



Cherokee County Board of Commissioners
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STANDARD TERMS FOR BID AND PROPOSAL SOLICITATIONS

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1. Project Schedule & Addenda

- 1.1 All official dates and times will be posted to the Bids/RFP section of the Cherokee County website (<http://www.cherokeega.com/applications/bids-rfps/>).
- 1.2 The project schedule is subject to change at the discretion of the County. Changes or clarifications to the schedule and specifications will be issued as addenda that will be posted on the County's website in the Bids/RFP section under the solicitation number. It is the supplier's responsibility to monitor the website for addenda and comply with any additional proposal requirements included in the addenda.

2. Questions/Information

- 2.1 All questions and requests for information shall be addressed to the Procurement Agent via email within the deadline set by the County in the project schedule for submitting questions. Questions received after the question submission deadline will be answered at the County's discretion.
- 2.2 Questions should include RFP number, a reference to the specific section(s) in question, and provide an email contact for acknowledgement.
- 2.3 It is the supplier's responsibility to ensure that the Purchasing Agent has received the question and that an acknowledgement has been sent verifying receipt.
- 2.4 All answers to questions received prior to the question submission deadline will be posted on the County's website in the form of an addendum.

3. Pre-Bid/Proposal Meeting

- 3.1 Discussions during the pre-bid/proposal meeting are informal in nature and will not be provided as meeting minutes or included in the solicitation documents. Only the solicitation package and posted addenda shall constitute the official information to be used by the supplier in preparing a bid/proposal.
- 3.2 All attendees at mandatory pre-bid/proposal conferences will be required to sign an attendance sheet indicating their attendance at the meeting. Signatures will be collected prior to the start of the meeting and may continue to be accepted for a period of 15

minutes once the meeting has begun. After the 15 minute grace period, it will be at the sole discretion of the County to allow further signatures from late arrivers. It is the responsibility of the supplier to ensure they have signed the attendance sheet in order to receive credit for attending the meeting; the County assumes no responsibility for the supplier's attendance or directions to the meeting.

3.3 Pre-Bid/Proposal Meeting for this solicitation is:

- Mandatory
- Voluntary
- Not Applicable

4. Communication with County Representatives

4.1 Suppliers shall avoid engaging in communication with County staff or elected officials regarding this project, unless directed by the Procurement Agent in charge of this solicitation. Unauthorized contact may disqualify the supplier from further consideration.

5. Proposal Preparation & Submission

5.1 Proposals shall be prepared simply and economically, providing a straightforward and concise description of the supplier's capabilities to satisfy the requirements of the solicitation.

5.2 The County expects bids/proposals to be well organized according to the terms and organization of the solicitation, as well as address all the requirements contained in the solicitation (including any addenda).

5.3 Any and all costs associated with participating in this solicitation will be solely borne by the supplier.

5.4 Proposals and required forms must be signed by an authorized representative of the supplier.

5.5 Information which the supplier desires to present but does not fall within any of the requirements of the solicitation should be inserted at the end of the bid/proposal and designated as "Additional Material".

5.6 It is the supplier's responsibility to ensure that the bid/proposal is responsive to all the County's requirements and complete in all aspects.

5.7 If physical copies are requested in the solicitation:

- a) The original bid/proposal should be clearly marked "original" and should be unbound, one-sided, 8 1/2" X 11" size. Copies, if applicable, may be bound and double sided; preference is 8 1/2" X 11",
- b) Are to be mailed or delivered in a sealed envelope to the address provided below and in the solicitation,
- c) Should include the RFB/RFP number on the outer most packaging,

d) Unless otherwise noted, bids/proposals are to be addressed as follows:

Solicitation #

Attn: Procurement – Upper Level Admin Building

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e) It is the responsibility of the interested party to ensure the timely delivery of the bid or proposal. Please note; improperly addressed bids/proposals risk not being delivered to the Procurement Agent by the submission deadline and late proposals will not be accepted.

