

# South Carolina Office of Resilience Request for Qualifications for County of Darlington- Chestnut Street Drainage Improvements

## D30-N050-PG

### SECTION 1: GENERAL SCOPE

#### Overview:

The South Carolina Office of Resilience (SCOR) seeks a qualified, licensed firm to provide engineering and design services related to grey infrastructure and nature-based resilient stormwater improvements and best management practices in Darlington County, South Carolina. Chestnut Street and surrounding areas in the County of Darlington experience flooding even during frequent rainfall events (Less than 2-year). The Chestnut Street Drainage Basin outfalls into an existing drainage system on South Main Street or to an existing stream that runs adjacent to Daniel Street.

Darlington County seeks to address flooding in the project area through the implementation of grey and green infrastructure. SCOR intends to use a Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-MIT) Infrastructure grant to fund the design and construction of the Chestnut Street Drainage Improvement project, which includes upsizing and replacing damaged or insufficient infrastructure, adding a bioretention basin along Chestnut Street, and two underground detention areas near the outlets to improve the capacity of the system, increase filtration, and decrease peak discharge. The proposed solution should provide substantial flood reduction for the 25 yr-24 hour and 100 yr-24-hour storm events, where feasible. The proposed stormwater infrastructure improvements, at a minimum, should include:

1. Design stormwater system to provide capacity for flood events through the 25-year design, or greater
2. Benefit Cost Analysis (BCA) – revised to reflect final project scope
3. Analysis of downstream impacts of the final design must be evaluated and well documented in the deliverables.
4. HUD Environmental Assessment (EA) level environmental review per 24 CFR Part 58
5. Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) and all required permits
6. Bid Package in accordance with S.C. Office of State Engineer (OSE) Project Manual

The final plan deliverable must have the highest level of credibility based upon data-driven, expert analysis. Therefore, SCOR and Darlington County seek an experienced firm that is familiar with these types of projects and can work within the intent of the program. The selected firm will provide comprehensive data analysis which will stand intense public scrutiny, and the final product must be easily defensible due to its intellectual rigor.

## **Background:**

Since 2015, South Carolina has been impacted by three presidentially declared disasters: Hurricane Joaquin in 2015, Hurricane Matthew in 2016, and Hurricane Florence in 2018. Each disaster brought another Presidential Declaration and additional federal disaster recovery awards. The bulk of the damage from all three of these storms was not the wind and storm surge, but the eventual flooding from the rain falling over the State of South Carolina as well as runoff water from rivers, streams, and tributaries beyond for an extended period.

The storms caused debilitating damage throughout South Carolina. Actions to mitigate future damages need to be made before the next storm strikes. Stability can be given to these people by mitigating future flood damage.

In 2018, HUD notified the State of South Carolina that it would receive an allocation of \$157,590,000 in CDBG-MIT funds, for the specific purpose of mitigation activities in the Most Impacted and Distressed (MID) counties from the 2015 Severe Storm disaster and the Most Impacted and Distressed counties from the 2016 Hurricane Matthew disaster.

In January 2020, HUD notified the State of South Carolina that it would receive \$4,598,000 in supplemental CDBG-MIT grant funds for the MID counties from 2018's Hurricane Florence. The supplemental allocation brought the total State of South Carolina CDBG-MIT allocation to \$162,188,000.

Most Impacted and Distressed (MID) counties include Berkeley, Calhoun, Charleston, Chesterfield, Clarendon, Darlington, Dillon, Dorchester, Florence, Georgetown, Horry, Lee, Marion, Orangeburg, Sumter, and Williamsburg.

## **SECTION 2: SPECIFICATIONS**

### **Scope of Work and Deliverables:**

Within 365 days of contract award, the selected firm will provide the South Carolina Office of Resilience (SCOR) and the County of Darlington with final deliverables for the County of Darlington- Chestnut Street Drainage Improvements that meet or exceed the specifications outlined:

1. Conduct Field Survey to include surveying and documentation of size, materials, conditions, and locations of existing drainage systems related to the project area, if any.
2. Utility Coordination
3. Hydraulic Design
4. Preliminary Design Plans and Conceptual Cost Estimate to include:
  - a. 30% Conceptual Cost Estimate submitted to SCOR and the County for review
  - b. 60% Design Plans and updated Cost Estimate submitted to SCOR and the County
  - c. 90% Design Plans and updated Cost Estimate submitted to SCOR and the County
  - d. Development of Change Order requests with SCOR and County staff, as needed
5. Identify and Develop Easement Exhibits for all temporary and permanent easements required for the final design.
6. Public Involvement to include:

- a. A minimum of two in-person public meeting to allow the County of Darlington citizens opportunity to identify areas of concern within the project area and provide public comment on the proposed project activity. SCOR and Darlington personnel will attend both public meetings.
  - b. Distribution of project information to citizen in/around the project area as needed to keep citizens informed on the project
7. Conduct a Benefit Cost Analysis (BCA) using the latest FEMA BCA Toolkit on the final project design
  - a. Provide BCA calculation dataset to SCOR
8. Environmental Review
  - a. Develop an Environmental Assessment, Determinations and Compliance Findings for HUD-Assisted Projects in compliance 24 CFR Part 58 requirements
  - b. Provide a final environmental review report including documentation of agency consultations and public notification processes to SCOR and the County
9. Analysis of downstream impacts of the project's final design
  - a. A minimum of a 10% downstream analysis of impacts should accompany Final Design Plan as a stormwater requirement
10. Final Design Plans, in accordance with SC Office of State Engineers (OSE) Manual, Chapter 5 requirements ([https://procurement.sc.gov/files/ose/Chapter%205%20-%20Design-Construction%20Document%20and%20Construction%20Standards\\_1.pdf](https://procurement.sc.gov/files/ose/Chapter%205%20-%20Design-Construction%20Document%20and%20Construction%20Standards_1.pdf)), to include:
  - a. Design Drawings, to be approved by SCOR and the County prior to submittal to OSE
  - b. Project Manual
  - c. Final Construction Cost Estimate
  - d. Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP)
  - e. Required Federal/State/Local/Utility permits
11. Respond to questions from bidders
  - a. Prepare Addenda as necessary to include responses to contractor questions and plan/specification clarifications
  - b. Attend a Pre-Bid conference
  - c. Attend the Bid Opening
  - d. Assist with bid review
12. Construction Administration
  - a. Attend a Pre-Construction conference
  - b. Attend weekly construction coordination calls
  - c. Grant Compliance - Davis Bacon and Section 3 Reporting
  - d. Review and certify Pay Applications
  - e. Compile and Review change order requests using SE-380 forms
  - f. Construction Engineering Inspection (monthly, Substantial Completion, and Final Completion)
  - g. Final as-built plans provided to SCOR and the County following completion of construction
  - h. Operation and Maintenance Plan provided to SCOR and the County
13. Coordination with the South Carolina Office of Resilience's Mitigation Department for the duration of the contract to include:

- a. Monthly coordination calls (virtual) where the firm will present a progress report to SCOR
- b. Site visits with SCOR and the County's staff as needed

NOTE: This project will be bid using the Design-Bid-Build delivery method as noted in the Office of State Engineer's Manual and Forms. These can be accessed at <https://procurement.sc.gov/manual#ditem-11624>

### **SECTION 3: SUBMITTAL INFORMATION**

Submittal shall include, at a minimum, information required in the solicitation, responses to all selection criteria required by the SC Consolidated Procurement Code (found in Chapter 4 of the OSE Manual, Section 4.4.5.E), and the following:

1. Firm's Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) generated by SAM.gov
2. Firm's staffing proposal for this project to include:
  - a. Staffing diagram; and
  - b. Names and resumes of staff working on the project
  - c. Current workload capacity of each staff member working on the project
3. All subcontractor staffing proposal for this project
  - a. Subcontractor's UEI
  - b. Staff name(s) and resume working on the project
  - c. Current workload capacity of each staff member working on this project
4. Firm's listing of completed drainage projects performed within the last 5 years. Include staff involved in the project, project budget and project schedule.

#### **Submittal Format:**

Provide four (4) printed copies and one (1) electronic copy on a USB flash drive to the South Carolina Office of Resilience's Mitigation Department.

Printed submittals must be clearly labeled on the outside of the envelope with the following wording: "D30-N050-PG *Engineering Services Submittal for SCOR's CBDG-MIT funded County of Darlington – Chestnut Street Drainage Improvements*". All late submittals will be rejected. SCOR is not responsible for late submissions caused by delays in mail delivery or a delay in any other method of delivery.

Print size shall be 12 pt. font minimum, on 8½ by 11 inch pages, double-sided and must include all the information required in this RFQ and may include any additional information that the A/E deems pertinent to the understanding and evaluation of its response.

In accordance with the South Carolina Green Purchasing Initiative, it is preferred submittals not exceed 20 double-sided pages. The Standard Federal Form 330 is not included in the page count.

Provide a cover page that includes Company Name, Address, Point of Contact (Email Address and Phone Number); D30-N050-PG Engineering Services for CBDG-MIT funded *County of Darlington – Chestnut Street Drainage Improvements*, UEI, Date of Submission, and include the signed certification below:

I certify that this submittal is made without prior understanding, agreement, or connection with any corporation, firm, or person submitting a response to this RFQ, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. I agree to abide by all conditions of the RFQ and certify that I am authorized to submit this response.

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*Authorized Signature (Print)*

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*Authorized Signature w/ Title*

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*E-mail Address*

Electronic submittals must be delivered on a USB flash drive along with the printed copies to South Carolina Office of Resilience, 632 Rosewood Drive, South Carolina 29201, Attention: Mitigation Department.

**Submittal Deadline:**

Deadline for submission: Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at time 3:00 PM to the South Carolina Office of Resilience Mitigation Department at either of the following:

- 632 Rosewood Drive, Columbia, SC 29201, Attention: Mitigation Department.
- MIT\_Infrastructure@scor.sc.gov

**SECTION 4: PRE-SUBMITTAL CONFERENCE**

The State will conduct a virtual Non-Mandatory Pre-Submittal conference via Zoom as part of this process to provide additional project information and expound upon potential questions. This conference will be held on Monday, March 31, 2025, at 1:00 PM at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84941402462>. Although attendance is not mandatory, all interested firms are strongly encouraged to attend. Any questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing via email no later than 4:00 PM on Wednesday, March 26, 2025. Questions should be emailed to [MIT\\_Infrastructure@scor.sc.gov](mailto:MIT_Infrastructure@scor.sc.gov). All submitted questions will be addressed at the pre-submittal conference.