



Bid Specifications

Bid Item #24-219

HQ Branch Library - Floor Replacement

For

*Augusta, Georgia – Central Services Department-
Facilities Maintenance Division*

Bid Due: Thursday, August 8, 2024 @ 11:00 a.m.

LOCAL VENDOR PREFERENCE APPLIES TO THIS CONTRACT

Until further notice

**All bid openings, conferences, and evaluation meetings
will be conducted by electronic teleconferencing via ZOOM
Instructions are enclosed**

Sec. 1-10-50. Sealed bids selection method:

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

To Ensure Timely Deliveries, It Is The Responsibility Of The Vendor To Ensure Their Bid Submittal Is Received By The Time Specified Above. All Submittals MUST Be Received During Our Normal Office Hours From 8:30 A.M. To 5:00 P.M., Monday Through Friday. No Deliveries Will Be Accepted Prior To 8:30 A.M. Or After 5:00 P.M., As The Building Is Closed To The Public And Delivery Services Outside Of These Hours.

Thanks for doing business with us . . .

*Gerri A. Sams, Procurement Director
535 Telfair Street, Room 605
Augusta, Georgia 30901*



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Bid Specifications

Invitation to Bid

Sealed bids will be received at this office until **Thursday, August 8, 2024 @ 11:00 a.m.** via ZOOM Meeting ID: **870 3846 6710**; Passcode: **24219** for furnishing:

Bid Item #24-219 HQ Branch Library Floor Replacement for Augusta, GA – Central Services Department – Facilities Maintenance Division

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

Geri A. Sams, Director
Augusta Procurement Department
535 Telfair Street - Room 605
Augusta, Georgia 30901

Bid documents may be viewed on the Augusta, Georgia web site under the Procurement Department **ARcbid**. Bid documents may be obtained at the offices of Augusta, GA Procurement Department, 535 Telfair Street – Suite 605, Augusta, GA 30901 **(706-821-2422)**.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Monday, July 22, 2024 @ 11:00 a.m. via Zoom Meeting ID: 896 4810 8109; Passcode: 24219. Optional Site-Visit will be held on Wednesday, July 24, 2024, at the site location. Please contact Maria Rivera-Rivera 24-hours in advance at (706) 821-1629.

All questions must be submitted in writing by fax to 706 821-2811 or by email to procbidandcontract@augustaga.gov to the office of the Procurement Department by Thursday, July 25, 2024 @ 5:00 P.M. No bid will be accepted by fax or email, all must be received by mail or hand delivered. **To ensure timely deliveries, all submittals must be received during our normal office hours from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. No deliveries will be accepted prior to 8:30 a.m. or after 5:00 p.m., as the building is closed to the public and delivery services outside of these hours.**

No bids may be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) days after bids have been opened, pending the execution of contract with the successful bidder.

Invitation for bids and specifications. An invitation for bids shall be issued by the Procurement Office and shall include specifications prepared in accordance with Article 4 (Product Specifications), and all contractual terms and conditions applicable to the procurement. **All specific requirements contained in the invitation to bid including, but not limited to, the number of copies needed, the timing of the submission, the required financial data, and any other requirements designated by the Procurement Department are considered material conditions of the bid which are not waiveable or modifiable by the Procurement Director.** All requests to waive or modify any such material condition shall be submitted through the Procurement Director to the appropriate committee of the Augusta, Georgia Commission for approval by the Augusta, Georgia Commission. Please mark BID number on the outside of the envelope.

The local bidder preference program is applicable to this project. To be approved as a local bidder and receive bid preference an eligible bidder must submit a completed and signed written application to become a local bidder at least thirty (30) days prior to the date bids are received on an eligible local project. An eligible bidder who fails to submit an application for approval as a local bidder at least thirty (30) days prior to the date bids are received on an eligible local project, and who otherwise meets the requirements for approval as a local bidder, will not be qualified for a bid preference on such eligible local project.

GEORGIA E-Verify and Public Contracts: The Georgia E-Verify law requires contractors and all sub-contractors on Georgia public contract (contracts with a government agency) for the physical performance of services over \$2,499 in value to enroll in E-Verify, regardless of the number of employees. They may be exempt from this requirement if they have no employees and do not plan to hire employees for the purpose of completing any part of the public contract. Certain professions are also exempt. All requests for proposals issued by a city must include the contractor affidavit as part of the requirement for their bid to be considered.

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

Correspondence must be submitted via mail, fax or email as follows:

Augusta Procurement Department
Attn: Geri A. Sams, Director of Procurement
535 Telfair Street, Room 605
Augusta, GA 30901
Fax: 706-821-2811 or Email: procbidandcontract@augustaga.gov

No bid will be accepted by fax or email, all must be received by mail or hand delivered.

GERI A. SAMS, Procurement Director

Publish:

Augusta Chronicle June 27, 2024 and July 5, 11, 18, 2024
Metro Courier June 27, 2024

cc: Takiyah A. Douse Interim Administrator
Ron Lampkin Central Services
Maria Rivera-Rivera Central Services – Facilities Maintenance

Revised: 6/27/2024

PROCUREMENT DEPARTMENT
ELECTRONIC ZOOM INFORMATION

The Augusta, Georgia Procurement Department conducts Public RFP, RFQ, and Bid Openings to award quality contracts for Augusta. Bidders may participate in our Public Openings via webcast or teleconference by following the instructions outlined below:

ELECTRONIC BID INSTRUCTIONS

Join from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone, or Android device

Pre-Bid Conference Bid #24-219 HQ Branch Library - Floor Replacement

Monday, July 22, 2024 @ 11:00 a.m.

