

# Request for Quote, No. 21-111 Lawn Care Maintenance

April 2, 2021

BID DUE DATE
Tuesday, May 4, 2021, at 2:30 p.m. EST.

# OPENING DATE Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 2:45 p. m. EST. Via Zoom- Meeting ID#92876848454

https://zoom.us/j/92876848454

Bids shall only be accepted online through the Bonfire Portal at:

https://brookhavenga.bonfirehub.com/projects/view/41801

Any bid submitted in any other format (email, paper, fax, mail, etc.) will not be accepted.

#### **Instructions to Bidders:**

- 1. All communications regarding this solicitation must be with the Purchasing Manager, Shakera Hall, shakera.hall@brookhavenga.gov.
- 2. All questions or requests for clarification must be sent via Bonfire under Message Opportunity Q&A: <a href="https://brookhavenga.bonfirehub.com/projects/view/41801">https://brookhavenga.bonfirehub.com/projects/view/41801</a>. Questions are due no later than **Tuesday**, **April 13**, **2021**, **at 4:00 p.m. EST**. Questions received after this date and time may not be answered.
- 3. Questions and clarifications will be answered in the form of an addendum. Any addenda, schedule changes, and other important information regarding the solicitation related to this solicitation will be posted on Bonfire website at and it is the Offeror's responsibility to <a href="https://brookhavenga.bonfirehub.com/projects/view/41801">https://brookhavenga.bonfirehub.com/projects/view/41801</a> check the Bonfire portal for any addendum or other communications related to this solicitation.
- 4. The City of Brookhaven reserves the right to reject all bids and to waive technicalities and informalities, and to make award in the best interest of the City of Brookhaven.
- 5. The City of Brookhaven is not responsible for any technical difficulties. It is highly recommended that all potential contractors submit their quotes prior to the due date of this solicitation.

#### **EXHIBIT A**

#### SPECIFICATIONS AND SCOPE OF WORK

## Scope:

The City of Brookhaven is seeking (2) two Contractor(s) to provide lawn care maintenance service to (36) thirty-six FEMA lots located within the City. Lot will be equally divided amongst each Contractor.

# **Specifications:**

Each Contractor will be responsible for (18) eighteen lots throughout the term of the contract. The Contractor shall furnish all labor, equipment, tools and materials to cut grass and provide maintenance services according to the specifications.

# \*\*Lots will be equally divided amongst each Contractor.

#### **Street Addresses**

2148 Drew Valley Road, NE Brookhaven, GA. 30319
2154 Drew Valley Road, NE Brookhaven, GA. 30319
2158 Frew Valley Road, NE Brookhaven, GA. 30319
2166 Drew Valley Road, NE Brookhaven, GA. 30319
2173 Drew Valley Road, NE Brookhaven, GA. 30319
2387 Drew Valley Road, NE Brookhaven, GA. 30319
2390 Drew Valley Road, NE Brookhaven, GA. 30319
2396 Drew Valley Road, NE Brookhaven, GA. 30319
2402 Drew Valley Road, NE Brookhaven, GA. 30319
2402 Drew Valley Road, NE Brookhaven, GA. 30319
2406 Drew Valley Road, NE Brookhaven, GA. 30319
2407 Drew Valley Road, NE Brookhaven, GA. 30319
2411 Oostanaula Road, NE Brookhaven, GA. 30319
2292 Burch Circle, NE Brookhaven, GA. 30319
2238 Burch Circle, NE Brookhaven, GA. 30319
2304 Burch Circle, NE Brookhaven, GA. 30319
2310 Burch Circle, NE Brookhaven, GA. 30319
2301 Poplar Springs Drive, NE Brookhaven, GA. 30319
2319 Poplar Springs Drive, NE Brookhaven, GA. 30319
2327 Poplar Springs Drive, NE Brookhaven, GA. 30319
2333 Poplar Springs Drive, NE Brookhaven, GA. 30319
2335 Nesbitt Drive, NE Brookhaven, GA. 30319

2329 Nesbitt Drive, NE Brookhaven, GA. 30319 2339 Nesbitt Drive, NE Brookhaven, GA. 30319 2342 Nesbitt Drive, NE Brookhaven, GA. 30319 2361 Bynum Road, NE Brookhaven, GA. 30319 2380 Bynum Drive, NE Brookhaven, GA. 30319 3129 Buford Hwy Brookhaven, GA. 30319 3131 Buford Hwy Brookhaven, GA. 30319 1740 Dresden Drive Brookhaven, GA. 30319 1748 Dresden Drive Brookhaven, GA. 30319 1351 Victor Road Brookhaven, GA. 30319 2652 South Bamby Lane Brookhaven, GA. 30319 2668 South Bamby Lane Brookhaven, GA. 30319 1743 Clairmont Way Brookhaven, GA. 30319 1755 Clairmont Way Brookhaven, GA. 30319 1763 Clairmont Way Brookhaven, GA. 30319 2345 Ewing Drive Brookhaven, GA. 30319

\*\*\*\*\*\**END EXHIBIT A* \*\*\*\*\*

# **EXHIBIT B**

# QUOTE SCHEDULE RFQ 21-111, Lawn Care Maintenance

Service Period	Description	Number of Lots	Year Total
2 times a month (April- September) 1 time a month (March & October) and as requested	Basic Growing Season Lawn Maintenance to include but not limited to: Mowing, edging, blowing, weed removal. All sidewalks and driveways blown and clear of debris. Removal of all trash and discarded items in lawn prior to mowing.	18	
1 time a month (October - December) and as requested	Basic Fall Maintenance to include but not limited to blowing and any necessary mowing and tree debris removal. All sidewalks and driveways, blown and clear of debris. Leave and debris removal when necessary.	18	
Grand Total for Ye	ear		

# **EXHIBIT B**

# QUOTE SCHEDULE RFQ 21-111 Lawn Care Maintenance

Total Base Quote Amount:
Total Base Quote Amount in Words:
Contractor:
Signature:
Print:
Date:
THIS PAGE MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED AS A PART OF YOUR QUOTE

#### **CONTRACT FOR RFQ 21-111**

#### **Lawn Care Maintenance**

This <b>CONTRACT</b> made and e	ntered into this _	day of	, 2021 by and between
the City of Brookhaven, (Party	of the First Part,	hereinafter calle	ed the "City"), and -
	Party of the Seco	ond Part, hereina	ifter called the "Service
Provider" or "Contractor").	-		

**NOW THEREFORE,** for and in consideration of the mutual promises and obligations contained herein and under the conditions hereinafter set forth, the parties do hereby agree as follows:

#### 1. TERMS:

The services to be performed under this Contract shall commence upon the date stated in the notice to proceed letter. The contract period for this contract is for the duration of the project. Upon the completion of the full scope of work the contract shall terminate absolutely and without further obligation as required by O.C.G.A. §36-60-13, as amended, unless terminated earlier in accordance with the provisions of this Contract.

#### 2. ATTACHMENTS:

The following documents are attached and are specifically incorporated herein by reference; and, along with this Contract and the General Conditions attached as <u>Exhibit C</u> encompass all of the **Contract documents:** 

Exhibit A: Specifications and Scope of Work (RFQ 20-113 reference herein).

Exhibit B: Quote Schedule Exhibit C: General Conditions.

Exhibit D: Georgia Security and Immigration Compliance Affidavit.

Exhibit E: Ouote Document: References

#### 3. PERFORMANCE:

Service Provider agrees to furnish all skill and labor of every description necessary to carry out perform, perform the services in accordance with the Contract Documents (the "Work").

#### 4. PRICE:

The City agrees to pay the Service Provider following receipt by the City of a detailed invoice reflecting the actual work performed by the Service Provider, provided, however, Service Provider guarantees that the maximum price for materials, labor, and expenses, shall be the amount reflected in Exhibit B.