5.8 If electronic copies are requested in the solicitation, bids/proposals and all requested documentation to be provided electronically should in the Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF) unless otherwise indicated in these solicitation instructions. Documents provided in response to this solicitation are to be named according to the following naming convention:

- a. [Solicitation Number]_[Vendor Name]_[Document Type]
Example: “2017-111_ABC Company_Proposal”

5.9 The bid/proposal, at a minimum, should contain all of the County's standard forms identified in the solicitation and any additional information as listed in the Submittal Instructions above; lack of such required submittals may be reason to deem a bid/proposal “non-responsive”. Such a determination by the County shall not be a cause of action by the bidder/proposer against Cherokee County.

5.10 Suppliers should use the forms requested in the solicitation and either attached hereto or as otherwise identified and provided; alternate forms may not be acceptable.

6. County's Right to Amend and/or Cancel

6.1 The County reserves the right to cancel this solicitation, in whole or in part, at any time prior to award.

7. Subcontractors

7.1 Suppliers whose bid/proposal will include the use of subcontractors are required to identify the scope of the project that they intend to subcontract and the subcontractor proposed to perform the work.

8. County Specifications and Supplier Performance

8.1 Suppliers are expected to have the professional expertise to offer the products/services that are consistent with the County's solicitation objectives and that are in the best interest of the County. Errors or omissions in the specifications or scope of work that

would lead to a lower quality of service or deliverable are to be communicated to the Purchasing Agent as soon as possible to avoid an inferior work product.

- 8.2 Acceptance of designs, plans, and specifications by the County is limited to the function of determining whether there has been compliance with what is required to be produced under this Agreement. The proposing or bidding organization represents, by the submission it provides, that they possess the requisite expertise and experience to perform in accordance with the requirements within this solicitation. The County will not, and need not, inquire into adequacy, fitness, suitability or correctness of supplier's performance. No approval of designs, plans, or specifications by any person, body or agency shall relieve supplier of the responsibility for adequacy, fitness, suitability, and correctness of suppliers' work under professional and industry standards, or for performing services in accordance with sound and accepted professional and industry principals.

9. Use of Brand Names and Substitutions

- 9.1 Brand names or specifications specific to one or multiple manufacturers may have been called out or listed as part of the desired item's description in order to establish an expected level of quality and performance and not to limit competition. Different brands with comparable models or options that meet the same level of quality and performance with those items referenced within the specification are encouraged to submit these items for consideration. In order to allow the County to effectively evaluate all offerings against the actual performance needs, the party proposing alternative brands shall provide a comparison of the features and performance areas as defined in the specification. Such comparison shall clearly indicate the bidder's conformance to the specifications as follows; (a) meets, (b) exceeds, (c) does not meet or (d) meets intent (through alternative design, technology, etc.). Commentary and documentation that clearly demonstrates the level of functionality and quality is required for each comparison point. The County will be solely responsible for making the determination of acceptability of proposed products/items and scoring each item's fitness for the intended purpose.
- 9.2 It is the responsibility of those proposing any product or service to clearly identify what has been proposed on the Bid Form, including the quantity, manufacturer's name, model number, year of manufacturer, as well as a defining any options or upgrades required to meet the specification. Pricing shall reflect what is required to meet the specification. Any options that the bidder believes important for the County to consider shall be clearly identified as an option, indicate the performance change/benefit as well as corresponding pricing adjustments.
- 9.3 Substitutions for this solicitation are:
- Encouraged
 - Not Encouraged

10. Open Records and Confidential Information

- 10.1 Bids/Proposals submitted in response to this solicitation may be subject to public

inspection under the Georgia Open Records Act (O.C.G.A. 50-18-70-77). Any information that is required by the County to be included in the supplier's bid/proposal that constitutes a trade secret, as defined by the Georgia code, must include an affidavit affirmatively declaring that the information constitutes a trade secret. A general indication that the entire contents (or a major portion of the contents) of the bid/proposal is proprietary will not be honored.

11. County Assumes No Contractual Obligation

- 11.1 The County assumes no contractual obligation associated with this solicitation until final award has been approved by the Board of Commissioners and/or County Manager and a fully executed Agreement and/or Purchase Order is provided to the selected supplier. Suppliers or subcontractors performing work prior to the execution of a contract or delivery of a purchase order do so at their own risk.