ZOOM Pre-Bid Conference:

1. Go to <https://zoom.us/join> and enter meeting ID: **896 4810 8109**
2. **Password: 24219**
3. Teleconference: Telephone number: **646 876 9923**

Bid Opening Bid #24-219 HQ Branch Library - Floor Replacement

Thursday, August 8, 2024 @ 11:00 a.m.

ZOOM Opening:

1. Go to <https://zoom.us/join> and enter meeting ID: **870 3846 6710**
2. Password: **24219**
3. Teleconference: Telephone number: **646 876 9923**

OFFICIAL BID RESULTS will Post within 5 Days

For Assistance: Please call (706) 821-2422

INSTRUCTIONS TO SUBMIT

- 1.1 **Purpose:** The purpose of this document is to provide general and specific information for use by vendors in submitting a bid to supply Augusta, Georgia with equipment, supplies, and or services as listed above. All bids are governed by the Augusta, Georgia Code.
- 1.2 **Viewing the Augusta Code:** All bids are governed and awarded in accordance with the applicable federal and state regulations and the Augusta, Georgia Code. To view the Code visit Augusta’s website at www.augustaga.gov or <http://www.augustaga.gov/index.aspx?NID=685> **Guidelines & Procedures.**
- 1.3 **Compliance with laws:** The Proponent shall obtain and maintain all licenses, permits, liability insurance, workman's compensation insurance and comply with any and all other standards or regulations required by federal, state or Augusta, Georgia statute, ordinances, and rules during the performance of any contract between the Proponent and Augusta, Georgia. Any such requirement specifically set forth in any contract document between the Proponent and Augusta, Georgia shall be supplementary to this section and not in substitution thereof.
- 1.4 **Bid’s For All Or Part:** Unless otherwise specified by Augusta, Georgia or by the proponent, **AUGUSTA, GEORGIA RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE AWARD ON ALL ITEMS, OR ON ANY OF THE ITEMS ACCORDING TO THE BEST INTEREST OF AUGUSTA, GEORGIA.** Proponent may restrict his bid to consideration in the aggregate by so stating but must name a unit price on each item submitted upon.
- 1.5 **All protest shall be made in writing to:**

Attn: Geri A. Sams
Director of Procurement
535 Telfair Street, Room 605
Augusta, GA 30901
Fax: 706-821-2811 or
Email: procbidandcontract@augustaga.gov
- 1.6 **Local Vendor Preference:** The Local Vendor Preference policy shall only be applied to projects of one-hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) or less and only when the lowest local qualified bidder is within 10% or \$10,000, whichever is less of the lowest non-local bidders.

- 1.7 **Minority/Women Business Enterprise (MWBE) Policy:** *Court Order Enjoining Race-Based Portion of DBE Program Augusta, Georgia does not have a race or gender conscious Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) program for projects having Augusta, Georgia as the source of funding. Augusta does enforce mandatory DBE requirements of federal and state agencies on contracts funded by such agencies and has a DBE Program to comply with U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and other federal and state mandated DBE requirements for certain DOT, FTA, FAA, and other federal and state assisted contracts as required by 49 C.F.R. Part 26, et. seq. and/or 49 C.F.R. Part 23, et. seq. This DBE program is only for DOT, FTA and FAA assisted contracts and other federal or state funded contracts having mandatory DBE requirements. (See Article 13 of the Augusta, GA. Code.)*

Augusta, Georgia prohibits any language in any solicitation, bid or contract that is inconsistent with the July 21, 2011, Court Order in the case, Thompson Wrecking, Inc. v. Augusta Georgia, civil action No. 1:07-CV-019. Any such language appearing in any Augusta, Georgia solicitation, bid or contract is void and unenforceable.

A copy of this Order can be reviewed at www.augustaga.gov home page.
- 1.8 **Augusta, Georgia License Requirement:** For further information contact the License and Inspection Department @ 706 312-5050.

General Contractors License Number: If applicable, in accordance with O.C.G.A. §43-41, or be subjected to penalties as may be required by law.

Utility Contractor License Number: If applicable, in accordance with O.C.G.A. §43-14, or be subjected to penalties as may be required by law.
- 1.9 **Terms of Contract:** (Check where applicable)
 (A) Annual Contract
 (B) One time Purchase.
 (C) Other

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NOTICE TO ALL BIDDERS

ADHERE TO THE BELOW INSTRUCTIONS AND DO NOT SUBSTITUTE FORMS

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY:

Attachment B is a consolidated document consisting of:

1. Business License Number Requirement (must be provided)
2. Acknowledgement of Addenda (must be acknowledged, if any)
3. Statement of Non-Discrimination
4. Non-Collusion Affidavit of Prime Proponent/Offeror
5. Conflict of Interest
6. Contractor Affidavit and Agreement (E-Verify User ID Number must be provided)

Attachment B Must be Notarized & Two (2) Pages Must be returned with your submittal - No Exceptions.

Business License Requirement: Proponent must be licensed in the Governmental entity for where they do the majority of their business. Your **company's business license number must** be provided on Page 1 of Attachment B. If your Governmental entity (State or Local) does not require a business license, your company will be required to obtain a Richmond County business license if awarded a contract. For further information contact the License and Inspection Department @ 706 312-5050.

Acknowledgement of Addenda: You Must acknowledge all Addenda. See Page 1 of Attachment B.

E-Verify * User Identification Number (Company I.D.) The recommended awarded vendor will be required to provide a copy of Homeland Security's Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU). **Contractors, Bids, RFPs, RFQs - Any** contractors performing the physical performance of services" for your city, including those that respond to bids or requests for proposals, must submit an E-Verify affidavit. Your city cannot consider any contractors, even as part of a bidding or RFP process, unless they have given you the appropriate E-Verify contractor affidavits.

Contractors are defined as those who provide any "physical performance of services," which means any performance of labor or services for a public employer using a bidding process or by contract that costs over \$2,499.99 in value between December 1 and November 30 of any given year. Typically, eligible contracts may include: New construction or the demolition of structures/roads Routine operation, repair, and maintenance of existing structures. Any contracts for labor and service that exceed \$2,499.99. Contracts for the purchase of goods without any services provided are not subject to these E-Verify requirements.

The city, each contractor, and each subcontractor have different roles and responsibilities in the E-Verify process. The city collects E-Verify affidavits from the contractor. The contractor collects E-Verify affidavits from its subcontractors. The subcontractors collect E-Verify affidavits from its sub-subcontractors. Independent contractors (those with no employees) do not need to supply E-Verify information. Instead, they will provide a driver's license or state identification card from states on the "compliant" list created by the Georgia Attorney General. Those contractors and subcontractors that fill out the affidavits are responsible for the accuracy of the information. The city does not need to confirm that the E-Verify information is correct. The liability for incorrect information is on the contractor or subcontractor. NOTE: The authorization date can be found within the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

Affidavit Verifying Status for Augusta Benefit Application (S.A.V.E. Program) (Must Be Returned With Your Submittal)

The successful proponent will submit the following forms to the Procurement Department no later than five (5) days after receiving the "Letter of Recommendation" (Vendor's letter will denote the date forms are to be received)

1. Georgia Security and Immigration Subcontractor Affidavit
2. Non-Collusion Affidavit of Sub-Contractor

3. **PLEASE NOTE GEORGIA LAW CHANGE: E-Verify and Public Contracts:** The Georgia E-Verify law requires contractors and all sub-contractors on Georgia public contract (contracts with a government agency) for the physical performance of services over \$2,499 in value to enroll in E-Verify, **regardless of the number of employees.** They may be exempt from this requirement if they have no employees and do not plan to hire employees for the purpose of completing any part of the public contract. Certain professions are also exempt. All requests for proposals issued by a city must include the contractor affidavit as part of the requirement for their bid to be considered.

WARNING: Please review "Notice to Proponent" regarding Augusta Georgia's Local Small Business Opportunity Program Proponent Requirements.

Vendors are cautioned that acquisition of proposal documents through any source other than the office of the Procurement Department is not advisable. Acquisition of proposal documents from unauthorized sources places the proposer at the risk of receiving incomplete or inaccurate information upon which to base his qualifications.

Proposals are publicly opened. It is your responsibility to ensure that your company has met the Specifications and Licenses requirements prior to submitting a proposal.

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Attachment B

You Must Complete and Return the 2 pages of Attachment B with Your Submittal. Document Must Be Notarized.

Augusta, Georgia Augusta Procurement Department

ATTN: Procurement Director

535 Telfair Street, Suite 605

Augusta, Georgia 30901

Name of Proponent: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Do You Have A Business License? Yes: _____ No: _____

Augusta, GA Business License # for your Company (Must Provide): _____

And/or Your State/Local Business License # for your Company (Must Provide): _____

Utility Contractors License # (Must Provide if applicable): _____ **MUST BE LISTED ON FRONT OF ENVELOPE**

General Contractor License # (Must Provide if applicable): _____

Additional Specialty License # (Must Provide if applicable): _____

NOTE: Company must be licensed in the Governmental entity for where they do the majority of their business. If your Governmental entity (State or Local) does not require a business license, please state above (Procurement will verify), your company will be required to obtain a Richmond County business license if awarded a BID. For further information regarding Augusta, GA license requirements, please contact the License and Inspection Department @ 706 312-5050.

List the State, City & County that issued your license: _____

Acknowledgement of Addenda: (#1) ____ : (#2) ____ : (#3) ____ : (#4) ____ : (#5) ____ : (#6) ____ : (#7) ____ : (#8) ____ :

NOTE: CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX (ES) - ADD ADDITIONAL NUMBERS AS APPLICABLE

Statement of Non-Discrimination

The undersigned understands that it is the policy of Augusta, Georgia to promote full and equal business opportunity for all persons doing business with Augusta, Georgia. The undersigned covenants that we have not discriminated, on the basis of race, religion, gender, national origin, or ethnicity, with regard to prime contracting, subcontracting, or partnering opportunities.

The undersigned covenants and agrees to make good faith efforts to ensure maximum practicable participation of local small businesses on the proposal or contract awarded by Augusta, Georgia. The undersigned further covenants that we have completed truthfully and fully the required forms regarding good faith efforts and local small business subcontractor/supplier utilization.

The undersigned further covenants and agrees not to engage in discriminatory conduct of any type against local small businesses, in conformity with Augusta, Georgia's Local Small Business Opportunity Program. Set forth below is the signature of an officer of the proposer/contracting entity with the authority to bind the entity.

The undersigned acknowledge and warrant that this Company has been made aware of understands and agrees to take affirmative action to provide such companies with the maximum practicable opportunities to do business with this Company;

That this promise of non-discrimination as made and set forth herein shall be continuing in nature and shall remain in full force and effect without interruption;

That the promises of non-discrimination as made and set forth herein shall be and are hereby deemed to be made as part of and incorporated by reference into any contract or portion thereof which this Company may hereafter obtain and;

That the failure of this Company to satisfactorily discharge any of the promises of nondiscrimination as made and set forth herein shall constitute a material breach of contract entitling Augusta, Georgia to declare the contract in default and to exercise any and all applicable rights remedies including but not limited to cancellation of the contract, termination of the contract, suspension and debarment from future contracting opportunities, and withholding and or forfeiture of compensation due and owing on a contract.

Non-Collusion of Prime Proponent

By submission of a proposal, 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 proposal preparation shall be reported to the State of Georgia Attorney General and the United States Justice Department.

