



**ITB 23-119
Everett Park Trail**

August 30, 2023

**Mandatory: Pre-Bid Site Visit
Wednesday, September 13, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.
at Everett Park 5106 Klondike Road
Stonecrest, Georgia 30038**

**BID DUE DATE and OPENING DATE:
Tuesday, October 3, 2023, at 2:30 p.m. EST.**

**Bids shall only be accepted online through the Bidnet Portal at:
<https://www.bidnetdirect.com/georgia/cityofstonecrest>**

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 Coordinator, Susan Angelo, sangelo@stonecrestga.gov.
2. All questions or requests for clarification must be sent via Bidnet under Message - Opportunity Q&A: <https://www.bidnetdirect.com/georgia/cityofstonecrest>. Questions are due no later than **Wednesday September 20, 2023, 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 Bidnet website at and it is the Offeror's responsibility to <https://www.bidnetdirect.com/georgia/cityofstonecrest>. check the Bidnet portal for any addendum or other communications related to this solicitation.
4. The City of Stonecrest 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 Stonecrest.
5. The City of Stonecrest 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

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GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. Invitation to Bid Submission Requirements

To be entitled to consideration, bids must be submitted electronically at <https://www.biddirect.com/georgia/cityofstonecrest>

2. Preparation of Bids

- 2.1** If there is any question whatsoever regarding any portion of the instructions or specifications, it shall be the Supplier's responsibility to seek clarification immediately from the City of Stonecrest Purchasing Department during the question period stated herein. **It shall be the Supplier's responsibility to check <https://www.biddirect.com/georgia/cityofstonecrest> for any/all addendum(s).** Answer(s) to all questions will be given after the deadline for questions has expired and posted to the City of Stonecrest Bidnet portal.
- 2.2** The apparent silence of the specifications and any supplement specifications as to any details or the omission from it of a detailed description concerning any point shall be regarded as meaning that only the best commercial practices are to prevail and that only materials of first quality and correct type, size and design are to be used. All workmanship is to be of the best quality. All interpretations of specifications shall be made upon the basis of this statement.
- 2.3** No reimbursement will be made by the City for any costs incurred prior to a formal notice to proceed should an award of contract result from this solicitation. The proposal must be signed by an official authorized to bind the Supplier.
- 2.4** The City of Stonecrest desires delivery of the material or services specified at the earliest possible time after the date of award. An unreasonable delivery proposal may be cause for disqualification of a bid. Each bidder shall state a definite time and avoid using the terms ASAP or approximately so many days.
- 2.5** The City reserves the right to accept or reject any and all responses and to waive technicalities as deemed to be in the best interest of the City. The City reserves the right to request additional information from a respondent(s) as deemed necessary to analyze responses.
- 2.6** Any variation from the specifications must be clearly stated by the bidding company in writing and submitted with the proposal.

3. Category of Award

The following bid shall be awarded to one "responsive" bidder on a total lump sum price basis. Unit prices and extensions will be verified, and totals checked. Unit price extension and net total must be shown.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

4. City of Stonecrest Non-Discrimination

The City does not discriminate on the basis of race, age, sex, national origin, religion, or disabilities and is an equal opportunity employer. Minority and women-owned businesses are encouraged to apply.

5. Business Enterprises

The City strongly encourages Small Business firms to participate in this ITB.

6. Insurance

Within 10 days of execution of this Agreement, and at all times that this Contract is in force, the Contractor shall obtain, maintain and furnish the City Certificates of Insurance from licensed companies doing business in the State of Georgia with an A.M. Best Rating A-6 or higher and acceptable to the City covering:

A. Statutory Workers' Compensation Insurance

a. Employers Liability:

Bodily Injury by Accident - \$1,000,000 each accident

Bodily Injury by Disease - \$1,000,000 policy limit

Bodily Injury by Disease - \$1,000,000 each employee

B. Comprehensive General Liability Insurance

a. \$1,000,000 limit of liability per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage
Owner's and Contractor's Protective

b. Blanket Contractual Liability

c. Blanket "X", "C", and "U"

d. Products/Completed Operations Insurance

e. Broad Form Property Damage

f. Personal Injury Coverage

C. Automobile Liability

a. \$ 500,000 limit of liability

b. Comprehensive form covering all owned, non-owned and hired vehicles.

