

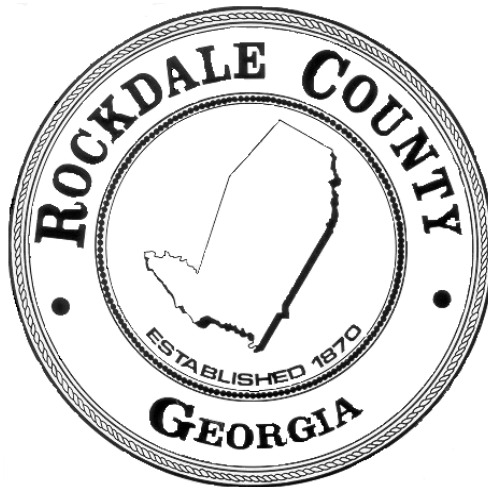
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

No. 23-35

ROCKDALE COUNTY, GEORGIA

April 16, 2024

DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, AND INSTALLATION OF TWO (2) MONUMENT SIGNAGE WITH LANDSCAPING ENHANCEMENTS



**ROCKDALE COUNTY FINANCE DEPARTMENT
PROCUREMENT OFFICE
958 Milstead Avenue
CONYERS, GA 30012
770-278-7552**

INTRODUCTION:

Rockdale County is requesting Competitive Sealed Proposals for the **Design, Construction, and Installation of Two (2) Monument Signage with Landscaping Enhancements**. Instructions for preparation and submission of a proposal are contained in this packet. Proposals must be typed or printed in ink.

Rockdale County provides equal opportunity for all businesses and does not discriminate against any person or business because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, handicap, or veterans' status. This policy ensures all segments of the business community have access to supplying the goods and services needed by Rockdale County.

PURCHASING CONTACT FOR THIS REQUEST:

All questions concerning this RFP and all questions arising subsequent to award are to be addressed to the Purchasing Division via email to Adrienne Brown, at Adrienne.m.brown@rockdalecountyga.gov or the following address:

Rockdale County Finance Department
Purchasing Division
Attn: Adrienne Brown
958 Milstead Avenue
Conyers, GA 30012
Phone: (770) 278-7557
E-mail: Adrienne.m.brown@rockdalecountyga.gov

To maintain a "level playing field", and to assure that all proposers receive the same information, proposers are requested **NOT** to contact anyone other than the contact above until after the award of the contract. Doing so could result in disqualification of the proposer.

PROPOSAL COPIES FOR EVALUATION:Technical Proposal:

One (1) original copy, one (1) hard copy, and one (1) USB Flash Drive in Adobe PDF format will be required for review purposes. (*Original must be clearly marked "Original" and the Copies clearly marked "Copies."*). Flash Drives that are blank or have incorrect information on them will not be acceptable and may be justification for disqualification. Check your Flash Drive(s) to ensure that they have the appropriate material on it before submitting.

Price Proposal:

One (1) hard copy of the price proposal form is required to be submitted in a separate sealed envelope labeled "Proposal Form". A copy of the Proposal Form must also be included on the USB Flash Drive.

CONTRACT TERM:

To be determined.

DUE DATE:

Sealed proposals will be received at the Rockdale County Finance Department, Procurement Division, 958 Milstead Avenue, Conyers, GA 30012 no later than **2:00 P.M., local time, Thursday, May 16, 2024.** Proposals received after this time will not be accepted.

PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE:

There will be a **MANDATORY** Pre-Proposal Conference held at Rockdale County Administrative Building, 958 Milstead Ave., Conyers, GA, Room 106, **at 12:00 p.m., local time, Wednesday, May 1, 2024**. Any questions and/or misunderstandings that may arise from this RFP may be asked and answered at the pre-proposal conference; however, oral responses are not authoritative. Proposers are encouraged to review the RFP before attending the pre-proposal conference. Questions received after the pre-proposal conference must be submitted in writing to Adrienne.m.brown@rockdalecountyga.gov or at the above address. *Any contractor who intends to submit a proposal is required to attend this meeting.*

QUESTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS:

All questions and requests for clarifications concerning this RFP must be submitted to the Purchasing Division via email to Adrienne.m.brown@rockdalecountyga.gov or at the above address no later than **2:00 p.m., local time, on Thursday, May 9, 2024**. It shall be the proposer's responsibility to seek clarification as early as possible prior to the due date and time. Written responses from the County to the questions it receives will be in an addendum and posted to the County's website at www.rockdalecountyga.gov, under Bid Opportunities. Questions or requests for clarifications received after this deadline will not receive a response.

ADDENDA:

Answers to questions submitted that materially change the conditions and specifications of this RFP will be issued in an addendum and posted to the County's website at www.rockdalecountyga.gov Bid Opportunities. Any discussions or documents will be considered non-binding unless incorporated and issued in an addendum.

It is the proposer's responsibility to check the Rockdale County website at www.rockdalecountyga.gov, Bid Opportunities for any addenda that may be issued, prior to submitting a proposal for this RFP.

LOCAL VENDOR PREFERENCE POLICY

The Rockdale County Board of Commissioners adopted a Local Vendor Preference Policy on March 26, 2013. The policy will apply to all qualified Invitations to Bids and Request for Proposals after May 1, 2013. The Local Vendor Preference Policy allows Rockdale County vendors to get an extra 5 points on the evaluation criteria scoring for Request for Proposal. The Policy will give the local bidder the opportunity to match the price of a non-local vendor's bid price if they are low and within 5% of the low bidder's price on Invitation to Bids. A copy of the Policy may be downloaded from the County website at www.rockdalecountyga.gov Bid Opportunities.

The Local Vendor Preference Policy: will / will not apply to this RFP.

ENERGY EFFICIENT, RECYCLING, AND WASTE REDUCTION PURCHASING POLICY

Policy #R-2015-08 includes the following language:

The Rockdale County Board of Commissioners only purchases energy star rated equipment and appliances that are economically responsible and reduce resource consumption and waste within federal, state, and local laws. The County will only purchase recycled copy, computer, and fax paper with at least 30 percent recycled content.

A copy of the policy may be viewed and downloaded by visiting the website at www.rockdalecountyga.gov Bid Opportunities and scrolling down to the bottom of the page.

OPEN RECORDS

The contents of the qualifications will not be made public until after an award and contract has been executed.

QUALIFICATIONS OF OFFERORS:

Proposers must have a current business license from their home-based jurisdiction and provide a copy of that license with the submittal of their proposal response.

Proposals from any offeror that is in default on the payment of any taxes, license fees, or other monies due to Rockdale County will not be accepted.

Any contractor submitting a Proposal must complete the Contractor's Qualification Statement and Questionnaire if provided in this package.

In evaluating Proposals, the County may seek additional information from any contractor concerning such contractor's proposal or its qualifications to construct the Project.

Proposers are to submit at least **three (3) references** from projects with similar experience using the materials and process in this RFP.

GENERAL CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE

As required by O.C.G.A. § 43-41-6, *et seq.*, a Bidder responding to this Invitation to Bid must provide a copy of its Georgia General Contractor's License. The Georgia General Contractor's License must be issued in the name of the Bidder. All licenses must be current, valid, and issued in compliance with applicable law. Failure to provide this license with the Bid may result in the proposed Bid being deemed non-responsive.

DEBRIEFINGS:

In lieu of Post-Award debriefings, Rockdale County's will provide the "Selection Package" at the time of the Selection Announcement (also referred to as the Announcement of Entering into Negotiations). The "Selection Package" will include the scores of phases for all firms who responded and will typically be provided as a PDF file and e-mailed.

