

# INVITATION TO BID Construction of the Mosser Road Heritage Trail

Submissions Due September 8, 2021 at 2:00 PM

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Minority and woman-owned businesses are encouraged to submit a bid for this project.

## **BID DOCUMENTS**

# **Construction Services for The Mosser Road Heritage Trail**

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The Invitation to Bid does not obligate the College to pay any costs incurred by respondents in the preparation or submission of their bid. Furthermore, the ITB does not obligate the college to accept or contract for any expressed or implied services.



# INVITATION TO BID for CONSTRUCTION of the MOSSER ROAD HERITAGE TRAIL

GARRETT COLLEGE will accept sealed bids for the construction of the Mosser Road Heritage Trail. This ITB, the bid documents including scope of work, and the design package for this 6' wide asphalt trail from Garrett College to the intersection of Mosser Road and Garrett Hwy (US 219) are available on the Garrett College website at <a href="https://www.garrettcollege.edu/purchasing">www.garrettcollege.edu/purchasing</a>.

Bids are due 2:00 PM on Wednesday September 8, 2021. Bids must be in a sealed envelope and clearly marked "MOSSER ROAD HERITAGE TRAIL – ATTN: Chris Jones". Unsealed bids or those delivered by fax or email will not be accepted.

Bids can be delivered in person on September 8, 2021 between 1:00 and 2:00 PM to the Garrett Information Enterprise Center (GIEC) entrance on Garrett College's main McHenry Campus. Bids can also be mailed to Garrett College attn. Chris Jones, 687 Mosser Road, McHenry, MD 21541 labeled "MOSSER ROAD HERITAGE TRAIL" but must be received before 1:00 PM on September 8, 2021.

Bids will be opened and read aloud in the Garrett Information Enterprise Center (GIEC) Room 102 at approximately 2:15 PM on September 8, 2021.

Due to safety protocols related to COVID-19, anyone wishing to attend the opening in person must complete and submit a Garrett College Health Self-Assessment form prior to coming to campus. The form is available at the link below. <a href="https://my.garrettcollege.edu/ICS/Portal\_Homepage.jnz?portlet=J1\_FormFlow\_--Forms&screen=FormView&form=3e31a9cc-0efb-4169-a1c5-90839f8419ba">https://my.garrettcollege.edu/ICS/Portal\_Homepage.jnz?portlet=J1\_FormFlow\_--Forms&screen=FormView&form=3e31a9cc-0efb-4169-a1c5-90839f8419ba</a>

It is the College's intent to award the contract to the most responsive and responsible bidder for the successful completion of this project.

Garrett College reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to cancel this invitation to bid, and to waive technicalities in any part deemed to be in the College's best interest. The College reserves the right to request additional information from applicants and to make any additional investigations deemed necessary by the College to make a determination relating to the qualifications of an applicant.

### **Scope of Work**

This project, located in Garrett County, is for the construction of a trail from Garrett College to the intersection of Mosser and Garrett Hwy (US 219). The trail will be a 6' wide asphalt trail, generally along the depicted alignment. (see drawing package) The County has discussed the trail with residents and businesses along the corridor and has obtained all required easements and agreements for access to properties. The Grading Permit has been approved. Further, an agreement has been made with MDOT-SHA for the portion directly adjacent to the SHA Right-of-Way; SHA has performed "mass grading" in the area and the trail will utilize SHA's grading footprint.

The scope of work for this project includes, but is not necessarily limited to the following:

- (a) Excavation and Embankment
- (b) Storm Drainage, including End sections, Ditches, and Pipes
- (c) Prefabricated Bridge Structures
- (d) Modular Block Retaining Wall
- (e) Driveway Reconstruction
- (f) Construction of Asphalt Path and Ramps
- (g) Clearing and Grubbing
- (h) Erosion and Sediment Control
- (i) Turf Establishment

A cost estimate worksheet is included in these Bid Documents and is provided as an estimating tool only. The contractor is responsible for including all expenses necessary to complete the work as described in the scope of work and drawing package. It is the contractor's responsibility to verify the estimated quantities on the cost estimate worksheet and to include all necessary work and materials.

As noted on the worksheet:

- (a) The County has borrow material available at the McHenry Business Park on Bumble Bee Rd,
- (b) Excess excavated material can be deposited at an approved fill site nearby.
- (c) MOT is incidental to work operations.

The estimated construction cost is \$150,000.

# **Drawings and Specifications**

Project Drawings and Specifications can be accessed at www.garrettcollege.edu/purchasing.

Specifications for 2 bridge options are provided. The contractor can choose from these two options. All work on this project shall conform to the Maryland Department of Transportation, State Highway Administration's Specifications entitled, "Standard Specifications for Construction and Materials" dated May 2017 revisions thereof, or additions thereto, and the Special Provisions included this Invitation for Bids.

# **Schedule**

Construction duration is estimated at four weeks. Final completion must be by December 1, 2021.

### **Questions and Additional Information**

Questions pertaining to the Invitation to Bid and/or the Project Scope should be sent to <a href="mailto:Chris.Jones@garrettcollege.edu">Chris.Jones@garrettcollege.edu</a> by 3:30 PM September 3, 2021. Additional information in response to questions received by September 3 will be posted to the College's website prior to the application due date. It is the contractor's responsibility to visit the Garrett College website for updates.

### **Bid Documents**

The bid submission should be comprised of completed attachments I-IV, plus the supporting documentation for Bid Document items 5-8 below.

#### 1. Bid Affidavit

See Attachment I

# 2. Conflict of Interest Statement, Ethics Statement, Acknowledgement of Addendum, and Allowance

See Attachment II

#### 3. Bid Form

See Attachment III

### 4. Cost Estimate Worksheet

See Attachment IV

### 5. Bid Guarantee

The bidder shall provide bid security made payable to the owner in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, bank money order, or a bid bond in an amount equal to five percent of the Base Bid amount.

The Bidder agrees to execute a contract for this Work in the bid amount and to furnish surety as specified within 10 days after a written Notice of Award, if offered within 60 days after receipt of bids. The bidder agrees that failure to do so, will result in forfeiture of the security to the Owner.

### 6. Performance and Payment Bonds

The college requires the selected contractor to furnish a Performance Bond and a Labor and Materials Bond covering the faithful performance of the contract and the payment of all obligations arising thereunder in such form and amount as specified. The issuing surety must be licensed to write bonds in the State of Maryland. Each bond shall be in an amount equal to the Base Bid.

- A. The costs of the bonds shall be included in the Base Bid.
- B. The bidder shall provide the required bonds to the Owner prior to the commencement of construction.
- C. The bidder shall require the attorney-in-fact who executes the required bonds on behalf of the surety to affix to the bond a certified and current copy of the power of attorney.