You Must Complete and Return the 2 pages of Attachment B with Your Submittal. Document Must Be Notarized.

Conflict of Interest

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 BID, and
2. That no employee of the County, nor any member thereof, nor any public agency or official affected by this BID, 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 BID. 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 cooperation 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.

Contractor Affidavit and Agreement: Contractor Affidavit under O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91(b) (l)

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The undersigned contractor ("Contractor") executes this Affidavit to comply with O.C.G.A § 13-10-91 related to any contract to which Contractor is a party that is subject to O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91 and hereby verifies its compliance with O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91, attesting as follows:

- a) The Contractor has registered with, is authorized to use, and uses the federal work authorization program commonly known as E-Verify, or any subsequent replacement program;
- b) The Contractor will continue to use the federal work authorization program throughout the contract period, including any renewal or extension thereof;
- c) The Contractor will notify the public employer in the event the Contractor ceases to utilize the federal work authorization program during the contract period, including renewals or extensions thereof;
- d) The Contractor understands that ceasing to utilize the federal work authorization program constitutes a material breach of Contract;
- e) The Contractor will contract for the performance of services in satisfaction of such contract only with subcontractors who present an affidavit to the Contractor with the information required by O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91(a), (b), and (c).
- f) The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that this Affidavit shall be incorporated into any contract(s) subject to the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 13-10- 91 for the project listed below to which Contractor is a party after the date hereof without further action or consent by Contractor; and
- g) Contractor acknowledges its responsibility to submit copies of any affidavits, drivers' licenses, and identification cards required pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91 to the public employer within five business days of receipt.

Georgia Law requires your company to have an E-Verify*User Identification Number (Company I.D.) on or after July 1, 2009.

For additional information or to enroll your company, visit the **State of Georgia** website:

<https://e-verify.uscis.gov/enroll/> and/or http://www.dol.state.ga.us/pdf/rules/300_10_1.pdf

Federal Work Authorization User Identification Number: E-VERIFY REQUIRED FOR ALL CONTRACTS OVER \$2,499.00

Date of Authorization

**** (E-Verify Number)** _____

Name of Contractor

Name of Project / Bid Number

AUGUSTA, GEORGIA – RICHMOND COUNTY CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT

Name of Public Employer

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on _____, _____, 20_____ in _____ (City), _____ (State).

Signature of Authorized Officer or Agent

Printed Name and Title of Authorized Officer or Agent

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME ON THIS THE _____ DAY OF _____, 20_____

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

NOTARY SEAL

The undersigned further agrees to submit a notarized copy of Attachment B and any required documentation noted as part of the Augusta, Georgia Board of Commissions specifications which govern this process. In addition, the undersigned agrees to submit all required forms for any subcontractor(s) as requested and or required. **I further understand that my submittal will be deemed non-compliant if any part of this process is violated.**

You Must Complete and Return the 2 pages of Attachment B with Your Submittal. Document Must Be Notarized.



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Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) Program

Affidavit Verifying Status for Augusta, Georgia Benefit Application By executing this affidavit under oath, as an applicant for an Augusta, Georgia Business License or Occupation Tax Certificate, Alcohol License, Taxi Permit, Contract, or other public benefit as reference in O.C.G.A. Section 50-36-1, I am stating the following with respect to my bid for an Augusta, Georgia contract for

[Bid Project Number and Project Name]

[Print/Type: Name of natural person applying on behalf of individual, business, corporation, partnership, or other private entity]

[Print/Type: Name of business, corporation, partnership, or other private entity]

1.) _____ I am a citizen of the United States.

OR

2.) _____ I am a legal permanent resident 18 years of age or older.

OR

3.) _____ I am an otherwise qualified alien (8 § USC 1641) or nonimmigrant under the Federal Immigration and Nationality Act (8 USC 1101 *et seq.*) 18 years of age or older and lawfully present in the United States. *

In making the above representation under oath, I understand that any person who knowingly and willfully makes a false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation in an affidavit shall be guilty of a violation of Code Section 16-10-20 of the Official Code of Georgia.

Signature of Applicant

Printed Name

*Alien Registration Number for Non-Citizens

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME ON THIS THE _____ DAY OF _____, 20____

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: _____

NOTARY SEAL

Note: THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED WITH YOUR SUBMITTAL



**TRADE SECRET STATUS AFFIDAVIT
Augusta, Georgia**

All documents, data, letters and generated information received by Augusta, Georgia constitutes a “public record” and is subject to disclosure under the Georgia Open Records Act ("GORA"). O.C.G.A. § 50-18-70 *et seq.* However, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-18-72(a)(34), "[an] entity submitting records containing trade secrets that wishes to keep such records confidential under this paragraph shall submit and attach to the records an affidavit affirmatively declaring that specific information in the records constitute trade secrets pursuant to Article 27 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 [O.C.G.A. § 10-1-760 et seq.].”

O.C.G.A. § 10-1-761(4) defines “Trade secret” as “...information, without regard to form, including, but not limited to, technical or nontechnical data, a formula, a pattern, a compilation, a program, a device, a method, a technique, a drawing, a process, financial data, financial plans, product plans, or a list of actual or potential customers or suppliers which is not commonly known by or available to the public and which information:

- A. Derives economic value, actual or potential, from not being generally known to, and not being readily ascertainable by proper means by, other persons who can obtain economic value from its disclosure or use; and
- B. Is the subject of efforts that are reasonable under the circumstances to maintain its secrecy.”

