

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Town of Gaston, North Carolina

*For the rehabilitation of a former EMS building for
use as the Gaston Community Center*

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SECTION ONE

1. Notice to Bidders

1.1 General:

Town of Gaston is accepting competitive proposals for a Rehabilitation Contract for rehabilitation of the Former EMS Building located at 224 Craige Street, Gaston, NC 27832 in accordance with the terms, conditions and requirements set forth in the Request for Proposal ("RFP"). This RFP provides information sufficient for bidders to prepare and submit proposals for consideration by Town of Gaston.

BIDDERS ARE CAUTIONED TO READ THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS RFP CAREFULLY AND TO SUBMIT A COMPLETE RESPONSE TO ALL REQUIREMENTS AND QUESTIONS AS DIRECTED.

1.2 Submittal Deadline:

Town of Gaston will accept sealed bid proposals for selection until 12:00 pm on Monday, January 5, 2026.

1.3 Town of Gaston Contacts:

Any questions or concerns regarding this RFP should be directed to the as shown below, and in written form.

TOWN OF GASTON REPRESENTATIVE:

Tammy Johnson, Town Clerk

Town of Gaston

223 Craige Street

Gaston, NC 27832

(O) 252-537-1046

Email: gastontownclerk@outlook.com

1.4 Type of Contract:

The successful bidder will be required to enter into a Rehabilitation Contract with terms that are mutually agreeable to both parties. The form of contract shall be agreeable to all parties.

1.5 Inquiries and Interpretations:

Inquiries, and responses to inquiries, which directly affect an interpretation or change to this RFP will be issued in writing by addendum and communicated to all parties selected by pre-qualification for participation in this RFP phase. All addenda issued by Town of Gaston shall be prior to the time that RFP is and shall be a part of and included in the response. Bidders are required to acknowledge the receipt of all addenda in their proposal submitted.

Only those inquiries submitted in writing and responses issued by formal addenda shall be considered binding. Oral and other interpretations or qualifications will not be binding for this contract.

1.6 Criteria for Selection:

The Bidder selected for award of this contract will be the Bidder whose proposal, as presented in the response to this RFP, is most advantageous to Town of Gaston. The Town of Gaston is not bound to accept the lowest priced proposal if that proposal is not in the best interest of Town of Gaston or is the “best value”, as determined by Town of Gaston.

Proposals will be evaluated by Town of Gaston. The criteria for evaluation of proposals, and selection of the successful bidder, will be based on the following factors listed below:

- a. Price Proposal;
- b. Knowledge of current building codes and safety codes;
- c. Bidder’s ability to construct the facility by December 28, 2026;
- d. The qualifications and experience of the design and construction team members proposed to manage the project.

1.7 Bidder’s Acceptance of Evaluation Methodology:

Submission of a proposal indicates the Bidder’s acceptance of the evaluation technique and the recognition that some subjective judgments must be made by Town of Gaston during the selection process.

1.8 Commitment:

Bidder understands and agrees that this RFP is issued based on anticipated requirements for the development of proposed building rehabilitation, including site development, and that Town of Gaston has made no representation, written or oral, that any such requirements be furnished under a Contract arising from this RFP. Furthermore, Bidder recognizes and understands that any cost borne by the Bidder that is related to preparation of this RFP is the sole risk and responsibility of the Bidder and shall not be reimbursed by Town of Gaston.

1.9 Proposal Expenses:

Bidder recognizes and understands that any cost borne by the Bidder that is related to preparation of this RFP is the sole risk and responsibility of the Bidder and shall not be reimbursed by Town of Gaston.

1.10 Time Schedule for Key Events:

Request for Proposals Issued:	<u>11/25/2025</u> , 9:30 am
Pre-Bid Meeting*:	<u>12/09/2025</u> , 11:00 am
Due date for questions**:	<u>12/16/2025</u> , 5:00 pm
Proposal Submittal Deadline:	<u>01/05/2026</u> , 12:00 pm
Bid-Opening:	<u>01/05/2026</u> , 12:00 pm

*Pre-bid conference to take place at the Gaston Town Hall, 223 Craige Street, Gaston, NC 27832, in the Board Meeting Room at 11 am on 12/09/2025. Walking tour of project site to be conducted following Conference. Those interested in viewing the site at other times may call 252-537-1046, Monday – Thursday, 8 am – 5 pm, to request an appointment. Town Hall is closed on Fridays.

**All questions must be submitted in writing to the Town of Gaston Town Clerk or emailed at gastontownclerk@outlook.com.

SECTION TWO

2. Proposal Requirements

2.1 General Instructions:

- a. Bidder should carefully read the information contained herein, including the Design Criteria/Scope of Work (Section Three), and shall submit a response to all requirements and questions as directed.
- b. Proposals and any other information submitted by Bidders in response to this RFP shall become the property of Town of Gaston.
- c. Town of Gaston shall not be required to provide compensation to Bidders for any expenses incurred by Bidders for proposal preparation or for any presentations that may be made relating to this project. Bidders are to submit proposals at their own risk and expense.
- d. Proposals submitted which are qualified with conditional clauses, alterations, or other items not called for in this RFP, or which contain irregularities of any kind, are subject to disqualification by Town of Gaston, at its option.
- e. Each proposal shall be prepared simply and economically, providing a straightforward, concise description of your firm's concept and ability to meet the requirements of this RFP. Emphasis should be on completeness, clarity of content, responsiveness to the requirements, and an understanding of Town of Gaston's needs.
- f. Town of Gaston reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, waive any informalities or minor technical inconsistencies, or delete any item/requirement from this RFP or resulting contract deemed to be in Town of Gaston's best interest.
- g. Failure to comply with the requirements contained within this Request for Proposal may result in the rejection of your proposal.

2.2 Preparation and Submittal Instructions:

- a. Bidders must complete, sign and return the attached Execution of Offer, Section Four, as a part of their Proposal response. Proposal must be signed by Bidder's company official authorized to obligate company in such proposals. Failure to sign these forms will subject your proposal to disqualification.
- b. Table of Contents: Include with the proposal a Table of Contents that includes page number references. The Table of Contents should be in sufficient detail to facilitate easy reference of the sections of the proposal. Sections should be separated by labeled dividers. Separate attachments, including supplemental information should

be clearly identified, referenced in Table of Contents, and provided in a separate section.

- c. Number of Copies: Submit a total of two (2) complete copies of the entire response. An original signature must appear on the Execution of Offer (Section Four) of at least one (1) copy submitted. These should be sealed in one envelope or container.
 - d. Submission: Proposals will be received and marked with date and time received. Late proposals that are properly identified will be returned to the Bidder unopened. Late proposals will not be considered under any circumstances.
 - e. Alternate Proposals: All bidders shall submit a base proposal based on the requirements contained within this RFP; however, Town of Gaston may consider alternate proposals submitted. Bidders submitting alternate proposals shall clearly identify any exceptions taken to the requirements listed herein, and shall include a detailed description of the alternate(s) proposed. Bidders may suggest additions to the requirements with respect to the scope of work or services performed. All such suggestions shall be clearly identified. Alternate proposals shall be submitted ONLY as an attachment to your base proposal package.
 - f. Withdrawal or Modification: No proposal may be changed, amended, or modified after the same has been submitted or filed in response to this solicitation, except for obvious errors in extension. However, a proposal may be withdrawn and resubmitted any time prior to the deadline time set for receipt of proposals. No proposal may be withdrawn after the submittal deadline without approval by Town of Gaston, which shall be based on the Bidder's written submission of a reason acceptable to Town of Gaston.
 - g. Validity Period: Proposals are to be valid for Town of Gaston's acceptance for a minimum of 60 days from the submittal deadline date to allow time for evaluation, selection and any unforeseen delays. Proposals, if accepted, shall remain valid for the life of the Contract.
- 2.3 Pricing and Delivery Schedule:
- a. Bidders must complete the Pricing and Delivery Schedule, Section 5.
 - b. Pricing shall reflect the full Scope of Work defined herein; inclusive of all associated costs for delivery, labor, insurance, taxes, overhead and profit, or as otherwise defined, as appropriate.
 - c. Town of Gaston will not recognize or accept any charges or fees to perform this work that are not specifically stated in the Bidder's proposal.
 - d. Prompt payment discounts will not be considered in determining an award.

