



Engineering Services Committee Committee Room- 11/13/2006- 1:00 PM
Meeting

ENGINEERING SERVICES

1. Approve the transfer of 214 Magnolia Avenue to Land Bank Authority. ☐ [Attachments](#)
2. Motion to approve an Application for Service from the New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam Management Fund and authorization of payment to that fund in the amount of \$100,000.00 per year for 2007, 2008, and 2009. ☐ [Attachments](#)
3. Motion to direct the Traffic Engineering Section of the Engineering Department to remove the temporary speed humps and associated signage along Crane Ferry Road. ☐ [Attachments](#)
4. Discuss RFP for pest control services for 2007. (Requested by Commissioner Joe Bowles) (Referred from October 30 Engineering Services) ☐ [Attachments](#)
5. Approve a request from the Engineering Department to award bid item #06-173 to GE Supply in the amount of \$97,299.02 for street light poles and fixtures replacements/repairs in the urban areas of Augusta for a period of one year. This is contingent upon adoption of this item. Funds are available in the street light budget account number 276-04-1610-5414410. ☐ [Attachments](#)
6. Discuss billing options for the solid waste department. ☐ [Attachments](#)



**Engineering Services Committee Meeting
11/13/2006 1:00 PM
214 Magnolia Avenue**

Department: Clerk of Commission

Caption: Approve the transfer of 214 Magnolia Avenue to Land Bank Authority.

Background:

Analysis:

Financial Impact:

Alternatives:

Recommendation:

**Funds are
Available in the
Following
Accounts:**

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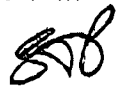
Clerk of Commission

AGENDA ITEM _____

EDITION _____

DATE: November 8, 2006

TO: The Honorable David S. Copenhaver, Mayor
The Honorable Marion Williams, Mayor Pro Tem
Members of the Commission

FROM: Stephen E. Shepard, County Attorney 

THROUGH: Fred Russell, Administrator

SUBJECT: Transfer of 214 Magnolia Avenue to Land Bank Authority

CAPTION: Transfer of 214 Magnolia Avenue to Land Bank Authority

BACKGROUND: Transfer of property to LBA allows for private sale to East Augusta Community Development Corporation. East Augusta Community Development Corporation is currently building new homes in the area and the transfer of said property will enable the building of two more homes.

ANALYSIS: See Background.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Sale price is \$875.00 with East Augusta paying closing costs. The appraised value of said property is \$3,500.00. LBA policy is to sell property to CHDO'S at 25% of value.

ALTERNATIVES: Do not transfer property to the Land Bank Authority.

RECOMMENDATION: Transfer property.

AGENDA DATE: Engineering Services Committee Meeting: November 13, 2006
Commission Meeting: November 21, 2006

DEPARTMENT
DIRECTOR: _____

ADMINISTRATOR: _____

FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE
FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS: _____

FINANCE: _____



Engineering Services Committee Meeting

11/13/2006 1:00 PM

Application for Service from the New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam Management Fund

Department: Utilities Department

Caption: Motion to approve an Application for Service from the New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam Management Fund and authorization of payment to that fund in the amount of \$100,000.00 per year for 2007, 2008, and 2009.

Background: Attached is a copy of an Application of Augusta, Georgia for service from the New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam Management Fund established by the City of North Augusta. Also attached is a copy of a Resolution in support for the New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam adopted on August 16, 2005 by the Augusta Commission. As stated in the resolution, Augusta was once again memorializing its support for the New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam. Also attached is a copy of a letter from Mayor Young to Mr. M.J. Yuschishin of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers dated June 5, 2001 wherein the Mayor expresses the support of the disposition of the New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam in the manner outlined in a letter from Mr. Yuschishin dated May 9, 2001 to Mayor Young. A copy of that letter together with a copy of the ADDENDUM and FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS was sent by the Mayor as a Memorandum dated May 11, 2001 to all the Commissioners for their review. A copy of that Memorandum with the letter is attached. Please note that in the Water Resources Development Act of 2000, Congress authorized the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to rehabilitate the New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam, construct a fish passage feature, and then transfer the Project to North Augusta and Aiken County to operate and maintain. The total cost of the repairs and rehabilitation is estimated at \$6,814,000.00 and the cost of the fish passage feature is estimated at \$5,500,000.00. The Federal Government will bear the total cost for these items. The City of North Augusta has established the New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam Management Enterprise Fund

for the purpose of handling expenses and receiving revenues associated with the management of the lock and dam. Attached are copies of both a letter dated October 5, 2006 from the North Augusta City Administrator, Charles Martin, to Fred Russell, Augusta Administrator and of the North Augusta Ordinance number 2006-10 which establishes the Enterprise Fund. Please note that Augusta is designated as a Class I-Government customer and that Augusta is responsible for 30% of the operations, maintenance, and capital costs associated with operating and maintaining the facility once it is turned over to the local sponsor-North Augusta and Aiken County. Please note that Section 14-190 of the Ordinance establishes a Contingency Account with an initial funding of \$1,000,000.00. The funding would be in three (3) equal installments due in January of 2007, 2008, and 2009. Augusta's portion would be \$300,000.00 total with \$100,000.00 paid in January of 2007, 2008, and 2009. This would be funded from the Utilities Department. The last attachment to this agenda item is a copy of Appendix D-2 from the Corps of Engineers' Section 216 Disposition Study of the New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam dated September 8, 2000. This Appendix is a summary of the Estimated Annual Average cost for the Operation and Maintenance and the Future Recommended Repair and Rehabilitation. Please note that the local share is \$282,256.00. Augusta's share of that would be \$84,676.80 per year. These estimates represent an annualized average of costs that would occur at different times and not on an "annual average" basis. This does give us an estimate of \$85,000.00 to \$100,000.00 per year that Augusta would contribute to the operation and maintenance of the project in the future.

Analysis:

Approval of the Application for service from the New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam Management Fund and authorization of payment to that fund in the amount of \$100,000.00 per year for 2007, 2008, and 2009 will provide for Augusta's participation in the operation and maintenance of this important feature on the Savannah River. The New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam structure creates the Augusta Pool. The Augusta Utilities Department withdraws water from that pool for treatment at the new Hicks Plant on Tobacco Road. The Augusta Marina is located on the Augusta Pool. College rowing teams, local rowing teams, and drag boat racing events use the Augusta Pool for practice and for popular drag boat racing events. The Augusta Pool provides aesthetic and financial benefits to Augusta.

Financial Impact: \$100,000.00 per year for 2007, 2008, and 2009 will provide the \$300,000.00 for Augusta's share of the initial contingency fund. The amount in future years is estimated to be in the range of \$85,000.00 to \$100,000.00 annually. All funding for Augusta's share of the operation and Maintenance will come from the Augusta Utilities Department. Upon approval of this agenda item an account number will be established and \$100,000.00 will be added to the 2007 Budget of the Utilities Department.

Alternatives: None recommended.

Recommendation: Approve the Application for Service from the New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam Management Fund and authorize payment to that Fund in the amount of \$100,000.00 per year for 2007, 2008, and 2009 from the Augusta Utilities Department.

Funds are Available in the Following Accounts: Account will be established subsequent to the approval of this agenda item.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:

**Finance.
Administrator.
Clerk of Commission**

APPLICATION

Application of Augusta, Georgia
Name of government

For service from the New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam Management Fund

As a Class I (Government) user of the Savannah River my government recognizes the importance of the proper operation and maintenance of the New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam, thereby maintaining the "Augusta Pool" reservoir in such a manner and at such a level that my government may use the Augusta Pool for the purpose of: (check all that apply)

☐ Withdrawing Water for Industrial/Commercial Water Use

☒ Withdrawing Raw Water for Potable Purposes

☐ Discharge of Treated Waste Effluent

To that end Augusta, Georgia
Name of government

understands that it has an obligation to share in the costs and will be billed for a portion thereof associated with the operation, maintenance, reserves (contingency account), and capital expenses of the New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam. The billing shall be based on a percentage of the annual operating budget for the lock and dam as adopted annually by the City Council for the City of North Augusta in its management of the New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam Management Enterprise Fund and in accordance with Chapter 14, article VII of the Code of Law for the City of North Augusta.

It is also acknowledged that in accepting this application North Augusta nor Aiken County offer any guarantee as to the operations of the New Savannah Bluff Lock and dam or the maintenance of any certain water levels within the Augusta Pool Reservoir.

This application is submitted on _____.
(Date)

Signature of Authorized Representative

Typed Name of Authorized Representative

Title of Authorized Representative

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AUGUSTA-GEORGIA COUNTY
ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

City of North Augusta

October 5, 2006

Mr. Fred Russell, Administrator
Augusta, Georgia
Room 801 - Municipal Building
530 Greene Street
Augusta, Georgia 30911

TO: Max Hicks
For your attention.
Fred Russell 10/13/06sh

Dear Fred:

At its regular meeting of October 2, 2006, the North Augusta City Council unanimously adopted on third and final reading Ordinance No. 2006-10 establishing the New Savannah Bluff Lock & Dam Management Enterprise Fund. The ordinance is effective immediately. Please see the ATTACHED DOCUMENT for the ordinance text.

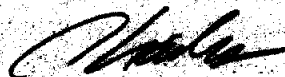
At the same October 2, 2006, meeting the City's proposed budget for fiscal year 2007 commencing January 1, 2007 was introduced and included the newly created enterprise fund described above. City Council has reviewed the proposed budget and has scheduled public hearings and the necessary 3 readings for October 16, November 6, and November 20, 2006. It is expected the budget will receive the required approvals without modifications.

