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Hampton Raulerson
County Manager
Ben Hill County Board of Commissioners
212 E Central Street
Fitzgerald, GA 31750

**Re: Fitzgerald and Ben Hill County Regional Solid Waste Management Authority
Request for Proposals for Engineering Services**

Dear Mr. Raulerson:

We have enclosed the Statement of Qualifications to respond to the City of Fitzgerald / Ben Hill County Solid Waste Authority (Authority) Request for Qualifications, dated August 5, 2026, for engineering services to support the closure of the Authority MSW and C&D Landfills. Once qualifications are reviewed by the Authority and a selection is made, HHNT can discuss the scopes for each part of the project and provide a detail of project costs.

Should you have any questions, please call.

Sincerely,

HODGES, HARBIN, NEWBERRY & TRIBBLE, INC.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'RBL', followed by a horizontal flourish.

R. Brant Lane, P.E.
Principal / Professional Engineer

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Enclosure

Engineering Statement of Qualifications

Engineering Services for Closure of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) and Construction & Demolition (C&D) Landfills

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NAME OF FIRM: Hodges, Harbin, Newberry & Tribble, Inc.

ADDRESS: 3920 Arkwright Road, Suite 101, Macon, Georgia 31210

1. **Years in Business in Present Form:** 36

2. **Firm's History and Resource Capability to Perform Required Services**
Describe your firm's history, organizational structure, and qualifications to perform landfill closure engineering services. Include your firm's experience with solid waste facilities, environmental engineering, geotechnical engineering, and construction administration.

Hodges, Harbin, Newberry & Tribble, Inc. (HHNT) is a civil and environmental engineering consulting firm founded in 1990 and headquartered in Macon, Georgia. HHNT is recognized throughout the Southeast as a leader in solid waste consulting, landfill design, permitting, compliance management, construction oversight, and operational assistance.

Our engineering and environmental professionals have provided services on more than 2,000 environmental and solid waste projects for public and private clients. HHNT provides comprehensive landfill services including:

- Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) landfill design and permitting
- Construction and Demolition (C&D) landfill design and permitting
- Landfill closure and post-closure plans
- Regulatory permitting and agency coordination
- Construction administration and construction quality assurance support
- Leachate collection and management systems
- Landfill gas management systems
- Stormwater management and environmental compliance
- Survey coordination
- Financial assurance and closure / post-closure cost estimates

HHNT routinely assists local governments, solid waste authorities, and private landfill owners with landfill closure projects, operational planning, permitting modifications, environmental compliance, construction oversight, and final certification documentation. HHNT will utilize Bunnell-Lammons Engineering, Inc. (BLE) for geotechnical engineering

assistance and third-party construction quality assurance (CQA) services. HHNT and BLE have successfully worked together and completed hundreds of landfill construction and closure projects across Georgia and southeastern states. Additionally, BLE has provided geotechnical support on the closure system design and conducted the borrow study evaluation on the soils intended for use in the Fitzgerald / Ben Hill County closure construction project.

HHNT's organizational structure is very simple and flat. A principal of the firm (Mr. Brant Lane) will manage the effort for the proposed closure project and has worked with the Fitzgerald – Ben Hill County Regional Solid Waste Management Authority (Authority) for over 23 years. The principal will be assisted by professional engineers and project engineers to deliver the complete set of closure construction and bidding documents. This same team will evaluate the bids, assist with contract award and construction administration.

3. Experience with Similar Projects

Provide a summary of your firm's experience with projects similar in scope and complexity, including the closure of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) and Construction & Demolition (C&D) landfills. For each project, include project name, owner, location, year completed (or current status), construction cost, scope of services provided, contact name and telephone number.

Project Name	Owner	Year Completed (Or current Status)	Construction Cost	Scope of Services	Contact Name and Telephone Number
Savannah Regional Landfill Partial Closure	Republic Services	2018	Approximately \$2,500,000	Design, Bidding, and Construction Administration	Nick Webber 843-266-2600
Savannah Regional Landfill Partial Closure	Republic Services	2020	Approximately \$4,000,000	Design, Bidding, and Construction Administration	Nick Webber 843-266-2600
Evergreen Landfill Partial Closure	Advanced Disposal Services	2016	Approximately 1,600,000	Design, Bidding, and Construction Administration	Gerald Allen 228-213-0764
Little Dixie Landfill 2026 Partial Closure	Republic Services	Currently Out for Bid	Approximately 4,000,000	Design, Bidding, and Construction	Will McWhorter 615-410-1508

Sand Valley Landfill 2024 West Slope Closure	Republic Services	2024	Approximately 3,000,000	Administration Design, Bidding, and Construction Administration	Amber Hoffman 205-401-1737
Sand Valley Landfill 2025 Northeast Partial Closure	Republic Services	2025	Approximately 3,200,000	Design, Bidding, and Construction Administration	Amber Hoffman 205-401-1737

Note: Approximately 15 more landfill closure projects have been completed by HHNT in the Southeastern U.S. in the last 10 years. Additional Information on these projects can be provided upon request.

