

INVITATION FOR REQUEST
FOR PROPOSAL

RFP NO.: 12-0113-5

ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR DAMAGED VEHICLES APPRAISAL CLAIMS SERVICES

FOR CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA

PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE: N/A

PROPOSAL RECEIPT BY: 2:00 P.M., OCTOBER 23, 2012

THE COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA

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CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA

**CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA
DOCUMENT CHECK LIST**

The following documents, when marked, are contained in and made a part of this Package or are required to be submitted with the proposal. It is the responsibility of the Proposer to read, complete and sign, where indicated, and return these documents with his/her Proposal. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY BE CAUSE FOR DISQUALIFYING THE PROPOSAL.

X GENERAL INFORMATION

X PROPOSAL

X PROPOSAL SCHEDULE

X LEGAL NOTICE

X ATTACHMENTS: A. DRUG FREE WORKPLACE; B. NONDISCRIMINATION STATEMENT; C. DISCLOSURE OF RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT; D. CONTRACTOR AFFIDAVIT/AGREEMENT; E. SAVE FORM; F. DEBARMENT FORM; G. M/WBE PARTICIPATION FORM; H. LOBBYING

COUNTY TAX CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENT: Contractor must supply a copy of their Tax Certificate as proof of payment of the occupational tax where their office is located.

CURRENT TAX CERTIFICATE NUMBER _____
CITY _____
COUNTY _____
OTHER _____

RECEIPT IS HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGED OF ADDENDA NUMBERS _____

The undersigned bidder certifies that he/she has received the above listed and marked documents and acknowledges that his/her failure to return each, completed and signed as required, may be cause for disqualifying his/her proposal.

BY: _____ **SIGNATURE:** _____ **DATE:** _____

Chatham County has established goals to increase participation of minority and woman owned businesses. In order to accurately document participation, businesses submitting bids or proposals are strongly encouraged to report ownership status. A minority or woman owned business is defined as a business with 51% or greater minority or woman ownership. Please check ownership status as applicable:

African-American _____ Asian American _____ Hispanic _____
Native American or Alaskan Indian _____ Woman _____

For additional information concerning Chatham County's M/WBE Program, please contact Arneja Riley, at (912) 652-7860.

**CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA
OFFICE OF THE PURCHASING AND CONTRACTING
1117 EISENHOWER DRIVE, SUITE C
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA 31406
(912) 790-1619**

DATE: October 5, 2012

RFP NO. 12-0113-5

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

This is an invitation to submit a proposal to supply Chatham County equipment and services as indicated herein. Sealed proposals will be received at the Office of the Purchasing Agent, **1117 EISENHOWER DRIVE, SUITE C, SAVANNAH, GEORGIA** up to **2:00 P.M. OCTOBER 23, 2012**. The Purchasing Agent reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive formalities.

Instructions for preparation and submission of a proposal are contained in the Request for Proposal package. Please note that specific forms for submission of a proposal are required. Proposals must be typed or printed in ink. If you do not submit a proposal, return the signed invitation sheet and state the reason; otherwise, your name may be removed from our bidders list.

A pre-proposal conference has been scheduled for N/A, and will be conducted in the Purchasing Conference Room located at **1117 EISENHOWER DRIVE, SUITE C, SAVANNAH, GEORGIA 31406**, to discuss the specifications and resolve any questions and/or misunderstanding that may arise. Firms are encouraged to attend.

Any changes to the conditions and specifications must be in the form of a written addendum to be valid; therefore, the Purchasing Agent will issue a written addendum to document approved changes. Generally when addendum are required, the proposal due date may be changed.

Chatham County has an equal opportunity procurement policy. Chatham County seeks to ensure that all segments of the business community have access to providing services needed by County programs. The County affirmatively works to encourage utilization of disadvantaged and minority business enterprises in our procurement activities. The County provides equal opportunity for all businesses and does not discriminate against any persons or businesses regardless of race, color, religion, age, sex, national origin or handicap. The County expects its contractors to make maximum feasible use of minority businesses and qualified minority employees. The terms "disadvantaged business", "minority business enterprise", and "minority person" are more specifically defined and explained in the Chatham County Purchasing Ordinance and Procedures Manual, Article VII - Disadvantaged Business Enterprises Program.

**SECTION I
INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS**

- 1.1 PURPOSE:** Chatham County is seeking proposals from responsive and qualified firms to provide digital multi-function copier/scanner/printer devices (MFD), black and white and color, for use by various departments throughout the County. All proposals are governed by the Code of Chatham County, Chapter 4, Article IV, and the laws of the State of Georgia.

