REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

BID NUMBER: 19-037

ISSUE DATE: Friday, May 17, 2019

OPENING DATE: Wednesday, June 5, 2019

OPENING TIME: 3:30 PM (ET)

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

Pre-Bid Site Inspection and/or Conference: [None]

PROCUREMENT FOR: Town of Andrews Drainage Study and Proposed Improvements

Commodity Code(s): 91842, 92528

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: Georgetown County Courthouse, Suite 239, Georgetown SC 29440-3641

STREET ADDRESS: 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: Nancy Silver Pamela Bassetti

Phone (843)545-3076 (843)545-3082

Fax: (843)545-3500 (843)545-3500

E-mail: nsilver@gtCounty.org pbassetti@gtCounty.org

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Intent to Respond

REF: RFQ #19-037, Town of Andrews Drainage Study and Proposed Improvements

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.gtccounty.org select Quick Links, “Bid Opportunities” 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: _________________________________________________________________
How did you hear about this opportunity? ______________________________________
Reason if not responding: ___________________________________________________________________________________________________

Please return this completed form to Nancy Silver, Purchasing Officer
• by e-mail to purch@gtCounty.org
• or by FAX to (843)545-3500.

[End of Intent to Respond]
Time Line: Request for Qualifications #19-037

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

RFQ # 19-037

Town of Andrews Drainage Study and Proposed Improvements

1. BACKGROUND

Georgetown County was recently awarded a FEMA 404 Grant to provide relief from flooding in the Town of Andrews. The flood-prone area in Andrews have inadequate capacity due to non-existent, collapsed, clogged, or undersized pipe for the design storm events. As a result of the flooding, Georgetown County applied for and was awarded a FEMA 404 Grant to study and solve the problem. The grant will pay for the following services to be conducted by a Consulting Engineering Firm.

- Drainage System Inventory and Mapping
- H&H Modeling of the City Area of Andrews
- Preparing a Report with Recommendations
- Complete Construction Drawings for the Recommended Improvements

1) Georgetown County, South Carolina, a rural, coastal county with tourism, agriculture and industry representing the economic basis, is 60 miles north of Charleston and 35 miles south of Myrtle Beach. With a population in excess of 60,440 (2013 census estimate), Georgetown County’s landmass is 876 square miles. During April through September, the population grows to approximately 175,000 due to tourism. The county includes several small cities, towns, and “pocket communities”.

The Town of Andrews is a quaint rural agrarian town located 18 miles west of Georgetown South Carolina which is the third oldest city in South Carolina. It is a family oriented town where the crime rate is lower than the state's average. For a town as small as Andrews (2000 census shows 3,068 people), its citizenry is diversified ranging from laborers, manufacturers, medical, social workers, doctors, teachers, farmers, entrepreneurs, retirees, etc.

Figure 1 - Town of Andrews, South Carolina
II. **SCOPE OF SERVICES:**

The selected consultant may be asked to provide some or all of the following services to document, analyze, and resolve flooding problems within the areas defined above.

**Drainage System Inventory and Mapping**
- It is estimated that there are approximately 39 miles of roadway in Andrews, resulting in 78 miles of ditching and pipe along the roads. In addition, it is estimated that there are an additional length of side ditches or conveyances. Therefore, it is estimated that there is a total of 156 miles of ditches and pipe that will need to be inventoried.
- Determination (survey) of elevations or inverts of each pipe within the system
- Data collection of reports, studies, plans, SCDOT Design Drawings, and other resources necessary to understand the existing conditions.
- Photo documentation of storm drainage system to document existing condition
- Closed Circuit TV (CCTV) of key locations with known or suspected deficiencies identified
  - This will be performed for exploratory and discovery purposes only.
  - This will not be performed for general drainage system maintenance.
  - It is assumed that 15,000 LF of pipe CCTVing will be required.
  - If existing obstructions must be cleaned/removed during this CCTV process, the contractor shall anticipate and include that work.
- Establish stormwater drainage basins and network
- Field survey as required
- GIS mapping and database development

**Hydrologic and Hydraulic Analysis for Town of Andrews Area**
- Development of existing hydrologic and hydraulic models, including but not limited to:
  - Rainfall – runoff;
  - Pipe network flow;
  - 2-, 10-, 25- and 100-year storm events
- Problem area identification

**Report and Recommendations**
- Create Summary Report of findings, including but not limited to:
  - Evaluation of base design
  - Viable alternatives with order of magnitude cost estimate for each option
  - Documentation of methods, technical data, and related information
  - Priority project recommendations
- Meet with County to discuss recommendations.

**Construction Drawings for Recommended Improvements**
- Route survey
- Design Drawings, including but not limited to:
  - Pipe/structure replacement, rehabilitation, and/or cleaning as required.
- Permitting
- Cost Estimation
- Bidding Assistance
- Technical Specifications
- Construction Administration and Close Out
III. RFQ SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS:

A. General
Offeror shall provide one (1) unbound, reproducible original RFQ submittal clearly marked and labeled on the outermost container with the firm’s name, the bid number, and the name of the bid. The RFQ response must be complete, clear and concise, not to exceed fifty (50) 8½” x 11” pages (may be fewer) and numbered at the bottom right hand corner of the page. The submittal shall use a minimum 12-point Times New Roman font and shall be printed one-sided with no tabs or dividers. The submittal shall be concise, well organized and demonstrate an understanding of the Scope of Work. All sections shall be clearly labeled as listed below for ease of evaluation. The County’s Mandatory Bid Submission Forms included herein will not count towards the page limitation. All other pages will apply to the page limitation.

B. Content
Proposals submitted in response to this RFQ shall be in the following order and shall include:

1. Cover Letter
   Include a 1-2 page cover letter with the following items:
   a) Legal name and address of company
   b) Legal form of company (partnership, corporation, joint venture, etc.). If joint venture, identify the members of the joint venture and provide all information required within this section for each member.
   c) Name, title, email, address and telephone number of the person to contact concerning the submittal.
   d) If different from item c) above, name, title, email, address and telephone number of the person(s) able to sign contracts & bind the RFQ submittal.
   e) Summarize key elements of your RFQ submittal.

2. Experience & References
Describe your firm’s background and history, including number of years in business and the scope of service currently provided to clients. Describe your firm’s experience in completing similar engineering services. Offeror shall list at least five (5) successful projects of a similar nature completed within the last ten years. List the beginning project amount, final project amount, estimated completion date provided at the beginning of the project, actual completion date of the project, etc. for each project listed to demonstrate your firm’s past experience and proven ability to complete projects within budget and within provided time limitations. Explain if any change orders were needed for the given project and why. Provide at least five (5) references (preferably governmental) listing names of clients and project managers, telephone numbers, the type of work performed, and the value of the contracts. Projects currently being performed may be submitted for County's review.

Describe your firm’s experience working with Government agencies such as Local, State, and Federal agencies and your firm’s familiarity with the County’s, SC State, and Federal policies, practices, and standards that will be drawn upon to accomplish the Work. The
Consultant shall describe the involvement it has established for maintaining communication with clients' representatives.

Describe your experience providing advice and services to Governmental/County management, staff, and policy-making boards. Include a discussion of how your current and past experience will enable you to effectively and efficiently represent the County of Georgetown and a statement describing why you are qualified to perform the work outlined in this RFQ.

3. **Key Personnel**
   a) Provide a discussion of your firm’s staffing plan and level of personnel to be involved, their qualifications, experience, resumes, roles, and the name of the individual who will be in charge and responsible for coordination with the County. Provide the names of the professional persons who will assist in performing the Work including a description of qualifications, skills, and their responsibilities in this project.

   b) List your closest office in proximity to Georgetown County. Identify proposed sub-consultants (if any) that will be retained to perform any items in the work. Provide a list of the tasks, responsibilities, and qualifications of any sub-consultants proposed to be used. If applicable, indicate how local firms are being utilized to ensure a strong understanding of local laws, ordinances, regulations, policies, requirements and permitting. Indicate the role and responsibility of your firm as the prime consultant and all sub-consultants. Identification of any additional fees for services performed by sub-consultants must be contained within the your submittal and listed as separate item(s) as part of the sealed fee schedule. The awarded contract will be solely with the Offeror and all invoices will be paid directly to the Offeror, not their sub-consultant.

   The County's evaluation of the proposal will consider consultant's entire team. Once proposed, no changes in the team composition will be allowed without prior written approval of the County.

4. **Methodology**
   Outline your firm’s basic technical procedures and managerial approaches to accomplish the Work required by this contract. Describe your present workload capacity and your ability to meet the needs of the County. Include any limitations you would foresee in your firm’s ability to handle the Work, or work capacity limitations and how you might overcome them. Demonstrate your firm’s ability to provide adequate staffing and project efficiency.

5. **Written Affirmations & RFQ Compliance**
   a) Provide a written affirmation that your firm has a policy of nondiscrimination in employment because of race, age, color, sex, religion, national origin, mental or physical handicap, political affiliation, marital status or other protected class, and has a drug free workplace policy.

   b) Provide a written affirmation certifying that neither your firm nor its principals are presently debarred or suspended by any Federal department or agency from participation in this transaction.
c) Provide a written affirmation that your firm complies with any and all contract provisions as set forth in 2 C.F.R. § 200.326 and 2 C.F.R. Part 200 Appendix II or the most current contract provisions as mandated by FEMA if different than that listed herein.

d) Provide a written affirmation that you are an Engineer licensed to work in the State of South Carolina and that your firm complies with all local, state, and federal regulations.

e) Provide written affirmation that your firm meet’s the County’s insurance requirements and will provide a Certificate of Insurance listing Georgetown County as an additional insured within the required fifteen (15) days if awarded a contract. Please refer to pages 14-16 for the County’s insurance requirements. If you cannot comply with one of the insurance requirements, please make a notation in your written affirmation and also make a notation of this on the included mandatory Exceptions Page.

f) The Consultant shall certify that if awarded they will enter into a professional services agreement, see sample Professional Services Contract attached herein. The Consultant shall list any exceptions they may have to the contract and/or bid document requirements on the provided mandatory “Exceptions Page”.

6. Schedule of Fees (IN SEPARATELY SEALED ENVELOPE)

   a) The schedule of fees will be negotiated with the selected firms. In the event that a fee for the required services cannot be negotiated with the selected top ranked firm, the County reserves the right to discontinue negotiations and begin negotiations with another firm.

   b) The RFQ submittal must include a schedule of fees which lists each personnel classification that will work on any given project and the hourly rate charged for each classification. The schedule of fees shall be submitted in a separately sealed #10 sized envelope (4 1/8 in. x 9 ½ in.), placed within the RFQ package, and clearly marked “Confidential-Schedule of Fees”.

Upon receipt by the County, each submittal will become the property of the County, without compensation to the offeror, for disposition or usage by the County at its discretion. The County reserves the right to reject any and all submittals and is not bound to accept any submittal if it is contrary to the best interest of the County. The particulars of any submittal will remain confidential until a contract is signed with the successful offeror.

VI. EVALUATION & AWARD:

The County reserves the right to conduct appropriate investigations into the background, previous experience and training, financial affairs, and related matters of any firm or individual under consideration for a contract. Said investigation may include, but are not limited to credit reports, submission of audited financial statements, and communication with principal clients relating to the ability of you or your firm to successfully perform the duties and responsibilities of the work requested within this RFQ.

The selection team shall review all responses and evaluate in detail those offerors whose
qualifications and services appear to best meet the requirements of the County. The selection team will choose to shortlist and conduct interviews with the most highly qualified offeror(s). The County will then begin negotiations with the highest qualified firm. If a satisfactory contract cannot be agreed upon, negotiations may be conducted, with the second most qualified firm, and so on and so forth until a satisfactory negotiation can be made. Only the schedule of fees from the most highly qualified offeror(s) will be opened and shall be used as a basis for beginning negotiations. All other schedule of fees shall remain sealed and be returned to the submitter after final award.

Once a final determination has been made, a notice of intent to award letter will be mailed out to all respondents. The County of Georgetown is not required to furnish a statement of the reason(s) why a proposal was not deemed to be the most advantageous.

**Ranking of Criteria** Consultants will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

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**Maximum Total Points** 100 points

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Instructions for Consultants
RFQ #19-037, Town of Andrews Drainage Study and Proposed Improvements

These are general instructions and conditions that accompany each bid package. If more specific instructions are given in the individual bid package, those instructions should prevail.

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 three (3) 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 Consultant.

   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:

   Nancy Silver, Purchasing Officer
   Post Office Box 421270, Georgetown, SC  29442-4200
   Fax: (843) 545-3500
   Email: nsilver@gtcounty.org

2. Written sealed request for qualifications to provide Town of Andrews Drainage Study and Proposed Improvements 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 three (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.

