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SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY UPDATE
CERTIFICATIONS

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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 PICKENS 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.

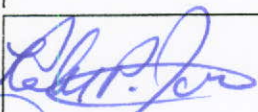
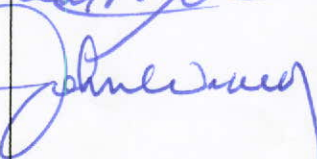
If Option A is selected, only this form, signed by the appropriate local government representatives must be provided to DCA.

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));
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:
	Robert P. Jones	Commissioner	Pickens County	10/31/08
	John W. Weaver	Mayor	City of Jasper	11/4/08



SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY

FOR

PICKENS

COUNTY

PAGE 1

I. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Only one set of these forms should be submitted per county. The completed forms should clearly present the collective agreement reached by all cities and counties that were party to the service delivery strategy.
2. List each local government and/or authority that provides services included in the service delivery strategy in Section II below.
3. List all services provided or primarily funded by each general purpose local government and authority within the county in Section III below. It is acceptable to break a service into separate components if this will facilitate description of the service delivery strategy.
4. For **each** service or service component listed in Section III, complete a separate *Summary of Service Delivery Arrangements* form (page 2).
5. Complete one copy of the *Summary of Land Use Agreements* form (page 3).
6. Have the *Certifications* form (page 4) signed by the authorized representatives of participating local governments. Please note that DCA cannot validate the strategy unless it is signed by the local governments required by law (see Instructions, page 4).
7. Mail the completed forms along with any attachments to:

Georgia Department of Community Affairs
Office of Coordinated Planning
60 Executive Park South, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30329

For answers to most frequently asked questions on Georgia's Service Delivery Act, links and helpful publications, visit DCA's website at www.dca.servicedelivery.org, or call the Office of Coordinated Planning at (404) 679-3114.

Note: Any future changes to the service delivery arrangements described on these forms will require an official update of the service delivery strategy and submittal of revised forms and attachments to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.

II. LOCAL GOVERNMENTS INCLUDED IN THE SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY:

In this section, list all local governments (including cities located partially within the county) and authorities that provide services included in the service delivery strategy.

Pickens County
City of Jasper
City of Nelson
Town of Talking Rock

III. SERVICES INCLUDED IN THE SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY:

For each service listed here, a separate *Summary of Service Delivery Arrangements* form (page 2) must be completed.

Fire Protection

3. List each government or authority that will help to pay for this service and indicate how the service will be funded (e.g., enterprise funds, user fees, general funds, special service district revenues, hotel/motel taxes, franchise taxes, impact fees, bonded indebtedness, etc.).

<i>Local Government or Authority:</i>	<i>Funding Method:</i>
PICKENS COUNTY	GENERAL FUND
CITY OF JASPER	GENERAL FUND
CITY OF NELSON	GENERAL FUND
TOWN OF TALKING ROCK	GENERAL FUND

4. How will the strategy change the previous arrangements for providing and/or funding this service within the county?

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED SHEET...

5. List any formal service delivery agreements or intergovernmental contracts that will be used to implement the strategy for this service:

<i>Agreement Name:</i>	<i>Contracting Parties:</i>	<i>Effective and Ending Dates:</i>
Automatic Aid/Mutual Aid	Pickens Co. & City of Jasper	1-1-07 effective date Renews automatically the first day of each new calendar year

6. What other mechanisms (if any) will be used to implement the strategy for this service (e.g., ordinances, resolutions, local acts of the General Assembly, rate or fee changes, etc.), and when will they take effect?

7. Person completing form: Norman W. Pope
 Phone number: 706-253-8829 Date completed: 10-28-08

8. Is this the person who should be contacted by state agencies when evaluating whether proposed local government projects are consistent with the service delivery strategy? Yes No

If not, provide designated contact person(s) and phone number(s) below:

Attachment
Question # 4
Page 2 (continued)

- #4. In the prior agreement for service delivery area, the City of Jasper provided fire protection for its incorporated boundaries as well as an area in the unincorporated area of Pickens County. The City of Jasper will continue to provide fire protection in its incorporated boundaries as well as the unincorporated areas shown in the City's service delivery area map as in the previous strategy in exchange for negotiated in-kind service based on fire service call volume outside the city limits. In-kind service will be determined with an annual balance sheet, if so desired, detailing project assistance by Pickens County within the City of Jasper to offset cost of city fire service outside the Jasper City limits. Pickens County will continue to provide fire protection to all other unincorporated areas of the county outside the Jasper service delivery area, and will continue to provide fire protection for the Town of Talking Rock. The City of Nelson will continue to be protected by the Cherokee fire system. Big Canoe and Bent Tree (private gated communities) will continue to have their own fire protection.