

INVITATION FOR REQUEST
FOR PROPOSAL

RFP NO.: 13-0076-7

**ENGINEERING INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE FENDER SYSTEM AT THE
CAUSTON BLUFF BRIDGES**

CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA

MANDATORY PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE: 10:00 A.M. SEPTEMBER 5, 2013

PROPOSAL RECEIPT BY: 5:00 P.M. SEPTEMBER 19, 2013

THE COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA

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CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA

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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.**

- GENERAL INFORMATION
- PROPOSAL
- SCOPE OF WORK
- 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 AFFIDAVIT

ALL FIRMS REQUESTING TO DO BUSINESS WITH CHATHAM COUNTY MUST REGISTER ON-LINE AT [HTTP://PURCHASING.CHATHAMCOUNTY.ORG](http://PURCHASING.CHATHAMCOUNTY.ORG)

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 NUMBER(S) _____

The undersigned proposer 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: _____

TITLE:

COMPANY:

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 female ownership. Please check ownership status as applicable:

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

In the award of "Competitive Sealed Proposals", minority/woman participation may be one of several evaluation criteria used in the award process when specified as such in the Request for Proposal.

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

DATE: August 21, 2013

RFP NO. 13-0076-7

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

This is an invitation to submit a proposal to supply Chatham County with the professional 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 **5:00 P.M. (Local Time) September 19, 2013**. 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 MANDATORY Pre-Proposal conference has been scheduled for **10:00 A.M. September 5, 2013**, and will be conducted **at the Chatham County Citizens Service Center, Purchasing and Contracting, 1117 Eisenhower Drive, Suite C, Savannah, Georgia**, to discuss the specifications and resolve any questions and/or misunderstanding that may arise. Firms must be represented at this conference in order to submit a proposal.

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 addenda 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: The purpose of this document is to provide general and specific information for use in submitting a proposal to supply Chatham County with services as described herein. All proposals are governed by the Code of Chatham County, Chapter 4, Article IV, and the laws of the State of Georgia.

1.2 HOW TO PREPARE PROPOSALS:

All proposals shall be typewritten or completed with pen and ink, signed by the business owner or authorized representative, with all erasures or corrections initialed and dated by the official signing the proposal. ALL SIGNATURE SPACES MUST BE SIGNED.

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

1.3 HOW TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS: All proposals shall be:

- A. Submitted in sealed opaque envelopes, plainly marked with the proposal number and title, date and time for submission, and company name.**
- B. Mailed or delivered as follows in sufficient time to ensure receipt by the Purchasing Agent on or before the time and date specified above.**

Purchasing Agent, 1117 Eisenhower Drive, Suite C, Savannah, Georgia 31406.

Chatham County will not accept telegraphic or electronically transmitted bids/proposals.

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

1.4 HOW TO SUBMIT AN OBJECTION: Objections from Offerors to this Request for Proposal and/or these specifications should be brought to the attention of the County Purchasing Agent in the following manner:

- A. When a pre-proposal conference is not scheduled, the Proposer shall object in writing not less than five (5) days prior to the Date for submission.**
- B. The objections contemplated must pertain both to form and substance of the Request for Proposal documents. Failure to object in accordance with the above procedure will constitute a waiver on the part of the business to protest this Request for Proposal.**

1.5 FAILURE TO OFFER: If a Proposal is not submitted, the business should return this Request for Proposal, stating reason therefore, and indicate whether the business should be retained or removed from the County's bidders list.

1.6 ERRORS IN PROPOSALS: Proposers or their authorized representatives are expected to fully inform themselves as to the conditions, requirements, and specifications before submitting proposals. Failure to do so will be at the Proposer's own risk.

- 1.7 STANDARDS FOR ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSERS FOR CONTRACT AWARD:** The County reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals and to waive any irregularities or technicalities in Proposals received whenever such rejection or waiver is in the best interest of the County. The County reserves the right to reject the Offer of a Proposer who has previously failed to perform properly or complete on time contracts of a similar nature, whom investigation shows is not in a position to perform the contract.
- 1.8 PROPOSER:** Whenever the term "Proposer" is used it shall encompass the "person", "business", "firm", or other party submitting a proposal to Chatham County in such capacity before a contract has been entered into between such party and the County.
- 1.9 COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS:** The Proposer shall obtain and maintain all licenses, permits, liability insurance, workman's compensation insurance and comply with any and all other standards or regulations required by federal, state or County statute, ordinances and rules during the performance of any contract between the Proposer and the County. Any such requirement specifically set forth in any contract document between the Proposer and the County shall be supplementary to this section and not in substitution thereof.
- 1.10 CONTRACTOR:** Contractor or subcontractor means any person, firm, or business having a contract with Chatham County. The Contractor of goods, material, equipment or services certifies that the firm will follow equal employment opportunity practices in connection with the awarded contract as more fully specified in the contract documents. Any subcontracting must be specified in the bid/proposal. All subcontractors must be approved by Chatham County.
- 1.11 LOCAL VENDORS:** The Board of Commissioners has strongly expressed their desire to have as much "Local" participation as possible used as Sub-Contractors for the work performed in Chatham County.
- 1.12 MINORITY/FEMALE BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PARTICIPATION:** It is the desire of the County Board of Commissioners to increase the participation of minority (MBE) and woman-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 at (912) 652-7860.