3. IMPORTANT OFFEROR NOTES:
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   b) Federal Express does NOT guarantee delivery to Georgetown, SC before 4:30 PM Eastern Time on Next Day Service.
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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
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6. NON EXCLUSIVITY
Nothing herein is intended nor shall be construed as creating any exclusive arrangement with Contractor. Any resulting contract shall not restrict the County from acquiring similar, equal or like goods and/or services from other entities or sources, when Staff determines internally that this resulting action is in the best interest of Georgetown County.

7. 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

8. 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.

9. Definitions:

a) The terms “Consultant”, “Firm”, “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.

b) The term “Town of Andrews Drainage Study and Proposed Improvements”, “Study”, “Project” or “Services” 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 that those who cannot.

10. 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 re-awarded or a new solicitation issued.

11. **Faxed or E-mailed bids will not be accepted by Georgetown County.**

12. 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.

13. **Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964:** Georgetown County hereby gives public notice that it is the policy of the agency to assure full compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, Executive Order 12898 on Environmental Justice, and related statutes and regulations in all programs and activities. Title VI requires that no person in the United States of America shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity for which Georgetown County receives federal financial assistance. Any person who believes they have been aggrieved by an unlawful discriminatory practice under Title VI has a right to file a formal complaint with Georgetown County. Any such complaint must be in writing and filed with Georgetown County’s Title VI Coordinator within one hundred and eighty (180) days following the date of the alleged discriminatory occurrence. For more information, or to obtain a Title VI Discriminatory Complaint Form, please see our website at [http://www.gtCounty.org/about/faqs.html](http://www.gtCounty.org/about/faqs.html).

14. 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.

15. **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”.

16. 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.

17. **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.

18. **Material Safety Data Sheets:** The County of Georgetown will not receive any materials, products, or chemicals which may be hazardous to an employee's health unless accompanied by a Material Data Sheet when received.

19. **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.

20. **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.

21. **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.

22. Inclusion and participation of disadvantaged, small, and local business entities is strongly encouraged, but minimum participation standards are not in effect for this project.

23. **All Construction Contracts Over $2,000:**
   a) **Davis-Bacon Requirements.** These contracts need to include a provision for compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 USC 276a to a—7) and the Department of Labor implementing regulations (29 CFR Part 5). Under this Act, Contractors are required to include the contract provisions in Section 5.5 (a) of 29 CFR Part 5, and to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the minimum wages specified in the wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, Contractors shall be required to pay wages not less than the minimum wages specified in the wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, Contractors shall be required to pay wages not less often than once a week. **Current Wage Determination for Georgetown County in South Carolina is available on-line at:** [http://www.wdol.gov/dba.aspx#14](http://www.wdol.gov/dba.aspx#14)

   b) **Contract Work Hours and Safety Standard Act Requirements.** The contracts must include a provision for compliance with Sections 103 and 107 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 USC 327-330) as supplemented by the Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5). Under Section 103 of the Act, each Contractor shall be required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard workweek of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard workweek is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate not less than one times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the workweek. Section 107 of the Act is applicable to construction work and provides that no laborer of mechanic shall be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous, or dangerous to health and safety as determined under construction, safety and health standards promulgated by the Secretary of Labor. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies, materials, or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.

   c) **Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act Requirements.** All construction contracts over $2,000.00 must include a provision for compliance with the Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act (18 U.S.C. 874) as
supplemented in Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 3). This act provides that each Contractor shall be prohibited from inducing, by any means, persons employed in the construction, completion, or repaid of public work to give up any part of their compensation.

24. 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.

25. **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.

26. **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.

27. 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.

28. **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.
29. This Request for Qualifications covers the estimated requirements to provide Town of Andrews Drainage Study and Proposed Improvements for the Georgetown County Planning Department. The purpose is to establish a Contract with firm pricing and delivery. The right is reserved to extend the use of this contract to any County Department as needed.

30. TERMS OF AGREEMENT / RENEWAL
   The County reserves the right to negotiate with the successful bidder, after contract award, for an additional discount.

31. 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.

32. 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.

33. 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 (a/k/a Errors and Omissions)**

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.

34. **Workman’s Compensation Coverage**

Georgetown County, SC will require each contractor and service Consultant 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

35. 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.

36. 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.

37. 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.

38. 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 29442-4200

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

39. South Carolina Sales Tax
The County of Georgetown, SC is not exempt and pays the appropriate SC sales tax on all applicable purchases.

40. **Assignment of Contract**

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

41. **Termination**

Subject to the provisions below, the contract may be terminated by the County upon sixty (60) 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 sixty (60) 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 sixty (60) 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.

42. **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.

43. **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.

44. **Applicable Laws**

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

45. **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.

46. **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.
47. Notice of Award

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

48. 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.

49. 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.

50. 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.

51. 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.

52. 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.

53. 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.

54. Delivery After Receipt of Order (ARO)

Bid must show the number of days required to place material in using agency's receiving room under normal conditions. Failure to state delivery time obligates bidder to complete delivery in fourteen (14) calendar days. Unrealistically short or long delivery promised may cause bid to be disregarded. Consistent failure to meet delivery promises without valid reason may cause removal from bid list. Delivery shall be made during normal working hours only, 9 to 5, unless prior approval has been obtained from the County.

55. 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

56. 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.

57. 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 “Bid Opportunities” from the Quick Links box, then “Bids Under Review” and double click the link under the individual bid listing.

58. 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.

59. 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.

60. 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.

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

62. Due to this project being federally funded, the County’s Local Vendor Preference Option will not be used during this solicitation.

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

- RFQ Submittal [50-pages maximum]
- Schedule of Fees (Separately Sealed & Marked)
- IRS Form W-9
- Non-Collusion Oath
- Anti-Lobbying Certification
- Mandatory Bid Submittal Form
- 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 with the Procurement Department prior to any services being performed and must be on file within fifteen (15) days of written notification of award.

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During the processes of this document, the following points are important:

**Part I: Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)**
- **Social security number**
- **Employer identification number**

**Part II: Certification**
- Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:
  1. 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
  2. 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
  3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
  4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

**Future developments**
- For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, see the instructions on page 3.

**Purpose of Form**
- An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following: • Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)
By signing the filled-out form, you:
1. Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),
2. Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
3. Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners’ share of effectively connected income, and
4. Certify that FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that you are exempt from the FATCA reporting, is correct. See What is FATCA reporting, later, for further information.

Note: If you are a U.S. person and a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester’s form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

Definition of a U.S. person. For federal tax purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are:
• An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien;
• A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States;
• An estate (other than a foreign estate); or
• A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

Special rules for partnerships. Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax under section 1446 on any foreign partners’ share of effectively connected taxable income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, the rules under section 1446 require a partner to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the section 1446 withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid section 1446 withholding on your share of partnership income.

In the cases below, the following person must give Form W-9 to the partnership for purposes of establishing its U.S. status and avoiding withholding on its allocable share of net income from the partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States.
• In the case of a disregarded entity with a U.S. owner, the U.S. owner of the disregarded entity and not the entity;
• In the case of a grantor trust with a U.S. grantor or other U.S. owner, generally, the U.S. grantor or other U.S. owner of the grantor trust and not the trust; and
• In the case of a U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust), the U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust) and not the beneficiaries of the trust.

Foreign person. If you are a foreign person or the U.S. branch of a foreign bank that has elected to be treated as a U.S. person, do not use Form W-9. Instead, use the appropriate Form W-8 or Form 8233 (see Pub. 515, Withholding of Tax on Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Entities).

Nonresident alien who becomes a resident alien. Generally, only a nonresident alien individual may use the terms of a tax treaty to reduce or eliminate U.S. tax on certain types of income. However, most tax treaties contain a provision known as a “saving clause.” Exceptions specified in the saving clause may permit an exemption from tax to continue for certain types of income even after the payee has otherwise become a U.S. resident alien for tax purposes.

If you are a U.S. resident alien who is relying on an exception contained in the saving clause of a tax treaty to claim an exemption from U.S. tax on certain types of income, you must attach a statement to Form W-9 that specifies the following five items:
1. The treaty country. Generally, this must be the same treaty under which you claimed exemption from tax as a nonresident alien.
2. The treaty article addressing the income.
3. The article number (or location) in the tax treaty that contains the saving clause and its exceptions.
4. The type and amount of income that qualifies for the exemption from tax.
5. Sufficient facts to justify the exemption from tax under the terms of the treaty article.

Example. Article 20 of the U.S.-China income tax treaty allows an exemption from tax for scholarship income received by a Chinese student temporarily present in the United States. Under U.S. law, this student will become a resident alien for tax purposes if his or her stay in the United States exceeds 5 calendar years. However, paragraph 2 of the first Protocol to the U.S.-China treaty (dated April 30, 1984) allows the provisions of Article 20 to continue to apply even after the Chinese student becomes a resident alien of the United States. A Chinese student who qualifies for this exception (under paragraph 2 of the first protocol) and is relying on this exception to claim an exemption from tax on his or her scholarship or fellowship income would attach to Form W-9 a statement that includes the information described above to support that exemption.

If you are a nonresident alien or a foreign entity, give the requester the appropriate completed Form W-8 or Form 8233.

Backup Withholding

What is backup withholding? Persons making certain payments to you must under certain conditions withhold and pay to the IRS 24% of such payments. This is called “backup withholding.” Payments that may be subject to backup withholding include interest, tax-exempt interest, dividends, broker and barter exchange transactions, rents, royalties, nonemployee pay, payments made in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, and certain payments from fishing boat operators. Real estate transactions are not subject to backup withholding.

You will not be subject to backup withholding on payments you receive if you give the requester your correct TIN, make the proper certifications, and report all your taxable interest and dividends on your tax return.

Payments you receive will be subject to backup withholding if:
1. You do not furnish your TIN to the requester,
2. You do not certify your TIN when required (see the instructions for Part II for details),
3. The IRS tells the requester that you furnished an incorrect TIN,
4. The IRS tells you that you are subject to backup withholding because you did not report all your interest and dividends on your tax return (for reportable interest and dividends only), or
5. You do not certify to the requester that you are not subject to backup withholding under 4 above (for reportable interest and dividend accounts opened after 1983 only).

Certain payees and payments are exempt from backup withholding. See Exempt payee code, later, and the separate Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

Also see Special rules for partnerships, earlier.

What is FATCA Reporting?
The Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) requires a participating foreign financial institution to report all United States account holders that are specified United States persons. Certain payees are exempt from FATCA reporting. See Exemption from FATCA reporting code, later, and the Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

Updating Your Information
You must provide updated information to any person to whom you claimed to be an exempt payee if you are no longer an exempt payee and anticipate receiving reportable payments in the future from this person. For example, you may need to provide updated information if you are a C corporation that elects to be an S corporation, or if you no longer are tax exempt. In addition, you must furnish a new Form W-9 if the name or TIN changes for the account; for example, if the grantor of a grantor trust dies.

Penalties

Failure to furnish TIN. If you fail to furnish your correct TIN to a requester, you are subject to a penalty of $50 for each such failure unless your failure is due to reasonable cause and not to willful neglect.

Civil penalty for false information with respect to withholding. If you make a false statement with no reasonable basis that results in no backup withholding, you are subject to a $500 penalty.
Criminal penalty for falsifying information. Willfully falsifying certifications or affirmations may subject you to criminal penalties including fines and/or imprisonment.

Misuse of TINs. If the requester discloses or uses TINs in violation of federal law, the requester may be subject to civil and criminal penalties.

Specific Instructions
Line 1
You must enter one of the following on this line; do not leave this line blank. The name should match the name on your tax return.

If this Form W-9 is for a joint account (other than an account maintained by a foreign financial institution (FFI)), list first, and then circle, the name of the person or entity whose number you entered in Part I of Form W-9. If you are providing Form W-9 to an FFI to document a joint account, each holder of the account that is a U.S. person must provide a Form W-9.

a. Individual. Generally, enter the name shown on your tax return. If you have changed your last name without informing the Social Security Administration (SSA) of the name change, enter your first name, the last name as shown on your social security card, and your new last name.

Note: ITIN applicant: Enter your individual name as it was entered on your Form W-7 application, line 1a. This should also be the same as the name you entered on the Form 1040/1040A/1040EZ you filed with your application.

b. Sole proprietor or single-member LLC. Enter your individual name as shown on your 1040/1040A/1040EZ on line 1. You may enter your business, trade, or “doing business as” (DBA) name on line 2.

c. Partnership, LLC that is not a single-member LLC, C corporation, or S corporation. Enter the entity’s name as shown on the entity’s tax return on line 1 and any business, trade, or DBA name on line 2.

d. Other entities. Enter your name as shown on required U.S. federal tax documents on line 1. This name should match the name shown on the charter or other legal document creating the entity. You may enter any business, trade, or DBA name on line 2.

e. Disregarded entity. For U.S. federal tax purposes, an entity that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner is treated as a “disregarded entity.” See Regulations section 301.7701-2(c)(2)(iii). Enter the owner’s name on line 1. The name of the entity entered on line 1 should never be a disregarded entity. The name on line 1 should be the name shown on the income tax return on which the income should be reported. For example, if a foreign LLC that is treated as a disregarded entity for U.S. federal tax purposes has a single owner that is a U.S. person, the U.S. owner’s name is required to be provided on line 1. If the direct owner of the entity is also a disregarded entity, enter the first owner that is not disregarded for federal tax purposes. Enter the disregarded entity’s name on line 2, “Business name/disregarded entity name.” If the owner of the disregarded entity is a foreign person, the owner must complete an appropriate Form W-8 instead of a Form W-9. This is the case even if the foreign person has a U.S. TIN.

Line 2
If you have a business name, trade name, DBA name, or disregarded entity name, you may enter it on line 2.

Line 3
Check the appropriate box on line 3 for the U.S. federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one box on line 3.

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Line 4, Exemptions
If you are exempt from backup withholding and/or FATCA reporting, enter in the appropriate space on line 4 any code(s) that may apply to you.

Exempt payee code.
• Generally, individuals (including sole proprietors) are not exempt from backup withholding.
• Except as provided below, corporations are exempt from backup withholding for certain payments, including interest and dividends.
• Corporations are not exempt from backup withholding for payments made in settlement of payment card or third party network transactions.
• Corporations are not exempt from backup withholding with respect to attorneys’ fees or gross proceeds paid to attorneys, and corporations that provide medical or health care services are not exempt with respect to payments reportable on Form 1099-MISC.

The following codes identify payees that are exempt from backup withholding. Enter the appropriate code in the space in line 4.

1—An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a), any IRA, or a custodial account under section 403(b)(7) if the account satisfies the requirements of section 401(f)(2)
2—The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities
3—A state, the District of Columbia, a U.S. commonwealth or possession, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities
4—A foreign government or any of its political subdivisions, agencies, or instrumentalities
5—A corporation
6—A dealer in securities or commodities required to register in the United States, the District of Columbia, or a U.S. commonwealth or possession
7—A futures commission merchant registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission
8—A real estate investment trust
9—An entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940
10—A common trust fund operated by a bank under section 584(a)
11—A financial institution
12—A middleman known in the investment community as a nominee or custodian
13—A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947
The following chart shows types of payments that may be exempt from backup withholding. The chart applies to the exempt payees listed above, 1 through 13.

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1. See Form 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Income, and its instructions.
2. However, the following payments made to a corporation and reportable on Form 1099-MISC are not exempt from backup withholding: medical and health care payments, attorneys' fees, gross proceeds paid to an attorney reportable under section 6045(f), and payments for services paid by a federal executive agency.

**Exemption from FATCA reporting code.** The following codes identify payees that are exempt from reporting under FATCA. These codes apply to persons submitting this form for accounts maintained outside of the United States by certain foreign financial institutions. Therefore, if you are only submitting this form for an account you hold in the United States, you may leave this field blank. Consult with the person requesting this form if you are uncertain if the financial institution is subject to these requirements. A requester may indicate that a code is not required by providing you with a Form W-9 with “Not Applicable” (or any similar indication) written or printed on the line for a FATCA exemption code.

A—An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a) or any individual retirement plan as defined in section 7701(a)(37)
B—The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities
C—A state, the District of Columbia, a U.S. commonwealth or possession, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities
D—A corporation the stock of which is regularly traded on one or more established securities markets, as described in Regulations section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i)
E—A corporation that is a member of the same expanded affiliated group as a corporation described in Regulations section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i)
F—A dealer in securities, commodities, or derivative financial instruments (including notional principal contracts, futures, forwards, and options) that is registered as such under the laws of the United States or any state
G—A real estate investment trust
H—A regulated investment company as defined in section 851 or an entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940
I—A common trust fund as defined in section 584(a)
J—A bank as defined in section 581
K—A broker
L—A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947(a)(1)
M—A tax exempt trust under a section 403(b) plan or section 457(g) plan

**Note:** You may wish to consult with the financial institution requesting this form to determine whether the FATCA code and/or exempt payee code should be completed.

**Line 5**

Enter your address (number, street, and apartment or suite number). This is where the requester of this Form W-9 will mail your information returns. If this address differs from the one the requester already has on file, write NEW at the top. If a new address is provided, there is still a chance the old address will be used until the payor changes your address in their records.

**Line 6**

Enter your city, state, and ZIP code.

**Part I. Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)**

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. If you are a resident alien and you do not have and are not eligible to get an SSN, your TIN is your IRS individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN). Enter it in the social security number box. If you do not have an ITIN, see How to get a TIN below.

If you are a sole proprietor and you have an EIN, you may enter either your SSN or EIN.

If you are a single-member LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner, enter the owner’s SSN (or EIN, if the owner has one). Do not enter the disregarded entity’s EIN. If the LLC is classified as a corporation or partnership, enter the entity’s EIN.

**Note:** See What Name and Number To Give the Requester, later, for further clarification of name and TIN combinations.

**How to get a TIN.** If you do not have a TIN, apply for one immediately. To apply for an SSN, get Form SS-5, Application for a Social Security Card, from your local SSA office or get this form online at www.SSA.gov. You may also get this form by calling 1-800-772-1213. Use Form W-7, Application for IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, to apply for an ITIN, or Form SS-4, Application for Employer Identification Number, to apply for an EIN. You can apply for an EIN online by accessing the IRS website at www.irs.gov/Businesses and clicking on Employer Identification Number (EIN) under Starting a Business. Go to www.irs.gov/Forms to view, download, or print Form W-7 and/or Form SS-4. Or, you can go to www.irs.gov/FormOrderForms to place an order and have Form W-7 and/or SS-4 mailed to you within 10 business days.

If you are asked to complete Form W-9 but do not have a TIN, apply for a TIN and write “Applied For” in the space for the TIN, sign and date the form, and give it to the requester. For interest and dividend payments, and certain payments made with respect to readily tradable instruments, generally you will have 60 days to get a TIN and give it to the requester before you are subject to backup withholding on payments. The 60-day rule does not apply to other types of payments. You will be subject to backup withholding on all such payments until you provide your TIN to the requester.