In accordance with prior understandings, the 2007 New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam Management Enterprise Fund, as incorporated into the 2007 Budget, includes the first of three billings for the contingency account. Prior to billing and establishing each industry and each government as a customer, each industry/government will need to fill out an application for service from the Enterprise Fund. A sample copy of the application is part of the attached document. Have the appropriate representative of your company/government complete the original application attached and return it to the City of North Augusta, to the Attention of the City Administrator as soon as possible.

We are pleased to see this project move forward. Both the City of North Augusta and Aiken County governing bodies have authorized the signing of the agreement with the Corps of Engineers. We are awaiting clarification on insurance coverage before signing the agreement, but hope to have that moving shortly.

As always, we appreciate your cooperation and patience as we progress down this journey. If I can answer any questions or clarify anything, please let me know.

Sincerely,



Charles B. Martin
City Administrator

CBM:dbv

Enclosure

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ORDINANCE NUMBER 2006-10

ESTABLISHING THE NEW SAVANNAH BLUFF LOCK AND DAM MANAGEMENT ENTERPRISE FUND; SETTING FORTH THE POLICY OF THE FUND; IDENTIFYING THE CLASSES OF CUSTOMERS; PROVIDING FOR SERVICE CHARGES; PROVIDING FOR CONTRACTING THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

- I. Chapter 14 of the Code of laws for the City of North Augusta is hereby amended by adding, Article VII titled, "New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam" and when added shall read as follows:

ARTICLE VII. NEW SAVANNAH BLUFF LOCK AND DAM

Sec. 14-180. Definitions

Augusta Pool – A reservoir created by the presence of the New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam. The dam allows the reservoir to be maintained at a relatively constant level. The reservoir extends from the lock and dam at river mile marker 187.4 to the Savannah Rapids in the river located at mile marker 202.5.

City – City of North Augusta located in Aiken County and Edgefield County, South Carolina

Contingency Account – An account established within the New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam Management Enterprise Fund for the purpose of handling unforeseen and unbudgeted major repairs to the lock and dam.

County – Aiken County, South Carolina

Enterprise Fund – New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam Management Enterprise Fund, established for the purpose of handling expenses and receiving revenues associated with the management of the lock and dam.

New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam – A lock and dam located at mile marker 187.4 on the Savannah River. It consists of a lock and dam and the appurtenant features to the lock and dam, including a fish passage on the South Carolina side, plus the adjacent approximately 50 acre park and recreation area with improvements on the Georgia side.

Sec. 14-181. Authorization, Location, Decommissioning

The Rivers and Harbors Act of July 3, 1930 (H.D. 101.70th Congress, 1st Session), authorized construction of the New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam, and the Rivers and Harbors Act of August 30, 1935 (Senate Committee Print, 73rd Congress, 2nd Session) provided the location of the Project. The New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam was constructed by the US Army Corps of Engineers on the Savannah River in 1937 to promote navigation on the Savannah River. In 2000 the Corps determined that the lock and dam no longer served a federal purpose and recommended the decommissioning and removal of the facility unless a local

sponsor(s) could be identified who would take ownership and be responsible for the operation and maintenance of the facility.

Sec 14-182. Importance to Region

Due to the importance of the lock and dam in maintaining the reservoir pool elevation of the Savannah River in the North Augusta and Aiken County portion of the river for public drinking water supply, wastewater discharge, industrial water supply, economic development, and recreational purposes, the City has a vested interest in having the current lock and dam facility maintained in a safe operational status.

Sec 14-183. Authorization to convey title to City of North Augusta and Aiken County

Section 348(1) of the Water Resources Development Act of 2000, P.L. 106-541, as amended by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2001, P.L. 106-554, authorizes the Federal Government to convey the New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam consisting of the lock and dam, and the appurtenant features to the lock and dam to the City of North Augusta and Aiken County, South Carolina after execution of an agreement between the parties specifying the terms and conditions of the transfer.

Sec 14-184. Establishment of a Lock and Dam Management Enterprise Fund

In accordance with sections 5-7-30 and 5-7-60 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, a New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam Management Enterprise Fund shall be established in the City budget and accounting system for the purpose of dedicating and protecting all funding applicable to the purposes and responsibilities of the utility, including but not limited to rentals, rates, charges, fees, and licenses as may be established by the City Council. Any revenues and receipts of the New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam Management Enterprise Fund shall be placed in the Lock and Dam Enterprise Fund and all expenses of the utility shall be paid from the Lock and Dam Management Enterprise Fund. Funds from this enterprise fund shall not be co-mingled with any other Funds of the City.

Sec 14-185. General financing policy

It shall be the policy of the City that funding for the lock and dam utility be equitably derived. Service Charges for the management of the lock and dam utility shall be fair and reasonable and shall bear a substantial relationship to the cost of providing services and facilities. The cost of management of the facilities may include operating, maintenance, capital investment, and reserve expenses.

Sec 14-186. Contract to Operate

The New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam Management Enterprise Fund may contract with a separate entity for the day to day operation and maintenance of the New Savannah Lock and Dam.

Sec 14-187. Customers of Enterprise Fund

Customers of the lock and dam enterprise fund shall be those governments and industries who have a vested interest in the continued maintenance of the lock and dam and the "Augusta Pool" reservoir.

There shall be two classes of customers. They are Class I – Governments, and Class II – Industrial/Commercial.

Class I – Government Customers

Class I customers shall consist of the three (3) local governments: North Augusta, South Carolina; Aiken County, South Carolina; and Augusta, Georgia sharing the Augusta Pool Reservoir for raw water intake and/or waste water effluent discharge. These Class I customers shall be considered permanent customers.

Class II – Industrial/Commercial Customers

Class II customers shall consist of industries and/or commercial companies withdrawing water from the Augusta Pool Reservoir. Initially, there shall be four industrial/commercial customers. The number of industrial/commercial customers may vary.

Sec 14-188. Rates and Service Charges

Service charges shall be based upon percentages of the operating budget for the New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam Management Enterprise Fund as adopted by the City in conjunction with its annual budget adoption for all funds.

Class I – Governments

Class I customers shall be responsible for sixty percent (60%) of the total cost of all the operations, maintenance, and capital costs as follows:

City of North Augusta, South Carolina – 15%
Aiken County, South Carolina – 15%
Augusta, Georgia – 30%

Class II – Industrial/Commercial

Class II customers shall be responsible for forty percent (40%) of the total cost of all operation, maintenance, and capital costs.

Initially, there shall be four industrial/commercial customers with each being responsible for ten percent (10%) of all operations, maintenance and capital costs. The number of industrial commercial customers may change. If any Class II customer no longer draws water from the Augusta Pool and is unable to continue its financial obligation, the remaining Class II customers will share proportionately in the unpaid costs. If a new Class II customer chooses to withdraw from the Augusta Pool, that new customer shall share in the costs whereby all of

the Class II users will be sharing the costs equally, without regard to the volume of water used or the frequency of use by said customer. Whether Class II users are added or deleted, the Class II users will be responsible for forty percent (40%) of the total cost of all operations, maintenance, and capital costs.

Sec. 14-189. Request for Service.

Class I and Class II customers shall request service from the New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam Management Enterprise Fund. Said request shall be in writing and on a "Request for Service" form prepared by the City.

Sec 14-190. Contingency Account

The Final 216 Disposition Report, prepared by the Corps of Engineers, upon which the Corps determined the facility no longer served a federal purpose and upon which it was eventually determined that the facility would be deeded to the City and County, identified anticipated future costs of repairs and rehabilitation. The North Augusta City Council determines that to meet this identified future need, a contingency account within the New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam Management Enterprise Fund should be established with an initial funding of \$1,000,000. The contingency account shall be immediately established with a goal of full funding prior to the City and County taking title to the facility.

The initial contingency account shall be funded in up to three (3) equal installments. The first installment shall be due January, 2007, followed by a second installment in January, 2008, and the third installment in January, 2009.

For Class I customers the total percentages and dollar amount for the contingency account shall be as follows:

Aiken County, South Carolina	15%	\$150,000
North Augusta, South Carolina	15%	\$150,000
Augusta, Georgia	30%	\$300,000

For Class II customers the total percentages and dollar amount for the escrow account shall be 10% or \$100,000 each.

Sec. 14-191. Billing and Collections

Budgeted expenses will be billed to Class I and Class II customers of the New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam Management Enterprise Fund in the same proportions/percentages as the contingency account outlined above.

Billing to Class I and Class II customers shall be annually and in advance. The first billing shall be in January, 2007, and shall cover the first of the three annual installments to establish the initial contingency account as described herein. Subsequent billings shall cover the two additional annual installments to establish the initial contingency account plus any budgeted expenses approved by the City Council as reflected in the annually adopted budget for the operations and maintenance of the lock and dam.

Payment shall be due within 30 days from the date of the billing. Penalty payments of 2%/month or fractions thereof shall apply to late payments.

Sec. 14-192. Assets may be leased.

Assets of the New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam Management Enterprise Fund that are not required for the operation and maintenance of the lock and dam may be leased to other parties for activities not associated with the operation of the lock and dam. Such lease shall be upon such terms and conditions as may be set and approved by the City Council.

