



General Services Department

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

TITLE: GEOTECHNICAL SERVICES FOR SOILS AND GROUNDWATER TESTING FOR A 9.71 ACRE PARCEL OWNED BY BUNCOMBE COUNTY

DATE ISSUED: **JULY 17, 2024**

DUE DATE: **JULY 31, 2024**

TIME: **1:00 PM**

LOCATION: BUNCOMBE COUNTY GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT
40 MCCORMICK PLACE
ASHEVILLE, NC 28801

TELEPHONE: (828)250-4233

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Pursuant to the General Statutes of North Carolina, statements of qualification will be received for the following:

GEOTECHNICAL SERVICES FOR SOIL AND GROUNDWATER TESTING FOR A 9.71 ACRE PARCEL OWNED BY BUNCOMBE COUNTY

Buncombe County is seeking Statements of Qualifications from geotechnical testing firms interested in providing comprehensive soil and groundwater testing and analysis for a 9.71 acre parcel of land owned by Buncombe County. Statements of qualification will be accepted until **July 31, 2024, AT 1:00 PM** for the above named item, at the Buncombe County General Services Department, 40 McCormick Place, Asheville, North Carolina, 28801. Buncombe County encourages submittals from minority businesses by providing certified minorities an equal opportunity to participate in all aspects of the RFQ process. One digital copy in .pdf format of said statements of qualifications must be submitted in person or by email to generalservices@buncombecounty.org, pam.king@buncombecounty.org, and robert.brown@buncombecounty.org. Questions about the required services may be asked by contacting the General Services Department project manager at (828) 250-4784 or by email at robert.brown@buncombecounty.org.

Request for Qualifications Authorized by:
Mike Mace
Director, General Services





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A. Purpose:

Buncombe County is seeking geotechnical testing firm candidates interested in performing comprehensive soil, surface water and groundwater testing services for a 9.71 acre property that was previously used predominantly for firefighting training.

B. Project Summary:

The project site is located at 180 Erwin Hill Road, Asheville, NC. The site has been owned by Buncombe County for approximately 106 years. The site currently contains a Buncombe County Sheriff's department facility and two Buncombe County Emergency Services storage facilities. From the early 1970's to approximately 2010 a portion of the site was an active firefighting training campus. During its operational years the training area contained many firefighting training features, which included a burn/smoke house building, training tower, liquid petroleum (LP) props with LP fuel above surface tanks (AST's) with controls, fuel oil AST and controls for flammable liquid burn pits with a concrete containment dike system and in ground oil/water separator. In or around 2012 the central and north portions of the subject property were graded, and the former firefighting training features were demolished/ removed or possibly partially buried. The County is reviewing possible uses for the indicated site. As a responsible due diligence step, the County would like to have the land area described comprehensively tested to determine if the land contains any issues that may require remediation prior to any future development. Below is the basic scope of services requiring the submitting's firms qualifications:

- Clear understanding of all EPA and NCDEQ soil, surface water and groundwater rules, regulations and requirements.
- Deep and shallow soil boring and soils testing for possible contaminants
- Installation of groundwater monitoring wells.
- Groundwater sampling and testing for possible contaminants
- If existing, stormwater surface water sampling and testing for possible contaminants
- Clear and concise report that indicates all sampling processes/depths/locations and testing results. Clearly indicating if any test results are outside the EPA's or NCDEQ's allowable norms. The report shall also identify acceptable methods of remediation.
- If needed, the selected firm must also be able to develop a remediation plan and coordinate obtaining its approval through any applicable authorities.

Prior to performing any of the testing activities noted above, the selected firm shall be able to assess the past and existing site conditions (see attached aerial images) and provide a comprehensive testing plan that will provide a total site assessment for any unknown conditions that may require removal or on site remediation prior to development of the property.





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C. Submission Requirements:

- Letter of Interest – A letter of interest must be submitted giving the qualifications of the project team and the firm’s history.
- Please provide a list of at least four or more sites in North Carolina where your firm has performed similar testing plan development, testing, analyses, and remediation management, where required, within the last ten years.
- Please list the number of similar testing efforts your firm has conducted in Buncombe County.
- Demonstrate success working with the NCDEQ with testing findings and subsequent remediation solutions.
- Provide an organizational chart and resumes which will address the following:
 - Name the Principal in Charge, Project Manager, and other individuals to be assigned to the project team. In the resumes, please provide for each the number of years of service with the company, number of years of professional experience, and educational background inclusive of degrees and professional licenses and certifications. If the firm has multiple offices, please also list which home offices the proposed team members reside at predominantly.
 - For sub-consultants, please list the names and addresses of each company; as well as their support task and the name of any individual(s) to be assigned to the project. Please also provide the individuals qualifications.
- Deadline – One digital copy in .pdf format of the submission must be received by the Buncombe Count General Services Department by **July 31, 2024, AT 1:00 PM.** Email the submissions to generalservices@buncombecounty.org, pamela.king@buncombecounty.org, and robert.bown@buncombecounty.org.

D. Qualifications:

- Interviews are not anticipated on this project.
- Applicants will be evaluated in conjunction with the anticipated needs of General Services and the County and information provided by the applicants; as well as information obtained from references, persons, or other sources identified by the applicant or otherwise known by the County.

E. Contact Information:

Any questions about the submittal process should be directed to the Buncombe County General Services Department via email at generalservices@buncombecounty.org



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Buncombe County GIS Aerial Image of Site Approximately 2010

180 Erwin Hills Road, Asheville NC 28806

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Acreage: 9.71





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