



Request for Qualifications

TITLE: EWP PROJECTS FOR WATERSHED REPAIRS
DATE ISSUED: May 11, 2023
DUE DATE: May 23, 2023
TIME: 2:00PM

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

Statements of qualification will be received for the following:

EWP PROJECTS FOR WATERSHED REPAIRS

Buncombe County is seeking candidates interested in providing services for the removal of debris and stabilization of streambanks in accordance with federal and state standards at multiple locations throughout Buncombe County affected by Tropical Storm Fred in 2021. Statements of Qualification will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 23, 2023, for the above-named item by email to Ron.Venturella@buncombecounty.org. Buncombe County encourages submittals from minority businesses by providing certified minorities an equal opportunity to participate in all aspects of the RFQ process.

Request for Qualifications Authorized by:

Ron Venturella
Procurement Manager

A. Purpose

This Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) project will remove debris and stabilize streambanks in accordance with federal and state standards at multiple locations throughout Buncombe County affected by Tropical Storm Fred in 2021.

The scope of work includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Site work including Clearing & Grubbing, Erosion Control and Grading.
- Removal of trees, branches, and root balls from stream channels.
- Hauling of wood debris to approved disposal area.
- Stabilizing streambanks with rock and/or wood toe revetments.
- Installing erosion control matting and vegetated geo-lifts on graded streambanks.
- Establishing permanent vegetation including grasses, shrubs, and trees along streambanks.
- Complying with environmental permit conditions protecting water quality.

Two lists of qualified contractors will be created based on this request:

1. Debris removal services only.
2. Streambank stabilization services in addition to debris removal based on site conditions.

Qualified contractors will be invited to offer cost proposals on specific projects during 2023 to provide the services needed for each site.

B. Submission Requirements

Letter of Interest – A letter of interest must be submitted that document the following:

1. Contractor must have sufficient equipment, training, and experience to complete specialized stream debris removal and/or streambank stabilization work according to engineering plans and permit conditions.
2. Contractor must document and provide references for successful completion of at least five (5) stream debris removal and/or streambank stabilization projects within the past five (5) years with the following project components:
 - Successful removal of large woody debris from streams and rivers.
 - Accurate grading of streambanks to provide sustainable natural stream features including riffles, pools, and bankfull bench.
 - Accurate installation of streambank revetments consisting of large rock, boulders, and toe wood.
 - Successful installation of erosion control matting and native riparian vegetation on streambanks and floodplains, including tree seedlings and live stakes.
 - Successful compliance with environmental permit requirements imposed by US Army Corps of Engineers, NC Division of Water Resources, and NC Division of Energy, Mineral and Land Resources. Specific environmental requirements will include erosion and sedimentation control measures, stormwater management, water quality protection, waste management, and ground cover establishment.

C. Qualifications

Applicants will be evaluated in conjunction with the anticipated needs of County and information provided by the applicants as well as information obtained from references, persons, or other sources identified by the applicant or otherwise known by the County. Interviews are not anticipated; however, additional information may be requested. The approximate number of sites requiring some type of repair is 44 (forty-four). Buncombe County anticipates selecting multiple firms for the referenced work, followed by negotiations for service fees for the projects.

D. Selection Criteria

The selection process will include the following criteria in the evaluation of proposals. These criteria are not necessarily listed in order of importance.

- Documented experience with similar projects
- Capacity
- References

E. Contact Information

Any questions about the submittal process should be directed to Ron Venturella by email Ron.Venturella@buncombecounty.org. Subject Line should state "EWP PROJECTS FOR WATERSHED REPAIRS".