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OPELIKA, ALABAMA PARTNERS WITH ESG OPERATIONS, INC. FOR PUBLIC WORKS MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Public-Private Partnership Expected to Save Opelika, Alabama in Excess of \$1 Million Annually while Guaranteeing Environmental Compliance and Improving Overall Service

DULUTH, GA (NOVEMBER 1, 2005)—Opelika, Alabama has awarded ESG Operations, Inc., (ESG) a long-term contract for the operation, maintenance and management of their complete Public Works System. Opelika selected ESG to manage the City's Public Works Department. The Opelika project adds over 70 associates to ESG. "This is a great vote of confidence for ESG. We look forward to working with the City to make this a showcase project," said John Eddlemon of ESG. "Public-private partnerships are proven, and they certainly continue to flourish in Alabama. Our partnerships help improve water quality and related services while ensuring a city's positive environmental compliance and safety record, and its financial health through the generation of significant savings."

The 10-year agreement calls for ESG to operate, maintain and manage Opelika's Public Works System which consists of Wastewater Treatment and Collections, Streets Maintenance, Grounds Maintenance, Building Maintenance, Automotive Shop and Cemeteries Management for the City's 24,000 citizens.

"During my talks with ESG over the past few months I have personally checked this organization out. ESG has met every test for performance, integrity, character and honesty. ESG has a proven track record and will help the city to become more responsive to the needs of our citizens. I'm confident ESG will exceed the expectations of our citizens." —Gary Fuller, Opelika Mayor

This contract award reinforces ESG's presence as a leader in the utility management industry. ESG Operations, Inc. is one of the nation's fastest growing full service utility management and engineering companies providing innovative solutions to a wide range of environmental and infrastructure projects.

ABOUT THE CITY OF OPELIKA

Opelika, a city of quaint charm and rich in heritage, enters the new Millennium with a promising future. Named with sister city Auburn as part of one of the country's newest Metropolitan Statistical Areas, Opelika is growing by leaps and bounds while maintaining a high quality of life for its 25,000 residents. The City of Opelika, with a \$53 million budget, carefully guides the community's growth with a variety of services and programs.

ABOUT ESG

ESG Operations, Inc. is one of the nation's fastest growing full service utility management and engineering companies. We provide innovative solutions to a wide range of environmental and infrastructure projects. Our background consists of extensive experience as both design engineers and contract utility operators. This unique blend of skills enables us to develop innovative, cost effective approaches to meet your specific utility needs. ESG's corporate headquarters is located in Duluth, Georgia.