**Note:** Entering “Applied For” means that you have already applied for a TIN or that you intend to apply for one soon.

**Caution:** A disregarded U.S. entity that has a foreign owner must use the appropriate Form W-8.

**Part II. Certification**

To establish to the withholding agent that you are a U.S. person, or resident alien, sign Form W-9. You may be requested to sign by the withholding agent even if Item 1, 4, or 5 below indicates otherwise.

For a joint account, only the person whose TIN is shown in Part I should sign (when required). In the case of a disregarded entity, the person identified on line 1 must sign. Exempt payees, see Exempt payee code, earlier.

**Signature requirements.** Complete the certification as indicated in Items 1 through 5 below.
1. Interest, dividend, and barter exchange accounts opened before 1984 and broker accounts considered active during 1983. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

2. Interest, dividend, broker, and barter exchange accounts opened after 1983 and broker accounts considered inactive during 1983. You must sign the certification or backup withholding will apply. If you are subject to backup withholding and you are merely providing your correct TIN to the requester, you must cross out item 2 in the certification before signing the form.

3. Real estate transactions. You must sign the certification. You may cross out item 2 of the certification.

4. Other payments. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification unless you have been notified that you have previously given an incorrect TIN. “Other payments” include payments made in the course of the requester’s trade or business for rents, royalties, goods (other than bills for merchandise), medical and health care services (including payments to corporations), payments to a nonemployee for services, payments made in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, payments to certain fishing boat crew members and fishermen, and gross proceeds paid to attorneys (including payments to corporations).

5. Mortgage interest paid by you, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, qualified tuition program payments (under section 529), ABLE accounts (under section 529A), IRA, Coverdell ESA, Archer MSA or HSA contributions or payments (under section 529), ABLE accounts (under section 529A), IRA, Coverdell ESA, Archer MSA or HSA contributions or distributions, and pension distributions. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

What Name and Number To Give the Requester

For this type of account:  
Give name and SSN of:

| 1. Individual | The individual |
| 2. Two or more individuals (joint account) other than an account maintained by an FFI | The actual owner of the account or, if combined funds, the first individual on the account¹ |
| 3. Two or more U.S. persons (joint account maintained by an FFI) | Each holder of the account² |
| 4. Custodial account of a minor (Uniform Gift to Minors Act) | The minor² |
| 5. a. The usual revocable savings trust (grantor is also trustee) | The grantor-trustee¹ |
| b. So-called trust account that is not a legal or valid trust under state law | The actual owner¹ |
| 6. Sole proprietorship or disregarded entity owned by an individual | The owner³ |
| 7. Grantor trust filing under Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 1 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(B)(iii)(A)) | The grantor* |

For this type of account:  
Give name and EIN of:

| 8. Disregarded entity not owned by an individual | The owner |
| 9. A valid trust, estate, or pension trust | Legal entity⁴ |
| 10. Corporation or LLC electing corporate status on Form 8832 or Form 2553 | The corporation |
| 11. Association, club, religious, charitable, educational, or other tax-exempt organization | The organization |
| 12. Partnership or multi-member LLC | The partnership |
| 13. A broker or registered nominee | The broker or nominee |

¹ List first and circle the name of the person whose number you furnish. If only one person on a joint account has an SSN, that person’s number must be furnished.
² Circle the minor’s name and furnish the minor’s SSN.
³ You must show your individual name and you may also enter your business or DBA name on the “Business name/disregarded entity” name line. You may use either your SSN or EIN (if you have one), but the IRS encourages you to use your SSN.
⁴ List first and circle the name of the trust, estate, or pension trust. (Do not furnish the TIN of the personal representative or trustee unless the legal entity itself is not designated in the account title.) Also see Special rules for partnerships, earlier.

*Note: The grantor also must provide a Form W-9 to trustee of trust.

Secure Your Tax Records From Identity Theft

Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal information such as your name, SSN, or other identifying information, without your permission, to commit fraud or other crimes. An identity thief may use your SSN to get a job or may file a tax return using your SSN to receive a refund.

To reduce your risk:
- Protect your SSN,
- Ensure your employer is protecting your SSN, and
- Be careful when choosing a tax preparer.

If your tax records are affected by identity theft and you receive a notice from the IRS, respond right away to the name and phone number printed on the IRS notice or letter.

If your tax records are not currently affected by identity theft but you think you are at risk due to a lost or stolen purse or wallet, questionable credit card activity or credit report, contact the IRS Identity Theft Hotline at 1-800-908-4490 or submit Form 14039.

For more information, see Pub. 5027, Identity Theft Information for Taxpayers.

Victims of identity theft who are experiencing economic harm or a systemic problem, or are seeking help in resolving tax problems that have not been resolved through normal channels, may be eligible for Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) assistance. You can reach TAS by calling the TAS toll-free case intake line at 1-877-777-4778 or TTY/TDD 1-800-828-4059.

Protect yourself from suspicious emails or phishing schemes. Phishing is the creation and use of email and websites designed to mimic legitimate business emails and websites. The most common act is sending an email to a user falsely claiming to be an established legitimate enterprise in an attempt to scam the user into surrendering private information that will be used for identity theft.
The IRS does not initiate contacts with taxpayers via emails. Also, the IRS does not request personal detailed information through email or ask taxpayers for the PIN numbers, passwords, or similar secret access information for their credit card, bank, or other financial accounts.

If you receive an unsolicited email claiming to be from the IRS, forward this message to phishing@irs.gov. You may also report misuse of the IRS name, logo, or other IRS property to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) at 1-800-366-4484. You can forward suspicious emails to the Federal Trade Commission at spam@uce.gov or report them at www.ftc.gov/complaint. You can contact the FTC at www.ftc.gov/idtheft or 877-IDTHEFT (877-438-4338). If you have been the victim of identity theft, see www.IdentityTheft.gov and Pub. 5027.

Visit www.irs.gov/IdentityTheft to learn more about identity theft and how to reduce your risk.

