

Cherokee County Bid Tabulation for #2026-28 C-Funds Paving Bid

06/23/2026

Cherokee Landscaping Received 06/23/26 at 11:37am	HMA Surface Type C	TON	\$ <u>155.00</u>
	HMA Surface Type B	TON	\$ <u>155.00</u>
	HMA Intermediate Type B	TON	\$ <u>155.00</u>
	HMA Base Type B	TON	\$ <u>155.00</u>
	1.25 Inch Uniform Asphalt Milling	SY	\$ <u>15.00</u>
	Variable/Edge Milling	SY	\$ <u>35.00</u>
	4" Full Depth Patch	SY	\$ <u>75.00</u>
	6" Full Depth Patch	SY	\$ <u>85.00</u>
CGD Construction LLC Received 06/22/26 at 12:16pm	Shoulder Backfilling/Permanent Grassing	SY	\$ <u>30.00</u>
	HMA Surface Type C	TON	\$ <u>152.70</u>
	HMA Surface Type B	TON	\$ <u>152.70</u>
	HMA Intermediate Type B	TON	\$ <u>151.70</u>
	HMA Base Type B	TON	\$ <u>151.70</u>
	1.25 Inch Uniform Asphalt Milling	SY	\$ <u>9.85</u>
	Variable/Edge Milling	SY	\$ <u>21.75</u>
	4" Full Depth Patch	SY	\$ <u>35.45</u>
	6" Full Depth Patch	SY	\$ <u>52.10</u>
	Shoulder Backfilling/Permanent Grassing	SY	\$ <u>22.75</u>

RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD
FY 2026–2027 C-Fund Annual Paving Contract

Following the opening and review of bids received for the FY 2026–2027 C-Fund Annual Paving Contract, Administration has evaluated each bid for responsiveness to the requirements established in the Invitation for Bids (IFB).

The IFB expressly required that:

"Bidder must also have a current Group 5 License issued by the South Carolina Contractor's Licensing Board for the Classifications of Asphalt Paving, Grading and Concrete Paving."

This licensing requirement was established within the solicitation prior to the receipt of bids and applied equally to all prospective bidders.

Upon review of the bids received, Cherokee Landscaping & Grading Co., LLC submitted a responsive bid and possesses the required South Carolina Contractor's License classification in accordance with the bid specifications.

CGD Construction, LLC submitted the apparent low bid; however, the company does not possess the required Group 5 Asphalt Paving (AP5) classification as specified in the solicitation. Instead, CGD Construction, LLC holds a Group 4 (AP4) Asphalt Paving classification.

The South Carolina Contractor's Licensing Board distinguishes contractor group classifications based upon financial qualifications and bid and job limitations. According to the Contractor's Licensing Board, a Group 4 General Contractor license is limited to projects with a bid and job value of \$3,000,000, while a Group 5 General Contractor license carries no monetary limitation and requires substantially higher minimum working capital, net worth, and surety bond thresholds. Specifically:

Group	Bid & Job Limitation	Working Capital	Net Worth	Surety Bond
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Group 4	\$3,000,000	\$175,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
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Group 5	Unlimited	\$250,000	\$350,000	\$350,000
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While the anticipated individual work orders issued under this annual contract may not exceed the monetary limitations of a Group 4 license, the County intentionally established Group 5 as the minimum qualification for this solicitation. The purpose of establishing minimum qualifications is not limited solely to project value, but also serves as a means of ensuring that contractors possess the financial capacity, licensing qualifications, and demonstrated responsibility deemed appropriate by Cherokee County for an annual on-call paving contract.

The County is obligated to evaluate bids based upon the requirements contained within the published solicitation. Modifying or waiving a mandatory minimum qualification after bids have been opened would result in evaluating bidders under standards different from those provided in

the Invitation for Bids and could compromise the integrity of the competitive procurement process.