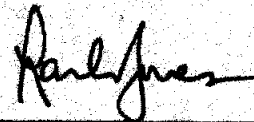
- II. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.
- III. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption on third and final reading.

DONE, RATIFIED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA, SOUTH CAROLINA, ON THIS 2nd DAY OF October, 2006.

First Reading 8/21/06

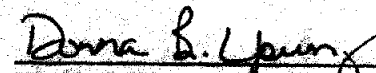
Second Reading 9/18/06

Third Reading 10/2/06



Lark W. Jones, Mayor

ATTEST:


Donna B. Young, City Clerk



RESOLUTION

A Resolution in support for the New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam.

WHEREAS, Augusta, Georgia, supports the efforts of local industry and the local government sponsor of the New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam, the City of North Augusta, South Carolina; to

WHEREAS, Augusta, Georgia wishes to memorialize, once again its support for said facility;

Now therefore let it be known that Augusta, Georgia continues to support the New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam as an instrument of commerce in the Central Savannah River area, which contributes to the local economy through recreation, flood control and interstate commerce.

Be it further resolved, the Augusta Commission by this Resolution, requests the United States Congress to appropriate funds for repairs to this facility to make it functional as it was designed and that the repair be placed in a line item category in the next Federal Budget for the next fiscal year.

So adopted this 16th day of August, 2005.

Augusta, Georgia

888 By *Vella Mapp*
As its Mayor

Attest:

Sam R. Bonner
Clerk



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

FILE

BOB YOUNG, MAYOR

ROOM 806, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
530 GREENE STREET, AUGUSTA, GA 30911
(706) 821-1831 - FAX (706) 821-1838
E-MAIL: mayoryoung@co.richmond.ga.us

June 5, 2001

Mr. M. J. Yuschishin
Department of the Army Chief Planning Division
Savannah District, Corps of Engineers
P. O. Box 889
Savannah, GA 31402-0889

Dear Mr. Yuschishin:

I have had a chance to review the Addendum to the New Savannah Bluff Lock & Dam Section 216 Disposition Report. The course of action as outlined in the Addendum to repair and rehabilitate the Dam, construct a fish passage and turn over the Dam to the City of North Augusta and Aiken County, SC is indeed a good solution. There was mention in the Addendum of a breakdown of annual operating costs, which subsequently would be shared among the users of the Savannah River. We are unable to comment on the impact that it may have on Augusta. We can only state that we expect that any charges that Augusta agrees to pay for annual operation and maintenance will be equitable and reasonable.

Therefore, the Augusta-Richmond County supports the course of action that the USCOE intends to implement for the eventual disposition of the New Savannah Bluff Lock & Dam. Augusta-Richmond County, however, reserves its right to comment and determine the impact that annual operations and maintenance costs will have on it.

Should you have questions, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,

Bob Young
Mayor

cc: Mr. George R. Kolb, Administrator
Ms. Teresa Smith, Public Works & Engineering Director
Mr. Max Hicks, Utilities Director



Office of the Mayor

Bob Young, Mayor

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MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE WILLIAM H. MAYS, III, MAYOR PRO-TEM
HONORABLE LEE BEARD, COMMISSIONER
HONORABLE ULMER BRIDGES, COMMISSIONER
HONORABLE HENRY BRIGHAM, COMMISSIONER
HONORABLE JERRY BRIGHAM, COMMISSIONER
HONORABLE ANDY CHEEK, COMMISSIONER
HONORABLE RICHARD COLCLOUGH, COMMISSIONER
HONORABLE BILL KUHLE, COMMISSIONER
HONORABLE STEVE SHEPARD, COMMISSIONER
HONORABLE MARION WILLAMS, COMMISSIONER

FROM: BOB YOUNG, MAYOR

RE: NEW SAVANNAH BLUFF LOCK AND DAM

DATE: MAY 11, 2001

CC: GEORGE KOLB, CITY ADMINISTRATOR
JIM WALL, CITY ATTORNEY

The attached update to the Army Corps of Engineers Section 216 report is reflective of the on-going efforts to transfer ownership of the New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam.

Please, note that the draft report includes all renovation to include fish passage, which is an important element injected by U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Comments are being solicited on this draft. You may want to share your individual thoughts directly with the Corps.

I am told we are still four to five years away from transferring ownership.

Attach.

MAY 11 2001

APPROVED - [Signature]
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

SAVANNAH DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
P.O. BOX 889
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA 31402-0889

May 9, 2001

Planning Division

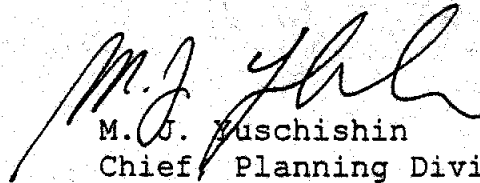
Honorable Bob Young
Mayor, City of Augusta
Municipal Building, Room 806
530 Greene Street
Augusta, Georgia 30911

Dear Mayor Young:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District, recently evaluated the disposition of the New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam (NSBL&D) Project under Section 216 of the Flood Control Act of 1970. Our December 1999 Draft Section 216 Report recommended deauthorizing the project and placing it in an inoperable condition. Subsequent to completion of our final report last September, Congress authorized transfer of the Project to local governments after we repair the structure and add a fish passage feature. In response to this Congressional direction, we have selected a different plan to implement than the one you reviewed in the draft report. I have enclosed for your review and comment a Draft Addendum and Draft Finding Of No Significant Impacts (FONSI) that we plan to add to our Final Report.

We are issuing a Public Notice containing this Draft Addendum and Draft FONSI. I request you review these documents and provide any comments you may have by June 8, 2001, to Mr. William Bailey (PD-E), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District, P.O. Box 889, Savannah, Georgia 31402-0889.

Sincerely,


M. J. Zuschishin
Chief, Planning Division

Enclosure

NEW SAVANNAH BLUFF LOCK & DAM SECTION 216 DISPOSITION REPORT

ADDENDUM

May 2001

I. Background

The purpose of this addendum is to respond to Congressional direction in Section 348(l) of the Water Resources Development Act of 2000 (WRDA), P.L. 106-541, and the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2001, P.L. 106-554. The purpose of the Section 216 study was to review the current uses of the New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam Project, Savannah River, Georgia and South Carolina, and recommend its future disposition. As a result of WRDA 2000, Congress has authorized the Savannah District, United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), to rehabilitate the project at full Federal expense and then transfer the project to the City of North Augusta and Aiken County, South Carolina. After its conveyance, Congress stated that this project feature would no longer be considered part of the Savannah River Below Augusta Navigation Project.

II. Status

The draft report was completed in December 1999 and the final report was completed in September 2000. Between the draft and final reports, the Savannah District USACE and Assistant Secretary of the Army, Civil Works, (ASA (CW)) held many meetings with local interests. There was strong local interest in having the facility continue to operate. In May 2000, the City of North Augusta and Aiken County, representing the stakeholders in the area, submitted a proposal to ASA (CW) (Appendix B-2). In this letter, they proposed to become the local sponsor for a reauthorized project. They also suggested that a transfer of the project be considered. They were unwilling to accept a transfer of the project in its present condition or share in the costs of repair and rehabilitation needed to ensure safe and reliable performance. For the USACE to recommend reauthorization with a local sponsor, the other party is required to cost-share repairs and rehabilitation, and pay for all future repairs and rehabilitation and operation and maintenance of the project. However, no non-Federal entity, including the City of North Augusta and Aiken County, was willing to assume those responsibilities. Therefore, the USACE Savannah District's recommendation in the September 2000 final report was deauthorization of this feature of the Savannah River Below Augusta Navigation Project and removal of the structure at full Federal cost.

Subsequent to submission of the final report, Congressional authorization for transfer of the project to the City of North Augusta and Aiken County was provided in WRDA 2000. Congressional direction for repair of the project at full Federal cost was also included. Modifications to this language to correct the stated repair cost and add provision of a fish passage feature at full Federal expense was later included in the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2001, P.L. 106-554.

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ADDENDUM

May 2001

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APPENDIX D-2

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					\$809,747	

FUTURE RR&R CALCULATION

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1			\$0	1.000	\$0
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3			\$0	0.880	\$0
4			\$0	0.825	\$0
5			\$0	0.774	\$0
6			\$0	0.726	\$0
7			\$0	0.681	\$0
8			\$0	0.638	\$0
9			\$0	0.599	\$0
10			\$0	0.561	\$0
11			\$0	0.527	\$0
12			\$0	0.494	\$0
13			\$0	0.463	\$0
14			\$0	0.434	\$0
15			\$0	0.407	\$0
16	\$35,000	\$285,000	\$320,000	0.382	\$122,254
17			\$0	0.358	\$0
18			\$0	0.336	\$0
19			\$0	0.315	\$0
20			\$0	0.296	\$0
21	\$650,000		\$650,000	0.277	\$180,191
22			\$0	0.260	\$0
23			\$0	0.244	\$0
24			\$0	0.229	\$0
25			\$0	0.214	\$0
26	\$125,000	\$336,000	\$461,000	0.201	\$92,731
27		\$125,000	\$125,000	0.189	\$23,582
28		\$150,000	\$150,000	0.177	\$26,540
29		\$90,000	\$90,000	0.166	\$14,934
30	\$200,000	\$550,000	\$750,000	0.156	\$116,721
TOTAL	\$1,010,000	\$1,536,000	\$2,546,000		\$576,953