Therefore, the records listed below and attached hereto, that were submitted with _____ response to Augusta, Georgia Request for Proposal, Request for Quote, or Request for Qualified Contractor _____ are marked confidential pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 10-1-761(4):

- (List specific information that the supplier wishes to withhold and how that information constitutes a trade secret)
- Additional trade secret information requested to be withheld
- **Your company is requested to send a redacted copy of your submittal.**

Under penalty of perjury, acknowledging that O.C.G.A. §16-10-71 provides a penalty of a fine of up to \$1,000 and potential imprisonment of one to five years, I attest that the specific information in the records listed above constitutes trade secrets pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 10-1-761(4), and request that Augusta, Georgia not disclose this protected information under the Georgia Open Records Act ("GORA").

Signature:

[Signatory Name in Print]

[Signatory’s Title] [Company Name]

[Signatory’s Title]

Date: _____

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE

ME ON THIS _____ DAY OF

_____, 202_.

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: _____

Return Page Only if Applicable



EXCEPTION SHEET

If the commodity (ies) and/or services proposed in the response to this bid is in anyway different from that contained in this bid, the bidder is responsible to clearly identify by specification section number, all such differences in the space provided below. Otherwise, it will be assumed that bidder(s) offer is in total compliance with all aspects of the bid.

Below are the exceptions to the stated specifications:

Signature

Date

Company

Title

Return with submittal if the commodity and/or services proposed in the response to this bid are in anyway different from that contained in the specifications.

REV. 7/12/2015



VIN: _____
 Expiration Date: _____
 (For Internal Use Only)

Local Vendor Registration Form

- (a) Augusta, Georgia encourages the use of local suppliers of goods, services, and construction products whenever possible. Augusta, Georgia also vigorously supports the advantages of an open competitive marketplace. Nothing in this Section shall be interpreted to mean that Augusta, Georgia Administrator or Procurement Director are restricted in any way from seeking formal bids or proposals from outside the Augusta market area.
- (b) The Local Vendor Preference policy shall only be applied to projects of one-hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) or less and only when the lowest local qualified bidder is within 10% or \$10,000, whichever is less of the lowest non-local bidders. The lowest local qualified bidder will be allowed to match the bid of the lowest non-local bidder and, if matched, the lowest local qualified bidder will be awarded the contract.

Please Check	Criteria (<i>Subparagraph "e" of the AUGUSTA, GA. CODE</i>)
Yes ___ No ___	1. Has had a fixed office or distribution point in and having a street address within the geographic limits of Richmond County, Georgia for at least six (6) months immediately prior to the issuance of the request for bids or quotes by Augusta; and
Yes ___ No ___	2. Holds any business license required by the AUGUSTA, GA. CODE; and
Yes ___ No ___	3. Employs at least one full-time employee, or two part-time employees whose primary residence is within the geographic limits of Richmond County, Georgia or if the business has no employees, the business shall be at least fifty percent (50%) owned by one or more persons whose primary residence is within the geographic limits of Richmond County, Georgia.

- (c) Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to mean that the Augusta, Georgia Administrator or Commission may decline to follow the provisions of O.C.G.A. §§ 36-91-1 through 36-91-95, Public Works Contracts. O.C.G.A. § 36-91-22 requires that all Augusta, Georgia public works contracts of one-hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) or more, as defined therein, be publicly advertised before letting out the contract to the lowest bidder. Further, nothing in this section shall be interpreted to mean Augusta, Georgia Administrator or Board of Commissioners may decline to follow the provisions of the AUGUSTA, GA. CODE requiring public advertising before letting certain contracts.

Term. The certification as a local bidder shall expire two (2) years from the date of the approval of the application. Following the expiration date, a business is no longer a local bidder. An eligible bidder must submit a new application for certification as a local bidder to the Procurement Director and establish that it continues to meet the requirements contained in subparagraph (e) (See Criteria above) of this section in order to receive a bid preference on eligible local projects. Please review the Augusta Code in its entirety at www.augustaga.gov.

<p>Company Name _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____</p> <p>Phone # _____ Fax #: _____</p> <p>Owner's Name: _____</p> <p>Owner's Signature: _____</p>	<p>Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, 20__</p> <p>Notary Signature _____</p> <p>Notary Public: _____ (Print Name)</p> <p>County: _____ State: _____</p> <p>Commission Expires: _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NOTARY SEAL</p>
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**Local Small Business Opportunity Program Ordinance Requirements
Notice To All Bidders (PLEASE READ CAREFULLY)**

Shall apply to ALL Bids regardless of the dollar amount

In accordance with Chapter 10B of the AUGUSTA, GA. CODE, Contractors agree to collect and maintain all records necessary to for Augusta, Georgia to evaluate the effectiveness of its Local Small Business Opportunity Program and to make such records available to Augusta, Georgia upon request. The requirements of the Local Small Business Opportunity Program can be found at www.augustaga.gov. In accordance with AUGUSTA, GA. CODE, Contractors shall report to Augusta, Georgia the total dollars paid to each subcontractor, vendor, or other business on each contract, and shall provide such payment affidavits, regarding payment to subcontractors, if any as required by Augusta, Georgia. Such utilization reports shall be in the format specified by the Director of Minority and Small Business Opportunities and shall be submitted at such times as required by Augusta, Georgia. Required forms can be found at www.augustaga.gov. If you need assistance completing a form or filing information, please contact the LSBO Program office at (706) 821-2406. Failure to provide such reports within the time period specified by Augusta, Georgia shall entitle Augusta, Georgia to exercise any of the remedies set forth, including but not limited to, withholding payment from the Contractor and/or collecting liquidated damages.

To print a copy of the Prime Contractor Data Collection Form visit:

<http://www.augustaga.gov/index.aspx?NID=1672>

Website: <http://www.augustaga.gov/index.aspx?nid=83>

SHALL APPLY TO PROJECTS \$100,000 & UP

Local Small Business Opportunity Program (Continued)

Sec. 1-10-129. Local small business opportunities program participation.

