

COOPERATIVE PURCHASING/STATEWIDE/GSA

USE JUSTIFICATION FORM

Department Name: Department of Real Estate and Asset Management

Contract # and Title: SWC #99999-001-SPD-0000164-0002- Natural Gas Firm Delivery Service and SWC #99999-001-SPD0000192-0002- Natural Gas Interruptible Delivery Service.

Date: November 23, 2021

In order to utilize the use of cooperative purchasing, statewide or a GSA contract the User Department is responsible for providing the following justification information:

1. Provide justification for the use of the cooperative purchasing/statewide/GSA contract your department would like to utilize:

This contract will provide natural gas services to all County facilities which include 104 firm delivery accounts and one (1) interruptible account for the Fulton County Jail Complex through December 2022. The cost for this natural gas services contract is projected based on the consumption during the previous year and both the fixed firm/ fixed interruptible accounts and adjusted for inflation and escalating gas prices for projected usage for the next 12 months.

In using the statewide contract for natural gas, the County is able to save money on the fluctuating cost of natural gas by participating in volume buying.

The benefits of this contract are as follows:

- Aggregated volume under SWC reduces gas costs; more than 20¢ per therm, which is below per therm prices for commercial non-contract customers.
- Provides tools to capture, identify, audit and track natural gas use by individual account.
- Customized contracts for each customer structured to achieve best value based on facility service needs.
- Provides a Professional Statewide Natural Gas Program Manager assigned to administer the contract.

- Efficient coordination using an expert in the field to interface between suppliers and program participants. This ensures premium customer service & quick problem resolution.
 - A Manager that monitors/audits contract compliance to include verification of monthly billing/invoices.
 - Benchmark costs and total savings tracked/trended for each customer.
 - Use of the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA), the State's energy office expert, to assist with contract management oversight.
2. Attach a copy of the cooperative purchasing/statewide/GSA contract document or the contract information.
- See Attached
3. Provide an explanation regarding the cost analysis conducted and why utilizing this contract is best value. Costs must be analyzed to ensure that the use is best value for the County. (check all appropriate)
- X leveraging benefits of volume purchasing
 - X volume discounts
 - X service delivery requirement advantages
 - X reduction of cycle times
 - X enhanced service specification

Additional information: