorney:

- 5.1. All plans, reports, surveys, and other professional work product of Contractor concerning this Contract (but not internal working files, drafts, memoranda, and equipment) shall become the property of County during and at the completion or termination of this Contract;
- 5.2. All materials supplied or loaned by County to Contractor during the term of this Contract shall remain the property of County;
- 5.3. All intellectual property provided to County by Contractor and originating from this Contract shall become and remain the property of County, and Contractor shall not, without the written consent and license from County, use such intellectual property for another commercial purpose;

5.4. County shall not become the owner, assignee, or licensee of any standard routine, programs, development tools, techniques, interfaces, texts, or other work existing prior to the date of this Contract that may be used by Contractor in providing the services or intellectual property subject to this Contract, except as may be specifically agreed in writing between the parties.

#### 6. EARLY TERMINATION OF CONTRACT:

County and Contractor shall have the right, upon sixty days written notice, to terminate this Contract, and thereafter County shall have no obligation to pay for services provided to County except up to the effective date of termination of this Contract. In the event Contractor exercises its right to terminate this Contract, Contractor will not cease services for a reasonable period of time, not to exceed One-Hundred Twenty days, to allow County to procure another Contractor.

#### 7. NON-APPROPRIATION:

It is understood and agreed by the parties that in the event funds are not appropriated in the current fiscal year or any subsequent fiscal years, this contract will become null and void and the County will only be required to pay for services completed to the satisfaction of the County.

#### 8. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR STATUS:

Contractor shall not, by entering into this Contract, become a servant, agent, or employee of County, but shall remain at all times an independent Contractor to County. This Contract shall not be deemed to create any joint venture, partnership, or common enterprise between Contractor and County, and the rights and obligations of the parties shall not be other than as expressly set forth herein.

#### 9. WAIVER OR FOREBEARANCE

Any delay or failure of County to insist upon strict performance of any obligation under this Agreement or to exercise any right or remedy provided under this Agreement shall not be a waiver of County's right to demand strict compliance, irrespective of the number or duration of any delay(s) or failure(s). No term or condition imposed on Contractor under this Agreement shall be waived and no breach by Contractor shall be excused unless that waiver or excuse of a breach has been put in writing and signed by both parties. No waiver in any instance of any right or remedy shall constitute waiver of any other right or remedy under this Agreement. No consent to or forbearance of any breach or substandard performance of any obligation under this Agreement shall constitute consent to modification or reduction of the other obligations or forbearance of any other breach.

10. NOTICES TO PARTIES:

All notices to each party to this Contract, except routine notices of performance of the Scope of Services during the Contract term, shall be in writing, and sent as follows:

10.1. To County:

10.1.1.

Mr. Kyle Prufer, Procurement Officer  
Georgetown County  
Post Office Box 421270  
Georgetown, SC 29442-4200

10.2. To Contractor:

10.2.1.

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10.3. Form of Notice:

All notices required or permitted under this Contract shall be effective:

10.3.1. On the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) business day after mailing by depositing the notice in the United States Mail, first class postage prepaid, addressed as set forth above; or on the day of receipt of such notice (whether by mail, courier, hand delivery, or otherwise), whichever is the earlier date of receipt; or

10.3.2. On the first day after receipt of a facsimile transmission of the written notice, with delivery confirmed, provided that such notice is also thereafter sent by first class mail as set forth above.

11. INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT:

Contractor will indemnify and hold harmless the County and their agents and employees from and against all claims, damages, losses and expenses, including attorney's fees arising out of or resulting from the performance of the work provided that any such claims, damage, loss, or expense is attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease or death, injury to or destruction of tangible property, including the loss of use resulting therefrom, and is caused by any negligent or willful act or omission of the Contractor, and anyone directly or indirectly employed by him or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable. In any and all claims against the County or any of their agents or employees by an employee of the Contractor, and anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them, or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable, the indemnification obligation shall not be limited in any way to the amount or type of damages, compensation or benefits payable by or for Contractor under the workman's compensation acts, disability benefit acts, or other employee benefit acts. The obligation of Contractor under this paragraph shall not extend to the liability of the County or its agents or employees arising out of the reports, survey, change orders, designs, or specifications.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Contract in two (2) originals, each of which shall be deemed to be an original on the Effective Date first above written.

WITNESS:

CONTRACTOR NAME

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By: \_\_\_\_\_

Its: \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY OF GEORGETOWN

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Johnny Morant  
County Council Chair

ATTEST:

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Ollie Lewis  
Assistant to the Administrator

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