

Pre-Submittal Conference

IDQ- Environmental Review Services for Counties Affected by Hurricane Helene

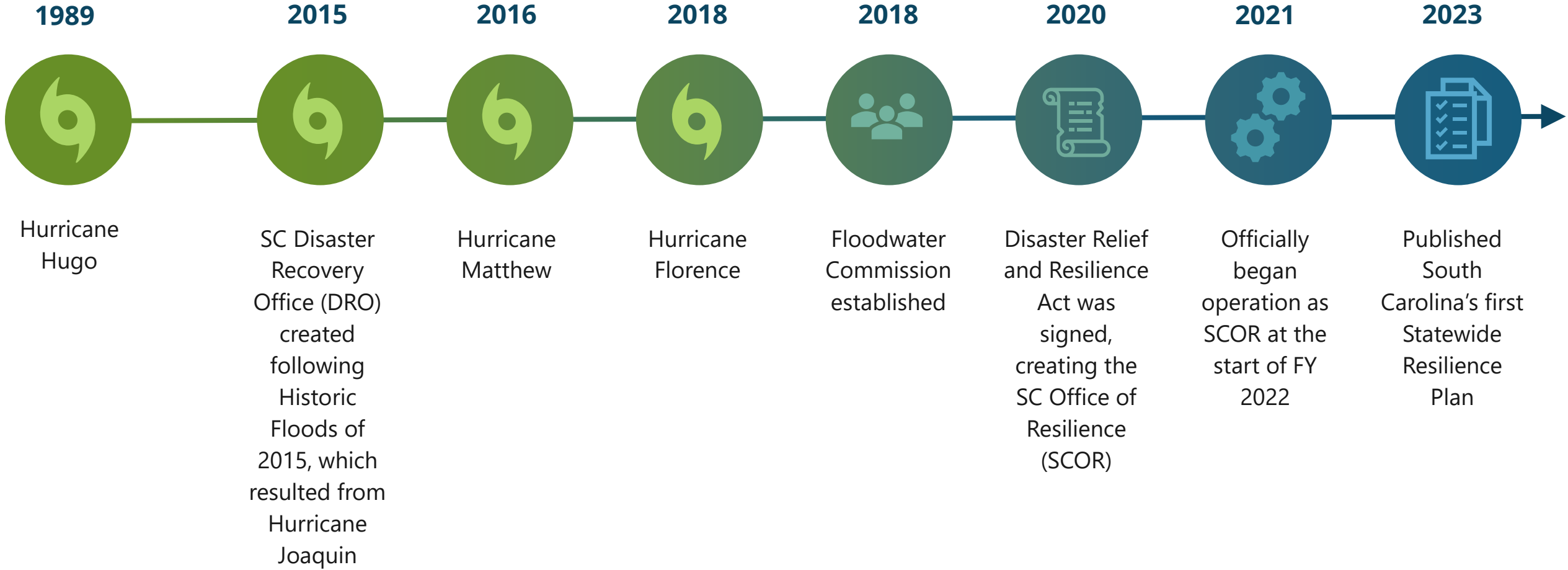
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Our Mission

SCOR lessens the impact of disasters on the communities and citizens of South Carolina by planning and coordinating statewide **resilience, long-term recovery** and **hazard mitigation**.

History



What We Do

DISASTER RECOVERY

- **Long-term recovery:** rebuild and replace homes damaged by hurricanes and flooding in FEMA-declared counties; funded by HUD CDBG-DR
- **Disaster Case Management:** assisting disaster survivors in meeting their disaster-caused unmet needs; funded by FEMA and HUD CDBG-DR

MITIGATION

- **Buyouts:** Voluntary acquisitions of repetitively flooded land and property in order to return it to green space
- **Infrastructure:** Traditional "Gray" and Nature-based "Green" Infrastructure
- **Plans & Studies:** Funding for local governments and state agencies to develop and/or update hazard mitigation plans, stormwater plans, and more
- **Matching Grants:** Provide the local cost share for other federal flood mitigation programs

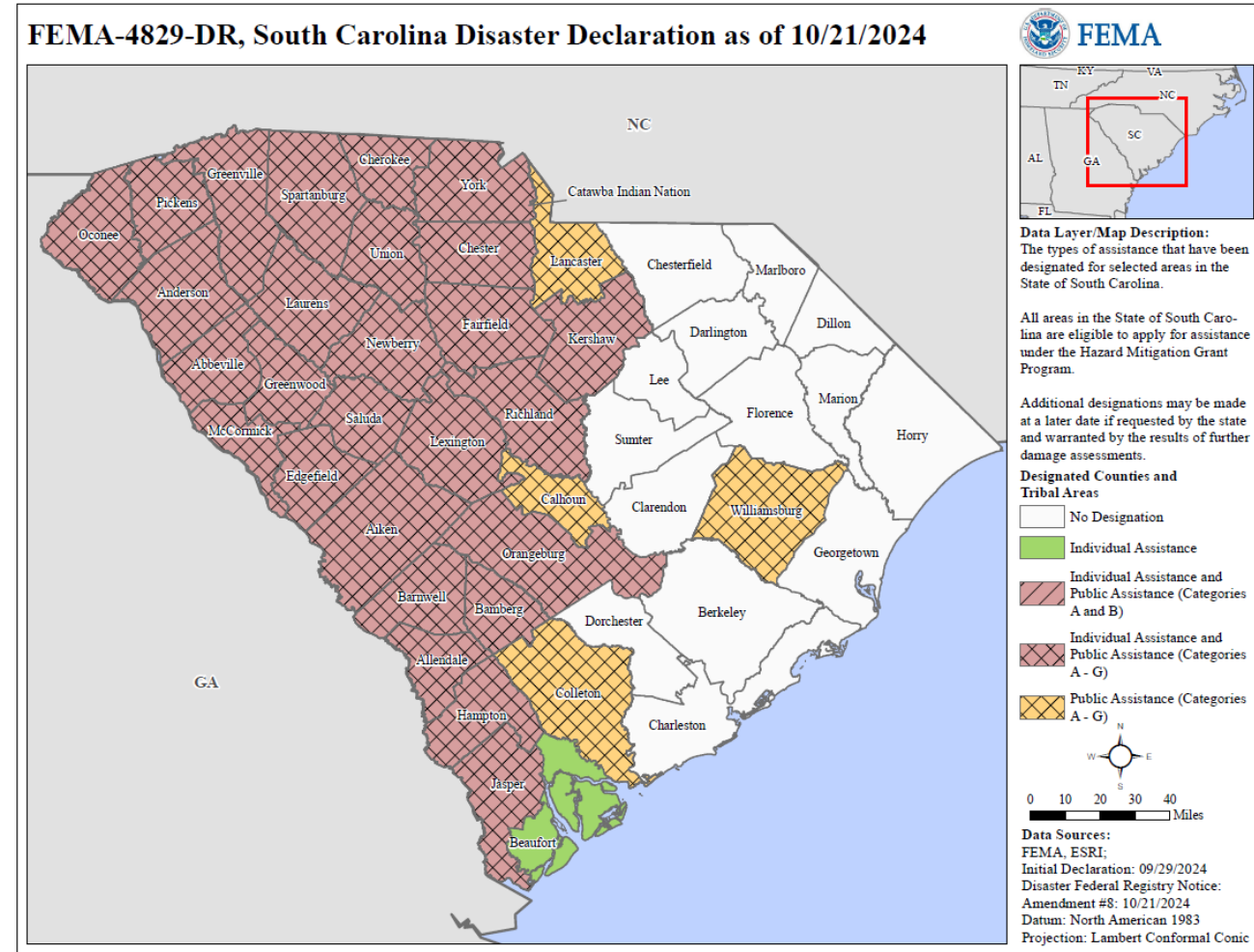
RESILIENCE

- Development and implementation of the Strategic Statewide Resilience & Risk Reduction Plan
- Management of the Disaster Relief and Resilience Reserve Fund and the SC Resilience Revolving Fund