D. Umbrella Liability Insurance

a. \$1,000,000 limit of liability

b. Coverage at least as broad as primary coverage as outlined under Items 1, 2 and 3 above.

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- E. The City of Stonecrest, Georgia, and its subcontractors and affiliated companies, their officers, directors, employees shall be named on the Certificates of Insurance as additional insured and endorsed onto the policies for Comprehensive General Liability, Automobile Liability and Umbrella Liability insurance maintained pursuant to this Contract in connection with liability of the City of Stonecrest and their affiliated companies and their officers, directors and employees arising out of Contractor's operations. Copies of the endorsements shall be furnished to the City upon execution of this Agreement. Such insurance is primary insurance and shall contain a Severability of Interest clause as respects each insured. Such policies shall be non-cancelable except on thirty (30) days written notice to the City. Any separate insurance maintained in force by the additional insured named above shall not contribute to the insurance extended by Contractor's insurer(s) under this additional insured provision.

General Requirements and Qualifications

A copy of the City's standard contract is attached as an exhibit to this ITB. Once the ITB is submitted, the material terms of this contract ARE NOT NEGOTIABLE. Failure to agree to the terms of the Agreement after award of bid shall authorize the City to reject bidder.

Other Considerations

1. All materials submitted in response to this ITB become the property of the City and will be returned only at the option of the City. The City reserves the right to use any or all ideas presented in any response to the ITB, and selection or rejection of the proposal does not affect this right.
2. Until the City acts formally to approve a contract, and until such contract is signed by both parties, the City is not legally obligated in any respect.
 - 1) The successful responder must maintain all licenses, permits, certifications, and other authorizations necessary to provide the needed services as required by federal, state, or local laws.
 - 2) The successful responder will be required to indemnify, defend and hold the City, its officers and employees harmless from and against all losses, claims, suits or judgments, including payment of attorneys' fees and costs, incurred or asserted against the City as a result of or arising from the firm's negligent acts or omissions. This provision of a contract resulting from this ITB will survive the expiration or termination of the contract.
 - 3) During the Selection Process, the City reserves the right for any reason deemed appropriate by the City: to waive portions of the ITB; to waive any minor informality in the bids; to reject all bids; to terminate the ITB; and to issue a new ITB.

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Award of Contract

The Purchasing Department will open the bids and prepare a register of those responders submitting proposals. All proposals shall remain firm for forty-five (45) calendar days after the bid opening.

Before awarding the ITB, the City may request additional information from Responders. The City reserves the right to reject any and all Proposals if it determines that the criteria set forth has not been met or for any other reason in its sole discretion.

Bid Rejections

The City reserves the right to accept or reject any and all responses and to waive technicalities as deemed to be in the best interest of the City.

Bids will be rejected from any party (as an individual or as part of a partnership or entity) who:

- Is delinquent in the payment of property or other taxes with Stonecrest;
- Is delinquent in the payment of a loan(s) with the City;
- Has had property acquired through foreclosure or a judgment within the past ten (10) years.
- Has outstanding judgments or debts owed to the City;
- Has been convicted of a felony that affects property or neighborhood stability, health, safety or welfare.

Public records and tax and court records will also be checked prior to award of contract. If these conditions exist, the City may terminate the Contract.

Disclaimer/Reservation of Rights

The City does not make representations or warranties, express or implied, as to the accuracy and/or completeness of the information provided in this ITB.

The City reserves the right to extend the deadline for submission of Bids, to request supplementary information, to conduct interviews with any or all of the bidder's submitting proposals, to waive minor informalities, and to reject any or all proposals, in whole or in part, if in its sole judgment the best interests of the City would be served in doing so. The city will reject any and all proposals when required to do so by applicable law.

SPECIFICATIONS AND SCOPE OF WORK

INTRODUCTION, BACKGROUND, AND ITB PROCESS

Introduction

The City of Stonecrest, Georgia (the “City”) is seeking competitive bids for ITB 23-119 Everett Park Trail from responsible bidders.