12. Contractor Responsibility

- 12.1 The supplier is responsible for furnishing and delivery of all Property included in this solicitation, whether or not the supplier is the manufacturer or producer of such Property. Further, the supplier will be the sole point of contact on contractual matters, including payment of charges resulting from the use or purchase of Property.

13. Suppliers Submission Creates a Contractual Obligation

- 13.1 Submission of a response (completed, signed and returned) shall constitute an offer to provide the goods and/or services specified by the Supplier, at the prices stated in the bid/proposal, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the County's Contract and the terms and conditions of this solicitation.
- 13.2 If any exceptions are taken to any part of the solicitation or proposed contract, each exception must be stated in detail and submitted as part of the proposal document. If no exceptions are stated, it is assumed that the supplier fully agrees to the County's Standard Agreement in its entirety. The County reserves the right to reject all exceptions and award the work to a supplier who agrees to the County's terms and conditions without exceptions.

14. Tax Exemption

- 14.1 The County is exempt from the payment of any federal excise or any Georgia sales tax. The price bid/proposal must be net, exclusive of taxes.

15. Classifying Proposals as Responsive and Responsible

- 15.1 The Procurement Agent or designee will determine whether a supplier has met the standards of responsiveness and responsibility. Such determinations may be made at any time during the evaluation process and through negotiation if information surfaces that would result in a determination of non-responsibility. Proposals found nonresponsive will not be considered further.

- 15.2 The County may make such investigations as it deems necessary to determine the ability of each supplier to perform, and the supplier shall furnish to the County all such information and data for this purpose as the County may request.

16. Proposal Withdrawal

- 16.1 Unless otherwise disallowed in the solicitation or on the bid pricing form, suppliers may withdraw their bids/proposals due to unintentional errors. Proposals received prior to the due date and time may be withdrawn through formal request to the Procurement Department and signed by an authorized individual of the bidder/proposer. Once the bids/proposals have been opened, the supplier shall give notice in writing of his claim of right to withdraw his bid/proposal due to an error within two (2) business days after the date of final submission to the County. Bids/proposals may be withdrawn from consideration solely due to a clerical mistake as opposed to a judgment mistake provided that the unintentional arithmetic error or unintentional omission can be clearly shown by objective evidence drawn from inspection of original work papers, documents and material used in the preparation of the bid sought to be withdrawn. The supplier's original work papers shall be the sole acceptable evidence of error and mistake if they elect to withdraw their bid/proposal. If a bid/proposal is withdrawn under the authority of this provision, the lowest remaining responsive bid/proposal shall be deemed to be low bid/proposal.
- 16.2 No bidder/proposer who is permitted to withdraw a bid shall, for compensation, supply any material or labor or perform any subcontract or other work agreement for the person or firm to whom the contract is awarded or otherwise benefit, directly or indirectly, from the performance of the project for which the withdrawn bid was submitted.

17. Opportunity for Discussion

- 17.1 Suppliers may also be requested to make an oral presentation and/or product demonstration to clarify their bid/proposal or to further define their offer. In either case, Suppliers should be prepared to send qualified personnel to the County to discuss technical and contractual aspects of the proposal. Oral presentations and product demonstrations, if requested, shall be at the supplier's expense.

18. Acceptance of Lowest Priced Proposal Not Required

- 18.1 The County shall select the supplier that, in its discretion, offers the most advantageous offer to the County. Selection will be based on the evaluation factors outlined in the solicitation. Submission of the lowest price offers no guarantee that the proposal will be determined the most advantageous.

19. County's Right to Reject Bids/Proposals

- 19.1 The County reserves the right to reject any or all bids/proposals based upon its interest or investigation or information submitted and to waive irregularities, informalities, or technicalities. The County further reserves the right to make a selection and final award

as deemed to be in the best interest of the County.

20. Proposals Become County Property

20.1 All submitted bids/proposals and supporting materials as well as correspondence relating to this solicitation become property of the County when received. Any proprietary information contained in the proposal must be so indicated.

21. Suspension, Debarment and Litigation

21.1 Suppliers are expected to notify the County of any suspension or debarment from performing work for a government entity or any current or pending litigation with a government organization. Suppliers should provide the County with a list of current or past suspensions or debarments along with a description of the facts surrounding the suspension and/or debarment as well as a list of current or pending mediation, arbitration or litigation and the facts surrounding those actions. Please use the form included in this solicitation.

21.2 Suppliers are accountable for selecting and managing appropriate subcontractors. Suppliers presenting bids and proposals that include subcontractors that have been suspended, debarred or are in pending litigation, suspension or debarment or from any governmental entity (local, state and/or federal) may cause the bidding or proposing supplier to be considered non-responsive and/or non-responsible unless the primary supplier as a part of their bid or proposal:

- a) notifies the County that as a part of its bid or proposal it has selected a subcontractor or subcontractor(s) that have been suspended, debarred or are pending litigation from a government entity, or suspension or debarment, and
- b) have included the jurisdiction(s) where the subcontractor has suspended or debarred or is being considered for suspension or debarment or litigation and has included the nature of the circumstances resulting in the suspension or debarment or litigation, and
- c) states a compelling reason for including the subcontractor(s) in their bid or proposal, and
- d) includes measures that the bidding or proposing contractor will take to ensure that the subcontractor(s) will complete the work in a timely manner and within the professional standards of quality and workmanship that are expected in the performance of the work bid or proposed, and
- e) in the sole judgement of the County it considers the situation to be so compelling that it determined to be in the best interest of the County to allow the one- time use of the sub-contractor without prejudice for further consideration on future procurements.

22. Insurance

22.1 If insurance is required under the terms of the contract for this project, the County shall be listed as an additional insured on the Certificate of Insurance. The "Certificate

Holder” shall be listed as “Cherokee County, Georgia, acting by and through its Board of Commissioners, 1130 Bluffs Pkwy, Canton, GA 30114”.

23. Procurement Ordinance

23.1 All solicitations shall be in accordance with the County Procurement Ordinance which can be found at: <http://www.cherokeega.com/Finance/documents.cfm>

END OF STANDARD TERMS FOR BID AND PROPOSAL SOLICITATIONS

Appendices begin next page.

APPENDIX "A"

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INFORMATION AND ADDENDA ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

Name of Company

Address - City, State and Zip Code

Name & Title of Primary Contact (for proposal clarifications/questions)

Phone of Primary Contact

Email of Primary Contact

Addenda Acknowledgement: Proposer acknowledges receipt of the following addenda (as applicable):

Addendum Number: _____ Date: _____

Addendum Number: _____ Date: _____

Addendum Number: _____ Date: _____

Addendum Number: _____ Date: _____

Addendum Number: _____ Date: _____

No Addenda Issued _____

Proposer's Signature

Date

APPENDIX "B"

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NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

I state that I am authorized to make this AFFIDAVIT on behalf of my company, and its owners, directors and officers and I further state that:

1. The price(s) shown in this Bid/Proposal has/have been arrived at independently and without consultation, communication or agreement with any other contractor, responder or potential responder to the Request for Bids (RFB)/Request for Proposals (RFP); and
2. Neither the price(s) nor the amount of the Bid/Proposal, and neither the approximate budgets nor approximate amounts in this Bid/Proposal, have been disclosed to any other company or person who is a responder or potential responder to this RFP, and they will not be disclosed before the Bid/Proposal opening; and
3. No attempt has been made or will be made to induce any company or person to refrain from responding to this RFB/RFP, or to induce them to submit a budget that is higher than the budget in this Bid/Proposal, or to submit any intentionally high or noncompetitive Bid/Proposal or other form of nonresponsive Bid/Proposal; and
4. The price(s), proposal and budget prepared are made in good faith and not pursuant to any agreement, discussion with or inducement from any agency, company or person to submit a complementary or other noncompetitive Bid/Proposal.

I state that _____ understands and acknowledges that
(Name of Company)

the above representations are material and important, and will be relied on by the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners (CCBOC) in awarding the contract(s) for which this Bid/Proposal is submitted. I understand, and my company understands, that any misstatement in this Affidavit is and shall be treated as fraudulent concealment from CCBOC of the true facts relating to the submission of Bids/Proposals for this contract.

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Title

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, 20____

(Notary Public)

[SEAL REQUIRED]

My Commission Expires: _____

APPENDIX "C"

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E-VERIFY AFFIDAVIT

By executing this affidavit, the undersigned contractor verifies its compliance with O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91, stating affirmatively that the individual, firm, or corporation which is engaged in the physical performance of services on behalf of Cherokee County has registered with, is authorized to use and uses the federal work authorization program commonly known as E-Verify, or any subsequent replacement program, in accordance with the applicable provisions and deadlines established in O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91.

Furthermore, the undersigned contractor agrees that it will continue to use the federal work authorization program throughout the contract period and should it employ or contract with any subcontractor(s) in connection with the physical performance of services pursuant to this Agreement with Cherokee County, contractor will secure from such subcontractor(s) similar verification of compliance with O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91 on the Subcontractor Affidavit in the form attached hereto as Exhibit B. Contractor further agrees to maintain records of such compliance and provide a copy of each such verification to Cherokee County within five (5) business days of receipt.

Contractor hereby attests that its federal work authorization user identification number and date of authorization are as follows:

Federal Work Authorization User Identification
Number

Date of Authorization

Name of Contractor

Name of Project

Cherokee County Board of Commissioners
Name of Pubic Employer

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

Executed this _____ day of _____, 20____
in _____ (City), _____ (State).

Signature of Authorized Officer/Agent

Printed Name of Authorized Officer/Agent

Title of Authorized Officer/Agent

NOTARY

Subscribed and sworn before me on this _____ day
of _____, 20____

NOTARY PUBLIC SIGNATURE

[NOTARY SEAL]

My Commission Expires: _____

Not Applicable by Statute or labor less than \$2,500

APPENDIX "D"

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REFERENCES

1. Company _____
City/State _____
Contact Name _____
Phone/Email _____

2. Company _____
City/State _____
Contact Name _____
Phone/Email _____

3. Company _____
City/State _____
Contact Name _____
Phone/Email _____

4. Company _____
City/State _____
Contact Name _____
Phone/Email _____

5. Company _____
City/State _____
Contact Name _____
Phone/Email _____

APPENDIX "E"

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ACCEPTANCE OF COUNTY AGREEMENT

The Contract used for this solicitation will be the County's standard Professional Services Agreement ("PSA") or Construction Services Agreement ("CSA").

Using this form, please indicate either the willingness to sign the Contract included in the solicitation, as is, upon award and/or recommendation of award or list all exceptions. This form is to be filled out, signed and returned as part of a responsive bid/proposal. The County is under no obligation to accept exceptions or modifications suggested by the Supplier (or any Third Parties/subcontractors). Any exceptions or modifications may be considered during evaluation and may result in rejection of the bid/proposal or a lower score. Such a determination shall not be a cause of action by the bidder/proposer against Cherokee County.

If the Supplier (or any Third Parties/subcontractors) does wish to suggest exceptions or modifications, all such exceptions or modifications must be submitted with the bid/proposal; no exceptions or modifications to the contract will be considered after bid/proposal review by the County (i.e. after the opening). All exceptions to the County's contract must be listed on the provided form as only those exceptions listed on the form provided will be evaluated. Any material exceptions may result in the rejection of the proposal and the Supplier will not receive further consideration.

CHECK AND INITIAL ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS:

_____ I and my legal advisor and insurance carrier representatives have read, understand and accept all the terms and conditions of the Agreement, and if awarded this Project, I will promptly execute and furnish all required statements, exhibits and certification of insurance coverage within five (5) business days.

OR

_____ I and my legal advisor and insurance carrier representatives have read and understand all the terms and conditions of the Agreement, **BUT HAVE NOTED THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS AND/OR QUALIFICATIONS:**

Proposers may provide additional sheets written on their own letterhead to supplement this page, if necessary.