Hurricane Helene Overview

- Hurricane Helene moved through SC on Sept. 26-27, 2024 bringing historic rainfall, winds, tornados, and other impacts.
- On September 28, 2024 Governor Henry McMaster requested an Expedited Major Presidential Disaster Declaration on the State of South Carolina.
- Received Expedited Major Presidential Declaration on September 29, 2024. Amended declarations have and will continue to follow.
- SCOR anticipates the need for recovery activities to include:
 - Residential repairs
 - Residential replacements
 - Voluntary residential buyouts and relocations
 - Infrastructure projects – ex: stormwater improvements
 - Plans & Studies
 - Economic Development
 - Agriculture



SCOR Disaster Recovery Plan – Hurricane Helene

- After past events (2015, 2016, 2018), SCOR (formally DRO) did not have state funds available to begin long term disaster recovery efforts.
 - SCOR could not begin DR efforts until a HUD CDBG-DR allocation was received, typically 1-2yrs after the event.
- SCOR intends to use S.C. Disaster Relief Funds to begin the Hurricane Helene long-term disaster recovery efforts as quickly as possible.
- If S.C. receives a HUD CDBG-DR allocation for Hurricane Helene, SCOR may also use CDBG-DR funds to complete environmental reviews.
- Therefore, Environmental Reviews completed with state funds need to be compliant with applicable HUD requirements in 24 CFR Part 50 and 24 CFR Part 58, to the greatest extent possible.
 - Level of review determinations in accordance with 24 CFR Part 58.34-58.37
 - Use of HEROS, publication of FONSI/NOI RROF Public Notice, and Request for Release of Funds will not be conducted unless/until CDBG-DR funds are allocated to SCOR.

SCOR Procurement of Environmental Services

SCOR procures contracts for construction, A/E services, and any pre-professional services related to construction activities through the **S.C. Office of State Engineers** (OSE) in accordance with state procurement regulations (SC Code § 11-35-830) and the **OSE Manual for Planning and Execution of State Permanent Improvements**, 2023 edition (“OSE Manual”).

- [OSE Manual, Chapter 4](#): Procuring Professional Services Independent of Construction Services
- [OSE Manual, Chapter 9](#): Indefinite Quantity and Task Order Contracts

SCOR issued Requests for Qualifications (RFQs) for **Indefinite Quantity Contract (IDQ)** procurements to hire qualified firms to conduct environmental review services for disaster recovery activities associated with Hurricane Helene.

- IDQ process does not procure or specify a defined quantity of services (other than a min. or max. quantity)
- Issuance of “Delivery Orders” for the performance of work during the period of the contract – Delivery Orders will be determined by the scope of work needed, and the capacity and performance of contracted firms
- May award multiple contracts (max. of 6) per IDQ
- Sum of all Delivery Orders issued during a 2-yr contract may not exceed \$300,000. Individual Delivery Orders under these contracts may not exceed \$100,000.

SCOR RFQs for IDQ Contracts – Environmental Review Services for Counties Affected by Hurricane Helene

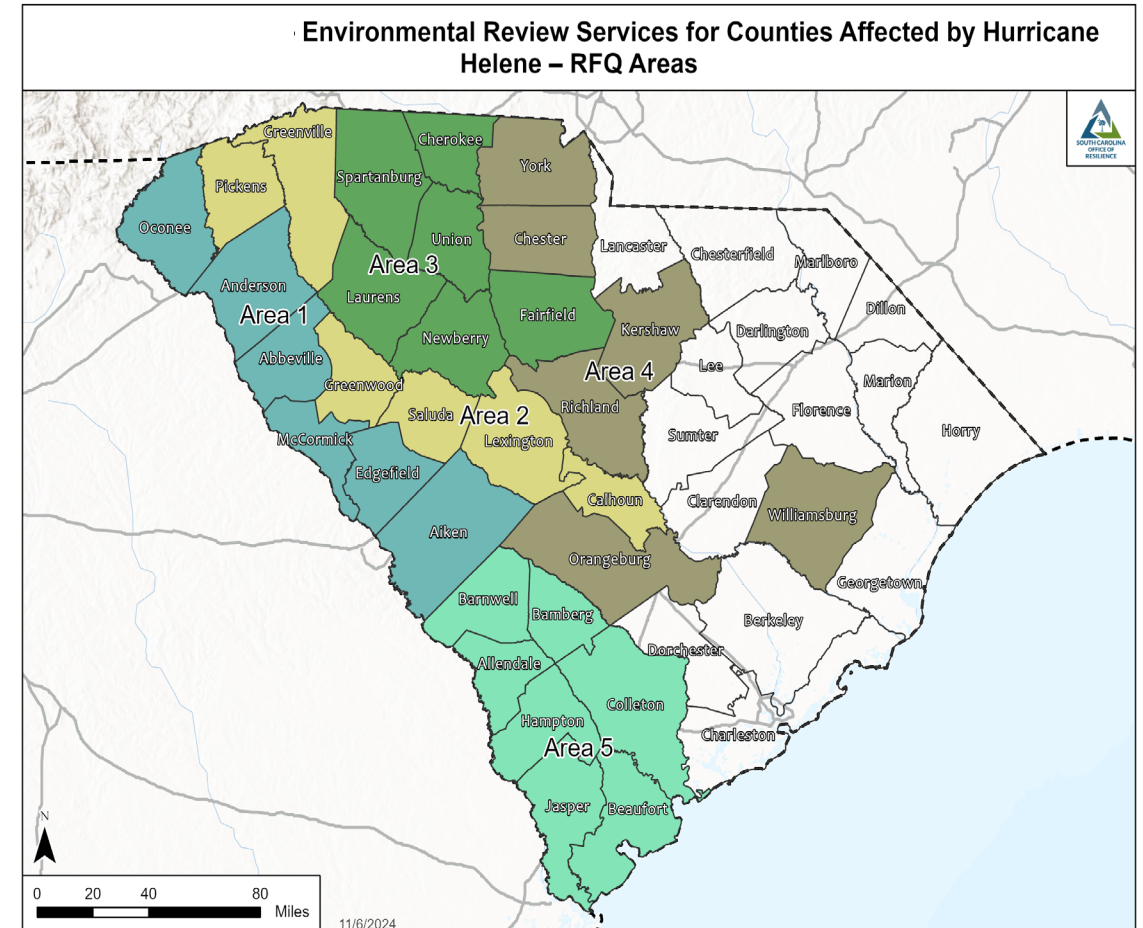
Scope of Work and Deliverables may include:

- HUD Compliant Tier I Broad Level Review Report (in accordance with 24 CFR Part 58).
- HUD Compliant Tier II template informed by the Tier I Report.
- Conduct all applicable initial consultations with regulatory agencies and interested parties.
- Conduct all required final consultations with regulatory agencies and interested parties following federal funding notification.
- Develop, publish, and/or distribute all applicable public notices in accordance with HUD requirements.
- Completed Tier II Site-Specific Environmental Reviews for identified sites.

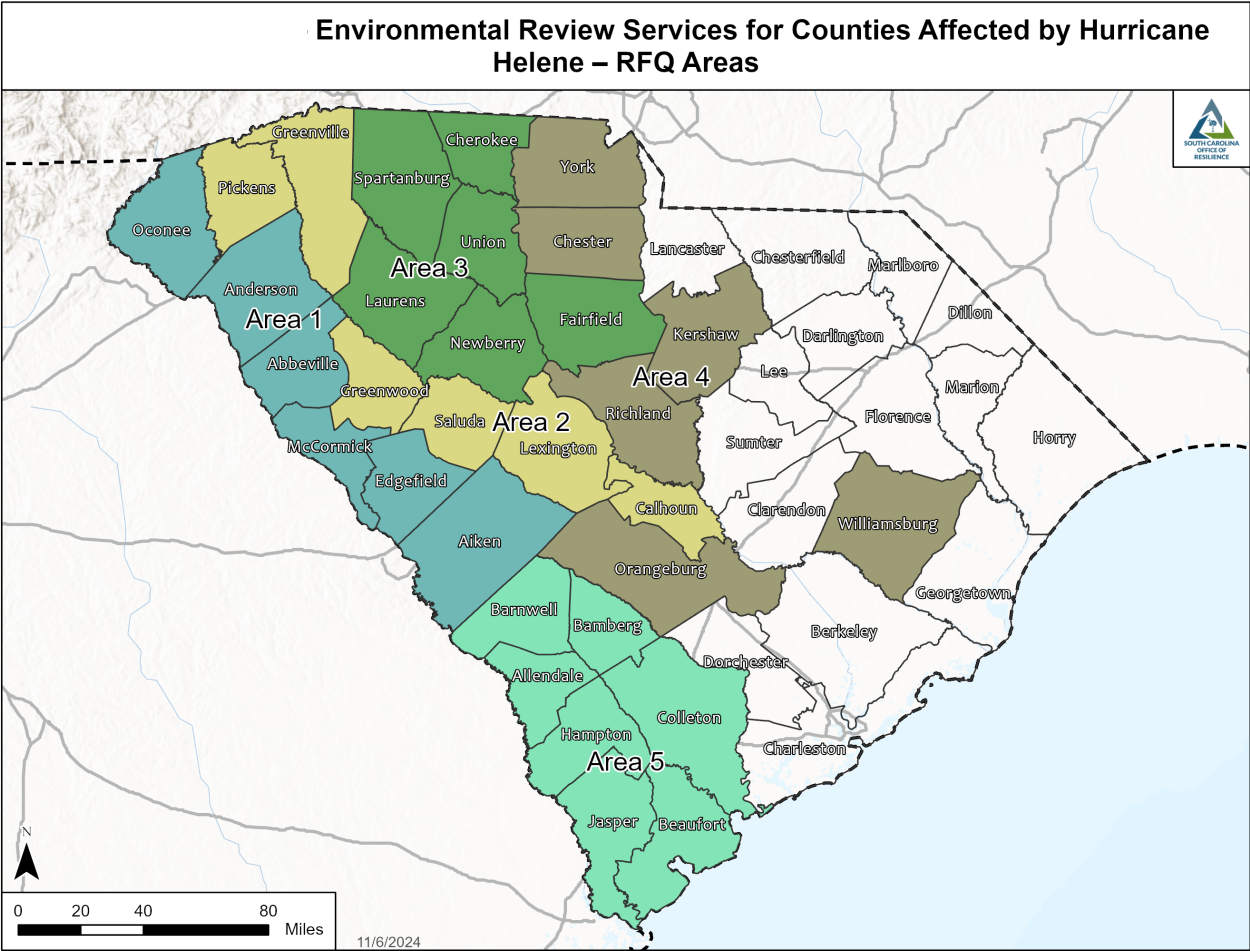
Long-Term Disaster Recovery Activities may include:

- Residential repairs
- Residential replacements
- Voluntary residential buyouts and relocations
- Infrastructure
- Plans and Studies
- *Economic Development*
- *Agriculture*

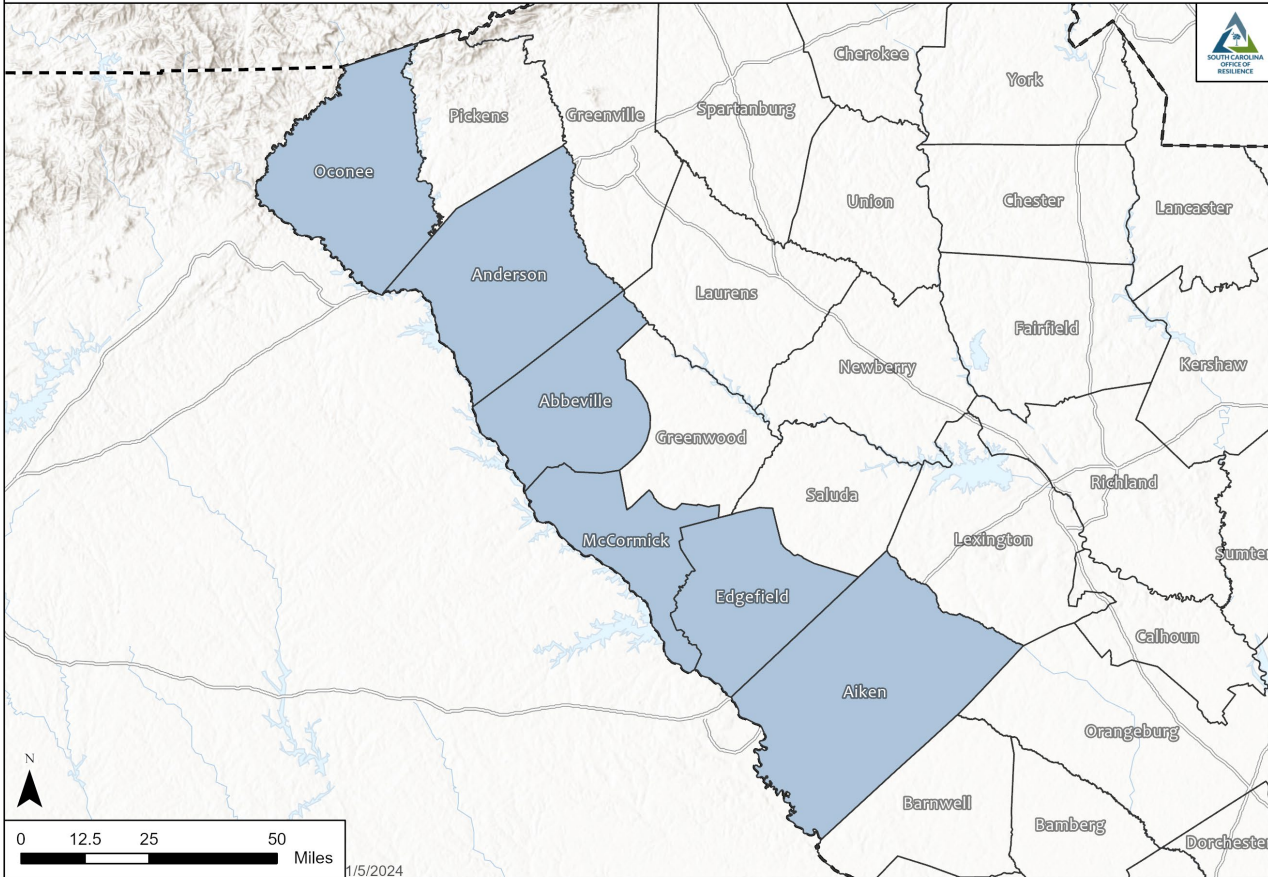
Activities in italics are eligible but not likely to be included in final scope.



