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**LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS INITIATIVE EXTENDED FOR 2010**

*Program benefits businesses and county*

**FORSYTHCOUNTY, Georgia** – Forsyth County government has extended its Local Small Business Initiative to promote opportunities to local small businesses located in Forsyth County. The program is designed to return as much taxpayer money as possible to the local economy, while at the same time foster inclusiveness with the county’s procurement activities with a goal of providing more opportunities for Forsyth County businesses.

The initiative was initially approved by the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners in April 2009 and ran through December 31, 2009. In December 2009, the Board approved to extend the initiative through 2010.

To participate, local small businesses responding to a county solicitation or bid must submit an affidavit demonstrating they have met all pertinent requirements. A local small business meeting all requirements and submitting a responsive, responsible bid will be given a local preference credit of 3%.

Forsyth County realizes doing business locally can benefit the community as a whole, by keeping tax dollars in the county and helping area businesses thrive. To receive details about the Local Small Business Initiative, call the Forsyth County Purchasing Department at 770.888.8872 or visit the Purchasing Department page at [www.forsythco.com](http://www.forsythco.com).

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