**SECTION II
PROPOSAL CONDITIONS**

- 2.1 SPECIFICATIONS:** Any obvious error or omission in specifications shall not inure to the benefit of the proposer but shall put the Proposer on notice to inquire of or identify the same to the County.
- 2.2 MULTIPLE PROPOSALS:** No Proposer will be allowed to submit more than one offer. Any alternate proposals must be brought to the Purchasing Agent's attention during the Pre-proposal Conference or submitted in writing at least five (5) days preceding the date for submission of proposals.
- 2.3 GEORGIA OPEN RECORDS ACT:** The responses will become part of the County's official files with any obligation on the County's part. Ownership of all data, materials, and documentation prepared for and submitted to Chatham County in response to a solicitation, regardless of type, shall belong exclusively to Chatham County and will be considered a record prepared and maintained or received in the course of operations of public office of agency and is subject to public inspection in accordance with the Georgia Open Records Act, Official Code of Georgia Annotated, Section 50-18-070, et, Seq., unless otherwise provided by law.
- 2.4 GEORGIA TRADE SECRET ACT OF 1990:** In the event that a Proposer submits secret information to the County, the information must be clearly labeled as a "Trade Secret". The County will maintain the confidentiality of such trade secrets to the extent provided by law.
- 2.5 CONTRACTOR RECORDS:** The Georgia Open Records Act is applicable to the records of all contractors and subcontractors under contract with the County. This applies to those specific contracts currently in effect and those which have been completed or closed up to three (3) years following completion. Again, this is a contract specific to the County contracts only.
- 2.6 OFFERS TO BE FIRM:** The Proposer warrants that terms and conditions quoted in his offer will be firm for acceptance for a period of sixty (60) days from bid date submitted, unless otherwise stated in the proposal. When requested to provide a fee proposal, fees quoted must also be firm for a sixty (60)day period.
- 2.7 COMPLETENESS:** All information required by the Request for Proposal must be completed and submitted to constitute a proper proposal.
- 2.8 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.
- 2.9 CERTIFICATION OF INDEPENDENT PRICE DETERMINATION:** By submission of this Offer, the Proposer certifies, and in the case of a joint offer each party thereto certifies

as to its own organization, that in connection with this procurement:

- A. Prices in this offer have been arrived at independently, without consultation, communication, or agreement, for the purpose of restricting competition, as to any matter relating to such prices with any other competitor;
- B. Unless otherwise required by law, the prices which have been quoted in this offer have not been knowingly disclosed by the Proposer and will not knowingly be disclosed by the Proposer prior to opening, directly or indirectly to any other competitor; and;
- C. No attempt has been made or will be made by the Proposer to induce any other person or firm to submit or not submit an offer for the purpose of restricting competition.

2.10 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.

2.11 VENDOR PERFORMANCE EVALUATION: On April 11, 2008 the Board of Commissioners approved a change to the County Purchasing Ordinance requiring Vendor Performance Evaluations, as a minimum, prior to the contract anniversary date. Should the vendor performance be unsatisfactory, the appointed County Project Manager for the contract may prepare a Vendor Complaint Form or a Performance Evaluation to be sent to the Purchasing Agent.

2.12 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. Protests must be filed prior to contract award.

2.13 NO EXCLUSIVE CONTRACT/ADDITIONAL SERVICES: The proposer 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.

2.14 DEBARRED FIRMS AND PENDING LITIGATION: Any potential proposer/firm listed on the Federal or State of Georgia Excluded Parties Listing (Barred for doing business) **will not** be considered for contract award. Proposers **shall** disclose any record of pending lawsuits, criminal violations (indictment) and/or convictions, pending lawsuits, etc., and any actions that may be a conflict of interest occurring within the last five (5) years. Any proposer/firm previously defaulting or terminating a contract with the County will not be considered.

****All proposers are to read and complete the Disclosure of Responsibility Statement enclosed as an Attachment to be returned with response. Failure to do so may result in your solicitation response being rejected as non-responsive.**

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

relationship with that firm with respect to Board Contract.

- 2.15 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 Proposal. 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.

- 2.16 COUNTY BUSINESS LICENSE REQUIREMENT:** A current Chatham County or municipal business license (within the State of Georgia) is required unless otherwise specified. A firm need not have a Chatham County Business License prior to submitting a proposal. However, a license must be obtained by the successful vendor prior to award of contract.

Please contact the Chatham County Department of Building Safety and Regulatory Services at (912) 201-4300 for additional information.

- 2.17 INSURANCE PROVISIONS:** The selected CONSULTANT shall be required to procure and maintain for the duration of the contract insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder by the CONSULTANT, his agents, representatives, employees or subcontractors. The cost of such insurance shall be included in the CONSULTANT 'S fee proposal. **Contract work will not proceed unless Chatham County has in their possession, a current Certificate of Insurance.**

2.17.1 General Information that shall appear on a Certificate of Insurance:

- I. Name of Producer (CONSULTANT's Insurance Broker/Agent).
- II. Companies affording coverage (there may be several).
- III. Name and address of the Insured (this should be the Company or Parent of the firm Chatham County is contracting with).
- IV. A summary of all current insurance for the insured (includes effective dates of coverage).
- V. A brief description of the operations to be performed, the specific job to be performed, or contract number.
- VI. Certificate Holder (This is always to included Chatham County).

Chatham County as an Additional Insured: Chatham County invokes the defense of sovereign immunity. In order not to jeopardize the use of this defense, the County **is not to be included as an Additional Insured on insurance contracts.**

2.17.2 Limits of Insurance: Effective coverage shall have the following limits:

- A. *Commercial General Liability:* Provides protection against bodily

injury and property damage claims arising from operations of a CONSULTANT or Tenant. This policy coverage includes: premises and operations, use of independent contractors, products/completed operations, personal injury, contractual, broad form property damage, and underground, explosion and collapse hazards. Minimum limits of \$1,000,000 combined single limit general aggregate for bodily injury, and property damage per occurrence and annual aggregate.

- B. *Business Auto Liability*: Coverage insures against liability claims arising from the CONSULTANT's use of automobiles. Minimum limit: \$1,000,000 combined single limit per accident for bodily injury and property damage. Coverage should be written on an "Any Auto" basis.
- C. *Worker's Compensation*: provides statutory protection against bodily injury, sickness or disease sustained by employees of the CONSULTANT while performing within the scope of their duties. Employer's Liability coverage is usually included in Worker's Compensation policies, and insures common law claims of injured employees made in lieu of or in addition to a Worker's Compensation claim. Minimum limits: \$500,000 for each accident, disease policy limit, disease each employee and Statutory Worker's Compensation limit.
- D. *Malpractice and Professional Liability*: Insure errors or omission on behalf of architects, engineers, attorneys, medical professionals, and CONSULTANTS. Minimum limits: \$1,000,000 per claim/occurrence. If claims-made, retroactive date must precede or coincide with the contract effective date or the date of the Notice to Proceed. The professional must state if tail coverage has been purchased and the duration of the coverage.

2.17.3 SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

- A. *Claims-Made Coverage*: The limits of liability shall remain the same as the occurrence basis, however, the retroactive date shall be prior to the coincident with the date of any contract, and the Certificate of Insurance shall state the coverage is claims-made. The retroactive date shall also be specially stated on the Certificate of Insurance.
- B. *Extended Reporting Periods*: The contractor shall provide the County with a notice of the election to initiate any Supplemental Extended Reporting Period and the reason(s) for invoking this option.
- C. *Severity of Interest*: Where applicable, any insurance coverage provided by any party other than Chatham County, and which may

indemnify Chatham County, the limits stated under such coverage shall apply separately to Chatham County.

- D. *Reporting Provisions:* Any failure to comply with reporting provisions of any applicable policy shall not affect coverage, if any, afforded on behalf of Chatham County, its officials, officers, employees, or volunteers.
- E. *Cancellation/Non-Renewal Notification:* Each applicable insurance policy shall be endorsed to state the coverage shall not be suspended, voided, or cancelled, except after thirty (30) days prior written notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, has been given to Chatham County.
- F. *Proof of Insurance:* The CONSULTANT is required to carry insurance under this contract and shall furnish Chatham County with Certificates of Insurance with original endorsements affecting coverage required by this clause. The certificates and endorsements for each insurance policy are to be signed by a person authorized by that insurer to bind coverage on its behalf.
- G. *Insurer Acceptability:* Insurance is to be placed with an insurer having an A.M. Best's rating of A and a five (5) year average financial rating of not less than V. If an insurer does not qualify for averaging on a five (5) year basis, the current total Best's rating will be used to evaluate insurer acceptability.
- H. *Lapse of Coverage:* A lapse of insurance coverage shall constitute ground for termination of this contract by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners.
- I. *Deductibles and Self-Insured Retention:* Any deductibles or self-insured retention must be declared to, and approved by, the County. At the option of the County, either: the insurer shall reduce or eliminate such deductibles or self-insured retention as related to the County, its officials, officers, employees, and volunteers; or the Contractor shall procure a bond guaranteeing payment of related suits, losses, claims, and related investigation, claim administration and defense expenses.

2.17.4 Additional Coverage for Specific Procurement Projects:

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

<u>Minimum Limits:</u>	\$1 million per claim/occurrence
<u>Coverage Requirement:</u>	If claims-made, retroactive date must precede or coincide with the contract effective date of the date of the Notice to

Proceed. The professional must state if tail coverage has been purchased and the duration of the coverage.

- B. **Builder's Risk (For Construction or Installation Contracts)** Covers against insured perils while in the course of construction.

Minimum Limits: All-Risk coverage equal 100% of contract value
Coverage Requirements: Occupancy Clause - permits County to use the facility prior to issuance of Notice of Substantial Completion

- 2.19 INDEMNIFICATION:** The CONSULTANT 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 CONSULTANT or its subcontractors. The CONSULTANT'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. CONSULTANT further agrees to investigate, handle, respond to, provide defense for, and to protect, defend, indemnify, and hold harmless Chatham County, Georgia, at his sole expense, and agrees to bear all other costs and expenses related thereto, 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 CONSULTANT or his subcontractors or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them.