FINANCIAL STABILITY

The Offeror will provide financial information that would allow proposal evaluators to ascertain the financial stability of the firm.

- If a public company, the Offeror will provide their most recent audited financial report.
- If a private company, the Offeror will provide a copy of their most recent internal financial statement, and/or a letter from their financial institution, on the financial institution's letterhead, stating the Offeror is in good standing with that financial institution.

SELECTION PROCESS:

The Rockdale County Procurement Office and Evaluation Committee makes a recommendation for award. The Board of Commissioners will make the actual award of the contract and has the authority to award the contract to a company different than the company recommended by the Procurement Office and/or Evaluation Committee.

This is a past performance/quality/price trade-off source selection in which competing offeror's past and present performance history and product quality will be evaluated on a basis approximately equal to price. Award will be made to the responsible offeror whose proposal represents the best value after evaluation in accordance with the factors listed below. Rockdale County Board of Commissioners may reject any or all proposals and to waive any technicalities or informalities if such action is in the county's interest.

Rockdale County may evaluate proposals and award a contract without discussions with offerors. Therefore, the offeror's initial proposal should contain the offeror's best terms from a price and technical standpoint. The County reserves the right to conduct discussions if the County later determines them to be necessary.

Proposers will be evaluated based on the following criteria and may be called in for an interview. The County intends to award the contract to the responsible and responsive contractor whose proposal is determined in writing to be the most advantageous to the County taking into consideration all of the evaluation criteria.

EVALUATION CRITERIA:

Offerors will be evaluated based on the following criteria and may be called in for an interview.

Respondents will have their submissions evaluated and scored. Submissions will be evaluated to assess the respondent's ability to provide anticipated services for Rockdale County. Rockdale County shall be the sole judge of the quality and the applicability of all statements of qualifications. Approach, scope, overall quality, local facilities, terms, and other pertinent considerations will be taken into account in determining acceptability.

Selection Committee shall evaluate and rank the statements of qualifications based on the following criteria:

- Staffing and Availability – Evaluation of the list of personnel specifically assigned to the RFP proposed project, including their qualifications, overall experience and recent experience on projects of similar nature and complexity to the proposed project. Organization and Staffing, evaluation of the workload of the proposing firm and the staffing to be assigned to the proposed project; time schedule of the Proposer in relation to that of the proposed project location of the offices or facilities from which the services are to be provided to the County. **(35%)**
- Experience/Performance – Review of personnel qualifications and experience. Management approach to projects, past performance on projects of similar nature and complexity as the proposed project. Evaluation of client references including but not limited to references submitted in qualification response; overall responsiveness to County's needs. Provider financial capability, qualifications and experience. **(35%)**
- Approach – Evaluation of the overall understanding of the scope of the proposed project; completeness, adequacy and responsiveness to the required information of the request for proposals. **(10%)**
- Cost – **(20%)**

INTERVIEWS

Interviews may be scheduled. Interviews will be informal and will provide respondents with an opportunity to answer any questions the selection team may have on a submission.

INSURANCE:

Before starting any work, the successful contractor must furnish to Rockdale County certificate(s) of insurance from companies doing business in Georgia. The Company shall maintain in full force and effect the following insurance during the term of the Agreement:

<u>Coverages:</u>	<u>Limits of Liability:</u>
Workers' Compensation	Statutory
Employers' Liability	\$1,000,000.00
Bodily Injury Liability	\$1,000,000.00 each occurrence
except Automobile	\$1,000,000.00 aggregate
Property Damage Liability	\$1,000,000.00 each occurrence
except Automobile	\$1,000,000.00 aggregate
Personal & Advertising Injury Limit	\$1,000,000.00
Products / Completed Ops.	\$2,000,000.00 aggregate
Automobile Bodily Injury	\$1,000,000.00 each person
Liability	\$1,000,000.00 each occurrence
Automobile Property Damage	\$1,000,000.00 each occurrence
Liability	
Professional Liability/General Liability	\$1,000,000.00

All insurance shall be provided by an insurer(s) acceptable to the County and shall provide for thirty (30) days prior notice of cancellation to the County. Upon contract award, Contractor shall deliver to the County a certificate or policy of insurance evidencing Contractor's compliance with this paragraph. Contractor shall abide by all terms and conditions of the insurance and shall do nothing to impair or invalidate the coverage.

Rockdale, GA shall be named as Additional Insured under any General Liability, Business Auto and Umbrella Policies using ISO Additional Insured Endorsement forms CG 2010 or its equivalent. Coverage shall apply as Primary and non-contributory with Waiver of Subrogation in favor of Rockdale County, Georgia.

The insurance carrier must have a minimum rating of A or higher as determined by the rating firm A.M. Best.

Certificates must contain policy number, policy limits, and policy expiration date of all policies. The Request for Proposals (RFP) number and project name must be inserted in the Description of Operations section of the certificate.

Certificates are to be issued to:

Rockdale County, Georgia
958 Milstead Avenue
Conyers, GA 30012

BONDS:

Rockdale County shall request the following for bids/proposals in excess of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00).

BID BOND

Each bid shall include a bid bond in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total bid amount as guarantee that the bidder shall not withdraw the bid for 90 days after the scheduled bid opening. If awarded the contract, Bidders shall enter a written agreement with Rockdale County in accordance with the bid.

PERFORMANCE BOND

Upon execution and delivery of the contract, the bidder shall furnish Rockdale County a performance bond for the full amount of the contract. Maintenance provisions of the bond shall remain in effect for a period of twelve (12) months after acceptance of the work by the County. The surety shall be a reputable bonding company authorized to transact business in the State of Georgia.

PAYMENT BOND

Upon execution and delivery of the contract, the bidder shall furnish Rockdale County a payment bond for the full amount of the contract. Maintenance provisions of the bond shall remain in effect for a period of twelve (12) months after acceptance of the work by the County. The surety shall be a reputable bonding company authorized to transact business in the State of Georgia.

All sureties of bonds for Rockdale County must be licensed to do business in the State of Georgia and must be listed on the Department of Treasury Federal Register.

PERMITS:

The awarded contractor will be responsible for acquiring any permits that are required for this project/purchase. Rockdale County will waive fees on all permits issued by Rockdale County.

AWARD OF CONTRACT

The Rockdale County Procurement Office and Evaluation Committee makes a recommendation for award. The Board of Commissioners will make the actual award of the contract and has the authority to award the contract to a company different than the company recommended by the Procurement Office and/or Evaluation Committee.

ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION REFORM AND ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2011

Vendors submitting a Qualification package in response to this RFP must complete the Contractor Affidavit under O.C.G.A. §13-10-91(b)(1) which is provided with the RFP package to verify compliance with the Illegal Immigration Reform and Enforcement Act of 2011.

- A. The form must be signed by an authorized officer of the contractor or their authorized agent.
- B. The form must be notarized.
- C. The contractor will be required to have all subcontractors and sub-subcontractors who are engaged to complete physical performance of services under the final contract executed between the County and the contractor complete the appropriate subcontractor and sub-subcontractor affidavits and return them to the County a minimum of five (5) days prior to any work being accomplished by said subcontractor or sub-subcontractor. Format for this affidavit can be provided to the contractor if necessary.**

PIGGYBACKING

Rockdale County encourages and agrees to the successful bidder extending the pricing, terms and conditions of this solicitation or resultant contract to other governmental entities at the discretion of the successful bidder.