### 7. Licensure

Contractors shall be registered, licensed, and qualified for the type of work proposed, in Garrett County and in the State of Maryland.

Provide copies of applicable Licensure and Certifications, including license numbers, classifications, and expiration dates of Maryland contractor licenses and certifications.

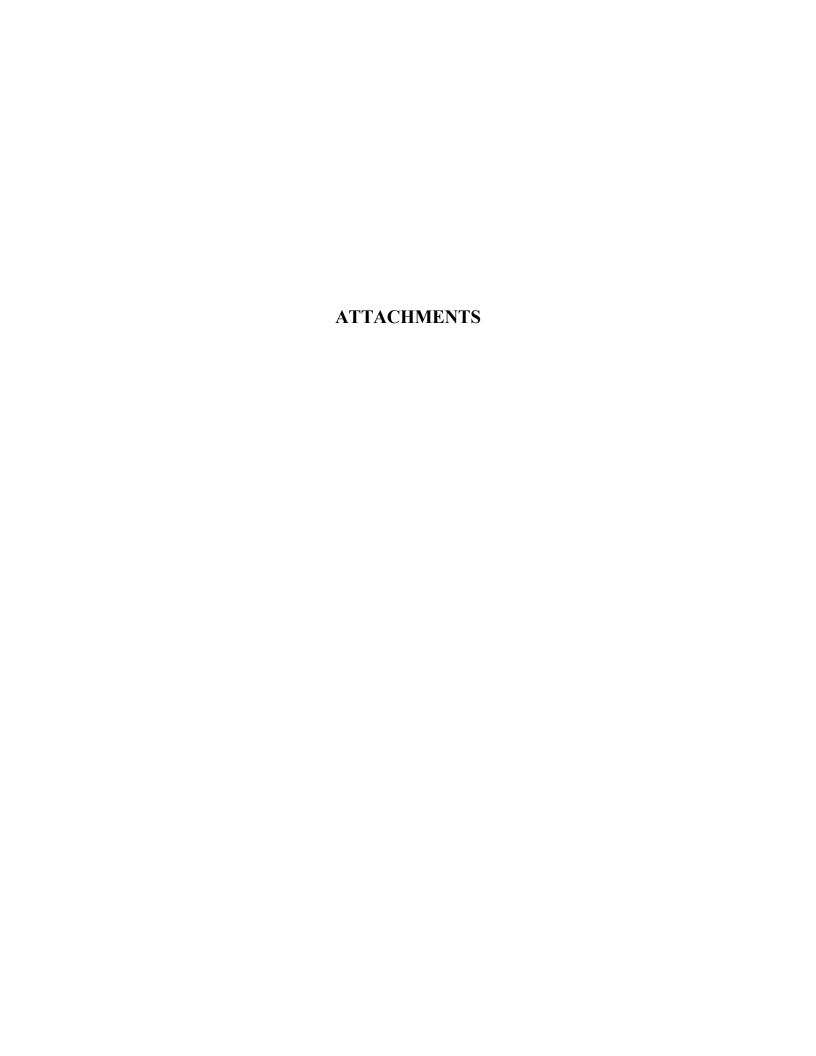
### 8. Insurance

The Contractor shall maintain in force at all times during the term of the contract, insurance that will indemnify and hold harmless the College.

Provide insurance certification in accord with Attachment V.

## **Terms and Conditions**

See Attachment VI



#### ATTACHMENT I

### **BID AFFIDAVIT**

make this Affidavit on behalf of myself and the b	ousiness for	which I am acting.	
authorized representative of		(business) and that I j	possess the legal authority to
Ι	_ am the		_(title) and the duly
I HEREBY AFFIRM THAT:			
A. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE			

# B. AFFIRMATION REGARDING BRIBERY CONDITIONS

#### I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

Neither I, nor to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, the above business (as is defined in Section 16-101 (b) of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland), or any of its officers, director, partners, or any of its employees directly involved in obtaining or performing contracts with public bodies (as is defined in Section 16-101(f) of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland), has been convicted of, or has had probation before judgment imposed pursuant to Article 27, Section 641 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, or has pleaded nolo contendere to a charge of, bribery, attempted bribery, or conspiracy to bribe in violation of Maryland law, or of the law of any other state or federal law, except as follows (indicate the reasons why the affirmation cannot be given and list any conviction, plea, or imposition of probation before judgment with the date, court, official or administrative body, the sentence or disposition, the name(s) of persons(s) involved, and their current positions and responsibilities with the business) (use attachments as necessary):

### C. AFFIRMATION REGARDING OTHER CONVICTION

#### I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

Neither I, nor to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, the above business, or any of its officers, director, partners, or any of its employees directly involved in obtaining or performing contracts with public bodies has:

- (a) Been convicted under state or federal statute of a criminal offense incident to obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public or private contract, fraud, embezzlement, theft, forgery, falsification or destruction of records, or receiving stolen property:
- (b) Been convicted of any criminal violation of a state or federal antitrust statute
- (c) Been convicted under the provisions of Title 18 of the United States Code for violation of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act, 18 U.S.C. 1961, et. Seq., or the Mail Fraud Act, 18 U.S.C. 1341, et. Seq., for acts arising out of the submission of bids or proposals for a public or private contract:
- (d) Been convicted of a violation of the State Minority Business Enterprise Law,
- (c) Section 14-308 of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland;
- (e) Been found civilly liable under a state or federal antitrust for acts or omissions inconnection with the submission of bids or proposals for a public or private contract;
- (f) Admitted in writing or under oath, during the course of an official investigation or other proceedings, acts or omissions that would constitute grounds for conviction or liability under any law or statue described above, except as

follows (indicate reasons why the affirmations cannot be given, and list any conviction, plea, or imposition of probation before judgment with the date, court, official or administrative body, the sentence or disposition, the names(s) of the person(s) involved and their current positions and responsibilities with the business, and the status of any debarment) (use attachment as necessary):

# D. AFFIRMATION REGARDING DEBARMENT

#### I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

Neither I, nor to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, the above business, or any of its officers, directors, partners, or any of its employees directly involved in obtaining or performing contracts with public bodies, has ever been suspended or debarred (including being issued a limited denial of participation) by any public entity, except as follows (list each debarment or suspension providing the dates of the suspension or debarment, the name of the public entity and the status of the proceedings, the names(s) of the person(s) involved and their current positions and responsibilities with the business, the grounds of the debarment or suspension, and the details of each person's involvement in any activity that formed the fronds of the debarment or suspension) (use attachments as necessary).

# E. AFFIRMATION REGARDING DEBARMENT OF RELATED ENTITIES

#### I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

The business was not established and it does not operate in a manner designed to evade the application of or defeat the purpose of debarment pursuant to section Sections 16-101, et seq., of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Codes of Maryland; and

The business is not a successor, assignee, subsidiary, of affiliate of a suspended or debarred business, except as follows (you must indicate the reasons why the affirmations cannot be given without qualification) (use attachments as necessary).

