

General Instructions For Bidders, Terms and Conditions

I. Preparation Of Bids

Each bidder shall examine the drawings, specifications, schedule and all instructions. Failure to do so will be at the bidder's risk, as the bidder will be held accountable for their bid response.

Each bidder shall furnish all information required by the bid form or document. Each bidder shall sign the bid and print or type his or her name on the schedule. The person signing the bid must initial erasures or other changes. An authorized agent of the company must sign bids.

Due to the large number of vendors listed in certain categories of the Cobb County vendor's list, not all vendors will necessarily be sent an Invitation to Bid each time one is issued. Invitations to Bid issued by Cobb County are advertised on Cobb County TV23, the Cobb County Internet site <http://www.cobbcounty.org> and every Friday in the Marietta Daily Journal.

II. Delivery

Each bidder should state the time of proposed delivery of goods or services. Words such as "immediate", "as soon as possible", etc. shall not be used. The known earliest date or the minimum number of calendar days required after receipt of order (delivery A.R.O.) shall be stated (if calendar days are used, include Saturday, Sunday and holidays in the number).

III. Explanation to Bidders

Any explanation desired by a bidder regarding the meaning or interpretation of the invitation for bids, drawings, specifications, etc. must be received seven (7) working days prior to bid opening in order for a reply to reach all bidders before the close of the bid. Any information given to a prospective bidder concerning an invitation to bid will be furnished to all prospective bidders as an addendum to the invitation if such information is necessary or if the lack of such information would be prejudicial to uninformed bidders.

The written bid documents supersede any verbal or written communication between parties. Receipt of addendum should be acknowledged in the bid. Although the Purchasing Division will take effort to send any addendum to known bidders, it is the bidder's ultimate responsibility to ensure that they have all applicable addenda prior to bid submittal. This may be accomplished via contact with the Purchasing Division prior to bid submittal.

IV. Submission of Bids

Bids shall be enclosed in sealed envelopes, addressed to the Cobb County Purchasing Department with the name of the bidder, the date and hour of opening and the invitation to bid number on the face of the envelope. Bids must be received in the

Purchasing Department no later than the date and time (determined by the date/time stamp in the department) set forth in the Invitation to Bid. It is the sole responsibility of the bidder to ensure that his or her bid reaches the Purchasing Department. Telegraphic/faxed bids will not be considered. Any addenda should be enclosed in the sealed envelopes as well. The bids will be publicly opened and read at the time and place set forth in the Invitation to Bid.

Samples of items, when required, must be submitted within the time specified and, unless otherwise specified by the County, at no expense to the County. Unless otherwise specified, samples will be returned at the bidder's request and expense if items are not destroyed by testing. Items offered must meet required specifications and must be of a quality, which will adequately serve the use and purpose for which intended.

Full identification of each item bid upon, including brand name, model, catalog number, etc. must be furnished to identify exactly what the bidder is offering. The bidder must certify that items to be furnished are new and that the quality has not deteriorated so as to impair its usefulness.

If no items are bid on, the "Statement of No Bid" must be returned, with the envelope plainly marked "No Bid" including the bid number. Where more than one item is listed, any items not bid upon must be indicated "No Bid".

Unsigned bids will not be considered except in cases where bid is enclosed with other documents, which have been signed. The County will determine this.

Cobb County is exempt from federal excise tax and Georgia sales tax with regards to goods and services purchased directly by Cobb County. Suppliers and contractors are responsible for federal excise tax and sales tax, including any taxes for materials incorporated in county construction projects. Suppliers and contractors should contact the State of Georgia Sales Tax Division for additional information. Tax Exemption Certificates will be furnished upon request.

Information submitted by a bidder in the bidding process shall be subject to disclosure after the public opening in accordance with the Georgia Open Records Act. Each page of proprietary information must be identified. Entire bid may not be deemed proprietary.

