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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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September 15, 2008

Ms. Renetta Hobson  
Georgia Department of Community Affairs  
60 Executive Park South, NE  
Atlanta, GA 30329

Dear Ms. Hobson,

RE: Service Delivery Strategy Update  
Chatham County, Georgia

Enclosed are properly executed certifications indicating that the current Service Delivery Strategy reflects the preferred arrangement for providing services throughout Chatham County and that no changes in strategy are needed at this time.

Certifications include signatures by 1) Chatham County; 2) the City of Savannah (serving as the county seat); and, 3) all cities having a 2000 population over 9,000 (Garden City); not less than 50 percent of all other cities with a 2000 population between 500 and 9,000 (Thunderbolt, Pooler, Port Wentworth, Bloomingdale); cities with a population less than 500 not required but recommended (Vernonburg).

Please call me at 912/651-1446 or Dennis Hutton at 912/651-1450 if you need more documentation or information.

Sincerely,

Thomas L. Thomson, PE AICP  
Executive Director

TLT/dh  
Enclosures

cc: Pete Liakakis, Chairman, Chatham County Commission  
Otis Johnson, Mayor, City of Savannah

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Andy Quinney, Mayor, City of Garden City  
Wayne Tipton, Mayor, City of Bloomingdale  
Mike Lamb, Mayor, City of Pooler  
Glen Jones, Mayor, City of Port Wentworth  
Anna Maria Thomas, Mayor, Town of Thunderbolt  
James Hungerpiller, Mayor, City of Vernonburg  
Jason E. Buelterman, Mayor, City of Tybee Island

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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 CHATHAM 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));



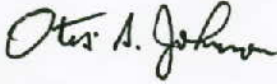
6. Our Service Delivery Strategy continues to ensure that the officially adopted County and City land use plans of all local governments located in the County are compatible and nonconflicting (O.C.G.A. 36-70-24 (4)(A));
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9. DCA has been provided a 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).

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SIGNATURE:	NAME: (Please print or type)	TITLE:	JURISDICTION:	DATE:
<i>Pete Liakakis</i>	PETE LIAKAKIS	CHAIRMAN	Chatham County  Savannah  Bloomingdale  Garden City  Pooler  Port Wentworth  Thunderbolt  Tybee Island  Vernonburg	7-7-08


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	Otis S. Johnson	Mayor	Chatham County	7-14-08
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	BRIAN L. JOHNSON	City Administrator	Chatham County  Savannah  Bloomingdale  <u>Garden City</u>  Pooler  Port Wentworth  Thunderbolt  Tybee Island  Vernonburg	09 JUL 08

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	ANNA MARIA THOMAS	Mayor	Chatham County  Savannah  Bloomingdale  Garden City  Pooler  Port Wentworth  Thunderbolt  Tybee Island  Vernonburg	




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