

**FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
#12 East 4th Ave. Ste. 106
ROME, GA 30161**

(706) 291-5118

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INVITATION TO BID

Date Issued: May 28, 2015

Sealed bids from suppliers will be received by the Purchasing Department of FLOYD COUNTY GEORGIA, at #12 East Fourth Ave, Suite 106 Rome, Georgia 30161, until 2:00 **pm**. legally prevailing time on **June 18, 2015**, for the purchase of:

**TRACTOR AND MOWER
Bid# 15-0618-1**

After the time and in the Purchasing Department Conference Room Suite 106 , the bids will be publicly opened and read. No extension of the bidding period will be made.

Additional copies of bidding documents may be obtained at _12 East Fourth Ave, email graye@floydcountyga.org in person at the Floyd County Administrative Building, Purchasing Department, #12 East Fourth Ave, Suite 106 Rome, Georgia 30162. Requests for documents should be filed promptly with the Purchasing Department.

Contract, if awarded, will be on a lump sum basis **or** individual item basis, whichever is in the best interest of the County. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of 60 days after time has been called on the date of opening.

The County reserves the right to waive compliance by any applicant with any provision contained in this request whenever the County in its sole discretion believes such waiver is in the County's best interests

**FULL BID PACKAGE MUST BE RETURNED IN SEALED ENVELOPE
CLEARLY MARKED**

**SEALED BID
TRACTOR AND MOWER
Bid# 15-0618-1
2pm June 18, 2015**

NANCY LAM, CPPB, CPPO
PURCHASING DIRECTOR

**FLOYD COUNTY GEORGIA
GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS
INVITATION TO BID**

1. CHANGES: No change will be made to this invitation except by written modification by the County Purchasing Office. Requests for interpretation or changes must be in writing, grave@floydcountyga.org directed to the Floyd County Purchasing Department and received at least (5) Five Calendar Days prior to the time set for opening of the bids. Phone (706) 291-5118 Fax (706) 290-6099.

2. FOB POINT: Bid Price to include shipping, packing, crating, and unloading at address in BID INSTRUCTIONS. Title to remain with vendor until fully accepted by the County. Goods damaged or not meeting specifications will be rejected and removed at vendor's expense. Concealed damaged goods to remain the property of vendor until replaced or removed at County's direction.

3. RISK OF LOSS: Vendor agrees to bear all risk of loss, injury, and destruction of goods and materials ordered herein which occur prior to delivery to include concealed damage; and such loss, injury, or destruction shall not release vendor from any obligation.

4. BID ACCEPTANCE TIME: Bids requiring acceptance by the County in less than Sixty (60) calendar days could be rejected, unless so stated on **BIDDER'S RESPONSE PAGE** and accepted by the County.

5. BID IDENTIFICATION: All bids submitted as a result of this invitation must be returned in a sealed envelope with the following information in the lower left-hand corner of the envelope:

BID NAME AND OPENING DATE.

6. WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS: Bids may be withdrawn by written request only, if the request is received prior to the time and date set for the opening of bids. Negligence on the part of the bidder in preparing his bid confers no right of withdrawal or modification of his bid after bid has been opened. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of Sixty (60) days after time has been called on the date of opening.

7. BONDS: NOT REQUIRED FOR THIS

8. SITE INSPECTIONS: (If Applicable) Bidders should inspect the sites to ascertain the nature and location of work and the general conditions which could affect the work of the cost thereof. The County will assume no responsibility for representations or understandings concerning conditions made by its officers or employees unless included in this Invitation for Bid. While site inspections are not a mandatory requirement to submit a proposal, vendors are urged to schedule inspections to ascertain all the requirements of this invitation.

9. AWARD OF CONTRACT: Award will be made to that responsible bidder whose bid, conforming to the Invitation for Bid, will be most advantageous to the County; Price and other factors considered. The County reserves the right to waive compliance by any applicant with any provision contained in this request whenever the County in its sole discretion believes such waiver is in the County's best interests. A written award, mailed (or otherwise furnished) shall be deemed to result in a binding contract without further action by either party. Contract (s), if awarded, will be on a lump sum basis **or** individual item basis, whichever is found to be in the best interest of FLOYD COUNTY.

9.1: The vendor, in accepting this contract, attests that he is in compliance with the Nondiscrimination Clause contained in Section 202 of Executive Order 11246, as amended, relative to equal employment opportunity for all persons without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin, and the implementing rules and prescribed by the Secretary of Labor, which is incorporated herein by reference.

10. EXCEPTIONS TO SPECIFICATIONS: Any award resulting from this invitation shall bind the bidder to all Terms, Conditions, and Specifications set forth in this invitation. Bidders whose bids do not conform should so note on separate page if necessary and/or on the **BID SCHEDULE**. While the County reserves the right to make an award to a nonconforming bidder, when in the best interest of the County, such awards will not be readily made, and bidders are urged to conform to the greatest extent possible. No exceptions will be considered to have been taken by bidder unless it is properly set out as provided above. No exception will be deemed to have been taken by the County unless incorporated in an award resulting from this invitation and so stated.