#### 5. INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS:

[See Section 13 of Exhibit C. --- General Conditions]

Service Provider further agrees to protect, defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the CITY, its council members, officers, agents, and employees from and against any and all claims or liability for compensation under the Worker's Compensation Act arising out of injuries sustained by any employee or subcontract of the Service Provider, as allowed under the law.

#### 6. TERMINATION FOR CAUSE:

The City may terminate this Contract for cause upon ten (10) days prior written notice to the Service Provider of the Service Provider's default in the performance of any term of this Contract. Such termination shall be without prejudice to any City's rights or remedies provide by law.

#### 7. TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE:

The City may terminate this Contract for its convenience at any time upon 30 days written notice to the Service Provider. In the event of the City's termination of this Contract for convenience, the Service Provider will be paid for those services actually performed. Partially completed performance of the Contract will be compensated based upon a signed statement of completion to be submitted by the Service Provider who shall itemize each element of performance.

#### 8. TERMINATION FOR FUND APPROPRIATION:

The City may unilaterally terminate this Contract due to lack of funding at any time by written notice to the Service Provider. In the event of the City's termination of this Contract for fund appropriation, the Service Provider will be paid for those services actually performed. Partially completed performance of the Contract will be compensated based upon a signed statement of completion to be submitted by the Service Provider which shall itemize each element of performance.

#### 9. CONTRACT NOT TO DISCRIMINATE:

During the performance of this Contract, the Service Provider will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, color, sex, national origin, age, or disability which does not preclude the applicate or employee from performing the essential functions of the position. The Service Provider will also, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by qualified applicants, consider the same without regard to race, creed, color, sex, national origin, age, or disability which does not preclude the applicant from performing the essential functions of the job. The Service Provider will cause the foregoing provisions to be inserted in all subcontracts for any work covered by this Contract so that such provision will be binding upon each sub-service providers for standard commercial supplies of raw materials.

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#### 11. ASSIGNMENT:

The Service Provider shall not sublet, assign, transfer, pledge, convey, sell or otherwise dispose of the whole or any part of this Contract or his right, title, or interest therein to any person, firm, or corporation without the previous consent of the City in writing.

#### 12. WAIVER:

A waiver by either party of any breach of any provision, term, covenant, or condition of this Contract shall not be deemed a waiver of any subsequent breach of the same or any other provision, term, covenant, or condition.

#### 13. SEVERABILITY:

The parties agree that each of the provisions included in this Contract is separate, distinct and severable from the other and remaining provisions of this Contract and that the invalidity of any Contract provision shall not affect the validity of any other provision or provisions of this Contract.

#### 14. GOVERNING LAW:

The parties agree that this Contract shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Georgia. This Contract has been signed in DeKalb County, Georgia.

#### 15. MERGER CLAUSE:

The parties agree that the terms of this Contract included the entire Contract between the parties, and as such, shall exclusively bind the parties. No other representations, either oral or written, may be used to contradict the terms of this Contract.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** the parties hereto, acting through their duly authorized agents, have caused this **CONTRACT** to be signed, sealed and delivered.

Signatures on the following page.

# Brookhaven, GEORGIA

		Arthur Ernst, Jr. r City of Brookhaven, Georgia
	S	Susan Hiott City Clerk
		ED AS TO FORM:
SERVICE PROVIDER:		h., City Attorney
Signature		Date
Print Name		
Print Title		
ATTEST:		Date
Signature		
Print Name		
Print Title		

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#### 1. SCOPE OF WORK

The Contract will be to provide services to the City in accordance with the Contract Documents. All work shall be performed in accordance with the Scope of Services attached hereto as Exhibit A.

#### 2. REGULATIONS

- 2.1 The Service Provides shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules and regulations pertaining to the performance of the work specified herein.
- 2.2 The Service Provider shall obtain all permits, licenses, and certificates, or any such approvals of plans or specifications as may be required by Federal, State, and local laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations, for the proper execution of the work specified herein.
- 2.3 During the performance of this Contract, the Service Provider shall keep current and, if requested by the City, provide copies of any and all licenses, registrations or permits required by applicable governing agencies, The Service Provider shall keep a copy of any and all licenses, registrations, and permits on the job site while performing the Contract work.
- 2.4 The Service Provider will comply with the City of Brookhaven's Financial Management and Purchasing Policies.
- 2.5 Service Provider will complete all work in accordance with all applicable legal requirements, including but not limited to O.C.G.A. § 50-5-63, as applicable.

#### 3. WORK HOURS

- **3.1** Work hours will be determined by the respective designee appointed by the City Manager.
- 3.2 In the event an emergency condition is declared by the City's Manager of his respective designee, the Contractor will perform work during such hours as requested by the City.
- 3.3 The City may order the Service Provider to suspend, delay, or interrupt all or any part of the work on for such a period of time as he may determine appropriate for the convenience of the City. The time for completion of the work shall be extended by the number of days they work is suspended. The City shall not be responsible for any claims, damages or costs stemming from any delay of the work.

#### 4. SERVICE PROVIDER'S PERSONNEL

- 4.1 The Service Provider will abide by all State and Federal regulations on wages and hours of an employee dealing with the employment relationship between the Service Provider and its subsidiaries or related parties and its employees, including but not limited to the Federal National Labor Relations Act, the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act, the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, and the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- 4.2 The Service Provider shall require all prospective employees to show proof of citizenship, or proof from the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service of valid entry permits and/or work permits for legal aliens and proof that such legal aliens are eligible to be employed in the United States. This includes any requirement for participation in the DHS e-Verify or SAVE program.

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- 4.3 Should the Service Provider engage employees who are illiterate in English, it will be the Service Provider's responsibility and obligation to train such employees to be able to identify and understand all signs and notices in and /or around the areas that relate to them or the services being performed by them pursuant to this Contract. In addition, the Service Provider will have someone in attendance at all times who can communicate instructions to said employee.
- 4.4 The Service Provider shall maintain a drug-free workplace within the meaning of the Georgia Drug-free Workplace Act. No employee shall be hired by a Service Provider for work on the City's premises prior to such employee having tested negative for drugs. In addition, existing employees have tested negative for drugs. In addition, existing employees of the Service Provider must be subject to drug testing by the Service Provider upon reasonable suspicion of drug use. Results of all such drug tests are to be retained by the Service Provider. Copies shall be provided to the City if requested.
- 4.5 The Service Provider shall transfer promptly from the City any employee or employees that the City advises are not satisfactory and replace such personnel with employees satisfactory to the City; but in no event shall the City be responsible for monitoring or assessing the suitability of any employee or agent of the Service Provider.
- 4.6 The Service Provider's employees shall be instructed that no gratuities shall be solicited or accepted for any reason whatsoever from the tenants, customers or other persons at the City.
- 4.7 A valid driver license (Commercial Driver License, if applicable) will be required of all personnel operating motor vehicles or motorized equipment on roadways in or around the City.
- 4.8 While working on city property all Service Provider's employees shall wear neat-appearing business casual attire or uniforms with the company name and/ or logo and footwear of a style that complies with all legal and safety requirements, including and without limitation, the requirements of OSHA.
- 4.9 Designation of Supervisor-the Service Provider shall designate an experienced Supervisor ("Supervisor") acceptable to the City for all purposes related to the work. The initial Supervisor shall be (TBD).
  - 4.9.1 The Supervisor shall be fully responsible for the Service Provider meeting all of its obligations under this Contract. The Supervisor shall provide the City with an appropriate status report on the progress of the project.
  - 4.9.2 The Supervisor shall be available, as reasonably required, to be on-site during necessary times. Such times shall be discussed between the Supervisor and the City, but the final required times will be the City's discretion.
  - 4.9.3 In the event that the designated Supervisor terminates employment with the Service Provider or is requested by the City to be removed from the role of Supervisor (as provided in Section 4.5), the position shall be assumed by an individual with equivalent qualifications, experience, and knowledge. Such replacement shall require the City's prior approval.
- 4.10 The process by which the implementation partner requests the removal of a team member from the project. If a Service Provider replaces a proposed team member, the Service Provider shall replace that team member of similar experience. The City reserves the

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right to accept or reject any proposed or replacement team member, with or without cause, at any time during the duration of the project.

