

CHIMNEY ROCK VILLAGE, NORTH CAROLINA

ADDENDUM NO. 1

Request for Qualifications - Engineering Services Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWPP)

REVISED SOQ SUBMISSION DATE: AUGUST 31, 2026

1. Purpose of Addendum

This Addendum provides official clarifications and responses to questions received regarding the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for professional A/E services for the Chimney Rock Village Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWPP) project. This Addendum forms part of the RFQ and shall be considered by all respondents in preparing their Statements of Qualifications (SOQs).

2. RFQ Modifications and Clarifications

2.1 Revised SOQ Submission Date

The SOQ submission date is hereby revised from Sunday, August 30, 2026, to Monday, August 31, 2026, because the originally stated date falls on a Sunday. The submission time and all other submission requirements established in the RFQ remain unchanged. All references in the RFQ to the SOQ submission date shall be interpreted using the revised date of August 31, 2026.

3. Questions and Responses

3.1 What is the project implementation schedule?

The project is being implemented on an expedited basis consistent with USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWPP) requirements. The current federal award record identifies a period of performance from May 11, 2026 through September 27, 2027. The Village therefore intends to advance assessment, design, regulatory coordination, permitting, bidding, and construction as efficiently as practicable within the applicable NRCS period of performance.

The selected A/E Consultant will be expected to begin work promptly following execution of the Professional Services Agreement and issuance of a written Notice to Proceed. Individual schedules will be established through task orders and coordinated with the Village and NRCS. As stated in Exhibit A of the RFQ, task-order schedules must account for NRCS EWPP funding timelines and program deadlines, procurement requirements, operational priorities, and construction timelines.

The schedule remains subject to NRCS review and approval, regulatory permitting, property access/right-of-entry requirements, and other site-specific conditions. Construction procurement and construction activities will proceed only after completion of the applicable design, review, approval, and procurement prerequisites.

3.2 How many sites are funded?

The current procurement record provided for this RFQ does not establish a final fixed number of individual project sites. The RFQ is structured to allow professional services to be authorized on an as-needed, task-order basis for eligible and authorized EWPP work.

The final number and limits of sites assigned to the selected Consultant will be based on the applicable NRCS-approved project documentation, confirmed eligibility, property access/right-of-entry requirements, and subsequent task-order authorization. Respondents should demonstrate the capacity to address multiple stream reaches/sites and should not base their qualifications on a predetermined number of individual projects.

3.3 What is the total funding amount?

The current project funding documentation identifies approximately \$10.6 million in total EWPP funding, consisting of approximately \$9.6 million in Financial Assistance (FA), primarily associated with eligible construction activities, and \$1.0 million in Technical Assistance (TA) and associated implementation activities.

The Village's current planning allocation for the \$1.0 million TA component anticipates approximately \$550,000 for A/E services, \$200,000 for administrative and program compliance activities, and \$250,000 for project/construction management activities.

The A/E amount is a planning allocation and is not a guaranteed contract value. Consistent with Exhibit A of the RFQ, services will be authorized on an as-needed, task-order basis, and no minimum amount of work is guaranteed.

3.4 What is the contractor selection process?

The current RFQ is for selection of the A/E Consultant, not the construction contractor. The A/E Consultant will be selected through a qualifications-based selection process in accordance with N.C. Gen. Stat. § 143-64.31 et seq. and the federal qualifications-based procurement provision for architectural and engineering professional services at 2 CFR § 200.320(b)(2)(iv). Cost or pricing information is not used as a selection factor during ranking. Following ranking, the Village will negotiate fair and reasonable compensation with the highest-ranked firm; if satisfactory terms cannot be reached, the Village may terminate negotiations and proceed to the next-ranked firm.

Construction contractor procurement will occur separately following development and required review/approval of the applicable design and bid documents. Construction procurement will comply with applicable North Carolina public contracting law, including N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 143-129 and 143-131, as applicable, together with applicable federal, NRCS, and Village procurement requirements.

The selected A/E Consultant may assist with bid packages, responses to bidder questions, addenda, bid evaluation, and contractor-selection support. Final procurement and contract-award authority remains with the Village.