SECTION THREE

3. Design Criteria/Scope of Work:

3.1 General Instructions:

Town of Gaston requests proposals for building rehabilitation that meets the minimum specifications and design criteria contained in this Section.

3.2 Project Overview:

- Approximate 0.45-Acre site located at 224 Craige Street, Gaston, Northampton County, North Carolina 27832. The Subject Property can be accessed from the west via Craige Street and from the south via South Bay Street.
- Utilities are available:
 - Water: Provided by the Roanoke Rapids Sanitary District
 - Sewer: Provided by the Roanoke Rapids Sanitary District
 - Electricity: Provided by Dominion Energy
 - Propane: Provided by Daughtridge Gas & Oil
- Site is clear, relatively level, and free of debris and obstacles
- A Phase One Environmental Study has been done for property

3.3 Project Scope:

We would like the specifications below priced on rehabilitation of building to allow commercial occupancy of the entire building to be used as a Town-operated community center. For photos of the existing building, see Appendix A. All prices should include:

- a. Permits
- b. Dump fees
- c. Materials
- d. Labor

Requested rehabilitation includes:

1. Building Exterior:

- a. There are currently two overhead garage doors on the front (driveway) and back (street). On both the front and back, one of those garage doors will be converted into a set of metal doors with a window. On both the front and back, the other garage door will be converted into windows. See example.
- b. Install (1) Fire rated entry door on back of building.
- c. Replace (4) skylights in main area.
- d. Install new, adequate insulation, as needed.
- e. Repair leaking roof.
- f. Entire exterior painted.
- g. All ADA accessible.

2. HVAC System:

- a. Provide and install (2) new split unit heat pump systems with all necessary ductwork (no crawlspace present, ample space overhead in main meeting room). Unit to be sized by HVAC contractor (likely at least (2) 5.0 ton) in accordance with ACCA Manual J specifications and must never exceed the manual J calculations by more than 1/2 ton (copy of room-by room calculations must be provided). To include: 14.0 SEER minimum, 2-stage, variable-speed blower, 10-year limited parts warranty. Installation to include all required ductwork, all low and high voltage wiring, new programable thermostat, exterior thermostat at unit, new equipment pad, new galvanized rain shield, permits, all other items needed for a complete installation.
 - b. Contractor shall provide a copy of the room-by-room Manual J sizing calculations prior to installation.
 - c. Install exterior thermostat and set to balance point of the building to prevent supplementary heater operation when heat pump can meet the load.
 - d. All ductwork shall be designed in accordance with ACCA Manual D standards. Manual J calculations to be provided. Main ductwork shall be galvanized metal. All seams/joints shall be sealed with a UL-listed bucket mastic product. All ductwork shall be insulated to minimum R-8. Seal insulation seams with pressure-sensitive metallic tape or as prescribed by the manufacturer.
 - e. Prior to processing of a request for final payment, the Contractor must: provide an executed Energy Efficiency Certificate including the total duct leakage test results, secure approval from the Building Inspections Office, file all warranty paperwork on behalf of the owner and provide a copy to the owner, provide a completed waiver of liens form for all suppliers and subcontractors. Duct leakage testing is to be included, and report provided.
3. Building Interior
- a. Install (1) straight stairlift for a single flight of stair to make second floor ADA accessible.
 - b. Demo/Remodel (2) existing bathrooms:
 - i. Install new plumbing with extra stalls and utility sinks to accommodate area, including ADA compliant features.
 - ii. New concrete slabs in bathrooms for sewer waste and additional vanities and toilets run separately to public sewer. (Per code requirements).
 - c. Remodel kitchen to be a fully functional commercial kitchen to commercial kitchen standards (Per code requirements):
 - i. Install new kitchen cabinets
 - ii. Granite counter tops
 - iii. New commercial stove