#### 5. TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT

It shall be the sole responsibility of the Service Provider to provide for all tools, parts, and equipment necessary to perform work under this Contract.

#### 6. PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

- 6.1 The Service Provider shall perform all of its obligations and functions under the Contract in accordance with the Contract specifications and industry standards. The Service Provider shall adjust and coordinate its activities to the needs and requirements of the City and perform its activities so as not to annoy, disturb, endanger, unreasonably interfere with or delay the operations or activities of the City.
- 6.2 The Service Provider's personnel shall perform work in compliance with all Federal, State, and City of Brookhaven regulations.
- Dates for commencement and completion of work shall be coordinated with the City's Authorized Representative (CAR).
- Any work required beyond that which is specified herein shall be reported in advance to the City. At no time shall work beyond the scope be performed without prior written authorization from the City.
- 6.5 The Service Provider shall utilize maximum safety procedures. Tools and equipment will be in a good state of repair, safe to use, and be used in the manner in which they were intended. The Service Provider is required to inform all workers and concerned persons of the Material Safety Data on all products being utilized on this project. No materials or equipment will be left unattended at any time.

#### 7. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

- 7.1 In the course of performing the contract work, the Service Provider may gain access to security-sensitive and other sensitive information of the City.
- 7.2 The Service Provider agrees to hold all City data and information in confidence and to make such information known only to its employees and subcontracts who have a legitimate need to know such information and only after advising such persons of the Service Provider's non-disclosure obligations.
- 7.3 The Service Provider shall seek the City's prior written consent before using for any purpose other than the fulfillment of the Service Provider's obligations hereunder, or before releasing, disclosing, or otherwise making such information available to any other person.
- 7.4 The Service Provider shall employ such practices and take such actions to protect the City's information from unauthorized use or disclosure as the Service

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Provider employs and takes to protect its own information, but in no event shall the Service Provider use less than reasonable efforts to protect the City's information.

7.5 The provisions of this Section shall survive the expiration or earlier termination of the Contract.

#### 8. USE OF PREMISES

During the progress of the work specified herein, to the extent any work is performed on the City's premises, the Service Provider shall keep the premises free from accumulation of waste materials, and other debris resulting from, work and about the premises as well as tools, equipment, machinery and surplus material, and leave the site clean and ready for occupancy by the City.

#### 9. SAFETY AND PROTECTION

The Service Provider shall be solely and completely responsible for initiating, maintaining and supervising all safety precautions for the safety of, and shall provide the necessary protection to prevent damage, injury or loss to all employees on the worksite and other persons including, but not limited to, the general public who may be affected thereby.

#### 10. COMPENSATION – INVOICE AND PAYMENT FOR SERVICES

- 10.1 The City shall pay the Service Provider, subject to any authorized deductions, the applicable prices set forth for each service authorized by the City, and actually delivered or performed, as the case may be, by the Service Provider to the satisfaction and acceptance, as appropriate, of the City. The timing of such payments shall be as set forth below in the Section.
- 10.2 The Service Provider shall invoice with such supporting documentation and other backup material as the City may reasonably require. The Service Provider shall provide the Proof of Payment attached as an Exhibit hereto, indicating all subcontractors have paid, with each invoice.
- 10.3 The Service Provider shall deliver to the City approval and acceptance, and before eligible for final payment of any amounts due, all documents and material prepared by the Service Provider for the City under this Contract.
- 10.4 The City shall pay the undisputed amount of the Service Provider's invoice, as it may be reduced to reflect unsubstantiated or unsatisfactory service. Items in dispute shall be paid upon the resolution of the dispute. No verification or payment of any amounts invoiced shall preclude the City from recovering any money paid in excess of that due under the terms of this Contract.
- 10.5 The Service Provider shall be obligated to pay promptly all proper charges and costs incurred by the Service Provider for labor and expenses incurred for the work performed hereunder. The City shall have the right, but not the obligation, to pay directly to third parties (including subcontractors) all past due amounts owed by the Service Provider to third parties for labor and materials used for the work

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hereunder, based on invoices submitted by such third party, and all such amounts paid by the City shall be applied toward, and shall reduce, amount owed to Service Provider hereunder.

10.6 The Service Provider shall submit all invoices City of Brookhaven Public Works Department electronically to <a href="mailto:pwadmin@Brookhavenga.gov">pwadmin@Brookhavenga.gov</a> and copy to

City of Brookhaven, GA, Accounts Payable, 4362 Peachtree Road NE, Brookhaven, GA 30319.

- 10.7 The Service Provider will agree to comply with the City of Brookhaven's Financial Policies and Purchasing Policy, to the extent applicable.
- 10.8 The Service Provider agrees that the compensation provided herein shall be full and final settlement of all claims arising against Brookhaven for work done, materials furnished, costs incurred or otherwise arising out of this contract and shall release the City from any and all further claims related to the payment for services and materials furnished in connection with this Agreement.
- 10.9 The Service Provider and City agree that in any event a provision of this Contract pertaining to the time of payment, the rate of payment, and any rates of interest differs from any provision of the Prompt Pay Act, such provision of the Prompt Pay Act are hereby waived and said Contract provision shall control. The City shall not be responsible for any interest penalty or for any late payment.

#### 11. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS

- 11.1 The Service Provider shall perform its obligations and functions hereunder in compliance with the applicable laws of the United States, the State of Georgia, DeKalb County, the City of Brookhaven, any applicable rules, regulations or directives of any agency thereof, and the applicable regulations of the City. OSHA rules and regulations shall be followed at all times. The City shall have the right (but not the obligation) to contest or challenge by any means whatsoever any law, regulation, rule or directive which in any way affects or otherwise impacts upon the Service Provider's performance of its obligations and functions hereunder; the Service Provider shall cooperate to the fullest extent and take whatever action (including becoming a party in any litigation) the City should reasonable request in connection with any such challenge or contest by the City.
- 11.2 The Service Provider shall obtain and keep current all licenses, permits and authorizations, whether municipal, county, state or deferral, required for the performance of its obligations and functions hereunder and shall pay promptly when due all fees, therefore.
- 11.3 The Service Provider shall abide by all applicable state and federal regulations pertaining to wages and hours of employees; including but not limited to the Service Provider's compliance with requirements of O.C.G.A. 13-10-91 AND Rule 300-104-1-.02.

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#### 12. SERVICE PROVIDER'S LIABILITY

The Service Provider shall be responsible for the prompt payment of any fines imposed on the city or the Service Provider by any other federal, state or local governmental agency as a result of the Service Provider's, or its subcontractor's (or the officers' directors', employees' or agents' of either), failure to comply with the requirements of any law or any governmental agency rule, regulation, order or permit. The liability of the Service Provider under this Section 12 is in addition to and in no way a limitation upon any other liabilities and responsibilities which may be imposed by applicable law or by the indemnification provision of Section 13 hereof, and such liability shall survive the expiration or earlier termination of this Contract.

#### 13. INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE

The Service Provider shall, to the extent allowed under Georgia law, indemnify, 13.1 defend and hold completely harmless the City, and the members (including, without limitation, members of the City's Council, and members of the boards and of the City), officers, employees and agents of each, from and against any and all liabilities (including statutory liability and liability under Workers' Compensation Laws), losses, suits, claims, demands, judgments, fines, damages, costs and expenses (including all costs for investigation and defense thereof, including, but not limited to, court costs, paralegal and expert fees and reasonable attorneys' fees) which may be incurred by, charged to or recovered from any of the foregoing by (i) reason or on account of damage to or destruction or loss of any property of the City, or any property of, injury to or death of any person resulting from or arising out of or in connection with the performance of this Contract, or the acts or omissions of the Service Provider's directors, officers, agents, employees, subcontractors, licensees or invitees, in connection with the performance of this contract regardless of where the damage, destruction, injury or death occurred, unless such liability, loss, suit, claim, demand, judgment, fine, damage, cost or expense was proximately caused solely by the City's negligence or by the joint negligence of the City and any person other that the Service Provider or the Service Provider's directors, officers, agents, employees, subcontractors, licensees, or invitees, or (ii) arising out of or in connection with the failure of the Service Provider to keep, observe or perform any of the covenants or agreements in this Contract which required to be kept, observed or performed by the Service Provider, or (iii) arising out of or in connection with any claim, suit, assessment or judgment prohibited by Section 13.4 below by or in favor of any person described in Section 13.5 below, or (iv) arising out of or in connection with any action by Service Provider or its directors, officers, agents, employees, subcontractors, licensees or invitees. The City agrees to give the Service Provider reasonable notice of any suit or claim for which indemnification will be sought hereunder, to

allow the Service Provider or its insurer to compromise and defend the same to the extent of its interest, and to reasonably cooperate with the defense of any such suit or claim. In carrying out its obligations under this section, the Service Provider shall engage counsel reasonably acceptable to the City. In any suit,

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action, proceeding, claim or demand brought in respect of which the City may pursue indemnity, the City shall have the right to retain its own counsel, but the fees and expenses of such counsel shall be at the expense of the City unless (1) the Service Provider and the City shall have mutually agreed to the contrary, (2) the Service Provider has failed within a reasonable time to retain counsel reasonably satisfactory to the City, or (3) the City and the Service Provider are both name parties in any such proceeding and, in the sole judgment of the City, representation of both the City and the Service Provider by the same counsel would be inappropriate due to actual or potential differing interests between them. The indemnification provisions of Section 14 shall survive the expiration or earlier termination of this Contract with respect to any acts or omissions occurring during the term of the Contract. Notwithstanding anything contained in the foregoing indemnity, any claim for indemnity by the City for claims of thirds parties alleging harm due to the professional services provided by Service Provider, to the fullest extent permitted by law, Service Provider shall indemnify City from and against losses, damages, and judgments arising from such claims by third parties, including reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses recoverable under applicable law, but only to the extent they are found to have been caused by a negligent act, error or omission of Service Provider or its sub-Service Providers in the performance of professional services under this Agreement.

- 13.2 In addition to indemnification provisions stated above, if the City's use of any service, software, firmware, programming, or other item provided by or on behalf of the Service Provider is enjoined due to infringement of another person or entity's intellectual property rights, the Service Provider shall promptly, at its sole cost and expense, modify the infringing item so that it no longer infringes, procure for the City the legal right to continue using the infringing item, or procure for the City a non-infringing replacement item having equal or greater functional capabilities as the infringing item.
- 13.3 The Service Provider shall assume all responsibility for loss caused by neglect or violation of any state, federal, municipal or agency law, rule, regulation or order. The Service Provider shall give to the proper authorities all required notices relating to its performance, obtain all official permits and licenses, and pay all proper fees and taxes. It shall promptly undertake proper monetary restitution with respect to any injury that may occur to any building, structure or utility in consequence of its work. The Service Provider will notify the City in writing of any claim made or suit instituted against the Service Provider because of its activities in the performance of the Contract.
- 13.4 No recourse under or upon any obligation, covenant or agreement contained in this Contract, or any other agreement or document pertaining to the work or services of the Service Provider hereunder, as such may from time to time be altered or amended in accordance with the provisions hereof, or any judgment obtained against the City, or by the enforcement of any assessment or by any legal or equitable proceeding by virtue of any statute or otherwise, under or

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independent of this Contract, shall be had against any member (including without limitation members of the City's Council, or members of the citizens advisory committees of each), any officer, employee or agent, as such, past, present, or future of the City, either directly or through the City or otherwise for any claim arising out of or in connection with this Contract or the work or services conducted pursuant to it, or for any sum that may be due and unpaid by the City. Any and all personal liability of every nature, whether at common law or in equity, or by statue or by constitution or otherwise, of any such member, officer, employee, or agent, as such, to respond by reason of any act or omission on his or her part or otherwise for any claim arising out of or in connection with this Contract or the work or services conducted pursuant to it, or for the payment for or to the City, or any receiver therefore or otherwise, or any sum that may remain due and unpaid by the City, is expressly waived and released as a condition of and in consideration of the execution of this Contract and the promises made to the Service Provider pursuant to this Contract.

- 13.5 In any and all claims against the City, or any of their officers, members, agents, servants or employees, by any employee of the Service Provider, any subcontractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable, the indemnification obligation of the Service Provider under this Section 13 shall not be limited in any way by any limitation on the amount or type of damages, compensation or benefit payable by or for the Service Provider or any subcontractor under Workers' Compensation Acts, disability benefit acts or other employee benefit acts.
- 13.6 No provisions of Section 13 herein shall be construed to negate, abridge, or otherwise reduce any other right of indemnity that the City may have as to any party or person described therein.

#### 13.7 Insurance

- 13.7.1 General Liability and Automobile Liability. The Service Provider shall purchase and maintain in force during the term of the Contract, at its own cost and expense, to protect the Service Provider, the City, and the members (including, without limitation, all members of the governing City's Council and the citizens' advisory committees of each), officers agents, and employees of each, from and against any and all liabilities arising out of or in connection with the Service Provider's performance of the Contract work:
  - (1) Commercial general liability insurance with coverage of not less than ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000.00) combined single limit per occurrence, and with contractual liability coverage for Service Provider's covenants to and indemnification of the City under the Contract, and
  - (2) Automobile liability insurance with policy limits of not less than ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000.00) combined single limit per

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accident or occurrence covering each motor vehicle operated on City property.

- 13.7.1.1 Self-Insured Retention. Service Provider's commercial general liability insurance policies shall not be subject to a self-insured retention exceeding \$10,000, if the value of the Contract is less than \$1,000,000, and not be subject to a self-insured retention exceeding \$100,000 if the Contract is \$1,000,000 or more unless approved by the City Manager. Service Provider's automobile liability insurance policies shall not be subject to a self-insured retention exceeding \$10,000 unless approved by the City Manager.
- 13.7.1.2 Additional Insured Endorsement. Service Provider agrees and shall cause the City their member (including, without limitation, members of the City's Council and members of the citizens' advisory committees of each), officers, employees, and agents to be named as additional insured's under such policy or policies of commercial general and automobile liability insurance.
- 13.7.1.2 Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability. If Service Provider has any employee working on City property, Service Provider shall procure and maintain in force during the term of the Contract (i) workers' compensation insurance, and (ii) employer's liability insurance. The policy limits of the Service Provider's employer's liability insurance shall not be less than \$100,000 for "each employee." If the Service Provider is self-insured, the Service Provider shall provide proof of self-insurance and authorization to self-insure as required by applicable state laws and regulations.
- 13.7.3 Professional Liability Insurance. The Service Provider shall purchase and maintain in force during the term of the Contract, Professional Liability insurance which will pay for damages arising out of errors or omissions in the rendering, or failure to render professional services under the Contract in the amount of at least ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000.00) per claim. Such insurance must contain nose and tail coverage to include work performed by the Service Provider from the project's inception date and until such time as the Statute of Limitations has run for the work done on the project.
- 13.7.4 Health Insurance. Not applicable.
- 13.7.5 Garage Liability Insurance. Not applicable.
- 13.7.6 Garage Keeper's Legal Liability Insurance. Not applicable.
- 13.7.7 Crime Coverage. Not applicable.
- 13.7.8 Pollution Liability Insurance. Not applicable.