### F. SUB-CONTRACT AFFIRMATION

# I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

Neither I, nor to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, the above business, has knowingly entered into a contract with a public body under which a person debarred or suspended under Title 16 of the State finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland will provide, directly or indirectly, supplies, services, architectural service, construction related service leases of real property, or construction.

# G. AFFIRMATION REGARDING COLLUSION

### I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

Neither I, nor to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, the above business has: (a) Agreed, conspired, connived, or colluded to produce a deceptive show of

competition in the compilation of the accompanying bid or offer that is being submitted;

(b) In any manner, directly or indirectly, entered into any agreement of any kind to fix the bid price or price proposal of the bidder or of any competitor, or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with the contract for which the accompanying bid or offer is submitted.

# H. FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE AFFIRMATION

### I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

I am aware of, and the above business will comply with, the provisions of Section 13-221 of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, which require that every business that enters into contracts, leases, or other agreements with the State of Maryland or its agencies during a calendar year under which the business is to receive in the aggregate \$100,000 or more shall, within 30 days of the time when the aggregate value of the contracts, leases, or other agreements reaches \$100,000, file with the Secretary of State of Maryland certain specified information to include disclosure of beneficial ownership of the business.

# I. POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION DISCLOSURE AFFIRMATION

#### I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

I am aware of, and the above business will comply with, the provisions of Article 33, Sections 30-1 through 30-4 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, which requires that every person that enters into contracts, leases, or other agreements with the State of Maryland, including its agencies or a political subdivision of the State, during a calendar year in which the person receives in the aggregate \$100,000 or more shall, file with the State Administrative Board of Election Laws a statement disclosing contributions in excess of \$500 made during the reporting period to a candidate for elective office in any primary or general election.

#### J. DRUG AND ALCOHOL-FREE WORKPLACE

(Applicable to all contracts unless the contract is for a law enforcement agency and the agency head or the agency head's designee has determined that application of COMAR 21.11.08 and this certification would be inappropriate in connection with the law enforcement agency's undercover operations.)

#### I CERTIFY THAT:

- (1) Terms defined in COMAR 21.11.08 shall have the same meaning when used in this certification.
- (2) By submission of its bid or offer, the business, if other than an individual, certifies and agrees that, with respect to its employees to be employed under a contact resulting from this solicitation, the business shall:
  - (a) Maintain a workplace free of drug and alcohol abuse during the term of the contract:
  - (b) Publish a statement notifying its employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of drugs, and the abuse of drugs or alcohol is prohibited in the business' workplace and specifying the actionsthat will be taken against employees for violation of these prohibitions
  - (c) Prohibit its employees from working under the influence of drugs or alcohol
  - (d) Not hire or assign to work on the contract anyone whom the business knows, or in the exercise of due diligence should know, currently abuses drugs or alcohol and is not actively engaged in a bona fide drug or alcohol abuse assistance or rehabilitation program
  - (e) Promptly inform the appropriate law enforcement agency of every drug-related crime that occurs in its workplace if the business has observed the violation or otherwise has reliable information that a violation has occurred
  - (f) Establish drug and alcohol abuse awareness programs to informits employees about:
    - (i) The dangers of drug and alcohol abuse in the workplace

- (ii) The business' policy of maintaining a drug and alcohol-free workplace
- (iii) Any available drug and alcohol counseling, rehabilitation, and employee Assistance programs; and
- (iv) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees who abuse drugs and alcohol in the workplace
- (g) Provide all employees engaged in the performance of the contract with a copy of the statement required by J (2)(b), above
- (h) Notify its employees in the statement required by J (2)(b), above, that as a condition of continued employment on the contract, the employee shall:
  - (i) Abide by the terms of the statement; and
  - (ii) Notify the employer of any criminal drug or alcohol abuse conviction for an offense occurring in the workplace not later than 5 days after a conviction:
- (i) Notify the procurement officer within 10 days after receiving notice under J (2)(h)(ii), above, or otherwise receiving actual notice of a conviction
- (j) Within 30 days after receiving notice under J (2)(h)(ii) above, or otherwise receiving actual notice of a conviction, impose either of the following sanctions or remedial measures on any employee who is convicted of a drug or alcohol abuse offense occurring in the workplace:
- (i) Take appropriate personnel action against an employee, up to and including termination; or
- (ii) Require an employee to satisfactorily participate in a bona fide drug or alcohol abuse assistance or rehabilitation program
- (k) Make a good faith effort to maintain a drug and alcohol-free workplace through implementation of J (2)(a)-(j) above.
- (3) If the business is an individual, the individual shall certify and agree as set forth in J (4), below, that the individual shall not engage in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of drugs or the abuse of drugs or alcohol in the performance of the contract.
- (4) I acknowledge and agree that:
  - (a) The award of the contract is conditional upon compliance with COMAR 21.11.08 and this certification:
  - (b) The violation of the provisions of COMAR 21.11.08 or this certification shall be cause to suspend payments under, or terminate the contract for default under COMAR 21.07.01.11 or 21.07.03.15, as applicable; and
  - (c) The violation of the provisions of COMAR 21.11.08 or this certification in connection with the contract may, in the exercise of the discretion of the Board of Public Works, result in suspension and debarment of the business under COMAR 21.08.06.

# K. CERTIFICATION OF CORPORATION REGISTRATION AND TAX PAYMENT

### I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

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(1) Except as validly contested, the business had paid, or has arranged for
payment of, all taxes due to the State of Maryland and had filed all required
returns and reports with the Comptroller of the Treasury, the State Department of
Assessments and Taxation, and the Employment Security Administration, as
applicable, and will have paid all withholding taxes due the State of Maryland
prior to final payment under any contract relating to this bid/proposal affidavit.
(2) The business named above is asole proprietorship,
partnership, or corporation formed under the
laws of the State of Maryland
(3) (For entities not formed under the laws of Maryland,) I further affirm

that the business named above is registered in accordance with the Corporation and Associations Article, annotated Code of Maryland, and that it is in good standing and has filed all of its annual reports, together with filing fees, with the Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation, and that the name and address of its current resident agent filed with the State Department of assessments and Taxation is:

NAME:				
ADDRESS: _				
_	_			

### L. CONTINGENT FEES

### I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

The business has not employed or retained any person, partnership, corporation, or other entity, other than a bona fide employee or agent working for the business, to solicit or secure the Contract, and that the business has not paid or agreed to pay any person, partnership, corporation, or other entity, other than a bona fide employee or agent, any fee or any other consideration contingent on the making of the contract.