(a) Sealed Bids The following procedures and contract requirements will be used to ensure that local small businesses are encouraged to participate in Augusta, Georgia contracts, including but not limited to construction contracts, requests for professional services and the performance of public works contracts. The Augusta, Georgia user department shall indicate goals for local small business in all solicitations for contracts over \$100,000 in value:

(1) Bid conditions for contracts awarded by Augusta, Georgia will require that, where subcontracting goal is utilized in performing the contract, the bidder or proponent, will make Good Faith Efforts to subcontract with or purchase supplies from local small businesses. Bid specifications will require the bidder or proponent to keep records of such efforts that are adequate to permit a determination of compliance with this requirement.

(2) Each bidder shall be required to provide documentation of achieving goal or provide documentation of Good Faith Efforts to engage local small businesses as subcontractors or suppliers, the names of local small businesses and other subcontractors to whom it intends to award subcontracts, the dollar value of the subcontracts, and the scope of the work to be performed, recorded on the form(s) provided or made available as part of the bid package. If there are no sub-contracting opportunities, bidder shall so indicate on the appropriate form.

(6) All bid documents shall require bidders or proponents to submit with their bid the following written documents, statements, or forms, which shall be made available by the Procurement Department.

(i) Non-Discrimination Statement which shall affirm the bidder's: (a) adherence to the policies of Augusta, Georgia relating to equal opportunity in contracting; (b) agreement to undertake certain measures as provided in this policy to ensure maximum practicable participation of local small businesses; and (c) agreement not to engage in discriminatory conduct of any type.

(ii) Proposed Local Small Business Subcontractor/Supplier Utilization Plan.

(iii) Documentation of Good Faith Efforts to use local small businesses.

Failure to submit the above documentation shall result in the bid being declared non-responsive.

(d) Post Contract Award Requirements. The purpose of this sub-section is to establish requirements for contractor compliance with the LSBOP after a contract has been awarded. This is incorporated into all Augusta, Georgia Contracts for which a local small business goal has been established or negotiated.

(1) Contractors shall have an affirmative, ongoing obligation to meet or exceed the committed local small business goal for the duration of the contract. The Augusta, Georgia may deem a contractor to be in violation of the LSBOP and in breach of its contract if at any time Augusta, Georgia determines that:

(a) The contractor will not meet the committed local small business goals; and

(b) The reasons for the contractor's failure are within the contractor's control. For example, if a contractor does not meet the local small business goal because the contractor terminated a local small business without cause or if the contractor caused and local small business to withdraw from the project without justification, then Augusta, Georgia is justified in finding the contractor to be in violation of the LSBOP.

(h) Compliance.

(4) The Director of minority and small business opportunities shall be responsible for evaluating good faith efforts documentation and subcontractor information submitted by bidders in conformance with, the AUGUSTA, GA. CODE and any State and Federal Laws applicable to any bid specifications for competitive sealed bid projects prior to award of the contract.

(i) Competitive Bids.

Nothing in this Policy is to be construed to require Augusta, Georgia to award a bid contract to other than the lowest responsible bidder, or to require contractors to award to subcontractors, or to make significant material purchases from local small businesses who do not submit the best overall pricing to Augusta, Georgia.

Sec. 1-10-130. Exceptions – federally funded projects.

In accordance with § 1-10-8 and Chapter 10B, the LSBOP shall only be utilized with federally funded projects, solicitations or contracts as authorized by federal (and Georgia) laws, regulations, and conditions applicable to such projects. To the extent that there are any conflicts between any such laws, regulations, or conditions and the LSBOP, the federal (and Georgia) laws, regulations and conditions shall control.

NOTE: All forms should be submitted in a separate, sealed envelope labeled Local Small Business Required Forms, Company's Name & Bid Number

For questions and or additional information please contact:

**Local Small Business Opportunity Program
535 Telfair Street, Room 530
Augusta, Georgia 30901
(706) 821-2406**

Website: <http://www.augustaga.gov/index.aspx?nid=83>

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SECTION I

INFORMATION FOR BIDDERS

Augusta, Georgia (hereinafter referred to as the Owner) intends to select a qualified vendor for the HQ Branch Library – Floor Replacement for the Central Services Department. Your submittal should respond to, and be based on, the information included in this Invitation to Bid.

Bids will be received by the Augusta Commission, (hereinafter called the "Owner"), at the office of the Procurement Director, 535 Telfair Street, Room 605, Augusta, GA until **Thursday, August 8, 2024 @ 11:00 a.m.**, and then, at said office, publicly opened and read aloud. Each bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope and must be plainly marked on the outside as a bid for "**Bid Item #24-219 – HQ Branch Library - Floor Replacement**" and the envelope should bear on the outside, the name of the bidder, his address, and his license number, if applicable.

No bid will be accepted by fax or email, all must be received by mail or hand delivered. **To ensure timely deliveries, all submittals must be received during our normal office hours from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. No deliveries will be accepted prior to 8:30 a.m. or after 5:00 p.m., as the building is closed to the public and delivery services outside of these hours.**

Bid opening will be held via ZOOM - Meeting ID: 870 3846 6710; Passcode: 24219

If the bid is forwarded by mail, or other second party delivery service, the sealed envelope containing the bid must be enclosed in another envelope addressed to:

Geri A. Sams
Augusta Procurement Department
535 Telfair Street - Room 605
Augusta, Georgia 30901

Bid packages may be obtained from the Augusta Procurement Department at the address listed above. The bid package contains provisions required for the project. All firms responding are cautioned to read this information carefully for understanding and request clarification from Augusta on any questions pertaining to this request.

