

Cherokee County through action of its County Council enacted **Local Vendors Preference** for Cherokee County vendors that meet all of the following requirements:

- 1) A vendor shall be deemed a “Cherokee County vendor” for the purposes of this Part if:
 - a. Such vendor be an individual, partnership, association or corporation that is authorized to transact business within the State of South Carolina;
 - b. Such vendor has a physical business address located and operating within the County of Cherokee and has maintained such address for a period of (90) days prior to the advertisement of the request for proposals or the date the County otherwise solicits bids; and
 - c. Provides proof of payment of all applicable Cherokee County taxes and fees.
A post office box or temporary construction or office trailer shall not be considered a physical business address to comply with the provisions of this section

- 2) Cherokee County Vendor Preference
The lowest responsive and responsible Cherokee County vendor, if any, whose bid is within five percent (5%) of the lowest non-Cherokee County vendor, which would otherwise be awarded the bid, may be given the opportunity to match the bid submitted by the non-Cherokee County vendor and thus be awarded the bid for the provision for goods, supplies or construction services. This preference shall be applicable only to solicitations by Cherokee County for goods, supplies, and constructions services which are \$25,000.00 or more in value. Should the lowest responsible and responsive Cherokee County vendor not exercise its right to match the bid as granted herein, the next lowest Cherokee County vendor shall be authorized to exercise such right and so on. The right to exercise the right to match the bid shall be exercised within 24 hours of notification of the right to match the non-Cherokee County vendor’s bid.

- 3) In order for a Cherokee County vendor to assert its right to the preference created in the Article, the Cherokee County vendor must fully complete an Affidavit claiming such preference, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, at the time that its original bid is submitted. Failure to provide such Affidavit at the time the vendor submits its original bid shall constitute a waiver of any claim for preference.

- 4) Should a solicitation, procurement or request for bids be made by Cherokee County for goods, supplies, or construction services, which by state or federal guidelines prohibit or restrict the type of preference created in this part, this part granting such preference shall not apply to such solicitation, procurement, or request for bids. Likewise, should any solicitation, procurement, or request for bids by Cherokee County for goods, supplies, or construction services be funded in whole or in part with state or federal monies, the receipt of which by Cherokee County prohibits or restricts the use of the type of preference created in this Part, this Part granting such preference shall not apply to such solicitation, procurement, or request for bids.



CHEROKEE COUNTY VENDOR PREFERENCE AFFIDAVIT

_____, who being duly sworn, (company name/company representative) certifies that the vender identified in this Bid Response meets all qualifications for the preference as defined in Part 8 of the Cherokee County Purchasing Policy and Procedure Ordinance, as amended.

By this written claim, Bidder requests that the preference be exercised in consideration of the award of this Bid.

BIDDER CERTIFIED THAT HE MEETS ALL QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE (CHECK ONLY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING):

_____ 1. CHEROKEE COUNTY VENDOR PREFERENCE

Bidder Signature: _____

Bidder Name: _____

Position: _____

Firm Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, _____

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: _____