- 1.2 INFORMATION OR CLARIFICATION:** For information concerning procedures for responding to this solicitation, contact Kathleen Watson-Scott, CPPB, at (912) 790-1619. Such contact shall be for clarification purposes only. Material change, if any to the scope of services or bidding procedures will be only transmitted by written addendum. It is the proposers' responsibility to check the website to determine if any addenda(s) have been issued.

All questions must be submitted in writing to the Purchasing & Contracting Division, 1117 Eisenhower Drive, Citizen Service Center, Suite C, Savannah, GA. Attn: Kathleen Watson-Scott, CPPB. Questions may be sent via FAX to (912) 790-1627 or email to kwscott@chathamcounty.org. Questions of a material nature must be received prior to the cut-off date specified in the solicitation schedule. If no cut-off date is listed, the deadline for questions shall be 5:00 p.m. one week prior to the deadline of receipt of proposals. If a bid or proposal is faxed, it is the responsibility of the proposer to insure that the proposal is received in its entirety prior to the deadline for bid submittal. In certain circumstances, fax bids are never allowed i.e., when there is a bid bond requirement. The entire proposal must be submitted in accordance with the Instructions to Bidder/Proposers contained in this solicitation.

- 1.3 ELIGIBILITY:** To be eligible for a resulting contract (s) in responding to this solicitation, the proposing firm must demonstrate that they, or the principals assigned to the project, have successfully completed services, similar to those specified in the Scope of Services section.

1.4 HOW TO PREPARE PROPOSALS: All proposals shall be:

- A. Prepared on the forms enclosed herewith, unless otherwise prescribed, and **all documents must be submitted.**
- B. Typewritten or completed with pen black or blue ink, signed by the business owner or authorized representative, with all corrections initialed and dated by the official signing the proposal. **ALL SIGNATURE SPACES MUST BE SIGNED.**

Bidders are encouraged to review carefully all provisions and attachments of this document prior to submission. Each bid constitutes an offer and may not be withdrawn except as provided herein.

1.5 HOW TO SUBMIT PROPOSAL: All proposals shall be:

- A. Submitted in a sealed opaque enveloped, plainly marked **Damage Vehicles Appraisals Services, RFP #12-0113-5, with date and time of bid proposal opening, and company name.**
- B. Mailed or delivered as follows in a sufficient time to ensure receipt by the Purchasing Agent on or before time and date specified above.

- Mailing Address: Purchasing Agent, 1117 Eisenhower Drive, Suite C, Savannah, Georgia, 31406.

PROPOSALS NOT RECEIVED BY THE TIME AND DATE SPECIFIED WILL NOT BE OPENED OR CONSIDERED.

1.6 FORMAT FOR RESPONSES: To be considered, contractors must submit a complete response to the Request for Proposal. To assure a uniform review process and obtain the maximum degree of comparability, each proposal shall include the following content and shall be presented in the following order:

- a. Detailed description of equipment, service and support capabilities .
- b. Cost Proposals per instructions
- c. Proposed Schedule of Minority and Women owned Business Participation and Non-Discrimination Statement
- d. Required Attachments

1.7 BASIS OF AWARD: Proposals will be evaluated according to the following criteria and weight at a minimum:

- a) Proposer's qualifications and experience, including support capabilities. (25 points)
- b) Responsiveness to the RFP and added value offered by proposer (25 points)
- c) Proposed Costs (50 points)

Proposals shall be evaluated by a Selection Committee. The Selection Committee may, at its option, request any or all proposers to provide on-site demonstrations of the proposed equipment.

1.8 COPIES: One (1) bound, printed and signed original and two identical, printed copies of the proposal and supporting documents must be submitted in response to the RFP.

Proposals shall be submitted to:

Chatham County Purchasing Department
Attn: Kathleen Watson-Scott, CPPB
1117 Eisenhower Drive, Suite C
Savannah, GA 31406
(912) 790-1619

1.9 SUBMITTAL OF QUALIFICATIONS: Proposers should submit experience and qualifications as described below. Additional information may be submitted as appropriate to further describe vendor and provide product capabilities.

- a) List of similar size clients with contact names that use proposed equipment.
- b) Location and number of support personnel.

1.10 CONTRACT: The contract between Chatham County and the contractor shall consist of (1) the Request for Proposal (RFP) and any amendments thereto, and (2) the proposal submitted by the contractor in response to the RFP. In the event of a conflict in language between the two documents referenced above, the provisions and requirements set forth and/or referenced in the RFP shall govern. However, Chatham County reserves the right to clarify any contractual relationship in writing with the concurrence of the contractor, and such written clarification shall govern in case of conflict with the applicable requirements stated in the RFP or the contractor's proposal. In all other matters not affected by the written clarifications, if any, the RFP shall govern.