### M. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT this Affidavit is to be furnished to the Procurement Officer and may be distributed to units of: (1) the State of Maryland: (2) counties or other subdivisions of the State of Maryland: (3) other states: and (4) the federal government. I further acknowledge that this Affidavit is subject to applicable laws of the United States and the State of Maryland, both criminal and civil, and that nothing in this Affidavit or any contract resulting from the submission of the accompanying bid or proposal shall be construed to supersede, amend, modify or waive, on behalf of the State of Maryland, or any unit of the State of Maryland having jurisdiction, the exercise of any statutory right or remedy conferred by the Constitution and the laws of Maryland with respect to any misrepresentation made or any violation of the obligations, terms and covenants undertaken by the above business with respect to (1) the Affidavit, (2) the contract, and (3) other Affidavits comprising part of the contract.

I DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE AND AFFIRM UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY THAT THE CONTENTS OF THIS AFFIDAVIT ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION, AND BELIEF.

Company Name	 Name	
Date	Authorized signature	

### ATTACHMENT II

The undersigned hereby affirms and attests that to the best of my knowledge, no trustee, employee,

### **CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT**

spouse, parent, child, brother or of this date are also employed b	r sister of the trustee or employee, own assets in this business, and as by Garrett College.
Company Name	Name
Date	Authorized signature
ETHICS STATEMENT	
Government Article §15-508, I hassisted the College in the draft bids or request for proposals fo	thics Law contained in the Annotated Code of Maryland, State nereby affirm that no employee of or representative for our company ting of specifications, requirements, statements of work, invitation for in this procurement, nor did any individual or company who assisted in this company, directly or indirectly, in submitting a bid or proposal for
Company Name	Name
Date	Authorized signature
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF AD	DENDA STATEMENT
No, Dated	
No, Dated	
The undersigned hereby affirms	s receipt of Addendum and inclusion in Proposal.
Company Name	Name
Date	Authorized signature
ALLOWANCE	
The undersigned Bidder certifie	s that the Base Bid includes an allowance in the amount of \$7,500.00.
Company Name	Name
Date	Authorized signature

## ATTACHMENT III

Bid Form	
Bidder:	
Project Name: Mosser Road Heritage Trail	
Project Location: Mosser Road, McHenry, Maryland 21542	1.
Owner: Garrett College, 687 Mosser Road, McHenry, Mar	yland 21541.
Architect: Garrett County, Wallace Montgomery	
The undersigned Bidder, having carefully examined the Pre Requirements, Conditions of the Contract, Drawings, Specifications visited the site and locality where Work is to be perequirements (Federal, State, and local laws, ordinances, reand requirements of the Work affecting costs, progress, of such independent investigation as Bidder deems necessare labor, equipment and services, including all scheduled allocations of the above-named project, according to the Contracting Documents, for the stipulated sum of:	rifications, and all subsequent Addenda, rformed, and being familiar with the legal rules, and regulations,) and all conditions r performance of the Work and has made y, hereby agrees to furnish all material, owances, necessary to complete the
	Dollars (\$ )
Date	
Submitted by	(Company Name)
Authorized signature	
Name	(type or print)
Title	
Address	
Phone	
License No.	
Federal ID No	
Witnessed by	
Notary Public	

Commission Expires \_\_\_\_\_\_(date)

## ATTACHMENT IV

### **Cost Estimate Worksheet**

							Mosser Road Trail
							Garrett College
		COST E	STIMATE	WORKS	HEET		1
ITEM		DESCRIPTION	ESTIM QUANT	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE	REMARKS
1		CONSTRUCTION STAKEOUT	1	LS			
2		STABILIZED CONSTRUCTION ENTRANCE	1	LS			
3		INLET PROTECTION	5	EA			
4		SILT FENCE	135	LF			
5		CLASS I EXCAVATION	420	CY			
6		6 INCH GRADED AGGREGATE BASE COURSE	2,200	SY			
7		SUPERPAVE ASPHALT MIX 19.0 MM FOR BASE	320	TON			2.5 INCH TRAIL SURFACE
9		20' PRE-FABRICATED BRIDGE	2	EA			
10		CONCRETE BLOCK RETAINING WALL	305	SF			
11		24 INCH WHITE THERMOPLASTIC PAVEMENT MARKINGS	75	LF			
12		12 INCH WHITE THERMOPLASTIC PAVEMENT MARKINGS	125	LF			
13		SIGNS AND POSTS PER LOCATION	4	EA			CROSSWALK SIGNS ON MOSSER ROAD
14		SPLIT RAIL FENCE	200	LF			ALONG CHURCH LOT
15		PERMANENT SEEDING AREAS	4,500	SY			FOR NEWLY GRADED AREAS
16		TEMPORARY SEED	4,950	SY			
17		TEMPORARY MULCH	4,950	SY			
NOTES:	1	The County has borrow material available at the McHenry Business Park on Bumble Bee Road.					
	2	Excess excavated material can be deposited at an approved fill site on the Fairgrounds property.					
	3	MOT is incidental to work operations.					

### **Insurance Requirements**

- 1. Workmen's Compensation and Employers' Liability Insurance as required by laws of the State of Maryland with limits of not less than:
  - a. Bodily Injury by Accident: \$500,000 each accident
  - b. Bodily Injury by Disease: \$500,000 policy limit
  - c. Bodily Injury by Disease: \$500,000 each employee
- 2. Commercial General Liability Insurance with limits of not less than:
  - a. General Aggregate Limit (other than products/completed operations): \$2,000,000
  - b. Products/Completed Operations Aggregate Limit: \$2,000,000
  - c. Personal and Advertising Injury Limit: \$1,000,000
  - d. Each Occurrence Limit: \$1,000,000
- 3. Comprehensive Automobile Liability Insurance with limits of not less than:
  - a. Combined Single Limit of Liability Bodily Injury and Property Damage: \$1,000,000
  - b. Coverage shall be applicable to all autos, owned, hired, and non-owned.
- 4. Umbrella Liability Insurance with limits of not less than:
  - a. Each Occurrence Limit \$5,000,000

All policies shall be issued by Insurance Carriers licensed to do business in the State of Maryland and having a rating in the latest edition of Best's Key Rating Guide, with a rating of an "A-VIII" or better. All of the policies of the Offeror, as addressed above, shall be primary to any insurance maintained by Garrett College and shall contain an endorsement acknowledging that any insurance maintained by Garrett College is excess. All policies shall include a Waiver of Subrogation in favor of the College.

Each policy of insurance shall contain the following endorsement: "It is understood and agreed that the Insurance Company shall notify the College in writing 30 days in advance of the effective date of any reduction in the dollar amount of coverage, notice of non-renewal, termination or cancellation of this policy". Certificates of Insurance evidencing each of the above coverages shall be delivered to the College within 15 days following the date of notice of contract award. Such certificates shall also include:

- a. The College as additional insured.
- b. The requirement for advance notice of reduction in the dollar amount of insurance, non-renewal, termination or cancellation of or change in coverage.