**Engineering Services Committee Meeting
11/13/2006 1:00 PM
Crane Ferry Road Speed Humps Removal**

Department:	Abie L. Ladson, P.E., Interim Director Engineering Department
Caption:	Motion to direct the Traffic Engineering Section of the Engineering Department to remove the temporary speed humps and associated signage along Crane Ferry Road.
Background:	This section of Crane Ferry Road is a two-lane residential street that generally runs between Warren Road and Pleasant Home Road and serves as a primary ingress and egress to the Montclair subdivision. During reconstruction of Warren Road, which also serves as a primary ingress/egress to the Montclair subdivision, it was necessary to close the portion of Warren Road between Crane Ferry Road and Washington Road for a period of two years. Subsequently, through traffic along Warren Road was redirected onto Crane Ferry Road resulting in an increase in traffic volumes along same. To address this increase in traffic volumes, in 2004, the Augusta-Richmond County Commission directed the Engineering Department to install temporary speed humps along Crane Ferry Road as a traffic calming measure until the reconstruction of Warren Road was complete.
Analysis:	1) Reconstruction of Warren Road is complete and Warren Road is open to traffic. 2) The speed humps were installed as a temporary measure and not intended as permanent installations. 3) The speed humps in place are approaching the end of their useful lives and are becoming detached from the pavement. 4) Further deterioration of the existing speed humps may result in a hazardous condition and potential liability.
Financial Impact:	Removal of the speed humps will be performed by Traffic Engineering personnel; costs incurred during removal will only result from employee salaries. Repair of pavement

damage resulting from the installation and removal of the speed hump may only be assessed after removal but would likely be of a scale that can be repaired using existing Augusta-Richmond County personnel and assets. Total cost of removal and repair, including labor at estimated at less than \$1,500.

Alternatives: 1) Approve directive for Traffic Engineering personnel to remove the temporary speed humps along Crane Ferry Road.
2) Do not approve and funds will need to be identified for future repair and/or replacement.

Recommendation: Approve alternative one

Funds are Available in the Following Accounts: 276-04-1610-5414410 ____

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:

**Finance.
Administrator.
Clerk of Commission**



**Engineering Services Committee Meeting
11/13/2006 1:00 PM
Pest Control RFP**

Department:

Caption: Discuss RFP for pest control services for 2007. (Requested by Commissioner Joe Bowles) (Referred from October 30 Engineering Services)

Background:

Analysis:

Financial Impact:

Alternatives:

Recommendation:

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Available in the
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**Engineering Services Committee Meeting
11/13/2006 1:00 PM
Street Lights Poles & Fixtures - Bid # 06-173**

Department: Abie L. Ladson, P.E., Interim Director Engineering Department

Caption: Approve a request from the Engineering Department to award bid item #06-173 to GE Supply in the amount of \$97,299.02 for street light poles and fixtures replacements/repairs in the urban areas of Augusta for a period of one year. This is contingent upon adoption of this item. Funds are available in the street light budget account number 276-04-1610-5414410.

Background: This is an annual bid process.

Analysis: The Procurement Department conducted the bid opening process on October 10, 2006. The proposals were evaluated and were as follows: • GE Supply Company \$97,299.02 • E. Sam Jones NB

Financial Impact: Funds are available in the Street Lighting budget account number 276-04-1610-5414410, which is sufficient for any emergencies that may arise before the end of the year.

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Recommendation: Approve Alternative Number 1.

Funds are

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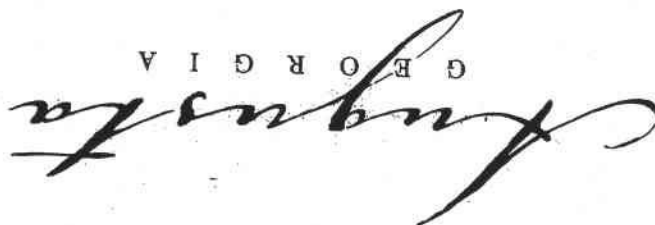
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Bid Item 06-173

Street Lighting for Engineering Department/Traffic Engineering Section

Bid Due: Tuesday, October 10, 2006 @ 11:00 a.m.

				GE Supply	E Sam Jones
				1546 15th Street	3316 Sandpiper Lane
				Augusta, GA 30901	Augusta, GA 30907
No.	Quantity	Manufacturer	Model		
1 (TS-3)	?	Sternberg/Augusta Pole	4200-FP4	\$913.00 ea.	No Bid
2 (TS-4)	20	Sternberg Heritage fixture	6130-C	\$865.97 ea.	No Bid
3 (TS-5)	5	Sternberg/Augusta double arm and (2) fixture	4200-FP5	\$3380.60 ea.	No Bid
4.(TS-6)	2	Heritage-fixture Augusta-Pole Quad (4) arm	6130-C(4)	\$5624.67 ea.	No Bid
			579PTpt-		
			5214FP5		
5(TS-7)	4	Hadco/Double arm pole/with 8 ft. arm	22-687	\$908.42 ea.	No Bid
6(TS-8)	10	Hadco/Single arm pole/with 8 ft. arm	21-587	\$806.32 ea.	No Bid
7(TS-9)	50	Sternberg/Lexington pole	450T14	\$666.30 ea.	No Bid
8(TS-10)	40	Sternberg/State Fixture	9403TF-BB	\$775.01 ea.	No Bid



Bid Specifications

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For

Engineering Department

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Thanks for doing business with us . . .
Gerl A. Sams, Procurement Director
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Invitation To Bid

Sealed bids will be received at this office until 11:00 a.m. Tuesday October 10, 2006

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BID's will be received by Augusta, GA Commission hereinafter referred to as the OWNER at the offices of:

Gerri A. Sams
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706-821-2422

BID documents may be obtained at the office of Augusta, GA Procurement Department, 530 Greene Street - Room 605, Augusta, GA 30911. Documents may be examined during regular business hours at the offices of Augusta, GA Procurement Department. All questions must be submitted in writing to the office of the Procurement Department by Fax at 706-821-2811 or by mail. No bid will be accepted by fax, all must be received by mail or hand delivered.

The local bidder preference program is applicable to this project. To be approved as a local bidder and receive bid preference on an eligible local project, the certification statement as a local bidder and all supporting documents must be submitted to the Procurement Department with your bonafide bid package.

It is the wish of the Owner that minority businesses are given the opportunity to BID on the various parts of the work. This desire on the part of the Owner is not intended to restrict or limit competitive bidding or to increase the cost of the work. The Owner supports a healthy free market system that seeks to include responsible businesses and provide ample opportunity for business growth and development.

No BID may be withdrawn for a period of 30 days after time has been called on the date of opening.

Bidders will please note that the number of copies requested, all supporting documents including financial statements and references and such other attachments that may be required by the bid invitation are material conditions of the bid. Any package found incomplete or submitted late shall be rejected by the Procurement Office. Any bidder allegedly contending that he/she has been improperly disqualified from bidding due to an incomplete bid submission shall have the right to appeal to the appropriate committee of the Augusta commission. Please mark BID number on the outside of the envelope.

Bidders are cautioned that sequestration of BID documents through any source other than the office of the Procurement Department is not advisable. Acquisition of BID documents from unauthorized sources placed the bidder at the risk of receiving incomplete or inaccurate information upon which to base his qualifications.

Augusta has a Link Deposit program designed to provide loans to eligible local Small, Minority and Women Owned Businesses. For more information about this program contact the Office of the Disadvantage Business Enterprise at 706-821-2406.

GERI A. SAMS, Procurement Director

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Traffic Engineering
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GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Site Owner: City of Augusta, Georgia
Manager/Owner: City of Augusta Engineering
2. Suite Location: Augusta Engineering Department
Augusta, Georgia 30901

3. If any additional information is needed please contact:
Geri A. Sams, Purchasing Director @ (706) 821-2422

4. Successful bidder must have a valid Business Tax Number:

State Georgia License Number 200-003097

5. Specifications are attached:

Bid Submitted By:

Name: CHAD LOWMYER

Company: GE Supply

Address: 1547 15TH STREET

Augusta GA 30901

Telephone No. 706-736-8422 Fax No. 706-733-2584

SPECIFICATIONS FOR STREET LIGHTING POLES AND FIXTURES

Delivery

The price shall include delivery to City of Augusta, Street Lighting Section, 1568 Broad Street (Street Lighting Section), NOTIFY THE TRAFFIC ENGINEERING SECTION (706-821-1841) TWENTY-FOUR (24) HOURS PRIOR TO DELIVERY. Delivery should be within 60 days after acceptance of bid.

Poles

TS-3 Sternberg Pole #4212 FP 4 Christmas hooks and receptacles with ground studs, fluted pole, black as shown on Drawing No. TS-3.

Fixtures

TS-4 Sternberg Fixtures #6130-C Cone Optics 310-B, 150 watts, HPS Lamps, mogul base, with multi-tap ballast, per attached Drawing No. TS-4.

Poles & Fixture Assembly:

TS-5 Sternberg Fixture #6130-C-B, C-Cone Optics, 310 B Black, 150 watt HPS, multi-tap ballast, mogul base, ballast inside cone, with house shield, per attached Drawing No. A, or equal. Sternberg pole #4214FP5 with Christmas hooks and receptacles with ground studs, fluted pole black as shown on Drawing No. TS-5.

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Pole & Arms

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Pole & Arm

TS-8 Hadco Series 20 Style 21 single tapered elliptical arms, plain base, Aluminum pole, 30 Ft. mounting height, 8 Ft. arm, .188 thickness, As shown on Drawing TS-8.