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- 13.7.9 Deductibles. The Service Provider's policies of insurance required by this Section 13.7 may require the Service Provider's payment of a deductible, provided the Service Provider's insurer is required to pay claims from the first dollar at 110% of the claim value without any requirement that the Service Provider pays the deductible prior to its insurer's payment of the claim.
- 13.7.10 Other Insurance Requirements. All insurance policies required by this Section 13.7 shall be provided that they are primary insurance with respect to any other valid insurance the City may possess and that any other insurance the City does possess shall be considered excess insurance only. All such insurance shall be carried with a company or companies which meet the requirements of Section 14.2 of these General Conditions and said policies shall be in a form satisfactory to the City. A properly completed and executed Certificate of Insurance on a form provided or approved by the City (such as a current ACORD certificate of insurance) evidencing the insurance coverage required by this Section shall be furnished to the City upon the Service Provider shall provide the City with at least thirty (30) days' prior written notice of any adverse material change in the Service Provider's required insurance coverage except that ten (10) days' notice of cancellation for non-payment is required. For purposes of this Section 13.7.10, and "adverse material change" shall mean any reduction in the limits of the insurer's liability, any reduction, non-renewal or cancellation of any insurance coverage, or any increase in the Service Provider's selfinsured retention. Prior to the expiration of any such policy, the Service Provider shall file with the City a certificate of insurance showing that such insurance coverage has been renewed. If the insurance coverage is canceled or reduced, the Service Provider shall, within five (5) days after such cancellation or reduction in coverage, file with the City a certificate showing that the required insurance has been reinstated or provided through another insurance company or companies approved by the City. If the Service Provider fails to obtain or have such insurance reinstated, the City may, if it so elects, and without waiving any other remedy it may have against the Service Provider, immediately terminate this Contract upon written notice to the Service Provider. The City Manager shall have the right to alter the monetary limits or coverage herein specified from time to time during the term of this Contract, and the Service

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Provider shall comply with all reasonable requests of the City Manager with respect thereto.

#### 14. LIABILITY INSURANCE

#### 14.1 N/A

14.2 Liability Insurance Companies furnishing insurance coverage required by these General Conditions shall (a) be approved to issue insurance policies in the State of Georgia, and (b) must have no less than a "B+" Financial Rating and a Financial Size Category of "Class VI" or higher according to the most current edition of A.M. Best's Insurance Reports. If the liability insurer is rated by A.M. Best's Insurance Reports at an "A-Financial Rating and a Financial Size Category of "Class VIII" or higher than the City Manager may waive the requirement for the insurer to be approved by the State of Georgia.

#### 15. CONTRACT ADJUSTMENTS

- Notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, the City reserves the right to modify at any time the nature, method, scope, frequency, or timing of the Service Provider's obligations under this Contract (Contract Adjustments) in whatever manner it determines to be reasonably necessary for the proper completion of the Service Provider's work hereunder. Both parties agree that, should any Contract Adjustments be made, the Service Provider's compensation will be adjusted accordingly, in such amount or amounts as will be mutually agreed to by means of good-faith negotiation by the City and Service Provider and, to the extent possible, by reference to any unit costs already established in the Proposal. Without exception, all deletion or additions to the scope of work will be set forth in a written Amendment to this Contract.
- Notwithstanding the foregoing, the City shall have the right to terminate this Contract herein should the Service Provider and the City fail to reach agreement on the adjusted compensation within thirty (30) days after the date of the Contract Adjustment.
- Notwithstanding the foregoing, there shall be no upward adjustment of the compensation on account of any Contract Adjustment made necessary or appropriate as a result of the mismanagement, improper act, or other failure of the Service Provider, its employees, agents, or its subcontractors to properly perform its obligations and functions under this Contract.

#### 16. SUBCONTRACTORS

The Service Provider shall perform all of its obligations and functions under this Contract by means of its own employees, or by a duly qualified subcontractor which is approved in advance by the City. Such subcontractor which is an affiliate, parent, or subsidiary company; or had principal owners, relative, management, or employees common to the Service Provider; or any other party that has the ability to significantly influence the management or daily business operations of the subcontractor must be disclosed in writing to the City Manager. Goods and services provided by subcontractors which are reimbursed by the City must be bona fide arm's-lengths transactions. In the event a subcontractor is employed, the Service Provider shall

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continuously monitor the subcontractor's performance, shall remain fully responsible to ensure that the subcontractor performs as required and itself performs or remedy any obligations or functions which the subcontractor fails to perform properly.

Nothing contained herein shall be construed to prevent the Service Provider from using the services of a common carrier for delivering goods to the City. The City approves the sub-Service Providers listed in the Statement of Qualifications.

- This Contract shall be referred to and incorporated within any contractual arrangement between the Service Provider and a subcontractor and, in such contractual arrangement; the subcontractor shall give its express written consent to the provisions of this Section 16. To the extent feasible, the provisions of this Contract shall apply to any such subcontractor in the same manner as they apply to the Service Provider. However, such application shall neither make any subcontractor a party to this Contract nor make such subcontractor a third-party beneficiary hereof.
- In the event that the Service Provider employs a subcontractor, then the City may require that copies of invoices for all work (including invoices submitted to the Service Provider for work performed by a subcontractor) shall be submitted to the City by the Service Provider and the City shall pay all compensation to the Service Provider. It shall be the sole responsibility of the Service Provider to deal with a subcontractor with respect to the collection and submission of invoices and the payment of compensation. In no event shall the City have any obligation or liability hereunder to any subcontractor, including, in particular, any obligations of payment.

#### 17. DEFAULT AND TERMINATION

- 17.1 In the event that:
- 17.1.1 the Service Provider shall fail to keep, perform or observe any of the promises, covenants or agreements set forth in this Contract (provided that notice of the first failure shall have been given to the Service Provider, but whether or not the Service Provider shall have remedied any such failure); or
- the Service Provider shall fail to keep, perform or observe any promise, covenant, or agreement set forth in this Contract, and such failure shall continue for a period of more than five (5) days after delivery to the Service Provider of a written notice of such breach or default; or
- 17.1.3 the Service Provider's occupational or business license shall terminate, or the Service Provider shall fail to provide the City with any bond, letter of credit, or evidence of insurance as required by the Contract Documents, for any reason; or
- 17.1.4 the Service Provider fails for any reason to provide the City with an acceptable renewal or replacement bond or letter of credit within the time period specified by a provision for this Contract; or
- 17.1.5 the Service Provider shall become insolvent, or shall take the benefit of any present or future insolvency statute, or shall make a general assignment for the benefit of creditor, or file a voluntary petition in bankruptcy or a petition or

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answer seeking an arrangement for its reorganization, or the readjustment of its indebtedness under the Federal Bankruptcy laws, or under any other law or statute of the United States or any State thereof, or shall consent to the appointment of a receiver, trustee or liquidator of all or substantially all of its property; or

- the Service Provider shall have a petition under any part of the Federal Bankruptcy laws, or an action under any present or future insolvency laws or statute filed against it, which petition is not dismissed within thirty (30) days after the filing thereof; or
- 17.1.7 there is an assignment by the Service Provider of this Contract or any of the Service Provider's rights and obligations hereunder for which the City has not consented in writing; or
- 17.1.8 the Service Provider shall default on any other agreement entered into by and between Service Provider and the City, then, in its discretion, the City shall have the right to terminate this Contract for default, which termination shall be effective upon delivery of written notice of such termination to the Service Provider. In the event that the City terminates this Contract for default, or the Service Provider abandons or wrongfully terminates the Contract, the Service Provider shall be paid for compensation earned to the date of termination or abandonment (but the City shall have the right to reduce by off-set any amounts owed to the Service Provider hereunder or under any other Contract or obligation by the amount of the City's damages and any amounts owed by the Service Provider to the City), but the Service Provider shall not be compensated for any profits earned or claimed after the receipt of the City's notice of termination by default or after abandonment or wrongful termination. The City's election to terminate or not to terminate this Contract in part or whole for the Service Provider's default shall in no way be construed to limit the City's right to pursue and exercise any other right or remedy available to it pursuant to the terms of the Contract or otherwise provided by law or equity.
- Notwithstanding anything else herein contained, the City may terminate this Contract in whole or in part at any time for its convenience by giving the Service Provider thirty (30) days written notice. In that event, the Service Provider shall proceed to complete any part of the work, as directed by the City, and shall settle all its claims and obligations under the Contract, as directed by the City. The Service Provider shall be compensated by the City in accordance with the provisions hereof, including in particular Section 2 of these General Conditions, provided, however, that in no event shall Service Provider be entitled to compensation for work not performed or for anticipatory profits. Service Provider shall justify its claims, as requested by the City, with accurate records and data.
- Bankruptcy and Liquidation In the event the Service Provider (1) makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors, or petition or apply to any tribunal for the appointment pf a custodian, receiver, or trustee for all or a substantial part of its assts; (2) commences any proceeding under any bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, readjustment of debt, dissolution, or liquidation law or statute of any

