



February 5, 2025

Mr. Bill King
Assistant Public Works & Utility Director
Hall County, Georgia
2875 Browns Bridge Road #3
Gainesville, Georgia 30504

Re: Proposal for Solid Waste Consulting Services

Dear Mr. King:

The following proposal is for supporting Hall County (County) with consulting services, including planning, permitting and engineering services, associated with the County's solid waste facilities. The proposed scope of services outlined below is general and will be at the direction of the County to meet its anticipated support needs.

SCOPE OF SERVICES

- Georgia Environmental Protection Department (EPD) permitting associated with the Allen Creek Landfill facility.
- Continued solid waste planning in accordance with the County's existing Solid Waste Master Plan.
- Complete regulatory communication to EPD as needed.
- Assist County with solid waste planning, recycling, and landfill diversion.
- Other work as requested by the County related to solid waste management.

It is anticipated that services will be completed on a time and materials not to exceed basis with the extent of the scope of services of individual tasks dependent on the County support needs and specific requests made by the County in writing. Assistance for other requests from the County for solid waste or environmental engineering support services can be provided on a time and materials not to exceed basis under this agreement. The schedule for completing individual tasks will be agreed upon by Burns & McDonnell and the County prior to commencing services on requested support items. Estimated costs and specific deliverables for requested support items will be defined and agreed upon in writing by Burns & McDonnell and the County as tasks are identified and in advance of services being performed.

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COMPENSATION

For the Scope of Services described herein, Hall County shall compensate Burns & McDonnell on a time and materials basis as per the attached rate sheet (BMR25-4A) not to exceed a total of \$280,000 in accordance with the attached terms and conditions for professional services. Monthly invoices will be submitted by Burns & McDonnell to the County inclusive of actual labor and expenses for the preceding month. For additional, reduced, or changed scope of services, the approved budget(s) shall be adjusted accordingly with prior written authorization from the County.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Matt at (952) 222-7249 or maevans@burnsmcd.com.

Sincerely,

Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc.



Matthew J. Evans P.E.
Project Manager



Spencer Cronin
Regional Manager

Enclosures: Schedule of Hourly Professional Services Billing Rates and Terms and Conditions (AE-4 Environmental_REV2021)

ACCEPTED: Proposal – On-Call Solid Waste Services

HALL COUNTY, GEORGIA

By: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____



TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Table with 2 columns and 2 rows containing project details: Project (SOLID WASTE SERVICES), Date of Letter, Proposal, or Agreement (FEBRUARY 5, 2025), Client (HALL COUNTY, GEORGIA), and Client Signature.

1. SCOPE OF SERVICES

For the above-referenced Project, Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc. (BMcD) will perform the services set forth in the above referenced Letter, Proposal, or Agreement in accordance with these Terms and Conditions. BMcD has relied upon the information provided by Client in the preparation of the Proposal, and shall rely on the information provided by or through Client during the execution of this Project as complete and accurate without independent verification.

2. PAYMENTS TO BMCD

A. Compensation will be as stated in the above-referenced Letter, Proposal, or Agreement. Statements will be in BMcD's standard format and are payable upon receipt. Time is of the essence in payment of statements, and timely payment is a material part of the consideration of this Agreement. A late payment charge will be added to all amounts not paid within 30 days of statement date and shall be calculated at 1.5 percent per month from statement date. Client shall reimburse any costs incurred by BMcD in collecting any delinquent amount, including reasonable attorney's fees. If a portion of BMcD's statement is disputed, Client shall pay the undisputed portion by the due date. Client shall advise BMcD in writing of the basis for any disputed portion of any statement.

3. INSURANCE

A. During the course of performance of its services, BMcD will maintain Worker's Compensation insurance with limits as required by statute, Employer's Liability insurance with limits of \$1,000,000, Commercial General Liability with limits of \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 general aggregate, and Automobile Liability insurance with combined single limit of \$1,000,000 per accident.