11. BID RESULTS: Interested parties may review and/or print **BID TABULATION** @ www.romefloyd.com **24 hours after bid opening** or contact the Floyd County Purchasing Office should the tabulation not be available on the website.

12. PAYMENT: Payments will be made upon all items completed each month or completion of all work and acceptance by county on invoices submitted and approved by the proper county representative within (30) thirty days receipt of invoice unless paragraph 14 applies. Invoices are to be submitted to: Floyd County Purchasing, P. O. Box 946, Rome, Ga. 30162

12.1 Itemize all invoices in full. Mail the original invoice to the address above. A shipping or receiving ticket will be signed and a copy left with each delivery. Each invoice including receiving/shipping ticket is to include the following minimum information:

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| 1. Date invoice is submitted; | 5. County department; |
| 2. Purchase order number; | 6. Item(s) or service |
| 3. Payment terms; | 7. Quantity of each item or service |
| 4. Date of transaction; | 8. Bid price of each item or service with any discounts |

Invoices received with any of the required information listed above missing may not be considered as a "correct invoice". All invoices submitted will be closely monitored for accuracy. Any invoice found to be incorrect will be returned to vendor for correction.

12.2 Vendor must furnish delivery receipt with invoice identifying that this order has been delivered in accordance with Specifications, Quantities, and Price as set forth on the purchase order. A Floyd County employee's signature must appear on the delivery receipt or invoice.

12.3 Items on this order are exempt from Federal Excise Tax and Georgia Sales and Use Tax. . A certificate will be furnished if requested. FLOYD COUNTY is exempt from taxes but the successful bidder shall pay all taxes required of him by law and FLOYD COUNTY can not exempt others from tax.

12.4 Payment terms and provisions herein or otherwise found within the contract documents supersede all provisions of the Georgia Prompt Pay Act (House Bill 837; 13 O.C.G.A. Chapter 11 **ET. SEQ.**).

13. INQUIRIES REGARDING PAYMENT: All inquiries regarding payment of invoices are to be directed to Accounts Payable (706) 291-5113 or Floyd County Commissioners, Attn: Accounts Payable, P.O. BOX 946, Rome, Georgia 30162

14. DISCOUNTS: Prompt payment discounts offered for a period of less than Fifteen (15) Days will not be considered in determining the low bidder on this invitation. However, such discounts, when offered, will be taken provided payment is made within the time specified. Time, in connection with discounts for prompt payments, will be computed from the date of acceptance of work for which payment is claimed, or the date the correct invoice is received by the County, whichever is later.

15. EXECUTION OF CONTRACT: Subsequent to the award, the successful bidder will be presented with a contract which may be in the form of a purchase order. Contract is to be executed within Ten (10) calendar days of "**NOTICE OF AWARD**" together with the required payment and performance bonds prescribed in Paragraph 7B. If the contract document is mailed, the date of presentation shall be deemed to be the postmark date. The successful bidder's proposal and this Invitation for Bid shall be incorporated into the contract, except to the extent that this invitation conflicts with the contract, in which case the provisions of the contract shall take precedent.

16. CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE: Successful bidder will be required to furnish a Certificate of Liability insurance in an amount not less than Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) per occurrence to protect the County throughout the life of the contract against "**ALL RISKS**". Coverage to include but not limited to General Liability: Comprehensive Form, Premises/Operations, Products/Completed Operations, Broad Form Property Damage, Personal Injury, and Automobile/Vehicle Liability. Worker's compensation and Employer's Liability are to be statutory amounts. On all contracts for vehicle repair of any kind, the successful shall provide at least Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) of Garage Liability insurance in addition to the insurance stated above. The Certificate must be furnished within Ten (10) calendar days of a "**NOTICE OF AWARD**" being issued.

17. INCLUSION: All items and/or services standard, expected, necessary, and/or routine to such a project as this and not actually stated in this Invitation for Bid will be the responsibility of the successful bidder to provide at no other cost to the County unless so stated on the successful bidder's proposal as additional cost items and accepted by the County at the time of the award and/or contract.

18. REGULATORY AGENCIES: Successful bidder will be responsible for all required permits or license required by regulatory agency of the City, County, State, or Federal Governments. Further, successful bidder will be responsible for meeting all requirements of any regulation (s) or guideline (s) of any of the said Governments or any independent agency recognized by said Governments as publisher of any such regulation (s) or guideline (s).

19. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS: The bidder represents to FLOYD COUNTY that he is fully experienced and properly qualified to perform the functions provided herein and that he is properly equipped, organized, and financed to perform such functions. The bidder shall finance his own operations hereunder, shall operate as an independent contractor and not as an agent of FLOYD COUNTY and nothing contained in this Invitation for Bid or a contract resulting from same shall be construed to constitute the bidder or any of his employees, servants, agents, or subcontractors as a partner, employee, servant, or agent of the County nor shall either party have any authority to bind the other in any respect; it being intended that each shall remain an independent contractor.

20. ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACTUAL RIGHTS: It is agreed that the successful bidder will not assign, transfer, convey, or otherwise dispose of a contract that results from this invitation or his right, title, or interest in or to the same, or any part thereof, without written consent of the County.

21. STARTING TIME: Work will commence within stated calendar days after being issued a "NOTICE TO PROCEED" on the project and commence in a routine, orderly manner until completion and acceptance by the County.

22. INDEMNITY: Successful bidder agrees, if entering into a contract as a result of this invitation, to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless FLOYD COUNTY from any and all courses of action or claims of damages arising out of or related to bidder's performance or actions or those of his employees or agents, under said contract.

23. TERMINATION: Pursuant to O.C.G.A. 36-60-13, if applicable, any contract resulting from this Invitation for Bid, if not sooner terminated pursuant to the provisions of termination contained herein, is terminable by the Board of Commissioners of FLOYD COUNTY, Georgia on December 31 of each calendar year during the term of said contract, except that said contract shall be renewed automatically on such date, and without any lapse, unless positive action is taken to terminate said contract by the Board in a public meeting and such action entered in the Official Minutes of the FLOYD COUNTY Commission.

24. APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS: Initial contract and any continuation contract (s) will terminate immediately and absolutely at any such time as there are no appropriated and otherwise unobligated funds available to satisfy the County's obligations under said contract (s).

25. CANCELLATION FOR CAUSE: Should either party fail to comply with the Terms and Conditions of this contract, the aggrieved party must give, in writing, to the other party any complaint for non compliance to the Terms and Conditions of this contract. The other party shall have Fifteen (15) calendar days to correct the matter. If corrected to the satisfaction of both parties within the Fifteen (15) calendar days and stated in writing, then the contract will continue uninterrupted. Failure to correct the matter will result in termination of this contract at the end of Thirty (30) calendar days following the date of the initial letter of complaint.

26. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES: See Special Terms and Conditions.

27. ANTI-DISCRIMINATION CLAUSE: "FLOYD COUNTY does not discriminate against any person because of race, color, religion, national origin, or handicap in employment or service provided."

28. COMMODITY STATUS: It is understood and agreed that materials delivered shall be new, of latest design, and in first quality condition, that all bags, containers, etc., shall be new and suitable for storage; unless otherwise stated by FLOYD COUNTY.

29: CONTRACT ITEMS: Items or services not listed in this contract are to be purchased according to purchasing rules and regulations of the county.

- County departments are not authorized to order any item or service not listed without satisfying said rules and regulations and having a separate purchase order issued to cover such a purchase.
- Vendors receiving contracts as a result of this invitation will be expected to consider this when accepting orders.
- * Payment will not be made for any item not covered by this contract unless stated Purchasing Rules and Regulations have been met.

30: CHANGES TO CONTRACT: No change will be made to this contract except by written modification by the Contracts Administrator whose name appears on the cover page. Additional items of same brand and similar product required during the course of the contract, will be provided at like discounts to similar items on contract.

31: LOCATION FOR DELIVERY OF GOODS OR EQUIPMENT: Purchase Order or as specified by location

32: Bid Submissions: Complete and return all forms attached with Bid Documents.

BIDDERS DECLARATION

The bidder understands, agrees and warrants:

That the bidder has carefully read and fully understands the full scope of the specifications.

That the bidder has the capability to successfully undertake and complete the responsibilities and obligations in said specifications.

That this bid may be withdrawn by requesting such withdrawal in writing at any time prior to 2pm June 18, 2015 but may not be withdrawn after such date and time.

That Floyd County reserves the right to waive compliance by any applicant with any provision contained in this request whenever the County in its sole discretion believes such waiver is in the County's best interests

That by submission of this quote the bidder acknowledges that Floyd County has the right to make any inquiry or investigation it deems appropriate to substantiate or supplement information supplied by the bidder.

That the accompanying bid is not the result of or affected by, any act of collusion with another person or company engaged in the same line of business or commerce, or any other fraudulent act punishable under Georgia or United States law.

BIDDER:

Company Name: _____

Phone: _____

Name Print: _____

Signature: _____

Email: _____

Date: _____

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BIDDERS INFORMATION

Date of Bid: _____

Bid Name: _____

The undersigned agrees, if this bid is accepted within Sixty (60) calendar days after date of opening, to furnish all supplies and/or services in strict accordance with provisions of this Invitation for Bid at the price in the **BID SCHEDULE**.

Time Discounts: Discounts allowed for prompt payment as follows: Discounts of less than Fifteen (15) days will not be used in determining the award of a bid but may be used when paying invoices.

_____ % Discount _____ Calendar Days net _____ (discounts will apply if Procurement Card is accepted).

Procurement Card: Will you accept the VISA Procurement Card for this order? _____

I certify that this bid is made without prior understanding, agreement, or connection with any corporation, firm, or person submitting a bid for the same materials, supplies, or equipment, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. I understand that collusive bidding is a violation of State and Federal law and can result in fines, prison sentences, and Civil Damage Awards. I agree to abide by all Conditions of this bid and certify that I am authorized to sign this bid for the bidder.

This _____ Day of _____, 201__

Prices to remain firm for Sixty (60) calendar days or _____ calendar days after date of opening. Vendor MUST initial here: _____.

Bidder Information
(Type or Print)

Name and Mailing Address
of where to send payments

Name of Company

Name of Company

Address

Address

City, State Zip Code

City, State Zip Code

(_____) _____
Phone Number

(_____) _____
Phone Number

(_____) _____
Fax Number

Federal ID #

Email _____

Name and Title of Person
authorized to Sign

Name

Title

Signature

CERTIFICATE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

In connection with the performance of work under this contract, the bidder agrees as follows:

The bidder agrees not to discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, sex, national origin, ancestry or disability. The vendor shall take affirmative action to insure that employees are treated without regard to their race, creed, color, sex, national origin, ancestry or disability. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, transfer, recruiting, or recruitment, advertising, lay-off or termination, rates of pay or other compensation and selection for training, including apprenticeship.

In the event of the bidder's non-compliance with this non-discrimination clause, the contract may be canceled or terminated by Floyd County Board of Commissioners. The bidder may be declared, by Floyd County, ineligible for further contracts with Floyd County until satisfactory proof of intent to comply shall be made by the vendor.

The bidder agrees to include this non-discrimination clause in any sub-contracts connected with the performance of this agreement.

BIDDER

SIGNATURE

TITLE



CERTIFICATE OF NON-COLLUSION

By responding to this solicitation, the supplier understands and agrees to the following:

1. That the submitted response constitutes an offer, which when accepted in writing by Floyd County, and subject to the terms and conditions of such acceptance, will constitute a valid and binding contract between the undersigned and Floyd County; and
2. That the supplier has read the specifications and requirements shown or referenced in the solicitation and the supplier's response is made in accordance with the provisions of such specification and requirements except as expressly stated otherwise in the supplier's response; and
3. That the supplier guarantees and certifies that all items included in the supplier's response meet or exceed any and all such stated specifications and requirements of the solicitation except as expressly stated otherwise in the supplier's response; and
4. That, if awarded a contract, the supplier will deliver the goods and/or services that meet or exceed the specifications and requirements of the solicitation except as expressly stated otherwise in the supplier's response; and
5. That the response submitted by the supplier shall be valid and held open for a period of one hundred and twenty (120) days (or such other time period as identified in the solicitation) from the final solicitation closing date and that such a response may be held open for an additional period of time subject to the supplier's consent; and
6. That the supplier's response is made without prior understanding, agreement, or connection with any corporation, firm, or person submitting a response for the same materials, supplies, equipment, or services and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. The supplier understands and agrees that collusion bidding is a violation of state and federal law and can result in fines, prison sentences, and civil damage awards; and
7. That the provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, Sections 36-01 have not been violated and will not be violated in any respect.

DO NOT MODIFY THE BID/PROPOSAL CERTIFICATION TERMS IN ANY WAY. THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED WITH YOUR RESPONSE.

Contractor Full Legal Name (Please type or Print)	
Authorized Signature	
Printed Name and Title of Person Signing	
Date:	
Company Address	
Fax Number	
Email Address	
This Table must be complete in its entirety by the supplier	

ATTACHMENT

**FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE CERTIFICATE**

By signature on this certificate, the Vendor certifies that the provisions of O.C.G.A. Section 50-24-1 through 50-24-6 related to the “Drug-Free Workplace Act” have been complied with in full. The Vendor further certifies that:

1. A drug-free workplace will be provided for the Vendor’s employees during the performance of the contract; and
2. Each Vendor who hires a subVendor to work in a drug-free workplace shall secure from that subVendor the following written certification: “As part of the subcontracting agreement with (Vendor’s name), (subVendor’s name) certifies to the Vendor that a drug-free workplace will be provided for the subVendor’s employees during the performance of this contract pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 50-24-3(b)(7).”

By signature on this certificate, the Vendor further certifies that it will not engage in the unlawful manufacture, sale, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance or marijuana during the performance of this contract.

Vendor: _____

By: _____

Name Printed: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

**Give Form to the
 requester. Do not
 send to the IRS.**

Print or type See Specific Instructions on page 2.	Name (as shown on your income tax return)	
	Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above	
	Check appropriate box for federal tax classification (required): <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor <input type="checkbox"/> C Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> S Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Trust/estate	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=partnership) ▶	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ▶	
Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.)		Requester's name and address (optional)
City, state, and ZIP code		
List account number(s) here (optional)		

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on the "Name" line to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I instructions on page 3. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN* on page 3.

Social security number									

Note. If the account is in more than one name, see the chart on page 4 for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Employer identification number									

Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below).

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions on page 4.

Sign Here	Signature of U.S. person ▶	Date ▶
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General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Purpose of Form

A person who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) to report, for example, income paid to you, real estate transactions, mortgage interest you paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, or contributions you made to an IRA.

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN to the person requesting it (the requester) and, when applicable, to:

1. Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),
2. Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
3. Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income.

Note. If a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

Definition of a U.S. person. For federal tax purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are:

- An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien,
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States,
- An estate (other than a foreign estate), or
- A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

Special rules for partnerships. Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax on any foreign partners' share of income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, a partnership is required to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid withholding on your share of partnership income.

The person who gives Form W-9 to the partnership for purposes of establishing its U.S. status and avoiding withholding on its allocable share of net income from the partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States is in the following cases:

- The U.S. owner of a disregarded entity and not the entity,
- The U.S. grantor or other owner of a grantor trust and not the trust, and
- The U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust) and not the beneficiaries of the trust.

Foreign person. If you are a foreign person, do not use Form W-9. Instead, use the appropriate Form W-8 (see Publication 515, Withholding of Tax on Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Entities).

Nonresident alien who becomes a resident alien. Generally, only a nonresident alien individual may use the terms of a tax treaty to reduce or eliminate U.S. tax on certain types of income. However, most tax treaties contain a provision known as a “saving clause.” Exceptions specified in the saving clause may permit an exemption from tax to continue for certain types of income even after the payee has otherwise become a U.S. resident alien for tax purposes.

If you are a U.S. resident alien who is relying on an exception contained in the saving clause of a tax treaty to claim an exemption from U.S. tax on certain types of income, you must attach a statement to Form W-9 that specifies the following five items:

1. The treaty country. Generally, this must be the same treaty under which you claimed exemption from tax as a nonresident alien.
2. The treaty article addressing the income.
3. The article number (or location) in the tax treaty that contains the saving clause and its exceptions.
4. The type and amount of income that qualifies for the exemption from tax.
5. Sufficient facts to justify the exemption from tax under the terms of the treaty article.

Example. Article 20 of the U.S.-China income tax treaty allows an exemption from tax for scholarship income received by a Chinese student temporarily present in the United States. Under U.S. law, this student will become a resident alien for tax purposes if his or her stay in the United States exceeds 5 calendar years. However, paragraph 2 of the first Protocol to the U.S.-China treaty (dated April 30, 1984) allows the provisions of Article 20 to continue to apply even after the Chinese student becomes a resident alien of the United States. A Chinese student who qualifies for this exception (under paragraph 2 of the first protocol) and is relying on this exception to claim an exemption from tax on his or her scholarship or fellowship income would attach to Form W-9 a statement that includes the information described above to support that exemption.

If you are a nonresident alien or a foreign entity not subject to backup withholding, give the requester the appropriate completed Form W-8.

What is backup withholding? Persons making certain payments to you must under certain conditions withhold and pay to the IRS a percentage of such payments. This is called “backup withholding.” Payments that may be subject to backup withholding include interest, tax-exempt interest, dividends, broker and barter exchange transactions, rents, royalties, nonemployee pay, and certain payments from fishing boat operators. Real estate transactions are not subject to backup withholding.

You will not be subject to backup withholding on payments you receive if you give the requester your correct TIN, make the proper certifications, and report all your taxable interest and dividends on your tax return.

Payments you receive will be subject to backup withholding if:

1. You do not furnish your TIN to the requester,
2. You do not certify your TIN when required (see the Part II instructions on page 3 for details),
3. The IRS tells the requester that you furnished an incorrect TIN,
4. The IRS tells you that you are subject to backup withholding because you did not report all your interest and dividends on your tax return (for reportable interest and dividends only), or
5. You do not certify to the requester that you are not subject to backup withholding under 4 above (for reportable interest and dividend accounts opened after 1983 only).

Certain payees and payments are exempt from backup withholding. See the instructions below and the separate Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9.

Also see *Special rules for partnerships* on page 1.

Updating Your Information

You must provide updated information to any person to whom you claimed to be an exempt payee if you are no longer an exempt payee and anticipate receiving reportable payments in the future from this person. For example, you may need to provide updated information if you are a C corporation that elects to be an S corporation, or if you no longer are tax exempt. In addition, you must furnish a new Form W-9 if the name or TIN changes for the account, for example, if the grantor of a grantor trust dies.

Penalties

Failure to furnish TIN. If you fail to furnish your correct TIN to a requester, you are subject to a penalty of \$50 for each such failure unless your failure is due to reasonable cause and not to willful neglect.

Civil penalty for false information with respect to withholding. If you make a false statement with no reasonable basis that results in no backup withholding, you are subject to a \$500 penalty.

Criminal penalty for falsifying information. Willfully falsifying certifications or affirmations may subject you to criminal penalties including fines and/or imprisonment.

Misuse of TINs. If the requester discloses or uses TINs in violation of federal law, the requester may be subject to civil and criminal penalties.

Specific Instructions

Name

If you are an individual, you must generally enter the name shown on your income tax return. However, if you have changed your last name, for instance, due to marriage without informing the Social Security Administration of the name change, enter your first name, the last name shown on your social security card, and your new last name.

If the account is in joint names, list first, and then circle, the name of the person or entity whose number you entered in Part I of the form.

Sole proprietor. Enter your individual name as shown on your income tax return on the “Name” line. You may enter your business, trade, or “doing business as (DBA)” name on the “Business name/disregarded entity name” line.

Partnership, C Corporation, or S Corporation. Enter the entity's name on the “Name” line and any business, trade, or “doing business as (DBA) name” on the “Business name/disregarded entity name” line.

Disregarded entity. Enter the owner's name on the “Name” line. The name of the entity entered on the “Name” line should never be a disregarded entity. The name on the “Name” line must be the name shown on the income tax return on which the income will be reported. For example, if a foreign LLC that is treated as a disregarded entity for U.S. federal tax purposes has a domestic owner, the domestic owner's name is required to be provided on the “Name” line. If the direct owner of the entity is also a disregarded entity, enter the first owner that is not disregarded for federal tax purposes. Enter the disregarded entity's name on the “Business name/disregarded entity name” line. If the owner of the disregarded entity is a foreign person, you must complete an appropriate Form W-8.

Note. Check the appropriate box for the federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on the “Name” line (Individual/sole proprietor, Partnership, C Corporation, S Corporation, Trust/estate).

Limited Liability Company (LLC). If the person identified on the “Name” line is an LLC, check the “Limited liability company” box only and enter the appropriate code for the tax classification in the space provided. If you are an LLC that is treated as a partnership for federal tax purposes, enter “P” for partnership. If you are an LLC that has filed a Form 8832 or a Form 2553 to be taxed as a corporation, enter “C” for C corporation or “S” for S corporation. If you are an LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner under Regulation section 301.7701-3 (except for employment and excise tax), do not check the LLC box unless the owner of the LLC (required to be identified on the “Name” line) is another LLC that is not disregarded for federal tax purposes. If the LLC is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner, enter the appropriate tax classification of the owner identified on the “Name” line.

Other entities. Enter your business name as shown on required federal tax documents on the "Name" line. This name should match the name shown on the charter or other legal document creating the entity. You may enter any business, trade, or DBA name on the "Business name/disregarded entity name" line.

Exempt Payee

If you are exempt from backup withholding, enter your name as described above and check the appropriate box for your status, then check the "Exempt payee" box in the line following the "Business name/disregarded entity name," sign and date the form.

Generally, individuals (including sole proprietors) are not exempt from backup withholding. Corporations are exempt from backup withholding for certain payments, such as interest and dividends.

Note. If you are exempt from backup withholding, you should still complete this form to avoid possible erroneous backup withholding.

The following payees are exempt from backup withholding:

1. An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a), any IRA, or a custodial account under section 403(b)(7) if the account satisfies the requirements of section 401(f)(2),
 2. The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities,
 3. A state, the District of Columbia, a possession of the United States, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities,
 4. A foreign government or any of its political subdivisions, agencies, or instrumentalities, or
 5. An international organization or any of its agencies or instrumentalities.
- Other payees that may be exempt from backup withholding include:
6. A corporation,
 7. A foreign central bank of issue,
 8. A dealer in securities or commodities required to register in the United States, the District of Columbia, or a possession of the United States,
 9. A futures commission merchant registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission,
 10. A real estate investment trust,
 11. An entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940,
 12. A common trust fund operated by a bank under section 584(a),
 13. A financial institution,
 14. A middleman known in the investment community as a nominee or custodian, or
 15. A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947.

The following chart shows types of payments that may be exempt from backup withholding. The chart applies to the exempt payees listed above, 1 through 15.

IF the payment is for . . .	THEN the payment is exempt for . . .
Interest and dividend payments	All exempt payees except for 9
Broker transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 5 and 7 through 13. Also, C corporations.
Barter exchange transactions and patronage dividends	Exempt payees 1 through 5
Payments over \$600 required to be reported and direct sales over \$5,000 ¹	Generally, exempt payees 1 through 7 ²

¹ See Form 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Income, and its instructions.

² However, the following payments made to a corporation and reportable on Form 1099-MISC are not exempt from backup withholding: medical and health care payments, attorneys' fees, gross proceeds paid to an attorney, and payments for services paid by a federal executive agency.

Part I. Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. If you are a resident alien and you do not have and are not eligible to get an SSN, your TIN is your IRS individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN). Enter it in the social security number box. If you do not have an ITIN, see *How to get a TIN* below.

If you are a sole proprietor and you have an EIN, you may enter either your SSN or EIN. However, the IRS prefers that you use your SSN.

If you are a single-member LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner (see *Limited Liability Company (LLC)* on page 2), enter the owner's SSN (or EIN, if the owner has one). Do not enter the disregarded entity's EIN. If the LLC is classified as a corporation or partnership, enter the entity's EIN.

Note. See the chart on page 4 for further clarification of name and TIN combinations.

How to get a TIN. If you do not have a TIN, apply for one immediately. To apply for an SSN, get Form SS-5, Application for a Social Security Card, from your local Social Security Administration office or get this form online at www.ssa.gov. You may also get this form by calling 1-800-772-1213. Use Form W-7, Application for IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, to apply for an ITIN, or Form SS-4, Application for Employer Identification Number, to apply for an EIN. You can apply for an EIN online by accessing the IRS website at www.irs.gov/businesses and clicking on Employer Identification Number (EIN) under Starting a Business. You can get Forms W-7 and SS-4 from the IRS by visiting IRS.gov or by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

If you are asked to complete Form W-9 but do not have a TIN, write "Applied For" in the space for the TIN, sign and date the form, and give it to the requester. For interest and dividend payments, and certain payments made with respect to readily tradable instruments, generally you will have 60 days to get a TIN and give it to the requester before you are subject to backup withholding on payments. The 60-day rule does not apply to other types of payments. You will be subject to backup withholding on all such payments until you provide your TIN to the requester.