V. Withdraw Bid Due To Errors

The bidder shall give notice in writing of his claim of right to withdraw his bid without penalty due to an error within two (2) business days after the conclusion of the bid opening procedure. Bids may be withdrawn from consideration if the price was substantially lower than the other bids due solely to a mistake therein, provided the bid was submitted in good faith, and the mistake was a clerical mistake as opposed to a judgment mistake, and was actually due to an unintentional arithmetic error or an unintentional omission of a quantity of work, labor or material made directly in the compilation of the bid, which unintentional arithmetic or unintentional omission can be clearly shown by objective evidence drawn from inspection of

original work papers, documents and materials used in the preparation of the bid sought to be withdrawn. The bidder's original work papers shall be the sole acceptable evidence of error and mistake if he elects to withdraw his bid. If a bid is withdrawn under the authority of this provision, the lowest remaining responsive bid shall be deemed to be low bid.

No bidder who is permitted to withdraw a bid shall, for compensation, supply any material or labor or perform any subcontract or other work agreement for the person or firm to whom the contract is awarded or otherwise benefit, directly or indirectly, from the performance of the project for which the withdrawn bid was submitted.

Supplier has up to forty-eight (48) hours to notify the Cobb County Purchasing Department of an obvious clerical error made in calculation of bid in order to withdraw a bid after bid opening. Withdrawal of bid for this reason must be done in writing within the forty-eight (48) hour period. Suppliers who fail to request the withdrawal of bid by the required forty-eight (48) hours shall automatically forfeit bid bond. Bid may not be withdrawn otherwise. Bid withdrawal is not automatically granted and will be allowed solely at the discretion of Cobb County.

VI. Testing and Inspection

Since tests may require several days for completion, the County reserves the right to use a portion of any supplies before the results of tests are determined. Cost of inspections and tests of any item, which fails to meet specifications, shall be borne by the bidder.

VII. F.O.B. Point

Unless otherwise stated in the Invitation to Bid and any resulting contract, or unless qualified by the bidder, items shall be shipped F.O.B. Destination. The seller shall retain title for the risk of transportation, including the filing for loss or damages. The invoice covering the items is not payable until items are delivered and the contract of carriage has been completed. Unless the F.O.B. clause states otherwise, the seller assumes transportation and related charges either by payment or allowance.

VIII. Patent Indemnity

The contractor guarantees to hold the County, its agents, officers, or employees harmless from liability of any nature or kind for use of any copyrighted or uncopyrighted composition, secret process, patented or unpatented invention, articles or appliances furnished or used in the performance of contract, for which the contractor is not the patentee, assignee or licensee.

IX. Discounts

Time payment discounts will be considered in arriving at net prices and in award of bids. Offers of discount for payment within ten (10) days following the end of the month are preferred.

X. Award

Award will be made to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. Conditional bids are not be acceptable. The quality of articles to be supplied, their conformity with the specifications, their suitability to the requirements of the County, and the delivery terms will be taken into consideration in making the award. The County may make such investigations as it deems necessary to determine the ability of the bidder to perform, and the bidder shall furnish to the County all such information and data for this purpose as the County may request. The County reserves the right to reject any bid if the evidence submitted by, or investigation of such bidder fails to satisfy the County that such bidder is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the contract. The County reserves the right to reject or accept any or all bids and to waive technicalities, informalities, and minor irregularities in bids received.

The County reserves the right to purchase the goods or services described herein from other sources. The Bidder does not have the exclusive right to fill all of the County's requirements for the goods or services awarded nor will the County be obligated to purchase the estimated annual quantity or any quantity contained in the bid document.

The County reserves the right to make an award as deemed in its best interest, which may include awarding a bid to a single bidder or multiple bidders; or to award the whole bid, only part of the bid, or none of the bid to single or multiple bidders, based on its sole discretion of its best interest. In case of tie bid, the award will be made as follows:

1. The bid will be awarded to the in-county vendor.
2. The bid will be awarded to the in-state vendor.
3. The bid will be awarded to the vendor with the lesser total dollar volume.

The County reserves the right to award by line item to more than one vendor. The County reserves the right to negotiate a lower price than the bid award price on any line item with the successful vendor, should the quantity required significantly exceed those on the Invitation to Bid. If the County is unable to negotiate an acceptable price, it reserves the right to rebid the item(s) involved. If after the award of the bid there is a decrease in the price of a product from the manufacturer, or a rebate, the successful bidder will pass that price decrease and/or rebate onto the County.