I CERTIFY that the above information is true and correct.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Printed Name & Title: _____

APPENDIX "F"

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SUSPENSION, DEBARMENT AND LITIGATION AFFIDAVIT

Is proposing/bidding company currently suspended or debarred from doing business with any Federal, State and/or local agency?

YES _____

NO _____

If yes, please indicate each agency that has suspended or debarred the company and the situation and/or reason for the suspension or debarment in the space below (a separate piece of paper may be used if necessary).

Is proposing/bidding company currently involved in any legal matter with or under investigation by any Federal, State and/or local agency?

YES _____

NO _____

If yes, please indicate each agency and the situation and/or reason in the space below (a separate piece of paper may be used if necessary).

Company Name: _____

Authorized Representative: _____

Signature

Authorized Representative: _____

Printed Name and Title

Date: _____

APPENDIX "G"

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CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE CERTIFICATION

A license verification will be performed by Cherokee County, Georgia by visiting the State of Georgia's web site at sos.ga.gov/plb/, in addition to any other supporting documentation that may be provided by the Contractor's authorized agent personally appearing before Cherokee County, Georgia.

CONTRACTOR'S NAME: _____

Contractor's License Number: _____

Expiration Date of License: _____

(ATTACHED COPY OF LICENSE)

I certify that the above information is true and correct and that the classification noted is applicable to the Bid for this Project.

Signed: _____

This _____ day of _____, 201__ .

(SEAL, REQUIRED IF CORPORATION)

NOTARY AND WITNESS:

County of _____ State of _____

Notary Public: _____

Witness: _____

(SEAL, REQUIRED)

APPENDIX "H"

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**CERTIFICATE OF ABILITY TO PROVIDE
PERFORMANCE AND LABOR & MATERIAL PAYMENT BOND**

This is to certify that on this day the submitting Bidder/Proposer acknowledges that he/she has read these Bidding documents and requirements, inclusive of all Addenda, if any, and inclusive of the Construction Services Agreement, in their individual and collective entirety, and agrees to provide Performance and Labor & Material Payment Bonds (each in an amount equal to 100% of the contract sum) acceptable to Cherokee County, Georgia and that he/she understands, accepts and agrees to fully comply with the requirements therein, and that the undersigned will promptly provide said Performance and Labor & Material Payment Bonds to Cherokee County. Failure to furnish said Performance and Labor & Material Payment Bonds (each in an amount equal to 100% of the contract sum) within the time period set forth shall be cause for rejection of the submitted Bid or Bid Proposal, and give the right to Cherokee County, Georgia to cause the Bid Bond to be called with penalty.

The person signing below is authorized by the Bidding/Proposing company to submit the Bid/Proposal herein, and this certificate, to legally obligate the Bidder/Proposer thereto.

NAME OF BONDING COMPANY: _____

DATE: _____

Signature of the Bonding Company's Authorized Agent

(Or a separate letter on the bonding company's letterhead may be submitted.)

By signing above, or by submission of a separate letter, the bonding company acknowledges they are listed on the Federal Registry and approve of the Bid Proposal amount submitted by the Bidder.

NAME OF BIDDER/COMPANY: _____

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Printed Title: _____

Date: _____

(CORPORATE SEAL, REQUIRED IF CORPORATION)

County of _____

State of _____

Notary Public: _____

My Commission Expires: _____

APPENDIX “H” Requirements

PERFORMANCE AND LABOR & MATERIAL PAYMENT BONDS REQUIREMENTS

When Contractor submits Appendix “I” below, it is these requirements that they are indicating that will meet should they be awarded the project defined in this solicitation.