The successful firm shall not allow any liens to be filed against Garrett College by a person or firm for any reason arising out of the furnishing of services or materials by the firm. Any lien filed against Garrett College or its property shall be disposed of within 30 days of its filing. Failure of the contractor to dispose of such liens within the 30-day period shall constitute a default.

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

**ACCEPTANCE PERIOD:** Any proposal in response to this solicitation shall be valid for (90) days or as otherwise specified in the RFP/ITB document. At the end of the (90) days, the proposal may be withdrawn at the written request of the offeror. If the proposal is not withdrawn at that time, it remains in effect until an award is made or the solicitation is canceled.

ADDENDA The College reserves the right to amend or add to this RFP/ITB at any time prior to the due date. If it becomes necessary to change or add to any part of this RFP/ITB, the Procurement Officer will furnish an addendum to all prospective Offerors by posting the addendum on the solicitation web page at: <a href="www.garrettcollege.edu/purchasing.">www.garrettcollege.edu/purchasing.</a>. All addenda will be identified as such and will be posted at least 48 hours prior to the proposal due date. It is the sole responsibility of any prospective Offeror to monitor the web page to ensure receipt of all addenda, which shall be indicated on the acknowledgment of addenda form.

**ADDITIONAL ORDERS** Unless it is specifically stated to the contrary in the proposal response, the College reserves the option to place additional orders against a contract awarded as a result of this solicitation at the same terms and conditions, if it is mutually agreeable.

**APPLICABLE LAW** The contract shall be construed and interpreted according to Maryland law, with venue and jurisdiction in Garrett County, Maryland.

**ARRÉARAGES** By submitting a response to this solicitation, the Offeror hereby represents that it is not in arrears in the payment of any obligation due and owing the State of Maryland, including the payment of taxes and employee benefits and that it shall not become so in arrears during the term of the contract if selected for contract award.

**ASSURANCE OF NON-CONVICTION OF BRIBERY** The Offeror hereby declares and affirms that, to its best knowledge, none of its officers, directors or partners and none of its employees directly involved in obtaining contracts has been convicted of bribery, attempted bribery or conspiracy to bribe under the laws of any state or the Federal government.

**AUDIT** Offeror shall permit audit and fiscal and programmatic monitoring of the work performed under any contract issued from this solicitation. The College shall have access to and the right to examine and/or audit any records, books, documents and papers of Offeror and any subcontractor involving transactions related to this agreement during the term of this agreement and for a period of three (3) years after final payment under this agreement.

BID AND PERFORMANCE SECURITY If bid security is required, a bid bond, certified check, or cashier's check in the amount indicated on the bid cover must accompany each proposal and be made payable to the College. Bonds must be in a form satisfactory to the College and underwritten by a company licensed to issue bonds in the State of Maryland. If bid security fails to accompany the proposal, it shall be deemed unresponsive, unless the Procurement Office deems the failure to be non substantial. Such bid bonds or checks will be returned, upon request, to all except those contractors invited to give oral presentations, and the remaining checks or bid bonds will be returned, upon request, to all but successful Offeror(s) after award of contract. If a performance bond is required, the successful Offeror must submit an acceptable performance bond in the designated amount of the solicitation award, prior to award of contract. All bid bonds will be returned, upon request, to the successful Offeror after receipt of the performance bond.

BILLING AND PAYMENT Each invoice shall reference the College's purchase order number, as well as RFP/ITB Title for this solicitation. All invoices will be paid within (30) days unless otherwise specified in the RFP/ITB document or unless any item thereon is questioned, in which event payment will be withheld pending verification of the amount claimed and the validity of the claim.

**BRAND NAMES** Brand name materials used in these specifications are known and acceptable. Proposals to use alternate brands are invited as long as they are of equal type and equal or better quality. The burden of proof that alternate brands are in fact equal or better falls on the Offeror and proof must be provided to the College's satisfaction.

CARE OF PREMISES Precautions taken for safety and protection shall be in accordance with the mandatory requirements of the safety codes prevailing within the jurisdiction in which the work is to be performed. During the performance of the contract, the Contractor shall take the necessary precautions to protect all areas upon which or adjacent to which work is performed as a part of this contract. Any damage caused as a result of Contractor's neglect, directly or indirectly, shall be repaired to the College's satisfaction at the Contractor's expense.

**CANCELLATION** The College reserves the right to cancel this solicitation or to reject all offers received, if the College determines that it is fiscally advantageous or in the best interest of the College to cancel the RFP/ITB.

COMPLIANCE WITH THE IMMIGRATION REFORM AND CONTROL ACT OF 1986 The Offeror warrants that both the Offeror and/or any subcontractor of the Offeror do not and shall not hire, recruit or refer for a fee, for employment under this Agreement or any subcontract, an alien knowing the alien is an unauthorized alien and hire any individual without complying with the requirements of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (hereinafter referred to as "IRCA"), including but not limited to any verification and record keeping requirements. The Offeror agrees to indemnify and save the College, its trustees, and/or employees harmless from any loss, costs, damages or other expenses suffered or incurred by the College, its trustees and/or employees by reason of the Offeror's or any subcontractor of the Offeror's noncompliance with "IRCA." The Offeror agrees to defend the College, its trustees and/or employees in any proceeding, action or suit brought against the College, including but not limited to administrative and judicial proceedings, arising out of or alleging noncompliance of the Offeror with "IRCA". The Offeror recognizes that it is the Offeror's responsibility to ensure that all certifications and verifications as required by law are obtained and maintained for the applicable time period. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS Offeror agrees to comply, at no additional expense, with all applicable Executive orders, Federal, State, regional and local laws, ordinances, rules and regulations in effect as of the date of this agreement and as they may be amended from time to time, including but not limited to the equal employment opportunity clause set forth in 41 CFR 60-250.4.

COMPLIANCE WITH GARRETT COLLEGE POLICIES While on the College's campus, Offeror agrees to comply with all applicable Garrett College policies and procedures in effect as of the date of this agreement and as they may be amended from time to time during the term of this contract. CONTINGENT FEES Offeror hereby declares and affirms that neither it nor any of its representatives has employed or retained any person, partnership, corporation, or other entity, other than a bona fide employee or agent working for the Offeror, to solicit or secure a contract, and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any person, partnership, corporation, or other entity, other than a bona fide employee or agent, any fee or any other consideration contingent on the making of a contract as a result of this solicitation.