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jurisdiction whether now or hereafter in effect; (3) has had any such petition or application filed or any such proceeding commenced against it in which an order for relief is entered or an adjudication or appointment is made, and which remains undismissed for a period of sixty(60) days or more; (4) takes any corporate action indicating its consent to, approval of, or acquiescence in any such petition, application, proceeding, or order for relief or the appointment of a custodian, receiver, or trustee for all or substantial part of its assets; or (5) permits any such custodianship, receivership, or trusteeship to continue undischarged for a period of sixty (60) days or more causing the Service Provider or any third party, including, without limitation, a trustee in bankruptcy, to be empowered under state or federal law to reject this Contract or any agreement supplementary hereto, the City shall have the following rights:

- (i) In the event of a rejection of this Contract or any agreement supplementary hereto, the City shall be permitted to retain and use any back-up or archival copies of the software licensed hereunder under this Agreement for the purpose of enabling it to mitigate damages caused to the City because of the rejection of this Contract. The City shall exert reasonable efforts to mitigate such damage by use of such back-up or archival copies.
- (ii) In the event of rejection of this Contract or any agreement supplementary hereto, the City may elect to retain its rights under this Contract or any agreement supplementary hereto as provided in Section 365(n) of the Bankruptcy Code.

Upon written request of the City to, as applicable, the Service Provider or the bankruptcy trustee or receiver. The Service Provider or such bankruptcy trustee or receiver shall not interfere with the rights of the City as licensee as provided in this Contract or in any agreement supplementary hereto to obtain the Source Material(s) form the bankruptcy trustee and shall, if requested, cause a copy of such Source Material (s) to be available to the City.

(iii) In the event of rejection of this Contract or any agreement supplementary hereto, the City may elect to retain its rights under this Contract or any agreement supplementary hereto as provided in section 365(n) of the Bankruptcy Code without prejudice to any of its rights of setoff with respect to this Contract under the Bankruptcy Code or applicable non-bankruptcy law; or In the event of a rejection of this Contract or any agreement supplementary hereto, the City may retain its rights under this Contract or any agreement supplementary hereto as provided in section 365(n) of the Bankruptcy Code without prejudice to any of its right under section 503(b) of the Bankruptcy Code.

#### 18. CITY'S AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

During the term of this Contract, the City manager or designee may from time to time designate an individual to serve as the City's Authorized Representative (CAR) and an Assistant CAR designated to serve in that capacity in the absence of the CAR, who shall have such authority to act on the City's behalf as the City Manager may from time to time actually delegate to such person, but in no event shall the CAR have authority to

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modify or terminate this Contract, or make final decisions with respect to amendments, time extensions, assignments, cost or payment adjustments or payment disputes.

#### 19. ASSIGNMENT

Neither this Contract nor any of the Service Provider's rights or obligations hereunder may be assigned by the Service Provider without the City's prior written consent, which consent may be granted or withheld at the City's sole discretion. Any transfer of this Contract by merger, consolidation or liquidation (unless the stock of the Service Provider is traded on a national stock exchange or in a generally recognized over the counter securities market) any change in ownership of a power to vote a majority of the outstanding voting stock or ownership interests of the Service Provider shall constitute an assignment of this Contract for purposes of this Section. In the event the Service Provider assigns or subcontracts or attempts to assign or subcontract any right or obligation arising under this Contract without City's prior written consent, the City shall be entitled to terminate this Contract pursuant to the provisions of Section 17 hereof.

#### 20. NOTICES

- 20.1 Unless otherwise stated herein, all notices or other writings which the City is required or permitted to give to the Service Provider may be hand-delivered, mailed via U.S. Certified Mail or sent next-day delivery by a nationally-recognized overnight delivery service to the Service Provider's address set forth in the Proposal. Any such notice shall be deemed to have been delivered upon actual delivery, or one (1) day following submission to a nationally-recognized overnight delivery service for next day delivery to the Service Provider, or three (3) days following submission to the Service Provider by U.S. Certified Mail.
- 20.2 Unless otherwise stated herein, all notices or other writings which the Service Provider is required or permitted to give to the City may be hand-delivered to the City Manager, mail via U.S. Certified Mail. Or sent next-day delivery by a nationally-recognized overnight delivery service for next day delivery to City or three (3) days following submission to the City by U.S. Certified Mail. Any such notice shall be sent to:

Service Provider:	

City of Brookhaven, GA ATTN: City Manager 4362 Peachtree Road NE Brookhaven, GA 30319

Either party may change its notice address by written notice to the other given as provided in this section.

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#### 21. NONDISCRIMINATION

- 21.1 During the performance of this Contract, the Service Provider, for itself, its assignees and successors in interest agrees as follows:
  - 21.1.1 Compliance with Regulations. The Service Provider shall comply with the Law and Regulations as they may be amended from time to time (hereafter referred to as the "Regulations"), which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this Contract.
  - 21.1.2 Nondiscrimination. The Service Provider, with regard to the work performed by it during the Contract, shall not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in the selection and retention of any subcontractor, including procurement of materials and leases of equipment. The Service Provider shall not participate either directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by the Regulations.
  - 21.1.3 Solicitations for Subcontracts, Including Procurement of Materials and Equipment. In all solicitations either by competitive proposing or negotiation made by the Service Provider for work to be performed under a subcontract, including procurement of materials or leases of equipment, each potential subcontractor or supplier shall be notified by the Service Provider of the Service Provider's obligations under this Contract and the Regulation relative to nondiscrimination on the grounds of race, color or national origin.
  - 21.1.4 Information and Reports. The Service Provider shall provide all information and reports required by the Regulations or directives issued pursuant thereto and shall permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources or information, and its facilities as may be determined by the City to be pertinent to ascertain compliance with such regulations, orders, and instructions, the Service Provider shall so certify to the City, as appropriate, and shall set forth what efforts it has made to obtain the information.
  - 21.1.5 Sanctions for Noncompliance. In the event of the Service Provider's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination provisions of this Contract, the City shall impose such Contract Sanctions as it may determine to be appropriate, including but not limited to:
  - 21.5.1 Withholding of payments to the Service Provider under the Contract until the Service Provider complies, and/or
  - 21.5.2 Cancellation, termination or suspension of the Contract, in whole or in part.
  - 21.1.3 Incorporation of Provisions, The Service Provider shall include the provisions of subsections 21.1.1 through 21.1.5 in every subcontract, including procurement of materials and leases of equipment, unless exempt by the Regulations or directives issued pursuant thereto. The Service Provider shall take such action with respect to any subcontractor

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procurement as the City may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance. Provided, however, that in the event the Service Provider becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or supplier as a result of such direction, the Service Provider may request the City to enter into such litigation to protect the interest of the City and, in addition, the Service Provider may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

21.2 The Service Provider assures the City that it will comply with the pertinent statutes, Executive Orders and such rules as are promulgated to assure that no person shall, on the grounds of race, creed, color, national origin sex, age, marital status, or handicap be excluded from participating in any activity conducted with or benefiting from Federal assistance. This provision shall bind the Service Provider from the period beginning with the initial solicitation through the completion of the Contract.

#### 22. COPYING DOCUMENTS

The Service Provider hereby grants the City and its agent's permission to copy and distribute any and all materials and documents contained in, comprising, or which are otherwise submitted to the City with or in connection with the Service Provider's Proposal or which are contained in the Contract Documents (the "Submittals"). The permission granted by the Service Provider shall be on behalf of the Service Provider and any and all other parties who claim any rights to any of the materials or documents comprising the Submittals. Such permission specifically authorizes the City and its agents to make and distribute such copies of the Submittals or portions thereof as may be deemed necessary or appropriate by the City for its own internal purposes or for responding to requests for copies from any member of the public regardless of whether the request is specifically characterized as a public records request pursuant to Georgia Code. This provision shall survive the expiration or termination of the Contract.

#### 23. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 23.1 The Contract Documents consist of the Contract, the Proposal Forms, the Instructions to Proposers, Request for Qualifications, all Addendum(s) issued prior to execution of this Contract, these General Conditions, and Specifications. Together, these documents comprise the Contract and all the documents are fully a part of the Contract as if attached to the Contract or repeated herein. Precedence of the Contract Documents shall be as follows: (i) addendum(s) to the Contract Documents, (ii) the Contract, (iii) the General Conditions, (iv) the Scope of Work in Exhibit A, (v) the Request to Quote, and (vii) the Quote Form.
- 23.2 This Contract represents the entire agreement between the parties in relation to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings between such parties relating to such subject matter, and there are no contemporaneous written or oral agreements, terms or representation made by any party other than those contained herein. No verbal or written representations shall be relied upon outside the Contract

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terms and amendments. Without exception, all deletions or additions to the scope of work will be set forth in a written amendment to this Contract. No amendment, modification, or waiver of this Contract, or any part thereof, shall be valid or effective unless in writing signed by the party or parties sought to be bound or charged therewith; and no waiver of any breach or condition of this Contract shall be deemed to be a waiver of any other subsequent breach or condition, whether of a like or different nature.

- 23.3 The Service Provider shall, during the term of this Contract, repair any damage caused t real or personal property of the City and/or its tenants, wherever situated, caused by the intentional, reckless, or negligent acts or omissions of the Service Provider's officers, agents, or employees, and any subcontractors and their officers, agents, or employees, or, at the option of the City, the Service Provider shall reimburse the City for the cost of repairs thereto and replacement thereof accomplished by or on behalf of the City.
- 23.4 The Service Provider warrants to the City that no work performed or materials purchased pursuant to the Contract, whether by, from, or through the Service Provider or a subcontractor, shall cause any claim, lien or encumbrance to be made against any property of the City, and the Service Provider shall indemnify and save the City harmless from and against any and all losses, damages and const, including attorneys' fees, with respect thereto. If any such claim, lien or encumbrance shall be filed, the Service Provider shall, within thirty (30) days after notice of the filing thereof, cause the same to be discharged of record by payment, deposit, bond, an order of a court of competent jurisdiction or otherwise. This provision shall survive the expiration or termination of the Contract.
- 23.5 The language of this Contract shall be construed according to its fair meaning, and not strictly for or against either the City or the Service Provider. This Contract shall be deemed to be made, construed and performed according to the laws of the State of Georgia. Any suit or proceeding initiated for the purpose of interpreting or enforcing any provision of this Contract or any matter in connection therewith shall be brought exclusively in a court of competent jurisdiction in Dekalb County, Georgia, and the Service Provider waives any venue objection, including, but not limited to, any objection that a suit has been brought in an inconvenient forum. The Service Provider agrees to submit to the jurisdiction of the Georgia courts and irrevocably agrees to acknowledge service of process when requested by the City.
- 23.6 The section headings herein are for the convenience of the City and the Service Provider and are not to be used to construe the intent of this Contract or any part thereof or to modify, amplify, or aid in the interpretation or construction of any of the provisions hereof.
- 23.7 The use of any gender herein shall include all genders, and the use of any number shall be construed as the singular or the plural, all as the context may require.
- 23.8 The delay or failure of the City at any time to insist upon performance of any of the terms, conditions, and covenants herein shall not be deemed a waiver of that breach or

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any subsequent breach or default in the terms, conditions, or covenants of this Contract. The Service Provider shall not be relieved of any obligation hereunder on account of its failure to perform by reason of any strike, lockout, or other labor disturbance.

- 23.9 If the City shall, without any fault, be made a party to any litigation commenced between the Service Provider and a third party arising out of the Service Provider's operations and activities at the premises, then the Service Provider shall pay all costs and reasonable attorney's fees incurred by or imposed upon the City in connection with such litigation for all trial and appellate proceedings. The City shall give prompt notice to the Service Provider of any claim or suit instituted against it by such third party. The provisions of this Section supplement and are not intended to be in lieu of the indemnification provisions of Section 5 hereof. The provisions of this Section shall survive the acceptance of the services and payment, therefore, and the expiration or earlier termination of this Contract.
- 23.10 The City shall have the right to recover from the Service Provider all of the City's costs and expenses incurred in enforcing the provisions of this Contract including, but not limited to, (1) the cost of administrative investigation and enforcement (including, without limitation, audit fees and costs, attorneys' fees) and (2) the cost of any trial, appellate or bankruptcy proceeding (including, without limitation, investigation costs, audit fees and costs, attorney's fees, court costs, paralegal fees and expert witness fees). This provision shall survive the expiration or termination of the Contract.
- 23.11 The Service Provider shall not during the term of the Contract knowingly hire or employ (on either a full-time or part-time basis) any employee of the City.
- 23.12 The Service Provider shall be required, during the term of the Contract at no additional cost to the City, to take such reasonable security precaution with respect to its operations at City Hall as the City in its discretion may from time to time prescribe. The Service Provider shall comply with all regulations, rules, and policies of any governmental authority, including the City, relating to security issues.
- 23.13 The City may, but shall not be obligated to, cure, at any time, upon five (5) days written notice to the Service Provider (provided, however, that in any emergency situation to the City shall be required to give only such notice as is reasonable in light of all the circumstances), any default by the Service Provider under this Contract; whenever the City so cures a default by the Service Provider, all costs and expenses incurred by the City in curing the default, including but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees, shall be paid by the Service Provider to the City on demand.
- 23.14 The City shall, in its discretion, be entitled to deduct from the compensation to which the Service Provider is otherwise entitled hereunder, an amount equal to any liabilities of the Service Provider to the City which is then outstanding. In the event that additional work beyond the scope of this Contract is requested by the City Manager and it results in any extra charges to the City, the Service Provider shall so advise the City in writing of the amount of the extra charges. The City is not required to pay any extra charges for additional work unless such work and the charges, therefore, have been approved in

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advance and have been confirmed in writing within twenty-four (24) hours by the City Manager, in his or her exclusive discretion.