SCOR RFQs for IDQ Contracts – Environmental Review Services for Counties Affected by Hurricane Helene



IDQ for Environmental Review Services... Area 1 (D30-P001-PG)



Area 1: Scope of work may include:

I. County wide Tier I Environmental Assessments

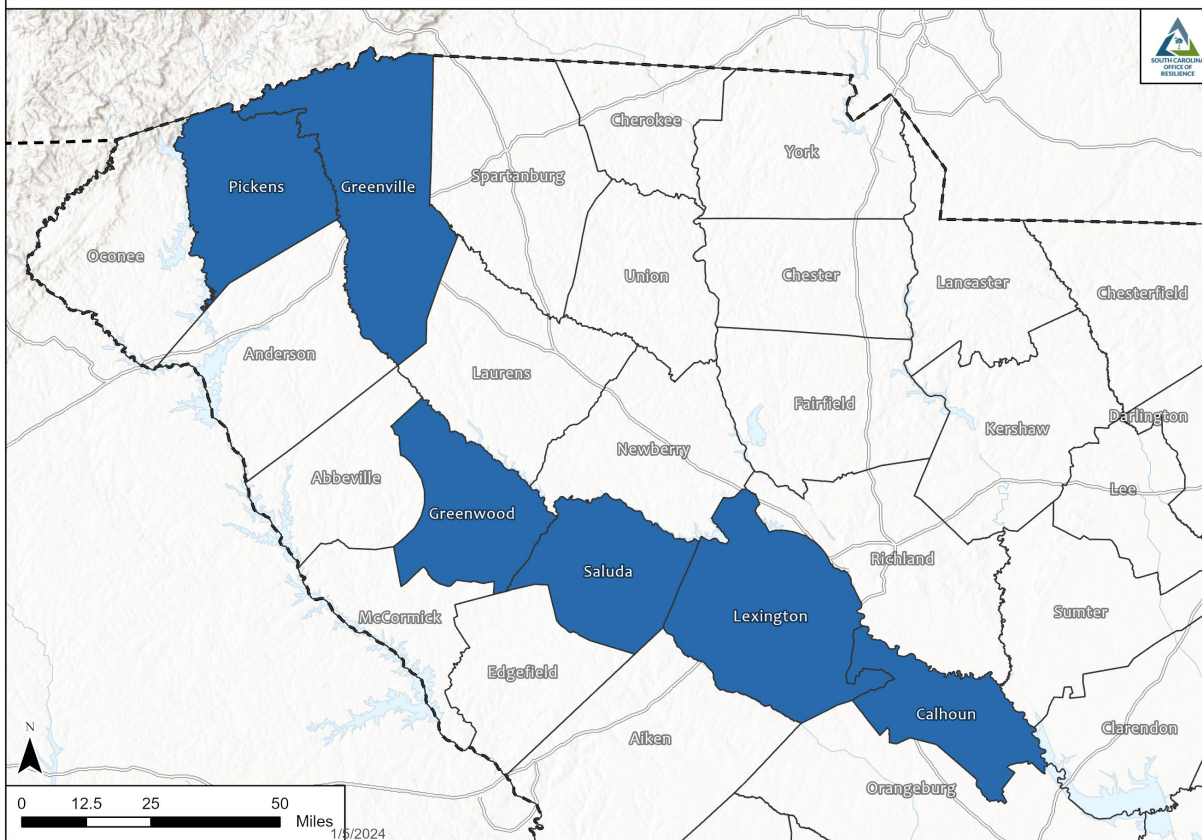
- Oconee County
- Anderson County
- Abbeville County
- McCormick County
- Edgefield County
- Aiken County

II. Site Specific Tier II Environmental Reviews

- Scattered throughout 6 counties
- DR and MIT activities covered in Tier I

III. Environmental Assessment (EA) Reviews for mitigation activities (ex: stormwater infrastructure)

IDQ for Environmental Review Services... Area 2 (D30-P002-PG)



Area 2: Scope of work may include:

I. County wide Tier I Environmental Assessments

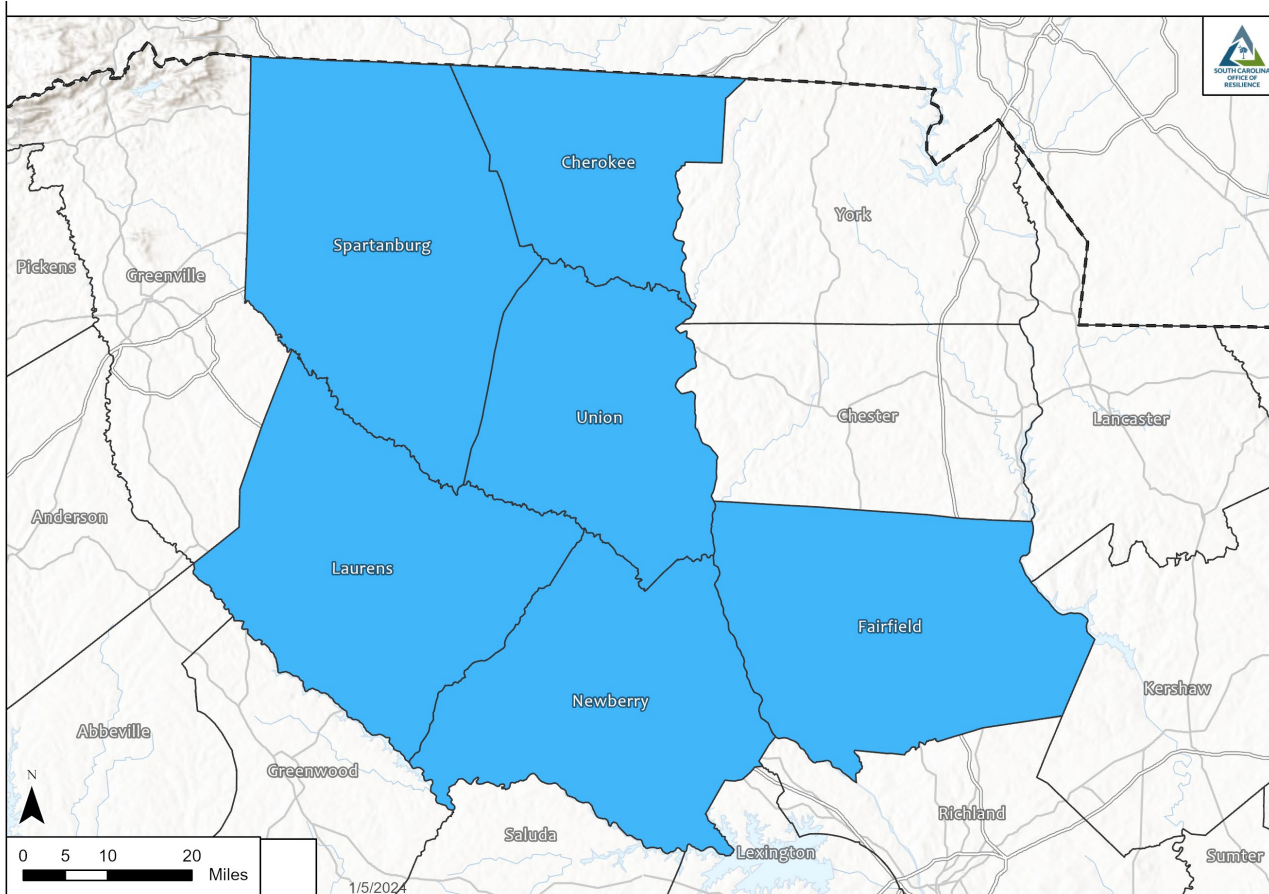
- Pickens County
- Greenville County
- Greenwood County
- Saluda County
- Lexington County
- Calhoun County

II. Site Specific Tier II Environmental Reviews

- Scattered throughout 6 counties
- DR and MIT activities covered in Tier I reviews

III. Environmental Assessment (EA) Reviews for mitigation activities (ex: stormwater infrastructure)

IDQ for Environmental Review Services... Area 3 (D30-P003-PG)



Area 3: Scope of work may include:

I. County wide Tier I Environmental Assessments

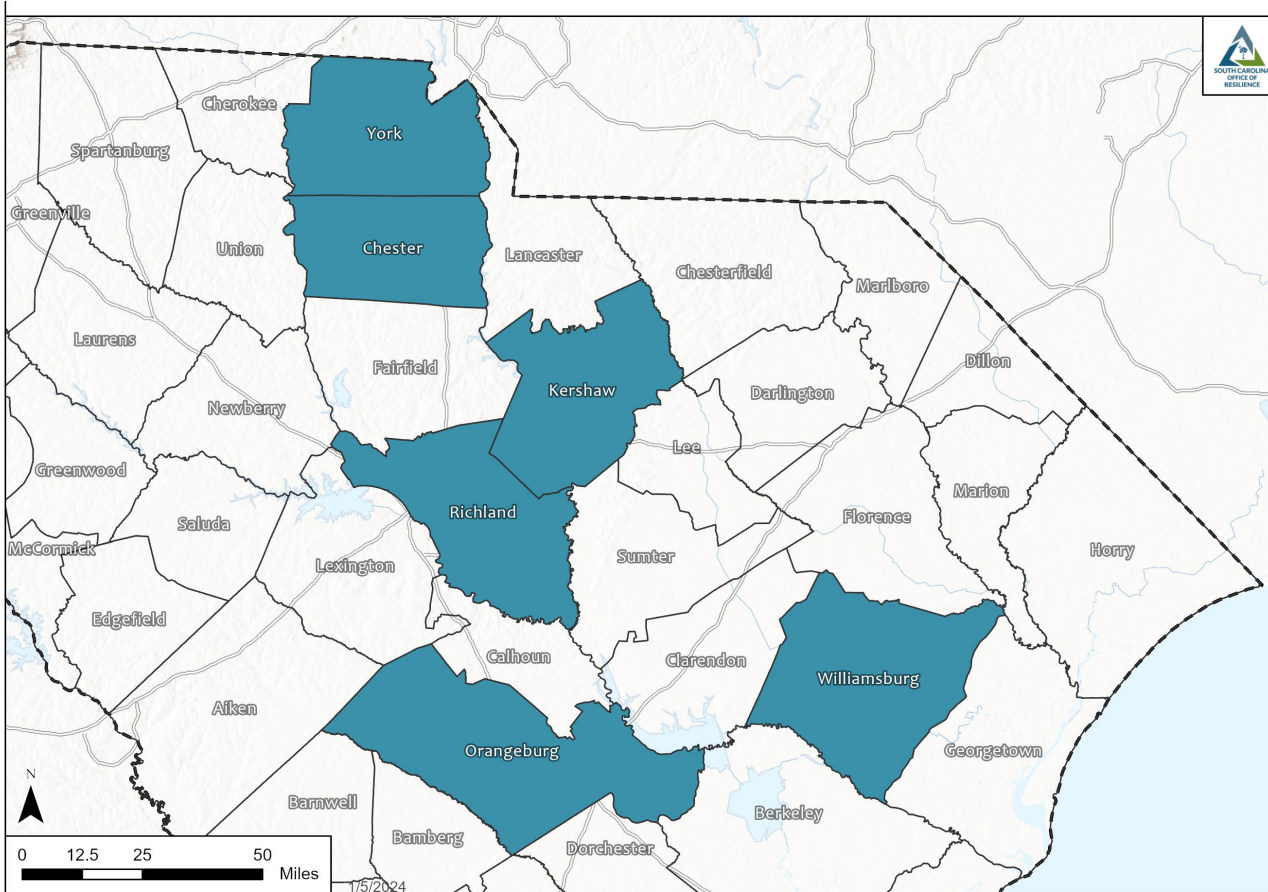
- Spartanburg County
- Cherokee County
- Union County
- Laurens County
- Newberry County
- Fairfield County

II. Site Specific Tier II Environmental Reviews

- Scattered throughout 6 counties
- DR and MIT activities covered in Tier I reviews

III. Environmental Assessment (EA) Reviews for mitigation activities (ex: stormwater infrastructure)

IDQ for Environmental Review Services... Area 4 (D30-P004-PG)



Area 4: Scope of work may include:

I. County wide Tier I Environmental Assessments

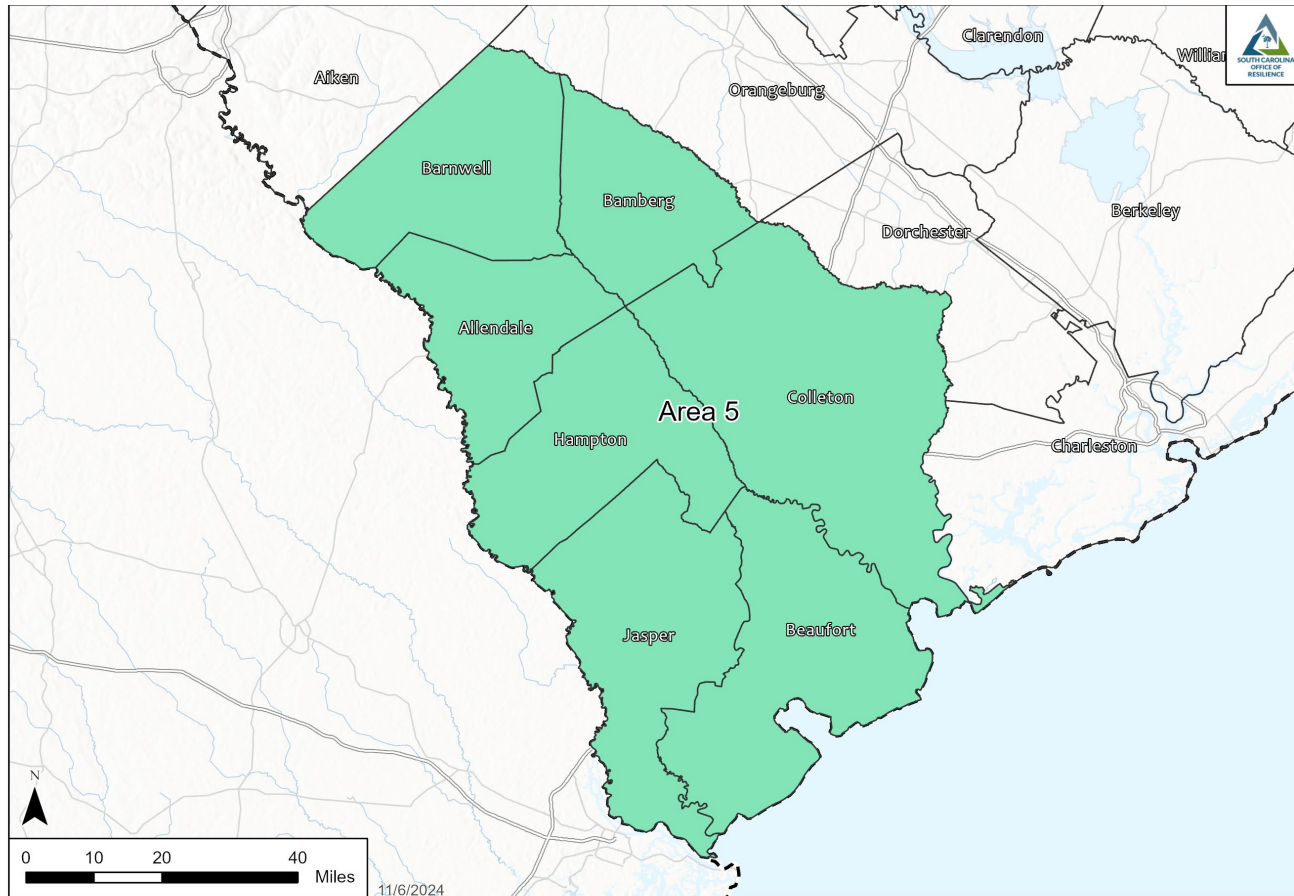
- York County
- Chester County
- Kershaw County
- Richland County
- Orangeburg County
- Williamsburg County

II. Site Specific Tier II Environmental Reviews

- Scattered throughout 6 counties
- DR and MIT activities covered in Tier I reviews

III. Environmental Assessment (EA) Reviews for mitigation activities (ex: stormwater infrastructure)

IDQ for Environmental Review Services...Area 5 (Revised) (D30-P005-PG)



Area 5: Scope of work may include:

I. County wide Tier I Environmental Assessments

- Barnwell County
- Allendale County
- Bamberg County
- Colleton County
- Hampton County
- Jasper County
- **Beaufort County***

II. Site Specific Tier II Environmental Reviews

- Scattered throughout 6 counties
- DR and MIT activities covered in Tier I reviews

III. Environmental Assessment (EA) Reviews for mitigation activities (ex: stormwater infrastructure)

Estimated SCOR IDQ Procurement Timeline

Environmental Services Procurement Anticipated Schedule	
RFQ Issuance	October 22, 2024*
Non-Mandatory Pre-Submittal Conference	November 11 @ 1:00 PM
RFQ Submittal Deadline	Wednesday, December 4, 2024 @ 4:00 PM
Review Firm Submittals	December 2024
Interview Selected Firms	January 2024
Negotiations and Contract Execution	February/March 2024
Issue Delivery Orders	Est. March/April 2024 - TBD

*IDQ Area #5 Revised and reposted 11/8/24

**Anticipated procurement schedule is an estimate only and subject to change

RFQ Questions & Responses

Q1. What is a Tiered Review?