B. If the Project involves on-site construction, construction contractors shall be required to provide (or Client may provide) Owner's Protective Liability Insurance naming Client as a Named Insured and BMcD as an Additional Insured or to endorse Client and BMcD using ISO forms CG 20 10 0704 & CG 20 37 0704 endorsements or their equivalents as Additional Insureds on all construction contractor's liability insurance policies covering claims for personal injuries and property damage in at least the amounts required of BMcD in 3A above. Construction contractors shall be required to provide certificates evidencing such insurance to Client and BMcD. Contractor's compensation shall include the cost of such insurance including coverage for contractual and indemnification obligations herein.

C. Client and BMcD release each other and waive all rights of subrogation against each other and their officers, directors, agents, or employees for damage covered by property insurance and selfinsurance during and after the completion of BMcD's services. A provision similar to this shall be incorporated into all construction contracts entered into by Client, and all construction contractors shall be required to provide additional insured coverage and waivers of subrogation in favor of Client and BMcD for damage covered by any construction contractor's policies of insurance.

4. INDEMNIFICATION

A. To the extent allowed by law, Client will require all construction contractors to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Client and BMcD

from any and all loss where loss is caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the construction contractors, their employees, agents, subcontractors or suppliers.

5. PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY- LIMITATION OF REMEDIES

A. BMcD will exercise reasonable skill, care, and diligence in the performance of its services and will carry out its responsibilities in accordance with customarily accepted professional practices. If BMcD fails to meet the foregoing standard, BMcD will perform at its own cost, the professional services necessary to correct errors and omissions reported to BMcD in writing within one year from the completion of BMcD's services for the Project. No warranty, express or implied, is included in this Agreement or regarding any drawing, specification, or other work product or instrument of service.

B. In no event will BMcD be liable for any special, indirect, or consequential damages including, without limitation, damages or losses in the nature of increased Project costs, loss of revenue or profit, lost production, claims by customers of Client, and/or governmental fines or penalties.

C. BMcD's aggregate liability for all damages connected with its services for the Project not excluded by the preceding subparagraph, whether or not covered by BMcD's insurance, will not exceed \$100,000 or the total compensation actually received by BMcD under this Agreement.

D. These mutually negotiated obligations and remedies stated in this Paragraph 5, Professional Responsibility - Limitation of Remedies, are the sole and exclusive obligations of BMcD and remedies of Client, whether liability of BMcD is based on contract, warranty, strict liability, tort (including negligence), indemnity, or otherwise.

6. PERIOD OF SERVICE AND SCHEDULE

The provisions of this Agreement have been agreed to in anticipation of the orderly and continuous progress of the Project through completion of the services stated in the Proposal. BMcD's obligation to render services hereunder will extend for a period that may reasonably be required for the completion of said services. BMcD shall make reasonable efforts to comply with deliverable schedules (if any) and consistent with BMcD's professional responsibility.

7. COMPUTER PROGRAMS OR MODELS

Any use, development, modification, or integration by BMcD of computer models or programs does not constitute ownership or a license to Client to use or modify such computer models or programs.

8. ELECTRONIC MEDIA AND DATA TRANSMISSIONS

A. Any electronic media (computer disks, tapes, etc.) or data transmissions furnished (including Project Web Sites or CAD file transmissions) are for Client information and convenience only. Such media or transmissions are not to be considered part of BMcD's instruments of service. BMcD, at its option, may remove all indicia of its ownership and involvement from each electronic display.

B. BMcD shall not be liable for loss or damage directly or indirectly, arising out of Client's use of electronic media or data transmissions.

9. DOCUMENTS

A. All documents prepared by BMcD pursuant to this Agreement are instruments of service in respect of the Project specified herein. They are not intended or represented to be suitable for reuse by Client or others in extensions of the Project beyond that now contemplated or on any other Project. Any reuse, extension, or completion by Client or others without written verification, adaptation, and permission by BMcD for the specific purpose intended will be at Client's sole risk and without liability or legal exposure to BMcD.

B. In the event that BMcD is to reuse, copy or adapt all or portions of reports, plans, or specifications prepared by others, Client represents that Client either possesses or will obtain permission and necessary rights in copyright, patents, or other proprietary rights and will be responsible for any infringement claims by others. Client warrants the completeness, accuracy, and efficacy of the information, data, and design provided by or through Client (including prepared for Client by others), for which BMcD shall rely on to perform and complete its services.

