

Advertisement for Request for Qualifications

Project Name: Azalea Parks and Infrastructure Recovery

Project Number: (298-AzaleaParksRecovery-FY25)

Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143-64.31, Statements of Qualifications for Professional Services are being solicited by the City of Asheville for the following:

Description of Work:

This Request for Qualifications (RFQ) is in response to the City of Asheville's need to hire a team of qualified design and engineering professionals to help the City rebuild its parks and transportation facilities after catastrophic damage from Hurricane Helene. A key element of the City's overall storm recovery strategy is resilience. The RFQ process will allow the City to select a design team with the expertise needed to maximize eligibility for mitigation funding, ensuring that projects are not only restored but also fortified against future environmental challenges.

Hurricane Helene significantly impacted several public parks, facilities and transportation systems along the Swannanoa River corridor. Impacted properties include (but are not limited to) Gashes Creek vehicular bridge and dam, a portion of Azalea Rd., Recreation Park and swimming pool, Azalea Park, Azalea Rd. and their ancillary building structures, infrastructure and amenities. A map of the project area can be found at this link. Damages are estimated to be in the range of \$26M or greater.

It is expected that this request will result in the development of a list of 3-5 firms that will be interviewed. Based on the submittals and possibly the interviews, the highest-ranking firm will be selected for negotiations for a contract.

The City anticipates that this Contract may be financed in whole or in part with Federal and or State funding.

Qualifications Schedule:

Advertise Request for Qualifications (RFQ):	May 14, 2025
Deadline to Submit Questions:	May 28, 2025
Final Addendum issued NLT	June 02, 2025
Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) Due:	June 16, 2025 4:00pm
Anticipated interviews of selected firms:	Week of July 10, 2025
Anticipated City Council contract approval:	September 2025

Qualifications Documents:

This Request for Qualifications (RFQ) is posted on the City procurement website at www.ashevillenc.gov/bids. This is *the official source* of this solicitation. All updates to this solicitation shall come in the form of published addenda and shall be published to the same location. **The City will not be responsible for full or partial sets of Contract RFQ including any addendum obtained from any other source.**

Letters of Interest and Statements of Qualifications may be hand carried or mailed to:
City of Asheville, Capital Projects Dept.
Attn: Dustin Clemens
70 Court Plaza, Suite 100A
Asheville, NC 28802

The City of Asheville reserves the right to reject any or all Letters of Interest and Statements of Qualifications.

Information:

All questions concerning this Request for Qualifications (RFQ) should be submitted via email to:

Dustin Clemens, Cap. Project Div. Mgr dclemens@ashevillenc.gov

Drug Free Workplace: The City of Asheville is a drug-free workplace employer. By submitting this bid, the prospective contractor certifies that if awarded the contract, they and their subcontractors shall comply with the following:

The City requires contractors/vendors entering into a contract with the City to provide a drug-free workplace in the performance of said contract. The contractor, upon execution of the contract, certifies that it will provide a drug-free workplace during the performance of the work on this contract. The contractor agrees to do the following:

Notify employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the workplace and specify the actions that will be taken for violations of such prohibitions. Responsive actions should be appropriate and sufficient to address and remediate any violations of this requirement.

Miscellaneous Requirements of the Submittals:

- Prospective Consultants are notified of a City policy that prohibits contracting with persons or firms who are delinquent in the payment of ad valorem taxes owed to the City of Asheville.

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