Background

Stonecrest is a community of sixty thousand (60,000) people that was incorporated in 2017. The City is located along Interstate 20 roughly three (3) miles east of I-285 (“The Perimeter”) and twenty (20) miles east of Downtown Atlanta. Stonecrest is in the southeastern portion of Dekalb County and is bordered by Rockdale County to the east, Henry County to the south, and the City of Lithonia and unincorporated Dekalb County to the north and west.

I-20 separates the City into a northern area which includes residential neighborhoods, commercial development along Covington Highway, industrial parks that date to the 1960s and active quarries that predate incorporation by 130 years. South of I-20 features regional retail and lodging, suburban neighborhoods, and substantial outdoor recreation areas. Welcoming to all, Stonecrest is proud to be one of the largest majority African American cities in Georgia.

Much of the City’s commercial core south of I-20 was master planned by Cadillac Fairview, a development company that purchased more than fourteen hundred (1,400) rural acres in the 1980s and opened the 1.3 million square foot Mall at Stonecrest in 2001. Cadillac Fairview is no longer involved in the project, but the Mall is well occupied and evolving. Much of the land around the mall remains undeveloped, including approximately three hundred (300) acres controlled by a private developer via a bond-for-title arrangement with the Stonecrest Development Authority.

One of the defining features of Stonecrest is the two thousand five hundred fifty (2,550) acre Davidson-Arabia Mountain Nature Preserve, a stunning natural area with hiking trails, thirty (30) miles of paved multi-use paths, lakes, and the granite monadnock of Arabia Mountain itself. The broader, forty thousand (40,000) acre Arabia Mountain National Heritage Area contains many additional assets including the historic African American community of Flat Rock, active quarry, and a Trappist monastery. Other notable assets in the City include Emory Hillandale Hospital, the South River, and a number of formerly County-owned parks and recreation facilities.

Invitation to Bid Process

This solicitation is an Invitation to Bid (ITB). In using this method for solicitation, we are asking the marketplace for its best effort in seeking a “best value” solution to our requirement. The bids(s) submitted by the Supplier will be evaluated by an evaluation committee. Suppliers should make their best effort to satisfy the requirements at their best price because a contract may be awarded based on the initial evaluation. Essentially, if a Supplier’s proposal is not evaluated as having a chance for contract award because of the content of the proposal and/or the price, the proposal will be removed from the competitive process to save time and money for both the Supplier and City of Stonecrest.

SPECIFICATIONS AND SCOPE OF WORK

II. SCOPE OF WORK

Contract Duration:

Sixty (60) days

Project Description and Scope:

This project is to provide a 1.5-mile (7920 feet) trail 6-foot-wide and loops around the hilled woodland area of Everett Park. The trail is to be lined with 4-to-6-inch caliber trees (cut from park). Trail mix is to be placed within the borders at a depth of 1 inch.

1.5-mile trail (Trail is flagged)

Work to include the following:

1. Remove all trees, down limbs, vines, and stones from 1.5-mile designated areas.
 - a. Mulched material can be left onsite.
2. Remove all vines within 2 feet of both sides of the designated trail.
3. Place a 10 foot long - 12 in. wide PVC pipe in low line areas (4).
4. Fill in all holes in designated trail area.
5. Properly prune tree limbs up 12 ft. within designated trail area.
6. Line trail with 4-to-6-inch caliber trees.
 - a. Trees are to be cut down from the park.
 - b. Dogwoods are not permitted (will be flagged).
7. Provide a 1-inch mixture Trail Mix (Slate rock and slate dust mixed).

**INFORMATION REQUESTED TO ASSIST
IN THE DETERMINATION OF RESPONSIBILITY**

Bidders shall provide the following information on attached sheets; this information shall be submitted with the bid in the format specified. Provide the response, to each section of the information, on a separate sheet of paper, preferably typewritten, and attached to the bid at the time it is submitted. Failure to provide information requested in complete and accurate detail may result in rejection of the bid.