GENERAL INFORMATION

No proposals received after said time or at any place other than the time and place as stated in the notice shall be considered. No responsibility shall attach to Rockdale County for the premature opening of a proposal not properly addressed and identified.

WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSAL:

A proposer may withdraw his proposal before the proposal due date, without prejudice to the proposer, by submitting a written request of withdrawal to the Rockdale County Procurement Office.

REJECTION OF PROPOSAL:

Rockdale County may reject any and all proposals and must reject a proposal of any party who has been delinquent or unfaithful in any formal contract with Rockdale County. Also, the right is reserved to waive any irregularities or informalities in any proposal in the proposing procedure. Rockdale County shall be the sole judge as to which proposal is best, and in ascertaining this, will take into consideration the business integrity, financial resources, facilities for performing the work, and experience in similar operations of the various proposers.

STATEMENT OF EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS:

The proposer may be required, upon request, to prove to the satisfaction of Rockdale County that he/she has the skill, experience, necessary facilities and ample financial resources to perform the contract(s) in a satisfactory manner and within the required time. If the available evidence of competency of any proposer is not satisfactory, the proposal of such proposer may be rejected. The successful proposer is required to comply with and abide by all applicable federal and state laws in effect at the time the contract is awarded.

NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT:

By submitting a proposal, the proposer represents and warrants that such proposal is genuine and not sham or collusive or made in the interest or in behalf of any person not therein named, that the proposer has not directly or indirectly induced or solicited any other proposer to put in a sham proposal, or any other person, firm or corporation to refrain from proposing and that the proposer has not in any manner sought by collusion to secure to that proposer any advantage over any other proposer.

INTEREST OF:

By submitting a proposal, the proposer represents and warrants that a Commissioner, Administrator, employee, nor any other person employed by Rockdale County has, in any manner, an interest, directly or indirectly, in the proposal or in the contract which may be made under it, or in any expected profits to arise there from.

DOCUMENTS DEEMED PART OF THE CONTRACT:

The notice, invitation to proposers, general conditions, and instructions for proposers, special conditions, specifications, proposal, and addenda, if any, will be deemed part of the contract.

STANDARD INSTRUCTIONS

1. The instructions contained herein shall be construed as a part of any proposal invitation and/or specifications issued by Rockdale County and must be followed by each proposer.
2. The written specifications contained in this proposal shall not be changed or superseded except by written addendum from Rockdale County. Failure to comply with the written specifications for this proposal may result in disqualification by Rockdale County.
3. All goods and materials shall be F.O.B. Destination Conyers, Georgia and no freight or postage charges will be paid by Rockdale County unless such charges are included in the proposal price.
4. The following number, RFP No. **23-35**, must be written clearly on the outside of each proposal envelope in order to avoid prior opening in error.
5. All proposals must be received and in-hand at proposal due date and time. Each proposer assumes the responsibility for having his/her proposal received at the designated time and place of proposal due date. Proposals received after the stated time and date may be subject to rejection without consideration, regardless of postmark. Rockdale County accepts no responsibility for mail delivery.
6. Unless otherwise stated, all proposals submitted shall be valid and may not be withdrawn for a period of 120 days from the due date.
7. Each proposal form submitted must include the name of the business, mailing address, the name, title and signature of the person submitting the proposal. When submitting a proposal to Rockdale County the Proposal Form must be submitted in a separate sealed envelope labeled "Proposal Form".
8. Rockdale County reserves the right to accept a proposal that is not the lowest price if, in the County's judgment, such proposal is in the best interest of the County and the public. The County reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.
9. Telephone, Emailed or Facsimile proposals will not be accepted.
10. No sales tax will be charged on any orders except for contracts that include construction materials being purchased through a third party.
 - i. Federal I.D. #58-6000882
 - ii. Sales Tax Exempt #308750008
11. If applicable, completed questionnaires must be signed manually. Rockdale County reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal on the basis of incomplete or inaccurate answers to the questionnaire.
12. If applicable, warranty information shall be provided.
13. Proposers shall state delivery time after receiving order.
14. Proposers shall identify any subcontractors and include an explanation of the service or product that they may provide.

SCOPE OF WORK

1. Overview:

Rockdale County desires to enter into a Design Build contract for the design, construction, and installation of Monument Signage with Landscaping enhancements at two existing county entrances located on I-20 Eastbound at Sigman Road and on I-20 Westbound at Salem Road. The Monument Signage with Landscaping enhancements are to be formidable and visually encapsulate/ convey the distinctive character of Rockdale County. The Monument Signage with Landscaping enhancements shall incorporate the existing county entrances landscaping, hardscapes and rocks into the new Monument Signage and Landscape design.

2. Description:

The successful bidder, as Design Build Contractor, shall provide the monument sign design and landscaping enhancement drawings to Rockdale County for review and revisions as needed. Upon design approval, the Design Build Contractor shall provide construction documents to Rockdale County for permitting. Upon approval of permit, the Design Build Contractor is to commence construction. The Design Build Contractor is to furnish all material, labor, and equipment necessary for site preparation and construction according to the construction documents. The Design Build Contractor is to meet or exceed established industry standards for construction projects of this type. The Contractor will obtain the necessary construction permits for the project. All county fees will be waived.

3. Design:

Bidders are responsible for submitting a design which incorporates the following elements:

- a. Permanent exterior freestanding Monument Sign.
- b. Monument Sign design to be large, formidable and eye catching.
- c. Incorporates the use of existing entrance landscaping, rock hardscapes and rock walls.
- d. Incorporate the County Logo into Monument Sign design.
- e. Monument Sign to be clearly visible at 65 mph during the day.
- f. Orientation of Monument Signage to face traffic entering county on I-20.

Bidders may submit multiple design options or layouts with cost for each option but at least one option MUST be within the stated budget. All options submitted must be clearly marked so that their cost can be identified.

Bidder's design will need to be submitted to GDOT for a Special Encroachment Permit (to be obtained by the County) and reviewed by the State Office of Traffic Operations so sign design should conform to the 14 requirements of GDOT policy 6755-9, Chapter 11.2 "Gateway/Monument/Custom Decorative Signing/Structures on Non-Limited or Limited Access Highways.

4. Location

The Enhanced County Entrances with Monument Signage will be located at the I-20 Eastbound Offramp at Sigman Road and at the I-20 Westbound Offramp at Salem Road. The signage shall incorporate and work with the existing rock, landscape, and wall areas. The diagrams for both sites are attached as Exhibit #1.

5. Site visits:

In addition to the mandatory pre-bid, bidders are strongly encouraged to visit the site locations to make themselves familiar with the installation locations, the surrounding areas and other factors which may affect the design and layout.

6. Budget:

The approximate budget for the total enhancements at both locations is \$300,000. Bidders may submit one or more designs for consideration with turnkey pricing. Turnkey pricing to include installation under normal, reasonable conditions. County shall select the design and price point that best meets its needs.

7. Samples:

The following "SIGNAGE SAMPLES" are for illustration purposes only. Bidders are encouraged to develop their own structures, layout, and criteria in their bid. The County encourages creative, "outside the box" thinking when developing the design.

Sample #1**Sample #2**

Sample #3



Sample #4



Sample #5



PROPOSAL FORM

Instructions: Complete all THREE parts of this bid form.

PART I: Proposal Summary

Complete the information below. If you wish to submit more than one brand, make a photocopy of this Proposal Form.