4. Knowledge of Applicable Regulations

Describe your firm's experience working with the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD), the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA), and other applicable regulatory agencies on landfill closure or solid waste projects.

HHNT has extensive experience working directly with the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD), Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA), and similar regulatory agencies throughout the southeastern United States. HHNT has worked on over 100 solid waste facility projects in Georgia and maintains an exceptional working relationship with EPD. Our staff routinely prepare landfill permit applications, closure and post-closure plans, operational plans, permit modifications, financial assurance cost estimates, construction certifications, and environmental compliance documentation on these facilities and coordinate with EPD on the plan approvals and implementation. Since GEFA funding is seldom used for landfill closure projects by our clients, HHNT has not completed a landfill closure project through GEFA. However, HHNT has completed other projects such as water distribution and elevated water tanks utilizing GEFA and OneGeorgia funding.

5. **Firm Organization**

List the names, titles, business addresses, and professional registrations of all principals or officers of the firm.

R. Brant Lane, P.E.	Principal	12 E. Grady Street, Statesboro, GA 30458	South Carolina #21474; Georgia #27185; North Carolina #27198; Florida #62092; Virginia #48990; Alabama #24594; Mississippi #20929; Louisiana #39556; Tennessee #116167; Texas #104442
W. Michael Stubbs, P.E.	President / Principal	3920 Arkwright Road, Suite 101, Macon, GA 31210	Alabama PE #24638; Florida PE #62092; Georgia PE #27108; Louisiana PE #41418; Mississippi PE #18216; Missouri PE #2011021697; North Carolina PE #28063; South Carolina PE #21718; Tennessee PE #113765; Texas PE #109589; Virginia PE #402058156
K. Matthew Cheek, P.E.	Principal	3920 Arkwright Road, Suite 101, Macon, GA 31210	Alabama PE #31360; Georgia PE #30798; North Carolina PE #32249; Tennessee PE #120251; Virginia PE #48721
Daniel E. Cheek, P.E.	Principal	3920 Arkwright Road, Suite 101, Macon, GA 31210	Georgia PE #30797; South Carolina PE #25421; Alabama PE #35305; Mississippi PE #29353; Tennessee PE #116531; Arkansas PE #19753
Clint Courson, CHMM	Principal	3920 Arkwright Road, Suite 101, Macon, GA 31210	Certified Hazardous Materials Manager, CHMM No. 15202

6. **Professional Licenses and Registrations**

List all applicable professional licenses, certifications, and registrations held by the firm and key personnel, including Professional Engineers licensed in Georgia.

HHNT maintains a highly qualified professional staff with active Professional Engineer (PE) registrations in Georgia and numerous additional states throughout the Southeast and across the United States. Our key personnel include 15 Georgia-licensed Professional Engineers, 4 Certified Hazardous Materials Managers (CHMM), 3 Professional Wetland Scientists (PWS), LEED Accredited Professionals (LEED AP), and 1 Qualified Hydrologic Professional (QHP). In addition, HHNT maintains the corporate registrations and certificates of authorization required to practice engineering in multiple states.

7. **Does your firm carry Errors and Omissions Insurance?** YES ☒ NO ☐

8. **Project Understanding and Approach**

Briefly describe your understanding of the project and your proposed approach to completing the landfill closure, including regulatory coordination, design, permitting, construction administration, QA/QC, and post-closure documentation.

HHNT is very familiar with the Fitzgerald – Ben Hill County Landfill (Landfill) and the Fitzgerald - Ben Hill County Regional Solid Waste Management Authority (Authority), having served as the primary consultant for the facility for over 23 years. HHNT also completed the updated facility permit documents during the last 5-year permit review process required by EPD. We understand the Authority's desire to close both the municipal solid waste (MSW) and construction and demolition (C&D) areas of the facility. HHNT worked to get an alternate MSW cap system approved for the landfill many years ago in preparation for landfill closure and to reduce landfill closure costs. HHNT and Bunnell-Lammons Engineering, Inc. (BLE) have also evaluated the nearby borrow area to confirm suitable soil is available for the proposed closure design system. Closure design plans and technical specifications (90% level) have been prepared by HHNT and discussed with the Authority. These plans were the basis for the cost estimate developed for closure. HHNT has previously assisted the Authority with coordination with Georgia EPD and has kept EPD abreast of the Authority's plans for closure.