Privacy Act Notice

Section 6109 of the Internal Revenue Code requires you to provide your correct TIN to persons (including federal agencies) who are required to file information returns with the IRS to report interest, dividends, or certain other income paid to you; mortgage interest you paid; the acquisition or abandonment of secured property; the cancellation of debt; or contributions you made to an IRA, Archer MSA, or HSA. The person collecting this form uses the information on the form to file information returns with the IRS, reporting the above information. Routine uses of this information include giving it to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation and to cities, states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. commonwealths and possessions for use in administering their laws. The information also may be disclosed to other countries under a treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce civil and criminal laws, or to federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies to combat terrorism. You must provide your TIN whether or not you are required to file a tax return. Under section 3406, payers must generally withhold a percentage of taxable interest, dividend, and certain other payments to a payee who does not give a TIN to the payer. Certain penalties may also apply for providing false or fraudulent information.
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 ________, 2019  ______________________________________  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)
ANTI-LOBBYING CERTIFICATION
Mandatory RFQ Submission Form

The bidder or offeror certifies by signing and submitting this bid or proposal, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the bidder or offeror, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than $10,000 and not more than $100,000 for each such failure.

__________________________________   ____________________________
Signature of Contractor      Date

___________________________________
Title

(Reference: 49 CFR part 20, Appendix A)
MANDATORY SUBMITTAL FORM
RFQ #19-037, Town of Andrews Drainage Study and Proposed Improvements
Mandatory RFQ Submission Form

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 RFQ: ________________________________

2. Check list of required submittal items:
   - [ ] RFQ Submittal (addressing all RFQ requirements and all evaluation criteria items)
   - [ ] All Mandatory Bid Forms
   - [ ] SEPARATELY SEALED AND MARKED-Schedule of Fees

3. RFQ submittals must remain valid ninety (90) days from the opening date.

4. Contact Address: ____________________________________________

5. Contact Person: ____________________________________________

6. Telephone Number ______________________ Fax Number ________________

7. E-Mail address ____________________________________________

8. Remittance Address: _______________________________________

9. Accounts Receivable Contact _________________________________

10. Telephone Number ______________________ Fax Number ________________

11. E-Mail address ____________________________________________

12. FEIN or Social Security Number: _____________________________

13. List five (5) customer references (preferably municipalities) for similar size and scope of services:

   Entity Name: ____________________________
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14. **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 Non-procurement suspension and debarment. [See https://www.epls.gov/ for additional information.]

15. If the bid is accepted, the required Contract must be executed within fifteen (15) days of written notice of formal award of Contract.

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

   ☐ Yes  ☐ No

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

18. **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.

19. **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

20. 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.

21. 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. 19-037 were received.

22. **MINORITY PARTICIPATION [INFORMATION ONLY]**

   (a) Is the bidder a South Carolina Certified Minority Business?
Yes □ No □

(b) Is the bidder a Minority Business certified by another governmental entity?

Yes □ No □

If so, please list the certifying governmental entity: ____________________________

(c) Will any of the work under this contract be performed by a SC certified Minority Business as a subcontractor?

Yes □ No □

If so, what percentage of the total value of the contract will be performed by a SC certified Minority Business as a subcontractor? ____________%

(d) Will any of the work under this contract be performed by a minority business certified by another governmental entity as a subcontractor?

Yes □ No □

If so, what percentage of the total value of the contract will be performed by a minority business certified by another governmental entity as a subcontractor? ____________%

(e) If a certified Minority Business is participating in this contract, please indicate all categories for which the Business is certified:

□ Traditional minority
□ Traditional minority, but female
□ Women (Caucasian females)
□ Hispanic minorities
□ DOT referral (Traditional minority)
□ DOT referral (Caucasian female)
□ Temporary certification
□ SBA 8 (a) certification referral
□ Other minorities (Native American, Asian, etc.)

(If more than one minority contractor will be utilized in the performance of this contract, please provide the information above for each minority business.)

23. ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION: Non-Construction (NOV. 2008): (An overview is available at 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]

24. INFORMATION ONLY:
   ☐ Our company accepts VISA government procurement cards.
   If yes, list any upcharge for P-Card Payment? _______________________
   ☐ Our company does not accept VISA government procurement cards.

25. Printed Name of person binding bid __________________________________________

26. Signature (X)____________________________________________________________

27. Date _____________________________________________________________________

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

   [THE REMAINDER OF THIS PAGE IS INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK.]
List any areas where you cannot or will not comply with the specifications or terms contained within the bid documentation. If none, write “NONE”.
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 ________________ (“Consultant”).

This Contract for Professional Services (“Contract”) is dated this ________ day of ___________ 2019, and shall have an Effective Date of the __ day of ____________, 2019 (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 Consultant 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 Consultant 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 Consultant. 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 Consultant to rely upon such forbearance in the event of another similar breach by Consultant 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, Consultant shall comply with the provisions of:

1.6.1. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USC 2000d et seq);
1.6.2. Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964;
1.6.3. Section 162 (a) of the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973 (23 USC 324);
1.6.4 Age Discrimination Act of 1975;
1.6.5. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973;
1.6.6. Title I of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990;
1.6.7. Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987;
1.6.8. 49 CFR Part 21;
1.6.9. 23 CFR Part 200;
1.6.10. USDOT Order 1050.2;
1.6.11. Executive Order #12898 (Environmental Justice);
1.6.12. Executive Order #13166 (Limited-English-Proficiency);
1.6.13. Equal Pay Act of 1963;
1.6.15. Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986;
1.6.16. South Carolina Wages Act, S.C. Code § 37-10-10 et seq; and
1.6.17. South Carolina Worker’s Compensation Act, S.C. Code § 42-1-10 et seq.

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

2. SCOPE OF SERVICES:

2.1. Consultant 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 Consultant under this Contract shall be performed within the lesser of (a) the term set forth on Exhibit “A”; or (b) the expiration of five (5) 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. Consultant’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 Consultant 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 Consultant in a written instrument executed prior to the performance of such services.

4. WARRANTIES OF CONSULTANT 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 Consultant for a period of two (2) years after the termination, except for cause, of this Contract.

4.2. Consultant warrants that Consultant has:
   4.2.1. All necessary licenses and consents required for Consultant 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 Consultant.

4.3. Consultant warrants that Consultant 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 Consultant to third parties or employees, agents, or sub-Consultants of Consultant, 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-Consultant of Consultant 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 Consultant, and approved by County’s attorney:

5.1. All plans, reports, surveys, and other professional work product of Consultant 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 Consultant during the term of this Contract shall remain the property of County;

5.3. All intellectual property provided to County by Consultant and originating from this Contract shall become and remain the property of County, and Consultant 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 Consultant 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 Consultant 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 Consultant exercises its right to terminate this Contract, Consultant will not cease services for a reasonable period of time, not to exceed One-Hundred Twenty days, to allow County to procure another Consultant.