1.	Design	\$
2.	Furnish and Install	\$
3.	Subtotal	\$
4.	Contingency 10%	\$
5.	Total	\$
6.	Number of Days for Completion – Completion Time	/Days

PART II: Addenda Acknowledgements (if applicable)

Each vendor is responsible for determining that all addenda issued by the Rockdale County Finance Department – Purchasing Division have been received before submitting a bid.

Addenda	Date Vendor Received	Initials
"1"		
"2"		
"3"		
"4"		
"5"		
"6"		

PART III: Vendor Information:

Company Name	
Address	
Telephone	
E-Mail	
Representative (print name)	
Signature of Representative	
Date Submitted	

**ROCKDALE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT OF VENDOR**

State of _____)

County of _____)

_____, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that:

(1) He is _____ (owner, partner officer, representative, or agent) of _____, the Vendor that has submitted the attached RFP;

(2) He is fully informed respecting the preparation and contents of the attached RFP and of all pertinent circumstances respecting such RFP;

(3) Such RFP is genuine and is not a collusive or sham RFP;

(4) Neither the said Vendor nor any of its officers, partners, owners, agents, representatives, employees or parties in interest, including this affidavit, has in any way colluded, conspired, connived or agreed, directly or indirectly with any other Vendor, firm or person to submit a collusive or sham RFP in connection with the Contract for which the attached RFP has been submitted or refrain from proposing in connection with such Contract, or has in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement or collusion or communication or conference with any other Vendor, firm or person to fix the price or prices in the attached RFP or of any other Vendor, or to fix any overhead, profit or cost element of the proposing price or the proposing price of any other Vendor, or to secure through any collusion, conspiracy, connivance or unlawful agreement any advantage against Rockdale County or any person interested in the proposed Contract; and

(5) The price or prices quoted in the attached RFP are fair and proper and are not tainted by any collusion, conspiracy, connivance or unlawful agreement on the part of the Vendor or any of its agents, representatives, owners, employees, or parties in interest, including this affidavit.

(Signed)

(Title)

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 202__

Name _____

Title _____

My commission expires (Date)

ROCKDALE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT OF SUB-CONTRACTOR

State of _____)

County of _____)

_____, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that:

(1) He/She is _____ (owner, partner officer, representative, or agent) of _____, the sub-contractor that has submitted the attached RFP;

(2) He is fully informed respecting the preparation and contents of the attached RFP and of all pertinent circumstances respecting such RFP;

(3) Such RFP is genuine and is not a collusive or sham RFP;

(4) Neither the said sub-contractor nor any of its officers, partners, owners, agents, representatives, employees or parties in interest, including this affidavit, has in any way colluded, conspired, connived or agreed, directly or indirectly with any other Vendor, firm or person to submit a collusive or sham RFP in connection with the Contract for which the attached RFP has been submitted or refrain from proposing in connection with such Contract, or has in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement or collusion or communication or conference with any other Vendor, firm or person to fix the price or prices in the attached RFP or of any other Vendor, or to fix any overhead, profit or cost element of the proposing price or the proposing price of any other Vendor, or to secure through any collusion, conspiracy, connivance or unlawful agreement any advantage against Rockdale County or any person interested in the proposed Contract; and

(5) The price or prices quoted in the attached RFP are fair and proper and are not tainted by any collusion, conspiracy, connivance or unlawful agreement on the part of the sub-contractor or any of its agents, representatives, owners, employees, or parties in interest, including this affidavit.

(Signed)

(Title)

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 202__.

Name _____

Title _____

My commission expires (Date)

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 (name of public employer) 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 _____, ____, 202__ 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 _____, 202__.

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 (name of public employer) 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 business days of receipt. If the undersigned subcontractor receives notice that a sub-subcontractor has received an affidavit from any other contracted sub-subcontractor, the undersigned subcontractor must forward, within five business days of receipt, a copy of the 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 _____, ____, 202__ 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 _____, 202__.

NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires:

Sub-subcontractor Affidavit under O.C.G.A. §13-10-91(b)(4)

By executing this affidavit, the undersigned sub-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 for (name of subcontractor or sub-subcontractor with whom such sub-subcontractor has privity of contract) and (name of contractor) on behalf of (name of public employer) 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 sub-subcontractor will continue to use the federal work authorization program throughout the contract period and the undersigned sub-subcontractor will contract for the physical performance of services in satisfaction of such contract only with sub-subcontractors who present an affidavit to the sub-subcontractor with the information required by O.C.G.A. §13-10-91(b). The undersigned sub-subcontractor shall submit, at the time of such contract, this affidavit to (name of subcontractor or sub-subcontractor with whom such sub-subcontractor has privity of contract). Additionally, the undersigned sub-subcontractor will forward notice of the receipt of any affidavit from a sub-subcontractor to (name of subcontractor or sub-subcontractor with whom such sub-subcontractor has privity of contract). Sub-subcontractors hereby attest 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 Sub-Subcontractor

Name of Project

Name of Public Employer

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

Executed on _____, ____, 202__ 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 _____, 202__.

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: _____

Affidavit Verifying Status for County Public Benefit Application

By executing this affidavit under oath, as an applicant for the award of a contract with Rockdale, County Georgia, I _____. [Name of natural person applying on behalf of individual, business, corporation, partnership, or other private entity] am stating the following as required by O.C.G.A. Section 50-36-1:

1) _____ I am a United States citizen

OR

2) _____ I am a legal permanent resident 18 years of age or older or I am an otherwise qualified alien or non-immigrant under the Federal Immigration and Nationality Act 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 _____, 202__.

Notary Public
My commission Expires:

***Note:** O.C.G.A. § 50-36-1(e)(2) requires that aliens under the federal Immigration and Nationality Act, Title 8 U.S.C., as amended, provide their registration number. Because legal permanent residents are included in the federal definition of “alien”, legal permanent residents must also provide their alien registration number. Qualified aliens that do not have an alien registration number may supply another identifying number below.

**Certification of Absence of Conflict of Interest
For Development of Specifications or Scope of Work**

*Required for each contract or arrangement to prepare or develop specifications or requirements
(O.C.G.A. § 36-80-28)*

The undersigned Consultant, who is entering into a contract or arrangement with Rockdale County to prepare or develop specifications or requirements for an invitation for bids, request for proposals, purchase order, or any other type of solicitation for said Rockdale County certifies that:

1. Consultant shall avoid any appearance of impropriety and shall follow all policies and procedures of Rockdale County, as may be related to the project.
2. Consultant discloses below any material transaction or relationship currently known to Consultant that reasonably could be expected to give rise to a conflict of interest, including, but not limited to, that of the Consultant, or the Consultant’s employees, agents or subsidiaries (Include past, present, or known prospective engagements, involvement in litigation or other dispute, client relationships, or other business or financial interest):

3. Consultant shall immediately disclose any material transaction or relationship subsequently discovered during the pendency of the contract or arrangement.
4. Consultant acknowledges that any violation or threatened violation of the agreement may cause irreparable injury to the Rockdale County, entitling Rockdale County to seek injunctive relief in addition to all other legal remedies.

Signature of Contractor’s Authorized Official

Printed Name & Title of Authorized Official

Date

BID BOND FORM

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that we, _____ (hereinafter called the Principal) and _____ (hereinafter called the Surety), a corporation chartered and existing under the laws of the State of _____ with its principal offices in the City of _____ and listed in the Federal Register and licensed to write surety bonds in the State of Georgia, are held and firmly bound unto Rockdale County, Georgia, in the full and just sum of _____ Dollars (\$ _____) good and lawful money of the United States of America, to be paid upon demand of Rockdale County, Georgia, to which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, jointly and severally and firmly by these presents.

WHEREAS, the Principal is about to submit, or has submitted to Rockdale County, Georgia, a Bid for RFP No. _____.

WHEREAS, the Principal desires to file this Bond in accordance with law to accompany this Bid. NOW, THEREFORE, the conditions of this obligation are such that if the Bid be accepted within one hundred and twenty (120) days of the Bid opening, the Principal shall execute a Contract in accordance with the Bid and upon the terms, conditions, and prices set forth therein, and in the form and manner required by Rockdale County, Georgia, and within ten (10) days from the date of Notice of Award of the Contract, execute a sufficient and satisfactory Performance Bond equals to 100% of the Contract Price and Payment Bond equals to 100% of the Contract Price, payable to Rockdale County, Georgia, in form and with security satisfactory to Rockdale County and furnish satisfactory proof of the insurance required, then this obligation to be void; otherwise, to be and remain in full force and virtue in law; and the Surety shall, upon failure of the Principal to comply with any or all of the foregoing requirements within the time specified above, immediately pay to the aforesaid Rockdale County, Georgia, upon demand, the amount hereof in good and lawful money of the United States of America, not as a penalty, but as liquidated damages.

IN TESTIMONY THEREOF, the Principal and Surety have caused these presents to be duly signed and sealed this _____ day of _____, 202__.

PRINCIPAL

By: _____ (SEAL)
Signature of Principal

Print Name and Title of Authorized Signer

Print Name of Principal Business

ATTEST:

Corporate Secretary

SURETY

By: _____ (SEAL)
Signature of Surety (by Power of Attorney)

Print Name and Title of Authorized Signer

Print Name of Surety Business

WITNESS:

PERFORMANCE BOND

STATE OF GEORGIA

BOND NO. _____

COUNTY OF ROCKDALE

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that we, _____,
as Principal, (hereinafter known as Contractor), and we, _____, as Surety, do hereby
acknowledge ourselves indebted and firmly bound and held unto Rockdale County, Georgia for use and
benefit of those entitled thereto, in the sum of _____
_____ Dollars (\$_____) for the payment of which will and truly to be made, in lawful money
of the United States of America, we do hereby bind ourselves, successors, assigns, heirs and personal
representatives.

BUT THE CONDITION OF THE FOREGOING OBLIGATION OR BOND IS THIS:

WHEREAS, the Owner has engaged the said Contractor for the sum of
_____ (\$_____) for construction of Rockdale County,
Georgia, **RFP#** : _____ as more fully appears in a written Contract Agreement bearing
the date of _____, 2024, a copy of which Contract Agreement is by reference hereby made a
part hereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, if said Contractor shall fully and faithfully perform all the undertakings and
obligations under the said Contract Agreement hereinbefore referred to and shall fully indemnify and
save harmless the said Owner from all costs and damage whatsoever which it may suffer by reason of any
failure on the part of said Contractor to do so, and shall fully reimburse and repay the said Owner any and
all outlay and expense which it may incur in making good any such default, and shall correct all defects in
products and workmanship appearing within one year of the completion of all Work, then this obligation
shall be null and void, otherwise, it shall remain in full force and effect.

And for value received it is hereby stipulated and agreed that no change, extension of time, alteration or
addition to the terms of the said Contract Agreement, or in the Work to be performed there under, or the
Specifications accompanying the same shall in any wise affect the obligations under this Contract
Agreement or Bond, and notice is hereby waived of any such damage, extension of time, alteration or
addition to the terms of the Contract Agreement or to the Work or to the Contract Documents.

This bond is given pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of O.C.G.A. Section 36-10-1 et. seq.
and 36-82-100 et. seq. and all the provisions of the law referring to this character of Bond as set forth in
said Sections or as may be hereinafter enacted, and these are hereby made a part hereof to the same
extent as if set out herein in full.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Contractor has hereunder affixed its signature and seal, and said Surety
has hereunto caused to be affixed its corporate signature and seal, by its duly authorized officers, on this
____ day of _____, 2024, executed in two (2) counterparts.

CONTRACTOR - PRINCIPAL:

By: _____

Name: _____
(Please Print)

Title: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

ATTEST:

Name: _____
(Please Print)

Title: _____ (SEAL)

Note: Attestation for a corporation must be by the corporate secretary; for a partnership by another partner; for an individual by a notary.

SURETY:

By: _____

Name: _____
(Please Print)

Title: _____ (SEAL)

WITNESS:

Name: _____
(Please Print)

Title: _____ (SEAL)

Note: Surety companies executing bonds must appear on the Treasury Department's most current list (Circular 570 as amended) and be authorized to transact business in the state where the Project is located.

Resident agent in state in which Work is to be performed:

By: _____

Name: _____
(Please Print)

Title: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

PAYMENT BOND

STATE OF GEORGIA

BOND NO. _____

COUNTY OF ROCKDALE

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that we, _____, as Principal, (hereinafter known as Contractor), and we, _____, as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto Rockdale County, Georgia (hereinafter called the Owner), in the penal sum of _____ Dollars (\$ _____) lawful money of the United States of America, for the payment of which sum will and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

WHEREAS, said Contractor has entered into a certain Contract Agreement with said Owner, dated _____, 2024, for construction of Rockdale County, Georgia **RFP#** _____ : _____ (hereinafter called the Contract), which Contract Agreement and the Contract Documents for said Work shall be deemed a part hereof as fully as if set out herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, the condition of this obligation is such, that if said Contractor and all subcontractors to whom any portion of the Work provided for in said Contract Agreement is sublet and all assignees of said Contractor and of such subcontractors shall promptly make payments to all persons supplying them with labor, products, services, or supplies for or in the prosecution of the Work provided for in such Contract Agreement, or in any amendment or extension of or addition to said Contract Agreement, and for the payment of reasonable attorney's fees, incurred by the claimant in suits on this Bond, then the above obligation shall be void; otherwise, it shall remain in full force and effect.

HOWEVER, this Bond is subject to the following conditions and limitations:

- (a) Any person, firm or corporation that has furnished labor, products, or supplies for or in the prosecution of the Work provided for in said Contract Agreement shall have a direct right of action against the Contractor and Surety on this Bond, which right of action shall be asserted in a proceeding, instituted in the county in which the Work provided for in said Contract Agreement is to be performed or in any county in which Contractor or Surety does business. Such right of action shall be asserted in proceedings instituted in the name of the claimant or claimants for its use and benefit against said Contractor and Surety or either party (but not later than one year after the final settlement of said Contract Agreement) in which action such claim or claims shall be adjudicated and judgment rendered thereon.
- (b) In no event shall the Surety be liable for a greater sum than the penalty of this Bond, or subject to any suit, action or proceeding thereon that is instituted later than one year after the final settlement of said Contract Agreement.
- (c) This Bond is given pursuant to and in accordance with provisions of O.C.G.A. Section 13-10-1 et. seq. and 36-82-100 et. seq. hereinafter, and all the provisions of law referring to this character of Bond as set forth in said Sections or as may be hereinafter enacted, and these are hereby made a part hereof to the same extent as if set out herein in full.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Contractor has hereunder affixed its signature and seal, and said Surety has hereunto caused to be affixed its corporate signature and seal, by its duly authorized officers, on this ____ day of _____, 2024, executed in two (2) counterparts.

CONTRACTOR - PRINCIPAL:

By: _____

Name: _____
(Please Print)

Title: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

ATTEST:

Name: _____
(Please Print)

Title: _____

(SEAL)

Note: Attestation for a corporation must be by the corporate secretary; for a partnership by another partner; for an individual by a notary.

SURETY:

By: _____

Name: _____
(Please Print)

Title: _____

(SEAL)

WITNESS:

Name: _____
(Please Print)

Title: _____

(SEAL)

Note: Surety companies executing bonds must appear on the Treasury Department's most current list (Circular 570 as amended) and be authorized to transact business in the state where the Project is located.

Resident agent in state in which Work is to be performed:

By: _____

Name: _____

(Please Print)

Title: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

CONTRACTOR’S QUALIFICATION STATEMENT AND QUESTIONNAIRE

NAME OF PROPOSED CONTRACTOR: _____

I. INSTRUCTIONS

- A. All questions are to be answered in full. If copies of other documents will answer the question completely, they may be attached and clearly labeled. If additional space is needed, additional pages may be attached and clearly labeled.
- B. The owner, Rockdale County, Georgia, its agents and representatives, shall be entitled to contact each and every reference listed in response to this questionnaire, and each entity referenced in any response to any question in this questionnaire. By completing this questionnaire, the contractor expressly agrees that any information concerning the contractor in possession of said entities and references may be made available to the owner.
- C. Only complete and accurate information shall be provided by the contractor. The contractor hereby warrants that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, the responses contained herein are true, accurate, and complete. The contractor also acknowledges that the owner is relying on the truth and accuracy of the responses contained herein. If it is later discovered that any material information given in response to a question was provided by the contractor, knowing it was false, it shall constitute grounds for immediate termination or rescission by the owner of any subsequent agreement between the owner and the contractor. The owner shall also have and retain any other remedies provided by law.
- D. The completed form shall be submitted with contractor’s proposals.
- E. This form, its completion by the contractor, and its use by the contractor, and its use by the owner, shall not give rise to any liability on the part of the owner to the contractor or any third party or person.

II. GENERAL BACKGROUND

- A. Current address of contractor: _____

- B. Previous Name or address of contractor: _____

- C. Current president or CEO and years in position: _____
- D. Number of permanent employees: _____
- E. Name and address of affiliated companies: _____

III. FINANCIAL STATUS

- A. Please attach financial statements for the past three years for which they are complete. If such statements are not available, please furnish the following information:

1. LAST COMPLETE FISCAL YEAR:

- A. Revenues (Gross) _____
- B. Expenditures (Gross) _____
- C. Overhead & Admin (Gross) _____
- D. Profit (Gross) _____

2. YEAR PRIOR TO "1" ABOVE:

- A. Revenues (Gross) _____
- B. Expenditures (Gross) _____
- C. Overhead & Admin (Gross) _____
- D. Profit (Gross) _____

3. YEAR PRIOR TO "2" ABOVE:

- A. Revenues (Gross) _____
- B. Expenditures (Gross) _____
- C. Overhead & Admin (Gross) _____
- D. Profit (Gross) _____

B. BANKRUPTCIES

1. Has the Contractor, or any of its parents or subsidiaries, ever had a Bankruptcy Petition filed in its name, voluntarily or involuntarily? (If yes, specify date, circumstances, and resolution).

2. Has any Majority Shareholder ever had a Bankruptcy Petition filed in his/her name, voluntarily or involuntarily? (If yes, specify date, circumstances, and resolution).

C. BONDING

1. What is the Contractor's current bonding capacity? _____

2. What is the value of the Contractor's work currently under contract? _____

IV. COMPANY EXPERIENCE – SIMILAR PROJECTS

A. List three projects of reasonably similar nature, scope, and duration performed by your company in the last five years, specifying, where possible, the name and last known address of each owner of those projects:

Project #1:

Name and Address: _____

Date of Project: _____

Type of Project: _____

Contract Price: _____

Owner contact info: _____

Architect/Engineer contact info:
(if applicable) _____

Project #2:

Name and Address: _____

Date of Project: _____

Type of Project: _____

Contract Price: _____

Owner contact info: _____

Architect/Engineer contact info:
(if applicable) _____

Project #3:

Name and Address: _____

Date of Project: _____

Type of Project: _____

Contract Price: _____

Owner contact info: _____

Architect/Engineer contact info: _____
(if applicable) _____

V ARBITRATIONS, LITIGATIONS, AND OTHER PROCEEDINGS

Has your company been involved in any construction arbitration demands filed by, or against, you in the last five years? _____

Has your company been involved in any construction-related lawsuits (other than labor or personal injury litigation) filed by, or against, you in the last five years? _____

Has your company been involved in any lawsuits, proceedings, or hearings initiated by the National Labor Relations Board or similar state agency in the past seven years? _____

Has your company been involved in any lawsuits, proceedings, or hearings initiated by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration concerning the project safety practices of the Contractor in the last seven years? _____

Has your company be involved in any lawsuits, proceedings, or hearings initiated by the Internal Revenue Service, or any state revenue department, concerning the tax liability of the Contractor (other than audits) in the last seven years? _____

Have any criminal proceedings or investigations been brought against the Contractor in the last ten years? _____

If you answered yes to any of the questions above, please identify the nature of the claim, the amount in dispute, the parties, and the ultimate resolution of the proceeding (attach documentation if needed):

VI COMMENTS

Please list any additional information that you believe would assist the Owner in evaluating the possibility of using the Contractor on this Project. You may attach such additional information as an Exhibit to this Statement and Questionnaire.

I certify to the Owner that the information and responses provided on this Questionnaire are true,

accurate and complete. The Owner, or its designated representative, may contact any entity or reference listed in this Questionnaire. Each entity or reference may make any information concerning the Contractor available to the Owner, or its designated representative.

Contractor:

Signature

Date

Title

Sworn to and subscribed before me
This _____ day of _____

Signature

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

SAMPLE CONTRACT

DESIGN, PURCHASE, AND INSTALLATION OF SIGNAGE

(The County reserves the right to make any changes to this contract as it is only a Sample)

This Agreement entered into on this _____ day of _____, 2024, between ROCKDALE COUNTY, GEORGIA, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, whose address is 962 Milstead Avenue, Conyers, Georgia 30012, (hereinafter referred to as the "County") and _____, a Georgia corporation, whose address is _____ (hereinafter referred to as "Contractor").

WHEREAS, the County desires to engage the services of Contractor for the design, purchase and installation of signage on I-20 Eastbound at Sigman Road and I-20 Westbound at Salem Road.

WHEREAS, Contractor is qualified to perform this service and desires to render this service to the County as provided herein.

NOW THEREFORE, the County engages the services of Contractor for and in consideration of the mutual promises contained in this Agreement and the parties agree as follows:

1. **Services Provided by Contractor.**

The Contractor will furnish all products, tools, construction equipment, skill and labor of every description necessary to carry out and to complete in a good, firm, substantial workmanlike manner for the design, purchase and installation of signage on I-20 Eastbound at Sigman Road and I-20 Westbound at Salem Road, and in accordance with the County's Request for Proposals (RFP) No. 23-35, incorporated herein by reference, (hereinafter called "Work"), and Contractor's proposal dated _____, attached hereto and made a part hereof, (hereinafter called "Proposal"). Contractor shall provide, at their expense, all vehicles and equipment necessary to provide this Work. The Work shall be performed at the direction of the Director of General Services or his designee and consistent with all Federal, State and Local laws.

The Contract Documents, Proposal documents, drawings, and Request for Proposals are considered essential parts of the Agreement, and requirements occurring in one are as binding as though occurring in all. They are intended to define, describe and provide for all labor necessary to complete the Work in an acceptable manner, ready for use, or operation by the County.

