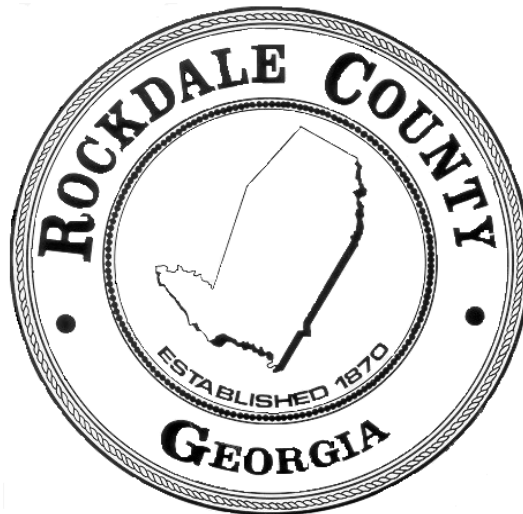


ROCKDALE COUNTY, GEORGIA

June 30, 2026

PORTABLE MESSAGE BOARD INVITATION TO BID No. 26-08



**ROCKDALE COUNTY FINANCE DEPARTMENT
PROCUREMENT DIVISION
958 MILSTEAD AVENUE
CONYERS, GA 30012
770-278-7557**

INTRODUCTION:

This is an Invitation to Bid (ITB) for the purchase of **Portable Message Board** in Rockdale County. Instructions for preparation and submission of a bid are contained in this packet. Bids must be typed or printed in ink.

The Contractor will furnish all products, tools, construction equipment, skill, and labor of every description necessary to carry out and to complete in a good, firm, substantial workmanlike manner for **Portable Message Board** in accordance with the County's Request for Proposal No. **26-08** incorporated herein by reference, (hereinafter called "Work"), and Contractor's Proposal. Contractor shall provide, at their expense, all vehicles and equipment necessary to provide this work.

Rockdale County provides equal opportunity for all businesses and does not discriminate against any person or business because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, and handicap, or veterans' status. This policy ensures all segments of the business community have access to supplying the goods and services needed by Rockdale County.

PURCHASING CONTACT FOR THIS REQUEST:

All questions concerning this ITB and all questions arising subsequent to award are to be addressed to the Purchasing Division via email to Diane Randell, at diane.randell@rockdalecountyga.gov.

Rockdale County Finance Department
Purchasing Division
Attn: Diane Randell
958 Milstead Avenue
Conyers, GA 30012
Phone: (770) 278-7557
E-mail: diane.randell@rockdalecountyga.gov

To maintain a "level playing field", and to assure that all bidders receive the same information, bidders are requested **NOT** to contact anyone other than the contact above until after the award of the contract. Doing so could result in disqualification of the bidder.

BID COPIES FOR EVALUATION:

One (1) USB Flash Drive and One (1) Hard Copy in Adobe PDF format will be required for review purposes. Flash Drives that are blank or have incorrect information on them will not be acceptable and may be justification for disqualification. Check your Flash Drive(s) to ensure that they have the appropriate material on it before submitting. No hard copies will be accepted.

The ITB number must be clearly written on the outside of the envelope. **Incomplete, incorrect, unsealed, unmarked, or improperly submitted bids may be rejected.**

CONTRACT TERM:

The contract term is **TBD**.

DUE DATE:

Sealed bids will be received at the Rockdale County Finance Department, Procurement Division, 958 Milstead Avenue, Conyers, GA 30012 no later than **2:00 P.M., local time, Thursday, July 30, 2026.** Bids received after this time will not be accepted. Bidders are not required to attend bid opening.

QUESTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS:

All questions and/or requests for clarifications concerning this ITB must be submitted to the Purchasing Division via email to diane.randell@rockdalecountyga.gov or at the above address no later than **2:00 p.m., local time, on Thursday, July 23, 2026.** It shall be the Bidders responsibility to seek clarification as early as possible prior to the due date and time. Written responses from the County to the questions it receives will be in an addendum and posted to the County's website at www.rockdalecountyga.gov, under Bid Opportunities. Questions or requests for clarifications received after this deadline will not receive a response.

ADDENDA:

Answers to questions submitted that materially change the conditions and specifications of this ITB will be issued in an addendum and posted to the County's website at www.rockdalecountyga.gov under Bid Opportunities. Any discussions or documents will be considered non-binding unless incorporated and issued in an addendum.

It is the bidder's responsibility to check the Rockdale County website at www.rockdalecountyga.gov, under Bid Opportunities for any addenda that may be issued, prior to submitting a bid for this ITB.