Bids are available for public inspection within 24 hours after bid opening, by appointment only.

XI. Delivery Failures

Failure of a contractor to deliver within the time specified or within reasonable time as interpreted by the Purchasing Director, or failure to make replacement of rejected articles/services when so requested, immediately or as directed by the Purchasing Director, shall constitute authority for the Purchasing Director to purchase in the open market articles/services of comparable grade to replace the articles/services rejected or not delivered. On all such purchases, the contractor shall reimburse the County within a reasonable time specified by the Purchasing Director for any expense

incurred in excess of contract prices, or the County shall have the right to deduct such amount from monies owed the defaulting contractor. Alternatively, the County may penalize the contractor one percent (1%) per day for a period of up to ten (10) days for each day that delivery or replacement is late. Should public necessity demand it, the County reserves the right to use or consume articles delivered which are substandard in quality, subject to an adjustment in price to be determined by the Purchasing Director.

XII. County Furnished Property

No material, labor or facilities will be furnished by the County unless so provided in the invitation to bid.

XIII. Reject And Withdraw Bids

Failure to observe any of the instructions or conditions in this invitation to bid may constitute grounds for rejection of bid.

XIV. Contract

Each bid is received with the understanding that the acceptance in writing by the County of the offer to furnish any or all commodities or services described therein shall constitute a contract between the bidder and the County which shall bind the bidder on his part to furnish and deliver the articles quoted at the prices stated in accordance with the conditions of said accepted bid. The County, on its part, may order from such contractor, except for cause beyond reasonable control, and to pay for, at the agreed prices, all articles specified and delivered. Payment terms are net thirty (30) days after receipt of invoice.

The Price and all unit prices shown shall be deemed to include all costs of Contractor's performance of the Work as set forth in the Bid Documents, including, but not limited to, the costs of labor, supervision, travel, services, materials, equipment, tools, scaffolds, hoisting, transportation, storage, insurance and taxes.

Upon receipt of a bid package, containing a Cobb County "Sample Contract" as part of the requirements, it is understood that the bidder has reviewed the documents with the understanding that Cobb County requires all agreements between the parties must be entered into via this document. If any exceptions are taken to any part, each must be stated in detail and submitted as part of the bid. If no exceptions are stated, it is assumed that the bidder fully agrees to the provisions contained in the "Sample Contract" in its entirety.

When the contractor has performed in accordance with the provisions of this agreement, Cobb County shall pay the contractor, within thirty (30) days of receipt of any payment request based upon work completed or service provided pursuant to the contract, the sum so requested, less the retainage stated in this agreement, if any.

XV. Non-Collusion

By submission of a bid, the vendor certifies, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of its knowledge and belief:

- (a) The prices in the proposal have been arrived at independently without collusion, consultation, communications, or agreement, for the purpose of restricting competition, as to any matter relating to such prices with any other vendor or with any competitor.
- (b) Unless otherwise required by law, the prices which have been quoted in the proposal have not been knowingly disclosed by the vendor prior to opening, directly or indirectly, to any other vendor or to any competitor.
- (c) No attempt has been made, or will be made, by the vendor to induce any other person, partnership or corporation to submit or not to submit a proposal for the purpose of restricting competition.

Collusions and fraud in bid preparation shall be reported to the State of Georgia Attorney General and the United States Justice Department.

XVI. Conflict of Interest, Etc.

By submission of a bid, the responding firm certifies, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of its knowledge and belief:

- 1. No circumstances exist which cause a Conflict of Interest in performing the services required by this ITB, and
- 2. That no employee of the County, nor any member thereof, not any public agency or official affected by this ITB, has any pecuniary interest in the business of the responding firm or his sub-consultant(s) has any interest that would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance related to this ITB.

By submission of a bid, the vendor certifies under penalty of perjury, that to the best of its knowledge and belief:

- (a) The prices in the bid have been arrived at independently without collusion, consultation, communications, or agreement, for the purpose of restricting competition, as to any matter relating to such prices with any other vendor or with any competitor.
- (b) Unless otherwise required by law, the prices which have been quoted in the bid have not knowingly been disclosed by the vendor prior to opening, directly or indirectly, to any other vendor or competitor.
- (c) No attempt has been made, or will be made, by the vendor to induce any other person, partnership or corporation to submit or not to submit a bid for the purpose of restricting competition.