Poles

TS-9 Sternberg/Lexington Pole 450T14 tapered pole, single unit construction, black 14 Ft. mounting height, base to be modified with anchor bolt slots with ground studs as shown on Drawing TS-9 A & B.

Fixtures

TS-10 Sternberg fixtures No. 9403TF/B cone optics 310B black 150 watt HPS multi-tap ballast mogul base, ballast inside fixture as shown on Drawing TS-10.

Bid Item 06-173 Street Lighting for Engineering Department/Traffic Engineering Section

Tuesday, October 10, 2006 @ 11:00 a.m.

Bid Due:

No. Qty. Manufacturer Model Delivery Bid

1 (TS-3)		Sternberg/Augusta Pole	4200-FP4	8-10watts	\$913.00/ea	
2 (TS-4)	20	Sternberg Heritage fixture	6130-C	8-10watts	\$865.97/ea	
3 (TS-5)	5	Sternberg/Augusta double arm and (2) fixture	4200-FP5 (2)6130C	8-10watts	\$3380.00/ea	
4.(TS-6)	2	Heritage-fixture Augusta-Pole Quad (4) arm	6130-C(4) 579PT-5214FP5	8-10watts	\$5624.67/ea	
5(TS-7)	4	Hadco/Double arm pole/with 8 ft. arm	22-687	10-12watts	\$908.42/ea	
6(TS-8)	10	Hadco/Single arm pole/with 8 ft. arm	21-587	10-12watts	\$806.32/ea	
7(TS-9)	50	Sternberg/Lexington pole	450T14	8-10watts	\$666.30/ea	
8(TS-10)	40	Sternberg/State Fixture	9403TF-BB	8-10watts	\$775.01/ea	

Total Bid

\$121,481.12/lot
no lamps

Bid Submitted By:

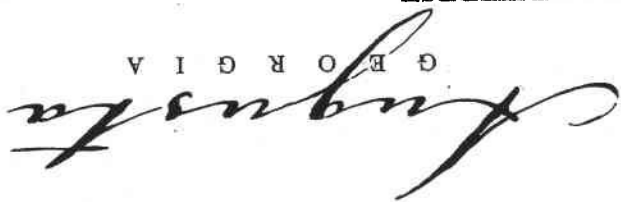
Name: CHAD LOWMEYER

Company: GE Supply

Address: 1547 15TH STREET

Augusta, GA 30901

Telephone No. 706-736-8422 Fax No. 706-733-2584



EMPLOYEE CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

It shall be unethical for any City of Augusta business or participant directly or indirectly in a procurement contract when the employee or official knows that:

(a) the employee or official or any member of the employee's or official's immediate family has a substantial interest or financial interest pertaining to the procurement contract, except that the purchase of goods and services from businesses which a member of the Commission or other City of Augusta employee has a financial interest is authorized as per O.C.G.A. 36-1-14, or the procurement contract is awarded pursuant to O.C.G.A. 45-10-22 and 45-10-24, or the transaction is excepted from said restrictions by O.C.G.A. 45-10-25;

(b) Any other person, business, or organization with whom the employee or official of any member of an employee's or official's immediate family is negotiating or has an arrangement concerning prospective employment is involved in the procurement contract.

Any employee or official or any member of an employee's or official immediate family who holds a substantial interest or financial interest in a disclosed blind trust shall not be deemed to have a conflict of interest with regard to matters pertaining to that substantial interest or financial interest.

I, (Vendor) CHAD LONAKER / GE SUPPLY have read and understand the information contained in the bid specifications.

Vendor Name: GE SUPPLY
Address: 1547 15TH STREET
City & State: Augusta, GA 30901
Phone #: (706) 736-8422 Fax # (706) 933-2584

Signature: [Signature] Date: 10/9/06

Bid Item Number and Name: #06-173 / STREET LIGHTING - Poles for Engineering Department.

THIS FROM MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH BID PACKAGE. NO EXCEPTION(S) WILL BE GRANTED

Augusta
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**Certification Statement
Local Vendor Preference**

I certify that my company meets all of the following qualifications to be eligible for the local vendor preference:

- (1) That my company has a fixed office or distribution point located in and having a street address within Augusta for at least six (6) months immediately prior to the issuance of the request for competitive bids or request for proposals by Augusta; and
- (2) That my company holds any business license required by the Augusta Richmond County Code for at least 6 months

- (3) That my company employs at least one (1) full time employee, or two (2) part time employees whose primary residence is in Augusta, or if the business has no employees, the business shall be at least fifty percent (50%) owned by one or more persons whose primary residence is in Augusta.

- (4) Attached is a copy of my Augusta Business License.

Company Name: GE Supply
Address: 547 15TH Street Augusta, GA 30901
Business License Number _____

Phone Number: 706-736-4422 Fax Number: 706-733-2584

Owner's Name: _____
Signature: [Signature]
Sworn to before me this 9th day of October, 2006

Notary Public for the State of Georgia My Commission Expires My Commission Expires April 13, 2007
Notary Public, Richmond County, Georgia
Notary Public Signature: [Signature]
Printed Name: Connie J. Adams

VENDOR DO NOT COMPLETE

To be completed by Authorized City Representative from Business License & Inspection Department:

Vendor Certified: _____
Authorized Signature _____
Date: _____

This form **MUST** be submitted with bid package. **NO Exception(s)** will be granted

SEATED BIDS SELECTION METHOD

A method for submitting a bid to perform work on a proposed contract. In general, each party interested submits a bid in a sealed envelope, and all such bids are opened at the same time and the most favorable responsible bid is accepted. All bid responses will be retained as property of Augusta-Richmond County.

Conditions for use. All contracts of Augusta-Richmond County shall be awarded by competitive sealed bidding except as otherwise provided elsewhere in this article (see § 1-10-45 - Sealed Proposals; 1-10-46 - Professional Services; 1-10-47 - Quotations; 1-10-49 - Sole Source Procurement; and 1-10-50 - Emergency Procurements, of this chapter).

Invitation for bids and specifications. An invitation for bids shall be issued by the Procurement Office and shall include specifications prepared in accordance with Article 4 (Product Specifications), and all contractual terms and conditions, applicable to the procurement.

Pre-bid conference and addendum. A conference to be conducted by the Procurement Director and using agency head, if appropriate, hearing will be scheduled at least five (5) working days before receipt of bids. While the pre-bid conference is not a requirement, it is strongly recommended and widely used to further acquaint interested bidders with the bid requirements and items to be purchased and vendor input. Any substantive changes to specifications resulting from the pre-bid conference or other vendor/contractor sessions shall be documented in an addendum and communicated to all bidders registered for the procurement action.

Bid opening. Sealed Bids shall be opened publicly in the presence of one or more witnesses at the time and place designated in the public notice and invitation for bids. The amount of each bid, and such other relevant information as the Procurement Director deems appropriate, together with the name of each bidder shall be recorded; the record and each bid shall be open to public inspection in accordance with § 1-10-5 (Public Access to Procurement Information).

Bid acceptance and bid evaluation. Provided that the bids are delivered to the Procurement Director at the time, place, and under the conditions contained in the Invitation for Bids, the bids shall be conditionally accepted without alteration or correction pending evaluation. Bids shall be evaluated based on the requirements set forth in the invitation for bids, which may include bidder responsiveness, capability and past performance, and criteria to determine acceptability such as inspection, testing, quality workmanship, delivery, and suitability for a particular purpose. Those criteria that will affect the bid price and be considered in evaluation for an award shall be objective and clearly measurable, including but not limited to discounts, transportation costs, and total or life cycle costs. The main advantage of using life-cycle costing is that both initial costs and related costs for the life of the item are considered. When the criterion for awarding the contract is based on lowest responsive bidder, it may mean that the contract specifications are just minimally complied with. Selecting of the lowest bidder could result in a higher incidence of maintenance, and down-time could eat up any savings made if the Procurement process considers only the initial cost. Under no circumstance will any bid be accepted by fax or email. All bids must be labeled and received in the Procurement office by the due date and time. There will be no exceptions made for any late, lost by the post office or express carrier, or misdirected submittals. Please be aware that vendors shall be removed from the vendor list for the following reasons:

- (1) Declining to offer bids for the period of time listed in specifications.
- (2) Suspension for the following shall not be for less than three (3) months or more than three (3) years:
 - (a) Failing to satisfactorily meet terms, agreements, or contracts made with the Procurement department or the using agency.
 - (b) Being convicted of criminal offenses in obtaining contracts or convicted of embezzlement, violation of state or federal anti-trust statutes, or any other crime which indicates a lack of business integrity or honesty.
 - (c) Violating contract provisions or failing to perform without good cause or any other cause which the Procurement Director deems to be so serious as to affect

the responsibility of a contractor, including disbarment or suspension from a vendor list by another government entity.

PREFERENCE FOR LOCAL SUPPLIERS AND CONTRACTORS

(a) Augusta encourages the use of local suppliers of goods, services and construction products whenever possible. Augusta also vigorously supports the advantages of an open competitive market place. Nothing in this Section shall be interpreted to mean that the City Administrator or Purchasing Director is restricted in any way from seeking formal bids or proposals from outside the Augusta market area.

(b) When the quotation or informal bids selection method is used by the Purchasing Director or using agency head to quote on Augusta commodity, service and construction products, local firms should be contacted, if possible, first. Then if the Purchasing Director or using agency head believes that there may not be at least three qualified informal bidders, quotes shall be sought from outside the Augusta market area.