10. ESTIMATES, SCHEDULES, FORECASTS, AND PROJECTIONS

Estimates, schedules, forecasts, and projections prepared by BMcD relating to loads, interest rates and other financial analysis parameters, construction costs and schedules, operation and maintenance costs, equipment characteristics and performance, and operating results are opinions based on BMcD's experience, qualifications, and judgment as a professional. Since BMcD has no control over weather, cost and availability of labor, cost and availability of material and equipment, cost of fuel or other utilities, labor productivity, construction contractor's procedures and methods, unavoidable delays, construction contractor's methods of determining prices, economic conditions, government regulations and laws (including the interpretation thereof), competitive bidding or market conditions, and other factors affecting such estimates or projections, BMcD does not guarantee that actual rates, costs, quantities, performance, schedules, etc., will not vary significantly from estimates and projections prepared by BMcD.

11. POLLUTION

In view of the uncertainty involved in investigating and recommending solutions to environmental problems and the abnormal degree of risk of claims imposed upon BMcD in performing such services, notwithstanding the responsibility of BMcD set forth in Paragraph 5A to the maximum extent allowed by law, Client agrees to release, defend, indemnify and hold harmless BMcD and its officers, directors, employees, agents, consultants and subcontractors from all liability, claims, demands, damages, losses, and expenses including, but not limited to, claims of Client and other persons and organizations, reasonable fees and expenses of attorneys and consultants, and court costs, except where there has been a final adjudication that the damages were caused by BMcD's willful disregard of its obligations under this Agreement. Such indemnification includes claims arising out of, or in any way relating to, the actual, alleged, or threatened dispersal, escape, or release of, or failure to detect or contain, chemicals, wastes, liquids, gases, or any other material, irritant, contaminant, or pollutant.

Hazardous Substances: Any substances, chemicals, pollutants, explosive ordinances, or other materials, in whatever form or state, including, without limitation, product, waste, contaminant, smoke, vapors, soot, fumes, acids, alkalis, minerals, liquids, gases, or any other material, irritant, contaminant, or pollutant, that is known or suspected to adversely affect the health and safety of humans or of animal or plant organisms, or which are known or suspected to impair the environment in any way whatsoever including, without limitation, those substances defined, designated, or listed in the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. §1251 et seq.), Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. §7401 et seq.), Emergency Planning & Community Right-to-Know Act (42 U.S.C. §11001 et seq.), Resource Conservation and Recovery Act ("RCRA") (42 U.S.C. §6901 et seq.), Toxic Substances Control Act (15 U.S.C. §2601 et seq.), Comprehensive Environmental Response,

Compensation and Liability Act ("CERCLA") (42 U.S.C. §9601 et seq.), or as defined, designated, or listed under any other federal, state, or local law, regulation, or ordinance concerning hazardous substances, toxic or dangerous substances, chemicals, wastes, pollutants, contaminants, or explosive ordinances.

Company and Contractor acknowledge and understand that Company shall retain ownership of and title to any Hazardous Substances originating at, found on, brought to, removed from, or generated from the project site or operations on the premises. The parties agree that such Hazardous Substances, including substances designated as waste, were not caused by and are not the responsibility of Contractor; and that this Agreement, or any documents associated with this Agreement, do not attempt to nor do they actually transfer responsibility, liability, or ownership for Hazardous Substances to Contractor. Under no circumstances shall Contractor assume ownership of or legal liability for such Hazardous Substances under any law, rule, order, or regulation pertaining to Hazardous Substances, or assume the status of generator, transporter, storer, treater, or disposal facility, or arranger of transport, storage, or disposal, for Hazardous Substances. Company further acknowledges and agrees that the evaluation, management, and other decisions, conclusions, recommendations, or other actions involving Hazardous Substances that may be undertaken as part of Contractor's services, entail uncertainty and risk of injury or damage to property, including that to third-parties, which cannot be always avoided even with compliance of generally accepted Standard Industry Practice.

12. ON-SITE SERVICES

A. Project site visits by BMcD during investigation, observation, construction or equipment installation, or the furnishing of Project representatives shall not make BMcD responsible for construction means, methods, techniques, sequences, or procedures; for construction safety precautions or programs; or for any construction contractor(s)' failure to perform its work in accordance with the contract documents.

B. Client shall disclose to BMcD the location and types of any known or suspected toxic, hazardous, or chemical materials or wastes existing on or near the premises upon which work is to be performed by BMcD's employees or subcontractors. If any hazardous wastes not identified by Client are discovered after a Project is undertaken, Client and BMcD agree that the scope of services, schedule, and compensation may be adjusted accordingly. Client agrees to release BMcD from all damages related to any pre-existing pollutant, contaminant, toxic, or hazardous substance at the site.

13. CHANGES

Client shall have the right to make changes within the general scope of BMcD's services, with an appropriate change in compensation and schedule, upon execution of a mutually acceptable amendment or change order signed by authorized representatives of Client and BMcD.

14. TERMINATION

Services may be terminated by Client or BMcD by seven (7) days' written notice in the event of substantial failure to perform in accordance with the terms hereof by the other party through no fault of the terminating party. If so terminated, Client shall pay BMcD all amounts due BMcD for all services properly rendered and expenses incurred to the date of receipt of notice of termination, plus reasonable costs incurred by BMcD in terminating the services. In addition, Client may terminate the services for Client's convenience upon payment of twenty percent of the yet unearned and unpaid estimated, lump sum, or not-to-exceed fee, as applicable.

15. DISPUTES, NEGOTIATIONS, MEDIATION

A. The parties shall participate in good faith negotiations to resolve any and all disputes. Unless otherwise agreed to, mediation shall be conducted under the rules of the American Arbitration Association and shall be held in Gainesville, Georgia.

B. The parties agree that any dispute between them, including any action against an officer, director or employee of a party, arising out of or related to this Agreement, whether in contract or tort, not resolved through direct negotiation and mediation, shall be resolved by litigation in the state or federal courts located in Hall County, Georgia, and each party expressly consents to jurisdiction therein. Any litigation to compel or enforce, or otherwise affect the mediation shall be in state or federal courts located in Hall County, Georgia, and each party expressly consents to jurisdiction therein.

C. Causes of action between the parties shall accrue, and applicable statutes of limitation shall commence to run the date BMcD's services are substantially complete.

16. WITNESS FEES

A. BMcD's employees shall not be retained as expert witnesses, except by separate written agreement.

B. Client agrees to pay BMcD pursuant to BMcD's then current schedule of hourly labor billing rates for time spent by any employee of BMcD responding to any subpoena by any party in any dispute as an occurrence witness or to assemble and produce documents resulting from BMcD's services under this Agreement.

17. CONTROLLING LAW

This Agreement shall be subject to, interpreted and enforced according to the laws of the State of Georgia without regard to any conflicts of law provisions.

18. RIGHTS AND BENEFITS – NO ASSIGNMENT

BMcD's services will be performed solely for the benefit of Client and not for the benefit of any other persons or entities. Neither Client nor BMcD shall assign or transfer interest in this Agreement without the written consent of the other.

19. ENTIRE CONTRACT

These Terms and Conditions and the above-referenced Letter, Proposal, or Agreement contain the entire agreement between BMcD and Client relative to BMcD's services for the Project herein. All previous or contemporaneous agreements, representations, promises, and conditions relating to BMcD's services for the Project are superseded. Since terms contained in purchase orders do not generally apply to professional services, in the event Client issues to BMcD a purchase order, no preprinted terms thereon shall become part of this Agreement. Said purchase order documents, whether or not signed by BMcD, shall be considered only as an internal document of Client to facilitate administrative requirements of Client's operations.

20. SEVERABILITY

Any unenforceable provision herein shall be amended to the extent necessary to make it enforceable; if not possible, it shall be deleted and all other provisions shall remain in full force and affect.

21. REPORTING

A. BMcD will provide Client with a written report ("Report") if required as part of the scope of services. The Report will present such findings and conclusions respecting the Site as BMcD may reasonably make with the information gathered in accordance with this Agreement. The Report shall be based only upon BMcD's observations made in the performance of the scope of services agreed upon in writing.

B. In preparing the Report, BMcD may review and interpret certain information provided by subconsultants and others, including government authorities, title companies, testing laboratories and other entities. BMcD will not independently evaluate the accuracy or completeness of such information, and shall not be responsible for any errors or omissions contained in such information.

C. BMcD's Report is intended for the exclusive use of Client. There may be no further distribution of the Report, in whole or in part, or summaries or abstracts thereof, without the written consent of an officer of the BMcD. Any reuse, transmittal, or use of without written verification,

approval, or adaptation by BMcD for the specific purpose intended is prohibited and will be at Client's sole risk and without liability or legal exposure to BMcD or to BMcD's subcontractors, and Client shall waive, release, and otherwise defend, indemnify, and hold harmless BMcD and BMcD's subcontractors from and against all claims, damages, losses, and expenses, including attorneys' fees arising out of or resulting therefrom, to the fullest extent permissible by law. Any such verification or adaptation will entitle BMcD to further compensation at rates to be agreed upon by Client and BMcD.

22. SITE INFORMATION

In addition to providing the information relating to the site listed in the Proposal, Client shall provide the following:

A. The location of utilities, underground tanks, and other structures and the routing thereof at the site;

B. A description of activities conducted at the site at any time by the Client or by any other person or entity; and

C. Identification, by name, quantity, location, and date, of any storage, release or handling of any substance Client either knows or suspects is hazardous.

23. CONTROL OF SITE

By providing services under this Agreement, BMcD does not assume control of or responsibility for the site or become the person in charge of the site or undertake responsibility for reporting to any federal, state or local public agency respecting conditions at the site that may present a potential danger to public health, safety or the environment. Further, nothing contained within this Agreement or the services to be rendered thereunder shall be construed or interpreted as requiring BMcD to assume the status of a generator, storer, transporter, treator, operator or disposal facility as those terms may appear within federal, state or local laws, statutes, ordinances, or regulations concerning the generation, transportation, treatment, storage and disposal of waste. Client assumes full responsibility for compliance with all federal, state or local laws, statutes, ordinances and regulations governing the handling, treatment, storage and disposal of such waste.

24. SITE ACCESS

Client shall obtain for BMcD access to the site and all buildings thereon at reasonable times throughout performance of this Agreement. BMcD will take reasonable precautions to minimize damage to the site from use of equipment, but unavoidable damage or alteration may occur. Client agrees to assume responsibility for such unavoidable damage or alteration.

25. CERTIFICATION

Certification by BMcD of test results or reports constitute a statement of the professional judgment of BMcD based on the facts and data known to BMcD. Certification or other "assurances" are not guarantees or warranties concerning current or future considerations or performance of the facilities surveyed, or that Client or others will be entitled to any innocent land owner or purchaser defenses which may be available under applicable environmental laws including, without limitation, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended.

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Schedule of Hourly Professional Service Billing Rates

Position Classification	Classification Level	Hourly Billing Rate
General Office *	5	\$75.00
Technician *	6	\$95.00
Assistant *	7	\$113.00
	8	\$156.00
	9	\$183.00
Staff *	10	\$207.00
	11	\$225.00
Senior	12	\$255.00
	13	\$278.00
Associate	14	\$287.00
	15	\$289.00
	16	\$291.00
	17	\$295.00

NOTES:

1. Position classifications listed above refer to the firm's internal classification system for employee compensation. For example, "Associate", "Senior", etc., refer to such positions as "Associate Engineer", "Senior Architect", etc.
2. For any nonexempt personnel in positions marked with an asterisk (*), overtime will be billed at 1.5 times the hourly labor billing rates shown.
3. For outside expenses incurred by Burns & McDonnell, such as authorized travel and subsistence, and for services rendered by others such as subcontractors, the client shall pay the cost to Burns & McDonnell plus 10%.
4. Monthly invoices will be submitted for payment covering services and expenses during the preceding month. Invoices are due upon receipt. A late payment charge of 1.5% per month will be added to all amounts not paid within 30 days of the invoice date.
5. The services of contract/agency and/or any personnel of a Burns & McDonnell parent, subsidiary, affiliate, or related or associated entity shall be billed to Owner according to the rate sheet as if such personnel is a direct employee of Burns & McDonnell.
6. The rates shown above are effective for services through December 31, 2025, and are subject to revision thereafter. The composition or build-up of the rates shown above are not subject to audit, inspection, or review.