- iv. New commercial refrigerator
- d. Install approximately 3,600 sq ft LVP flooring upstairs and downstairs.
- e. New hardware (locks, doorknobs etc.)
- f. Electrical (New lighting, fire alarms, motion lights etc...) (Per code requirements).
- g. Upgrade electrical, as needed. (Per code requirement)
- h. Concrete ramp from main area to bathrooms.
- i. Anti slip epoxy floor covering in main area.
- j. Industrial structure lighting and hardware for main area.
- k. Safety equipment on site (Per code requirements)
- l. Entire interior painted.
- m. All ADA accessible.

4. Site:

- a. Repave and expand current parking area; existing parking partially paved, partially gravel, partially grass. Estimated new parking lot area is approximately 4,500 sq ft.
- b. All ADA accessible

3.4 Deliverables:

- a. Price proposal for conceptual plans, to include the following:
 - i. Total cost of executing the scope defined in this RFP, Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) format
 - ii. Alternate Costs, as defined in the RFP or as offered by Bidder
 - iii. Proposed construction schedule, with milestone dates highlighted
 - iv. Proposed Delivery Schedule (total number of calendar days)
- b. Adequate summary description of mechanical, electrical and plumbing requirements necessary for pricing.

3.5 Insurance:

- a. For any Contract which requires the Contractor to provide on-site services, the Contractor shall, prior to commencement of work, provide Town of Gaston with Certificates of Insurance for coverage listed below and shall maintain such coverage in effect for the full duration of the Contract.

Worker's Compensation Insurance, as required by the laws of the United States and the State of North Carolina, covering all of the Contractor's employees engaged in any work hereunder. Employer's Liability coverage to be \$1,000,000.00

Comprehensive General Liability Insurance for bodily injury, death and property damage shall be \$5,000,000, per occurrence.

Comprehensive Automobile Liability Insurance against liability for bodily injury, death and property damage shall be \$5,000,000, per occurrence.

The owner, its staff, agents and consultants shall also be named as additional insureds with right of notice in the above-described policy or policies.

Contractor shall procure and maintain insurance (including but limited to professional design insurance) upon the entire Project to the full insurable value of the Project, including professional fees, overtime premiums, and all other expenses incurred to replace or repair the insured property. The property insurance obtained by the Contractor shall include the Owner as an additional insured and shall insure against the perils of fire and extended coverage, theft, vandalism, malicious mischief, collapse, flood, earthquake, debris removal and other perils and causes of loss or damage to the work, including materials in transit, at the site or at another location.

- b. Contractor shall deliver to Town of Gaston:
 - 1. Certificates evidencing the existence of all such insurance promptly after the notice of award and prior to the performance of any services to be performed by the Contractor hereunder from or after the date of any agreement or purchase order; and
 - 2. Replacement certificates not less than thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of any such insurance. If, however, the Contractor fails to pay any of the renewal premiums for the expiring policies, Town of Gaston shall have the right to make such payments and deduct the amount thereof against the next payment coming due to the Contractor under any purchase order or agreement; and
 - 3. Such certificates shall name Town of Gaston as additional insured, with the exception of the Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability, and shall provide that the policies will not be cancelled until after thirty (30) days unconditional, unqualified written notice to Town of Gaston, giving Town of Gaston the right to pay the premium to maintain coverage.

- c. During the term of the Contract, providing and maintaining insurance coverage is a material obligation of the Contractor and is of the essence in the Contract. the insurance policies required in this RFP shall be kept in force for the periods below:
 - 1. Commercial General Liability Insurance, Auto Liability, Builder's Risk, and Owner's and Contractor's Protective shall be kept in force until receipt of final payment by the Contractor.
 - 2. Worker's Compensation Insurance shall be kept in force until the Contractor's obligations have been fully performed and accepted by Town of Gaston in writing.