The CONSULTANT'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 CONSULTANT.

- 2.20 COMPLIANCE WITH SPECIFICATION - TERMS AND CONDITIONS:** The Request for Proposal, Legal Advertisement, General Conditions and Instructions to Proposers, Specifications, Special Conditions, Proposers Offer, Addendum, and/or any other pertinent documents form a part of the Offeror's proposal and by reference are made a part hereof.
- 2.21 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.
- 2.22 NOTICE TO PROCEED:** The successful proposer shall not commence work under this Request for Proposal until a written contract is awarded and a Notice to Proceed is issued by the Purchasing 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.

2.23 PAYMENT TO CONTRACTOR: Instructions for invoicing the County for service delivered to the County are specified in the contract document.

- A. Questions regarding payment may be directed to the Chatham County Finance Department, at (912) 652-7900 or the County's Project manager as specified in contract documents.
- B. CONTRACTOR will be paid the agreed upon compensation upon satisfactory progress or completion of the work as more fully described in the contract document.
- C. Upon completion of the work, the CONTRACTOR will provide the County with an affidavit certifying all suppliers, persons or businesses employed by the CONTRACTOR for the work performed for the County have been paid in full.
- D. Chatham County is a tax exempt entity. Every CONTRACTOR, contractor, vendor, business or person under contract with Chatham County is required by Georgia law to pay State sales or use taxes for products purchased in Georgia or transported into Georgia and sold to Chatham County by contract. Please consult the State of Georgia, Department of Revenue, Sales and Use Tax Unit in Atlanta (404) 656-4065 for additional information.

2.24 Not Used

2.25 MERGERS: If a selected firm is sold or merged with another organization, the County will consider the contract binding regardless of any name changes. If there is a conflict of interest, the County reserves the right to terminate said contract.

2.26 RESTRICTIVE OR AMBIGUOUS SPECIFICATIONS OR REQUIREMENTS: It is the responsibility of the prospective proposer to review the entire request for proposal (RFP) packet and to notify the Purchasing Department if the specifications are formulated in a manner that would unnecessarily restrict competition. Any such protest or question regarding the specifications or bidding procedures must be received in the Purchasing Division not less than seventy-two (72) hours prior to the time set for proposal opening. These requirements apply to specifications that are ambiguous.

2.27 SECURITY AND IMMIGRATION COMPLIANCE ACT: On July 1, 2008, the Georgia Security and Immigration Compliance Act (SB529, Section 2) became effective. All consultants, contractors and subcontractors entering into a contract or performing work must sign an affidavit the 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.us/spotlight/employment/rules>. You may go to <http://www.uscis.gov> to find the E-Verify Information.

Protection of Resident Workers. Chatham County Board of Commissioners actively supports the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) which includes provisions addressing employment eligibility, employment verification, and nondiscrimination. Under the INA,

employers may hire only persons who may legally work in the United States (i.e., citizens and nationals of the U.S.) and aliens authorized to work in the U.S. The employer must verify the identity and employment eligibility of anyone to be hired, which includes completing the Employment Eligibility Verification Form (I-9). The CONTRACTOR shall establish appropriate procedures and controls so no services or products under the Contract Documents will be performed or manufactured by any worker who is not legally eligible to perform such services or employment.

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 Proposal 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 NO.

**SECTION III
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
CHATHAM COUNTY, GOVERNMENT**

3.1 DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES Chatham County is requesting proposals from qualified firms to perform **Engineering Inspection Services for the Fender System at the Causton Bluff Bridges** on the Wilmington River. The services involves the inspection, design for repairs or replacement and investigation, bid administration and construction inspection. The County presents this “Request for Proposals to describe its needs and those criteria which will be used to determine selection of services.

3.2 METHODOLOGY: The procurement described herein is being conducted as a Request for Qualifications through professional services selection, a method of selecting professional services as provided in The Chatham County Purchasing Ordinance and Procedures Manual. This will be a two-step selection process, a summary of which follows:

STEP ONE – ACCEPTANCE AND EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS: All technical requirements, unless otherwise specified, must be met by the proponent or such proposal will be disqualified as being non-responsive. Proposals that are deemed to be incomplete as to substance and content may be returned without consideration. Proponents whose proposals are not accepted will be promptly notified that they are no longer being considered and why. A shortlist of qualified firms will be developed and ranked.

Fee proposals shall be submitted along with the proposal and will be evaluated and ranked accordingly. Fees should be quoted in “all inclusive” dollars. The evaluation committee will make the selection of the firm which it believes is best qualified to provide the service, fee proposal and other qualitative factors considered. It is emphasized that the firm which offers the lowest fee proposal will not necessarily be the firm selected to provide the service. The selection will be made of that firm which provided the best proposal. “Best” is defined as the best combination of qualitative factors and fee proposal.

STEP TWO - INTERVIEWS: The evaluation committee *may* decide to conduct interviews with the “short-listed” firms. It is the sole responsibility of the evaluation committee to determine if interviews will be required. If interviews are conducted, each of the “short listed” firms will be scheduled for an interview. The interviews will be scored. **(25 points possible)**

3.3 MANDATORY PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE: A mandatory pre-proposal conference will be conducted at **10:00A.M. September 5, 2013** at the Chatham County Citizens Service, Purchasing and Contracting, 1117 Eisenhower Drive, Suite C, Savannah, Georgia, to discuss specification and/or any misunderstandings that may arise. Representatives from Chatham County will be in attendance. Firms must be represented at this conference in order to submit a proposal.

3.4 PROPOSAL DEADLINE: The response to the Request for Proposal must be received by the Chatham County Office of Purchasing and Contracting no later than **5:00 P.M. (LOCAL TIME) September 19, 2013.** Any proposal received after the time stipulated will be rejected. The County may, for good and sufficient reason, extend the response deadline,

in which case all potential proponents will receive an addendum setting forth the new date and time.

Proposals must be responsive to the General Conditions (Information and Instructions), Special Conditions, Technical Specifications, and any attachments.

- 3.5 WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSAL:** Your proposal may be withdrawn by written request received by the County before the time fixed for receipt of proposals. Withdrawal of your proposal will not prejudice the right of the proponent to submit a new proposal, providing the latter is received timely as provided herein.
- 3.6 CONFIDENTIALITY OF DOCUMENTS:** Upon receipt of a proposal by the County the proposal shall become the property of the County without compensation to the proponent, for disposition or usage by the County at its discretion. The particulars of the proposal documents will remain confidential until final award of the contract. Only final points and ranking of proposals will be openly disclosed prior to approval by the Board of Commissioners.
- 3.7 CONE OF SILENCE:** Lobbying of Procurement Evaluation Committee members, County Government employees, and elected officials regarding this product or service solicitation, Invitation to Bid (ITB) or Request for Proposal (RFP) or contract by any member of a proposer's staff, or those people employed by any legal entity affiliated with an organization that is responding to the solicitation is strictly prohibited. Negative campaigning through the mass media about the current service delivery is strictly prohibited. Such actions may cause your proposal to be rejected.
- 3.8 FORMAT OF RESPONSES:** To be considered, proponents must submit a complete response to the Request for Proposal. The format provided in this Section is not negotiable. To assure a uniform review process and obtain the maximum degree of comparability, each proposal shall include the following content and shall be presented in the following order:

- A. Cover Letter
- B. Experience in Similar Projects
- C. Qualifications/Key Personnel
- D. Project Understanding/Methodology
- E. Minority/Local Outreach
- F. References
- G. Fee Proposal
- H. Miscellaneous (not scored)
- I. Appendix (not scored)

Each proposal must be submitted in one (1) original and three (3) copies bound to:

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

NOTE: All proposals will be presented on 8-1/2" by 11" paper, either bound or in a notebook. The information will be tabbed according to each requested section.

- 3.9 COMPENSATION:** The County has attempted in SECTION V to provide as much information about the project as possible to enable firms to structure the most cost effective offer.
- 3.10 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.
- 3.11 COST TO PREPARE RESPONSES:** The County assumes no responsibility or obligation to the respondents and will make no payment for any costs associated with the preparation or submission of the proposal.
- 3.12 INQUIRIES:** Direct any questions related to this RFP to Ms. Robin Maurer, CPPB, Procurement Specialist, and submit all questions in writing. Include the RFP number, page, and paragraph number as a reference to each question. If you choose to mail your questions, do not place the RFP number on the outside of the envelope. *DEADLINE FOR ALL QUESTIONS IS one (1) week prior to due date.* All questions shall be delivered by hand, mail, fax or e-mailed as follows:

Chatham County Purchasing and Contracting Division
Attn: Robin Maurer, CPPB, Procurement Specialist
1117 Eisenhower Drive, Suite C
Savannah, GA 31406
(912) 790-1627 (FAX)
rlmaurer@chathamcounty.org

THE ONLY OFFICIAL ANSWER OR POSITION OF CHATHAM COUNTY WILL BE THE ONE STATED IN WRITING.

- 3.13 METHOD OF SOURCE SELECTION:** Chatham County is using the Competitive Sealed Proposal method of source selection, as authorized by Section V of the Chatham County Purchasing Ordinance and Article VI of the Purchasing Procedures Manual for this procurement.

An award, if made, will be made to the responsible offeror whose proposal is most advantageous to Chatham County, taking into consideration price and other factors set forth in this Request for Proposal (RFP). Purchasing and Contracting will not use any other factors or criteria in the evaluation of the proposals received.

- 3.14 MINIMUM CRITERIA USED TO DETERMINE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH OFFEROR:**
The following criteria will be used as a minimum, to determine the responsibility of each Offeror:

- A. Does the Offeror demonstrate an understanding of the County's needs and proposed approach to the project?
- B. Does the Offeror possess the ability, capacity, skill, and financial resources to provide the service?
- C. Can the respondent take upon himself the responsibilities set forth in the RFP and the resulting contract and produce the required outcomes in a timely manner?
- D. Does the Offeror have the character, integrity, reputation, judgment, experience and efficiency required by the contract?
- E. Has the Offeror performed satisfactorily in previous contracts of similar size and scope; or if the CONSULTANT has not performed a contract of similar size and scope, has it, and/or it's team members otherwise demonstrated its capability to perform the contract that the County seeks to establish through this RFP?
- F. Does the Offeror propose to perform the work at a fair and reasonable cost?

3.15 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 martial status.

SECTION IV SPECIAL CONDITIONS

4.1 PENDING LITIGATION: Proposals will not be accepted from any company, firm, person, or party, parent subsidiary, against which Chatham County has an outstanding claim, or a financial dispute relating to prior contract performance. If the County, at any time, discovers such a dispute during any point of evaluation, the proposal will not be considered further.

4.2 EVALUATION FACTORS: Factors such as proponents overall capability, specialized experience, reputation, past performance on similar projects, technical competence, financial stability, ability to meet program goals, delivery under the contract terms, and fee schedule will be considered in the award recommendation. Commitment in the level of MBE/WBE firms, consultants and employees will also be considered in the evaluation of proposals.

4.3 SELECTION PROCESS: *Proposals will be evaluated initially on the basis of the written document. Thus, the proposal must be complete, concise and clear as to the intent of the respondent.* Further evaluation may include an oral presentation and system demonstration which will be scheduled after receipt of the written proposal and approval of the shortlist.

4.4 PROPOSALS MUST BE RESPONSIVE TO:

4.4.1 INTRODUCTION/COVER LETTER (SECTION A): You should provide no more than a 2 page letter of introduction. The letter should highlight or summarize whatever information you deem appropriate as a cover letter, as a minimum, this section should include the name, address, telephone number and FAX number of one (1) contact to whom any correspondence should be directed.

4.4.2 EXPERIENCE - TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS: 30 (SECTION B):

1. List of similar projects performed in the last five years with a brief narrative of each project, client, services provided by Consultant, value of services, current status on date of completion, project management, client's project manager and phone number. Include a statement as to why it is considered a similar project.
2. Basis of Evaluation;
 - a. Relationship of Experience to this project as it relates to size, quality and relevance.
 - b. Experience following State regulations and requirements.
 - c. Information should be complete.
 - d. Information should be in a clear and concise manner.

4.4.4 QUALIFICATIONS - TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS: 25 (SECTION C):

1. List of key personnel including project manager along with resumes. Identify person who on a day-by-day basis will be responsible for the work. Identify the key personnel necessary for implementing the project. (15 points)
2. Describe how key personnel will be involved in project. (5 points)
3. Describe availability of project manager and key personnel for this project. (5 points)
4. Basis of Evaluation
 - a. Quality and relevant experience to project and the County goals.
 - b. Does description include all categories and how personnel function within categories?
 - c. Are all potential categories included?

4.4.5 PROJECT UNDERSTANDING –TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS: 20 (SECTION D)

1. List key elements of project and how each will be addressed. (10 points)
2. Project schedule. (5 points)
3. Personnel needed to implement each phase. (5 points)

4. Basis of Evaluation
 - a. Is the project discussion and schedule reasonable?
 - b. Are personnel listed adequate to implement the schedule?
 - c. discuss method and timing of implementing project.

4.46 MBE/WBE/LOCAL PARTICIPATION – TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS 15 (SECTION E) Disadvantage Firm Involvement. Indicate past effort for local minority outreach and any current ongoing activities. Indicate proposed level of involvement for this project.

4.47 REFERENCE – TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS 5 (SECTION F) References (at least three), including contact relationship, address and phone number. Note: Chatham County reserves the right to contact any known former clients about your performance.

4.48 FEE – TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS 20 (SECTION G) Supply your fee along with your proposal on the form provided. Your fee shall include the total fee for the design/engineering services as well as all reimbursables for this project.

4.49 MISCELLANEOUS This section provides an opportunity for you to provide other information that the project team considers relevant. Be specific.

4.50 APPENDIX The Appendix may be used to provide additional or detailed information about your firm's project team, experience and background which you wish to have considered.

4.5 CONTRACT: The successful respondent will be expected to execute a contract within 30 days of notice to award. Upon award of the contract, the proponent shall be bound to deliver services on the terms and conditions of this document and any negotiations which may occur. As well, the County shall be bound on the said terms and conditions to procure the services described and remit payment to the proponent when services are completed and accepted.

4.6 PERFORMANCE AND APPROVAL OF SUB-CONSULTANTS: The proponent will perform the project as an independent contractor and not as an agent or employee of the County. Joint ventures and sub-contractor arrangements are not prohibited; however, the proponent shall secure written permission from Chatham County before subcontracting any part of this service. Such permission should be obtained during the proposal evaluation stage. Proponents are encouraged to use Minority/Woman Business Enterprises and are reminded of reporting requirements when utilizing these arrangements.

4.7 LICENSES, PERMITS, TAXES: The price or prices for the work shall include full compensation for all fees that the proponent is or may be required to pay.

4.8 CHANGES: In the event a contract is awarded, the County may, at any time during the contract period, make changes within the general scope of the contract and its technical provisions. If any such change causes any increase or decrease in the proponent's cost of performing any part of the contract, whether changed or not changed by any such notice, an equitable adjustment shall be made in the contract prices, or in the time of performance, or in both. A written memorandum of such adjustment shall be made.

Any claim by the proponent for an equitable adjustment shall be supported by detailed cost and pricing data, which the County shall have the right to verify by audit of the proponent's records or, at the County's election, by other appropriate means. Any claim by the proponent for an equitable adjustment shall be made in writing and prior to proceeding with the additional services or capital investments. The County may accept and act upon claims made later if, in the County's sole discretion, circumstances justify so doing. Nothing in this clause shall excuse the proponent from proceeding with performance of this contract in accordance with its original terms and conditions and any approved changes.

- 4.9 TERMINATION OF CONTRACT:** Each party to the contract shall have the right to terminate any contract to be made hereunder for its convenience by giving the proponent written notice 30 days in advance of its election to do so and by specifying the effective date of such termination. The proponent shall be paid for services rendered and not in question or dispute through the effective date of such termination. Further, provided a contract is awarded, if a proponent shall fail to fulfill any of its obligations hereunder, the County may, by giving written notice to the proponent at issue, terminate the agreement with said proponent for such default. If this agreement is so terminated, the proponent shall be paid only for work satisfactorily completed.
- 4.10 ASSIGNMENT:** The CONTRACTOR shall not assign or transfer any interest of the contract without prior written consent of the County.
- 4.11 ADEQUACY AND ACCURACY.** The professional and technical adequacy and accuracy of designs, drawings, specifications, documents and other work products furnished under contract, will be conducted in a manner of the profession. Where Chatham County must have work done by change order or addition resulting from an error or omission by the Engineer/Architect, the Engineer/Architect shall provide, at no cost to the County, all professional services attributable to the change order. This is in addition to the County's right to recover from the Engineer/Architect damages for the Engineer's/Architect's errors and omissions.

SECTION V TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

- 5.1 BACKGROUND:** In 2010, Public Works and Park Services had the fender system at Causton Bluff and Turner Creek inspected. The inspection revealed some aspects of the fender system at Causton Bluff that needed to be repaired. At the time it was determined that the department should hold on repairs at Causton pending determination of the Georgia Department of Transportation time table for the replacement of the two (2) bridges at that location. At the same time it was decided to make fender repairs at the Turner Creek Bridge with the funds available.
- 5.2 PURPOSE:** Since determination of the schedule for replacement of Causton Bluff bridges is not clear, Public Works and Park Services desires to proceed with repairs of the Causton Bluff Fender System based upon the priority of needs. Project consists of the following tasks:
- 5.2.1 **Task One** - Consultant will conduct an inspection of the fender system from

the bottom of the river to the high water mark on the fenders. A report will be provided to the Chatham County Project Manager that prioritizes immediate needs (within six months) and those repairs or replacements that could be deferred to, five, and ten years. A cost estimate is required for each repair or replacement activity. The report will include supporting pictures of observations and will be submitted on disk and hard copy paper format.

5.2.2 **Task Two** - The Consultant when so directed will prepare a solicitation with technical specifications and have a geotechnical investigation done to a maximum depth of 60 feet below low water mark. A report will be provided outlining the finds and recommendations of the geotechnical investigation related to repair and replacement activities. Consultant will be responsible for notification of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources of the pending construction activities and requesting approval to proceed with repair and replacement activities. The Project Manager will review the letter to DNR prior to submission to the government agency. Consultant will also be required to notify other agencies that have a need to know or must provide approval or guidance to any pending construction activity on the river. Copies of all written correspondence must be provided to the Project Manger. The solicitation and specifications will be provided to the Project Manager in hard copy paper and disk format.

5.2.3 **Task Three** - When so directed the Consultant will participate in the pre-bid, review bid documents, and provide recommendations as to the firm that should be offered a contract for the construction effort.

5.2.4 **Task Four** - Consultant will attend a pre-construction meeting and perform joint inspections with the Project Manager of the work at the 25%, 50%, 75% and 100% mark. Consultant will provide a report after each inspection that includes pros and cons of the work being performed as well as pictures to support the observations in hard copy and disk format.

The consultant will complete Task One within 30 days after notice to proceed is issued from Chatham County Purchasing and Contracting. Task Two will be completed within 60 days after written notification is received from the Project Manager. Task Three and Four will only be executed when directed by the Project Manger. The Department intends to only execute Task One upon contract approval by the Chatham County Commission. The other tasks within this solicitation will only be executed when the Department receives approval to proceed.

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA
FEE PROPOSAL FORM
RFP NO. P13-0076-7**

**ENGINEERING INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE FENDER SYSTEM AT THE
CAUSON BLUFF BRIDGES**

I have read and understand the requirements of this proposal, RFP No. P13-0076-7, 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 the RFP 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. **THIS FORM MUST BE USED WHEN SUBMITTING PROPOSAL.**

PROPOSAL

TASK ONE – FENDER SYSTEM INSPECTION	\$_____
TASK TWO – SOLICITATION AND SPECIFICATIONS	\$_____
TASK THREE – BID SUPPORT	\$_____
TASK FOUR – WORK INSPECTION	\$_____
TOTAL FEE	\$_____

