



# GOLDIE & ASSOCIATES

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Ms. Melissa Grant  
415 S. Pine Street  
Walhalla, SC 29691

January 3, 2003

Re: 5-Forks Landfill – Methane Remediation Plan  
Goldie & Associates Project 22.19.6

Dear Mr. Grant,

Enclosed please find a bid tabulation for the above referenced project. We have reviewed the low bid and it appears to be complete and balanced. Hutch-N-Son Construction is the apparent low bidder at \$78,275.00. Please be aware there was a fifty-dollar math error on the bid sheet. We have talked with Mr. Hutchinson and he will honor the amount quoted in the bid.

Please be aware that the first time we released the project to bid, we only received two bids. Both bids were over the County's budget. It was our opinion that the reason the prices quoted were high, was because the two bids were from grading contractors and they may not have had the experience in excavating deep trenches. The project was re-released to bid and we aggressively recruited utility contractors to bid the project. We received two additional bids, however the other bid was not considered because it was incomplete and therefore considered non-responsive.

We have reviewed the project with Hutch-N-Son construction and they appear to have the necessary men and equipment to complete the project within the required schedule. Mr. Hutcherson has also offered to lower his price by \$2,000.00 if the County would drop the required a performance and payment bonds. Given the fact that Hutch-N-Son is a local, reputable contractor, this may be an option the County may wish to consider. It is our recommendation that Oconee County award the project to Hutch-N-Son Construction and that it be released to begin the job immediately in order to meet the DHEC imposed deadlines.

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Co./Dept.		City			
Phone #		Project #			
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We appreciate the opportunity to assist the County with this project. If we can be of any further assistance and provide you with further information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Goldie & Associates



Alan Pope, P.E.  
Project Manager

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BID  
for  
Five Forks Landfill Methane Remediation  
January 2, 2003

Hutch-N-Son Construction, Inc.

No.	Item	Unit	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total Cost
1.	Mobilization	LS	1	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
2.	Install Trench w/ liners, stone, piping, and vents				
	0-15 feet	LF	111	\$50.00	\$5,500.00
	15-20 feet	LF	107	\$75.00	\$10,275.00
	20-25 feet	LF	98	\$85.00	\$8,330.00
	25-30 feet	LF	90	\$95.00	\$8,550.00
	30-35 feet	LF	117	\$120.00	\$14,040.00
	35-40 feet	LF	54	\$145.00	\$7,830.00
3.	Sediment & Erosion Control	LS	1	\$2,200.00	\$2,200.00
4.	Fine Grading & Grassing (Trench Area & Spoil Area)	AC	1	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
5.	Modify Existing Monitoring Wells	EA	3	\$250.00	\$750.00
6.	Install GMW #11	LS	1	\$2,200.00	\$2,200.00
7.	Install GMW #13	LS	1	\$2,200.00	\$2,200.00
7.	Install GMW #12	LS	1	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00
8.	Reburied Existing Ditch	LS	1	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
				<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$78,275.00</b>



January 3, 2003

Oconee County  
Procurement Office  
415 S. Pine Street  
Wahalla, SC 29691

Attention: Ms. Marianne Dillard

Re: Five Forks Landfill Methane  
Remediation Bid  
Goldie & Associates  
Project # 22-19-6

Dear Ms. Dillard:

As a follow-up to our telephone conversation yesterday following the referenced bid opening, I thought it may be helpful to put in writing an explanation of the circumstances leading up to the submission of our bid.

A few days before the bid was due, I spoke with you regarding some confusion I had about the wording on page 3 of 5 of the bid document. Specifically, the second to the last sentence of the last paragraph states "Please include with your bid the following items". Because there was no list of following items and the lower portion of the page was blank, I called to clarify. When we spoke on the phone, I pointed out the confusing section and asked "What needs to be included with the bid?". Your answer was "Just include the bid. The other items that were requested in the specs were boilerplate that Goldie includes, but we don't need that". The only additional item that I saw was requested to be submitted with the bid was the bid bond, therefore, based upon your reply I made the logical assumption that the bond was not needed.