- d. Contractor shall provide Town of Gaston with a full and complete copy of any insurance policy promptly upon request by Town of Gaston, and without charge to Town of Gaston.

SECTION FOUR

4. Execution of Offer

This Execution of Offer must be completed, signed, and returned with Bidder's proposal. Failure to complete, sign and return this Execution of Offer with the Proposal may result in rejection of the proposal.

4.1 General Instructions:

Signing a false statement may void the submitted proposal or any agreements or other contractual arrangements which may result from the submission of respondent's proposal. A false certification shall be deemed a material breach of contract and, at Town of Gaston's option, may result in termination of any resulting contracting or purchase order.

1. By signature hereon, Bidder acknowledges and agrees that (1) this RFP is a solicitation for a proposal and is *not* a contract or an offer to contract;
2. The submission of a proposal by the Bidder in response to this RFP will *not* create a contract between Town of Gaston and Bidder;
3. Town of Gaston has made no representation or warranty, written or oral, that one or more contracts with Town of Gaston will be awarded under this RFP; and
4. Bidder shall bear, as its sole risk and responsibility, any cost which arises from Bidders preparation of a response to this RFP.

By signing hereon, Bidder offers and agrees to furnish to Town of Gaston the products and/or service more particularly described in its proposal, at the prices quoted in the proposal, and to comply with all terms, conditions and requirements set forth in the RFP documents and contained herein.

By signature hereon, Bidder represents and warrants that:

1. Bidder is a reputable company or entity regularly engaged in providing products and/or services necessary to meet the terms, conditions, and requirements of this RFP; and
2. Bidder has necessary experience, knowledge, abilities, skills, and resources to satisfactorily perform the terms, conditions and requirements of this RFP; and
3. Bidder is aware of, is fully informed about, and is in full compliance with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances; and
4. Bidder understands the requirements and specifications set forth in this RFP.

By Signature hereon, Bidder certifies that the individual signing this document and the documents made part of this RFP is authorized to sign such documents on behalf of the company and to bind the company under any agreements or other contractual arrangements which may result from the submission of Bidder's proposal.

Submitted and Certified by:

(Bidder's Name)

(Authorized Signature)

(Date)

(Printed Name/Title)

(Telephone Number)

(Street Address)

(City, State, & Zip Code)

SECTION FIVE

5. Pricing and Delivery Schedule

Proposal of: _____
(Company Name)

TO: Town of Gaston
RE: Former EMS Building Rehabilitation

Having carefully examined all the requirements of the Request for Proposals and any attachments and addenda, thereto, the undersigned proposes to furnish the design and construction services as required pursuant to the aforementioned documents at the below quoted terms:

5.1 PRICING SCHEDULE:

The total cost of executing the scope as proposed by the Bidder is:

Building-Related costs: \$ _____

Site-Related costs: \$ _____

Design-Related costs: \$ _____

Construction Fees (OH/P): \$ _____

Contingency: \$ _____

TOTAL ESTIMATED MAXIMUM PRICE: \$ _____
(Base Proposal)

Final Cost to be negotiated with selected contractor. Submitted price is for budget evaluation purposes.

5.2 ALTERNATES PROPOSED/REQUESTED:

Insert any proposed/recommended alternate price in space provided; include description of alternate and additional construction days, if any, required for alternate.

(ADD) *insert proposed alternate here:* \$ _____

(ADD) *insert proposed alternate here:* \$ _____

(ADD) *insert proposed alternate here:* \$ _____

(ADD) *insert proposed alternate here:* \$ _____

5.3 DELIVERY SCHEDULE:

Certificate of Occupancy to complete building shall be on or before December 28, 2026.

THE TOWN OF GASTON IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER AND SERVICE PROVIDER.



END OF DOCUMENT

Appendix A. Existing Building Photos



West Side Exterior



SW Corner Exterior / Existing Driveway



NW Corner Exterior



Interior Former Ambulance Bay



Interior Meeting Space



Interior Staircase

