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DISASTER DEBRIS MONITORING RFP

HARNETT COUNTY

Addendum #1

TO: Prospective Vendors
FROM: Renea Warren-Ford, Finance
DATE: August 4, 2026
PROJECT: Disaster Debris Monitoring
NOTICE: **Questions and Answers**

1. Has the current contract gone full term?

Answer: We do not have a current contract. We have relied on the State contract until now.

2. What is the total size or geographic scope of the service area?

Answer: That will depend on event that causes activation. The entire County will be included in the contract.

3. What is the total mileage of roads with the scope of the service area?

Answer: This is unknown.

4. Will the resulting contract include a guaranteed minimum payment to the vendor?

Answer: No.

5. Are there any superseding prior agreements that may impact this contract?

Answer: No.

6. When/what was the most recent event that precipitated the activation of the existing or previous contract?

Answer: Never activated previously.

7. Please confirm the due date for this procurement by providing it in response to answers and questions.

Answer: The response for this RFP is due August 14, 2026, by 4:00 p.m.

8. If there was a previous solicitation for these services, what was its title, number, release date, and due date?

Answer: There has been no previous solicitation for this service.

9. Why has this bid been released at this time?

Answer: To receive responses from debris monitoring companies to represent and work on behalf of Harnett County.

10. When is the anticipated contract start date?

Answer: There is no start date. The contract is a “stand by” contract in the event the service is needed.

11. When is the anticipated award date?

Answer: Should be decided prior to December 31, 2026, but subject to change.

12. Question Regarding Payment and Performance Bond Requirement

Section 4(D) of the RFP states that the awarded contractor “*may be required to provide payment and performance bonds satisfactory to Owner upon execution of contract.*”

Because this is a pre-event, as-needed contract for professional disaster debris monitoring services that may never be activated, would the County consider waiving the payment and performance bond requirement? The requested services are for professional monitoring and consulting services rather than construction or debris removal, and the bonding provisions in 2 CFR Part 200 are generally associated with construction or facility improvement contracts.

Alternatively, if the County intends to require payment and performance bonds, would the County consider revising the requirement so that any required bonds are furnished upon issuance of a Notice to Proceed or other contract activation, rather than upon execution of the pre-event agreement? At the time of contract execution, no specific project scope, duration, or contract amount has been established, making it difficult to determine the appropriate bonding requirements. Requiring bonds upon contract activation would allow any bond requirements to correspond to the actual authorized work.

Answer: The County does not intend to require payment or performance bonds upon execution of the pre-event agreement. If disaster conditions warrant contract activation, the County will evaluate whether payment and/or performance bonds are necessary based on the scope of the event, anticipated work, applicable laws, and the recommendations of County Management, Emergency Services, and the County Attorney. If required, any bond requirements will be communicated as part of the Notice to Proceed contract activation.

13. Clarification of Estimated Annual Hours Reference

Section 7(B)(ii) establishes a 120-day mission scenario for cost comparison purposes.

Would the County please clarify what is meant by “Estimated Annual Hours” and how this term is intended to apply to the 120-day disaster response scenario identified in Section 7(B)(ii)? Specifically, is the reference to “Estimated Annual Hours” intended to represent the estimated labor hours associated with the hypothetical 120-day mission scenario, or is it intended to represent a separate annual estimate?

Answer: The reference to “Estimated Annual Hours” is intended solely for proposal evaluation purposes only. The scenario is not intended to represent an annual workload, guarantee of work, or commitment by the County. The successful proposer shall be bound by the unit price per hour submitted in its proposal.

14. Question Regarding Cost Evaluation and Methodology

Section 7(B)(v)(2) identifies “Proposed Cost” as 10% of the evaluation criteria; however, the RFP does not describe the methodology the County will use to evaluate and score cost proposals.

Would the County please clarify how the 10% cost evaluation will be calculated? Specifically, will cost be evaluated based on the total price developed from the evaluation scenario, the proposed hourly rates, or another methodology? If a point formula or comparative scoring method will be used, would the County please provide that methodology to ensure all proposers prepare their cost proposals on a consistent basis? Would the County consider utilizing a formula to allocate incremental points, such as the following:

- Lowest Total Project Cost – A
- Proposer's Total Project Cost – B
- Total Possible Points for Price – C
- Points Earned by Proposer – D
- $(A/B) \times C = D$

Answer: The County will evaluate proposed costs based upon the pricing submitted using the evaluation scenario identified in Section 7(B). Cost proposals will be compared using the proposed pricing developed from the evaluation scenario and considered as one component of the overall evaluation process in accordance with the evaluation criteria identified in Section 7(B)(v). The County does not intend to publish or utilize a prescribed mathematical scoring formula and reserves the right to evaluate cost proposals in conjunction with all other evaluation criteria to determine the proposal most advantageous to the County.

15. Question Regarding Monitoring Contractor Responsibilities

Section 5 includes several tasks that appear to extend beyond traditional debris monitoring services, including scheduling work for contractors (Section 5(D)) and implementing recommendations to improve debris removal operations (Section 5(F)). Please confirm that responsibility for directing, managing, and supervising the debris removal contractor's means, methods, and daily operations will remain with the County and/or the contracted debris removal firm.

Answer: Section 5 addresses the services the selected debris monitoring contractor will perform in providing disaster debris monitoring services. Any references to directing, managing, scheduling, or supervising in Section 5(D) apply only to the debris monitoring contractor's own personnel, subcontractors, equipment, and daily operations. Regarding Section 5(F), the County expects the debris monitoring contractor to monitor the debris removal contractor's operations and provide recommendations to the County, based on monitoring contractor's professional experience and observations, that would improve the efficiency and speed of recovery operations. Nothing in Section 5 is intended to require or authorize the monitoring contractor to supervise, direct, or control the debris removal contractor or its personnel.