1) History and Organizational Structure of the Firm

Provide a cover letter introducing the company and including the corporate name, address and telephone number of the corporate headquarters and local office. **The name and phone number of one individual who will be the company's primary contact with the City of Stonecrest for contract negotiation and the name of the project manager.** A brief history of the company and the present organizational structure of the firm describing the management organization, permanent employees by discipline, and this project's coordination structure; if the firm is a partnership, indicate the name of all partners; if incorporated indicate where and when. If the Contractor has changed names or incorporation status within the last five (5) years, then please list all of such preceding organizations and a brief reason for the change. Contractor shall also provide a business license indicating that the Contractor can conduct business in Dekalb County, Georgia. Further, Contractor shall provide documentation showing that the Contractor is properly registered to conduct business in the State of Georgia. Contractor acknowledges and agrees that any business license and registration must remain current for the duration of the contract and such documents are material term to this agreement.

2) References

List as references (names, addresses, contact persons and toll-free phone numbers) a minimum of three (3) government municipalities or other clients of similar size and nature to City of Stonecrest for which a project comparable to the scope of this project was completed.

3) Subcontractors

Indicate the names and addresses and degree of utilization of any and all subcontractors which would be used in the performance of this contract.

4) Previous Default

Indicate if you or any predecessor organization have ever defaulted on a contract or denied a bid due to non-responsibility to perform. If so, provide the facts and circumstances. If your firm or any successor organization is now involved in any litigation or in the past ten (10) years have been involved in litigation with owners, please list the parties to the litigation, the civil action number and a brief explanation of the matter.



EXHIBIT E
GEORGIA SECURITY AND IMMIGRATION COMPLIANCE ACT AFFIDAVIT

Contractor(s) Name: _____

Address: _____

By executing this affidavit, the undersigned person or entity verifies its compliance with O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91, stating affirmatively that the individual, firm, or corporation which is registered with, is authorized to participate in, and is participating in the federal work authorization program commonly known as E-Verify,* in accordance with the applicable provisions and deadlines established in O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91.

The undersigned person or entity further agrees that it will continue to use the federal work authorization program throughout the contract period, and it will contract for the physical performance of services in satisfaction of such contract only with subcontractors who present an affidavit to the undersigned with the information required by O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91(b).

The undersigned person or entity further agrees to maintain records of such compliance and provide a copy of each such verification to the City of Stonecrest within five (5) business days after any subcontractor(s) is/are retained to perform such service.

E Verify™ 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 _____, 20__

Notary Public

[NOTARY SEAL]

My Commission Expires: _____

*** 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 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

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN
BEFORE ME ON THIS THE

_____ DAY OF _____, 202_

[NOTARY SEAL]

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: _____

DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE

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

The undersigned further certifies that:

(1) A drug-free workplace will be provided for the Service Provider’s employees during the performance of the Contract; and

(2) Each Service Provider who hires a subcontractor to work in a drug-free workplace shall secure from the subcontractor the following written certification:

“As part of the subcontracting agreement with _____ (Service Provider), _____(subcontractor) certifies to the Service Provider that a drug-free workplace will be provided for the subcontractor’s employees during the performance of this Contract pursuant to paragraph (7) of the subsection (b) of Code Section 50-24-03.”

Also, the undersigned further certifies that he/she will not engage in the unlawful manufacture, sale, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance or marijuana during the performance of the Contract.

Company Name

BY: Authorized Officer or Agent Date
(Service Provider Signature)

Title of Authorized Officer or Agent of Service Provider

Printed Name of Authorized Officer or Agent

PURCHASING POLICY ADDENDUM

I, _____, hereby certify that I have received a copy of the City of Stonecrest, GA, Purchasing Policy which can be found at <https://www.stonecrestga.gov/Procurement.aspx> and agree to comply with all requirements of the City of Stonecrest, GA Purchasing Policy to the extent the policy is applicable to the undersigned.