3.5 Will contractors be pre-qualified to work on NRCS bank stabilization projects?

The Village is not presently establishing a separate NRCS-specific contractor prequalification program as part of this A/E RFQ.

Construction contractors will be required to satisfy the licensing, experience, capacity, responsibility, and compliance requirements established in the applicable construction solicitation and contract documents. Requirements may appropriately address experience with streambank stabilization, in-stream work, erosion and sediment control, applicable conservation practices, and federally funded construction.

If the Village elects to use a formal construction prequalification process, that process will be implemented only as permitted by applicable North Carolina law, including N.C. Gen. Stat. § 143-135.8, and will use the required objective and project-appropriate procedures. No NRCS-specific prequalified contractor pool is being established through this RFQ.

3.6 How many projects will be bid together as a single contract?

The final construction bid-packaging strategy has not yet been established.

The Village, in coordination with NRCS and with assistance from the selected A/E Consultant as appropriate, will evaluate construction packaging based on factors such as geographic relationship of the sites, type and quantity of stabilization measures, access, permitting conditions, constructability, construction sequencing, available funding, schedule, and contractor-market considerations.

Multiple sites may be combined into a construction package when technically, programmatically, and economically appropriate, or may be separated into multiple bid packages when warranted. Respondents should be prepared to support either consolidated or site-specific construction packages. No specific number of construction contracts is established by this RFQ.

3.7 Can you provide a spatial scope for the work? Is it the Village's municipal boundaries? If not, can you provide a shapefile or upstream/downstream latitude/longitude?

The project concerns Hurricane Helene-related emergency watershed protection measures associated with Chimney Rock Village and affected stream channels, streambanks, and related infrastructure. The A/E scope should not be interpreted as encompassing all property within the Village's municipal boundaries.

Work will be limited to locations determined eligible and authorized under the NRCS EWPP project and subsequent project/task-order documentation. Certain eligible work may involve private property for which rights of entry and access are required.

The current procurement record provided with the RFQ does not include a final GIS shapefile or a complete set of confirmed upstream/downstream coordinates defining all authorized design limits. The Village will provide the selected Consultant with available NRCS site/project information, rights-of-entry information, mapping, and other available spatial information necessary to perform authorized task orders. If project-specific GIS data or confirmed coordinates are made available by NRCS for authorized sites, those materials will be provided as appropriate. Respondents should not assume that the entire municipal boundary constitutes the limits of design.

3.8 Is an NRCS Technical Service Provider (TSP) certification required for the consultants and/or prime on the SOQ?

NRCS Technical Service Provider (TSP) certification is not identified as a minimum qualification or Statement of Qualifications requirement under this RFQ.

Respondents must satisfy the professional licensure, experience, and technical qualification requirements stated in the RFQ, including applicable North Carolina professional engineering licensure, relevant stream restoration/streambank stabilization or similar emergency watershed protection experience, familiarity with federally funded projects, and knowledge of applicable NRCS EWPP technical standards and requirements.

If NRCS subsequently identifies a specific authorized task or service for which TSP certification is required, the Village will address that requirement through the applicable task order, amendment, or other written direction. TSP certification may be identified by a respondent as additional relevant capability, but it is not presently a threshold requirement for responsiveness to this RFQ.

3.9 The RFQ mentioned Damage Survey Reports (DSRs) from NRCS. Can you share a copy of these?

The NRCS Damage Survey Reports (DSRs) are not being provided as part of the RFQ at this time. The Village will make available to the selected Consultant the applicable NRCS-approved project documentation, including available DSRs and related site information, necessary to perform the authorized scope of services.

Respondents are not expected to develop their SOQs based on detailed DSR quantities, site-specific designs, or final construction limits. This RFQ is a qualifications-based procurement, and firms should demonstrate their qualifications, relevant experience, technical approach, and capacity to perform the types of services described in the RFQ.

If NRCS DSRs or other project-specific documentation are made available by the Village for distribution prior to the SOQ submission deadline, such information will be provided uniformly to prospective respondents through the formal procurement process.

4. Acknowledgment

Respondents shall acknowledge receipt of this Addendum in their Statement of Qualifications. Except as specifically modified or clarified herein, all other terms, conditions, requirements, and provisions of the RFQ remain unchanged and in full force and effect.