- A. A Tiered Environmental Review consists of two-stages: a broad-level review (Tier I) and subsequent site-specific reviews (Tier II). The broad-level review should identify and evaluate the issues that can be fully addressed and resolved, notwithstanding possible limited knowledge of the project. In addition, it must establish the standards, constraints, and processes to be followed in the site-specific reviews. As individual sites are selected for review, the site-specific reviews evaluate the remaining issues based on the policies established in the broad-level review.

Collectively, the Tier I and Tier II make up the environmental review record and must comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and HUD's regulations at 24 CFR Part 50 and 24 CFR Part 58. Additional information on HUD compliant Tiered Environmental Reviews is available on the HUD Exchange (<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/environmental-review/tiered-environmental-reviews/>)

Q2. Should firms submit on all five areas?

- R. Firms should submit qualifications for all RFQ – IDQ Areas for which the firm is interested in. SCOR will only consider firms that submit qualifications for that specific RFQ – IDQ Area. Submittals should highlight the firm's familiarity and experience working in the specific area(s) identified in the IDQ(s) they are submitting qualifications for.

RFQ Questions & Responses (continued)

Q3. The RFQs say “Through this RFQ, SCOR expects to award Indefinite Quantity Contract(s) (IDQ) for up to 6 qualified firms.” Is that 6 total for all 5 or 6 for each (up to 30 total)?

R. SCOR has five (5) RFQ’s for IDQ’s for Environmental Review Services currently posted. For each of the posted IDQ’s, SCOR may award up to 6 qualified firms, for a total of up to 30 firms across all five RFQ’s. A firm may be awarded and IDQ contract in more than one RFQ – IDQ Area if the firm submitted qualifications for multiple RFQ – IDQ Areas and is deemed qualified for each.

Q4. Will the Tier I Environmental reviews be completed at the area level as identified in the RFQ, or at the county level of those identified in the RFQ?

R. SCOR intends to procure county level Tier I reviews for each of the counties identified in the IDQ Area.

Q5. Will there be multiple Tier I reviews for different programs under the state’s CDBG-DR program?

R. SCOR intends to complete Tier I Environmental Reviews for each IA county. The Tier I should cover all possible CDBG-DR program activities as noted in the RFQ to include, but not limited to, residential repairs, residential replacements, voluntary residential buyouts and relocations, infrastructure improvements, plans and studies, economic development and agriculture.

RFQ Questions & Responses (continued)

Q6. How many site-specific reviews are expected?

R. The exact number of site-specific reviews needed is not known at this time. The number of Tier IIs required will depend on the extent of the need and available funding.

Q7. “The maximum value of services to be procured under an IDQ contract is \$300,000, and the maximum value of services to be procured under a single Delivery Order is \$100,000.” Do the \$300,000 and \$100,000 limits apply to each of the individual contracted consultants or across all services procured under the RFQ?

R. The \$100,000 Delivery Order limit applies to all contract assignments issued under an IDQ contract. The \$300,000 contract limit applies to a firm under a single IDQ contract.

For example: *If Firm “A” is awarded an IDQ contract for Area 1, Area 3 and Area 4, Firm “A” will have a \$300,000 contract limit on IDQ contracts for Area 1, a \$300,000 contract limit on Area 3, and a \$300,000 contract limit on Area 4.*

Q8a. Do resumes count toward the page limit?

Q8b. May resumes be excluded from the page count?

R. Resumes in the Standard Form 330 can be excluded from the page count.

RFQ Questions & Responses (continued)

Q9a. Is there a page limit for the response to this RFQ?

Q9b. Please confirm the double sided page limit. Is it in accordance with other state agency solicitations?

“Submittals cannot exceed 20 double-sided pages, including covers, which must be soft- no hard notebooks. The Standard Federal Form 330 is not included in this page count.”

R. Yes. As noted on each of the posted SE-610, Invitation for Indefinite Quantity Contracts: *In accordance with the South Carolina Green Purchasing Initiative, submittals cannot exceed 20 double-sided pages, including covers, which must be soft-no hard notebooks. The Standard Federal Form 330 (SF330) is not included in this page count.*

Q10. 6 hard copies are needed for each area for what will likely be nearly identical RFPs – Is there a way to streamline the submittal process, or are separate submittals required to account for the possibility of county-specific staff?

R. Firms must submit 6 hard copies and one electronic copy per RFQ. Submittals should be catered to the firm’s experience and familiarity with the scope of work and geographic area identified in the RFQ for which the firm is submitting qualifications for.

Q11. When does the state anticipate funding to be awarded?

R. SCOR has S.C. Disaster Relief and Resilience funds that will be utilized for initial contracts and delivery orders. SCOR anticipates CDBG-DR funds may be allocated within the next two years. If this occurs, CDBG-DR funds may also be used for delivery orders associated with CDBG-DR activities.

RFQ Questions & Responses (continued)

Q12. Will contracts be signed prior to or after funding is awarded?

R. SCOR does not execute contracts without funding in place. S.C. Disaster Relief and Resilience funds will be utilized for initial contract awards and delivery orders. If/when HUD CDBG-DR funds are made available, SCOR may use CDBG-DR funds for additional delivery orders associated with CDBG-DR program activities.

Q13. Would SCOR consider adding an additional question deadline after the pre-submittal conference to address any follow-up questions that arise after the meeting?

R. Unfortunately, SCOR cannot add an additional question deadline after the pre-submittal conference.

Q14. Does SCOR have an estimate of the volume of work anticipated per area (Part 50 vs Part 58 Tier I/II, EAs, CEST)?

R. Damage assessments associated with Hurricane Helene are ongoing and therefore, the volume of work and exact activities anticipated in each area is not yet known. SCOR anticipates a county-wide Tier I Environmental Assessment will be needed for each county identified in the RFQ scope of work. If CDBG-DR funding is allocated to South Carolina, SCOR will serve as the Responsible Entity for HUD in accordance with 24 CFR Part 58. Environmental reviews for activities that may be funded by CDBG-DR funds in the future should be completed in accordance with the HUD requirements outlines in 24 CFR Part 50 and 24 CFR Part 58, including determination of the level of environmental review associated with the anticipated activities. Work issued under the IDQ will not exceed the procurement limits for a single firm.

RFQ Questions & Responses (continued)

Q15. Does SCOR have an estimate of the Scale of Tier I reviews (i.e. blocks, neighborhoods, cities etc.) ?

R. SCOR anticipates Tier I reviews will be conducted at the county-wide level.

Q16. Are there any expected natural disaster exemptions for related natural resources studies/review? (wetlands, T&E species etc.)?

R. At this time, SCOR is not aware of any natural disaster exemptions for related natural resources studies/reviews. If exemptions or waivers associated with a CDBG-DR allocation are noted in the federal register, SCOR will communicate these waivers with the contracted firms. The contracted firm(s) will be expected to verify any disaster exemptions that are in place at the time work is conducted.

Q17a. Will the responses require submittal of the full SF330?

Q17b. Do we need separate SF330's or full (combined)?

R. Firms will need to decide how much of an SF330 they want to submit. The SF330 forms are excluded from the page count.

RFQ Questions & Responses (continued)

Q18. SCOR states firms should submit “a Certification stating whether the Firm is a Resident of South Carolina.” Please clarify the definition of a “Firm is a Resident of South Carolina”.

R: In accordance with SC Law 11-35-3215, "Resident" means a business that employs, either directly or through consultants, an adequate number of persons domiciled in South Carolina to perform a majority of the design services involved in the procurement.

Q19. Can you clarify what is required in “Executive Summary”?

R: An Executive Summary that briefly summarizes the firm’s qualifications and relevant experience is preferred but not required. If a Firm would like to incorporate an Executive Summary, they may include it at the beginning of the submittal package, or in a cover letter accompanying the submittal package.

Q20. We appreciate that the SCOR advertised this on 10/21 with a due date approximately 30 business days later. However, the timing of the preproposal conference in relation to Thanksgiving and the requirement of 6 hard copies is a challenge. Would SCOR consider a deadline extension of a week?

Q. In consideration of Thanksgiving, SCOR developed an extended RFQ submittal timeline that exceeds the standard 30 calendar days by an additional 14 calendar days. SCOR is not considering a deadline extension at this time. RFQ Submittals will be due to SCOR by December 4, 2024 at 4:00pm.

RFQ Questions & Responses (continued)

Q21a. We will be providing the electronic copy as a thumb/jump/usb drive. Please advise if SCOR desires the electronic copy to be provided in another manner.

Q21b. Under submittal format, SCOR states “provide one (1) electronic copy and six (6) printed copies to the South Carolina Office of Resilience’s Mitigation Department.” Please define how the firm should submit the electronic copy.

R. One (1) electronic copy of each submittal should be provided to SCOR on a USB/thumb drive/jump drive.

Q22. Will selected firms be precluded from offering on any subsequent CDBG-DR program RFQs/RFPs?

Q. No, the selected firms are not precluded from submitting qualifications/proposals on future RFQs or RFPs issued by SCOR.

Q23. SCOR states “Print size shall be 12 pt. font minimum.” Will SCOR allow smaller than 12 point font in graphics, callout boxes, and tables?

Q. The font size requirement does not relate to the font used in graphics, tables, etc. However, smaller font should be legible.

RFQ Questions & Responses (continued)

Q24. May firms submit the redacted version only as an electronic copy?

R: RFQ submittals should be un-redacted as the Selection Committee must be able to view all information included in the submittal. Un-redacted submittals will only be shared with Committee. If a firm wishes to submit a redacted version of the submittal that protects information deemed confidential by S.C. law, in addition to the un-redacted submittals required for the Committee, they may submit the redacted version as an electronic copy only.

Q25a. SCOR states “Print size shall be 12 pt. font minimum, on 8-1/2” by 11 papers.” Are tabloid pages acceptable (11 x 27)?

Q25b. If tabloids are acceptable, will SCOR allow smaller than 12 point font?

R: Submittals should be limited to 8-1/2” by 11” paper.

Q26. SCOR states “in accordance with the South Carolina Green Purchasing Initiative, submittals cannot exceed 20 double-sided pages, including covers, which must be soft- no hard notebooks. The Standard Federal Form 330 is not included in the page count.” Please confirm 20 double-sided pages means the proposal can be 40 pages long.

R: Other than exceptions, the proposal is to be no more than 20 sheets of paper with printing on both sides.

RFQ Questions & Responses (continued)

Q27. SCOR states “print size shall be 12 pt. minimum, on 8-1/2 by 11 papers.” Please confirm the 12 pt font minimum does not apply to the Standard Federal Form 330.

R. The 12 point font minimum does not apply to the SF330.

Q28. SCOR states “in accordance with the South Carolina Green Purchasing Initiative, submittals cannot exceed 20 double-sided pages, including covers, which must be soft- no hard notebooks. The Standard Federal Form 330 is not included in this page count.” SCOR also states that in Section 3: Submittal Information, “submittal shall include...names and resumes of staff working on the project.” Standard Form 330 asks for resumes of staff working on the project. May we include resumes in the Standard Federal Form 330 and not in the 20 double-sided pages?

R. Yes, staff resumes may be included in the SF330 and not in the 20 double-sided pages.

Q29. SCOR states “in accordance with the South Carolina Green Purchasing Initiative, submittals cannot exceed 20 double-sided pages, including covers, which must be soft- no hard notebooks. The Standard Federal Form 330 is not included in this page count.” SCOR also states that in Section 3: Submittal Information, “submittal shall include...Firm’s listing of completed environmental reviews performed within the last 5 years with Executive Summary. Include staff involved in the prior project.” Standard Form 330 asks for staff involved in the prior project. May we include staff involved in the prior project in the Standard Form 330 and not in the 20 double-sided pages?

R. Yes, staff involvement in prior project(s) may be identified in the SF330 and not in the 20 double-sided pages.

RFQ Questions & Responses (continued)

Q30. SCOR states “in accordance with the South Carolina Green Purchasing Initiative, submittals cannot exceed 20 double-sided pages, including covers, which must be soft- no hard notebooks. The Standard Federal Form 330 is not included in this page count.” May the cover and the back cover be excluded from page count?

R. No, as indicated in the advertisement the covers (front and back) are included in the 20 double-sided page count limit.

Q31. Please elaborate on potential services contemplated with the statement, ‘*Consultants must demonstrate capacity to expand the scope of work, if deemed necessary.*’

R. FEMA Individual Assistance (IA) is still in progress and therefore, the associated need for disaster recovery is subject to change as IA information becomes more defined. Consultants should demonstrate sufficient staff experience and capacity to complete the environmental review scope outlined in the RFQ, as well as any additional environmental reviews that may be assigned in the future based on new/updated information related to disaster recovery needs.

RFQ Questions & Responses (continued)

Q32. Please confirm the selection Criteria as Chapter 4 of the OSE Manual, Section 4.4, D. 1) through 4), and 1. through 9. As well as each RFQ's Section 3, 1. through 4. Please clarify if D. 1. through 9 is selection criteria only used by state agencies for an interview and if this criteria should be omitted from SOQ responses.

R. In accordance with the S.C. Office of State Engineers (OSE) Procurement Manual, Chapter 9, Section 9.4 Professional Services Indefinite Quantity Contracting (IDQ), "the Agency procures Architect/Engineer, Land Surveyor, and Construction Management Agent service (hereinafter "professional service") IDQ's in the same manner as all professional services described in Chapter 4, except using the 600 series forms. Unless expressly modified by this section, the Agency must follow the procedures set forth in Chapter 4 (Small Contracts and Large Contracts) for soliciting professional services, selecting professionals, submitting documentation to OSE, obtaining OSE approvals, and contracting with professionals.

Chapter 4, Section 4.4 Large Professional Services Contracts, D. states "the agency may invite the OSE Project Manager to sit on the Committee as a non-voting member to assist the committee as needed". Further, Section D does not have numbered subsets 1 through 4, or 1 through 9 associated with it. This question may be referring to Chapter 4, Section 4.4.5 Interviewing and Evaluating Short Listed Professional, E. 1-9, which identifies criteria for which the interview Committee must evaluate the short listed firms during the interviews.

SCOR will follow the criteria identified in Chapter 4, Section 4.4.5 E. 1-9 of the OSE Manual. As stated in the RFQ, Section 3 the "Submittal shall include, at a minimum, information required in the solicitation, responses to all selection criteria required by the SC Consolidated Procurement Code §11-35-3220, as amended (also, see Chapter 4 of the OSE Manual), **and** the following..." information identified in Section 3.1 through Section 3.4 of the RFQ.