BY: Authorized Officer or Agent Date
(Service Provider Signature)

Title of Authorized Officer or Agent of Service Provider

Printed Name of Authorized Officer or Agent Date

AFFIDAVIT VERIFYING STATUS FOR CITY PUBLIC BENEFIT APPLICATION

By executing this affidavit under oath, as an applicant for a City of Stonecrest, Georgia Business License or Occupation Tax Certificate, Alcohol License, Taxi Permit, execution of contract or other public benefit as referenced in O.C.G.A. § 50-36-1, I am stating the following with respect to my application for a City of Stonecrest license/permit and /or contract for

[Name of natural person applying on behalf of individual, business, corporation, partnership, or other private entity]:

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 O.C.G.A. § 16-10-20.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

* Alien Registration number for non-citizens: _____

**** PLEASE INCLUDE A COPY OF YOUR PERMANENT RESIDENT CARD, EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION, GREEN CARD, PASSPORT WITH A COPY OF YOUR DRIVER LICENSE, OR OTHER DOCUMENTATION AS ALLOWED UNDER THE LAW IF YOU ARE A LEGAL PERMANENT RESIDENT (#2).**

Subscribed and Sworn Before Me, this the ____ day of _____, 20__’

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 alien 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:

NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

The undersigned bidder or agent, being duly sworn on oath, says that he/she has not, nor has any other member, representative, or agent of the firm, company, corporation or partnership represented by him, entered into any combination, collusion or agreement with any person relative to the price to be bid by anyone at such letting nor to prevent any person from bidding nor to include anyone to refrain from bidding, and that this bid is made without reference to any other bid and without any agreement, understanding or combination with any other person in reference to such bidding.

He/She further says that no person or persons, firms, or corporation has, have or will receive directly or indirectly, any rebate, fee gift, commission or thing of value on account of such sale.

OATH AND AFFIRMATION

I HEREBY AFFIRM UNDER THE PENALTIES FOR PERJURY THAT THE FACTS AND INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE FOREGOING BID FOR PUBLIC WORKS ARE TRUE AND CORRECT.

Dated this _____ day of _____, _____

(Name of Organization)

(Title of Person Signing)

(Signature)

(Bid Number)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

STATE OF _____)

COUNTY OF _____)

Before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared the above named and swore that the statements contained in the foregoing document are true and correct.

Subscribed and sworn to me this _____ day of _____, _____.

Notary Public Signature

My Commission Expires: _____

REFERENCES

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: _____

SUBCONTRACTORS REFERENCES

Please provide the names, address, contact name and phone number of all Subcontractors that will be utilized by the Contractor for the duration of any resulting award.

1. Company Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Contact: _____ Phone: _____

2. Company Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Contact: _____ Phone: _____

3. Company Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Contact: _____ Phone: _____

4. Company Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Contact: _____ Phone: _____

5. Company Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Contact: _____ Phone: _____

This **CONTRACT** (the “Contract”) is made this ___ day of _____, **2023**, by and between _____ (hereinafter referred to as “Company”), and the **City of Stonecrest, Georgia** (“City”).

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Contractor is engaged in the business of providing trail services.

WHEREAS, Contractor submitted a response to the City’s Invitation to Bid for Everett Park Trail which was selected by the City as the most responsive bidder;

WHEREAS, the City desires to engage Contractor, and Contractor agrees to render certain technical advice and professional services to the City pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth below.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual terms, conditions and covenants set forth herein, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. **SERVICES.** Contractor agrees to provide professional services to the City as detailed in **Exhibit A** (“Services”). If any services to be performed are not specifically listed in Exhibit A or herein, but are reasonably necessary to accomplish the purpose of this Agreement, Contractor agrees to perform such services at the direction and approval of the City Manager or his/her designee. In the event of any conflict between the terms of Exhibit A and this Agreement, the terms of this Agreement shall control.
2. **COMPENSATION.** In consideration for Services, the City shall pay to Contractor a fee not to exceed the amounts indicated in **Exhibit B** (“Cost Proposal”). The City agrees to pay Contractor’s invoices within thirty (30) days of receiving same. As the City is a local government entity and thus exempt from sales taxation, notwithstanding the terms of the proposal, Contractor acknowledges that the City shall not be responsible for payment of any sales taxes on any invoices submitted for the services provided under this Agreement.
3. **TERM.** This Agreement shall commence on the date all parties have executed this Agreement (“Effective Date”) and shall terminate absolutely without further obligation on the part of the City on _____ (“Term”).
4. **RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES.**
 - (a) **Independent Contractors.** Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to create any relationship other than that of independent contractor between the City and Contractor. This Agreement shall not constitute, create, or otherwise imply an employment, joint venture, partnership, agency or similar arrangement between the City and Contractor. It is expressly agreed that Contractor is acting as an independent contractor and not as an employee in providing the Services under this Agreement.
 - (b) **Employee Benefits.** Contractor shall not be eligible for any benefit available to employees of the City including, but not limited to, workers’ compensation insurance, state disability insurance, unemployment insurance, group health and life insurance, vacation pay, sick pay, severance pay, bonus plans, pension plans, or savings plans.

