

REQUESTS FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ)
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES
WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

Stokes County proposes to secure funding and complete construction of the water system to serve the Meadows community consisting of approximately 8,500 lf of water main, supply well, and elevated storage tank. Although other funding sources are to be explored, the primary funding of the project is anticipated to be provided through USDA – Rural Development. The County is seeking the services of a professional engineer or professional engineering firm to assist with the Preliminary Engineering Report, Environmental Report, USDA funding application, explore design, construction administration, grant funding, management / administration, inspection, and initial startup of the proposed project. The selected engineer or engineering firm will be expected to aggressively pursue all available funding options to include but not limited to USDA – Rural Development. The engineer or engineering firm must be licensed to practice engineering in North Carolina for this type of project.

Stokes County proposes to select a professional engineer or professional engineering firm based on the following criteria each of which is deemed to have equal importance:

1. Availability and interest in providing services.
2. Experience especially as related to providing these services for similar clients and for similar projects and familiarity with project described above, including specific USDA Rural Development experience in the last 5 years.
3. Qualifications of the personnel to be assigned to the project, including but not limited to qualifications of the project engineer, the design engineer(s), and the resident inspector(s).
4. Past performance history in terms of providing timeliness of services, project cost control, and project startup services.
5. A list of three references with contact names and phone numbers. References should be from similar projects and to the extent possible from similar clients.

Any interested professional engineering firm or professional engineer working as a sole proprietor may submit proposals for consideration. Proposals should provide ample information for evaluation in accordance with the above criteria. Since funding for the project is anticipated to be provided by Rural Development, the amount of engineering fees eligible for that funding will be determined by the agency. Because of limited availability of funds, Stokes County desires to procure these services for fees that will be determined totally eligible for funding by Rural Development.

Written proposals from interested engineers and engineering firms must be received by Stokes County, Attn: Mr. Mark Delehant, Public Utilities Director at the Stokes County Administration Building, 1014

Main Street, (or by mail at P.O. Box 20) Danbury, North Carolina 27016, Phone (336) 593-2415 until 5:00 pm September 5, 2019. Stokes County will then evaluate proposals and will make a selection of an engineering firm based on consideration of the above criteria. It is the intention of Stokes County to select an engineer or engineering firm that best meets the County's needs for this project. All firms submitting proposals will be notified in writing as to the outcome of the selection process. Any questions regarding this request for proposals should be directed to the above contact person.

Stokes County is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Local, minority, female-owned, and small businesses are encouraged to submit proposals. Stokes County reserves the right to accept or to reject any or all proposals.