During our phone conversation yesterday, you told me that when you made that statement, you were thinking about the list of available equipment that the contractor has to use on the project. To tell you the truth, I never saw that information requested in the spec package and after reviewing the documents again last night, still couldn't find where that was requested.

Yesterday, you also stated that the bid bond forms were included in the package, so why would I think that they weren't required. I pointed out that there are several sections of the technical specs that do not apply to the scope of work to be done on this project, and you told me that there was "boilerplate" in the package that did not apply.

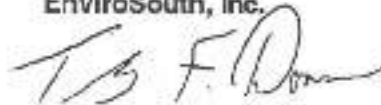
I believe that my omission of the bid bond was understandable based upon our phone conversation. While I admit that I could have questioned you more thoroughly, I also believe that your response was unintentionally misleading and incomplete. Please understand that the purpose of this correspondence is not to point fingers and/or assign blame for who made any errors, but is intended to fully explain the facts as I see them so that the County can make a decision that is in the best interest of its taxpayers. On page 1 of 4 of the Information for Bidders section, the first sentence of the fifth paragraph indicates "The OWNER may waive any formalities or minor defects or reject any and all Bids". In summary, I believe that the facts of this case as described in the letter would allow the County to waive the omission of the bond

and award the contract to J.B. Russell/EnviroSouth as the low bidders, and also allow the County's taxpayers to legitimately save the approximately \$14,000 difference.

We would be glad to meet with you to further discuss this matter or to discuss our qualifications and approach to complete the project in a timely manner. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

EnviroSouth, Inc.



Thomas F. Donn, P.G.  
Principal

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## Opal Green

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**From:** Robert Banks  
**Sent:** Friday, December 20, 2002 9:33 AM  
**To:** Opal Green  
**Cc:** Ann Hughes; Amanda Rylander  
**Subject:** Council Meeting Agenda Item

Opal,

Please place Laanne Greene - DSS, Rick Haney - Moreland Altobelli, and me on the next council agenda. The topic will be "Discussion of Renovating the existing DSS - DHHS building in Walthalla."

Apparently, there has been a change in directors for the agency and they will be adding far more employees than first anticipated. We may have to stop work on the renovation plans and take another approach to housing the agency elsewhere.

Hope you have a Merry Christmas!

Robert D. Banks  
Airport Director  
Oconee Co. Regional Airport  
365 Airport Road  
Seneca, SC 29678  
864-882-2959  
email: rbanks@oconeesc.com

## Memo

7Jan03

**To:** Oconee County Board of Commissioners  
**From:** Jerry Barlow  
Sewer Commission Representative at large  
**Re:** Oconee Sewer Commission Meeting dated 6Jan03  
Northwest Supply request

During the monthly meeting of the OCSC a request was brought before the sewer commission by Robert Winchester. The request asked for authority to issue a letter to Northwestern Supply (attn Mike Roach) stating that sewer was not immediately available to their property. During the discussion of this matter the following points were brought out:

Available sewer exists 90 feet from the Northwestern Property.

Sewer Tap was requested through the City of Seneca. Per Dewitt Martin, the city of Seneca was willing to accept the property onto its sewer system. When asked why Northwestern would not accept Sewer through Seneca Mr. Martin stated that Northwestern would not agree to Seneca's terms. When asked what those terms were, Mr. Martin stated that Northwestern must agree to Seneca taxation at the city rate.

Northwestern had agreed to pay for all costs associated with installation of the sewer line.

Mr. Winchester stated as a rough estimate that the cost for the line would be around \$7,500.00

As a contractor, we have been paying between \$3,500.00 and \$4,500.00 for commercial septic tank installations.

I spoke today with Mike Roach of Northwestern Supply. He received his letter this morning from Bob Winchester. He stated that to accept Seneca's offer, there would be a yearly cost of \$2,200.00 in addition to the cost of installation, which he would be required to bear in any instance.

Comments were made during the meeting that this same scenario has occurred numerous times in Oconee County. Two of the most recent and visible have been the Keowee Dodge Facility and the Bobby Wood Chevrolet Facility. In discussions with owners of both of these facilities, neither was willing to challenge this process due to political ramifications.

As a final note to this conversation, after the vote to approve the letter, Mr. Dietrich asked Mr. Martin if Northwestern had made application for water yet. Mr. Martin's answer was no. Mr. Dietrich laughingly stated that Northwestern would be required to accept Seneca's terms in order to get water.

Mr. Roach stated he was unaware of this at the time.



**SOUTH CAROLINA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD****Battery A, 2nd Battalion, 263d Air Defense Artillery****263 W.N. 5<sup>TH</sup> Street • Post Office Box 185****Seneca, South Carolina 29679-0185****ADA-AV-AB****6 JAN 03****MEMORANDUM FOR** County of Oconee**SUBJECT** National Guard Armory

1. The Seneca National Guard respectfully requests the assistance of the County of Oconee during construction at the Armory.
2. We will need some help with gravel from the Quarry in Walhalla on Rock Crusher Road; 3 loads of 20 Tons each, NLT 10 JAN 03 if possible because of Drill on 11-12 JAN 03.
3. The City of Seneca will haul the gravel.
4. Your donation is needed and greatly appreciated!  
POC is the undersigned at 882-8212.

**FOR THE COMMANDER**

*John B. Foster*  
**JOHN B. FOSTER**  
SFC, SCARNG  
Readiness NCO

*3 Loads Crusher seen  
approved by Council  
1/7/03  
of*

### **New Oconee County Courthouse**

The new Oconee County Courthouse is scheduled for completion in March 2003. Some of the features in the new 58,485 sq. ft. \$7 million dollar facility are state-of-the-art telecommunication equipment, high-speed internet connections with the State Court Administration, video surveillance, secure parking for judges/staff, secure prisoner holding areas, and a drive-thru payment window for Family Court payments. The four-story building will have five courtrooms, and each floor will have private meeting areas for attorney/witness consultation. In addition to street parking, the courthouse parking lot will have space for some 100+ vehicles. A Veterans' Memorial wall is being erected on the Main Street side, which will honor all veterans of all wars, as well as POW/MIA's.

### **New Public Safety Facility**

Bids will be received in February 2003 for a new 45,000 sq. ft. Public Safety Facility, which is to be built adjacent to the present Law Enforcement Center. This first phase (of a three phase construction project) has an estimated budget of \$5.8 million dollars, and will include new administrative offices of the Sheriff's Department, Records, Communications, and Emergency Preparedness. Completion of this phase is scheduled for November 2004. The second phase will include a new 48-bed jail facility and kitchen. The third phase will include development of the adjacent ~4 acres recently purchased by the County to locate other public safety departments such as Rural Fire, Rescue Squad, and EMS.

### **Haz-Mat Building for Rural Fire**

Construction is just wrapping up on a new Haz-Mat building for the Rural Fire Department in the Five Forks community. The building will house the Haz-Mat truck, as well as materials and supplies. Additionally, plans are underway to construct a 2,500 sq. ft. three-story Burn Building as this same site for training of all firefighters. Currently, firefighters have to travel to Columbia for training. The year 2002 also saw the receipt of ten 1500 GPM pumper trucks for Rural Fire at an estimated cost of \$2.7 million dollars.

### **Oconee County Rock Crusher**

The Rock Quarry is in the process of expanding their operations across Rock Crusher Road. A new Scale House and scales have been built and installed, and a new 4,500 sq. ft. shop is scheduled to be bid within the next few weeks. The Quarry anticipates having the road relocation complete and be operational at the new facility in early summer 2003.

