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April 11, 2017

Ms. Becky Hood, Chairperson
Gordon County Board of Commissioners
P.O. Box 580
Calhoun, Georgia 30703

RE: Public Transportation Proposal for Fiscal Year 2017/2018

Dear Ms. Hood:

I am hereby transmitting a fully executed original and two (2) copies of the North Georgia Community Action, Inc. proposal to operate the Section 5311 Rural Public Transportation Program in Gordon County for Fiscal Year 2017/2018.

You will also find enclosed two (2) copies of the Exhibit 2, Service Agreement for Operations, please sign both copies and retain one for your files and forward one back to us.

This agency is currently serving as the Third Party Operator for the provision of this transportation service. Our current contract will end on June 30, 2017. The attached proposal seeks to continue providing this service from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

I would like to point out two major areas in the proposal which will reduce the cost to the county unit of government for the provision of this service, in terms of both monetary savings and the elimination of additional audit and staff costs to satisfy the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Georgia Department of Transportation auditing and reporting requirements.

Since North Georgia Community Action, Inc. was the pioneer transportation provider in this area, both the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Georgia Department of Transportation conducted a review of our accounting practices and audit requirements. Since we must comply with OMB Circular A-128 and OMB Circular A-133, both the State Department of Transportation and the U.S. Department of Transportation have agreed to continue to permit this Agency to maintain the total accounting records for the provision of this service to provide audits on behalf of the counties from our financial records.

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This additional service is incorporated in our proposal at no additional cost to the county unit of government.

The Agency proposes to operate the system on a cost reimbursement basis with no profit factored into the budget; therefore, this proposal for operating the Gordon County Transportation Program should result in substantial savings to the taxpayers.

North Georgia Community Action, Inc., is currently operating three (3) 5311 vehicles in Gordon County. During the past year the demand for transportation has dramatically increased and looking at the additional revenues generated from the increased demand, the actual cost to Gordon County should be minimal. As I indicated earlier in my letter we will operate the system on a cost reimbursement basis and will make every effort to stay within the operating budget adopted by the county and Georgia DOT.

I appreciate your cooperation and assistance in allowing this Agency to provide these much needed services to the residents of Gordon County.

Sincerely,

NORTH GEORGIA COMMUNITY
ACTION, INC.



Jonathan Ray
Executive Director

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