The Contractor shall commence the Work to be performed under this Contract Agreement on a date to be specific in a written Notice to Proceed and shall fully complete all work hereunder within ninety (90) days, unless modified and agreed upon by both parties in writing.

2. **Fees and Compensation.**

- (a) Contract Price: Total Contract Price for two (2) Monument Signage with Landscaping Enhancements shall not exceed _____ (\$ _____) Dollars. Payments, payable by the County to the Contractor, shall be as follows: \$ _____ shall be paid after contract is fully executed as down payment, \$ _____ shall be paid at installation, and the balance of \$ _____ shall be due after completion and will be billed at thirty (30) days for the performance of the Work set forth in the Contract Documents, unless amended as agreed upon by both parties in writing as detailed in Section 6 of this Agreement. It is understood that the Contractor shall provide and pay for all products, labor (including labor performed after regular working hours, on Saturdays or Sundays, or on legal holidays), tools, construction equipment, supervision, and all other

services and facilities of any nature whatsoever necessary to execute, complete, place into operation, and deliver the Work.

The Contractor shall be responsible for any additional expenses incurred by the County as a result of the extended work hours, including resident inspection overtime. The cost associated with resident inspector overtime will be deducted from the Contractor's monthly payment request.

(b) **Payments Withheld:** The County may decline to approve an application for payment, in whole or in part, as may be necessary to protect the County from loss because of:

- (1) Failure of the Contractor to make payments properly to subcontractors or for labor or products.
- (2) Unsatisfactory prosecution of the Work by the Contractor either due to quality of the Work or if the Contractor is behind the currently approved construction schedule.

When the above reasons for nonpayment are corrected, then payment will be made for amounts withheld because of such reasons, not later than the next payment.

- (c) **Retention:** The County will retain the following amounts from each properly certified estimate:
- (1) Until the value of the Work completed, including stored materials, is at least 50 percent of the Contract amount, 10 percent of the value of all Work satisfactorily completed, including stored materials.
 - (2) When the value of the completed Work totals at least 50 percent of the Contract amount, the County will reduce the retainage to 5 percent of the value of Work completed, including stored materials, provided the Work is progressing satisfactorily and there is no specific cause for retaining a larger sum. The total amount retained will be at least 5 percent of the Contract amount, adjusted for Change Orders, until the date of final payment.
 - (3) The County may elect to reinstate retention of 10 percent of the value of the Work completed if at any time the Contractor fails to make satisfactory progress or if there is other specific cause. No form of collateral in lieu of cash will be acceptable as retainage.

Amounts retained by the Contractor from payments due to suppliers and subcontractors (expressed as a percentage) shall not exceed that being retained by the County.

3. **Effective Dates of Agreement.**

The effective date of this Agreement shall be the date said Agreement is signed by the Chairman of the Rockdale County Board of Commissioners (the "Board"). The term of this Agreement shall be Ninety (90) days from the date the Contractor receives the first payment of \$_____ from the County, unless terminated by either party as detailed in section 13 of this Agreement.

4. **Rejection of Work and Materials.**

All products furnished and all Work completed will be inspected by the County. All products furnished and all Work completed that is not in accordance with the Contract Documents or that is defective will be rejected. All rejected products or Work shall be removed immediately. If rejected products or Work is not removed within 48 hours, the County will have the right and authority to stop the Work immediately and will have the right to arrange for the removal of said rejected products or Work at the cost and expense of the Contractor.

5. **Supervision of Work.**

The Contractor shall supervise and direct the Work. The Contractor shall be solely responsible

for the means, methods, techniques, sequences and procedures of the Work. The Contractor shall employ and maintain on the Work a qualified supervisor or superintendent who shall be designated in writing by the Contractor as the Contractor's representative at the site. The supervisor shall be present on the site at all times as required to perform adequate supervision and coordination of the Work.

The supervisor shall have full authority to act on behalf of the Contractor and to execute the orders or directions of the County without delay. The supervisor shall have full authority to promptly supply products, tools, plant equipment and labor as may be required. The supervisor's authority shall be such that all communication given to the supervisor shall be as if given to the Contractor.

The Contractor shall employ only competent and skilled personnel. The Contractor shall, upon demand from the County, immediately remove any superintendent, foreman or workman whom the County may consider incompetent or undesirable.

6. **Changes in the Contract.**

The County may at any time, as the need arises, order changes within the scope of the Work without invalidating the Contract Agreement. If such changes increase or decrease the amount due under the Contract Documents, or in the time required for performance of the Work, an equitable adjustment will be authorized by a written change order signed by the County and Contractor.

7. **Insurance and Bonds.**

The Contractor shall not commence any work under this Contract until all insurance and bonds, as stipulated in the RFP, have been obtained and such insurance and bonds have been approved by the County, nor shall the Contractor allow any subcontractor to commence any work on subcontractor's contract until all similar insurance and bonds required of the subcontractor have been so obtained and approved by the Contractor.

8. **Interruption of Facility Operations.**

The Contractor shall provide the County with written notice at least three days prior to any interruption in facility operations required by construction activity. The notice shall include the date and time of the scheduled interruption, the length of time the interruption will be in effect, the procedures to be followed, a complete identification of all those processes, equipment and operations to be affected, and all other information the County may require. The Contractor shall provide any equipment, piping, auxiliary power or other means necessary to sustain facility operations.

9. **Protection of Work, Property and Persons.**

- (a) The Contractor shall be responsible for initiating, maintaining and supervising all safety precautions and programs in connection with the Work. The Contractor shall take all necessary precautions for the safety of, and shall provide the necessary protection to prevent damage, injury or loss to all employees on the Work and other persons who may be affected thereby, all the Work and all products to be incorporated therein, whether in storage on or off the site, and other property at the site or adjacent thereto, including trees, shrubs, lawns, walks, pavements, roadways, structures and utilities not designated for removal, relocation or replacement in the course of construction.
- (b) The Contractor shall comply with the Department of Labor Safety and Health Regulations for construction, promulgated under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (PL 91-596) and under Section 107 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (PL 91-54) as amended. The Contractor shall erect and maintain, as required by the conditions and progress of the Work, all necessary safeguards for safety and protection.
- (c) The Contractor shall remedy all damage, injury or loss to any property, improvements or facilities caused, directly or indirectly, by the Contractor or any of the Contractor's subcontractors or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable. The property, improvements or facilities shall be replaced or restored to a condition as good as

when the Contractor entered upon the Work. In case of failure on the part of the Contractor to restore such property, or make good such damages or injury, the County may, after 48 hours written notice, proceed to repair, rebuild, or otherwise restore such property, improvements or facilities as may be deemed necessary. The cost thereof will be deducted from any monies due or which may become due the Contractor under this Contract.

- (d) In emergencies affecting the safety of persons or the Work or property at the site or adjacent thereto, the Contractor, without special instruction or authorization from the County, shall act to prevent threatened damage, injury or loss.
- (e) Completed Work and stored products shall be suitably protected during unseasonable weather, to allow Work to proceed in a timely fashion. Work planned, or in progress, should be performed to minimize impact of adverse weather.

10. **Protection of the Environment.**

- (a) The Contractor shall be responsible for taking all measures required to minimize all types of pollution associated with the undertaking of the proposed Work, and shall abide by the requirements of all governmental agencies having jurisdiction over the Work or Contractor's Project operations. This shall include but not be limited to air, water & noise pollution during torch cutting, grinding, burning and grading operations.
- (b) Any area used or involved in the Project that is disturbed by the Contractor, shall be restored to original or better condition, even though such area is outside the limits of that specified for grading, grassing or landscaping.
- (c) The Contractor is responsible for maintenance of all erosion control measures, final removal of all temporary BMP's, and irrigation of all permanent vegetative measures until fully established.