(c) In the event of a tie of bid (see 1-10-43 (h)), when all other factors are equal, the City Administrator is encouraged to select the bid from within the local market area. The City Administrator shall retain the flexibility to make the award of contract to a bidder outside of the local market area if evidence supports collusive bidding in favor of a local source.

(d) The local vendor preference policy shall be applied when the lowest local bidder is within 5% or \$10,000, whichever is less, of the lowest non-local bidder. The lowest local bidder will be allowed to match the bid of the lowest non-local bidder; if matched, the lowest local bidder will be awarded the contract.

For purposes of this section, "local bidder" shall mean a business which:

- 1) Has had a fixed office or distribution point located in and having a street address within Augusta for at least six (6) months immediately prior to the issuance of the request for competitive bids or request for proposals by Augusta; and
- 2) Holds any business license required by the Augusta-Richmond County Code and
- 3) Employs at least one (1) full time employee, or two (2) part time employees whose primary residence is in Augusta, or if the business has no employees, the business shall be at least fifty percent (50%) owned by one or more persons whose primary residence is in Augusta.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON VENDORS.

The Department Head and/or the Administrator is directed to provide the bid amount as submitted, information concerning the vendor's previous performance, the service and quality of the products offered, the availability of the goods and services when needed, adherence to delivery schedules, and other criteria pertinent to that particular item, on vendors who have submitted bids, proposals, or contracts for the Commission's consideration. The information is to be included in the backup documents for the Commission's consideration in awarding the contract.

INSPECTION OF PURCHASES.

The Procurement agent in conjunction with the using agency or department head shall inspect, or supervise the inspection of, all deliveries of materials, supplies or contractual services to determine their conformance with the specifications set forth in the pertinent purchase order or contract. The Procurement agent may require chemical and physical tests of samples submitted with bids and samples of deliveries, which examinations are necessary to determine quality of the samples and conformance with specifications.

Letting the contract. The contract shall be awarded or let in accordance with procedures set forth herein. Award shall occur with reasonable promptness by appropriate written notice to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder whose bid meets the requirements and criteria set forth in the invitation for bids. In addition to price and other material factors, the Procurement Director, in consultation with the using

agency, shall consider the following in the context of award recommendations:

- (1) The ability, capacity, and skill of the bidder to perform the contract or provide the services required,
- (2) The capability of the bidder to perform the contract or provide the service promptly, or within the time specified, without delay or interference,
- (3) The character, integrity, reputation, judgment, experience, and efficiency of the bidder,
- (4) The quality of performance on previous contracts,
- (5) The previous and existing compliance by the bidder with laws and ordinances relating to the contract or services,
- (6) The sufficiency of the financial resources of the bidder relating to his ability to perform the contract,
- (7) The quality, availability, and adaptability of the supplies or services to the particular use required,
- (8) The number and scope of conditions attached to the bid by the bidder, and

- (9) Service availability may be considered in determining the most responsible bid, and the bidders shall be required to submit information concerning their ability to service and maintain the product of the equipment.

Award to other than low bidder. When the award is not given to the lowest bidder, a full and complete statement of the reasons for placing the purchase order or other contract elsewhere shall be prepared and signed by the Procurement Director and/or Administrator and made part of the record file for audit purposes.

It is the wish of the Owner that minority businesses are given the opportunity to BID on the various parts of the work. This desire on the part of the Owner is not intended to restrict or limit competitive bidding or to increase the cost of the work. The Owner supports a healthy free market system that seeks to include responsible businesses and provide ample opportunity for business growth and development.

The Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Language for Bids has been included. Please note that the DBE forms are required to be completed and included as part of your bid.

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Language for Bids

Policy and Evaluation

It is an official policy of the Augusta-Richmond County Commission, other Augusta-Richmond County officials, and employees, that all necessary and reasonable steps shall be taken to ensure that disadvantaged business enterprises including small business enterprises have the maximum opportunity to compete for and participate in all contracts and subcontracts. Further, the Augusta-Richmond County Commission has the option to establish incentives to promote business opportunities covered by Augusta-Richmond County Codes 1-10-61.

To implement this policy, Augusta-Richmond County encourages minority participation through subcontracting, joint ventures, or other methods in contracting for services. In order to expedite the evaluation process, we have attached the Checklist for Good Faith Efforts, Proposed Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Participation, and Letter of Intent to Perform forms. The bidder should complete the Proposed DBE Participation Form, indicating the percentage of participation for this proposal. The completed form must accompany the proposal. Augusta-Richmond County's office of Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) is available at (706) 826-1325 as a resource in identifying local Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (M/WBEs and SBEs).

Section 1 - Definition

Minority Person - A United States citizen or permanent resident alien (as defined by the Immigration and Naturalization Service) of the United States, who is Asian, Black, Hispanic, Native American, or female, also one who is economically and socially disadvantaged.

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise - (M/WBE and SBE) - A business which is owned or controlled by minority persons who have been deprived of the opportunity to develop. Or maintain a competitive position in the economy because of social and economic disadvantages. The ownership interest must be real and continuous and not created solely to meet the minority business or minority contractor provisions of this Policy. More specifically, disadvantaged business refers to any small business concern which:

- (1) Is at least fifty-one (51%) owned by one or more minority citizens of the United States who are determined to be socially and economically disadvantaged.
- (2) Is a corporation, with fifty-one percent (51%) of all classes of voting stock of such corporation must be owned by an individual determined to be socially and economically disadvantaged.
- (3) Is a partnership, with fifty-one percent (51%) of the partnership interest is owned by an individual or individuals who are socially and economically disadvantaged and whose management and daily business operations are controlled by individuals determined to be socially and economically disadvantaged. Such individuals must be involved in the daily management and operation of the business concerned.

Women Business Enterprise (WBE) - A business which is owned and controlled by one or more females and who have been deprived of the opportunity to develop and maintain a competitive position in the economy because of social and economic disadvantages.

Small Business Enterprise (SBE) - A local small business which has its principal office and place of doing business in Augusta-Richmond County which is not dominant in its field of operation and is regarded as small in size as measured by its annual gross receipts being less than \$500,000.

Section II - DBE Utilization

A. Obligation:

Bidders are required to make all efforts that are reasonable to ensure that M/WBEs and SBEs have full and fair opportunities to compete for performance by complying with the requirements of this clause. Included in these requirements is the achievement of the mandatory utilization of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) in the performance of work under this Contract, and/or substantiation that there is a good faith effort to ensure that DBEs have the maximum opportunity to participate in the performance of work under this Contract. Contractors shall not discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, national origin or gender in the award and performance of the work under this contract.

Good Faith Effort Documentation - Techniques used by a bidder/proposer to seek M/WBEs and SBEs participation as subcontractor or supplier required to fulfill the bid/proposal requirements. Such good faith efforts of a bidder/proposer include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following actions:

- a) Describing efforts to target identified divisions of work identified in the bid specifications
- b) Attending the pre-bid meetings
- c) Sending or faxing letters to all M/WBEs and SBEs at the prequalification meeting, as well as those on the list provided by staff not less than seven days prior to the Qualification Statement deadline.
- d) Providing a telephone log of follow-up phone calls made to M/WBEs and SBEs concerning the project, including dates and times of calls, names of individuals placing and receiving calls and results of the calls.
- e) Providing a written statement indicating good faith negotiations with any competitive M/WBEs and SBEs bids and specifically identifying the M/WBEs and SBEs.
- f) Including a complete list of all M/WBEs and SBEs bids received, noting names, addresses and bid amounts.

g) Providing all reasons for rejected bids.

h) Stating whether any bonding requirement was waived and, if not, why.

i) Utilizing the service of the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise office in identifying qualified M/WBEs and SBEs.

In completing the Proposed DBE Participation form, please remember that proposed goals are not limited to first, second and third tier subcontracting. Successful contractors have creatively applied viable methods such as mentor/protege relationships and supply purchases to meet M/WBEs and SBEs participation goals. The contractor is responsible for ensuring that M/WBEs and SBEs perform commercially useful work at the level of the contract commitment.

Reporting Requirement

In cases where the successful bidder uses a minority subcontractor or vendor, the bidder shall indicate the percentage of the invoiced amount that such minority subcontractor or vendor performed. The bidder shall submit this form directly to the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Office. Bidders may contact the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Office at (706) 826-1325 for questions or clarifications on the reporting policy.

B. Compliance

All bidders or subcontractors participating in this contract are hereby notified that failure to fully comply with the Augusta-Richmond County's DBE policy, as set forth herein, shall constitute a breach of contract which may result in termination of the contract or such other remedy as deemed appropriate by the Owner.

Bidders will please note that the number of copies requested; all supporting documents including financial statements and references and such other attachments that may be required by the bid invitation are material conditions of the bid. Any package found incomplete or submitted late shall be rejected by the Procurement Office. Any bidder allegedly contending that he/she has been improperly disqualified from bidding due to an incomplete bid submission shall have the right to appeal to the appropriate committee of the Augusta Commission.

All forms as requested by the DBE Office must be completed and returned as part of your submittal.

A). Bid opening. Sealed Bids shall be opened publicly in the presence of one or more witnesses at the time and place designated in the public notice and invitation for bids. The amount of each bid, and such other relevant information as the Purchasing Director deems appropriate, together with the name of each bidder shall be recorded. The record and each bid shall be open to public inspection in accordance with (Public Access to Procurement Information).

