

INTRODUCTION and INTENT of RFP:

Notice to Vendors:

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL 2027-05 Cherokee County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Sealed proposals will be accepted until Friday, October 23rd, 2026, at 12:00 P.M. EST, at the Administration Office in the Cherokee County Administration Building, 110 Railroad Avenue, 2nd Floor, Gaffney, South Carolina 29340. Complete specifications and instructions are attached herewith.

Cherokee County, South Carolina (the County) invites competitive proposals from qualified firms to provide professional planning and consulting services to update the County's 2022 Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. The selected consultant will lead a FEMA-compliant planning process, coordinate a planning review team that includes public and critical-infrastructure partners, update the risk and vulnerability assessment and mitigation strategy, conduct meaningful public and stakeholder engagement, and prepare all materials required for State and FEMA review, local adoption, final approval, and grant closeout support.

This project is funded through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) following Hurricane Helene, FEMA-4829-DR-SC, Project 0012. The approved total project cost is \$73,500, consisting of a \$55,125 federal share (75 percent) and an \$18,375 County share (25 percent). A separate \$3,675 federal subrecipient-management-cost amount has been obligated for eligible County administrative costs and is not part of the consultant fee unless expressly incorporated through a FEMA-approved budget revision.

PROCUREMENT METHOD Although qualifications and relevant experience are heavily weighted, this solicitation requests and evaluates price. Under 2 CFR 200.320(b)(2), qualifications-based selection without price as a factor is reserved for architectural/engineering professional services. This planning-consulting engagement will be procured through competitive proposals.