Additionally, the solicitation included the following provision:

"The Contractor shall not take advantage of any errors or omissions in this RFP. The Company shall promptly notify Cherokee County Government of any omissions or errors found in this document."

No request for clarification or notification regarding the AP5 licensing requirement was submitted by CGD Construction, LLC prior to bid opening. Likewise, no addendum modifying the licensing requirement was issued by Cherokee County. Accordingly, the solicitation remained unchanged throughout the procurement process, and all bidders were required to meet the published minimum qualifications.

Although Administration is aware that a previous annual paving contract may have been awarded to a contractor without the required Group 5 classification, that prior procurement does not alter the requirements of the current solicitation. Each procurement must be evaluated independently based upon its own published specifications and applicable procurement requirements.

Based upon the foregoing, Administration has determined that Cherokee Landscaping & Grading Co., LLC is the lowest responsive and responsible bidder meeting all mandatory requirements of the Invitation for Bids and recommends award of the FY 2026–2027 C-Fund Annual Paving Contract to Cherokee Landscaping & Grading Co., LLC.



South Carolina Contractor's Licensing Board

CLASSIFICATION ABBREVIATIONS and GROUP DOLLAR LIMITATIONS

All licenses display 2-letter classifications followed by a number. The number indicates the licensee's dollar limit per job, (i.e. **BD3** = Building work up to \$1,000,000 per job/bid; **EL4** = Electrical work up to \$400,000 per job/bid).

GENERAL CONTRACTOR classifications

Asphalt Paving ²	AP
Boiler Installation	BL
Boring & Tunneling (no technical exam)	BT
Bridges ²	BR
Building (BD, LB, UB) ¹	BD
Concrete	CT
Concrete Paving ²	CP
Glass & Glazing	GG
Grading ²	GD
Highway ²	HY
Highway Incidental (no technical exam)	HI
Marine	MR
Masonry (no technical exam)	MS
Miscellaneous Metals (no technical exam)	MM
Nonstructural Renovation	NR
Pipelines	PL
Pre-Engineered Metal Buildings	MB
Public Electrical Utility ³	1U/2U
Railroad (no technical exam)	RR
Roofing	RF
Structural Framing ⁴	SF
Swimming Pools	SP
Water & Sewer Lines	WL
Water & Sewer Plants	WP
Wood Frame Structures	WF

MECHANICAL CONTRACTOR classifications

Air Conditioning ⁵	AC
Electrical	EL
Heating ⁶	HT
Lightning Protection	LP
Packaged Equipment	PK
Plumbing	PB
Pressure and Process Piping ⁷	1P/2P
Refrigeration	RG

(Classifications with "no technical exam" still require passing the S.C. Business Management & Law for Commercial Contractors exam)

For the "Classification Definitions", see the **S.C. Code of Laws for Contractors, SECTION 40-11-410**.

- Building (BD/LB/UB)** includes MS, MM, NR, MB, RF, SF, and WF.
LB - Limited Building exam passed. Limited to 3 stories in height. Can only apply for Group #1, #2, or #3 below.
UB - Unlimited Building exam passed. No story height limitation. Can apply for any of the 5 Group limits below.
- Asphalt Paving (AP)** includes GD. **Bridges (BR)** includes BT, CT, MR, and RR. **Concrete Paving (CP)** includes GD. **Grading (GD)** includes HI. Licensees with AP, CP, BR, GD, and HI receive the **Highway (HY)** classification.
- Public Electrical Utility (1U/2U):**
1U - exam passed prior to 4/1/1999 - licensee can engage in stadium lighting work.
2U - exam passed after 4/1/1999 - licensee cannot engage in stadium lighting work.
- Structural Framing (SF)** includes MM.
- Air Conditioning (AC)** includes PK and RG.
- Heating (HT)** licensees can engage in Boiler Installation work. See [October 2020 Board Meeting Minutes, page 5](#).
- Pressure and Process Piping (1P/2P):**
1P - exam passed prior to 4/1/1999 - licensee can engage in Boiler Installation work.
2P - exam passed after 4/1/1999 - licensee cannot engage in Boiler Installation work.