**ALL PROPOSERS MUST BE REGISTERED VENDORS ON THE COUNTY'S WEBSITE
(PURCHASING.CHATHAMCOUNTY.ORG)**

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. THE UNDERSIGNED FURTHER CERTIFIES THAT:

1. A Drug-Free Workplace will be provided for the employees during the performance of the contract; and
2. 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 **ENGINEERING INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE FENDER SYSTEM AT THE CAUSTON BLUFF BRIDGES** (PROJECT) 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, 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 Presence, 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 **ENGINEERING INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE FENDER SYSTEM AT THE CAUSTON BLUFF BRIDGES** 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

B-1

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: _____

DPC Form #45

ATTACHMENT D

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

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 CHATHAM COUNTY has registered with, is authorized to use and uses the federal work authorization program commonly known as E-Verify, or any subsequent replacement program, in accordance with the applicable provisions and deadlines established in O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91. Furthermore, the undersigned contractor will continue to use the federal work authorization program throughout the contract period and the undersigned contractor will contract for the physical performance of services in satisfaction of such contract only with subcontractors who present an affidavit to the contractor with the information required by O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91(b). 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

Name of Public Employer

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

Executed on _____, ____, 201__ in _____(city), _____(state).

Signature of Authorized Officer or Agent

Printed Name and Title of Authorized Officer or Agent

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME
ON THIS THE _____ DAY OF _____, 201__.

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:

SUBCONTRACTOR AFFIDAVIT under O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91(b)(3)

By executing this affidavit, the undersigned subcontractor verifies its compliance with O.C.G.A. 13-10-91, stating affirmatively that the individual, firm or corporation which is engaged in the physical performance of services under a contract with _____ (name of contractor) on behalf of CHATHAM COUNTY has registered with, is authorized to use and uses the federal work authorization program commonly known as E-Verify, or any subsequent replacement program, in accordance with the applicable provisions and deadlines established in O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91. Furthermore, the undersigned subcontractor will continue to use the federal work authorization program throughout the contract period and the undersigned subcontractor will contract for the physical performance of services in satisfaction of such contract only with sub-subcontractors who present an affidavit to the subcontractor with the information required by O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91 (b). Additionally, the undersigned subcontractor will forward notice of the receipt of an affidavit from a sub-subcontractor to the contractor within five (5) business days of receipt. If the undersigned subcontractor receives notice of receipt of an affidavit from any sub-subcontractor that has contracted with a sub-subcontractor to forward, within five (5) business days of receipt, a copy of such notice to the contractor. Subcontractor hereby attests that its federal work authorization user identification number and date of authorization are as follows:

Federal Work Authorization User Identification Number

Date of Authorization

Name of Subcontractor

Name of Project

Name of Public Employer

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

Executed on _____, ____, 201__ in _____(city), _____(state).

Signature of Authorized Officer or Agent

Printed Name and Title of Authorized Officer or Agent

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME
ON THIS THE _____ DAY OF _____, 201__.

NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires:

ATTACHMENT E

CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA

**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 voluntary excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency, State of Georgia, 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.

Bidder must verify Sub-Tier Contractors and Suppliers are not debarred, suspended, ineligible, pending County litigation or pending actions from any of the above government entities.

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

(Printed or typed Name of Signatory)

(Signature)

(Date)

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

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

ATTACHMENT F

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

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 G

***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 Chatham County 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: _____

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

* _____
Alien Registration number for non-citizens.

Notary Public
My Commission Expires:

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 _____, 20__

Notary Public
My Commission Expires:

My Commission expires:

Resident State: _____

LEGAL NOTICE

CC NO. 165563

Sealed proposals will be received until **5:00 P.M. on September 19, 2013,** in the Chatham County Purchasing and Contracting Department, **1117 EISENHOWER DRIVE, SUITE C, SAVANNAH, GEORGIA 31406, for RFP 13-0076-7 ENGINEERING INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE FENDER SYSTEM AT THE CAUSTON BLUFF BRIDGES.**

A **MANDATORY PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE** will be held at **10:00 A.M. September 5, 2013, at the Chatham County Citizens Service Center, Purchasing and Contracting, 1117 Eisenhower Drive, Suite C, Savannah, Georgia,** to discuss the specifications and to resolve any questions and/or misunderstanding that may arise. Firms must attend to be considered.

All firms requesting to do business with Chatham County must register on-line at <http://purchasing.chathamcounty.org>.

A copy of this Request for Proposal is available in the Chatham County Purchasing Office, 1117 Eisenhower Drive, Suite C, Savannah, Georgia 31406, or can be downloaded from the Chatham County website at <http://purchasing.chathamcounty.org>. For additional information concerning specifications, please contact Ms. Robin Maurer, CPPB, Procurement Specialist, at (912) 790-1623.

CHATHAM COUNTY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY/AND ALL PROPOSALS AND TO WAIVE ALL FORMALITIES. THIS WILL BE THE ONLY SOLICITATION FOR THIS PROJECT. ONLY THOSE FIRMS RESPONDING TO THE RFP WILL BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROJECT.

CHATHAM COUNTY IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER, M/F/H, ALL BIDDERS ARE TO BE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYERS”.

MARGARET H. JOYNER, PURCHASING AGENT
CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA

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