PERFORMANCE AND LABOR & MATERIALS PAYMENT BOND: The Contractor shall upon award furnish to Cherokee County **Performance and Labor & Material Payment Bonds** to Cherokee County Board of Commissioners, the Undersigned's surety identified above and the Undersigned agrees that upon receipt of Cherokee County Board of Commissioners Notice of Award, the Contractor will, within ten (10) days of receipt of the Notice of Award with accompanying Agreement and requirements for bonds and insurance, execute the formal Contract, and will deliver all required Bonds for the faithful performance of this Contract and such other required information, representations and insurance certificates and policies. The Undersigned further agrees that if he fails or neglects to appear or execute or deliver within the specified time to execute the Contract of which this Proposal, the Bidding Documents and the Contract Documents are a part, the Undersigned will be considered as having abandoned the Contract, and Cherokee County Board of Commissioners shall proceed to take action to review and recommend the next responsive and responsible Bid.

Requirements of this section pertain to the furnishing of valid Performance and Labor & Material Payment Bonds, each in the amount of 100% of the contract sum of the Construction Agreement between Cherokee County and the Contractor for the scope of this Bid and contract.

No contract for work to be performed for Cherokee County by the Contractor under this Bid shall be valid for any purpose unless the Contractor shall first have provided to Cherokee County the required project insurance and the Performance and Labor & Materials Payment Bond with good and sufficient surety payable to, in favor of and for the protection of Cherokee County, and must be accompanied by a letter stating the bonding company's current rating for verification prior to acceptance by Cherokee County, before execution of the contract by Cherokee County.

Surety companies executing Bonds must appear on the Treasury Department's most current list (Circular 570 as amended) and be authorized to transact business as a surety in Georgia, and shall have an A.M. Best minimum rating of “A” with a financial size of VII “7” or better. Attestation for the corporation must be by the corporate officer; for a partnership by another partner; and for an individual by a notary with the corporate seal.

The Performance and Labor & Materials Payment Bonds shall be provided only on the forms required herein of these Bidding Documents, as set forth by the Construction Agreement. No other forms shall be acceptable by Cherokee County. Failure of the Contractor to provide the required bonds in the manner and form prescribed, and within the time required, may form the basis for Cherokee County to determine that the Contractor has failed to comply with contracting conditions and to determine the Bid Proposal offer from the Contractor to be non-responsive and void, therein allowing Cherokee County to select another Contractor.

Each Bidding contractor interested in doing business with Cherokee County is advised to carefully review the Construction Agreement, and its attachments and Exhibits to prepare itself for the prompt execution of the Construction Agreement upon presentation for execution by Cherokee County in its Notice of Award, and the Contractor shall have executed and included with his Bid the Certification of Review and Acceptance of the Construction Agreement.

APPENDIX “I” Requirements

BID BOND REQUIREMENTS

THE BIDDER IS REQUIRED TO SUBMIT WITH ITS BID PROPOSAL A BID BOND, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the total submitted Bid. Its submission is mandatory, and is separate and apart from any requirements or acceptance of Performance and Labor & Material Payment Bond.

In order for the Bid Proposal offer to be acceptable to Cherokee County, Georgia, the Bid Proposal must also be accompanied by a signed form stating that should Cherokee County accept your Bid Proposal, Performance and Labor & Material Payment Bonds (each in an amount equal to 100% of the contract sum) shall be furnished, and that the Bidder will promptly furnish said Bonds upon written receipt of the written Notice of Award by Cherokee County.

No Bid or Bid Proposal shall be considered or determined valid and responsive by Cherokee County unless said Bid Bond form is properly signed by an authorized representative of the firm submitting the Bid Proposal offer, and is included with your Bid Proposal offer, and that the Bid or Bid Proposal is on forms required by Cherokee County.

THE REQUIRED BID BOND FORM is American Institute of Architects (AIA) form A310, most current Edition. No Bid or Bid Proposal shall be considered by Cherokee County unless the required Bid bond is properly executed by an authorized representative of the surety firm, and included with the Bid Proposal offer at the time of its submittal.

APPENDIX “J” Requirements

CONTRACTOR’S QUALIFICATIONS STATEMENT

DESCRIPTION:

Each Bidding Contractor shall submit with its Bid to The Cherokee County Board of Commissioners a complete and properly executed AIA Document A305, Contractor’s Qualifications Statement, current Edition, and also include a current audited/reviewed financial statement, both documents to be less than one (1) year old.