B). Bid acceptance and bid evaluation. Provided that the bids are delivered to the Purchasing Director at the time, place, and under the conditions contained in the Invitation for Bids, the bids shall be conditionally accepted without alteration or correction pending evaluation.

Bids shall be evaluated based on the requirements set forth in the invitation for bids, which may include bidder responsiveness, capability and past performance, and criteria to determine acceptability such as inspection, testing, quality workmanship, delivery, and suitability for particular purpose.

Contract Award

Augusta-Richmond County proposes to award the contract to the most responsive, responsible bidder submitting a reasonable bid provided the bidder has met the goals of DBE participation. Bidders are advised that the Augusta-Richmond County has sole discretion and authority to determine if any bidder has made a "Good Faith Effort." Augusta-Richmond County reserves the right to reject any or all bids submitted. Augusta-Richmond County will have absolute discretion to reject any bid or to exclude a prospective bidder from submitting a bid that has been non-responsive to the DBE program requirements without satisfactory justification being accepted by the Director of the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program.

Revised: 6/10/05
Approved: 8/2/05

ATTACHMENT A

(Proposed DBE Participation Form)

Augusta-Richmond County is aware that some projects will not have sub-contracting opportunities and will be 100% self-performing. If this applies to your Company, you must indicate on the bottom of Attachment A & B that you are "100% self-performing", sign your name, and return the forms with your bid package.

If there is sub-contractor/supplier participation, complete "Attachment A" indicating each DBE sub-contractor/supplier you will use for this contract. Each sub-contractor/supplier must be registered with Augusta-Richmond County. The form must be signed and returned with your bid package. If you have any questions, please contact the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Department at 706-821-2406

PROPOSED DBE PARTICIPATION

PRIME CONTRACTOR _____ PROJECT

[illegible]

0%

the Church
Branch Manager
10/10/2006

(Letter of Intent to Perform)

ATTACHMENT B

PROJECT _____

LETTER OF INTENT TO PERFORM AS A SUBCONSULTANT/SUBCONTRACTOR/SUPPLIER

TO: _____

(NAME OF PROPOSER)

A. The undersigned intends to perform work in connection with the above project in the following capacity (check one):

_____ An individual
_____ A partnership
_____ A corporation
_____ A joint venture

B. The DBE status of the undersigned is confirmed as follows:

_____ By attachment of a current Certificate of Certification issued by the Department of Transportation
_____ By attachment of a current Certification issued by the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Office

C. The undersigned is prepared to perform the following work in connection with the above project

D. The undersigned states that they will be performing _____% of the total project.

E. The undersigned will subcontract and/or award _____% of this subcontract to non-DBE contractors and /or non-DBE suppliers.

The undersigned will enter into a formal agreement for the above described work with the *Proposer* cited above conditioned upon the execution of a contract for the project cited herein between the *Proposer* and Augusta-Richmond County.

Signature of Authorized Representative

By: _____

(DBE Contractor Firm Name)

Signed By: _____

Contractor will perform 100% of this contract

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Augusta-Richmond County is aware that some projects will not have sub-contracting opportunities and Attachment B that you are "100% self-performing", sign your name, and return the forms with your bid package.

If there is sub-contractor/supplier participation, you must complete an individual "Attachment B" for each DBE sub-contractor/supplier you will use for this contract. Each sub-contractor/supplier must be registered with Augusta-Richmond County. The forms must be signed by the sub-contractor(s) and returned with your bid package. If you have any questions, please contact the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Department at 706-821-2406.

ATTACHMENT C

(Contractor's Statement of DBE Utilization Form)

The completion of this form is the responsibility of the awardee of the contract. Complete the form indicating the DBE's utilization for the requested pay period. This information identifies the actual DBE sub-contractors/suppliers, types of work performed, actual dollar value of work/services and suppliers. To avoid delay of payments this form must accompany all pay requests.

AUGUSTA-RICHMOND COUNTY

SHEET _____ OF _____ (1) PAY REQUEST NO. _____ (2) REPORT PERIOD FROM _____ TO _____

(6) CONTRACT NO. _____

(7) REQUIRED DBE UTILIZATION _____%

(8) PROPOSED DBE UTILIZATION _____%

[illegible]

(20) CONTRACTOR: _____ (21) AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE _____ (22) DATE _____

(23) PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL CONTRACT COMPLETED TO DATE _____

Good Faith Effort Checklist

The purpose for the Good Faith Effort Checklist is to indicate all necessary and reasonable steps taken to ensure DBEs and local small business enterprises have the maximum opportunity to compete for and participate in all contracts/sub-contracts.

Revised 1/24/06

AUGUSTA-RICHMOND COUNTY CHECKLIST FOR GOOD FAITH EFFORTS

A bidder's good faith efforts must be those that could reasonably be expected from a bidder who was actively and aggressively seeking to meet the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal. Good faith efforts may include, but are not limited to:

	Yes	No
1. Soliciting, through all reasonable and available means, the interest for all certified DBEs who have the capability to perform the work of the contract. Such solicitations must be in sufficient time to allow DBEs to participate effectively.	☐	☐
2. Confirming attendance at any pre-solicitation or pre-bid meetings. Providing proof of any advertisements in general circulation, trade association, and minority or woman focused media.	☐	☐
3. Documenting the follow-up to the initial solicitation with DBEs.	☐	☐
4. Documenting how portions of the work were selected to solicit DBE participation and how the selection was made in order to increase the likelihood of meeting the DBE goals. This would include, where appropriate, breaking down contracts into economically feasible units to facilitate DBE participation.	☐	☐
6. Providing information on any negotiations with DBEs including bid item adjustments, terms and conditions of the contract, bonding and insurance requirements and etc.	☐	☐
7. Documenting efforts to assist DBEs in obtaining bonding, lines of credit, or insurance.	☐	☐
8. Providing copies of the information supplied to DBEs to solicit their bids. Such information should include adequate information about the plans, specifications, and requirements of the contract to enable the DBE to supply a complete and competitive bid.	☐	☐
9. Providing information regarding the services/assistance secured from minority and women community organizations, contractors' groups, local minority and women business assistance offices and other organizations that provides assistance in the recruitment and placement DBEs.	☐	☐
10. Negotiating in good faith with interested DBEs. It is the bidder's responsibility to make a portion of the work available to DBE subcontractors and suppliers. The bidder must provide documentation that consideration was given when selecting portions of the work or material needs on the contract to the availability of DBE firms in those areas when soliciting for DBE participation.	☐	☐
11. Documenting the basis for rejecting DBE bids. In cases where the bidder determines the DBE to be unqualified, supporting evidence used to make the determination must be provided.	☐	☐

THIS CERTIFICATE IS TO BE POSTED IN A CONSPICUOUS PLACE IN THE BUSINESS HEREIN DESCRIBED.

**BUSINESS
CERTIFICATE**

ACCOUNT 2006#014829

ISSUE DATE 01/24/2006

CERTIFICATE ISSUED IN NAME OF
GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY

AUGUSTA

THIS CERTIFICATE EXPIRES

Sunday, December 31, 2006

Yearly

01/01/2006-12/31/2006

2006

SIC CODE 421610

BUSINESS
CATEGORY
ELECTRIC WHOL

BUSINESS TYPE SERVICE

BUSINESS LOCATION

1547 15TH ST

CERTIFICATE ADDRESS INFORMATION

GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY

1547 15TH ST

AUGUSTA, GA 30901

MAILING ADDRESS INFORMATION

GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY

TAX COMPLIANCE

P O BOX 60320

FT MYERS, FL 33906-6320

THE LICENSE AND INSPECTION
DEPARTMENT SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT
TO SUSPEND ANY CERTIFICATE IF THE
BUSINESS VIOLATES ANY LAW OR
ORDINANCE OF THE UNITED STATES,
THE STATE OF GEORGIA, OR RICHMOND
COUNTY.

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UNIFORM SALES AND USE TAX CERTIFICATE MULTIJURISDICTIONAL

Issued to Seller:
Address:

is engaged as a registered (check below):

Wholesaler ☐ x
Retailer ☐ x
Manufacturer ☐ x
Lessor ☐ x

I certify that:
Name of Buyer: GE Company - Supply
PO Box 9550
Ft. Myers, Florida 33906
FIN: 14-0689340

and is registered with the below listed states and cities within which your firm would deliver purchases to us and that any such purchase are for wholesale, resale, ingredients or components of a new product to be resold, lease, or rented in the normal course of business. We are in the business of wholesaling, retailing, manufacturing, leasing (renting) the following:
Description of Business: Manufacture and sale of industrial and electric equipment and parts.