WARRANTY AND / OR GUARANTY:

The bidder will state below or will furnish a separate letter attachment which fully explains the condition of Warranty and/or Guaranty. If no Warranty and/or Guaranty is applicable, it must be so stated. NOTE: Failure to respond to the requirement of this paragraph may result in the bid being non-responsive.

FOREIGN PRODUCTS:

Rockdale County prefers to buy items produced and/or manufactured in the United States of America; however, foreign products may be considered provided it is so stated. Bidder certifies that item(s) offered on this bid is/are manufactured/produced in the United States.

Yes No _____

If "No" state place: _____

DELIVERY:

The delivery Date and Time is TBD.

All prices are to be firm, **F.O.B. Destination, Freight Prepaid and Allowed.**

Delivery must be made between 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. Monday through Friday, unless otherwise requested.

Failure to respond to the requirement of this section may result in the bid being non-responsive.

DELIVERY F.O.B.: The successful bidder shall give 24-hour prior notice of delivery to Division calling in the order; and **must ask for caller's Purchase Order Number at that time**, when giving such prior Notice.

NOTE: F.O.B. POINT: Unless otherwise stated in the invitation and any resulting contract, or qualified by the bidder, all articles will be F.O.B. Destination, Freight Prepaid and Allowed. This shall include delivered, unloaded, and placed in designated place. Successful bidder must comply with this paragraph.

F.O.B. LOCATION: 3500 East Fairview Road.
Stockbridge, Georgia 30281
Telephone: (770) 278-8405

QUALIFICATIONS OF OFFERORS:

Bidders must have a current business license from their home office jurisdiction and provide a copy of that license with the submittal of their bid response. Rockdale County vendors doing business in Rockdale County must have a current Rockdale County Business License.

Bids from any offeror that is in default on the payment of any taxes, license fees, or other monies due to Rockdale County will not be accepted.

Bidders are to submit at least **three (3) references** from projects with similar experience using the materials and process in this Invitation to Bid.

DEBRIEFINGS:

In lieu of Post-Award debriefings, Rockdale County will provide the final evaluation Score Sheet. The Score Sheet will include the scores for all firms who responded and will typically be provided with a PDF file and e-mailed.

SILIENCE OF SPECIFICATIONS

The apparent silence of these specifications and any supplemental specifications as to any details, or the omission from it of a detailed description concerning any point, shall be regarded as meaning that only the best commercial practices are to prevail and that only materials of first quality and correct type, size and design are to be used. All workmanship is to be first quality. All interpretations of this specification shall be made upon the basis of this statement, with County interpretation to prevail.

OPTION TO AUDIT

Successful bidder will be required to maintain complete records during the life of the contract and for a period of one year after completion of the contract. Such records are to be made available to the County if officially requested, to be audited by a designated County auditing staff. In such audits reveal overcharges and/or undercharges, such will be adjusted, and compensation made by either party to correct charges.

TORT IMMUNITY:

No officer, employee, or agent of the County acting within the scope of his/her employment or function shall be held personally liable in tort or named as a defendant in any action for injury or damage suffered because of any act, event, or failure to act.

SUBMITTAL COST AND CONFIDENTIALITY

Careful consideration should be given before submitting confidential information to Rockdale County. The Georgia Open Records Act permits public scrutiny of most materials collected as part of this process. Please clearly mark any information that is considered a trade secret, as defined by the Georgia Trade Secrets Act of 1990, O.C.G.A. §10-1-760 et seq., as trade secrets are exempt from disclosure under the Open Records Act. Rockdale County does not guarantee the confidentiality of any information not clearly marked as a trade secret.

OPEN RECORDS

The contents of the bids will not be made public until after an award and contract has been executed.

AWARD OF CONTRACT:

The Rockdale County Procurement Office and/or Evaluation Committee make a recommendation for award. The Board of Commissioners will make the actual award of the contract and has the authority to award the contract to a company different than the company recommended by the Procurement Office and/or Evaluation Committee. Rockdale County reserves the right to make no awards, multiple awards, one award for all items; or whatever the County deems to be in its best interest.

SELECTION PROCESS:

The Rockdale County Procurement Office and/or Evaluation Committee make a recommendation for award. The Board of Commissioners will make the actual award of the contract and has the authority to award the contract to a company different than the company recommended by the Purchasing Department and/or Evaluation Committee.

This is a past performance/quality/price trade-off source selection in which competing offeror's past and present performance history and product quality will be evaluated on a basis approximately equal to price.