### **Compensation and Classification Study**

Oconee County recently contracted with MGT of America, Inc. to conduct a compensation and classification study for 188 positions among approximately 488 employees. This effort has served to enhance Oconee County's ability to operate as economically and efficiently as possible, while maintaining competitiveness in the various labor markets in which we must compete.

Our goal was to attract qualified employees, at all levels of the organization, while also enabling us to retain qualified employees. Objectives of the study included:

- evaluation of jobs based upon the nature of work and the job task assignments for the studied positions;
- assignment of appropriate levels and ranges of compensation for the positions within the scope of the study;
- development of a competitive pay structure; and
- consolidation of positions and changing of titles where appropriate.

This compensation and classification study was adopted by Council and was implemented July 1, 2002. Its implementation has resulted in objectively rated classifications, competitively paid employees, an easily administered pay plan and a cost-effective solution to Oconee County's classification and compensation issues.

### **Lila Doyle Expansion**

Construction is going extremely well at the \$4.1 million expansion project at Lila Doyle Nursing Care Facility. The inside is virtually complete. The interior walls have been painted, flooring has been installed, doors hung and finished. The bulk of the remaining work is the completion of specific wiring for the inter-locking smoke detectors, telephones, communication services, etc.

A good bit of work remains to be needed to the exterior of the expansion project. If the weather continues to cooperate, the work should be completed as scheduled in early Spring.

### **Emergency Management Division**

A step van has been purchased and adapted as a Mobile Operations Center for Oconee County. The van will be equipped with computer equipment, radios, a mobile phone and a fax machine. The vehicle can serve as a command post for large-scale disasters or emergencies such as drownings, search and rescue operations, HAZMAT spills, fires, etc. In the event that the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), located in the Law Enforcement Center, is disabled during a disaster, the Mobile Command Center can be moved to a safe location and be used for the EOC staff. The Mobile Operations Center can be used as a central reporting area for responders during extended emergencies or disasters. During these lengthy incidents, personnel involved will be able to rest, get food and water, and replenish spent radio batteries at the command post as well as stay in touch with the incident commander for updates and further instructions.

Oconee County purchased a new 28-foot rescue boat for the Emergency Management Agency in May 2002. This new high performance rescue boat provides the county with increased load carrying capabilities. In the past we were limited to six or eight personnel without equipment. We are now able to carry 15-20 personnel with rescue equipment. Our new rescue boat provides the ability to perform shoreline searches from a lookout point ten feet above the water. The boat is also equipped with multiple spotlights to assist in night search and rescue and a heavy-duty ladder and ramp for loading and offloading equipment in-water rescue. Its heavy-duty construction ensures a long service life under demanding rescue conditions. This vessel was an excellent investment for Oconee County. The vessel is also capable of carrying fire-fighting equipment in the future. This new rescue boat has already proven to be a great asset for several drowning operations such as the recovery of the two drowning victims in Lake Hartwell in May.

A new dive truck was purchased for the County Emergency Management Office in 2002. This truck was adapted to safely store, organize, and transport all of the County Dive Team equipment, for a quicker and more efficient response. In addition, this truck is capable of towing the new rescue boat.

## **Parks, Recreation and Tourism**

### **Chau Ram County Park**

Oconee County is endowed with some of the most majestic scenic spots around the South, lending it to be considered as an important tourist destination, as well as providing an exquisite back-drop for those who live here. One of the major attractions of Oconee County Parks & Recreation is Chau-Ram County Park. This 75 acres of majestic beauty is accentuated by 4 class III rapids, a 40 foot waterfall and offers itself to its own unique whitewater experience on the Chauga River. The park offers easy access for kayakers, canoeists and fly-fishing.

Early in 2002 this property was in danger from encroaching development and supporters rallied in numbers to show their support for Oconee County purchasing the adjoining 122+ acres. Oconee County received word in the late fall the (LWCF) South Carolina Recreation Land Trust Fund had awarded them \$152,500 to help purchase the property. The LWCF Grant Program was enacted in 1964 to encourage creation and expansion of quality outdoor recreation opportunities.

