

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

Hurricane Helene Professional Engineering Services and Project Management

Due July 24, 2025

I. Summary

McDowell County is seeking Statements of Qualifications (SOQs) from firms experienced in providing professional engineering services to support disaster clean-up, recovery, and to minimize future disaster impacts for three of the County's recreational parks.

II. Background

Greenlee Park, Sandy Andrews Park, and Lindley Park were all three heavily impacted by Hurricane Helene. The storm caused significant flooding and wind damage, resulting in debris deposition and damage to infrastructure. The County seeks an engineering firm to assist with storm recovery measures at all three parks to include infrastructure repairs. Additionally, the firm will help identify and pursue mitigation funding opportunities through FEMA's Public Assistance (PA) and Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) to improve disaster resilience.

Location of Parks:

Greenlee Park: 35.6899170444413, -82.04990074035648

Sandy Andrews Park: 35.81945624447392, -82.01363521920695

Lindley Park: 35.619840990947864, -82.20027844580919

III. Respondents

Qualified respondents must have experience in engineering and construction management working with local governments, particularly in parks and recreation setting. Respondents should also be familiar with local, state, and federal regulations and permitting. Experience working with FEMA's PA and HMGP program is preferable.

IV. Scope of Work

The County seeks services from firms with expertise in engineering, construction, and design. The scope of services may include, but is not limited to, the following:

- Engineering design and consulting
- Site assessments
- Local, state, and federal regulatory compliance
- Permitting and regulatory compliance
- FEMA-related services, including Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation
- Design services and construction administration
- Cost estimation, scope of work development, and project formulation
- Bid and award support, contract management, and construction oversight
- Attendance at local meetings related to disaster recovery if needed
- Recordkeeping and documentation in accordance with FEMA requirements

V. Submission Requirements and Format

The respondent shall provide four bound hard copies (front and back is acceptable) as well as an electronic version provided by digital media (USB stick, etc.).

Maximum Page Limit: 30 pages

Title Page (1 page)

- Document title, firm name, address, phone number(s), contact person's name, and date.

Tab 1: Letter of Interest (1 page)

- A statement of interest and understanding of the work
- Include the primary point-of-contact (with contact info) and sign the letter by an authorized individual
- Highlight the strengths of the lead firm and consultants

Tab 2: Table of Contents (1 page)

- List materials by section and page number

Tab 3: Qualifications of Firm and Key Staff (35 points)

- Firm Qualifications: Provide an overview of the firm's history, capabilities, and experience with debris removal, park repairs, disaster recovery and hazard mitigation, especially with FEMA and NCEM. Include:
 - Company profile
 - Capabilities statement

- Verification that the firm and key staff are not debarred (attach SAM.gov record)
- Insurance coverage information
- **Key Staff Qualifications: Provide resumes for key personnel, including:**
 - Relevant experience with parks, drainage, and FEMA projects
 - Engineer license and certifications
 - At least three project case studies for each key staff member
 - Role descriptions for key staff members in this project
 - Hourly billing rates for key staff

Tab 4: Federal Disaster Recovery & Mitigation Experience (15 points)

- Summarize previous disaster recovery and hazard mitigation projects, particularly with FEMA and NCEM. Include:
 - Project overview (client, location, description, dates)
 - Scope of work and services provided

Tab 5: Project Approach and Methodology (25 points)

- Provide a detailed plan outlining the approach to managing the project:
 - Overall approach, methodologies, and strategies
 - Proposed timeline with project phases, tasks, and milestones

Tab 6: References from Past Projects (25 points)

- Provide at least three references from past projects, including work for local governments. Include:
 - Contact information (name, position, phone number, email)
 - Project details (type, scope, duration, dates)

VI. Submission Deadline

Submissions must be received by:

July 24, 2025 at 5 p.m.

Late responses will not be considered.

VII. Evaluation Criteria

The selection committee will evaluate SOQs based on the following criteria:

Evaluation Criteria	Points
Qualifications of Firm and Key Staff	35
References from Past Clients	25
Proposed Approach and Methodology	25
Federal Disaster Recovery & Mitigation Experience	15

VIII. Selection Process

SOQs will be reviewed the week of July 28 and interviews will be scheduled only if deemed necessary. Once a firm is selected, a contract will be negotiated between the firm and the County. A contract will be awarded promptly.

IX. RFQ Schedule

- July 3, 2025: Issuance of RFQ
- July 17, 2025: Deadline to Submit Questions
- July 24, 2025 RFQ Submission Deadline

X. General Information

- Costs incurred by respondents for preparing and submitting responses are the sole responsibility of the respondents.
- All responses, inquiries, and correspondence will become the property of McDowell County and will not be returned.
- McDowell County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
- The County reserves the right to accept or reject any submittals.
- All inquiries should be directed to: Ashley R. Wooten, County Manager at awooten@mcdowellgov.com