GROUP LIMITATIONS, WORKING CAPITAL, NET WORTH and SURETY BOND REQUIREMENTS									
GENERAL CONTRACTORS					MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS				
Group#	Bid & Job \$ Limitation	Working Capital	Net Worth (Total Equity)	Surety Bond Amount	Group #	Bid & Job \$ Limitation	Working Capital	Net Worth (Total Equity)	Surety Bond Amount
Group #1	\$100,000	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	Group #1	\$35,000	\$3,500	\$7,000	\$7,000
Group #2	\$400,000	\$40,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	Group #2	\$100,000	\$10,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
Group #3	\$1,000,000	\$100,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	Group #3	\$200,000	\$20,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
Group #4	\$3,000,000	\$175,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	Group #4	\$400,000	\$40,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
Group #5	\$Unlimited	\$250,000	\$350,000	\$350,000	Group #5	\$Unlimited	\$200,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
Working Capital = Current Assets - Current Liabilities *** Net Worth = Total Assets - Total Liabilities									

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Board: Commercial Contractors

CGD CONSTRUCTION LLC

1565 WILKINSVILLE HWY
GAFFNEY, SC 29340
(864)487-7872

License number: 117879

License type: GENERAL CONTRACTOR

Status: ACTIVE

Expiration: 10/31/2026

First Issuance Date: 03/21/2013

Classification:

Building-BD4

Asphalt Paving-AP4

Water & Sewer Lines-WL4

Grading-GD4

Qualified By: Financial Statement

President / Owner: CRAIG HENRY PATTERSON / GREGORY THOMAS PATTERSON

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Supervised By

PATTERSON CRAIG (CQG)

PATTERSON GREGORY (CQG)

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CHEROKEE LANDSCAPING & GRADING CO INC

374 PEELER CREEK RD
GAFFNEY, SC 29340
(864) 489-3252

License number: 10675

License type: GENERAL CONTRACTOR

Status: ACTIVE

Expiration: 10/31/2026

First Issuance Date: 01/01/1992

Classification:

Water & Sewer Lines-WL5

Grading-GD5

Asphalt Paving-AP5

Concrete Paving-CP5

Qualified By: Financial Statement

President / Owner: J D BROWN

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How to Get an AP4 Classification License from the SC Contractor's Licensing Board for Paving

To obtain an **AP4 Asphalt Paving** classification in South Carolina, you must meet the requirements set by the **Contractor's Licensing Board (CLB)** under the South Carolina Contractor's Licensing Act.

1. Choose the Correct Classification

- **AP4** is the Asphalt Paving classification, which covers paving and repairing roads, streets, highways, driveways, parking lots, and airport surfaces, plus related concrete work like curbs and gutters, and surface treatments such as sealers and slurry seals southcarolinacontractortutoring.com .
- You must select **General Contractor (GC)** with the Asphalt Paving classification, not Mechanical Contractor.

2. Meet Experience Requirements

- The **primary qualifying party** must have **at least 2 years of experience** in the past 5 years in the classification you are applying for [SimplyWise](https://SimplyWise.com) .
- Experience must be directly related to asphalt paving work.

3. Pass the Required Exams

- **Business & Law Exam:** Required for all commercial contractors, administered by PSI southcarolinacontractortutoring.com +1 .
- **Technical/Trade Exam:** The Asphalt Paving trade exam, also administered by PSI, with specific reference materials allowed southcarolinacontractortutoring.com .
- Both exams are computer-based and available year-round at authorized PSI centers.

4. Show Financial Responsibility

- You must file a **financial statement** or post a **surety bond** equal to the group dollar limit you choose (Groups 1–5) contractorlicensinginc.com +1 .
- The bond amount depends on the group limit you select; higher groups require larger bonds.