Interested firms are cautioned that acquisition of Bid Documents through any source other than the office of the Procurement Department is not advisable. Acquisition of said documents from unauthorized sources places the bidder at the risk of receiving incomplete or inaccurate information upon which to base their proposal

The Bid Package contains provisions required for the construction of the project. All firms responding are cautioned to read this information carefully for understanding and request clarification from Augusta on any questions pertaining to this request.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Monday, July 22, 2024 @ 11:00 a.m. via Zoom Meeting ID: 896 4810 8109; Passcode: 24219. Optional Site-Visit will be held on Wednesday, July 24, 2024, at the site location. Please contact Maria Rivera-Rivera 24-hours in advance at (706) 821-1629.

All questions should be directed to Geri Sams, Director of Procurement, and must be in writing by fax to 706-821-2811 or by email to procbidandcontract@augustaga.gov. **The last day to submit questions is Thursday, July 25, 2024, @ 5:00 P.M.** Questions discussed with any other officer, agent or employee of Augusta will not be considered binding in consideration of this proposal and shall not affect the risks or obligations assumed by the Contractor or relieve him from fulfilling any of the conditions of the Contract.

Correspondence must be submitted via mail, fax or email as follows:

Augusta Procurement Department
Attn: Geri A. Sams, Director of Procurement
535 Telfair Street, Room 605
Augusta, GA 30901
Fax: 706-821-2811 or Email: procbidandcontract@augustaga.gov

All bids must be made on the required **Bid Form (Exhibit I in the Bid Package)**. All blank spaces for bid prices must be filled in, in ink or typewritten, and the form must be fully completed and executed when submitted. Failure to provide all of the requested information may cause the bid to be rejected as non-responsive. An official authorized to bind the firm to the terms and provisions of the bid must sign the bid form.

The Owner may waive any informalities or minor defects or reject any and all bids. Any bid may be withdrawn prior to the above scheduled time for the opening of bids or authorized postponement thereof. Any bid received after the time and date specified shall not be considered. **No bidder may withdraw a bid within ninety (90) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.** Should there be reasons why the Contract cannot be awarded within the specified period, the time may be extended by mutual agreement between the Owner and the bidder.

Bidders must satisfy themselves with the existing conditions by examination of the site and a review of any drawings and specifications, including addenda. The failure or omission of any bidder to do any of the foregoing shall in no way relieve any bidder from any obligation in respect to his bid. After bids have been submitted, the bidder shall not assert that there was a misunderstanding concerning the quantities of work or of the nature of the work to be done.

The Owner may make such investigations as he deems necessary to determine the ability of the bidder to perform the work and the bidder shall furnish to the Owner all such information and data for this purpose as the Owner may request. The Owner reserves the right to reject any bid if the evidence submitted by or investigation of such bidder fails to satisfy the Owner that such bidder is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the Agreement and complete the work contemplated therein.

A conditional or qualified bid will not be accepted. Award will be made as a whole to one bidder.

The Owner reserves the right to consider proposals or modification thereof received at any time before the award is made if such action is in the interest of the Owner.

All applicable laws, ordinances and rules and regulations of all authorities having jurisdiction over the construction of the project shall apply to the contract throughout.

The Owner will not be liable for any costs incurred by any firm prior to the signing of a contract.

The low bidder must supply the names and addresses of major material suppliers and subcontractors when requested to do so by the Owner.

SECTION II
SCOPE OF SERVICES:

Floor replacement of the Headquarters Branch Library (HQ Branch Library) – Children’s Department Area, located at:

Headquarters Branch Library
823 Telfair Street
Augusta, GA 30901

Work is to be in accordance with all applicable rules, laws, and regulations and in accordance with this Invitation to Bid.

Prior to the bid due date, contractors shall notify the Augusta Procurement Department immediately upon discovery of a conflict between the plans and applicable codes and regulation or if there is a difference in existing conditions not apparent in the plans. After the bid award, notification shall be made to the Augusta Central Services Department.

The flooring at the HQ Branch Library – Children’s Department will be replaced with Shaw Solitude luxury vinyl tile (LVT) and Roppe cove base or approved equivalent.

LVT Description:

Manufacturer: Shaw
Style No.: Solitude - V064800599
Lot No.: - 230221N
Size: - 6 Inch X 48 Inch
Thickness: – 5.0 mm

Cove Base Descriptions:

Manufacturer: Roppe
Style: – Rubber Base
Color: – P114 Lunar Dust
Size:– 4” H

Wooden Base similar to current wooden base.

Equal products by other than the specified manufacturer must be approved by the owner in advance. It is the responsibility of the firm to demonstrate that their product is equal in quality and performance. Alternate material request must be directed to Geri Sams, Director of Procurement, and must be in writing by fax to 706-821-2811 or by email to procbidandcontract@augustaga.gov no later than Thursday, July 25, 2024, @ 5:00 P.M

The installation of the new LVT and cove base will take place in the following first floor areas:

- Children’s Main Room (101)
- Program Room (103)
- Child Work Room (108)
- Office (109)

Measurements of the above mentioned rooms will be found on **drawing: First Floor Plan A2.1.**

Areas not included in the scope of work are:

- Chair Storage (149)
- Puppet / Storage (102)
- Nursing Room (104)
- Restroom Areas (105, 106 & 110)

Refer to Drawings:

- **First Floor Plan A2.1**
- **First Floor Finish Plan IN.7**

The following outlines the minimum requirements of the specifications. **Contractor** proposed service is to include but not limited to the following:

- The successful **contractor** shall be required to provide at minimum the services outlined in this scope.
- The successful **contractor** shall be required to furnish all equipment, machinery, transportation, and other implements necessary to execute this bid.
- The successful **contractor** shall be required to furnish all materials, safety measures and property protection needed to complete the scope of work outlines and protect facility surfaces from damage.
- **The successful contractor shall provide a sample of the LVT material and cove base for approval prior to the installation.**
- The successful **contractor** shall remove and properly dispose of the existing flooring and cove base.
- The successful **contractor** shall prepare the subfloor. Example: Fill depressions and sand down any high spots.
- The successful **contractor** shall install the new LVT flooring and cove base. Remove any excess glue from the LVT material.
- The successful **contractor** shall remove all debris from the areas and properly dispose of this material.