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 CONSULTANT STATUS:

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

9. 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:

9.1. To County:

9.1.1. Mrs. Nancy Silver, Purchasing Officer

Georgetown County
Post Office Box 421270
Georgetown, SC 29442-4200

9.2. To Consultant:

9.2.1. ________________________________

9.3. Form of Notice: All notices required or permitted under this Contract shall be effective:

9.3.1. On the third (3rd) 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

9.3.2. 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.
10. 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 Consultant under this Agreement shall be waived and no breach by Consultant 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.

11. INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT:

Consultant 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 Consultant, 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 Consultant, 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 Consultant under the workman's compensation acts, disability benefit acts, or other employee benefit acts. The obligation of Consultant 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.

12. TITLE VI COMPLIANCE:

Georgetown County hereby gives public notice that it is the policy of the agency to assure full compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, Executive Order 12898 on Environmental Justice, and related statutes and regulations in all programs and activities. Title VI requires that no person in the United States of America shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity for which Georgetown County receives federal financial assistance. Any person who believes they have been aggrieved by an unlawful discriminatory practice under Title VI has a right to file a formal complaint with
Georgetown County. Any such complaint must be in writing and filed with Georgetown County’s Title VI Coordinator within one hundred and eighty (180) days following the date of the alleged discriminatory occurrence. For more information, or to obtain a Title VI Discriminatory Complaint Form, please see our website at http://www.gtcounty.org.

13. COUNTERPARTS:

To facilitate execution, this Agreement may be executed, including electronically, in as many counterparts as may be required. It shall not be necessary that the signature on behalf of both parties hereto appear on each counterpart hereof. All counterparts hereof shall collectively constitute a single agreement.

14. FEMA CONTRACT PROVISIONS:

Consultant must hereby agree to comply with any and all contract provisions as set forth in 2 C.F.R. § 200.326 and 2 C.F.R. Part 200 Appendix II or the most current contract provisions as mandated by FEMA if different than that listed herein. Section 2 C.F.R. § 200.326 and 2 C.F.R. Part 200 Appendix II -Contract Provisions for Non-Federal Entity Contracts Under Federal Awards states the following:

In addition to other provisions required by the Federal agency or non-Federal entity, all contracts made by the non-Federal entity under the Federal award must contain provisions covering the following, as applicable.

(A) Contracts for more than the simplified acquisition threshold currently set at $150,000, which is the inflation adjusted amount determined by the Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council (Councils) as authorized by 41 U.S.C. 1908, must address administrative, contractual, or legal remedies in instances where contractors violate or breach contract terms, and provide for such sanctions and penalties as appropriate.

(B) All contracts in excess of $10,000 must address termination for cause and for convenience by the non-Federal entity including the manner by which it will be effected and the basis for settlement.


(D) Davis-Bacon Act, as amended (40 U.S.C. 3141-3148). When required by Federal program legislation, all prime
construction contracts in excess of $2,000 awarded by non-Federal entities must include a provision for compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141-3144, and 3146-3148) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5, “Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction”). In accordance with the statute, contractors must be required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, contractors must be required to pay wages not less than once a week. The non-Federal entity must place a copy of the current prevailing wage determination issued by the Department of Labor in each solicitation. The decision to award a contract or subcontract must be conditioned upon the acceptance of the wage determination. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency. The contracts must also include a provision for compliance with the Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act (40 U.S.C. 3145), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 3, “Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States”). The Act provides that each contractor or subrecipient must be prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency.

(E) Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3701-3708). Where applicable, all contracts awarded by the non-Federal entity in excess of $100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers must include a provision for compliance with 40 U.S.C. 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5). Under 40 U.S.C. 3702 of the Act, each contractor must be required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week. The requirements of 40 U.S.C. 3704 are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic must be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.

(F) Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement. If the Federal award meets the definition of “funding agreement” under 37 CFR §401.2 (a) and the recipient or subrecipient wishes to enter into a contract with a small business firm or nonprofit organization regarding the substitution of parties, assignment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under that “funding agreement,” the recipient or subrecipient must comply with the requirements of 37 CFR Part 401, “Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements,” and any implementing regulations issued by the awarding agency.
(G) Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387), as amended—Contracts and subgrants of amounts in excess of $150,000 must contain a provision that requires the non-Federal award to agree to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387). Violations must be reported to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

(H) Debarment and Suspension (Executive Orders 12549 and 12689)—A contract award (see 2 CFR 180.220) must not be made to parties listed on the government wide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 CFR 180 that implement Executive Orders 12549 (3 CFR part 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 CFR part 1989 Comp., p. 235), “Debarment and Suspension.” SAM Exclusions contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549.


(J) See §200.322 Procurement of recovered materials. (See Listed Below)

A non-Federal entity that is a state agency or agency of a political subdivision of a state and its contractors must comply with section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. The requirements of Section 6002 include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 CFR part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds $10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired during the preceding fiscal year exceeded $10,000; procuring solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery; and establishing an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Contract, which shall be deemed to be an original on the Effective Date first above written. To facilitate execution, this Agreement may be executed, including electronically, in as many counterparts as may be required. It shall not be necessary that the signature on behalf of both parties hereto appear on each counterpart hereof. All counterparts hereof shall collectively constitute a single agreement.

WITNESS:

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By:       ______________________________

Its:       _______________________________

CONSULTANT NAME

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COUNTY OF GEORGETOWN

By:       _______________________________

John Thomas

County Council Chair

ATTEST:

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Theresa Floyd

Clerk to Council
EXHIBIT B
PAYMENT FOR SERVICES

1) Upon delivery and acceptance of the equipment and/or services in the Scope of Services, the contractor shall submit an invoice, detailing the appropriate charges.

Upon receipt of invoice and upon final inspection and acceptance of the equipment and/or services, the County will render payment within thirty (30) days. Invoices shall be submitted to:

   County of Georgetown
   Accounts Payable
   P.O. Box 421270
   Georgetown, SC  29442-4200

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

2) South Carolina Sales Tax
   The County of Georgetown, SC is not exempt and pays the appropriate SC sales tax on all applicable purchases.

3) Progress Payments
   Contractor's Application for Payment shall be submitted to the Owner on such other form as may be mutually agreed upon. The period covered by each Application for Payment shall be not less than one calendar month. The Owner shall make progress payments to the Contractor on undisputed amounts certified by the Architect or the Owner’s Representative within twenty-one (21) days from receipt of the Application for Payment by the Owner in accordance with Title 29, Chapter 6 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended.

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