General description of
products to be purchased
from the seller:

State:	Registration Number:	State:	Registration Number:
AK	9501001794	MN	008814606 6
AL	004759-78-001	MO	11329289
AR	07-009044-B	MS	083-29551-9
AZ	SZ OHC98-002435	NC	010100628
CA	80-01494-0000 Sales & Use	ND	25778 00
CO	0571877-000	NE	1-5796717 3
CT	14-0689340	NJ	NJ5-010-499/000
DE	1-140689340	NM	01-107698-00-4
FL	80-07-000920-63	NV	012055176
GA	200-003097	NY	14-0689340 C
HI	1001800	OH	89-031976-7
IA	0-00-002702	OK	137360
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IL	0024-3752	RI	14068934000
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KS	004-140689340-F01 Sales & Use	SD	73-001-140689340E
KY	039001	TN	100093276
LA	0625863-001	TX	1-14-0689340-1
MA	140-689-340-01	UT	05047
MD	00829508	VA	0009991204
ME	R005144	Vt	450-111045841
MI	ME-0100113	WA	409-000-047-4
		WI	0052554
		WV	14-068-9340-044 8M
		WY	25 0 00247

I further certify that if any property so purchased tax free is used or consumed by the buyer as to make it subject to a sales or use tax we will pay the tax due directly to the proper taxing authority when state or local law so provides or inform the seller for added tax billing. This certificate shall be part of each order, which we may hereafter give to you, unless otherwise specified, and shall be valid until canceled by us in writing or revoked by the city or state.

This certificate is valid only in conjunction with a purchase order indicated as non-taxable.

Under penalties of perjury, I affirm that the information on this form is true and correct as to every material matter.

Authorized Signature:

Title:

Date:

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UNIFORM SALES AND USE TAX CERTIFICATE

MULTIJURISDICTIONAL

Local Registrations

Registration Number:

State:

State:

Registration Number:

State:

State:

243650 (TUSCALOOSA CITY)	AL
68-779 (TUSCALOOSA COUNTY)	
001952 (WALKER COUNTY)	
100000082-6 (GLENDALE)	AZ
30926 (MESA)	
59001659 (PHOENIX)	
93002164 (PHOENIX)	
67045395 (PHOENIX)	
59043066 (PHOENIX)	
76042656 (PHOENIX)	
9888 (TEMPE)	
072445 (TUCSON)	
0000001937 (ALAMOSA)	CO
7903 (AURORA)	
017171-003 (COLORADO SPRINGS)	
002851 (COMMERCE CITY)	
50190 (DENVER)	
701810 (DURANGO)	
175596 (ENGLEWOOD)	
16202 (FORT COLLINS)	
419861 (GRAND JUNCTION)	
S-04959 (GREENWOOD VILLAGE)	
15468 (LAKEWOOD)	
01648 (LITTLETON)	
007716 (NORTHGLENN)	
02574 (PUEBLO)	
03712 (WOODLAND PARK)	
80-01494-0031 (ADAMS)	
80-01494-0003 (DOUGLAS)	
80-01494-0018 (EL PASO)	
2129317 (KOOTENAI)	ID
500387 (CHICAGO)	IL
531832 (ACADIA)	LA
00-0-2428M (ASCENSION)	
650-20-54-01246 (ASSUMPTION)	
31-20975 (AVOYELLES)	
00140220 (BEAUREGARD)	
680080 (BOSSIER)	
02860 (CADDO-SHEREVEPORT)	
002094 (CALCASIEU)	
7-001670 (CALDWELL)	
04382 (DESOTO)	
10-00391-462 (EAST BATON ROUGE)	
04997 (EVANGELINE)	
01791 (IBERIA)	
0919-00 (IBERVILLE)	
16-141275 (JEFFERSON)	
50-001148 (JEFFERSON)	
16-167568 (JEFFERSON)	
60-033211 (JEFFERSON)	

897 (HAINES BOROUGH)	AK
05232 (KENAI PENINSULA)	
G-089 (NOME)	
2003 (NORTH POLE)	
GENE5397DH (WASILLA)	
0018598 (ALABASTER)	AL
2114 (ATTALA)	
1104-0001 (AUBURN)	
3437-1 (BALDWIN COUNTY)	
100036-SU/100036-CU (BIRMINGHAM)	
00898 (CALHOUN COUNTY)	
1000-00521/9500C08505 (CULLMAN)	
APPLIED FOR (DAPHNE)	
03695 (DECATUR)	
00899 (DECATUR)	
1681 (DEKALB COUNTY)	
STATE/50300 (ETOWAH COUNTY)	
APPLIED FOR (FAIRFIELD)	
4586-1 (FORT PAYNE)	
571 (GORDO)	
233-01 (GULF SHORES)	
003863-0001 (HELENA)	
STATE/001196-0001 (HOMEWOOD)	
97-00115 (HOOVER)	
0359-0001 (HUEYTOWN)	
183681-0001 (HUNTSVILLE)	
004180 (IRONDALE)	
GEN41 (JASPER)	
JC68 000779 ST-000110 (JEFFERSON CTY)	
JC68 004867 CU-000110 (JEFFERSON CTY)	
000405 (LEEDS)	
144-1 (MADISON CITY)	
056804 (MADISON COUNTY)	
0000656 (MILLBROOK)	
2671-1 (MONTEVALLO)	
803360 (MONTGOMERY CITY)	
003360 (MONTGOMERY CITY CU)	
903125 (Retailers / Sellers Use)	
1439-1 (NORTHPORT)	
10278 (OPELIKA Rental & Lease)	
APPLIED FOR (ORANGE BEACH)	
100713-0001 (PELHAM)	
006955 (PELL CITY)	
0002997 (PRATVILLE)	
339 (RANBURN)	
APPLIED FOR (ROANOKE)	
APPLIED FOR (ROBERTSDALE)	
100385-0001 (SHELBY COUNTY)	
278750 (ST CLAIR COUNTY)	

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UNIFORM SALES AND USE TAX CERTIFICATE MULTIJURISDICTIONAL

Local Registrations

Registration Number:

State:

Registration Number:

State:

650-0052-01791 (LAFAYETTE)

650-0052-01450 (LAFOURCHE)

4-0563-4 (LINCOLN)

01334 (MOREHOUSE)

3569 (NATCHITOCHES)

102126629 (NEW ORLEANS)

100-545748 (NEW ORLEANS)

278208 (OUACHITA)

06440 (PLAQUEMINES)

000874 (POINTE COUPEE)

03387 (RAPIDES)

09063 (RICHLAND)

723-491-00518 (SABINE)

650-00-79-01410 (ST MARTIN)

760132 (ST. BERNARD)

05991 (ST. CHARLES)

300-00-41-02930 (ST. JAMES)

980 (ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST)

499-52-02255 (ST. LANDRY)

71A*4911*01978 (ST. MARY)

32030039 (ST. TAMMANY)

0012490 (TANGIPAHOA)

650-07G061-01144 (TERREBONNE)

0009025 (VERMILION)

02015 (WEBSTER)

148 (WEST BATON ROUGE)

01219 (WEST FELICIANA)

30040000C (DULUTH)

010100628 (Mecklenburg)

MN

NC

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**Engineering Services Committee Meeting
11/13/2006 1:00 PM
SW billing discussion**

Department: Solid Waste

Caption: Discuss billing options for the solid waste department.

Background: The solid waste department started working on a plan to consolidate billing for solid waste collections almost two years ago. It started with evaluating the current system. This system is based on millage in the Urban Area and fees in the Suburban Area. This system creates inequities in how garbage fees are charged to its citizens. Those in urban are charged based on property value, and not the service provided, while suburban is charged based on the services used. Over the course of time, many options have been discussed. The options have been; 1. Include all garbage services in millage and make appropriate adjustments. 2. Having all services charged as fees and make appropriate adjustments. 3. Have the garbage bill added to the water bill. 4. Generate and levy a special tax for solid waste. 5. Independent billing of solid waste.

Analysis: Let's analyze each option separately. 1. Include all garbage services in millage and make appropriate adjustments. It quickly became apparent that this was by far and away the easiest option. It was the first option perused by the solid waste department. It did leave a major issue to be addressed. It charged for service based on property value rather than service provided. This option was quickly eliminated as Augusta has a tax cap. Additionally, taxes had not been raised for some time. The fees that would need to be charged to cover solid waste would have exceeded that tax cap. 2. Having all services charged as fees and make appropriate adjustments. This option was not truly explored until recently. It was believed that fees were calculated into the tax cap. However, in an effort to get to \$276 per unit, a fee was added to the urban service district to make an equitable adjustment. It appears that this option becomes reasonable as

long as fees are not included in the tax cap. Further, please note that changes in fees will affect escrow accounts. 3. Have the garbage bill added to the water bill. This option was the second real option that was evaluated. It offered an existing billing system, and an ability to get customers to pay. We could effectively shut off water for not paying the bill. Upon evaluation, there were several major issues that made this option a less appealing option. First was the fact that there was political opposition to shutting off water when the garbage bill was not paid. Second, is that the Utilities Department has over \$500 million in bonds. By shutting off the water for those who did not pay for garbage could impact the bond rating of that department. Finally, the cost to purchase the billing module was in excess of \$360,000. 4. Generate and levy a special tax for solid waste. This was the third option that was explored by the department. It proved to be a good option, which allowed for a solid billing platform. It had several issues that would need to be addressed. It billed revenue in the rear, causing a cash flow issue for the department. This option was eliminated as it was explained that a new law passed would cut state contributions related to homestead exemptions. This placed a larger financial burden on Augusta. 5. Independent billing of solid waste. This was the final option evaluated by the department. It was last to be evaluated as it was the most expensive. It would require duplication of services, add staff to the department, as well as create additional operating expense. However, it looked to be one of the only viable options available. This option has some favorable advantages. First, it allows for advanced billing. It gets the bills off taxes, eliminating the issue of escrow accounts. It also balances the fees in relation to service provided.

Financial Impact: Varies by option

Alternatives:

Recommendation:

**Funds are
Available in the
Following
Accounts:**

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:

**Finance.
Administrator.
Clerk of Commission**