The property is now owned by Oconee County Parks & Recreation, which will be preserved and protected for future generations.

### **South Cove County Park**

South Cove County Park, located on the clear waters of Lake Keowee, lends itself to an array of aquatic activity. Camping, fishing, boating, sailing and water skiing are readily accessible. South Cove County Park offers over 100

campsites and over one half being waterfront. South Cove is now expanding its waterfront camping to include 20 prime sites located on the point. Improvements include extending the existing docks and the addition of a new picnic shelter, which can accommodate up to fifty.

### **Grants awarded to Oconee County**

- Since the opening of the Wal-Mart Supercenter in Seneca, our Grants Administrator worked with their management to secure funding for Oconee County's Emergency Management Department. In October 2002, this effort resulted in the award of a \$1,200.00 Community Service Grant that was presented to Henry Gordon on behalf of Oconee County. No matching funds were required.
- Our Grants Administrator worked diligently with the Keowee-Ebenezer Fire Department to submit a grant application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency in March 2002. On 11/08/02, notification was received that FEMA staff alerted Keowee-Ebenezer (via telephone) that their grant application was approved. In addition, the Long Creek Fire Department received a grant award from FEMA in October 2002.
- Grants Administrator worked together with volunteers to assist the Oconee Heritage Museum (located in the Walhalla building known previously as the Tobacco Barn) with the preparation and submission of a Heritage Corridor grant. This grant has been recommended to the State for approval and is pending final notification.
- In November 2002, we received \$38,861 in Fiscal Year 2002 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant funds. These dollars can be used to procure equipment, technology and materials directly related to our basic law enforcement function. This includes, but is not limited to, vehicles, vehicle equipment, radio equipment, officer equipment, forensic and crime scene equipment, supplies, and police canine equipment.
- In November 2002, we received notification that an EMS Grant-in-Aid award totaling \$25,026 was designated for Oconee County on behalf of Oconee Memorial Hospital. The primary purpose of these funds is "to provide financial assistance to counties to improve and upgrade the EMS System."
- Oconee County Airport Justification Runway Study & Fencing, \$150,850.00, Date of award 08/28/02
- In May 2002, Chau-Ram County Park received a grant of \$152,500.00 from the Land and Water Conservation Fund, which requires a 50% match in local funding. These dollars were used to purchase 122.38 acres of

land adjoining the existing Chau-Ram property located outside of Westminster. Per Vickie Satterfield, Deputy PRT Director, "this project will allow Oconee County Parks, Recreation & Tourism the opportunity to expand services, create a much needed buffer and allow for a septic system for Chau-Ram that has operated as a county park for over 30 years." This project truly proved to be a collaborative effort on behalf of Oconee County's Supervisor, Council and staff, the Cities of Westminster, Seneca and Walhalla along with the Towns of Salem and West Union, our local Senator and House of Representative Members as well as a large portion of our citizens. These dollars helped to assure that Chau-Ram's many resources, including the forty-foot waterfall, the suspension bridge, and the kayaking, tubing and camping facilities, will continue to be available to Oconee County citizens and many others for generations to come.

**COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS THAT NEED TO BE MADE AS OF JANUARY 2,  
2003:**

**RURAL FIRE:**

At large seat

**AERONAUTICS COMMISSION:**

District II  
District III  
District V  
At large seat

**SOLID WASTE COMMISSION:**

District IV

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:**

District II

**ARTS & HISTORICAL:**

District IV  
District V

**PARKS & RECREATION:**

District I  
District V

**SC APPALACHIAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:**

Citizen Member  
Minority Member

Mrs. Hughes should have received a letter from Bob Strother regarding this

**ATAX COMMITTEE:**

Cultural Appointee

**WATER COMMISSION:**

District I  
District II  
District III  
District V  
At Large