**CONTRACT AMENDMENTS** The College, without invalidating the contract documents, may submit a written request to order extra work or to make changes to the agreement by altering, adding to, or deducting from the work, and the contract sum shall reflect such changes. Price adjustments must be accepted, in writing, by the College before the supplier performs additional work on the project. The Contractor cannot accept purchase requests for products or services that are not covered in this contract or make changes to the scope of work unless a price for those products or services has been negotiated with the College, and the Contractor has received a signed contract amendment from the College.

**CONTRACT DEADLINES** The Contractor is contractually obligated to meet all agreed upon deadlines. Failure of the Contractor to meet any deadline is grounds for termination by default. If the Contractor defaults, the College reserves the right to assess liquidated damages and/or make an open market purchase.

**CONTRACT DOCUMENTS** The general conditions of this RFP/ITB, the Proposal/Bid documents, the Contractor's proposal, and the signed Agreement form the contract.

**CONTRACT TERMINATION** The contract may be terminated for any of the following reasons: failure of the Contractor to meet the mandatory requirements as described in this solicitation; failure of the Contractor to meet required deadlines; failure of the Contractor to resolve problems in a timely manner; or lack of College funding.

CONTRACTORS This RFP/ITB is extended to individuals or firms as primary Contractors, and the Contractor will execute the work specified with bona fide employees. Subcontractors cannot assume the primary award of this contract on behalf of the primary Contractor nor can the awarded Contractor be relieved of its obligation or responsibility to this contract. The College reserves the right to reject any subcontractor. DELIVERY AND PACKING Prices shall be FOB Destination freight prepaid to the delivery designated. Contractor shall retain title and control of all goods until they are delivered and the contract of coverage has been completed. All risk of transportation and all related charges shall be the responsibility of the Contractor. All claims for visible and concealed damage shall be filed by the Contractor. Unauthorized shipments are subject to rejection and return at Contractor's expense. All prices proposed must include delivery. All goods delivered under this contract shall be packed in accordance with accepted trade practices. No charges may be made over and above the bid price for packaging, or for deposits or containers unless specified in the bid. No charge will be allowed for cartage unless by prior written agreement. Complete deliveries must be made by the successful Offeror to the designated location as indicated on the College purchase order. A packing slip shall be included in each shipment. All deliveries must be prepaid and must be delivered to each location designated on the purchase order at no additional cost. DELIVERIES MUST BE MADE TO THE SPECIFIED LOCATION. NO COLLECT SHIPMENTS OR SIDEWALK DELIVERIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

**DELIVERY OF PROPOSALS** Sealed proposals must be received by the date and time specified in the RFP/ITB in order to be considered. NO LATE PROPOSALS WILL BE ACCEPTED. Late proposals will be returned to the Offeror unopened. Proposals submitted by mail must be addressed to the Garrett College, 687 Mosser Road, McHenry, Maryland 21541 and clearly marked to indicate the RFP/ITB title and opening date. Hand delivered proposals will be accepted only at Garrett College Facilities Department, 687 Mosser Road, McHenry, Maryland 21541 clearly marked to indicate the RFP/ITB title.

**ERRORS IN PROPOSALS** Offerors are assumed to be informed regarding conditions, requirements, and specifications prior to submitting proposals. Failure to do so will be at the Offeror's risk. Proposals already submitted may be withdrawn without penalty prior to proposal opening date. Errors discovered after proposal opening may not be corrected. In the case of an error in price extension, the unit price will govern. The intention of the Offeror must be evident on the face of the proposal.

**FAILURE TO DELIVER** If the Contractor fails to comply with any established delivery requirements, the College reserves the right to make an open market purchase of required items and to assess, as liquidated damages, the difference between the contract price and the actual cost incurred by the College and to invoice charges to the Contractor.

**FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE** The Contractor shall comply with the provisions of §13-221 of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, which requires that every business that enters into contracts, leases, or other agreements with the State of Maryland or its agencies during a calendar year under which the business is to receive in the aggregate \$100,000 or more, shall, within 30 days of the time when the aggregate value of these contracts, leases or other agreements reaches \$100,000, file with the Secretary of State of Maryland certain specified information to include disclosure of beneficial ownership of the business.

HAZARDOUS AND TOXIC SUBSTANCES Offeror must comply with all applicable Federal, State, and County laws, ordinances and regulations relating to hazardous and toxic substances, including such laws, ordinances and regulations pertaining to access to information about hazardous and toxic substances, and as amended from time to time. Offeror shall provide the College with a "Material Safety Data Sheet" or in the case of a controlled hazardous waste substance, a hazardous waste manifest for all hazardous chemicals listed or subsequently added to the Chemical Information List in compliance with applicable laws, ordinances and regulations.

**INDEMNIFICATION** The Contractor shall be responsible for any loss, bodily injury, personal injury, expense, death and any other damage which may occur by reason of Contractor's acts, negligence, willfulness or failure to perform any of its obligations under this agreement. Any acts, negligence, willfulness or failure to perform any of the Contractor's obligations under this agreement, on the part of any agent, director, partner, servant or employee of Contractor are deemed to be the Contractor's acts. Contractor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the College and its trustees, employees, agents and students from any claim, damage, liability, injury, expense, and loss, including defense costs and attorney's fees, arising directly or indirectly out of Contractor's performance under this agreement. Accordingly, the College shall notify Contractor promptly in writing of any claim or action brought against the College in connection with this agreement. Upon such notification, Contractor shall promptly take over and defend any such claim or action. The College shall have the right and option to be represented in any such claim or action at its own expense. The College will not indemnify the Contractor. This indemnification provision shall survive the termination or completion of this agreement.

**INSPECTION OF PREMISES** If a site visit is recommended or required, each Offeror is responsible for visiting the site(s) prior to submitting a bid in order to observe the existing conditions affecting the work, and to obtain precise dimensions of the area(s) involved. No allowance will be made to the successful Offeror, at a later date for additional work required because of his or her failure to visit the site and/or to obtain the exact dimensions. Discrepancies, if any, must be reported to the College.

**INSURANCE** If a contract results from this bid, the Contractor shall maintain such insurance as will indemnify and hold harmless the College from Workmen's Compensation and Public Liability claims for property damage and personal injury, including death, which may arise from the Contractor's operations under this contract, or by anyone directly or indirectly employed by the Contractor.

MARYLAND PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT Offeror recognizes that the College is subject to the Maryland Public Information Act, Title 10, Subtitle 6 of the State Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. Offeror agrees that it will provide any justification as to why any

material, in whole or in part, is deemed to be confidential, proprietary information or trade secrets and provide any justification of why such materials should not be disclosed pursuant to the Maryland Public Information Act. Offerors are advised that, upon request for this information from a third party, the College will be required to make an independent determination whether the information will be disclosed.