- (c) Payroll Taxes. No income, social security, state disability or other federal or state payroll tax will be deducted from payments made to Contractor under this Agreement. Contractor shall be responsible for all FICA, federal and state withholding taxes and workers' compensation coverage for any individuals assigned to perform the Services for the City.

5. **WARRANTY ON SERVICES RENDERED.** The Contractor warrants its Services and workmanship shall be (i) free from defects; (ii) performed as stipulated in the bid/proposal documents and conform to all specifications; (iii) performed by skilled personnel experienced in and capable of doing the kind of work assigned to them; and (iv) performed in accordance to all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, rules and policies. Upon receipt of written notice of a defect, the Contractor shall repair the defect in a timely manner at no expense to the City.

6. **TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT.**

- (a) The City may, subject to the provisions of subparagraph (c) below, by written notice of default to the Contractor, terminate the whole or any part of this Agreement in any one of the following circumstances; (i) if the Contractor fails to perform this Agreement within the time specified herein or any extension thereof; or (ii) if the Contractor fails to perform any of the other provisions of this Agreement, or so fails to make progress as to endanger performance of this Agreement in accordance with its terms, and does not cure such failure within a period of ten (10) days after receipt of notice from the City specifying such failure.
- (b) In the event the City terminates this Agreement in whole or in part as provided in subparagraph (a) above, the City may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as the City may deem appropriate, services, similar to those so terminated, and the Contractor shall be liable to the City for any excess costs for the same, including without limitation all cost and expenses of the type specified in the "WARRANTY" paragraph of this Agreement; provided, that the Contractor shall continue the performance of this Agreement to the extent not terminated hereunder.
- (c) Except with regard to defaults of subcontractors, the Contractor shall not be liable for any excess costs if the failure to perform this Agreement arises out of causes beyond the control and without the fault of negligence of the Contractor; such causes may include, but are not limited to, acts of God, or of the public enemy, acts of the Government in either its sovereign or contractual capacity, fires, flood, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, freight embargoes, and unusually severe weather, but in every case the failure to perform must be beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor. If the failure to perform is caused by the default of a subcontractor, and if such default arises out of causes beyond the control of both the Contractor and the subcontractor, and without the fault or negligence of either of them, the Contractor shall not be liable for any excess costs for failure to perform, unless the services to be furnished by the subcontractor were obtainable from other sources in sufficient time to permit the Contractor to meet the required delivery schedule. The term "subcontractor" shall mean subcontractor at any tier.

- (d) If, after notice of termination of this Agreement under the provisions of this paragraph, it is determined for any reason that the Contractor was not in default under the provisions above or that the default was excusable under the provisions of this paragraph, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if the notice of termination has been issued pursuant to the “Termination for Convenience” paragraph of this Agreement.
 - (e) The rights and remedies of the City provided in this paragraph shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Agreement.
7. **TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE.** The City may at any time by written notice terminate all or any part of this Agreement for the City’s convenience. If this Agreement is terminated, in whole or in part, for the City’s convenience, the Contractor shall be paid an amount, to be mutually agreed upon, which shall be adequate to cover the actual and reasonable cost paid by the Contractor for the actual goods and labor reasonably used by the Contractor to perform the work under this Agreement to the effective date of termination, plus a reasonable profit thereon; provided that no amount shall be paid to the Contractor for (i) any anticipatory profits related to work under this Agreement not yet performed, or (ii) costs incurred due to the Contractor’s failure to terminate work as ordered on the effective date of termination. In no event shall the total amount paid under the provisions of this paragraph exceed the prices set forth in this Agreement for the work terminated.
8. **DISPUTES.** Pending resolution of any dispute hereunder, the Contractor shall proceed diligently with the performance of work in accordance with the City’s direction.
9. **INDEMNIFICATION.** To the fullest extent permitted by law, Contractor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the City and its governing officials, agents, employees, and representatives (collectively, the “City Indemnitees”) from and against any and all liabilities, demands, losses, damages, fines, penalties, costs or expenses (including reasonable attorney’s fees and costs), incurred by any City Indemnitee as a result of or arising out of (i) the wrongful misconduct or negligence (including fraud) of Contractor or its employees, agents, and representatives in performing this Agreement; (ii) a material breach by Contractor of its covenants; or (iii) failure by Contractor or its employees, agents, and representatives to comply with all applicable federal, state, or local law, rule or regulation in connection with services provided under this Agreement. These obligations shall survive termination.
10. **RISK MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS.** The Contractor shall abide by the City’s applicable Risk Management Requirements, attached to this Agreement as **Exhibit C** and incorporated herein by reference.
11. **STANDARD OF PERFORMANCE AND COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS.**
- (a) Contractor warrants and represents that it possesses the special skill and professional competence, expertise, and experience to undertake the obligations imposed by this Agreement.
 - (b) Contractor agrees to perform in a diligent, efficient, competent, and skillful manner commensurate with the highest standards of the profession, and to otherwise perform as is necessary to undertake the Services required by this Agreement, including the

requirements set forth in the Certification of Sponsor Drug Free Workplace, attached hereto as **Exhibit D** and the Purchasing Policy Addendum attached hereto as **Exhibit E**.

- (c) Contractor warrants and represents that it will, at all times, observe and comply with all federal, state, local and municipal laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations, relating to the provision of the Services to be provided by Contractor hereunder or which in any manner affect this Agreement.
12. **GEORGIA SECURITY AND IMMIGRATION COMPLIANCE ACT.** Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 13-10-91, for as long as this Agreement remains in effect, Contractor will be registered with and participate in the federal work authorization program to verify the immigration status of newly hired employees (“e-Verify”). Contractor will execute the O.C.G.A. Section 13-10-91 compliance affidavit on Exhibit F, attached hereto and incorporated herein.
13. **THE CITY’S ASSISTANCE AND COOPERATION.** During the Contractor’s performance of this Agreement, the City may, but has no obligation to, provide assistance to, or cooperate with, the Contractor in activities that facilitate the proper performance and completion of this Agreement by the Contractor. Such assistance and cooperation may include without limitation: (i) providing engineering or other analysis or advice on correcting problems; (ii) refraining from strict enforcement of time schedule requirements under this Agreement; (iii) permitting use of test materials or documentation not performed or produced under this Agreement. Such assistance or cooperation by the City shall not be construed, and the Contractor agrees that it will not claim that any such assistance or cooperation operates, to relieve the Contractor from complete, proper and punctual performance of all the Contractor’s obligations under this Agreement.
14. **WORK ON THE CITY’S DESIGNATED PREMISES.** In the event that the Contractor, the Contractor’s employees or agents or the Contractor’s subcontractors enter the City’s designated premises for any reason in connection with this Agreement, the Contractor and such other parties shall observe all security requirements and all safety regulations.
15. **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST.** Contractor warrants and represents that:
- (a) The Services to be performed hereunder will not create an actual or apparent conflict of interest with any other work it is currently performing;
- (b) Contractor is not presently subject to any agreement with a competitor or with any other party that will prevent Contractor from performing in full accord with this Agreement; and
- (c) Contractor is not subject to any statute, regulation, ordinance or rule that will limit its ability to perform its obligations under this Agreement. The parties agree that Contractor shall be free to accept other work during the term hereof; provided, however, that such other work shall not interfere with the provision of Services hereunder.
16. **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION.** Contractor acknowledges that it may have access to and become acquainted with confidential information, including, but not limited to, any information the disclosure of which is limited by state or federal law. Unless approved in

advance in writing or is required to be disclosed by court order, subpoena or by law, neither Contractor nor any of its employees, will disclose, transfer, distribute or allow access to any confidential information of the other party to third parties. These obligations shall survive termination.

17. **ASSIGNMENT AND SUBCONTRACTING.** The Contractor shall not assign this Agreement or any portion of this Agreement, nor shall the Contractor subcontract goods or completed or substantially completed services purchased hereunder without the prior express written consent of the City. No assignment or subcontract by the Contractor, including any assignment or subcontract to which the City consents, shall in any way relieve the Contractor from complete and punctual performance of this Agreement, including without limitation all of the Contractor's obligations under the warranty provisions of this Agreement.
18. **ATTORNEYS' FEES.** Both parties agree to pay reasonable attorneys' fees to the other party should either party be required to incur attorneys' fees in enforcing the provisions of this Agreement or in the collection of any monies herein required to be paid by the other party.
19. **GOVERNING LAW AND CONSENT TO JURISDICTION.** This Agreement is made and entered into in the State of Georgia, and this Agreement and the rights and obligations of the parties hereto shall be governed by and construed according to the laws of the State of Georgia without giving effect to the principles of conflicts of laws. The jurisdiction for resolution of any disputes arising from this Agreement shall be in the State Courts of DeKalb County, Georgia.
20. **NOTICES.** All notices or other communications required or permitted to be given under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given when delivered personally in hand, or when mailed by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested with proper postage prepaid, addressed to the appropriate party at the following address or such other address as may be given in writing to the parties:

If to the City:

City Manager
City of Stonecrest
3120 Stonecrest Blvd.
Stonecrest, Georgia 30038
Email: gscruggs@stonecrestga.gov

With copies to:

City Attorney
Fincher Denmark, LLC
100 Hartsfield Centre Pkwy, Ste. 400
Atlanta, Georgia 30354
Email: wdenmark@fincherdenmark.com

If to the Contractor:

21. **NON-WAIVER.** The failure by either party to enforce any provision of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver or limitation of that party's right to subsequently enforce and compel strict performance with every provision of this Agreement.
22. **SEVERABILITY.** If any provision of this Agreement is held to be unenforceable for any reason, the unenforceability thereof shall not affect the remainder of the Agreement, which shall remain in full force and effect, and enforceable in accordance with its terms.
23. **INTERPRETATION.** The Parties acknowledge that this Agreement and all the terms and conditions herein have been fully reviewed and negotiated by the Parties. Having acknowledged the foregoing, the Parties agree that any principle of construction or rule of law that provides that, in the event of any inconsistency or ambiguity, an agreement shall be construed against the drafter of the agreement shall have no application to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
24. **AMENDMENTS.** Any and all modifications or changes to this Agreement must be in writing and signed by the parties to this Agreement.
25. **COUNTERPARTS.** This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall constitute the original, but all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same Agreement. PDF signatures shall constitute original signatures.
26. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT.** This Agreement, which includes the exhibits attached hereto, contains the entire agreement and understanding of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, and supersedes and replaces any and all prior discussions, representations and understandings, whether oral or written. In case of conflict between any term of the Contractor's Bid/Proposal and this Agreement, the terms of this Agreement shall control unless otherwise stated herein.
27. **CAPTIONS.** The captions appearing herein are for convenience of reference only and shall not affect the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement or any clause or provision hereof.

Signatures on the following page.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement through their duly authorized representatives.

STONECREST, GEORGIA

By: _____
Jazzmin Cobble
Mayor, City of Stonecrest, Georgia

ATTEST: _____
Sonya Isom
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FROM:

Fincher Denmark., City Attorney

SERVICE PROVIDER:

Signature _____

Date _____

Print Name _____

Print Title _____

ATTEST:

Signature

Print Name _____

Print Title _____