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RE: Project No.: FC 6260, Peachtree Creek and South Fork Relief Storage and Pumping Stations

Dear Prospective City of Atlanta Bidder:

The Office of Contract Compliance information is an integral part of every City of Atlanta bid. All Bidders are required to make efforts to ensure that businesses are not discriminated against on the basis of their race, ethnicity or gender, and to demonstrate compliance with these program requirements at or prior to the time of Bid opening, or upon request by OCC. Bidders are required to ensure that prospective subcontractors, vendors, suppliers and other potential participants are not denied opportunities to compete for work on a City contract on the basis of their race, ethnicity, or gender, and must afford all firms, including those owned by racial or ethnic minorities and women, opportunities to participate in the performance of the business of the City to the extent of their availability, capacity and willingness to compete. Please read all of the information very carefully. Pay close attention to the specific goal of minority and female business enterprises for this project and the EBO program reminders listed on page 6.

If you have any questions about the information included in this section of the solicitation, please contact the City of Atlanta Office of Contract Compliance at (404) 330-6010.

The City of Atlanta looks forward to the opportunity to do business with your company.

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CITY OF ATLANTA

**EQUAL BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY
EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

POLICY STATEMENT

It is the policy of the City of Atlanta to promote full and equal business opportunity for all persons doing business with the City. The City must ensure that firms seeking to participate in contracting and procurement activities with the City are not prevented from doing so on the basis of the race or gender of their owners. The City is committed to ensuring that it is not a passive participant in any private scheme of discrimination. To ensure that businesses are not discriminated against with regard to prime contracting, subcontracting or other partnering opportunities with the City, the City has developed an Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Program. It is also the policy of the City of Atlanta to actively promote equal employment opportunities for minority and female workers and prohibit discrimination based upon race, religion, color, sex, national origin, marital status, physical handicap or sexual orientation through the City's Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Program. The purpose of the Equal Business Opportunity and Equal Employment Opportunity Programs is to mitigate the present and ongoing effects of the past and present discrimination against women and minority owned businesses and women and minority workers so that opportunity, regardless of race or gender, will become institutionalized in the Atlanta marketplace. It is important to note that all bidders, without exception, including minority and female owned business enterprises, must comply with the City of Atlanta's EBO and EEO Program requirements. Goals for minority and female business enterprises are set for this project on page 6.

Implementation of EBO Policy

The Office of Contract Compliance will review information submitted by Bidders pertaining to efforts to promote opportunities for diverse businesses, including M/FBEs, to compete for business as subcontractors and/or Suppliers. A Bidder is eligible for award of a City contract upon a finding by OCC that the Bidder has engaged in, and provided with its bid submission documentation of, efforts to ensure that its process of soliciting, evaluating and awarding subcontracts, placing orders, and partnering with other companies has been non-discriminatory. To assist prime contractors in this effort, the Office of Contract Compliance has set forth in this solicitation document the M/FBEs goals within the relevant NAICS Codes, for this Project.

For subcontracting, the Subcontractor Project Plan must include all subcontractors to be utilized on the project, detail the services to be performed, the dollar value of the work to be performed by each subcontractor, and the City of Atlanta M/FBE certification number and supplier id number.

For Suppliers, the Subcontractor Project Plan must include all suppliers to be utilized on the project, the supplies to be provided, including the dollar value of the supplies being provided and the City of Atlanta M/FBE certification number and supplier id number.

Determination of Non-discrimination During Bid Process

No Bidder shall be awarded a contract on an Eligible Project unless the Office of Contract Compliance determines that the Bidder has satisfied the non-discrimination requirements of section 2-1448 on such Eligible Project. Accordingly, each Bidder shall submit with each Bid the following

1. Covenant of Non Discrimination. Each Bidder shall submit with her/his Bid a Covenant of Non-Discrimination which is set forth herein as Exhibit EBO1.
2. Outreach efforts documentation. Each bidder shall submit with her/his bid written documentation demonstrating the bidder's outreach efforts to identify, contact, contract with, or utilize businesses, including certified MFBEs and SBEs, as subcontractors or suppliers on the contract. This information shall be set forth on Exhibit EBO2, which is included herein.
3. Subcontractor project plan. Each bidder shall submit with her/his bid a completed and signed subcontractor project plan, in a form approved and provided by the office of contract compliance, which lists the name, address, telephone number and contact person of each subcontractor or other business to be used in the contract, the NAICS Code and the type of work or service each business will perform, the dollar value of the work and the scope of work, the ownership of each business by race and gender, if applicable the AABE, APABE, FBE, or HABE certification number of each business, and any other information requested by the office of contract compliance. In order for the office of contract compliance to officially consider a firm to be an MFBE, the MFBE firm must be certified by or have a certification application pending with the office of contract compliance prior to the bidder's submission of the bid. The subcontractor project plan shall not be changed or altered after approval of the plan and award of the contract without the written approval of the director of the office of contract compliance. A written letter to the director of the office of contract compliance requesting approval to

change the subcontractor project plan must be submitted prior to any change in the plan or termination of an MFBE's contract.

OCC Review of Bidder Submissions

The Office of Contract Compliance shall determine whether a Bidder has satisfied the non-discrimination requirements of section 2-1448 based on its review of the Covenant of Non Discrimination, the Outreach Efforts Documentation, the Subcontractor Project Plan, and its review of other relevant facts and circumstances, including complaints received as part of the bid process. In reviewing the documents submitted by a Bidder to determine whether the Bidder has satisfied the non-discriminatory practices requirement of this section, the Office of Contract Compliance will consider, among other things, the total project dollars subcontracted to or expended for services performed by other businesses, including certified MFBEs, whether such businesses perform Commercially Useful Functions in the work of the contract based upon standard industry trade practices, whether any amounts paid to Supplier businesses are for goods customarily and ordinarily used based upon standard industry trade practices, and the availability of certified MFBEs within the relevant NAICS Codes for such Eligible Project.

(a) Receipt of Complaint of Discrimination in the Bid Process

The Office of Contract Compliance shall accept complaints of alleged discrimination during the bid process regarding any participant in the bid process. Where the complaint of discrimination is specific to the procurement which is under consideration by the city, the office of contract compliance may investigate said complaint, determine its validity, and determine whether the actions complained of impact the bidder's responsiveness on the specific procurement. Allegations of discrimination based on events, incidents or occurrences which are unrelated to the specific procurement will be placed in the bidder's file maintained in the vendor relations database and handled in accordance with the procedure established in the city's vendor relations subdivision, section 2-1465, et seq.

(b) Determination of Violation of EBO Process

Determination of violation of EBO process. Where the office of contract compliance investigates a complaint of discrimination that is related to the specific bid process, the details of that investigation, including findings, shall be recorded and maintained in the vendor relations database, pursuant to section 2-1471.

(c) Office of Contract Compliance Determination of Non-Compliance

Office of contract compliance determination of non-compliance. When, based upon the totality of the circumstances, the office of contract compliance determines that a bidder fails to satisfy the requirements of section 2-1448(a) of a city bid solicitation, the director of the office of contract compliance shall present a written determination of non-compliance to the Chief Procurement Officer which states the determination and lists the

reasons for the determination. A bid that does not comply with the requirements set forth in section 2-1448(a) shall be deemed non-responsive and rejected.

Equal Business Opportunity Program Bid/RFP Submittals

The Office of Contract Compliance will make any determinations of non-responsiveness. The covenant of non-discrimination, the outreach efforts documentation, the subcontractor project plan, and any other information required by OCC in the solicitation document pursuant to section 2-1448(b) must be completed in their entirety by each bidder and submitted with the other required bid documents in order for the bid to be considered as a responsive bid. Failure to timely submit these forms, fully completed, will result in the bid being considered as a non-responsive bid, and therefore, excluded from consideration.

Monitoring Of EBO Policy

Upon execution of a contract with the City of Atlanta, the successful bidder's Subcontractor Project Plan will become a part of the contract between the bidder and the City of Atlanta. The Subcontractor Project Plan will be monitored by the City of Atlanta's Office of Contract Compliance for adherence with the plan. The successful bidder will be required to provide specific EBO information on a monthly basis that demonstrates the use of subcontractors and suppliers as indicated on the Subcontractor Project Plan. The failure of the successful bidder to provide the specific EBO information by the specified date each month shall be sufficient cause for the City to withhold approval of the successful bidder's invoices for progress payments, increase the amount of the successful bidder's retainage, or evoke any other penalties as set forth in the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances, Section 2-1452.

Implementation of EEO Policy

The City effectuates its EEO policy by adopting racial and gender work force availability for every contractor performing work for the City of Atlanta. These percentages are derived from the work force demographics set forth in the 2000 Census EEO file prepared by the United States Department of Commerce for the applicable labor pool normally utilized for the contract.

Monitoring of EEO Policy

Upon award of a contract with the City of Atlanta, the successful bidder must submit a Contract Employment Report (CER), describing the racial and gender make-up of the firm's work force. If the CER indicates that the firm's demographic composition does not meet the adopted EEO goals, the firm will be required to submit an affirmative action plan setting forth the steps to be taken to reach the adopted goals. The CER and the affirmative action plan, if necessary, will become a part of the contract between the successful bidder and the City of Atlanta. Compliance with the EEO requirements will be monitored by the Office of Contract Compliance.

First Source Jobs Program Policy Statement

It is the policy of the City of Atlanta to provide job opportunities to the residents of the City of Atlanta, whenever possible. Every contract with the City of Atlanta creates a potential pool of new employment opportunities. The prime contractor is expected to work with the First Source Jobs Program to fill at least 50% of all new entry-level jobs, which arise from this project, with residents of the City of Atlanta. For more specific information about the First Source Jobs Program contact:

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First Source Jobs Program
Atlanta Workforce Development Agency
818 Pollard Boulevard
Atlanta, GA 30315
(404) 546-3001**

Joint Venture Participation on City of Atlanta EBO Projects

The City of Atlanta encourages, where economically feasible, the establishment of joint ventures to ensure prime contracting opportunities for all businesses, including non-discriminatory outreach efforts to utilize certified minority and female business enterprises on Eligible Projects. On selected projects valued at five million dollars and over, the Office of Contract Compliance shall determine on a project-by-project basis whether non-discriminatory outreach efforts to enter into a joint venture shall be required. On such Eligible Projects, joint venture member businesses must have different race ownership, different gender ownership or both. The minority and female business enterprise members of the joint venture on projects on which a Joint Venture is required must be certified as such by the Office of Contract Compliance, and the joint venture team shall include in its bid submittal the M/FBE certification number of each M/FBE joint venture member.

A joint venture may submit its agreement to the Office of Contract Compliance for pre-approval no later than fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the date set for receipt of bids on an Eligible Project. Otherwise, agreements must be submitted on or before the date set for receipt of bids on an Eligible Project.

Components of a Joint Venture Agreement

The Joint Venture agreement should include at a minimum:

- The initial capital investment of each venture partner.
- The proportional allocation of profits and losses to each venture partner.
- The sharing of the right to control the ownership and management of the joint venture.
- A detailed description of the discrete portion of work or tasks that will be performed by each of the venture partners.
- The method of, and responsibility for, accounting.
- The methods by which disputes are resolved.
- All other pertinent factors of the joint venture.

Equal Business Opportunity M/FBE Goals for this Project

Project No.: FC-6260, Peachtree Creek and South Fork Relief Storage and Pumping Stations

Part 1: All proponents must ensure that non-discriminatory practices are utilized to enter into a Joint Venture Agreement in accordance with the City of Atlanta's EBO Ordinance. The Joint Venture Agreement, at the very least, should reflect details of the member company's/companies' involvement in the Peachtree Creek and South Fork Relief Storage and Pumping Stations Project throughout the life of the contract (See Page 6).

Part 2: All proponents must ensure that non-discriminatory practices are utilized during efforts to engage minority and female subcontractors and suppliers throughout the life of the contract. All outreach efforts must be documented and included with this bid submittal.

The availability of certified minority and female firms for the procurement categories listed in this project are:

17.5% AABE and 13% FBE

Please be reminded that no Bidder shall be awarded a contract on an Eligible Project unless the Office of Contract Compliance determines that the Bidder has satisfied the non-discrimination requirements of section 2-1448 on such Eligible Project. Details of the O.C.C. review process for determination of non-discrimination are outlined on page 2 of this document.

Equal Business Opportunity Program Reminders

1. Joint Venture Agreements. The Joint Venture member businesses must have different race ownership, different gender ownership, or both. MFBE members of the Joint Venture must be certified as such by the Office of Contract Compliance. The Joint Venture team shall include in its submittal the MFBE certification number of each MFBE Joint Venture member.
2. Subcontractor Certification. It is the prime contractor's responsibility to verify that MFBEs included on the Subcontractor Project Plan are certified by the City of Atlanta's Office of Contract Compliance, or have a certification application pending with the City of Atlanta's Office of Contract Compliance at the time that the bid is submitted.
3. Reporting. The successful bidder must submit monthly EBO participation reports to the Office of Contract Compliance.
4. Subcontractor Contact Form. It is required that bidders list and submit information on all subcontractors they solicit for quotes, all subcontractors who contact them with regard to the project, and all subcontractors they have discussions with regarding the project. Failure to provide complete information on this form will result in your bid being declared non-responsive.
5. EBO Ordinance. The EBO Program is governed by the provisions of the EBO Ordinance set forth in the City of Atlanta Code Division 12, section 2 - 1441 through 2 -1464. The ordinance can be obtained from the City of Atlanta Clerk's Office at (404) 330-6032.
6. Supplier Participation. In order to receive full M/FBE credit, suppliers must manufacture or warehouse the materials, supplies, or equipment being supplied for use on the Eligible Project.

COVENANT OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

The undersigned understands that it is the policy of the City of Atlanta to promote full and equal business opportunity for all persons doing business with the City of Atlanta. The undersigned covenants that we have not discriminated, on the basis of race, gender or ethnicity, with regard to prime contracting, subcontracting or partnering opportunities. The undersigned further covenants that we have completed truthfully and fully the required forms EBO-2 and EBO-3. Set forth below is the signature of an officer of the bidding entity with the authority to bind the entity.

Signature of Attesting Party

Title of Attesting Party

On this ____ day of _____, 20 __, before me appeared _____, the person who signed the above covenant in my presence.

Notary Public

Seal

FORM EBO-1



**OFFICE OF CONTRACT COMPLIANCE
SUBCONTRACTOR CONTACT FORM**

List all subcontractors or suppliers (Majority & Minority Owned) that were contacted regarding this project

Name of Sub-Contractor/Supplier	City of Atlanta Supplier ID Number	Company Name, Contact Name, Address and Phone Number	City Of Atlanta Business License? (Yes or No)	Type of Work Solicited for	Business Ownership (See Code below)	Certification No. and Expiration Date	Results of Contact

**EQUAL BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY SUBCONTRACTOR PROJECT PLAN
SUBCONTRACTOR/SUPPLIER UTILIZATION**

List all Majority, Minority and Female Business Enterprise subcontractors/suppliers, including lower tiers, to be used on this project.

Name of Sub-contractor/Supplier	City of Atlanta Supplier ID Number	Company Name, Address and Phone Number	City Of Atlanta Business License? (yes or no)	NAICS Code(s)	Type of Work to be Performed	Ownership of Business (see code below)	Certification No. and Expiration Date	Dollar (\$) Value of Work & Scope of Work	Percentage of Total Bid Amount

Total MBE% _____
Total FBE% _____

Code: AABE - African American Business Enterprise, HABE - Hispanic American Business Enterprise, FBE - Female Business Enterprise.
APABE - Asian (Pacific Islander) American Business Enterprise

Proponent's Co. Name: _____ Date: _____ FC#: _____
Proponent's Contact Number: _____ Project Name: _____
Signature: _____

First Source Job Information

Company Name: _____

FC No.: _____

Project Name: _____

The following entry level positions will become available as a result of the above referenced contract with the City of Atlanta.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Include a job description and all required qualifications for each position listed above.

Identify a company representative and contact phone number who will be responsible for coordinating with the First Source Jobs Program.

Company Representative: _____

Phone Number: _____

First Source Jobs Agreement

THIS AGREEMENT REGARDING THE USE OF THE FIRST SOURCE JOBS PROGRAM BY CONTRACTORS WITH THE CITY OF ATLANTA TO FILL ENTRY LEVEL JOBS is made and entered into by _____

This _____ day of _____, 201__.

The City of Atlanta requires the immediate beneficiary or primary contractor for every eligible project to enter into a First Source Jobs employment agreement. The contractor agrees to the following terms and conditions:

- The first source for finding employees to fill all entry level jobs Created by the eligible project will be the First Source Program.
- The contractor will make every effort to fill 50% of the entry level jobs created by this eligible project with applicants from the First Source Program.
- The contractor shall make good faith effort to reach the goal of this employment agreement.
- Details as to the number and description of each entry level job must me provided with the bid.
- The contractor shall comply with the spirit of the First Source Jobs Policy beyond the duration of this agreement and continue to make good faith attempts to hire employees of similar backgrounds to those participating in the First Source Program.
- The contractor as a condition of transfer, assignment or otherwise shall require the transferee to agree in writing to the terms of the employment Agreement.

Upon a determination that a beneficiary or contractor has failed to comply with the terms of this Agreement, the City may impose the following penalties based on the severity of the non-compliance:

- The City of Atlanta may withhold payment from the contractor.
- The City of Atlanta may withhold 10 percent of all future payments on the contract until the contractor is in compliance
- The City of Atlanta may refuse all future bids on city projects or applications for financials assistance in any form from the City until the contractor demonstrated that the First Source requirements have been met, or cancellation of the eligible project.
- The City of Atlanta may cancel the eligible project.

All terms stated herein can be found in the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances Sections 5-8002 through 5-8005.

The undersigned hereby agrees to the terms and conditions set forth in this agreement.

Contractor