MINORITY PARTICIPATION Garrett College strongly encourages minority businesses to provide goods and services for the performance of College projects. Minority businesses are defined as firms that are 51% owned and controlled by a member of a socially or economically disadvantaged minority group, which includes African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Alaskan Natives, Asians, Pacific Islanders, women, and the mentally or physically disabled.

**NON-ASSIGNMENT AND SUBCONTRACTING** Offeror shall not assign any contract or any rights or obligations hereunder without obtaining prior written consent of the College. No contract shall be made by Offeror with any other party for furnishing the services to be performed under a contract issued from this solicitation without the written approval of the College. These provisions will not be taken as requiring the approval of the contract of employment between Offeror and its personnel.

NON-COLLUSION Offeror certifies that it has neither agreed, conspired, connived, or colluded to produce a deceptive show of competition in the compilation of the bid or offer being submitted herewith; Offeror also certifies that it has not in any manner, directly or indirectly, entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion to fix the bid price or price proposal of the Offeror or offeror herein or any competitor, or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with the contract for which the bid or offer is submitted.

NON-DISCRIMINATION The Contractor agrees: (a) not to discriminate in any manner against an employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, creed, age, sex, marital status, national origin, ancestry or disability of a qualified individual with a disability; (b) to include a provision similar to that contained in subsection (a), above, in any subcontract except a subcontract for standard commercial supplies or raw materials; and (c) to post and to cause subcontractors to post in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth the substance of this clause.

NON-HIRING OF EMPLOYEES No employee of the College or of the State of Maryland, or any department, commission, agency or branch thereof whose duties as employees include matters relating to or affecting the subject matter of this bid shall, during the pendency and term of this contract and while an employee, become or be an employee of the contractor or any entity that is a subcontractor on this contract. NON-VISUAL ACCESS The Offeror warrants that the information technology offered under this solicitation (1) provides equivalent access for effective use by both visual and nonvisual means; (2) will present information, including prompts used for interactive communications, in formats intended for both visual and nonvisual use; (3) if intended for use in a network, can be integrated into networks for obtaining, retrieving, and disseminating information used by individuals who are not blind or visually impaired; and (4) is available, whenever possible, without modification for compatibility with software and hardware for nonvisual access. The Offeror further warrants that the cost, if any, of modifying the information technology for compatibility with software and hardware used for nonvisual access will not increase the cost of the information technology by more than 5 percent. For purposes of this condition, the phrase 'equivalent access' means the ability to receive, use, and manipulate information and operate controls necessary to access and use information technology by nonvisual means. Examples of equivalent access include keyboard controls used for input and synthesized speech, Braille, or other audible or tactile means used for output. NOTICE TO CURE The College reserves the right to cancel the contract if the Contractor's performance is unsatisfactory to the College. It is understood, however, that if at any time during the term of the contract, performance is deemed to be unsatisfactory, the College shall so notify the Contractor in writing, and the Contractor shall correct such unsatisfactory conditions within thirty (30) calendar days from receipt of such notification. If such corrections are not made within the specified period, the College may terminate the contract.

**PATENTS** Offeror guarantees that the sale and/or use of the goods offered will not infringe upon any U.S. or foreign patent. Offeror will at his/her own expense, indemnify, protect and save harmless the College, its trustees, employees, agents and students with respect to any claim, action, cost or judgment for patent infringement, arising out of the purchase or use of these goods.

PERFORMANCE ACCEPTANCE PERIOD The selected Contractor(s) must agree to an acceptance trial period of performance not to exceed ninety (90) consecutive calendar days. During the 90-day acceptance period, the Contractor's performance must be consistent with the specifications contained herein and the Contractors proposal. Failure to satisfy the "acceptance trial period of performance" may result in cancellation of the contract. In the event that the Contractor fails to meet all requirements, the College shall declare the Contractor's services unacceptable and the Contractor in default, and terminate all agreements, written or verbal, without penalty or obligation to the College. Further, should there be any dispute/discrepancy on acceptability of said service, decisions made by the College will prevail and be final. PREPARATION OF PROPOSAL Proposals submitted must be hand signed in ink, by an authorized agent of the company submitting the proposal. Notification of award will be made by "Notice of Intent to Award" and/or purchase order. An Offeror may attach a letter of explanation to the proposal for clarification. Offerors will be required, if requested by the College, to furnish satisfactory evidence that they are, in fact, bona fide manufacturers of or dealers in the items listed, and have a regularly established place of business. The College reserves the right to inspect any Offeror's place of business prior to award of contract to determine Offeror responsibility.

**PROPOSAL INSTRUMENTS** Proposal instruments include the RFP/ITB, addenda, terms and conditions, contract terms, and specifications. Proposals should be prepared simply and economically, and should provide a straightforward, concise description of the Offeror's capabilities to satisfy the requirements of the RFP/ITB. Emphasis should be on completeness and clarity of content. The Offeror will bear any and all costs incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals.

**POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION DISCLOSURE** The Contractor shall comply with §§14-101-14-108, of the Election Law Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, which requires that every person that enters into contracts, leases, or other agreements with the State, a county, or an incorporated municipality, or their agencies, during a calendar year in which the person receives in the aggregate \$100,000 or more, shall file with the State Board of Elections a statement disclosing contributions in excess of \$500 made during the reporting period to a candidate for elective office in any primary or general election.

PRODUCT TESTING DURING TERM OF CONTRACT Goods delivered under any contract resulting from this RFP/ITB may be tested for compliance with specifications stipulated herein. Any shipment failing to meet or comply fully with the specification requirements will be rejected. The cost of testing a representative sample of an order or shipment for acceptance shall be borne by the College unless the order is rejected for failure to meet specifications or purchase description. In such cases of rejection, the cost of testing will be charged back to the Contractor.

**PUBLICITY** The Contractor shall not in any way or in any form publicize or advertise in any manner the fact that it is providing services to the College without the express written approval of the College obtained in advance, for each item of advertising or publicity. However, nothing herein shall preclude the Contractor from listing the College on its routine client list for matters of references.

RECORD RETENTION If awarded a contract, Contractor shall maintain books and records relating to the subject matter of this agreement, including but not limited to all charges to the College, for a period of three (3) years from the date of final payment under this agreement. REFERENCES Offeror must provide at least three references from former or current clients who can confirm the Offeror's experience with projects that are similar in size or scope. All reference information must include the company's name and address and the contact's name and telephone number. The references provided must be able to confirm, without reservation, the Offeror's ability to provide the level of services requested in this solicitation. References from other higher education institutions or government agencies are preferred but not required. REGISTRATION OF CORPORATIONS NOT REGISTERED IN THE STATE OF MARYLAND Pursuant to §7-202 et. seq. of the Corporation and Associations Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, corporations not incorporated in the State of Maryland shall be registered with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation, 301 West Preston Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201 before doing any interstate or foreign business in this State. A copy of the registration or application for registration may be requested by the College.