For any breach or violation of this provision, the County shall have the right to terminate any related contract or agreement without liability and at its discretion to deduct from the price, or otherwise recover, the full amount of such fee, commission, percentage, gift, payment or consideration.

The successful responding firm shall require each of its sub-consultant(s) to sign a statement certifying to and agreeing to comply with the terms of the Sub-sections above.

XII. Default

The contract may be cancelled or annulled by the Purchasing Director in whole or in part by written notice of default to the contractor upon non-performance or violation of contract terms. An award may be made to the next low responsive and responsible bidder, or articles specified may be purchased on the open market similar to those so terminated. In either event, the defaulting contractor (or his surety) shall be liable to the County for costs to the County in excess of the defaulted contract prices; provided, however, that the contractor shall continue the performance of this contract to the extent not terminated under the provisions of this clause. Failure of the contractor to deliver materials or services within the time stipulated on his bid, unless extending in writing by the Purchasing Director, shall constitute contract default.

XIII. Disputes

Except as otherwise provided in the contract documents, any dispute concerning a question of fact arising under the contract which is not disposed of shall be decided after a hearing by the Purchasing Director, who shall reduce his/her decision to writing and mail or otherwise furnish a copy thereof to the contractor. The decision of the Purchasing Director shall be final and binding; however, the contractor shall have the right to appeal said decision to a court of competent jurisdiction.

XIX. Substitutions

Bidders offering and quoting on substitutions or who are deviating from the attached specifications shall list such deviations on a separate sheet to be submitted with their bid. The absence of such a substitution list shall indicate that the bidder has taken no exception to the specifications contained herein.

XX. Ineligible Bidders

The County may choose not to accept the bid of a bidder who is in default on the payment of taxes, licenses, or other monies due to the County. Failure to respond three (3) consecutive times for any given commodity/service may result in removal from the supplier list under that commodity/service.

XXI. Alterations Of Documents

Alterations of County documents are strictly prohibited and will result in automatic disqualification of the firm's solicitation response. If there are "exceptions" or comments to any of the solicitation requirements or other language, then the firm may make notes to those areas, but may not materially alter any document language.

XXII. Termination For Convenience

The County, by written notice, may terminate this contract, in whole or in part, when it is in the County's interest. If this contract is terminated, the County shall be liable only for goods or services delivered or accepted. The County Notice of Termination may provide the contractor thirty (30) days prior notice before it becomes effective. However, at the County's sole option a termination of convenience may be effective immediately and may apply to delivery orders (if applicable) or to the contract in whole.

XXIII. Inter-governmental Agreement

Other cities and Authorities located in Cobb County will be allowed to purchase identical items at the same price and upon the same terms and conditions, pursuant to the Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreements entered into between the BOC and all municipalities and Authorities in Cobb County and the Cobb County Board of Education.

XXIV. Indemnification and Hold Harmless

By submission of a bid, the selected responding firm agrees to the fullest extent permitted by law to indemnify Cobb County and protect, defend, indemnify and hold harmless Cobb County, its officers, officials, employees and volunteers from and against all claims, actions, liabilities, losses (including economic losses), or costs arising out of any actual or alleged a) bodily injury, sickness, disease, or death; or injury to or destruction of tangible property including the loss of use resulting there from; or any other damage or loss arising out of or resulting claims resulting in whole or part from any actual or alleged act or omission of the responding firm, sub-consultant, anyone directly or indirectly employed by any firm or sub-consultant; or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable in the performance of work; b) violation of any law, statute, ordinance, governmental administrative order, rule, regulation, or infringements of patent rights or other intellectual property rights by the responding firm in the performance of work; or c) liens, claims or actions made by the responding firm or other party performing the work, as approved by Cobb County. The indemnification obligations herein shall not be limited by any limitation on the amount, type of damages, compensation, or benefits payable by or for the responding firm or its sub-consultant(s), as approved by the County, under workers' compensation acts, disability benefit acts, other employee benefit acts, or any statutory bar or insurance.