Award will be made to the responsible offeror whose bid represents the best value after evaluation in accordance with the factors listed below. Rockdale County Board of Commissioners may reject any or all bids if such action is in the county's interest.

Rockdale County may evaluate bids and award a contract without discussions with offerors. Therefore, the offeror's initial bid should contain the offeror's best terms from a price and technical standpoint. The

County reserves the right to conduct discussions if the County later determines them to be necessary.

INSURANCE:

Before starting any work, the successful contractor must furnish to Rockdale County certificate(s) of insurance from companies doing business in Georgia. The Company shall maintain in full force and effect the following insurance during the term of the Agreement:

<u>Coverages:</u>	<u>Limits of Liability:</u>
Workers' Compensation	Statutory
Employers' Liability	\$1,000,000.00
Bodily Injury Liability	\$1,000,000.00 each occurrence
except Automobile	\$1,000,000.00 aggregate
Property Damage Liability	\$1,000,000.00 each occurrence
except Automobile	\$1,000,000.00 aggregate
Personal & Advertising Injury Limit	\$1,000,000.00
Products / Completed Ops.	\$2,000,000.00 aggregate
Automobile Bodily Injury	\$1,000,000.00 each person
Liability	\$1,000,000.00 each occurrence
Automobile Property Damage	\$1,000,000.00 each occurrence
Liability	

All insurance shall be provided by an insurer(s) acceptable to the County and shall provide for thirty (30) days prior notice of cancellation to the County. Upon contract award, Contractor shall deliver to the County a certificate or policy of insurance evidencing Contractor's compliance with this paragraph. Contractor shall abide by all terms and conditions of the insurance and shall do nothing to impair or invalidate the coverage.

Rockdale, GA shall be named as Additional Insured under any General Liability, Business Auto and Umbrella Policies using ISO Additional Insured Endorsement forms CG 2010 or its equivalent. Coverage shall apply as Primary and non-contributory with Waiver of Subrogation in favor of Rockdale County, Georgia.

The insurance carrier must have a minimum rating of A or higher as determined by the rating firm A.M. Best.

Certificates must contain policy number, policy limits, and policy expiration date of all policies. The Invitation to Bid (ITB) number and project name must be inserted in the Description of Operations section of the certificate.

Certificates are to be issued to:
 Rockdale County, Georgia
 958 Milstead Avenue
 Conyers, GA 30012

PERMITS:

The awarded contractor will be responsible for acquiring any permits that are required for this project/purchase. Rockdale County will waive fees on all permits issued by Rockdale County.

ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION REFORM AND ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2011

Vendors submitting a Qualification package in response to this ITB must complete the Contractor Affidavit under O.C.G.A. §13-10-91(b)(1) which is provided with the ITB package to verify compliance with the Illegal Immigration Reform and Enforcement Act of 2011.

- A. The form must be signed by an authorized officer of the contractor or their authorized agent.
- B. The form must be notarized.
- C. The contractor will be required to have all subcontractors and sub-subcontractors who are engaged to complete physical performance of services under the final contract executed between the County and the contractor complete the appropriate subcontractor and sub-subcontractor affidavits and return them to the County a minimum of five (5) days prior to any work being accomplished by said subcontractor or sub-subcontractor. Format for this affidavit can be provided to the contractor if necessary.

LOCAL VENDOR PREFERENCE POLICY

The Rockdale County Board of Commissioners adopted a Local Vendor Preference Policy on March 26, 2013. The Local Vendor Preference Policy allows Rockdale County vendors to get an extra 5 points on the evaluation criteria scoring for Request for Proposal. The Policy will give the local bidder the opportunity to match the price of a non-local vendor's bid price if they are low and within 5% of the low bidder's price on Invitations to Bid. A copy of the Policy may be downloaded from the County website at www.rockdalecountyga.gov, Government, Finance, Finance Policies. Local vendors interested in being considered for the Local Vendor Preference must submit an Affidavit of Eligibility with their bid response. The form is attached to these bid documents.

The Local Vendor Preference Policy: will X / will not _____ - apply to this ITB.

PIGGYBACKING

Rockdale County encourages and agrees to the successful bidder extending the pricing, terms and conditions of this solicitation or resultant contract to other governmental entities at the discretion of the successful bidder.

GENERAL INFORMATION:**RECEIPT OF BID:**

No bids received after said time or at any place other than the time and place as stated in the notice shall be considered. No responsibility shall attach to Rockdale County for the premature opening of a bid not properly addressed and identified.

WITHDRAWAL OF BID:

A bidder may withdraw his bid before the bid due date, without prejudice to the bidder, by submitting a written request of withdrawal to the Rockdale County Procurement Office.

REJECTION OF BID:

Rockdale County may reject any and all bids and must reject a bid of any party who has been delinquent or unfaithful in any formal contract with Rockdale County. Also, the right is reserved to waive any irregularities or informalities in any bid in the proposing procedure. Rockdale County shall be the sole judge as to which bid is best, and in ascertaining this, will take into consideration the business integrity, financial resources, facilities for performing the work, and experience in similar operations of the various bidders.

STATEMENT OF EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS:

The bidder may be required, upon request, to prove to the satisfaction of Rockdale County that he/she has the skill, experience, necessary facilities, and ample financial resources to perform the contract(s) in a satisfactory manner and within the required time. If the available evidence of competency of any bidder is not satisfactory, the bid of such bidder may be rejected. The successful bidder is required to comply with and abide by all applicable federal and state laws in effect at the time the contract is awarded.

NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT:

By submitting a bid, the bidder represents and warrants that such bid is genuine and not sham or collusive or made in the interest or in behalf of any person not therein named, that the bidder has not directly or indirectly induced or solicited any other bidder to put in a sham bid, or any other person, firm or corporation to refrain from proposing and that the bidder has not in any manner sought by collusion to secure to that bidder any advantage over any other bidder.

INTEREST OF:

By submitting a bid, the bidder represents and warrants that a Commissioner, Administrator, employee, nor any other person employed by Rockdale County has, in any manner, an interest, directly or indirectly, in the bid or in the contract which may be made under it, or in any expected profits to arise therefrom.

DOCUMENTS DEEMED PART OF THE CONTRACT:

The notice, invitation to bidders, general conditions, and instructions for bidders, special conditions, specifications, bid, and addenda, if any, will be deemed part of the contract.

GOVERNING LAWS:

This contract is made under and shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Georgia.

ERRORS AND OMISSIONS:

The vendor shall not take advantage of any errors or omissions in this Bid Request and shall promptly notify Rockdale County of any omissions or errors found in this document.

STANDARD INSTRUCTIONS:

1. The instructions contained herein shall be construed as a part of any bid invitation and/or specifications issued by Rockdale County and must be followed by each bidder.
2. The written specifications contained in this bid shall not be changed or superseded except by written addendum from Rockdale County. Failure to comply with the written specifications for this bid may result in disqualification by Rockdale County.
3. All goods and materials shall be F.O.B. Destination Conyers, Georgia and no freight or postage charges will be paid by Rockdale County unless such charges are included in the bid price.
4. The following number, ITB No. **26-08**, must be written clearly on the outside of USB Flash Drive proposal envelope in order to avoid prior opening in error.
5. All USB Flash Drive proposals must be received and in-hand at proposal due date and time. Each proposer assumes the responsibility for having his/her proposal received at the designated time and place of proposal due date. USB Flash Drive Proposals received after the stated time and date may be subject to rejection without consideration, regardless of postmark. Rockdale County accepts no responsibility for mail delivery.
6. Unless otherwise stated, all bids submitted shall be valid and may not be withdrawn for a period of 120 days from the due date.
7. The Proposal Form submitted on the USB Flash Drive **must be the first page** and include the name of the business, mailing address, the name, title and signature of the person submitting the proposal.
8. Rockdale County reserves the right to accept a bid that is not the lowest price if, in the County's judgment, such bid is in the best interest of the County and the public. The County reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
9. Telephone, Emailed or Facsimile bids will not be accepted.
10. No sales tax will be charged on any orders except for contracts that include construction materials being purchased through a third party.

Federal I.D. #58-6000882
Sales Tax Exempt #308750008
11. If applicable, completed questionnaires must be signed manually. Rockdale County reserves the right to accept or reject any bid on the basis of incomplete or inaccurate answers to the questionnaire.
12. If applicable, warranty information shall be provided.
13. Bidders shall state delivery time after receiving order.
14. Bidders shall identify any subcontractors and include an explanation of the service or product that they may provide.

BID SPECIFICATIONS:

The specifications are as follows and on the attached pages:

General:

Purchase Price shall include delivery, F.O.B. Rockdale County, Conyers, GA 30012.

Include any brochures and specifications that pertain to the equipment that you are proposing.

List any options and the cost for the options separately.

Warranty information must be provided with the submittal of bid.

All manuals associated with the equipment must be delivered with the equipment at no additional charge to Rockdale County.

TECHNICAL:

Portable Message Board with Hand-Operated Winch (Display Size:48-inch x 78 inch).

- Full matrix display – 12 inches default font, variable front sizes
- 100W solar panel – Four 6 Volt deep cycle batteries, 400 Ah total capacity
- 15-amp charger
- Telescoping hand winch tower with 360 – degree rotation
- Internal Touch-Screen Sign Controller
- Orange powder coat finish
- 2-inch Ball hitch
- Removal draw bar with front with jack stand
- High Density Polyethylene fenders.



ROCKDALE COUNTY
LOCAL VENDOR PREFERENCE

AFFIDAVIT OF ELIGIBILITY

Complete all areas below. Incomplete forms may be rejected.

1. LEGAL NAME OF FIRM: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Physical Address (if different): _____

2. Year your business was established in Rockdale County: _____

3. Business License:

License Number: _____ County _____

4. For transactions which require sales tax, provide the following Reseller information:

Reseller Permit Number: — — — — —

Enter the Company Name and Address as it appears on permit:

5. Does your business have more than one office in the State of Georgia?

Yes _____ No _____

If Yes, specify the office location considered as the point-of-sale for sales tax purposes:

6. Was the local business required to pay business and/or real property tax for the most recent tax year?

Yes _____ No _____

If Yes, did the local business pay any of this tax to
Rockdale County? Yes _____ No _____

Under penalty of perjury, the undersigned states that the foregoing statements are true and correct. The undersigned also acknowledges that any person, firm, corporation, or entity intentionally submitting false information to the County in an attempt to qualify for local preference shall be prohibited from bidding on Rockdale County products and services for a period of one (1) year.

Authorized Signature: _____

Date: _____

Printed Name & Title: _____

Phone: _____

BID FORM – ITB No. 26-08

Instructions: Complete all THREE parts of this bid form.

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED WITH YOUR BID.

PART I: Bid Summary

Complete the information below. If you wish to submit more than one brand, make a photocopy of this Bid Form.

QUANTITY ONE (1) PORTABLE MESSAGE BOARD	TOTAL PURCHASE PRICE
	\$

PART II: Addenda Acknowledgements (if applicable)

Each vendor is responsible for determining that all addenda issued by the Rockdale County Finance Department – Purchasing Division have been received before submitting a bid.

Addenda	Date Vendor Received	Initials
"1"		
"2"		
"3"		
"4"		
"5"		
"6"		

PART III: Vendor Information:

Vendor Name	
Address	
Telephone	
E-Mail	
Representative (print name)	
Signature of Representative	
Date Submitted	

**Affidavit Verifying Status
for County Public Benefit Application**

By executing this affidavit under oath, as an applicant for the award of a contract with Rockdale, County Georgia, I _____. [Name of natural person applying on behalf of individual, business, corporation, partnership, or other private entity] am stating the following as required by O.C.G.A. Section 50-36-1:

1) _____ I am a United States citizen

OR

2) _____ I am a legal permanent resident 18 years of age or older or I am an otherwise qualified alien or non-immigrant under the Federal Immigration and Nationality Act 18 years of age or older and lawfully present in the United States.*

In making the above representation under oath, I understand that any person who knowingly and willfully makes a false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation in an affidavit shall be guilty of a violation of Code Section 16-10-20 of the Official Code of Georgia.

Signature of Applicant:

Date

Printed Name:

*

Alien Registration number for non-citizens

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN
BEFORE ME ON THIS THE
_____ DAY OF _____, 202__.

Notary Public
My commission Expires:

***Note:** O.C.G.A. § 50-36-1(e)(2) requires that aliens under the federal Immigration and Nationality Act, Title 8 U.S.C., as amended, provide their registration number. Because legal permanent residents are included in the federal definition of "alien", legal permanent residents must also provide their alien registration number. Qualified aliens that do not have an alien registration number may supply another identifying number below.

BIDDERS CHECKLIST

_____ **ONE (1) FLASH DRIVE and (1) ONE HARD COPY (containing a copy of the Proposal and the Price Proposal in Adobe PDF format) of the following documents: all documents shall be fully completed, signed, and dated:**

_____ **Bidders Form (See Page 12)**

_____ **All Applicable Affidavit Forms (See Page 13)**

_____ **Any Proposed Deviations from the Required Specifications, Including Necessary Explanations and Conditions**

_____ **Proof of Business License**

The purpose of this checklist is to remind bidders of the documents generally required for the bid submittal. It is the bidder's responsibility to include additional documents requested in the bid that may not be shown on the checklist, if applicable.