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**SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY UPDATE
CERTIFICATIONS**

Instructions:

This two page form must, at a minimum, be signed by an authorized representative of the following governments: 1) the county; 2) the city serving as the county seat; 3) all cities having a 2000 population of over 9,000 residing within the county; and 4) no less than 50% of all other cities with a 2000 population of between 500 and 9,000 residing within the county. Cities with a 2000 population below 500 and local authorities providing services under the strategy are not required to sign this form, but are encouraged to do so.

UPDATED SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY FOR Lincoln COUNTY

We, the undersigned authorized representatives of the jurisdictions listed below, certify that:

1. We have reviewed our existing Service Delivery Strategy and have determined that:
(Check only one box for question #1)

- A. Our Strategy continues to accurately reflect our preferred arrangements for providing local services throughout our county and no changes in our Strategy are needed at this time; or
- B. Our Strategy has been revised to reflect our preferred arrangements for providing local services.

If Option A is selected, only this form, signed by the appropriate local government representatives must be provided to DCA.

If Option B is selected, this form, signed by the appropriate local government representatives, must be submitted to DCA along with:

- an updated "Summary of Service Arrangements" form (page 2) for each local service that has been revised/updated;
- any supporting local agreements pertaining to each of these services that has been revised/updated; and
- an updated service area map depicting the agreed upon service area for each provider if there is more than one service provider for each service that has been revised/updated within the county, and if the agreed upon service areas do not coincide with local political boundaries.

2. Each of our governing bodies (County Commission and City Councils) that are a party to this strategy have adopted resolutions agreeing to the Service Delivery arrangements identified in our strategy and have executed agreements for implementation of our service delivery strategy (O.C.G.A. 36-70-21);
3. Our service delivery strategy continues to promote the delivery of local government services in the most efficient, effective, and responsive manner for all residents, individuals and property owners throughout the county (O.C.G.A. 36-70-24(1));
4. Our service delivery strategy continues to provide that water or sewer fees charged to customers located outside the geographic boundaries of a service provider are reasonable and are not arbitrarily higher than the fees charged to customers located within the geographic boundaries of the service provider (O.C.G.A. 36-70-24 (2));
5. Our service delivery strategy continues to ensure that the cost of any services the county government provides (including those jointly funded by the county and one or more municipalities) primarily for the benefit of the unincorporated area of the county are borne by the unincorporated area residents, individuals, and property owners who receive such service (O.C.G.A. 36-70-24 (3));

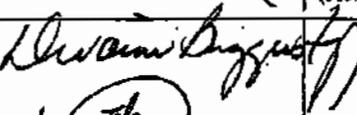
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- 6. Our Service Delivery Strategy continues to ensure that the officially adopted County and City land use plans of all local governments located in the County are compatible and nonconflicting (O.C.G.A. 36-70-24 (4)(A));
- 7. Our Service Delivery Strategy continues to ensure that the provision of extraterritorial water and sewer services by any jurisdiction is consistent with all County and City land use plans and ordinances (O.C.G.A. 36-70-24 (4)(B)); and
- 8. Our Service Delivery Strategy continues to contain an agreed upon process between the county government and each city located in the county to resolve land use classification disputes when the county objects to the proposed land use of an area to be annexed into a city within the county (O.C.G.A. 36-70-24 (4)(C))' and;
- 9. DCA has been provided a copy of this certification and copies of all forms, maps and supporting agreements needed to accurately depict our agreed upon strategy (O.C.G.A. 36-70-27).

If the County does not have an Annexation/Land Use dispute resolution process with each of its cities, list the cities where no agreed upon process exists:

SIGNATURE:	NAME: (Please print or type)	TITLE:	JURISDICTION:	DATE:
	DWAINE BIGGERSTAFF	MAYOR	City of Lincolnton	12/06/04
	Walker T. Norman	Chairman	Lincoln County Board of Commissioners	12/09/04

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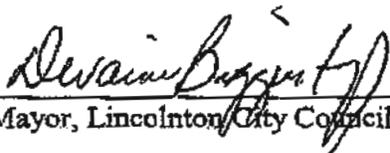
RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION

Adoption of the Lincoln County Service Delivery Strategy

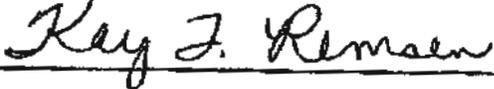
WHEREAS, The Service Delivery Strategy continues to reflect preferred arrangements for providing local services throughout Lincoln County and the City of Lincoln and no changes in the Service Delivery Strategy are needed at this time.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Lincoln City Council does hereby re-adopt the existing Service Delivery Strategy.

Adopted this 6 day of Dec , 2004.



Mayor, Lincoln City Council

ATTEST:


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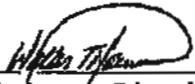
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WHEREAS, The Service Delivery Strategy continues to reflect preferred arrangements for providing local services throughout Lincoln County and the City of Lincolnton and no changes in the Service Delivery Strategy are needed at this time.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Lincoln County Board of Commission does hereby re-adopt the existing Service Delivery Strategy.

Adopted this *9th* day of *December*, 2004.



Chairman, Lincoln County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: *Roxanne B. Ashm, Clerk*





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**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF
COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

Mike Beatty
COMMISSIONER

Sonny Perdue
GOVERNOR

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Walker T. Norman
Chairman, Lincoln County Commission
Post Office Box 340
Lincolnton, Georgia 30817-0340

Honorable Dwaine Biggerstaff
Mayor, City of Lincolnton
Post Office Box 489
Lincolnton, Georgia 30817-0489

FROM: Mike Beatty, *MBeatty*
Commissioner

DATE: December 20, 2004

SUBJECT: Service Delivery Strategy Certification

We have reviewed your certification that the Service Delivery Strategy for Lincoln County and the City of Lincolnton continues to accurately reflect your preferred arrangement for providing local services throughout the county and that no changes in your Strategy are needed at this time. We have determined that this certification of your existing Service Delivery Strategy, made in conjunction with your joint comprehensive plan update, meets the required components and criteria of the law and was properly executed. Therefore, the existing services arrangement for Lincoln and the City of Lincolnton remains verified by our Department.

Please keep in mind that local governments are required to review, and revise if necessary, their approved strategy when any one of the following conditions are met:

- 1) In conjunction with updates of the comprehensive plan; or
- 2) Whenever necessary to change service delivery or revenue distribution arrangements; or
- 3) Whenever necessary due to changes in revenue distribution arrangements (e.g., changes to LOST distribution among the county and its municipalities); or
- 4) In the event of the creation, abolition or consolidation of local governments (or when a City currently located outside of the county annexes property in the county for the first time); or
- 5) When the existing service delivery strategy agreement expires; or
- 6) Whenever the county and affected municipalities agree to revise the strategy.

Honorable Walker T. Norman

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Please also remember that state agencies, as required by law, cannot provide state administered financial assistance, grants, loans, or permits to local projects that are directly inconsistent with the strategy. By agreeing to service areas and service providers, local governments are defining where (and to whom) state capital investment will be provided within the county. Therefore, prior to seeking future state grant, loan or permit assistance for local service improvements, you should continue to ensure that such requests for assistance are consistent with the locally agreed upon Service Delivery Strategy.

Should you have any questions or need further clarification about this verification of the Strategy, please give Renetta Hobson of my staff a call at (404) 679-3111.

MB/rhs

cc: Andy Crosson, Executive Director
Central Savannah River Area RDC