XXV. Special Terms and Conditions

Should these General Terms and Conditions be in conflict with any attached Special Terms and Conditions, the Special Terms and Conditions will control.

XXVI. Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE): The following provisions should be carefully read to determine applicability to your business.

Cobb County Government encourages the participation of all businesses in offering their services and/or products. The Cobb County Government has the goal to fairly and competitively procure the best product at the most reasonable cost.

A Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) is generally defined as a Female, Black American, Hispanic American and any other minority owned business. The Federal Government has long had program in place to ensure participation of DBE vendors and suppliers. The State of Georgia has established a similar program whereby DBE firms are defined, certified and made known. This effort is managed by the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT). More information can be obtained from GDOT web site:

1. <http://www.dot.state.ga.us/eeo-div/index.shtml>

The Cobb County Government addresses DBE business participation (frequency and dollar value) in the following ways:

1. Cobb County wishes to identify all DBE participation; both at the contractor and sub-contractor levels in the following ways.
 - a. DBE businesses are requested to identify such status at the time they register as a vendor.
 - b. DBE businesses are requested to identify themselves at the time they propose to do business. Please complete **EXHIBIT B** if applicable and return with bid submittal.
 - c. All businesses will receive with each Purchase Order an instruction sheet for use of the furnished *Cobb County Government DBE Participation Report, EXHIBIT C*. Businesses are requested to complete this report and submit it with each invoice for the time period billed.
2. Cobb County has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Plan in accordance with the regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation (U. S. Department of Transportation (USDOT), 49 CFR Part 26.) The Cobb County Department of Transportation is the lead agency for implementing the USDOT DBE Program for the County.

The Plan applies only to projects which are clearly indicated by the County.

XXVII. Americans With Disabilities Act

Cobb County requires all contractors to comply with applicable sections of the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) as an equal opportunity employer. In compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA), Cobb County provides reasonable accommodations to permit a qualified applicant with a disability to enjoy the privileges of employment equal to those employees without disabilities. Disabled individuals must satisfy job requirements for education background, employment experience, and must be able to perform those tasks that are essential to the job with or without reasonable accommodations.

XXVIII. Evidence of Compliance with Georgia Security & Immigration Compliance Act

The County and Contractor agree that compliance with the requirements of O.C.G.A. Sec. 13-10-91 and Rule 300-10-1-02 of the Rules of the Georgia Department of Labor are conditions of this Agreement for the physical performance of services.

The Contractor represents that it employs:

- 500 or more employees;
- 100 or more employees; or
- fewer than 100 employees

(Contractor must initial appropriate category).

Contractor Name

The Contractor further agrees that its compliance with the requirements of O.C.G.A. Sec. 13-10-91 and DOL Rule 300-10-1-02 is attested to on the executed Contractor Affidavit and Agreement attached hereto as EXHIBIT A.

If employing or contracting with any subcontractor(s) in connection with this Agreement, Contractor further agrees:

- (1) To secure from the subcontractor(s) such subcontractor(s)' indication of the employee-number category applicable to the subcontractor(s); and
- (2) To secure from the subcontractor(s) an affidavit attesting to the subcontractor's compliance with O.C.G.A. Sec. 13-10-91 and DOL Rule 300-10-1-02; such affidavit being in the form attached hereto and referenced as EXHIBIT A-1; and
- (3) To submit such subcontractor affidavit(s) to the County when the subcontractor(s) is retained, but in any event, prior to the commencement of work by the subcontractor(s).

The failure of Contractor to supply the affidavit of compliance at the time of execution of this Agreement and/or the failure of Contractor to continue to satisfy the obligations of O.C.G.A. Sec. 13-10-91 and DOL Rule 300-10-1-02 as set forth in this Agreement during the term of the Agreement shall constitute a material breach of the contract. Upon notice of such breach, Contractor shall be entitled to cure the breach within ten (10) days, upon providing satisfactory evidence of compliance with the terms of this Agreement and State law. Should the breach not be cured, the County shall be entitled to all available remedies, including termination of the contract and damages.

THIS PAGE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH BID PACKAGE

SEE AFFIDAVITS ON FOLLOWING PAGES

CONTRACTOR AFFIDAVIT & AGREEMENT
EXHIBIT A

By executing this affidavit, the undersigned contractor verifies its compliance with O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91, stating affirmatively that the individual, firm or corporation which is contracting with Cobb County, Georgia, has registered and is participating in a federal work authorization program* [an electronic verification of work authorization program operated by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security or any equivalent federal work authorization program operated by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to verify information of newly hired employees, pursuant to the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (IRCA), P.L. 99-603], in accordance with the applicability provisions and deadlines established in O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91.

The undersigned further agrees that should it employ or contract with any subcontractor(s) for the physical performance of services pursuant to the contract with Cobb County, Georgia, the contractor will secure from the subcontractor(s) verification of compliance with O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91 on the attached Subcontractor Affidavit. (EXHIBIT A-1). The contractor further agrees to maintain records of such compliance and shall provide a copy of each such verification to Cobb County, Georgia, at the time the subcontractor(s) is retained to perform such services.

BY: Authorized Officer or Agent _____ Date: _____
[Contractor Name]

Title

Printed Name

Company Name

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN
BEFORE ME ON THIS THE
_____**DAY OF** _____, 200____

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

**The applicable federal work authorization program as of the effective date of the statute is the Basic Pilot program of the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) Program Office of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS).*

SUBCONTRACTOR AFFIDAVIT
EXHIBIT A-1

By executing this affidavit, the undersigned subcontractor verifies its compliance with O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91, stating affirmatively that the individual, firm or corporation which is engaged in the physical performance of services on behalf of Cobb County, Georgia, has registered and is participating in a federal work authorization program* [an electronic verification of work authorization program operated by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security or any equivalent federal work authorization program operated by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to verify information of newly hired employees, pursuant to the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (IRCA)], in accordance with the applicability provisions and deadlines established in O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91.

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Authorized Officer or Agent
[Contractor Name]

Date: _____

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EXHIBIT B

DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) IDENTIFICATION FORM

A Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) is generally defined as a Female, Black American, Hispanic American and any other minority owned business. If your firm is classified as a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE), please complete this form and submit with bid response or send to:

Cobb County Purchasing Department
Attn: Mr. Rick Brun, Purchasing Director
1772 County Services Parkway
Marietta, GA 30008
Fax: 770-528-1154
Email: purchasing@cobbcounty.org

Name of Firm: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

MBE Certification Number: _____

Name of Organization Certification _____

**This information is acquired for informational purposes only and will
have no bearing on the award unless otherwise stated**

Instructions for Completing Exhibit C

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)

Participation Report

All Cobb County Government contractors or vendors are requested to complete a report descriptive of any DBE subcontractor involvement in work for which the government is making payment. If otherwise specified in an RFP or contract, additional reporting forms may be required as well.

The objective of this request is to assist in the identification of Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) business participation with the Cobb County Government and to quantify that participation.

The Cobb County Government does not administer a DBE Certification Program. The principle certification agency for the State of Georgia is the Georgia Department of Transportation. As a Contractor/Vendor you are not responsible for verification of any DBE Certification information of your subcontractor.

***** Instructions *****

1. Contractor/Vendor is furnished the one-page ***DBE Participation Report*** form with each Cobb County Government-issued Purchase Order.
2. Contractor/Vendor completes this form for each billing period and attaches it to the invoice to then be sent to the Cobb County Government.
3. Upon receipt of a Contractor/Vendor invoice, County staff should simply separate the completed DBE form and transmit to:

Cobb County Purchasing Department,
Attn.: DBE Report

A Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) is a firm that is under the control of someone in an ownership position (at least 51%) that:

1. Has membership in one or more of the following groups: Female, Black American, Hispanic American, Native American, Subcontinent Asian American and Asian-Pacific America. There may be other groups that may be eligible to be certified as DBE;
2. Is a U.S. citizen or lawfully admitted permanent resident of the U.S.;
3. Has a personal net worth which does not exceed \$750,000; and,
4. The business meets the Small Business Administration's size standard for a small business and does not exceed \$17.42 million in gross annual receipts;
5. The business is organized as a for-profit business.
6. The business may also be DBE eligible as a certified U.S. Small Business Administration 8(a) program.