11. **Protection, Location and Relocation of Utilities.**

The Contractor shall notify utility owners of the new work in accordance with Georgia Law by calling the Utilities Protection Center (UPC) at 800-282-7411, 72 hours before work is to begin. The Contractor shall protect from damage all existing improvements or utilities at, or in proximity to, the site of the Work, and shall repair or restore any damage to such facilities resulting from failure to exercise reasonable care in the performance of Work. If the Contractor fails or refuses to repair any such damage promptly, the County may have the Work performed and charge the cost thereof to the Contractor.

Prior to the construction or installation of any new Work, the Contractor shall excavate all existing utilities within the vicinity of the Work to their actual vertical and horizontal location. In order to avoid conflicts between existing and new Work, the Contractor shall either relocate the existing utility on a temporary or permanent basis, or shall take whatever means necessary to protect the existing facilities or utilities during the installation of new Work.

12. **Indemnification.**

In addition to its agreement to obtain and maintain insurance as set forth herein, the Contractor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the County, its officers, agents, and employees, from any and all claims against the County, its officers, agents and employees, which arise out of any act or omission of the Contractor or any of the Contractor's officers, agents and/or employees, and any and all claims which result from any condition created or maintained by the Contractor or anyone employed by the Contractor or any of their officers, agents or employees, which condition does not specify to be created or maintained by this Contract.

13. **Termination of Agreement.**

In the event either party elects to terminate this Agreement for whatever reason deemed

appropriate, written notice shall be provided and termination shall be effective 15 days from receipt of written notice.

14. **Notice.**

Any notice or other communication required or permitted to be given under this Agreement must be in writing and must be mailed by overnight delivery or certified mail, postage prepaid, so that the notifying party can prove delivery of notice and the date thereof, and addressed as follows:

To the County:

Rockdale County, Georgia
Attn: Tina Malone
P. O. Box 289
Conyers, Georgia 30012
Phone # - 770-278-7552

To the Contractor:

Attn: _____

Phone # _____

The addresses stated in this paragraph may be changed by the respective parties upon a documented notice delivered in advance, pursuant to this paragraph.

15. **Assignment.**

The Contractor shall have no right to transfer or assign its interest in this Agreement without the prior written consent of an authorized representative of the County.

16. **Corporate Authority.**

Contractor represents to the County that this Agreement, the transaction contemplated in this Agreement, and the execution and delivery hereof, have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate proceedings and actions, including, without limitation, the action on the part of the directors. The individual executing this Agreement on behalf of Contractor warrants that he or she is authorized to do so and that this Agreement constitutes the legally binding obligation of the corporation.

17. **Waiver.**

No action taken pursuant to this Agreement shall be deemed to constitute a waiver by the party taking such action of compliance with any representation, warranty, covenant or agreement in this Agreement. The waiver by any party of a breach of any provision or condition contained in this Agreement shall not operate or be construed as a waiver of any subsequent breach or of any other conditions.

18. **Severability.**

If any provision of this Agreement or application to any party or circumstances shall be determined by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unenforceable to any extent, the remainder of this Agreement or the application of such provision to such person or circumstances, other than those as to which it is so determined invalid or unenforceable, shall not be affected thereby, and each provision hereof shall be valid and shall be enforced to the fullest extent permitted by law.

19. **Interpretation.**

Should any provision of this Agreement require a judicial interpretation, the parties agree that the body interpreting or construing this Agreement will not apply the assumption that the terms of this Agreement will be more strictly construed against one party by reason of the rule of legal construction that an instrument is to be construed more strictly against the party which itself or through its agents prepared the Agreement. The parties acknowledge and agree that they and their agents have each participated equally in the negotiation and preparation of this Agreement.

20. **Venue & Jurisdiction.**

The County and the Contractor, by entering into this Agreement, hereby agree that the courts of Fulton County, Georgia shall have jurisdiction to hear and determine any claims or disputes between them

pertaining directly or indirectly to this Agreement. Contractor expressly submits and consents in advance to such jurisdiction in any action or proceeding commenced in said courts. The choice of forum set forth in this section shall not be deemed to preclude the bringing of any action by the County or the enforcement by the County of any judgment obtained in such forum in any other appropriate jurisdiction. Further, the Contractor hereby waives the right to assert the defense of forum non-conveniens and the right to challenge the venue of any court proceeding.

21. **Governing Law.**

This Agreement shall be construed and interpreted according to the provisions of the laws of the State of Georgia.

22. **Binding Effect.**

This Agreement shall be binding upon the Contractor and its successors and permitted assigns.

23. **Further Assurances.**

The Contractor agrees to execute, acknowledge, seal and deliver, after the date of this Agreement, without additional consideration, such further assurances, instruments and documents, and to take such further actions, as the County may reasonably request in order to fulfill the intent of this Agreement and the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

24. **Entire Agreement.**

This Agreement, its attachments and essential documents (as provided in paragraph 1 above) represent the entire understanding of the parties with regard to the subject matter of this Agreement. There are no oral agreements, understandings, or representations made by any party to this Agreement that are outside of this Agreement and are not expressly stated in it. No supplement, modification, or amendment of this Agreement will be binding unless executed in writing by all parties.

By signing this Agreement, the parties acknowledge that they have read each and every page of this Agreement before signing same and that they understand and assent to all the terms thereof. In addition, by signing this Agreement, the parties acknowledge that they are entering into this Agreement freely and voluntarily and under no compulsion or duress.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto set their hands and seals on the date and year first above written.

CONTRACTOR:

ROCKDALE COUNTY, GEORGIA

By: _____

By: _____
Osborn Nesbitt, Sr., Chairman

Attest:

Attest:

Corporate Secretary or Assistant
Corporate Secretary

Jennifer Rutledge, County Clerk

Approved as to form:

M. Qader A. Baig, County Attorney

SUBCONTRACTORS

Instructions: Type or clearly print all information.

NAME, ADDRESS, & PHONE NUMBER OF SUBCONTRACTOR	SUBCONTRACT WORK ITEM	DOLLAR VALUE OF SUBCONTRACT WORK
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
6.		

Representative's Signature: _____ Date: _____

PROPOSAL CHECKLIST

_____ **Bid Bond in the Amount of 5% of the Total Bid Amount**

Note: Performance Bond, Payment Bond, and Proof of Insurance coverage are required after contract award.

_____ **TWO (2) HARDCOPIES (one (1) original, one (1) photocopy), and ONE FLASH DRIVE (containing a copy of the Proposal and the Price Proposal in Adobe PDF format) of the following documents: all documents shall be fully completed, signed, and dated:**

_____ **Proposal Form (See Page 16)**

_____ **Contractor's Qualifications Statement & Questionnaire (See Pages 31-35)**

_____ **Subcontractors (See Page 42)**

_____ **Any Proposed Deviations from the Required Scope of Work, Including Necessary Explanations and Conditions**

_____ **All Applicable Affidavit Forms (See Pages 17-22)**

_____ **Proof of Business License**

_____ **Proof of Georgia General Contractor License**

_____ **Proof of GDOT Prequalification**

The purpose of this checklist is to remind proposers of the documents generally required for the proposal submittal. It is the proposer's responsibility to include additional documents requested in the proposal that may not be shown on the checklist.