Warranty of Workmanship:

All vendors shall be required to provide a one (1) year warranty of workmanship for this project. The warranty period must be at least one (1) year from the date of completion of the project. The warranty must require the vendor to furnish labor and supply replacement materials to repair any defective installation workmanship, at no additional cost to Augusta, during the warranty period.

SECTION III EVALUATION CRITERIA:

The contractor is to provide a lump sum price for scope of work defined, in accordance with the requirements of this Invitation to Bid. Should a contract be awarded as a result of this request, it shall be a lump sum contract using the attached contract. The contract shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder following approval of the Augusta Commission and execution of all required documents.

SECTION IV RESPONSE CONTENTS

All responses must be submitted on the enclosed Bid Form in the manner set forth in **EXHIBIT I – BID FORM**. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all responses and to waive any informalities as deemed to be in the best interest of the Owner and reserves the right to request additional information from a respondent(s) as deemed necessary to analyze responses.

SECTION V
INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE

INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE: The offerer shall carry general liability insurance coverage in the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000). This policy shall cover the firm and all of its employees and agents, and shall indemnify and hold harmless Augusta, Georgia and their representatives and employees, from any claim, demands, actions, and cause for actions arising from any act or non-act or the commission or omission of any act while under the terms of the contract.

POINT OF CONTACT:

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Monday, July 22, 2024 @ 11:00 a.m. via Zoom Meeting ID: 896 4810 8109; Passcode: 24219. Optional Site-Visit will be held on Wednesday, July 24, 2024, at the site location. Please contact Maria Rivera-Rivera 24-hours in advance at (706) 821-1629.

**EXHIBIT I
BID FORM**

SECTION I: Bidder Information

Name of Firm: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Contact Person: _____ Title: _____

Date Established: _____

Names of Principal Owners and Specifics on Related Experience, and Qualifications of the firm. (Attach additional sheets if more space is required).

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

References:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

OFFEROR MUST RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM WITH THE BID SUBMITTAL

II. PRICING:

Base Bid:

The above firm proposes to undertake the referenced project as shown in this Invitation for Bids and all exhibits at the following quoted lump sum prices

Base Bid:

\$ _____ Dollars (\$ _____)

Manufacturer Luxury Vinyl Tile (LVT): _____

Manufacturer Cove Base: _____

III: COMPANY IDENTIFICATION and OWNERSHIP DISCLOSURE:

Indicate Which: Consortium ____ Partnership ____ Sole Proprietor ____ Small Business ____

Organized under the laws of the State of: _____

Principal place of business at: _____

Following are the names and addresses of all persons having ownership interest of 3% or more in the Company: (Attach more sheets if necessary)

NAME

ADDRESS

IV: ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

Bidder shall acknowledge agreement with each statement by placing a check mark within the parenthesis to left.

- [] **4.01** All materials furnished will be subject to the approval of the Commission, Augusta Administrator, Procurement Director, and Augusta Central Services Director.

- [] **4.02** All questions should be directed to Geri Sams, Director of Procurement, and must be in writing by fax to 706-821-2811 or by email to procbidandcontract@augustaga.gov. The last day to submit questions is Thursday, July 25, 2024 @ 5:00 p.m.

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- [] **4.03** Prices must be guaranteed for a minimum of ninety (90) days unless noted otherwise.
- [] **4.04** Proposer is not an employee of Augusta.
- [] **4.05** **Warranties are to be as specified. All warranties to in manufactories warranties, expressed or implied, must be submitted in writing and will become a part of the vendor’s formal offering.**
- [] **4.06** Equal products by other than the specified manufacturer must be approved by the owner in advance. It is the responsibility of the firm to demonstrate that their product is equal in quality and performance. **Alternate material request must be directed to Geri Sams, Director of Procurement, and must be in writing by fax to 706-821-2811 or by email to procbidandcontract@augustaga.gov no later than Thursday, July 25, 2024, @ 5:00 P.M**
- [] **4.07** **Warranty of Workmanship: All vendors shall be required to provide a one (1) year warranty of workmanship for this project. The warranty period must be at least one (1) year from the date of completion of the project.** The warranty must require the vendor to furnish labor and supply replacement materials to repair any defective installation workmanship, at no additional cost to Augusta, during the warranty period.
- [] **4.08** Proposer has reviewed the terms and conditions of the contract.

I hereby certify that the responses to the above representations, certifications, and other statements are accurate and complete. I agree to abide by all conditions of this bid and certify that I am authorized to sign for the Offeror.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name (Printed): _____

Title: _____

OFFEROR MUST RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM WITH THE BID SUBMITTAL

NO RESPONSE LETTER

PLEASE SUBMIT BY RESPONSE DUE DATE

Bid Item #24-219	HQ Branch Library - Floor Replacement	Due: Thursday, August 8, 2024 @ 11:00 a.m.
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To: **Augusta, Georgia - Procurement Department**

This is to certify that _____, will not be submitting a response to the above referenced solicitation document prepared by Augusta Procurement Department.

Reason(s) for No Submission:

Unavailability of required resources

Prior commitments

Inadequate anticipated funding Level

Project Duration

Potential conflict of interest

Duplication of ongoing effort

Other (please explain)

Authorized Representative:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

Date: ____/____/20____