



FOOTHILLS REGIONAL COMMISSION

REQUEST FOR QUOTES

FOR

**UPDATING THE MCDOWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA EMERGENCY
OPERATIONS PLAN**

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RESPONSE DUE DATE: 06/23/23, 5:00pm ET

EMAIL PROPOSAL TO:

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PURPOSE & BACKGROUND

Foothills Regional Commission (FRC) is seeking an experienced firm to update the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) for McDowell County, North Carolina. A copy of the County's existing EOP is available upon request. Details on the expected scope of services, deliverables, and schedule are listed below.

SCHEDULE

The selected firm is expected to begin work immediately upon contract execution. All items listed below in the Scope of Services and Deliverables sections must be complete by May 31st, 2024.

SCOPE OF SERVICES

FRC has established the following objectives for the EOP update. Any changes to the specifications or Scope of Work will be made in the form of an Addendum to this Request for Quotes. FRC may negotiate and refine the final Scope of Services with the selected contractor. FRC reserves the right to negotiate additional services with the selected contractor at any time after the initial contract award.

Scope of Services

Prepare an updated EOP for McDowell County. This includes the following and any other duties that might be necessary to complete the scope of services:

- Gather and analyze data with McDowell County staff and their designees
- Facilitate a kickoff meeting with McDowell County staff and their designees
- Capture and provide meeting minutes and other project management assets from meetings and collaboration sessions
- Prepare and provide a draft version of the updated EOP to the McDowell County Manager and Emergency Management staff for review before March 1st, 2024.
- Prepare and provide a final version of the updated EOP that incorporates requested changes from McDowell County staff before April 1st, 2024.
- Provide a presentation to the McDowell County Board of Commissioners detailing the process and outcomes of the EOP update before April 30th, 2024.

The selected consultant will coordinate staff meetings with appropriate departments, McDowell County schools, fire departments, organizations, municipalities, and the public to gather the necessary information to successfully research, write, and complete the plan. The selected consultant will attend and lead meetings, clarify any outstanding issues, and respond to any comments. The selected

consultant will provide progress reports every month and submit them to FRC and McDowell County staff.

The selected consultant will develop an update to the McDowell County EOP using an integrated framework that is consistent with the latest NCEM EOP structure and reflect the core concepts and ideals of FEMA CPG 201 guidance. The plan will address the needs of all within the jurisdictional boundaries of McDowell County and its municipalities, including persons with access and functional needs, pets, children, and other population subsets identified through research. Any plans for specific functions in the EOP shall include appropriate tasks, checklists, references, and other resources necessary for County staff members to fulfill their duties. This is important to ensure the most effective execution of the plan by persons who may not have emergency management as their primary daily role. The plan shall contain the following components:

- Demographics of the communities within the area covered by the plan
- Geography and the area covered by the plan
- Inclusion of Threat Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment consistent with the Toe River Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Emergency Management Organizations consistent with NIMS and ICS principles and reflecting the National Response Framework but reflecting local resources
- Role of municipal and county governments, their departments, and staff
- Role of private sector, including non-profit organizations, local businesses, the public, and other constituencies consistent with NCEM and FEMA policies and guidance
- All-hazard emergency response plan
- Hazard- or Incident-specific sections including, but not limited to, review and comments on the following:
 - Emergency Sheltering Plan
 - Evacuation Plan
 - Debris Management Plan
 - Donations and Volunteer Management
 - Plan Point of Distribution Plan
 - Community Feeding Plan
 - Communicable Disease Plan
 - Animal Control
 - Hazardous Materials
 - Flooding
 - Aircraft Accidents
 - Resource Shortage
 - Winter Weather
 - Terrorism/Acts of Violence
 - Tornado
 - Heat
 - Earthquake
 - Wildfire
 - Resources and checklists necessary to implement the components of the EOP
- The EOP shall be updated for compliance with the following laws and requirements:

- FEMA’s CPG Comprehensive Preparedness Guide
- North Carolina General Statutes, Chapter 166-A and other NC Statutes as applicable

DELIVERABLES

The full project shall be completed by May 31st, 2024. Specific deliverables and due dates are:

- Kickoff meeting within two months of contract execution
- Full draft of EOP delivered by February 29th, 2024
- Final draft of EOP delivered by March 31st, 2024
- Presentation of final EOP to McDowell County Board of Commissioners delivered by April 30th, 2024
- Participation in monthly project update calls with FRC and McDowell County staff for the duration of the contract period.

INVOICING & PAYMENT

FRC will pay the selected firm a lump sum price to provide all the deliverables listed in this RFQ. FRC and the selected firm or individual will negotiate a schedule of payments. The selected firm must submit invoices to FRC for all payments. Invoices shall include a breakdown of activities covered for the invoice period. If an invoice is not received from the selected firm by the negotiated payment date will,

SUBMITTAL INSTRUCTIONS

Interested firms must submit a proposal via email by June 1st, 2023 at 5:00pm ET. Proposals should be sent to Benjamin Bordeaux – bbordeaux@foothillsregion.org. Proposals should follow the format below and include all information requested.

Proposal Contents

- Cover Sheet containing:
 - i. Contact name, email address, phone number, Federal Tax ID#, and website (if relevant)
 - ii. The cover sheet must be signed by an owner, corporate officer, or agent authorized by the contractor
- Experience
 - i. List the key personnel that would be assigned to this project. Include a brief bio demonstrating their relevant work history and qualifications.
 - ii. Identify any similar projects that your firm has completed. The information provided should sufficiently demonstrate that the responding firm has successfully completed projects of similar scope within the past 5 years.

- iii. Include contact information for local governments that have contracted your firm's services
- Understanding of the Project
 - i. State the firm's understanding of the project. This will be used to ensure that the respondent has thoroughly reviewed the RFQ and understands the work necessary to complete the project.
 - ii. Include a proposed timeline and plan of work to meet the items listed in the Scope of Services and Deliverables sections of this RFQ. Include a detailed implementation plan and project schedule outlining the primary tasks, estimated hours, responsibility, major deliverables and timing, including an estimated start date.
 - iii. The names of any and all subcontractors expected to perform services in connection with the project along with their qualifications. Include the estimated percentage of work that each subcontractor is expected to perform. FRC reserves the right to accept or reject any proposed subcontractor. FRC will check the status of the responding firm and any subcontractors on SAM.gov to ensure they have not been debarred.
- Price
 - i. Include a proposal price to provide the deliverables listed above. Proposal price shall constitute the total cost to FRC for complete performance in accordance with the deliverables listed above.

Contractors shall provide documentation sufficient to clearly demonstrate that their firm meets or exceeds the requirements set forth in this RFQ. Failure to provide such documentation may result in the proposal being deemed non-responsive. FRC will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by the contractor in submitting a proposal to this RFQ.

SELECTION

After submission of the proposals, Firms may be requested to participate in an interview process. Responses will be evaluated according to the following factors:

- Experience (55%)
- Understanding of the Project (25%)
- Price (20%)

QUESTIONS

Please email any questions concerning this RFQ to Benjamin Bordeaux, bbordeaux@foothillsregion.org.