

October 5, 2026

**Subject: RFQ 27047-A: Kiwanis Park Barrier Netting
Addendum #1**

Gentlemen/Ladies:

Below, please find responses to questions, clarification, and additional information for the above-referenced Request for Quote. This information shall be considered when preparing your quote.

1. Could you confirm if this requires a Georgia GC license to bid & perform?

Yes. A Georgia General Contractor license will be required for the contractor contracting directly with the County to perform this work, unless the responder can establish that the entire scope qualifies for a specific exemption recognized by the Georgia State Licensing Board.

The project involves the construction and installation of a permanent structural system, including 50-foot poles, foundations, structural supports, and associated components. Georgia law generally requires a licensed General Contractor to contract for, offer to perform, or perform construction of public and other structures. Any responder relying on a specialty-contractor exemption will be responsible for demonstrating that the proposed scope falls within that exemption.

2. Based on the overall height and spacing of the system, we do not feel the pole size currently shown on the plans is adequate for this application. We reviewed the system with our engineer to make sure we were recommending the safest and most durable option, and his recommendation is to use 16" poles. The larger poles will provide the strength and rigidity needed for the system, prevent bending over time, and ultimately provide a safer, longer-lasting system. We wanted to bring this recommendation to your attention so the project team can consider what we believe is the appropriate system for this application.

The County acknowledges the concern regarding the 3½-inch Schedule 40 steel poles currently identified in the RFQ.

Given the proposed 50-foot height, pole spacing, netting area, and wind loading imposed on the system, the final pole and foundation design must be supported by structural engineering. The County will not require installation of a specified pole size where the project engineer determines that the specified member is inadequate for the intended application.

The complete system shall be designed for the actual site conditions and applicable loads and shall include the poles, netting, foundations, embedment, connections, cables, attachment points, and other structural components necessary for a complete installation.

3. **We are reviewing RFQ 27047-A for the Kiwanis Park Barrier Netting project and request clarification regarding the pole specifications on page 7. The specifications call for two Schedule 40, 3½-inch-diameter steel poles extending 50 feet above finished grade. After reviewing the proposed height and spacing with our supplier, Unlimited Sports Solutions, they expressed concern that the specified pole diameter is inadequate for this application. USS consulted their engineer, whose recommendation is to use 16-inch-diameter poles. The larger poles are recommended to provide the structural strength needed for the netting system, limit excessive bending under anticipated loads (some of which we are already seeing at the park), and support a safer, longer-lasting installation. Will the County allow substitution of 16-inch-diameter steel poles, with final pole construction, foundation dimensions, embedment depth, and support requirements established through engineering? The proposed system would be supported by stamped engineered drawings and structural calculations for County review and approval, as required by the RFQ. Please confirm whether this substitution is acceptable for inclusion in our quote and whether an addendum will be issued clarifying the pole requirements.**

The County will allow an engineered alternate pole system to be proposed. However, acceptance should not be interpreted as approval of a 16-inch-diameter pole specifically based solely upon diameter.

The final pole diameter, wall thickness, steel specification, height, foundation dimensions, embedment depth, reinforcement, connections, netting loads, wind loads, and other structural requirements shall be established by the project engineer.

Prior to installation, sealed structural drawings and calculations prepared by a Georgia-licensed design professional shall be submitted to the County for review and approval. The engineered design shall demonstrate compliance with the applicable adopted codes and design criteria and shall address the complete barrier-netting system.

For quote purposes, responders may base their proposal on an engineered alternate system meeting these requirements.

REVISIONS AND ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

The pole specifications contained in the original RFQ are hereby revised to allow an engineered alternate pole system as described in the responses above. To the extent that the original RFQ requires 3½-inch Schedule 40 steel poles and that requirement conflicts with this addendum, this addendum shall govern.

Prior to installation, the successful contractor shall also provide detailed manufacturer installation instructions for the proposed system, along with the required sealed structural drawings and calculations, for County review and approval.

All costs associated with the engineered pole system, structural design, required documentation, manufacturer installation requirements, materials, foundations, installation, and related components shall be included in the responder's lump-sum quote.

Received by (Name): _____ Company _____

Note: If this addendum is not returned to the Fayette County Purchasing Department, or if it is returned unsigned, responding individuals, companies, or other organizations will still be responsible for the requirements of this addendum and the specifications or changes herein.

The due date for this RFQ **remains unchanged**. Quotes will be accepted until **3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 20, 2026**. Quotes must be received via email to Tamia Carnell, Buyer & Contract Coordinator, at tcarnell@fayettecountyga.gov or via fax to (770) 719-5534 at or before the due date.

Questions regarding this solicitation will be accepted until **3:00 p.m. on Friday, October 9, 2026**. After that time, the County will not be able to respond to inquiries regarding this project.

For administrative matters or questions about the procurement process, please contact Tamia Carnell, Buyer & Contract Coordinator at (770) 305-5150 or email at tcarnell@fayettecountyga.gov.

Sincerely,



Ted L. Burgess
Director of Purchasing