- 23.15 The Service Provider is an Independent Service Provider, and nothing contained herein shall be construed as making the Service Provider an employee, agent, partner or legal representative of the City for any purpose whatsoever. The Service Provider acknowledges that it does not have any authority to incur any obligations or responsibilities on behalf of the City and agrees not to hold itself out as having any such authority. Nothing contained in this Contract shall be construed to create a joint employer relationship between the City and the Service Provider with respect to any employee of the Service Provider or of its subcontractors.
- The Service Provider and its subcontractors if any, shall maintain complete and accurate books and records in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, consistently applied, and shall be in a form reasonably acceptable to the City Manager or designee. The Service Provider and its subcontractors shall account for all expenses of any nature related to transactions in connection with the Contract in a manner which segregates in detail those transactions from other transactions of the Service Provider and subcontractors and which support the amounts reported and /or invoiced to the City. At a minimum, the Service Provider's and subcontractor's accounting for such expenses and transactions shall include such records in the form of electronic media compatible with or convertible to a format compatible with computers utilized by the City at its offices; a computer run hard copy; or legible microfilm or microfiche, together with access to the applicable reader. All such books and records and computerized accounting systems shall upon reasonable notice from the City be make available in Dekalb County, Georgia, for inspection, examination, audit and copying by the City through and by its duly authorized representatives at any time for up to four (4) years after the year to which books and records pertain. Such inspection, examination, or audit may include but is not limited to a review of the general input, processing and output controls of information systems, using read-only access, for all computerized applications used to record financial transactions and information. The Service Provider and subcontractor shall freely lend its own assistance in a timely manner in making such inspection, examination, audit, or copying and, if such records are maintained in electronic and other machine-readable formats, shall provide the City and/or its representative such assistance as may be required to allow complete access to such records. The City Manager may require the Service Provider and subcontractors to provide other records the City Manager, in his or her sole discretion, deems necessary to enable the City to perform an accurate inspection, examination or audit of expenses incurred in and transactions related to performance of this Contract. Such records shall be provided within thirty (30) days or request thereof. In the event that expenses incurred or reimbursed are found by such inspection, examination, or audit to have been overpaid, the Service Provider and its subcontractors agree that such amounts shall be payable to the City. If, prior to the expiration of the above-state four (4) year record retention period, an audit or investigation is commenced by the City, or any claim is made or litigation commenced relating to this Contract by the City, the Service Provider, or third party, the Service Provider shall continue to maintain all such records, and the City shall continue to have the right to inspect such records in

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the manner stated above, until the inspection, examination, audit, claim, or litigation is finally resolved (including the determination of any and all appeals or the expiration of time for an appeal). This provision shall survive the expiration or earlier termination of this Contract. In the event of any conflict between any provision of this Contract and generally accepted accounting principles or generally accepted auditing standards, the provisions of this Contract shall control even where this Contract references such provisions or standards. In particular, without limitation, the Service Provider and subcontractors shall maintain all records required under this Contract to the full extent required hereunder, even if some or all such records would not be required under such generally accepted accounting principles or auditing standards. If as a result of an inspection, examination or audit, it is established that amounts are due from the Service Provider to the City, the Service Provider shall forthwith, upon written demand from the City, pay the City such amount, together with interest on the amount due at the rate of twelve (12%) percent per annum, or if less, the maximum rate of interest allowed by law, from the date such additional amounts were overpaid by the City. Further, if such inspection, examination or audit establishes that the Service Provider has overbilled such amounts for any Contract period by two (2%) percent or more, then the entire expense of such inspection, examination or audit shall be paid by the Service Provider.

- 23.17 The Service Provider and subcontractors shall prepare and provide the City with all detailed reports as required under the Contract on a timely basis. The City reserves the right to modify the reporting procedures or the form and content of any report as it deems necessary.
- 23.18 There are no third-party beneficiaries to this Contract, and nothing contained herein shall be construed to create such.
- 23.19 Time is of the essence for the performance of each of the Service Provider's obligations under this Contract.
- 23.20 In computing any period of time established under this Contract, except as otherwise specified herein the word "days" when referring to a period of time is ten (10) days or less means business days, and when referring to a period of time that is more than ten (10) days means calendar days. The day of the event, from which the designated period of time begins to run shall not be included. A business day is any day other than Saturday, Sunday, or Federal, State of Georgia or City holidays.
- 23.21 The Service Provider agrees to perform all acts and execute all supplementary instruments or documents which may be reasonably necessary to carry out or complete the transaction(s) contemplated by this Contract.
- 23.22 The City reserves the right to further develop, improve, repair and alter the facilities and all roadways, and parking areas, as it may reasonably see fit, free from any and all liability to the Service Provider for loss of business or damages of any nature whatsoever to the Service Provider occasioned during the making of such improvements, repairs,

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alterations and additions, including, but not limited to, any damages resulting from negligence of the City or its employees, agents or Service Providers.

- 23.23 The Service Provider and the City hereby mutually waive any claim against each other and their respective members, officials, officers, agents and employees for damages (including damages for loss of anticipated profits) caused by any suit or proceedings brought by either of them or by any third party directly or indirectly attacking the validity of this Contract or any part thereof, or any addendum or amendment hereto, or the manner in which this Contract was solicited, awarded or negotiated, or arising out of any judgment or award in any suit or proceeding declaring this Contract, or any addendum or amendment hereto, null, void or voidable or delaying the same, or any part thereof, from being carried out.
- 23.24 At the option of the Service Provider, the products and/or services provided under the Contract resulting from this solicitation may be provided to other governmental agencies, including the State of Georgia, its agencies, political subdivisions, counties and cites under the same terms and conditions, including price, as such products and/or services are provided under this Contract. Each governmental agency allowed by the Service Provider to purchase products and/or services in connection with this Contract shall do so independent of the City or any other governmental entity. Each agency shall be responsible for its own purchases and shall be liable only for goods and services ordered, received and accepted by it. The City shall have no liability to Service Provider or any governmental agency resulting from the purchase by that agency of products and /or services from the Service Provider in connection with this Contract.

#### 24. GRATUITIES, REBATES, OR KICKBACKS.

- 24.1 GRATUITIES. It shall be unethical for any person to offer, give or agree to give any employee or official of the City or for any employee or official of the City to solicit, demand, accept from another person, a gratuity, rebate, loan, offer of employment or other services or property of value in connection with any decision, approval, disapproval, recommendation or preparation of any part of a program requirement or a purchase request including the content of any specification or procurement standard, rendering of advice, investigation, auditing or in any other advisory capacity in any particular matter, pertaining to any program requirement or a Contract or subcontract, or to any solicitation or proposal therefore in any manner inconsistent with the State of Georgia's Department of Administrative Services Gratuity Policy. Rebates normally or routinely offered to customers in the ordinary course of business for the purchase of goods and services are acceptable and are the property of the City.
- 24.2 KICKBACK AND REBATES. It shall be unethical for any payment, gratuity, or offer of employment to be made by or on behalf of a subcontractor to this Contract to the prime contract or higher tie subcontractor, or any person associated therewith, as an inducement for a subcontractor or order.

\*\* END OF GENERAL CONDITIONS\*\*



# EXHIBIT D GEORGIA SECURITY AND IMMIGRATION COMPLIANCE ACT AFFIDAVIT

Contractor(s) Name:	
Address:	
10-91, stating affirmatively that the individual to participate in, and is participating in the fed	erson or entity verifies its compliance with O.C.G.A. § 13-, firm, or corporation which is registered with, is authorized eral work authorization program commonly known as E-wisions and deadlines established in O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91.
program throughout the contract period, and it	es that it will continue to use the federal work authorization will contract for the physical performance of services in tractors who present an affidavit to the undersigned with the b).
	es to maintain records of such compliance and provide a rookhaven within five (5) business days after any h service.
E Verify TM Company Identification Number	Date of Authorization
BY: Authorized Officer or Agent (Name of Person or Entity)	Date
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME ON THIS THE	
DAY OF , 202_	
Notary Public	[NOTARY SEAL]
My Commission Expires:	

<sup>\*</sup> or any subsequent replacement operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security or any equivalent federal work authorization program operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security to verify information of newly hired employees, pursuant to the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (IRCA), P.L. 99-603.

#### 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 subsubcontractor, 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	
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME ON THIS THE	
, DAY OF, 202_	
	[NOTARY SEAL]
Notary Public	
My Commission Expires:	

End of Exhibit D.



## EXHIBIT E REFERENCES RFQ 21-111, Lawn Care Maintenance

Please provide as references, the names of at least three (3) local corporate clients you have served for at least three (3) years.

1.	Company Name:	
	Address:	
	Contact:	Phone:
2.	Company Name:	
	Address:	
	Contact:	Phone:
3.	Company Name:	
	Address:	
	Contact:	Phone: