

**Wicomico County Purchasing Department  
125 N. Division Street, Room B-3  
Salisbury, Maryland 21801**



**INVITATION FOR BID**

**PROJECT:** Indian Village Fence Replacement

**DEPARTMENT:** Recreation, Parks and Tourism

**VENDOR:**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**BID OPENING:**

**DATE:** Thursday, April 13, 2017

**TIME:** 2:30 PM

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## SECTION I: INTRODUCTION

### A. PURPOSE

1. The purpose of this Invitation for Bid Document is for Wicomico County (“County”) to contract for the removal and replacement of the perimeter fence at Indian Village Park, 903 Manoa Blvd, Salisbury, MD 21801 in conformity with the requirements contained herein (“Bid Document(s”).

### B. CLARIFICATION OF TERMS

1. Professional firms or individuals that submit a bid for award of a contract (“Contract”) are referred to as vendors (“Vendors”) in this document. The Vendor that is awarded the Contract is herein referred to as the (“Successful Vendor”).

### C. QUESTIONS AND INQUIRES

1. Questions must be addressed in writing to Wicomico County Purchasing at [purchasing@wicomicocounty.org](mailto:purchasing@wicomicocounty.org).
2. The last date to submit questions for clarification will be noon on Tuesday, April 4, 2017.
3. Addenda are posted on the County website at [www.wicomicocounty.org](http://www.wicomicocounty.org) under Government: Departments: Purchasing: at [www.wicomicocounty.org/bids.aspx](http://www.wicomicocounty.org/bids.aspx) at least five (5) calendar days before bid opening.
4. It is the Vendors responsibly to make sure all addenda are acknowledged in their bid. Failure to do so could result in the bid being disqualified.

### D. FILLING OUT BID DOCUMENTS

1. Use only forms supplied by the County.
2. One (1) original and two (2) copies of the bid form and any required attachments must be submitted in the solicitation and can be submitted in the same envelope unless otherwise instructed.
3. Bid Documents should be complied as follows: (1) Cover letter, (2) Form of Bid, (3) References, (4) Exceptions Document and Signed addenda, if necessary (5) Individual Principal Document, (6) Vendor’s Affidavit of Qualification to Bid, and (7) Non-Collusive Affidavit
4. Where so indicated by the make-up of the Bid Documents, sums will be expressed in both words and figures, and in the case of a discrepancy between the two, the amount written in words will govern. In the event there is a discrepancy between the unit price and the extended totals, the unit prices will govern.
5. Any interlineation, alteration, or erasure will be initialed by the signer of the Bid Documents.
6. Each copy of the Bid Documents will be signed by the person(s) legally authorized to bind the Vendor to a contract, using the legal name of the signer. Bid Documents submitted by an agent will have a current Power of Attorney attached certifying the agent’s authority to bind the Vendor.
7. Vendor will supply all information and submittals required by the Bid Documents to constitute a proper and responsible completed Bid Document package.
8. Any ambiguity in the Bid Documents as a result of omission, error, lack of clarity or non-compliance by the Vendor with specifications, instructions, and/or all conditions of bidding will be construed in the light most favorable to the County.

### E. SUBMISSION OF BID DOCUMENTS

1. All copies of the Bid Documents and any other documents required to be submitted with the Bid Documents will be enclosed in a sealed envelope. The envelope will be addressed to the

Wicomico County Purchasing Department and will be identified with the project name: **INDIAN VILLAGE FENCE REPLACEMENT** and the Vendor's name and address. If the Bid Documents are sent by mail, the sealed envelope will be enclosed in a separate mailing envelope with the notation "SEALED BID DOCUMENTS ENCLOSED" on the face thereof.

2. Bids must be mailed or hand carried to Wicomico County Purchasing Department, 125 N. Division Street, Government Office Building, Room B-3, Salisbury, MD 21801, in order to be received in the office of the Purchasing Agent **prior** to the announced bid deadline. *Bids received after said time or delivered to the wrong location will be returned to the Vendor unopened.*
3. Bids are due and will be opened at **2:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 13, 2017.**
4. If you are delivering a bid in person please keep in mind to allow time to sign-in at the security station in the lobby. It is fully the responsibility of the Vendor to insure that the bid is received on time.
5. The County will not speculate as to reasonableness of the postmark, nor comment on the apparent failure of a public carrier to have made prompt delivery of the bid.
6. Vendors, or their authorized agents, are expected to fully inform themselves as to the conditions, requirements, and specifications before submitting Bid Documents; failure to do so will be at the Vendor's own risk.
7. A fully executed Affidavit of Qualification to Bid will be attached to each Bid Document.
8. **MINORITY VENDORS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE.**
9. All Vendor submitted Bid Documents will be valid for a minimum of sixty (60) days from the date of Bid Document opening.
10. Electronically mailed bids are **not** considered sealed bids and will **not** be accepted.

**F. OPENING OF BIDS**

1. Bid Documents received on time will be opened publicly and Vendor's names and total costs will be read aloud for the record.
2. The Contract will be awarded or all Bid Documents will be rejected within sixty (60) days from the date of the Bid Document opening.

**G. ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF BIDS**

1. Unless otherwise specified, the Contract will be awarded to the most RESPONSIBLE and RESPONSIVE Vendor complying with the provisions of the Bid Documents, provided the Bid price is reasonable, does not exceed the funds available, and it is in the best interest of the County to accept it. The County reserves the right to reject the Bid Documents of any Vendor who has previously failed to perform properly in any way or complete on time contracts of a similar nature; or a Bid Document from a Vendor who, investigation shows, is not in a position to perform the Contract; or Bid Documents from any person, firm, or corporation which is in arrears or in default to the County for any debt or contract.
2. Completed Bid Documents from Vendors debarred from doing business with the State of Maryland or the Federal Government will not be accepted.
3. In determining a Vendor's RESPONSIBILITY, the County may consider the following qualifications, in addition to price:
  - a. Ability, capacity, and skill to provide the commodities or services required within the specified time, including future maintenance and service, and including current financial statement or other evidence of pecuniary resources and necessary facilities.

- b. Character, integrity, reputation, experience and efficiency.
  - c. Quality of past performance on previous or existing contracts, including a list of current and past contracts and other evidence of performance ability.
  - d. Previous and existing compliance with laws and ordinances relating to contracts with the County and to the Vendor's employment practices.
  - e. Evidence of adequate insurance to comply with Contract terms and conditions.
  - f. Statement of current work load and capacity to perform/provide the Goods and/or Services.
  - g. Explanation of methods to be used in fulfilling the Contract.
  - h. The Vendor, if requested, will be prepared to supply evidence of its qualifications, listed above, and its capacity to provide/perform the Goods and/or Services; such evidence to be supplied within a specified time and to the satisfaction of the County.
4. In determining a Vendor's RESPONSIVENESS, the County will consider whether the Bid Document conforms in all material respects to the Bid Documents. The County reserves the right to waive any irregularities that may be in its best interest to do so.
  5. The County will have the right to reject any and all Bid Documents, where applicable to accept in whole or in part, to add or delete quantities, to waive any informalities or irregularities in the Bid Document received, to reject a Bid Document not accompanied by required Bid security or other data required by the Bid Documents, and to accept or reject any Bid Document which deviates from specifications when in the best interest of the County. Irrespective of any of the foregoing, the County will have the right to award the Contract in its own best interests.

#### H. QUALIFICATIONS

1. The Vendor must be in compliance with the laws regarding conducting business in the State of Maryland.  
All Vendors shall provide a copy Certificate of Status from the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation, evidencing the Vendor is in good standing with the State of Maryland. See [https://sdatcert1.resiusa.org/certificate\\_net/](https://sdatcert1.resiusa.org/certificate_net/) for information on obtaining the Certificate of Status. *Certificates of status are not available for trade names, name reservations, government agencies, sole proprietorships, and some other accounts as these are not legal entities and thus are not required for these categories of Vendors.* For more information on the Certificate of Status please see <http://www.dat.state.md.us/sdatweb/COSinfo.html> .
2. Wicomico County reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to extend the date this documentation must be provided. The Vendor's inability to provide this documentation could result in the bid being rejected.
3. All Vendors who wish to bid on County projects and contracts need to register as a bidder at [www.wicomicocounty.org/list.aspx?Mode=Subscribe#bids](http://www.wicomicocounty.org/list.aspx?Mode=Subscribe#bids) by checking off the categories for which you wish to be informed of future bids.

#### I. DESCRIPTIVE LITERATURE

1. The proposed descriptive literature fully describing the product bid is what is intended to be included as the price. Failure to do so may be cause for rejection of the bid.
2. Any items, systems or devices supplied in this bid that are proprietary in nature relative to maintenance, repair, servicing or updating must be disclosed on the bid form.

#### J. NOTICE TO VENDORS

1. Before a Vendor submits the Bid Documents it will need to become fully informed as to the extent and character of the Goods and/or Services required and are expected to completely familiarize themselves with the requirements of this Bid Document's specifications. Failure to do so will not relieve the Vendor of the responsibility to fully perform in accordance therewith. No consideration will be granted for any alleged misunderstanding of the material to be furnished or the Services to be performed, it being understood that the submission of a Bid Document is an agreement with all of the items and conditions referred to herein.

**K. PIGGYBACKING**

1. Wicomico County may authorize, upon request, any governmental entity (hereafter Authorized User) within the County to purchase items under the contract awarded pursuant to this bid solicitation.
2. All purchase orders issued against the contract by an authorized User shall be honored by the Successful Vendor in accordance with all terms and conditions of this contract.
3. The issuance of a purchase order by an Authorized User pursuant to this provision shall constitute an express assumption of all contractual obligations, covenants, conditions and terms of the contract. A breach of the contract by any particular Authorized User shall neither constitute nor be deemed a breach of the contract as a whole which shall remain in full force and effect, and shall not affect the validity of the contract nor the obligations of the Successful Vendor thereunder respecting the County.
4. The County specifically and expressly disclaims any and all liability for any breach by an Authorized User other than the County and each such Authorized User and Successful Vendor guarantee to save the County, its officers, agents and employees harmless from any liability that may be or is imposed by the Authorized User's failure to perform in accordance with its obligations under the contract.

**END OF SECTION**

## **SECTION II: GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **A. ECONOMY OF BID**

1. Bid Documents will be prepared simply and economically, providing straightforward and concise description of the Vendor's capabilities to satisfy the requirements of the Bid Documents. Emphasis should be on completeness and clarity of content. Elaborate brochures and other representations beyond that sufficient to present a complete and effective Bid Document are neither required nor desired.

### **B. PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT (PIA)**

1. Wicomico County is subject to the Maryland Public Information Act and may be required to release bid submissions in accordance with the Act.
2. Any materials the Vendor deems to be proprietary or copyrighted must be marked as such; however, the material may still be subject to analysis under the Maryland Public Information Act.

### **C. CONTRACT AWARD**

1. A written award by the County to the Successful Vendor in the form of a Purchase Order or other contract document will result in a binding Contract without further action by either party. If the Successful Vendor fails or refuses to sign and deliver the Contract and the required insurance documentation, the County will have the right to award to the next responsible and responsive Vendor. Contract will be executed by the Successful Vendor within fifteen (14) calendar days of receipt of the Contract.
2. Bid Documents and Contracts issued by the County will bind the Vendor to applicable conditions and requirements herein set forth, unless otherwise specified in the Bid Documents, and are subject to all federal, state, and municipal laws, rules, regulations, and limitations.
3. County personal property taxes ("Taxes") must be on a current basis; if any such Taxes are delinquent, they must be paid before award of Contract. Failure to pay will result in the award of Contract to another Vendor.
4. The County reserves the right to engage in individual discussions and interviews with those Vendors deemed fully qualified, responsible, suitable and professionally competent to provide the required Goods and/or Services should the project size warrant it. Vendors will be encouraged to elaborate on their qualifications, performance data, and staff expertise.

### **D. AUDIT**

1. The Successful Vendor agrees to retain all books, records, and other documents relative to the awarded Contract for five (5) years after final payment, or until audited. The County, its authorized agents, and/or State auditors will have full access to and the right to examine any of said materials during said period.

### **E. NONPERFORMANCE**

1. The County reserves the right to inspect all operations and to withhold payment for any goods not performed or not performed in accordance with the specifications in this Bid Document. Errors, omissions or mistakes in performance will be corrected at no cost to the County. Failure to do so will be cause for withholding of payment for that Goods and/or Services. In addition, if deficiencies are not corrected in a timely manner, the County may characterize the Successful Vendor as uncooperative, which may jeopardize future project order solicitations.

### **F. MODIFICATION OR WITHDRAWAL OF BID**

1. A Bid Document may not be modified, withdrawn, or cancelled by the Vendor during the stipulated time period following the time and date designated for the receipt of Bid Documents, and each Vendor so agrees in submitting Bid Documents.

#### **G. DEFAULT**

1. The Contract may be cancelled or annulled by the County in whole or in part by written notice of default to the Successful Vendor upon non-performance, violation of Contract terms, delivery failure, bankruptcy or insolvency, any violation of state or local laws, or the making of an assignment for the benefit of creditors. An award may then be made to the next most highly rated Vendor, or when time is of the essence, similar commodities and/or service may be purchased on the open market. In either event, the defaulting Vendor (or his surety) will be liable to the County for cost to the County in excess of the defaulted Contract price.
2. If a representative or warranty of either Party to the Contract is false or misleading in any material respect, or if either Party breaches a material provision of the Contract (“Cause”), the non-breaching Party will give the other Party written notice of such cause. If such Cause is not remedied within seven (7) days after receipt of such notice, (unless, with respect to those Causes which cannot be reasonably corrected or remedied within such seven (7) day period, the breaching Party will have commenced to correct or remedy the same within such seven (7) day period and thereafter will proceed with all due diligence to correct or remedy the same), the Party giving notice will have the right to terminate this Contract upon the expiration of such seven (7) day period.

#### **H. COLLUSION/FINANCIAL BENEFIT**

1. The Vendor certifies that his/her Bid is made without any previous understanding, agreement, or connection with any person, firm, or corporation making a Bid Document for the same project; without prior knowledge of competitive prices; and is in all respects fair, without outside control, collusion, fraud, or otherwise illegal action.
2. Upon signing the Bid Document, Vendor certifies that no member of the governing body of the County, or members of his/her immediate family, including spouse, parents or children, or any other officer or employee of the County, or any member or employee of a Commission, Board, or Corporation controlled or appointed by the Executive or Council has received or has been promised, directly or indirectly, any financial benefit, related to this Bid Document and subsequent Contract.

#### **I. TAX EXEMPTION**

1. In buying products directly from a Vendor Wicomico County is exempt from being *directly* charged Federal excise and Maryland sales tax. A copy of an exemption certificate shall be furnished upon request.
2. According to the Office of the Comptroller of Maryland, a *Contractor is responsible for paying sales tax* on his/her purchases relating to any projects or services and should incorporate it into their bid.
3. Successful Vendors cannot use the County tax exemption to buy materials or products used on County projects.

#### **J. CONTRACT CHANGES**

1. NO CLAIMS may be made by anyone that the scope of the project or that the Vendor’s Goods and/or Services have been changed (requiring changes to the amount of compensation to the Vendor or other adjustments to the Contract) UNLESS such changes or adjustments have been



made by an approved WRITTEN AMENDMENT (Change Order) to the Contract signed by the Purchasing Agent (and the County Council, if required), prior to additional Goods and/or Services being initiated. Extra Goods and/or Services performed without prior, approved, written authority will be considered as unauthorized and at the expense of the Vendor. Payment will not be made by the County.

2. NO ORAL conversations, agreements, discussions, or suggestions, which involve changes to the scope of the Contract, made by anyone including any County employee, will be honored or valid. No written agreements or changes to the scope of the Contract made by anyone other than the Purchasing Agent (with County Council approval, if required) will be honored or valid.
3. If any Change Order in the Goods and/or Services results in a reduction in the Goods and/or Services, the Vendor will neither have, nor assert any claim for, nor be entitled to any additional compensation for damages or for loss of anticipated profits on Goods and/or Services that are eliminated.

**K. ADDENDUM**

1. No oral statements of any person will modify or otherwise affect or interpret the meaning of the Contract specifications, or the terms, conditions, or other portions of the Contract. All modifications and every request for any interpretation must be addressed to the Wicomico County's Purchasing Agent and to be given consideration, must be received at least seven (7) days prior to the date fixed for the opening of Bid Documents.
2. Any and all interpretations, corrections, revisions, and amendments will be issued by the Purchasing Agent to all holders of Bid Documents in the form of written addenda. Vendors are cautioned that any oral statements made by any County employee that materially change any portion of the Bid Documents will not be relied upon unless subsequently ratified by a formal written amendment to the Bid Document.
3. All addenda will be issued so as to be received at least five (5) days prior to the time set for receipt of Bid Documents, and will become part of the Contract and will be acknowledged in the Bid Document form. Failure of any Vendor to receive any such addenda will not relieve said Vendor from any obligation under the Bid Document as submitted.
4. Vendors are cautioned to refrain from including in their Bid Document any substitutions which are not confirmed by written addenda. To find out whether the County intends to issue an amendment reflecting an oral statement made by any employee, contact the Wicomico County's Purchasing Agent during normal business hours.
5. The Wicomico County Purchasing Agent reserves the right to postpone the Bid Document opening for any major changes occurring in the 5-day interim which would otherwise necessitate an Addendum.

**L. EXCEPTIONS/ SUBSTITUTIONS**

1. Any exceptions or substitutions to the specifications requested should be marked on the bid form and listed on a separate sheet of paper attached to the bid.
2. An exception to the specifications may not necessarily disqualify the bid. The County will determine if the exception is an essential deviation or a minor item.
3. In the case of a minor deviation, the County maintains the option to award to that Vendor if it determines the performance is not adversely affected by the exception.

**M. APPROVED EQUALS**

1. In all specifications where a material or article is defined by describing a proprietary product or by using the name of a Vendor or manufacturer, it can be assumed that an approved equal can be substituted.
2. The use of a named product is an attempt to set a particular standard of quality and type that is familiar to the County. Such references are not intended to be restrictive.
3. However, the County shall decide if a product does in fact meet or exceed the quality of the specifications listed in the solicitation. It shall be the responsibility of the Vendor that claims his product is an equal to provide documentation to support such a claim.

**N. DELIVERY**

1. All items shall be delivered F.O.B. destination and delivery costs and charges included in the bid unless otherwise stated in the specifications or bid form.

**O. INSURANCE**

1. If required by the General Conditions or Terms and Conditions, the Successful Vendor shall provide the County with Certificates of Insurance within ten (14) calendar days of bid award notification evidencing the required coverage.
2. Successful Vendor must provide Certificates of Insurance before commencing work in connection with the Contract.

**P. BID EVALUATION**

1. If some characteristic of the bid requires that the bid must be reviewed by the County Council, the award can be expected within 30 calendar days.
2. Bid tabulations will be posted on the County website at [www.wicomicounty.org/bids.aspx](http://www.wicomicounty.org/bids.aspx) and click on the box Show Closed/Awarded/Cancelled Bids and find the bid tabulation for the bid you are interested in. The tabulations will typically be posted within 24 hours of the bid opening.
3. Bid evaluations typically take 1-2 weeks.

**END OF SECTION**

## **SECTION III: GENERAL CONDITIONS**

### **A. DRAWINGS AND SPECIFICATIONS**

1. Should any detail be omitted from the drawings or specifications, or should any errors appear in either, it shall be the duty of the Successful Vendor to notify the County's designated construction inspector.
2. In no case shall the Successful Vendor proceed with the work without notifying and receiving definite instructions from the County. Work wrongly constructed without such notification shall be corrected by the Successful Vendor at his own cost.

### **B. MATERIALS, SERVICES AND FACILITIES**

1. It is understood that, except as otherwise specifically stated in the Bid Documents, the Successful Vendor will provide and pay for all materials, labor, tools, equipment, water, light, power and transportation, supervision, temporary construction of any nature, and all other services and facilities of any nature whatsoever necessary to execute, complete, and deliver the Work within the specified time.
2. Materials and equipment will be so stored as to insure the preservation of their quality and fitness for the Work. Stored materials and equipment to be incorporated in the Work will be located so as to facilitate prompt inspection.
3. Manufactured articles, materials, and equipment will be applied, installed, connected, erected, used, cleaned and conditioned as directed by the manufacturer.
4. Materials, supplies and equipment will be in accordance with samples submitted by the Successful Vendor and approved by the County.

### **C. INSPECTION AND TESTING**

1. All materials and equipment used in the construction of the Work will be subject to adequate inspection and testing in accordance with generally accepted standard, as required and defined in the Bid Documents.
2. The County or its representatives may, at any time, enter upon the work and the premises used by the Successful Vendor, and the Successful Vendor shall provide proper and safe facilities to secure convenient access to all parts of the work, and all other facilities necessary for inspection, as may be required.
3. The County will appoint such persons as deemed necessary to properly inspect the materials furnished or to be furnished, and the work done under the contract and to see that the same strictly corresponds with the drawings and specifications. All such materials and workmanship shall be subject to approval of the County. Approval or acceptance of payment shall not be misconstrued as approval of items or work not in conformance with specifications and drawings nor shall it prevent the rejection of said work or materials at any time thereafter during the existence of the contract, should said work or materials be found to be defective, or not in accordance with the requirements of the contract.
4. Work and material will be inspected promptly, but if for any reason should a delay occur, the Successful Vendor shall have no claim for damages or extra compensation.
5. The Successful Vendor shall pay for all inspection costs necessary to complete the work which may be incurred to comply with the requirements of any agency other than the County, such as a railroad, public service utility company, or any other governmental agency or any other agency whose jurisdiction affects the work in any manner unless otherwise specified herein.

**D. APPROVAL OF SUBSTITUTION OF MATERIALS**

1. Samples of materials shall be submitted by the Successful Vendor for approval before such materials are ordered from the manufacturers or distributors and shall be approved by him before actual work is begun.
2. It is the intention of these specifications to permit all Vendors bidding on this work to secure the fullest amount of competition on the various materials and specialties names herein. Wherever a material or article is defined by describing a proprietary product or by using the name of a vendor or manufacturer, the term or approved equal shall be presumed to be implied unless otherwise stated.

**E. PROTECTION OF WORK, PROPERTY AND PERSONS**

1. Successful Vendor will be responsible for initiating, maintaining and supervising all safety precautions and programs in connection with the Work. Successful Vendor will take all necessary precautions and programs in connection with the Work. Successful Vendor will take all necessary precautions for the safety of, and will provide the necessary protection to prevent damage, injury or loss to all employees on the Work and other persons who may be affected thereby, all the Work and all materials or equipment to be incorporated therein, whether in storage on off the site, and other property at the site or adjacent thereto, including trees, shrubs, lawns, walks, pavements, roadways, structures and utilities not designated for removal, relocation or replacement in the course of construction.
2. Successful Vendor will comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and orders of any public body having jurisdiction. Successful Vendor will erect and maintain, as require by the conditions and progress of the Work, all necessary safeguards for safety and protection. Successful Vendor will notify owners of adjacent utilities when progress of the Work may affect them. The Successful Vendor will remedy all damage, injury or loss to any property caused, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, by Successful Vendor, any Subcontractor or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or anyone for whose acts any of them be liable.
3. In emergencies affecting the safety of persons or the Work or property at the site or adjacent thereto, the Successful Vendor, without special instruction or authorization from the County, will act to prevent threatened damage, injury or loss. Successful Vendor will give the County prompt Written Notice of any significant changes in the Work or deviations from the Bid Documents caused thereby, and a Change Order will thereupon be issued covering the changes and deviations involved.

**F. BARRICADES, DANGER, WARNING AND DETOUR SIGNS**

1. The Successful Vendor shall provide, erect and maintain all necessary barricades, sufficient red lights, flares, danger signals and signs, provide a sufficient number of watchmen and take all necessary precautions for the protection of the work and safety of the public.

**G. LICENSES AND PERMITS**

1. The Successful Vendor shall have all necessary licenses required to do the work and give all notices and obtain and pay all necessary permits required by local laws and regulations for building.
2. State and Federal permits (if applicable) to undertake work have been obtained by the County and accompany these specifications.

**H. SUPERVISION**

1. The Successful Vendor shall maintain, at all times during the progress of work, a competent and experienced supervisor who shall represent the Successful Vendor, and all directions given to him shall be binding. Important decisions of any directions, if requested by the supervisor, shall be confirmed in writing.
2. Supervision by the County or its representative does not relieve the Successful Vendor of responsibility for defective work executed under the direct control of the Successful Vendor. Responsibility for defective work rests upon the Successful Vendor, whether discovered by the County prior to final payment or subsequent thereto.

**I. CLEAN UP**

1. Upon completion of the items within a given location as specified and before monthly estimates will be paid, the construction area and all other areas occupied by the Successful Vendor during the construction of said Contract shall be cleaned of all surplus and discarded materials, bracing, forms, rubbish and temporary structures that were placed there by the Successful Vendor.
2. Disposal of the aforementioned shall be the responsibility of the Successful Vendor.

**J. CHANGES IN WORK**

1. The County, without invalidating the contract, may order extra work or make changes by altering, adding or deducting from the work with the contract sum being adjusted accordingly.
2. All such work shall be executed under the conditions of the original contract, except that any claim for the extension of time caused thereby shall be adjusted at the time of ordering such change.
3. The value of any such extra work or change shall be determined in one or more of the following ways:
  - a. By estimate and acceptance of lump sum.
  - b. By unit prices named in the contract or subsequently agreed upon.

**K. TIME FOR COMPLETION**

1. **The Work contemplated under this Contract shall be considered as continuous and be completed no later than June 15, 2017.**
2. The Successful Vendor will be allowed to work eight (8) hours per day, Monday through Friday, except for holidays, 52 weeks per year.
3. The Successful Vendor will not be permitted to work on holidays observed by Wicomico County or the State of Maryland or on Sundays unless otherwise authorized in writing.
4. In case of an emergency which may require that work be done on Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays, the Successful Vendor shall request permission of the County to do so. If, in the opinion of the County, the emergency is bonafide, permission may be granted to the Successful Vendor to work such hours as may be necessary. Also if in the opinion of the County a bonafide emergency exists, the Successful Vendor may be directed to work such hours as may be necessary whether or not the Successful Vendor requests permission to do so.
5. The Successful Vendor shall pay the County for all costs incurred for inspection services required for work permitted during holidays, weekends or in excess of eight (8) hours per day.

**L. PENALTY**

1. If the Successful Vendor shall fail to start and complete the project within the time frame stated above, the County shall assess a penalty of \$200.00 per calendar day for each and every day the Successful Vendor fails to complete the contract.

2. The designated County project manager reserves the option to extend the scheduled completion date or waive this penalty clause in its entirety if he is of the opinion that extenuating circumstances deemed such action appropriate.

**M. CORRECTION OF WORK**

1. The Successful Vendor will promptly remove from the premises all Work rejected by the County for failure to comply with the Bid Documents, whether incorporated in the construction or not, and the Successful Vendor will promptly replace and re-execute the Work in accordance with the Bid Documents and without expense to the County and will bear the expense of making good all Work of other Vendors destroyed or damaged by such removal or replacement.
2. All removal and replacement Work will be done at the Successful Vendor's expense. If the Successful Vendor does not take action to remove such rejected Work within ten (10) days after receipt of Written Notice, the County may remove such Work and store the materials at the expense of the Successful Vendor.

**N. CONSTRUCTION SAFETY AND HEALTH STANDARDS**

1. It is a condition of this contract, and shall be made a condition of each sub-contract entered into pursuant to this contract, that the Successful Vendor and any sub-contractor shall not require any laborer or mechanic employed in performance of the contract to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous, or dangerous to his health or safety, as determined under construction safety and health standards (Title 29, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1926, formerly Part 1518, as revised from time to time, promulgated by the United States Secretary of Labor, in accordance with Section 107 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standard Act.) (83 Stat. 96).
2. Failure of Wicomico County to inform the Successful Vendor of safety violations will not release the Successful Vendor of his responsibilities.

**O. GUARANTEE**

1. The Successful Vendor shall furnish the County with a two-year guarantee of workmanship and materials, dating from time of acceptance of the project and shall make good any defects which may occur during that period.
2. If any special guarantees in excess of the two-year period are specified by the manufacturer, these guarantees shall take precedence over the two-year period guarantee.
3. Upon completion of work, and before final payment or release of retainage, submit, and obtain from each subcontractor, material supplier and equipment manufacture general warranties and a notarized asbestos free guarantee.

## **SECTION IV: BID SPECIFICATIONS**

### **A. SCOPE**

1. The County is seeking bids from qualified Vendors to provide all labor, materials, tools, and equipment to remove and replace the perimeter fence at Indian Village Park, 903 Manoa Blvd, Salisbury, MD 21801 in accordance with the terms and conditions and specifications set forth in this solicitation.

### **B. PRICING**

1. Pricing must include all labor, materials, tools, and equipment to perform Work.

### **C. SUMMARY**

1. The existing fence around the property is a four (4) foot high chain link fence that measures approximately 2100 feet. This fence is to be removed and disposed of by the Successful Vendor. The fence posts need to be removed including the existing concrete footers. Leaving the footers in the ground may interfere with the installation of the new posts as well as become a safety issue later on.
2. The new fence is to be a five (5) foot chain link fence that includes seven (7) four (4) foot wide openings for walking traffic and one (1) sixteen (16) foot wide double gate for vehicular traffic.
3. There are several areas of the fence that have trees growing through. These trees will be removed prior to this project.
4. The ground level at this location is uneven. Care must be taken to ensure the top rail of the fence is level and aesthetically pleasing. A top rail that has a wavy appearance will not be acceptable.
5. There is one Pine tree located on the north east corner of the Park that will not be coming down and the fence line will need to be moved in slightly to accommodate that tree.
6. The new fence will have the same footprint as the existing fence. The four (4) foot walk through openings and the sixteen (16) foot vehicle gate will be placed in the same locations.

### **D. MATERIAL SPECIFICATIONS**

#### **1. FABRIC**

- a. The fabric shall be number 9 gauge aluminum coated chain line wire woven in a 2 inch mesh. Top and bottom salvages are to have knuckle finish. One width fabric with top rail is required; bottom is to have tension wire continuous between tension bars.

#### **2. POSTS**

- a. Line posts for fence shall be hot dipped in galvanized pipe; 2 ½ inch OD Schedule 40 or SS 40. No used, rolled or open seamed material will be permitted in posts or rails.
- b. Terminal posts (end or pull) for fence shall be in 3 inch O.D. hot dipped galvanized pipe, Schedule 40 or SS 40.
- c. Intermediate posts spacing shall be even in the line of the fence. The posts shall be no further than on 10 foot centers.
- d. Tops of all posts are to be securely fitted with hot-dipped galvanized malleable cast iron or pressed steel tops. The base of the top is to carry the apron around the outside of the post and is to be designed to exclude moisture from the interior of the posts. All intermediate post tops are to have a hold in the base for top rail. The tops that hold top rail by bracket will not be accepted.

3. RAILS

- a. All rails shall be hot dipped galvanized pipe and shall be 1 5/8 inch O.D. Schedule 40 or SS 40. Rails shall be provided with couplings approximately every 20 feet. Couplings are to be outside sleeve-type and at least 6 inches long. One coupling in every five shall contain a heavy spring to take up expansion and contraction of top rail and shall be securely fastened to terminal posts by suitable press steel connection.

4. FITTINGS, FASTENING DEVICES AND BRACING

- a. Fittings are to be hot dipped galvanized malleable cast iron or pressed steel.
- b. The fabric is to be securely fastened to all terminal posts by 1/4 x 3/4 galvanized tension bars with heavy 11 gauge pressed steel bands spaced approximately 14 inches apart. The fabric is to be fastened to line posts with number 6 gauge wire clips spaced approximately 14 inches apart to a top and bottom rail with a number 9 gauge tire wire on approximately 24 inch centers.
- c. Braces are to be made of the same materials as the top rail. Braces are to be installed midway between the top rail and ground to extend from the terminal post to the first adjacent line post. Braces are to be securely fastened to the post by a heavy pressed steel connector and then trussed from the line post back to the terminal post with 3/8 inch diameter round galvanized rod.

E. CONSTRUCTION

1. HEIGHT

- a. Heights of fences are as indicated in this section, under SUMMARY.

2. POST SPACING

- a. Posts are to be spaced in line of fence, no further apart than 10 ft. centers.

3. POST SETTING

- a. Posts for fences are to be set 36 inches into the ground in concrete with footings of proper size and shape so as to furnish a foundation and support sufficient to withstand any strain or shock ordinarily brought to bear onto a fence of this character. Concrete for these footings shall be no less than 12 inches in diameter and shall contain no less than six (6) bags of Portland cement per cubic yard of concrete. All concrete shall be smoothly finished to grade. All posts set in the ground shall be so that concrete is allowed to fill the hole in the bottom of the pipe so as to exclude moisture from the interior of posts. Excess concrete shall be removed from the site.

4. GATE

- a. Gateposts shall be hot-dipped galvanized pipe; 3 in. O.D. Schedule 40 or SS 40.
- b. Gate frames are to be made of 1 5/8 in. O.D. hot-dipped galvanized pipe Schedule 40 or SS 40. Corner fittings shall be heavy pressed steel or steel malleable iron casting securely riveted. The fabric to match the fence shall be installed in the frame by means of tension bars and hook bolts. Each frame is to be equipped with 3/8 in. diameter adjustable truss rods. The bottom hinges are to be ball and socket type designed to carry the weight of the gate on the post footing. Upper hinges are to be wrap-around adjustable type. All gates are to be equipped with a positive-type latching device with provisions for padlocking.



5. RESTORATION OF DISTURBED AREAS

- a. All areas disturbed during construction, including those disturbed by personnel or equipment, shall be returned to their original condition or better, as directed by the Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent of Parks.

F. **ALTERNATE BID**

1. Please provide pricing for the complete removal and replacement of the fence at Indian Village Park with a four (4) foot high chain link fence rather than a five (5) foot high fence as stated above.

G. **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

1. The Successful Vendor must be licensed to perform Work in the state of Maryland.

H. **PRE-BID CONFERENCE**

1. A pre-bid conference will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, March 31, 2017 at Indian Village Park, 903 Manoa Blvd, Salisbury, MD 21801.

I. **PAYMENT**

1. The County will make payment to the Successful Vendor Net 30 calendar days from the final acceptance of the project.

J. **QUESTIONS**

1. The last day for questions is noon on Tuesday, April 4, 2017.

K. **AWARD**

1. The County intends to award to the lowest Responsive and Responsible Vendor meeting the specifications.

**END OF SECTION**

**THIS AND PREVIOUS SECTIONS, OTHER THAN THE COVER PAGE, DO NOT NEED TO BE RETURNED WITH SUBMITTAL**

## FORM OF BID

To whom it may concern:

We hereby submit our Bid Documents for “INDIAN VILLAGE FENCE REPLACEMENT” as indicated in the Bid Documents. Having carefully examined the Bid Documents and having received clarification on all items of conflict or upon which any doubt arose, the undersigned hereby requests consideration of our Vendor for award of the referenced Bid.

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	EXTENDED PRICE
1	Provide labor, materials and equipment for the complete removal and replacement of the fence at Indian Village Park as stated in the Bid Specifications.	

### ALTERNATE BID

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	EXTENDED PRICE
1	Provide labor, materials and equipment for the complete removal and replacement of the fence at Indian Village Park with a four (4) foot high chain link fence rather than the five (5) foot high fence stated in the Bid Specifications.	

The Successful Vendor agrees to have the Work completed no later than June 15, 2017.  
 (Yes)\_\_\_\_ (No) \_\_\_\_\_ CHECK One.

Is your company currently involved in any active litigation? (Yes)\_\_\_\_ (No) \_\_\_\_\_ CHECK One.

Is your company currently involved in any mergers or acquisitions? (Yes)\_\_\_\_ (No) \_\_\_\_\_ CHECK One.

The Vendor agrees that their bid will be good for at least sixty (60) days unless otherwise indicated in the bid specifications.

**NOTE: THIS BID FORM MUST BE SIGNED BY AN OFFICER OF YOUR COMPANY OR AN AUTHORIZED AGENT FOR THIS BID TO BE CONSIDERED VALID BY THE COUNTY.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Sign for Identification

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Email

## REFERENCES

List three (3) references for which the Vendor has provided Goods/Services similar to those requested in the Bid Document within the last 12-36 months. Include contact name, address, telephone number, email address and services provided.

Company Name:		Company Name:	
Type of Project:		Type of Project:	
Address:		Address:	
Town, State, Zip Code:		Town, State, Zip Code:	
Contact Person:		Contact Person:	
Telephone Number:		Telephone Number:	
Email:		Email:	
Date of Service:		Date of Service:	
Company Name:			
Type of Project:			
Address:			
Town, State, Zip Code:			
Contact Person:			
Telephone Number:			
Email:			
Date of Service:			

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sign for Identification

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

## EXCEPTIONS

The undersigned hereby certifies that, except as listed below, or on separate sheets attached hereto, the enclosed Completed Bid Document covers all items as specified.

**EXCEPTIONS:**

(If none, write NONE) \_\_\_\_\_

THE VENDOR HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT OF THE FOLLOWING  
ADDENDA.

<u>Number</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Initials</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sign for Identification

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

**INDIVIDUAL PRINCIPAL**

Vendor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed By: \_\_\_\_\_ In the presence of: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Vendor: \_\_\_\_\_ Town, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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CO-PARTNERSHIP PRINCIPAL

Name of Co-Partnership: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Town, State, Zip

\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed By: \_\_\_\_\_ In the presence of: \_\_\_\_\_

Partner

Witness

Signed By: \_\_\_\_\_ In the presence of: \_\_\_\_\_

Partner

Witness

Signed By: \_\_\_\_\_ In the presence of: \_\_\_\_\_

Partner

Witness

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CORPORATE PRINCIPAL

Name of Corporation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Town, State, Zip

\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Signed By: \_\_\_\_\_ In the presence of: \_\_\_\_\_

President

Witness

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Corporate Secretary

Affix Corporate Seal

**VENDOR’S AFFIDAVIT OF QUALIFICATION TO BID**

I HEREBY AFFIRM THAT:

I, \_\_\_\_\_ am the \_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed Name) (title)  
and the duly authorized representative of the Vendor of  
\_\_\_\_\_ whose address is  
(name of corporation)

\_\_\_\_\_ and that I possess the legal authority to make this affidavit on behalf of myself and the Vendor for which I am acting.

Except as described in paragraph 3 below, neither I nor the above Vendor, nor to the best of my knowledge and of its officers, directors or partners, or any of its employees directly involved in obtaining contracts with the State or any county, bi-county or multi-county agency, or subdivision of the State have been convicted of, or have pleaded nolo-contendere to a charge of, or have during the course of an official investigation or other proceeding admitted in writing or under oath acts or omissions which constitute bribery, attempted bribery, or conspiracy to bribe under the provisions of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland or under the laws of any state or federal government (conduct prior to July 1, 1977 is not required to be reported).

(State “none” or, as appropriate, list any conviction, plea or admission described in paragraph 2 above, with the date, court, official or administrative body, the individuals involved and their position with the Vendor, and the sentence or disposition, if any.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I acknowledge that this affidavit is to be furnished to the County, I acknowledge that, if the representations set forth in this affidavit are not true and correct, the County may terminate any Contract awarded and take any other appropriate action. I further acknowledge that I am executing this affidavit in compliance with section 16D of Article 78A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, which provides that certain persons who have been convicted of or have admitted to bribery, attempted bribery or conspiracy to bribe may be disqualified, either by operation of law or after a hearing, from entering into contracts with the State or any of its agencies or subdivisions.

I do solemnly declare and affirm under the penalties of perjury that the contents of this affidavit are true and correct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sign for Identification

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

## NON-COLLUSIVE AFFIDAVIT

\_\_\_\_\_ being first duly sworn,  
deposes and says that:

1. He/she is the \_\_\_\_\_, (Owner, Partner, Officer, Representative or Agent) of \_\_\_\_\_, the Vendor that has submitted the attached Bid Documents;
2. He/she is fully informed respecting the preparation and contents of the attached Bid Document and of all pertinent circumstances respecting such Bid Documents;
3. Such Bid Document is genuine and is not a collusive or sham Bid Document;
4. Neither the said Vendor nor any of its officers, partners, owners, agents, representatives, employees or parties in interest, including this affiant, have in any way colluded, conspired, connived or agreed, directly or indirectly, with any other Vendor, firm, or person to submit a collusive or sham Bid Document in connection with the Work for which the attached Bid Document has been submitted; or to refrain from bidding in connection with such Work; or have in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement or collusion, or communication, or conference with any Vendor, firm, or person to fix the price or prices in the attached Bid Document or of any other Vendor, or to fix any overhead, profit, or cost elements on the Bid Document price or the Bid Document price of any other Vendor, or to secure through any collusion, conspiracy, connivance, or unlawful agreement any disadvantage against (Recipient), or any person interested in the Work;
5. The price or prices quoted in the attached Bid Document are fair and proper and are not tainted by any collusion, conspiracy, connivance, or unlawful agreement on the part of the Vendor or any other of its agents, representatives, owners, employees or parties in interest, including this affiant.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

# EXHIBIT A

## WICOMICO COUNTY, MARYLAND STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

This document sets out provisions generally applicable to all Wicomico County (“County”) contracts. These provisions do not constitute a complete agreement, and must be appended to a document, executed by all parties, which identifies the specific work to be performed, compensation, term, incorporated attachments, and any special conditions. This document and the Contract are intended to be complementary and shall be construed accordingly. Should there be a direct contradiction between these terms and conditions and the Contract, then the Contract shall govern and control those contradictory terms and conditions. The term “Department” includes the County, its various departments, unit, agencies, employees or agents as may be appropriate. The term “Contract” shall include a document entitled “agreement” or any other title on a document that is denoting a contract. The Wicomico County Executive is the person authorized to enter into contracts for Wicomico County.

Amendment. This Contract constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and all other communications prior to its execution, whether written or oral, with reference to the subject matter of this Contract are superseded by this Contract. No amendment to this Contract shall be binding unless in writing and signed by the parties.

Bankruptcy. Upon filing for any bankruptcy proceeding by or against the Contractor, whether voluntary or involuntary, or upon the appointment of a receiver, trustee, or assignee for the benefit of creditors, the Contractor must notify the County immediately. Upon notice of such filing, the County reserves the right at its sole discretion either to cancel the Contract or to affirm the Contract and hold the Contractor responsible for damages. The exercise of this right is in addition to any other rights the County may have as provided in this County or by law.

Compliance with Law. The Contractor hereby represents and warrants that:

- A. It has the power and authority to enter into and perform the Contract, that the Contract, when executed and delivered, shall be a valid and binding obligation of Contractor enforceable in accordance with its terms;
- B. Its performance under the Contract shall be in a good and workmanlike manner and in accordance with the professional standards;
- C. It is qualified to do business in the State of Maryland and that it will take such action as, from time to time hereafter, may be necessary to remain so qualified;
- D. It is not in arrears in the payment of any obligations due and owing to the County or any department or unit thereof, including but not limited to the payment of taxes and employee benefits, and that it shall not become so in arrears during the term of this Contract;
- E. It shall comply with all federal, State and local laws, regulations, and ordinances applicable to its activities and obligations under this Contract;
- F. It shall obtain, at its expense, all licenses, permits, insurance and governmental approvals, if any, necessary to the performance of its obligations under this Contract.

Contingent Fee Prohibition. The Contractor, architect or engineer (as applicable) warrants that it has not employed or retained any person, partnership, corporation, or other entity, other than a bona fide employee or agent working for the Contractor, architect or engineer, to solicit or secure this Contract, and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any person, partnership, corporation or other entity, other than a bona fide employee or agent, any commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee or other consideration contingent on the making of this Contract.

Counterparts and Signature. This Contract may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be an original, all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument. Unless otherwise specified by the County, this Contract may be signed in writing, or by electronic signature, including by email. An electronic signature, or a facsimile copy or computer image, such as a PDF or tiff image, of a signature, shall be treated as and shall have the same effect as an original signature. An electronic signature, a true and correct facsimile copy or computer image of this Agreement shall be treated as and shall have the same effect as an original signed copy of this document.



Force Majeure. Neither the County nor Contractor shall be held responsible for delay or default caused by fire, riot, acts of God, County declaration of emergency, or war where such cause was beyond, respectively, the County's or Contractor's reasonable control. The County and Contractor shall make all reasonable efforts to remove or eliminate such a cause of delay or default and shall, upon the cessation of the cause, diligently pursue performance of its obligations under this Contract.

Governing Law. This Contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Maryland and Wicomico County without regard to principles of conflicts of law.

Indemnification. The Contractor shall protect, hold free and harmless, defend and indemnify the County including its officers, agents and employees from all liability, penalties, costs, losses, damages, expenses, causes of action, claims or judgments (including Attorney's fees) resulting from injury to, or death of, any person or damage to property of any kind, which injury, death or damage arises out of, or is in any way connected with the performance of the work or failure to perform its obligations under this Contract. This obligation of indemnification shall apply to any acts or omissions, negligent conduct, whether active or passive, including acts or omissions of Contractor's agents or employees; except that it shall not be applicable to injury, death or damage to the property arising from the sole negligence of Wicomico County, its officers, agents and employees.

Independent Contractor.

- A. Contractor shall perform the work required by this Contract as an "Independent Contractor." Although the County reserves the right to determine the delivery schedule for the work to be performed and to evaluate the quality of the completed performance, the County cannot and will not control the means or manner of the Contractor's performance. The Contractor shall comply promptly with any requests by the County relating to the emphasis or relative emphasis to be placed on various aspects of the work or to such other matters pertaining to the work under this Contract. Contractor is responsible for determining the appropriate means and manner of performing the work.
- B. Contractor represents and warrants that Contractor is not an employee of the County, is not currently employed by the Federal Government, and is not an officer, employee or agent of the County.
- C. Contractor shall be responsible for all federal or state taxes applicable to any compensation or payments paid to Contractor under this Contract. Contractor is not eligible for any federal Social Security, unemployment insurance, or workers' compensation benefits from compensation or payments paid to Contractor under this Contract.
- D. Contractor agrees to immediately provide the County notice of any claim made against Contractor by any third party. Contractor also agrees not to assign to any third party, without the County's written consent, any obligation of the County to indemnify Contractor for any actions under this Contract.

Insurance Requirements.

- A. Contractor shall obtain, and at all times keep in effect, Commercial General Liability Insurance in the amounts listed below for its activities and operations. The insurance shall include coverage for personal injury, discrimination and civil rights violation claims. All such insurance shall name County, its employees, and agents as ADDITIONAL INSURED. A copy of the certificate of insurance shall be filed with the County prior to the time this Contract is executed, providing coverage in the amount of \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 general aggregate and \$500,000 for property damage. Coverage shall be written on an occurrence form.
- B. Contractor shall obtain, and at all times keep in effect, automobile insurance on all vehicles used in this Contract with the County to protect Contractor against claims for damages resulting from bodily injury, including wrongful death, and property damage that may arise from the operations of any owned or hired automobiles used by Contractor in connection with the carrying out of this Contract. All such insurance shall name County, its employees, and agents as ADDITIONAL INSURED.

- C. Contractor shall provide the County with certification of Workers' Compensation Insurance, with employer's liability in the minimum amount required by Maryland law in effect for each year of this Contract.
- D. All insurance policies shall have a minimum 30 days notice of cancellation. Immediate written notice to the County shall be required in the event of cancellation or restriction by the insurance company of any insurance policy referred to in this section.
- E. When insurance coverage is renewed Contractor shall provide new certificates of insurance prior to expiration of current policies.

Nondiscrimination. A contractor who is the recipient of County funds, or who proposes to perform any work or furnish any goods under this Contract shall not discriminate against any worker, employee or applicant because of religion, race, sex, age, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability, or perceived disability. Contractor further agrees that this provision will be incorporated in all sub-contracts entered into in connection with this Contract.

Ownership of Documents and Materials.

- A. The Contractor agrees that all documents and materials, including but not limited to, reports, drawings, studies, specifications, estimates, maps, photographs, designs, graphics, mechanicals, artwork, and computations prepared by or for the Contractor under the terms of this Contract shall at any time during the performance of the services be made available to the County upon request by the County and shall become and remain the exclusive property of the County upon termination or completion of the services. The County shall have the right to use the same without restriction or limitation and without compensation to the Contractor other than that provided in this Contract. The County shall be the owner for the purposes of copyright, patent or trademark registration.
- B. If the Contractor obtains or uses for purposes of this Contract, or subcontracts for, any design, device, material, or process covered by letters of patent or copyright, it shall provide an assignment to the County of ownership for purposes of copyright, patent or trademark and of all right to possess and to use such design, device, material or process and a legally sufficient agreement with the patentee or owner, and a copy of such agreement shall be filed with the County.
- C. The Contractor shall indemnify and save harmless the County from any and all claims for infringement by reason of the use of any such patented design, device, materials, or process, or any trademark or copyright, and shall indemnify, protect and save harmless the County, its officers, agents, and employees with respect to any claim, action, costs or infringement, for royalties or user fees, arising out of purchase or use of materials, construction, supplies, equipment or services covered by this Contract.

Payments. Payments to the Contractor pursuant to this Contract shall be made no later than 30 days after the County's receipt of a proper invoice from the Contractor. If an invoice remains unpaid 45 days after the invoice was received, interest shall be charged at a rate of six percent (6%) per annum.

Records. Contractor shall maintain all fiscal records relating to this Contract in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. In addition, Contractor shall maintain any other records pertinent to this Contract in such a manner as to clearly document Contractor's performance hereunder. Contractor acknowledges and agrees that the County and its duly authorized representatives shall have access to such fiscal records and all other books, documents, papers, plans, and writings of the Contractor that are pertinent to this Contract. All such fiscal records, books, documents, papers, plans, and writing shall be retained by Contractor and kept accessible for a minimum of three years, except as required longer by law, following final payment and termination of this Contract, or until the conclusion of any audit, controversy, or litigation arising out of or related to this Contract, whichever date is later. All subcontracts shall also comply with these provisions.

Remedies.

- A. Corrections of errors, defect and omissions. Contractor agrees to perform the work as may be necessary to correct errors, defects, and omissions in the services required under this Contract, without undue delays and

without cost to the County. The acceptance of the work set forth herein by the County shall not relieve the Contractor of the responsibility of subsequent corrections of such errors.

- B. Set Off. The County may deduct from and set-off against any amounts due and payable to the Contractor any back-charges, penalties, or damages sustained by the County, its agents, employees of recipients of its services, by virtue of any breach of this Contract by the Contractor or by virtue of the failure or refusal of the Contractor to perform the services or any part of the services in a satisfactory manner. Nothing herein shall be construed to relieve the Contractor of liability for additional costs resulting from a failure to satisfactorily perform the services.
- C. Cumulative. All rights and remedies of County and Contractor shall be cumulative and may be exercised successively or concurrently. The foregoing is without limitation to or waiver of any other rights or remedies of the County by law.

Responsibility of Contractor.

- A. The Contractor shall perform the services with the standard of care, skill, and diligence normally provided by a Contractor in the performance of services similar the services hereunder.
- B. Notwithstanding any review, approval, acceptance or payment for the services by the County, the Contractor shall be responsible for the professional and technical accuracy of its work, design, drawings, specifications and other materials furnished by the Contractor under this Contract.
- C. If the Contractor fails to perform the services, or any part of the services, in conformance with the standard set forth in subparagraph A above it shall, if required by the County, perform at its own expense and without additional cost to the County, those services necessary for the correction of any deficiencies of damages resulting, in whole or in part, from the Contractor's failure. This obligation is in addition to and not in substitution for any other remedy available to the County under the "Remedies" paragraph, or otherwise available by law.

Severability/Waiver. The County and Contractor agree that, if any term or provision of this Contract is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal or in conflict with any law, the validity of the remaining terms and provisions shall not be affected, and the rights and obligations of the parties shall be construed and enforced as if the Contract did not contain the particular term or provision held to be invalid. The failure of either party to enforce any provision of this Contract shall not constitute a waiver by that party of that or any other provision of this Contract.

Subcontracting or Assignment. The benefits and obligations of this Contract shall inure to and be binding upon the parties and neither this Contract nor the services to be performed shall be subcontracted, or assigned or otherwise disposed of, either in whole or in part, except with the prior written consent of the County. The County has the right to withhold such consent for any reason the County deems appropriate.

Substance Abuse and Drug Testing. Contractors and contract employees are subject to the provisions of the County's policy on substance abuse and drug testing regarding the use, possession, or sale of drugs or alcohol while performing County business or while in a County facility. Violation of these provisions or refusal to cooperate with implementation of the County's policy on substance abuse and drug testing can result in the barring of contract personnel from County facilities or from participating in County operations.

Survival. The terms, conditions, representations, and all warranties contained in this Contract shall survive the termination or expiration of this Contract.

Termination. If the Contractor fails to fulfill its obligations under the Contract properly and on time, or otherwise violates any provision of the Contract, the County may terminate the Contract by written notice to the Contractor. The notice shall specify the acts or omissions relied upon as cause for termination. All finished or unfinished work provided by the Contractor shall, at the County's option, become the County's property. The County shall pay the

Contractor fair and equitable compensation for satisfactory performance prior to receipt of notice of termination, less the amount of damages caused by the Contractor's breach. If the damages are more than the compensation payable to the Contractor, the Contractor will remain liable after termination and the County can affirmatively collect damages.

Termination of Contract for Convenience. The performance of work under this Contract may be terminated by the County, in whole or in part, upon written notice to the Contractor, when the County determines such termination is in the best interest of the County. The termination for convenience is effective on the date specified in the County's written notice. The County will pay for all reasonable costs allocable to the Contract for work or costs incurred by the Contractor up to the date of termination. However, the Contractor shall not be reimbursed for any anticipatory profits that have not been earned up to the date of termination.

Termination of Multi-year Contract. If the County fails to appropriate funds or if funds are not otherwise made available for continued performance for any fiscal period of this Contract succeeding the first fiscal period, this Contract shall be cancelled automatically as of the beginning of the fiscal year for which funds were not appropriated or otherwise made available; provided, however, that this will not affect either the County's rights or the Contractor's rights under any termination clause in this Contract. The effect of termination of the Contract hereunder will be to discharge both the Contractor and the County from future performance of the Contract, but not from their rights and obligations existing at the time of termination. The Contractor shall be reimbursed for the reasonable value of any non-recurring costs incurred but not amortized in the price of the Contract. The County shall notify the Contractor as soon as it has knowledge that funds may not be available for the continuation of this Contract for each succeeding fiscal period beyond the first.

Third Party Beneficiaries. The County and Contractor are the only parties to this Contract and are the only parties entitled to enforce its terms. Nothing in this Contract gives, is intended to give, or shall be construed to give or provide any benefit or right, whether directly, indirectly, or otherwise, to third persons unless such third persons are individually identified by name herein and expressly described as intended beneficiaries of the terms of this Contract.

Time is of the essence. Time is of the essence in Contractor's performance of each and every obligation and duty under this Contract.

Use of County Facilities. Contractor and its employees or agents shall have the right to use only those facilities of the County that are necessary to perform the services under this Contract and shall have no right of access to any facility of the County without prior approval of County Administration. County shall have no responsibility for the loss, theft, mysterious disappearance of or damage to equipment, tools, materials, supplies, and other personal property of Contractor or its employees, subcontractors or agents which may be stored on County premises.

Whole Contract. This Contract constitutes the complete and exclusive statement of the Contract between the parties relevant to the purpose described herein and supersedes all prior agreements or proposals, oral or written, and all other communication between the parties relating to the subject matter of this Contract.