RFQ Questions & Responses (continued)

- Q33a. At the top of page 4, there is a requirement for the cover page; however, there is also a title that differs from the project title: “D30-N033-MJ Engineering Services for ARPA-Funded Stormwater Infrastructure Program (ASIP) UEI.” Is that a typo?**
- Q33b. On page 4 of the RFQ, it states “Provide a cover page that includes Company Name, Address, Point of Contact (Email Address and Phone Number); D30-N033-MJ Engineering Services for ARPA-Funded Stormwater Infrastructure Program (ASIP) UEI, Date of Submission, and include the signed certification below”. Can you confirm if the reference to D30-N033-MJ is the correct reference to put on the cover page or if it should be “D30-P005-PG: South Carolina Office of Resilience IDQ – Environmental Review Services for Counties Affected by Hurricane Helene – Area 5”?**
- Q33c. SCOR states “Provide a cover page that includes Company Name, Address, Point of Contact (Email Address and Phone Number); D30-N033-MJ Engineering Services for ARPA-Funded Stormwater Infrastructure Program (ASIP), UEI, Date of Submission, and include the signed certificate below.” Please confirm the solicitation name will replace “D30-N033-MJ Engineering Services for ARPA-Funded Stormwater Infrastructure Program (ASIP).”**
- R. The reference to D30-N033-MJ Engineering Services for ARPA-Funded Stormwater Infrastructure Program (ASIP) UEI on Page 4 of the RFQ’s is an error. Corrected RFQ’s will be sent out with copies of the Pre-Submittal Conference Slides. The cover page should include the solicitation project name and OSE project number for which the submittal has been prepared:
- For Area 1 RFQ Submittals:** *“D30-P001-PG South Carolina Office of Resilience IDQ – Environmental Review Services for Counties Affected by Hurricane Helene – Area 1”*
 - For Area 2 RFQ Submittals:** *“D30-P002-PG South Carolina Office of Resilience IDQ – Environmental Review Services for Counties Affected by Hurricane Helene – Area 2”*
 - For Area 3 RFQ Submittals:** *“D30-P003-PG South Carolina Office of Resilience IDQ – Environmental Review Services for Counties Affected by Hurricane Helene – Area 3”*
 - For Area 4 RFQ Submittals:** *“D30-P004-PG South Carolina Office of Resilience IDQ – Environmental Review Services for Counties Affected by Hurricane Helene – Area 4”*
 - For Area 5 RFQ Submittals:** *“D30-P005-PG South Carolina Office of Resilience IDQ – Environmental Review Services for Counties Affected by Hurricane Helene – Area 5”*

RFQ Questions & Responses (continued)

Q34. Has SCOR incorporated Radon requirements into HUD reviews?

R. To date, HUD's 2024 policy for addressing radon in the environmental review process has not been applicable to current SCOR projects. However, SCOR anticipates that radon may need to be considered in the environmental review process for disaster recovery activities associated with Hurricane Helene. For additional information, read HUD's [Policy for Addressing Radon in the Environmental Review Process](#), and/or visit the HUD Exchange at <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/radon/>.

Q35. What weight is applied to SCOR's selection criteria?

R. In accordance with Section 4.4.4 of the OSE Manual, the Selection Committee will review all qualifications submitted to 1) determine whether the submittal is complete and includes all information required by the OSE manual and the RFQ solicitation, 2) evaluate the information provided in the submittal in accordance with Section 4.4.5 E of Chapter 4 in the OSE Manual and Section 3 of the RFQ to determine qualifications. The Selection Committee will create a short list of firms considered most qualified for the Committee to interview. If the Committee finds two firms to be equally qualified, and one is a non-resident, the Committee must rank the resident higher than the non-resident.

The Selection Committee uses the selection criteria identified in OSE Manual, Chapter 4, Section 4.4.5 E 1-9 to evaluate the firm's qualifications based on the information provided by the firm in the RFQ submittal and presented in the interview. Typically, SCOR applies equal weight to E 1-7, less weight to E 8, and does not utilize E9. However, the Selection Committee can choose to adjust the criteria weights for this procurement if they deem it appropriate.

Q36. Some activities identified in the RFQ may require a niche skillset. Should subcontractors for those activities be added to the team initially or can they be added to the team later if an activity requires a special skillset?

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R. In accordance with Section 4.4.4 of the OSE Manual, the Selection Committee will review all qualifications submitted to 1) determine whether the submittal is complete and includes all information required by the OSE manual and the RFQ solicitation, 2) evaluate the information provided in the submittal in accordance with Section 4.4.5 E of Chapter 4 in the OSE Manual and Section 3 of the RFQ to determine qualifications. The Selection Committee will create a short list of firms considered most qualified for the Committee to interview. If the Committee finds two firms to be equally qualified, and one is a non-resident, the Committee must rank the resident higher than the non-resident.

The Selection Committee uses the selection criteria identified in OSE Manual, Chapter 4, Section 4.4.5 E 1-9 to evaluate the firm's qualifications based on the information provided by the firm in the RFQ submittal and presented in the interview. Typically, SCOR applies equal weight to E 1-7, less weight to E 8, and does not utilize E9. However, the Selection Committee can choose to adjust the criteria weights for this procurement if they deem it appropriate.

Q36. Some activities identified in the RFQ may require a niche skillset. Should subcontractors for those activities be added to the team initially or can they be added to the team later if an activity requires a special skillset?

R. Subconsultants can be added to the team on an as-needed basis.

RFQ Questions & Responses (continued)

Q37. Does SCOR anticipate any public engagement for these projects beyond the typical public notices and consultations associated with environmental reviews?

R. At this time, SCOR does not anticipate any additional public engagement requirements associated with the environmental reviews. However, that is subject to change as additional information becomes available and scopes become more defined.

Q38. Can firms team up together? If so, does SCOR have a preference over whether firms submit qualifications individually or as a team?

R. Firms should determine whether they have the qualifications and capacity to complete the scope of work on their own, or if they should team with another firm to expand qualifications and capacity. SCOR does not have a preference but will look to see if the firm or team submitting qualifications has sufficient capacity and experience to complete the work required in a timely manner.

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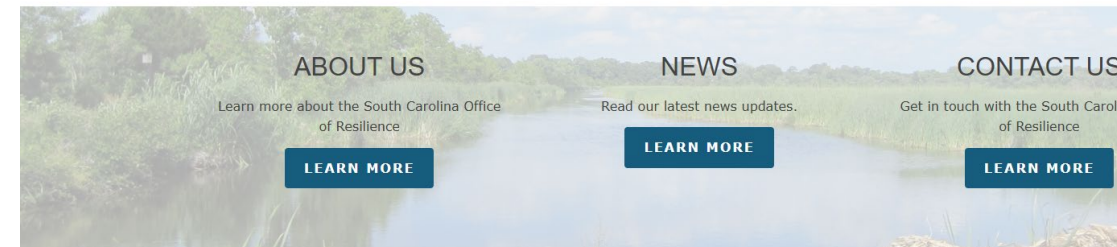
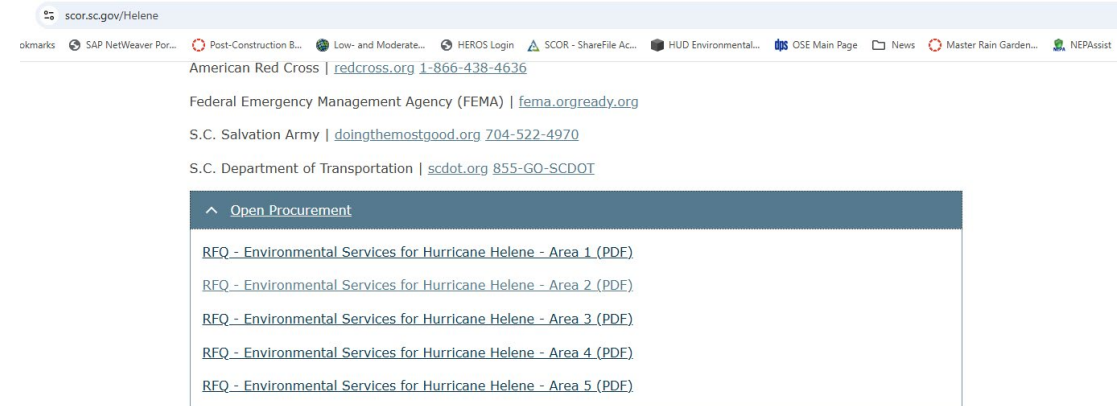
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