**REJECTIONS AND CANCELLATIONS** The College reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals in whole or in part for any reason. The College reserves the right to waive any informality and to make awards in the best interest of the College. The College also reserves the right to reject the proposal of any Offeror who has previously failed to perform adequately on a prior award for furnishing goods and/or services similar in nature to those requested in this RFP/ITB. The College may cancel this solicitation in whole or in part, at its sole discretion.

RIGHT TO STOP WORK If the College determines, either directly or indirectly, that the Contractor's performance is not within the specifications, terms or conditions of this RFP/ITB and/or that the quality of the job is unacceptable, the College has the right to stop the work. The stoppage of work shall continue until the default has been corrected and/or corrective steps have been taken to the satisfaction of the College. The College also reserves the right to re-solicit this contract if it is decided that performance is not within the specifications as set out. SAMPLES AND CATALOG CUTS If samples are required, Offeror shall be responsible for delivery of samples to location indicated. All sample packages shall be marked "Sample for Purchasing Office, RFP/ITB Title\_\_\_\_" and each sample shall be tagged or marked. Failure of the Offeror to clearly identify samples as indicated may result in rejection of the proposal. The College reserves the right to test any materials, equipment or supplies delivered to determine if the specifications have been met. Samples will not be returned.

**SIGNATURE** Each proposal must show the full business address and telephone number of the Offeror and be signed, in blue ink, by the person or persons legally authorized to sign such contracts. All correspondence concerning the RFP/ITB and contract, will be mailed or delivered to the address shown on the proposal. NO BID WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT ORIGINAL SIGNATURE.

SPECIFICATIONS AND SCOPE OF WORK The specifications listed herein may or may not specify all technical requirements which are needed to achieve the end result. When accepting the award, the Contractor assumes the responsibility of accomplishing the task requested in this document. Any omission of parts, products, processes, etc. in the specifications are the responsibility of the Contractor and the College will not bear the responsibility of their omission. If omissions in the specifications are discovered and these omissions will impact the contract price then it is the responsibility of the Offeror to note these omissions, in writing, prior to accepting the award. If these omissions are not noted prior to award then the Contractor's silence is deemed as full and complete acceptance and any additional costs will be borne by the Contractor

**SUBCONTRACTORS** Offerors must submit the names and addresses of all subcontractors to be retained for this project. The College reserves the right to reject any subcontractor. Subcontractors shall conform in all respects to the applicable provisions specified for the prime contractor and shall be subject to approval by the College. If a subcontractor is determined to be unacceptable by the College, the firm shall substitute an acceptable subcontractor with no change in any Contract unit prices or overall Contract sum. If a firm fails, within a timely manner, to propose another subcontractor to whom the College has no objection, the College reserves the right to reject the proposal. The firm will use only those subcontractors approved by the College. All subcontractors shall comply with federal and state laws and regulations which are applicable to the services covered by the subcontractor and shall include all terms and conditions set forth herein which apply with equal force to the subcontractor, as if they were the Contractor referred to herein. The Contractor is responsible for the Contract performance, whether or not subcontractors are used.

**TAXES** The College is exempt from Federal and Maryland taxes. Exemption Certificates are available upon request. Offeror shall be responsible for the payment of any and all applicable taxes resulting from any award and/or any activities hereunder, including but not limited to any applicable amusement and/or sales taxes. For construction projects: in accordance with COMAR 03.06.01.22c(2)(b), the tax exemption certificate of otherwise exempt governmental entities may not be used for the purchase of materials to be incorporated into the real property on College construction projects.

**TERMINATION BASED ON LACK OF FUNDING** Any contract awarded as a result of this solicitation will be subject to funding and continued appropriation of sufficient funds for the contract. For purposes of this solicitation, the College's appropriating authority is deemed to be the President of Garrett College. Insufficient funds shall be grounds for immediate termination of the contract.

**TERMINATION OF CONTRACT** The College reserves the right to cancel the Contract awarded to the Contractor if, in the College's judgment, performance under the Contract is unsatisfactory. It is understood, however, that if at any time during the term of the Contract, performance there under is deemed to be unsatisfactory, the College shall so notify the Contractor in writing, and the Contractor shall correct such unsatisfactory conditions within fifteen (15) calendar days from the receipt of such notification. If such corrections are not made within the specified period, the College may terminate the Contract at that time.

**TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT** If an award results from this RFP/ITB, and the Contractor has not performed or has unsatisfactorily performed the contract, payment shall be withheld at the discretion of the College. Failure on the part of the contractor to fulfill contractual obligations shall be considered just cause for termination of the contract and the Contractor is not entitled to recover any costs incurred by the Contractor up to the date of termination.

**TERMINATION FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THE COLLEGE** The performance of the work or services under a contract as a result of this solicitation may be terminated in whole or in part, whenever Garrett College deems that termination is in its best interest. Such determination shall be at the sole discretion of the President or his designee. In such event, the College shall be liable only for payment in accordance with the payment provisions of the contract for work or services performed or furnished prior to the effective date of termination. The Contractor shall not be reimbursed for anticipatory profits. Termination hereunder shall become effective by delivery to contractor of written notice of termination upon which date the termination shall become effective.

USE OF CONTRACT BY OTHER PUBLIC ENTITIES While this solicitation is prepared on behalf of the College, it is intended to apply to other Maryland educational institutions and public agencies in the State of Maryland. Unless the Offeror takes an exception, the resulting awarded items, terms and conditions will be available to other State and local public entities. Should a price

adjustment be necessary to include any other public entity, the Offeror must so note on the Contractor Information Form. Purchase requests and funding from other agencies will be the responsibility of those agencies.

WARRANTY Offeror expressly warrants that all articles, material and work offered shall conform to each and every specification, drawing, sample or other description which is furnished to or adopted by the College and that they will be fit and sufficient for the purpose intended, merchantable, of good material and workmanship, and free from defect. Such warranty shall survive a contract and shall not be deemed waived either by the College's acceptance of said materials or goods, in whole or in part, or by payment for them, in whole or in part. The Offeror further warrants all articles, material and work performed for a period of one year, unless otherwise stated, from date of acceptance of the items delivered and installed, or work completed. All repairs, replacements or adjustments during the warranty period shall be at Offeror's sole expense.

WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS A proposal shall be withdrawn by written request, confirmed immediately in writing, provided that such requests are received prior to the time of opening proposals. The College shall not be held responsible for the timely receipt of any requests for withdrawal, and the Offeror is cautioned to transmit any such request in ample time for delivery before the proposal opening hour and date. No proposal received can be withdrawn by any Offeror after the opening, as no claim for release due to mistakes or omissions in the proposal shall be considered. Each Offeror shall be held strictly responsible for it's proposal.