5. Submit Your Application

- Complete the **General Contractor Application** with the correct classification (AP4 Asphalt Paving) [SCLLR](https://SCLLR.com) .
- Include:

- Completed application form
 - Required fees (commercial license application is \$350) SimplyWise
 - Proof of experience
 - Exam results
 - Financial statement or bond
- Submit to the **South Carolina Contractor's Licensing Board** via the LLR portal or in person.

6. Receive and Use Your License

- Once approved, your license will be issued and you can verify it on the LLR verification portal before bidding or pulling permits SimplyWise.
- Your classification must match the scope of work you bid; if you do paving work outside asphalt, you may need additional classifications.

Tip: If you are starting out, consider applying for a lower group limit to reduce bond requirements, and ensure your experience and exams are well-documented to avoid delays.

For official forms, exam details, and application instructions, visit the **SC Contractor's Licensing Board** website at llr.sc.gov/clb SCLLR.

How to Get an AP5 Paving Contractor License in South Carolina

To obtain an **AP5 classification** (asphalt paving) from the South Carolina Contractor's Licensing Board (CLB), you must meet both **experience/education** and **exam** requirements, plus financial and insurance obligations.

1. Understand the AP5 Classification

AP5 is the **asphalt paving** trade classification under the CLB. It covers paving and repairing roads, streets, highways, driveways, parking lots, airport surfaces, and related work like curbs, gutters, and surface treatments southcarolinacontractortutoring.com.

2. Experience or Education Requirement

- **4 years** (72 months) of verifiable construction experience, with **at least 2 years in paving or highway work** masterfinder.com.
- Education can substitute: an **Associate's degree in civil engineering** can reduce required experience by 1–2 years masterfinder.com.
- No experience? You cannot qualify unless you meet the education requirement.

3. Exams

You must pass **two** computer-based exams through PSI:

1. **Trade-specific exam** – Asphalt Paving (AP5) southcarolinacontractortutoring.com.
 2. **South Carolina Business Management and Law (B&L) exam** southcarolinacontractortutoring.com +1.
- The asphalt paving exam allows specific reference books in the room; prepare with highlighted/tabbed study materials southcarolinacontractortutoring.com.
 - Both exams are available year-round at PSI centers.

4. Financial Responsibility

- Provide a **reviewed financial statement** showing net worth sufficient for your chosen **Group Limit** (e.g., \$45,000 for Unlimited) masterfinder.com.
- Use **Form 102** for financials.

5. Insurance

- **General liability**: minimum \$500,000 per occurrence, \$1 million aggregate masterfinder.com.

- **Workers' compensation** if you have employees.
- Provide proof of insurance with your application.

6. Application Process

- **Register your business** with the SC Secretary of State (if LLC/corp) and get an EIN from the IRS [masterfinder.com](https://www.masterfinder.com) .
- **Apply online or by mail** with Form 200 (General Contractor Application) [masterfinder.com](https://www.masterfinder.com) .
- Submit:
 - Experience/education affidavits (Form 100A) with supervisor/client signatures.
 - Financial statement (Form 102).
 - Insurance certificates.
 - Exam scores.
- **Fees:** Application \$120; license \$50–\$350 depending on limits; renewal \$75–\$400 [masterfinder.com](https://www.masterfinder.com) .

7. Renewal

- CLB licenses expire **October 31 of even-numbered years** (next: Oct 31, 2026) www.thecontractormatrix.com .
- Renewal requires 8 hours of continuing education and updated insurance [masterfinder.com](https://www.masterfinder.com) .

8. Pro Tips

- Match your license classification to the work you bid; doing outside paving work without the right classification can result in permit denials southcarolinacontractortutoring.com .
- Start exam prep early—both B&L and trade exams require focused study.
- Keep all documentation organized to avoid delays.

In short: To get AP5, you need 4 years (2 in paving) of experience or equivalent education, pass the asphalt paving and B&L exams, meet financial and insurance requirements, and complete the CLB application process southcarolinacontractortutoring.com +1 .