

## **Registration with Georgia Secretary of State.**

Columbia County requires all companies that are awarded a contract for services be registered with the Georgia Secretary of State. Registration instructions for corporations, partnerships, and limited liability companies can be obtained at the state's website <http://www.sos.ga.gov/corporations/> Additionally, frequently asked questions are listed at this link <http://sos.georgia.gov/corporations/faq.htm>

Sometimes, corporations incorporated in another state, a "foreign" corporation under Georgia law, should review the provisions of O.C.G.A 14-2-1501 (profit) or O.C.G.A 14-3-1501 (non-profit). These laws provide that a "foreign corporation may not transact business in this state until it obtains a certificate of authority from the Secretary of State. <http://www.contractors-license.org/ga/Georgia.html>