Following final completion of the MSW and C&D closure plans, HHNT will amend the permit drawings to reflect the proposed closure design and submit the plans to EPD as a minor permit modification. HHNT has been in contact with EPD regarding the proposed design and anticipates no issues with permitting. HHNT proposes to provide construction administration services using internal resources familiar with landfill closure construction in Georgia. These engineers are currently working on landfill closure projects that will be completed later this year.

HHNT proposes utilizing BLE for third-party construction quality assurance (CQA) services on the closure project. BLE is a geotechnical engineering firm with approximately 30 years of experience in landfill construction and closure projects and has recently provided geotechnical engineering services associated with the proposed closure project for the Authority. HHNT and BLE have completed hundreds of similar landfill construction and closure projects together across Georgia and the Southeastern U.S. HHNT will manage the efforts of BLE, so the Authority has one primary point of contact for the project. We propose to allow the Authority to contract directly with BLE to avoid any mark-up for sub-consultant services.

9. **Project Schedule**

Provide an estimated schedule for completion of the following:

- Site assessment and field investigations
- Closure design
- Regulatory permitting
- Bid documents
- Construction administration
- Final certification and project closeout

See attached Schedule.

10. **Key Personnel**

List the personnel who will be assigned to this project.

Name	Title	Years of Experience	Professional Registrations	Specific Role on the Project	Relevant Years of Landfill Closure Experience
R. Brant Lane	Principal/Professional Engineer	29	Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, NPDES Level II Design	Principal / Project Manager	29
Ryan Willoughby	Professional Engineer II	21	Georgia, North Carolina, NPDES Level II Design	Senior Engineer	15
Avery Rogers	Professional Engineer II	8	Georgia, South Carolina, NPDES Level II Design	Assistant Project Manager	8
Ryan Savage	Professional Engineer	4	Georgia	Project Engineer	4

11. **Subconsultants**

Identify any proposed subconsultants (geotechnical, surveying, environmental, testing, etc.) and describe the services each will provide.

HHNT typically manages the effort associated with third party construction quality assurance (CQA) on landfill construction and closure projects. HHNT has worked with all firms that routinely provide CQA services on landfill projects in Georgia. For purposes of this proposal HHNT has selected Bunnell-Lammons Engineering, Inc, (BLE) to provide CQA services and geotechnical engineering assistance for the proposed landfill closure project. BLE has provided geotechnical

support on the closure system design and conducted the borrow study evaluation on the soils intended for use in the Fitzgerald / Ben Hill County closure construction project.

HHNT proposes to utilize SAM surveyors for as-built certification surveys and any additional topographic survey information that may be needed for bidding and project management during construction. SAM has an office in Warner Robbins, Georgia and has performed hundreds of as-built certification surveys on HHNT landfill and closure projects throughout Georgia and the southeastern states. They are familiar with the scheduling and timeliness of work needed during landfill construction and the information needed for complete as-built surveys. HHNT will manage the surveying effort and coordinate all work to be conducted by SAM.

12. **Current Workload and Availability**

Describe your firm's current workload and confirm your ability to complete this project within the anticipated schedule.

HHNT has been planning to assist the Authority with this project for several years. We have already completed draft (90%) construction documents, and our engineers have visited the site multiple times during preparation of the closure construction documents. We have experienced staff in offices in Middle and South Georgia with capacity in the remainder of 2026 and 2027 to provide minor updates to the closure documents and assist with bidding and construction administration.

13. **References**

Provide at least three (3) references for projects of similar scope and complexity completed within the last ten years.

Reference Name	Project Title	Contact Information
Hampton Raulerson	Fitzgerald / Ben Hill County Landfill Consulting	912-390-0080 hampton.raulerson@benhillcounty- ga.gov
Nick Webber	Savannah Closure Projects	843-266-2600 nwebber@republicservices.com
Amber Hoffman	Sand Valley Closure Projects	205-401-1737 Ahoffman2@republicservices.com

9. Project Schedule

Task	Start Date	Completion Date
Site assessment and field investigations	Nov 1, 2026	Dec 1, 2026
Closure design and bid documents	Dec 1, 2026	Jan 15, 2027
Regulatory permitting	Jan 1, 2027	Mar 1, 2027
Project bidding and award	Jan 15, 2027	Mar 15, 2027
Landfill closure construction	Apr 15, 2027	Nov 15, 2027
Final CQA certification and project closeout	Nov 15, 2027	Dec 15, 2027