Note. Entering "Applied For" means that you have already applied for a TIN or that you intend to apply for one soon.

Caution: A disregarded domestic entity that has a foreign owner must use the appropriate Form W-8.

Part II. Certification

To establish to the withholding agent that you are a U.S. person, or resident alien, sign Form W-9. You may be requested to sign by the withholding agent even if item 1, below, and items 4 and 5 on page 4 indicate otherwise.

For a joint account, only the person whose TIN is shown in Part I should sign (when required). In the case of a disregarded entity, the person identified on the "Name" line must sign. Exempt payees, see *Exempt Payee* on page 3.

Signature requirements. Complete the certification as indicated in items 1 through 3, below, and items 4 and 5 on page 4.

1. Interest, dividend, and barter exchange accounts opened before 1984 and broker accounts considered active during 1983. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

2. Interest, dividend, broker, and barter exchange accounts opened after 1983 and broker accounts considered inactive during 1983. You must sign the certification or backup withholding will apply. If you are subject to backup withholding and you are merely providing your correct TIN to the requester, you must cross out item 2 in the certification before signing the form.

3. Real estate transactions. You must sign the certification. You may cross out item 2 of the certification.

4. Other payments. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification unless you have been notified that you have previously given an incorrect TIN. "Other payments" include payments made in the course of the requester's trade or business for rents, royalties, goods (other than bills for merchandise), medical and health care services (including payments to corporations), payments to a nonemployee for services, payments to certain fishing boat crew members and fishermen, and gross proceeds paid to attorneys (including payments to corporations).

5. Mortgage interest paid by you, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, qualified tuition program payments (under section 529), IRA, Coverdell ESA, Archer MSA or HSA contributions or distributions, and pension distributions. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

What Name and Number To Give the Requester

For this type of account:	Give name and SSN of:
1. Individual	The individual
2. Two or more individuals (joint account)	The actual owner of the account or, if combined funds, the first individual on the account ¹
3. Custodian account of a minor (Uniform Gift to Minors Act)	The minor ²
4. a. The usual revocable savings trust (grantor is also trustee) b. So-called trust account that is not a legal or valid trust under state law	The grantor-trustee ¹ The actual owner ¹
5. Sole proprietorship or disregarded entity owned by an individual	The owner ³
6. Grantor trust filing under Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 1 (see Regulation section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(A))	The grantor*
For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
7. Disregarded entity not owned by an individual	The owner
8. A valid trust, estate, or pension trust	Legal entity ⁴
9. Corporation or LLC electing corporate status on Form 8832 or Form 2553	The corporation
10. Association, club, religious, charitable, educational, or other tax-exempt organization	The organization
11. Partnership or multi-member LLC	The partnership
12. A broker or registered nominee	The broker or nominee
13. Account with the Department of Agriculture in the name of a public entity (such as a state or local government, school district, or prison) that receives agricultural program payments	The public entity
14. Grantor trust filing under the Form 1041 Filing Method or the Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 2 (see Regulation section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(B))	The trust

¹ List first and circle the name of the person whose number you furnish. If only one person on a joint account has an SSN, that person's number must be furnished.

² Circle the minor's name and furnish the minor's SSN.

³ You must show your individual name and you may also enter your business or "DBA" name on the "Business name/disregarded entity" name line. You may use either your SSN or EIN (if you have one), but the IRS encourages you to use your SSN.

⁴ List first and circle the name of the trust, estate, or pension trust. (Do not furnish the TIN of the personal representative or trustee unless the legal entity itself is not designated in the account title.) Also see *Special rules for partnerships* on page 1.

*Note. Grantor also must provide a Form W-9 to trustee of trust.

Note. If no name is circled when more than one name is listed, the number will be considered to be that of the first name listed.

Secure Your Tax Records from Identity Theft

Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal information such as your name, social security number (SSN), or other identifying information, without your permission, to commit fraud or other crimes. An identity thief may use your SSN to get a job or may file a tax return using your SSN to receive a refund.

To reduce your risk:

- Protect your SSN,
- Ensure your employer is protecting your SSN, and
- Be careful when choosing a tax preparer.

If your tax records are affected by identity theft and you receive a notice from the IRS, respond right away to the name and phone number printed on the IRS notice or letter.

If your tax records are not currently affected by identity theft but you think you are at risk due to a lost or stolen purse or wallet, questionable credit card activity or credit report, contact the IRS Identity Theft Hotline at 1-800-908-4490 or submit Form 14039.

For more information, see Publication 4535, Identity Theft Prevention and Victim Assistance.

Victims of identity theft who are experiencing economic harm or a system problem, or are seeking help in resolving tax problems that have not been resolved through normal channels, may be eligible for Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) assistance. You can reach TAS by calling the TAS toll-free case intake line at 1-877-777-4778 or TTY/TDD 1-800-829-4059.

Protect yourself from suspicious emails or phishing schemes.

Phishing is the creation and use of email and websites designed to mimic legitimate business emails and websites. The most common act is sending an email to a user falsely claiming to be an established legitimate enterprise in an attempt to scam the user into surrendering private information that will be used for identity theft.

The IRS does not initiate contacts with taxpayers via emails. Also, the IRS does not request personal detailed information through email or ask taxpayers for the PIN numbers, passwords, or similar secret access information for their credit card, bank, or other financial accounts.

If you receive an unsolicited email claiming to be from the IRS, forward this message to phishing@irs.gov. You may also report misuse of the IRS name, logo, or other IRS property to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration at 1-800-366-4484. You can forward suspicious emails to the Federal Trade Commission at: spam@uce.gov or contact them at www.ftc.gov/idtheft or 1-877-IDTHEFT (1-877-438-4338).

Visit IRS.gov to learn more about identity theft and how to reduce your risk.

Privacy Act Notice

Section 6109 of the Internal Revenue Code requires you to provide your correct TIN to persons (including federal agencies) who are required to file information returns with the IRS to report interest, dividends, or certain other income paid to you; mortgage interest you paid; the acquisition or abandonment of secured property; the cancellation of debt; or contributions you made to an IRA, Archer MSA, or HSA. The person collecting this form uses the information on the form to file information returns with the IRS, reporting the above information. Routine uses of this information include giving it to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation and to cities, states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. possessions for use in administering their laws. The information also may be disclosed to other countries under a treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce civil and criminal laws, or to federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies to combat terrorism. You must provide your TIN whether or not you are required to file a tax return. Under section 3406, payers must generally withhold a percentage of taxable interest, dividend, and certain other payments to a payee who does not give a TIN to the payer. Certain penalties may also apply for providing false or fraudulent information.

**SPECIFICATIONS FOR 1 NEW TRACTOR
With 60" side mount drop deck rotary mower
To meet or exceed new Holland TB110 tractor
Bid# 15-0618-1**

SPECIFICATION	COMPLY	EXCEPTION
Adjustable front axel Front flotation tires Minimum 16.9x30 all terrain tires Multiple wet disc brakes Power steering Two wheel drive Canopy tops Operator protection screen with 3/8" abrasion resistant polycarbonate window		
MINIMUM SPECIFICATIONS		
90" wheelbase 20" clearance at drawbar 20" clearance at front axle 8x2 manual transmission		
Front and rear lights Front and rear led strobe lights to be mounted in the canopy top 80 pto horsepower diesel engine 100 amp alternator Independent pto Category II 3 point hitch 8500 lbs GVW		
STANDARD WARRANTY		
3 SETS OF KEYS for each tractor		
OPERATOR MANUAL		
Parts Book & Repair manual (May be on cd disk)		

SPECIFICATIONS FOR (1) 60" Rotary MOWER ATTACHMENT

MINIMUM SPECIFICATION	Comply	Exception
Cutting head 1/2" x 4" full swing with uplift Deck material shall be 10 gauge steel with side skirts 3/8" thick Deck frame shall be made of 4"x10" channel steel		
Skid shoes Shall be full length and replaceable		
Deflectors Shall have front and rear chain guards		
Mounting frame The unit shall be mounted between the front and rear wheels The main frame shall be braced to the front and rear axle		
Hydraulic reservoir Minimum 53 gallons tank		
Hydraulic filter Tank filter shall be 10-micron 75 gallon per minute full flow rate with restriction gauge		
Mower lift assembly The mower shall be capable of mowing 90-degrees up and down And capable of raising 16" vertically and lowering to 6" below grade		
Hydraulics The pump shall be steel gear type Rated at 51 GPM at 2400 RPM Maximum rated operating pressure 3000PSI (Valve to mower head) there shall be a two position electric solenoid Control with relief valve 1-1/4 porting and 2500 PSI		

**FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Bid # 15-0618-1 Tractor and Mower
BID SHEET**

OPENING: JUNE 18, 2015

TIME 2:00 PM

**TO: Floyd County Purchasing Department
12 East 4th Ave, Suite 106
Rome, Ga. 30161**

Tractor: Make (manufacturer): _____

Model (style): _____ **Year:** _____

Mower: Make (manufacturer): _____

Model (style): _____ **Year:** _____

We, the undersigned, agree to furnish and deliver the above titled item in accordance with the specifications issued for same, and subject to all terms, conditions, and requirements provided therein, and in the various request for bid documents, at the following price:

A. Total Bid Price, F.O.B. Destination: \$ _____

B. Delivery Time From Date Of Purchase Order _____ **Calendar Days.**
The Above May Be Considered In Determining The Award.

C. Supplier Contact: _____
(Print or Type Name)

Telephone Number: _____

D. Warranty Information Submitted With Bid: _____ **Yes** _____ **No**

E. Any alterations in figures on this form must be initialed in ink by persons signing the proposal.

F. Floyd County is exempt from all local, state, and federal taxes, and prices stipulated by the bidder are considered maximum, and are not subject to any increase due to any taxes, or any other cause or reason.

G. COMPANY NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

SIGNED _____

TITLE _____

DATE _____

TELEPHONE _____ **FAX** _____