- 1.11 TERMINATION OF CONTRACT:** Chatham County may cancel the contract at any time for breach of contractual obligations or for lack of funding by providing the consultant with a written notice of such cancellation. Should the County exercise its right to cancel the contract for such reasons, the cancellation shall become effective on the date as specified in the notice of cancellation sent to the contractor.

SECTION II GENERAL CONDITIONS

- 2.1 LOCAL VENDORS:** The Board of Commissioners has strongly expressed their desire to have as much “Local” participation as possible for the work done in Chatham County.
- 2.2 MINORITY- WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PARTICIPATION:** It is the desire of the County Board of Commissioners to increase the participation of minority (MBE) and women-owned (WBE) business in its contracting and procurement programs. The County program is *ACCESS*. The County is committed to a policy of equitable participation for these firms by setting goals for each contract. Bidder/proposers are requested to include in their proposals a narrative describing their past accomplishment and intended actions in this area. If bidder/proposers are considering minority or women owned enterprise participation in their proposal, those firms, and their specific duties must be identified in their proposal along with the percentage(s) and dollar amount awarded to the M/WBE firm. If a bidder/proposer is considered for award, he/she will be asked to meet with the County Staff so that the intended MBE/WBE participation goals can be formalized and included in the subsequent contact.

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

- 2.3 LOBBYING ACTIVITIES:** ALL BIDDERS/PROPOSERS PLEASE NOTE: A bidder/proposer submitting a response to this solicitation must comply, if applicable, with the County Purchasing ordinance and Procedures Manual. No discussions are allowed with Board members, other elected officials, county management staff and employees. The only discussions must be through the Purchasing & Contracting Office.
- 2.4 PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES:** A person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a bid on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity.
- 2.5 BID/PROPOSAL COSTS:** The County shall not be liable for any costs incurred by bidder/proposer in responding to this Solicitation.

- 2.6 **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION:** Information and material received by County in connection with all bidder's/proposer's shall be deemed to be public records subject to public inspection upon award or recommendation for award. However, certain exemptions to public records law are statutorily provided for in Title 50-18-70. O.C.G.A. Therefore, if the Bidder/Proposer believes any of the information contain in his or her response is exempt from the Open Records Act, the Bidder/proposer must in his or her response specifically identify the material which is deemed to be exempt and cite the legal authority for the exemption, otherwise the County will treat all materials received as public records.
- 2.7 **CONTRACT COST ADJUSTMENTS:** Prices quoted shall be firm for the contract term.
- 2.8 **NO EXCLUSIVE CONTRACT/ADDITIONAL SERVICES:** Contractor agrees and understands that the contract shall not be construed as an exclusive arrangement and further agrees that the County may, at any time, secure similar or identical services at its sole option.
- 2.9 **SUBSTITUTION OF PERSONNEL:** It is the intention of the County that the Contractor's personnel proposed for the contract will be available for the contract term. In the event the Contractor wishes to substitute personnel, he shall propose personnel of equal or higher qualifications and all replacements personnel are subject to County approval. In the event substitute personnel are not satisfactory to the County and the matter cannot be resolved to the satisfaction of the County, the County reserves the right to cancel the Contract for cause.
- 2.10 **INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR:** The Contractor is an independent contractor under this Agreement. Personal services provided by the Contractor shall be employees of the Contractor and subject to supervision by the Contractor, and not as officers, employee, or agents of the County.
- 2.11 **SECURITY AND IMMIGRATION COMPLIANCE ACT AND SYSTEMATIC ALIEN VERIFICATION FOR ENTITLEMENTS (SAVE):** On July 1, 2008, the Georgia Security and Immigration Compliance Act (SB 529, Section 2) became effective. All contractors and subcontractors entering into a contract or performing work must sign an affidavit that he/she has used the E-Verify System. E-Verify is a no-cost federal employment verification system to insure employment eligibility. Affidavits are enclosed in this solicitation. You may download M-274 Handbook for Employers at <http://www.dol.state.ga.us/spotlight/employment/rules>. You may go to <http://www.uscis.gov>, to find the E-Verify information.

O.C.G.A. § 50-36-1, requires Georgia's cities to comply with the federal **Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) Program**. SAVE is a federal program used to verify that applicants for certain "public benefits" are legally present in the United States. Contracts with the County are considered "public benefits." Therefore, the successful bidder will be required to provide the Affidavit Verifying Status for Chatham County Benefit Application prior to receiving any County contract. The affidavit is included as part of this bid package but is only required of the successful bidder.

- 2.12 **ASSIGNMENT:** The successful bidder/proposer shall not assign, transfer, convey, sublet or otherwise dispose of the contract, or of any rights, title, interest therein, or his or its power to

execute such contract to any person, company or corporation without prior written consent of the County.

- 2.13 CANCELLATION:** The County may cancel this contract for convenience with a sixty (60) day written notice to the other party. The County may terminate this contract immediately for cause based on non-performance.
- 2.14 SPECIFICATIONS:** Any obvious error or omission in specifications shall not inure to the benefit of the bidder but shall put the Proposer on notice to inquire of or identify the same to the County.
- 2.15 MULTIPLE PROPOSALS:** No Proposer will be allowed to submit more than one offer.
- 2.16 OFFERS TO BE FIRM:** The Proposer warrants that terms and conditions quoted in his offer will be firm for acceptance for a period of ninety (90) days from bid date submitted, unless otherwise stated in the proposal.
- 2.17 LIABILITY PROVISIONS:** Where Proposers are required to enter or go into Chatham County property to take measurements or gather other information in order to prepare the proposal as requested by the County, the Proposer shall be liable for any injury, damage or loss occasioned by negligence of the Proposer, his agent, or any person the Proposer has designated to prepare the Offer and shall indemnify and hold harmless Chatham County from any liability arising therefrom. The contract document specifies the liability provisions required of the successful Proposer in order to be awarded a contract with Chatham County.
- 2.18 AWARD OF CONTRACT:** The contract, if awarded, will be awarded to that responsible Proposer whose proposal will be most advantageous to Chatham County, price and other factors considered. The Board of Commissioners will make the determination as to which proposal best serves the interest of Chatham County.
- 2.19 PROCUREMENT PROTESTS:** Objections and protests to any portion of the procurement process or actions of the County staff may be filed with the Purchasing Agent for review and resolution. The Chatham County Purchasing Procedures Manual, Article IX - Appeals and Remedies shall govern the review and resolution of all protests.
- 2.20 QUALIFICATION OF BUSINESS (RESPONSIBLE PROPOSER):** A responsible Proposer is defined as one who meets, or by the date of the acceptance can meet, all requirements for licensing, insurance, and service contained within this Request for Proposals. Chatham County has the right to require any or all Proposers to submit documentation of the ability to perform the service requested. Chatham County has the right to disqualify the proposal of any Proposer as being unresponsive or irresponsible whenever such Proposer cannot document the ability to deliver the requested service.
- 2.21 COUNTY BUSINESS LICENSE REQUIREMENT:** A current Chatham County or municipal business tax certificate (within the State of Georgia) is required unless otherwise specified. A firm need not have a Chatham County Business Tax Certificate prior to submitting a proposal. However, a license must be obtained by the successful vendor prior to award of contract. Please contact the Chatham County Department of Building Safety and Regulatory

Services at (912) 201-4300 for additional information. No contract shall be awarded unless all real and personal property taxes have been paid by the successful contractor and/or subcontractors as adopted by the Board of Commissioners on April 8, 1994.

2.22 INSURANCE PROVISIONS: The selected CONTRACTOR shall be required to procure and maintain for the duration of the contract insurance against claims and injuries to persons or damage to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of work hereunder by the Contractor, his agents, representatives, employees, or subcontractors. The cost of such insurance shall be included in the Contractor's fee proposal.

Chatham County evaluates each claim on a case-by-case basis and invokes all immunities and defenses permitted under law. Chatham County is *not* to be included as a named insured on Contractor's policies.

A certificate of insurance regarding this Request for Proposal shall include the following:

- A. *Worker's Compensation:* Statutory, with a minimum Employer's Liability limit of \$500,000.
- B. *Commercial General Liability:* \$1,000,000 bodily injury and property damage per occurrence and annual aggregate.
- C. *Business Automobile:* \$1,000,000 Combined Single limit written on an "Any Auto" basis.

2.23 INDEMNIFICATION: The CONTRACTOR agrees to protect, defend, indemnify, and hold harmless Chatham County, Georgia, its commissioners, officers, agents, and employees from and against any and all liability, damages, claims, suits, liens, and judgments, of whatever nature, including claims for contribution and/or indemnification, for injuries to or death of any person or persons, or damage to the property or other rights of any person or persons caused by the CONTRACTOR or its subcontractors. The CONTRACTOR's obligation to protect, defend, indemnify, and hold harmless, as set forth herein above shall include, but not be limited to, any matter arising out of any actual or alleged infringement of any patent, trademark, copyright, or service mark, or any actual or alleged unfair competition, disparagement of product or service, or other business tort of any type whatsoever, or any actual or alleged violation of trade regulations. CONTRACTOR further agrees to investigate, handle, respond to, provide defense for, and to protect, defend, indemnify, and hold harmless Chatham County, Georgia, at his sole expense, and agrees to bear all other costs and expenses related thereto, even if such claims, suits, etc., are groundless, false, or fraudulent, including any and all claims or liability for compensation under the Worker's Compensation Act arising out of injuries sustained by any employee of the CONTRACTOR or his subcontractors or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them. The CONTRACTOR'S obligation to indemnify Chatham County under this Section shall not be limited in any way by the agreed-upon contract price, or to the scope and amount of coverage provided by any insurance maintained by the CONTRACTOR.

The contractor shall provide the County with an insurance certificate outlining the coverage provided and 30 day written notification to the County when the coverage are terminated or expired.

- 2.24 COMPLIANCE WITH SPECIFICATION - TERMS AND CONDITIONS:** The Request for Proposals, Legal Advertisement, General Conditions and Instructions to Proposers, Specifications, Special Conditions, Proposers Offer, Addendum, and/or any other pertinent documents form a part of the Offeror's proposal and by reference are made a part of a resulting contract.
- 2.25 SIGNED RESPONSE CONSIDERED AN OFFER:** The signed Response shall be considered an offer on the part of the Proposer, which offer shall be deemed accepted upon approval by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, Purchasing Agent or his designee. In case of a default on the part of the Proponent after such acceptance, Chatham County may take such action as it deems appropriate, including legal action for damages or lack of required performance.
- 2.26 NOTICE TO PROCEED:** The successful proposer shall not commence work under this Request for Proposal until a written contract is awarded and a Notice to Proceed or Purchase Order is issued by the Purchasing Agent or his designee. If the successful Proposer does commence any work or deliver items prior to receiving official notification, he does so at his own risk.
- 2.27 WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSAL:** Proposals may be withdrawn by submitting a written request to the County prior to the stated deadline for the receipt of proposals. Withdrawal of a proposal by any firm will not prejudice the right of the proponent to submit a new proposal, providing the latter is received timely as provided herein.
- 2.28 CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** Through a statement of disclosure, your firm/organization/joint venture shall provide sufficient detail of any relationship, especially financial, between members of your firm and any county employees or their family members. This will allow the County to evaluate possible conflicts of interest.
- 2.29 REJECTING PROPOSALS:** The County reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and is not bound to accept any proposal if that proposal is contrary to the best interest of Chatham County. Similarly, the County is not bound to accept the lowest dollar proposal if the offer is not considered in the County's best interest.
- 2.30 EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:** During the performance of this contract, the CONTRACTOR agrees as follows:

The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, sex, age, national origin, place of birth, physical handicap, or marital status.

- 2.31 PENDING LITIGATION:** Proposals will not be accepted from any company, firm, person or party, parent subsidiary, against which Chatham County has an outstanding claim, or a financial dispute relating to prior contract performance.

SECTION III TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

- 3.0 GENERAL INFORMATION:** Chatham County, GA retains the exposure with regard to auto vehicle claims and self-administers all claims filed against the County. As part of the County's self-administration program, proposals for conducting visual appraisals and preparation of appropriate reports are hereby being requested. It is estimated appraisals will average between 25-30 per year.

3.1.1 SCOPE OF SERVICES:

- 3.1.1 Contact claimant within 24 hours of being assigned the claim to schedule an appraisal appointment.
- 3.2.1 Perform the appraisal within 48 hours of being assigned, unless directed otherwise. Chatham County requires notification if appraisal is to be delayed and reason for the delay.
- 3.2.2 Provide “New Assignment” form that can be faxed or e-mailed to the local office or assigned appraiser for the purpose of the County providing your initial notification.
- 3.2.4 Appraise damages, providing at least two (2) photographs of the damage, and make a recommendation to either repair or declare the vehicle a total loss.
- 3.2.5 Based on claimant preference, prepare an “Agreed Amount Appraisal” with the identified repair facility.

3.2 REPORTING: Appraisal reports will be either “Repairable” or “Total Loss.” The reports will include at minimum:

3.2.1 Repairable:

- a. Complete description of the vehicle including, but not limited to, year, make, model, engine size, style, vehicle identification number, and color. Identify existing damage, if any.
- b. Odometer reading
- c. Estimated number of days to repair
- e. Whether vehicle is drivable
- f. Total repair cost – including itemized listing of all parts, labor, painting, supplies, towing, and storage. Please state your preferred basis of evaluation (i.e. CCC Comp-Est. etc.) and why you prefer this method.

3.2.2 General Reporting Requirements:

- a. Fax or electronically transfer copy of damage appraisal to (912) 652-7920 or (912) 652-7938. Appraisals can also be emailed to: cmvoelke@chathamcounty.org
- b. Include separate invoice for each appraisal
- c. Appraise any supplemental damage discovered at the time of repair and prepare an updated report for the County’s Risk Manager or County Attorney.

- d. Promptly respond to questions regarding damage to the vehicle from the County’s Risk manager or County Attorney.
- e. When requested, provide determination of diminished or depreciated value.
- f. *Quality of reporting* (please submit examples)
- g. References to include name of client, business address, and telephone numbers. Minimum of two (2) references. If applicable, provide one reference from a government entity.

3.3 QUESTIONS:

- 3.3.1 Explain your procedure for handling supplemental damage?
- 3.3.2 How does your firm identify and report existing vehicle damage?
- 3.3.3 What is your firm’s understand of an “Agreed Amount Appraisal”?
- 3.3.4 What methodology does your firm use to determine the value of a total loss?
- 3.3.5 Would pricing for an appraisal, either repairable or total loss, differ if the appraisal was conducted for a vehicle (not heavy equipment) owned by Chatham County?
- 3.3.6 Would all appraisers assigned to Chatham County have appropriate State license(s)? If yes, would your firm be willing to provide copies of those licenses?
- 3.3.7 Are there any repair facilities or sites where you would not or could not conduct an on-site appraisal?
- 3.3.8 What is the average time, after receiving a new assignment, to make contact with the owner and complete an appraisal/total loss evaluation?
- 3.3.9 In addition to private passenger vehicles, what other types of rolling stock, equipment, and property does your firm appraise? Is your firm willing to provide a fee or rate/hour for each of the aforementioned categories?
- 3.3.10 Please explain your firm’s knowledge of and experience with obtaining and analyzing information from a vehicle’s Event Data Recorder (EDR).
- 3.3.11 If applicable, how does your firm charge for obtaining and analyzing information from an EDR?
- 3.3.12 What is your hourly rate for serving as an expert witness?
- 3.3.13 Would your firm be willing to perform a “sample” appraisal?
- 3.3.14 Before performing an appraisal, what information does your firm require from the County?

The undersigned proposer certifies that he/she has carefully read the preceding list of instructions and all other data applicable hereto and made a part of this invitation; and, further certifies that the prices shown in his/her proposal are in accordance with all documents contained in this Request for Proposals package, and that any exception taken thereto may disqualify his/her proposal.

This is to certify that I, the undersigned Proposer, have read the instructions to Proposer and agree to be bound by the provisions of the same.

This _____ day of _____ 20__.

BY: _____

SIGNATURE

TITLE

COMPANY

ADDRESS

PHONE NUMBER

**FEE PROPOSAL FORM
CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA
RFP NO. 12-0113-5 DAMAGED VEHICLES APPRAISAL CLAIMS SERVICES**

I have read and understand the requirements of this proposal, RFP No. 12-0113-5, and agree to provide the required services in accordance with this proposal, and all other attachments, exhibits, etc. I agree to furnish the Services as described in RFP No.12-0113-5, for the fee listed below. I understand that the County will not be responsible for the reimbursement of any costs not specifically set forth in this proposal. In addition, the County reserves the right to accept any part or all of the fee schedule and to negotiate any charges contained herein unless qualified otherwise.

COST PER CLAIM: _____

FIRM NAME: _____

PROPOSER: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ FAX NUMBER: _____

E-MAIL: _____

BUSINESS TAX CERTIFICATE/LICENSE NUMBER: _____

CITY/COUNTY/STATE: _____

MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE? /YES /NO

MINORITY CLASSIFICATION: _____

ATTACHMENT A

DRUG FREE WORKPLACE CERTIFICATION

The undersigned certifies that the provisions of Code Sections 50-24-1 through 50-24-6 of the Official Code to Georgia Annotated, related to the Drug Free Workplace have been complied with in full.

- a. A drug-free workplace will be provided for the employees during the performance of the contract; and;
- b. Each sub-contractor under the direction of the Contractor shall secure the following written certification:

_____ (Contractor) certifies to Chatham County that a drug-free workplace will be provided for the employees during the performance of this contract known as ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR DAMAGED VEHICLES APPRAISAL CLAIMS SERVICES FOR CHATHAM COUNTY pursuant to paragraph (7), of subsection (B) of Code Section 50-24-3. Also, the undersigned further certifies that he/she will not engage in the unlawful manufacture, sale, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance or marijuana during the performance of the contract.

CONTRACTOR:

DATE:

NOTARY:

DATE:

ATTACHMENT B

PROMISE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

Know All Men By These Presents, that I (We), _____, _____, _____,
Name Title Name of Bidder

(herein after “Company”) in consideration of the privilege to bid/or propose on the following Chatham

County project procurement (ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR DAMAGED VEHICLES APPRAISAL

CLAIMS SERVICES FOR CHATHAM COUNTY), hereby consent, covenant and agree as follows:

1. No person shall be excluded from participation in, denied the benefit of or otherwise discriminated against on the basis of race, color, national origin or gender in connection with the bid submitted to Chatham County or the performance of the contract resulting therefrom;
2. That it is and shall be the policy of this Company to provide equal opportunity to all business persons seeking to contract or otherwise interested with the Company, including those companies owned and controlled by racial minorities, and women;
3. In connection herewith, I (We) acknowledge and warrant that this Company has been made aware of, understands and agrees to take affirmative action to provide minority and women owned companies with the maximum practicable opportunities to do business with this Company on this contract;
4. That the promises of non-discrimination as made and set forth herein shall be continuing throughout the duration of this contract with Chatham County;
5. That the promises of non-discrimination as made and set forth herein shall be and are hereby deemed to be made a part of and incorporated by reference in the contract which this Company may be awarded;
6. That the failure of this Company to satisfactorily discharge any of the promises of non-discrimination as made and set forth above may constitute a material breach of contract entitling the County to declare the contract in default and to exercise appropriate remedies including but not limited to termination of the contract.

Signature

Date

ATTACHMENT C

DISCLOSURE OF RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

Failure to complete and return this information will result in your bid/offer/proposal being disqualified from further competition as non-responsive.

1. List any convictions of any person, subsidiary, or affiliate of the company, arising out of obtaining, or attempting to obtain a public or private contract or subcontract, or in the performance of such contract or subcontract.

2. List any indictments or convictions of any person, subsidiary, or affiliate of this company for offenses such as embezzlement, theft, fraudulent schemes, etc. or any other offenses indicating a lack of business integrity or business honesty which affects the responsibility of the contractor.

3. List any convictions or civil judgments under states or federal antitrust statutes.

4. List any violations of contract provisions such as knowingly (without good cause) to perform, or unsatisfactory performance, in accordance with the specifications of a contract.

5. List any prior suspensions or debarments by any governmental agency.

6. List any contracts not completed on time.

7. List any penalties imposed for time delays and/or quality of materials and workmanship.

8. List any documented violations of federal or any state labor laws, regulations, or standards, occupational safety and health rules.

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

of _____, declare under oath that

Company Name

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

Signature

State of _____

County of _____

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

20__ by _____ representing him/herself to be

_____ of the company named herein.

Notary Public

My Commission expires:

Resident State: _____

ATTACHMENT D

CONTRACTOR AFFIDAVIT AND AGREEMENT

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 contracting with (name of public employer) has registered with and is participating in a federal work authorization program* [any of the electronic verification of work authorization programs operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security or any equivalent federal work authorization program operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security to verify information of newly hired employees, pursuant to the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (IRCA),

P.L. 99-603], in accordance with the applicability provisions and deadlines established in O.C.G.A. 13-10-91.

The undersigned further agrees that, should it employ or contract with any subcontractor(s) in connection with the physical performance of services pursuant to this contract with (name of public employer), contractor will secure from such subcontractor(s) similar verification of compliance with O.C.G.A. 13-10-91 on the Subcontractor Affidavit provided in Rule 300-10-01.08 or a substantially similar form. Contractor further agrees to maintain records of such compliance and provide a copy of each such verification to the (name of the public employer) at the time the subcontractor(s) is retained to perform such service.

EEV / Basic Pilot Program* User Identification Number

BY: Authorized Officer or Agent
(Contractor Name)

Date

Title of Authorized Officer or Agent of Contractor

Printed Name of Authorized Officer or Agent

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

Notary Public
My Commission Expires: _____

* As of the effective date of O.C.G.A. 13-10-91, the applicable federal work authorization program is the "EEV / Basic Pilot Program" operated by the U. S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Bureau of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, in conjunction with the Social Security Administration (SSA).

ATTACHMENT E

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

By executing this affidavit under oath, as an applicant for a Chatham County, Georgia Business License or Occupation Tax Certificate, Alcohol License, Taxi Permit, Contract or other public benefit as reference in O.C.G.A. Section 50-36-1, I am stating the following with respect to my bid for a City of Savannah contract for _____. [Name of natural person applying on behalf of individual, business, corporation, partnership, or other private entity]

1.) _____ I am a citizen of the United States.

OR

2.) _____ I am a legal permanent resident 18 years of age or older.

OR

3.) _____ I am an otherwise qualified alien (8 § USC 1641) or non-immigrant under the Federal Immigration and Nationality Act (8 USC 1101 *et seq.*) 18 years of age or older and lawfully present in the United States.*

In making the above representation under oath, I understand that any person who knowingly and willfully makes a false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation in an affidavit shall be guilty of a violation of Code Section 16-10-20 of the Official Code of Georgia.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date _____

Printed Name: _____

* _____

Alien Registration number for non-citizens.

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

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

ATTACHMENT F

**BIDDER’S CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION,
INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION**

The undersigned certifies, by submission of this proposal or acceptance of this contract, that neither Contractor nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency, State of Georgia, Chatham County, City of Savannah, Board of Education or local municipality. Bidder agrees that by submitting this proposal that Bidder will include this clause without modification in all lower tier transactions, solicitations, proposals, contracts, and subcontracts. Where the Bidder or any lower tier participant is unable to certify to this statement, that participant shall attach an explanation to this document.

Certification – the above information is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(Printed or typed Name of Signatory)

(Signature)

(Date)

Purchasing Staff Member Verification

Title _____ Date: _____

Comments:

NOTE: The penalty for making false statements in offers is prescribed in 18 U.S.C. 1001

ATTACHMENT G

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

Name of Bidder: _____

Name of Project: _____ Bid No: _____

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

MBE Total _____% WBE Total _____% M/WBE Combined _____%

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

Signature _____ Print _____

Phone () _____ Fax () _____

ATTACHMENT H

AFFIDAVIT REGARDING LOBBYING

Each Bidder/Proposer and all proposed team members and subcontractors must sign this affidavit and the Bidder/Proposer shall submit the affidavits with their proposal confirming that there has been no contact with public officials or management staff for the purpose of influencing award of the contract. Furthermore, each individual certifies that there will be no contact with any public official prior to contract award for the purpose of influencing contract award.

The undersigned further certifies that no team member or individual has been hired or placed on the team in order to influence award of the contract. All team members are performing a commercially useful function on the project.

Failure to provide signed affidavits from all team members with your response may be cause to consider your bid/proposal non-responsive.

BY: Authorized Officer or Agent

Date

Title of Authorized Officer or Agent

Printed Name of Authorized Officer or Agent

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN
BEFORE ME ON THIS THE
____ DAY OF _____, 2011

Notary Public
My Commission Expires:

My Commission expires:

Resident State:_____

LEGAL NOTICE

CC NO. 165343

Chatham County, Georgia is seeking proposals from firms interested in providing Damaged Vehicles Appraisal Claims Services for Chatham County, Georgia as specified in Request for Proposal No. P12-0113-5.

A pre-proposal conference will be conducted at N/A, in the Purchasing Conference Room, 1117 Eisenhower Drive, Suite C, Savannah, Georgia, to discuss the specifications and to resolve any questions and/or misunderstanding that may arise. Firms are encouraged to attend.

Proposals are due by 2:00 P.M., OCTOBER 23, 2012 and must be mailed or hand delivered to the Chatham County Purchasing Office, 1117 Eisenhower Drive, Suite C, Savannah, Georgia 31406.

A copy of this Request for Proposal is available in Chatham County Purchasing Office, 1117 Eisenhower Drive, Suite C, Savannah, Georgia 31406 or can be downloaded from the Chatham County website at www.purchasing.chathamcounty.org. For additional information concerning specifications, please contact Ms. Kathleen Watson-Scott, CPPB, Procurement Specialist, at (912) 790-1619.

CHATHAM COUNTY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY/AND ALL BIDS AND TO WAIVE ALL FORMALITIES. "CHATHAM COUNTY IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER, M/F/H, ALL BIDDERS ARE TO BE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYERS".

MARGARET H. JOYNER, PURCHASING AGENT
CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA

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Please send two copies of affidavit to:

Chatham County Purchasing Department
1117 Eisenhower Drive, Suite C
Savannah, GA 31416
(912) 790-1609