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Transylvania County
Request for Qualifications Engineering Sanitary Sewer Line Extension
Addendum #1

To: All Potential Bidders
From: Jennifer Galloway, Purchasing Agent
Date: April 17, 2020

This addendum is to provide the answers to questions received regarding this project. ALL BIDDERS MUST acknowledge receipt of ALL ADDENDA in the cover letter of the proposal.

- Why did the County decide to re-advertise this? Was there a procedural problem or no proposals submitted?

The County was experiencing some issues with its new online portal for submitting proposals and quotes to the County during this period, and received only one paper submission and zero electronic submissions. As a matter of procedure, it is the preference of management to receive more than one response to any RFQ/IFB.

- What is the funding source for the project and what is your budget for the services in the RFQ?

The County has committed roughly \$400,000 to the project, to be matched by \$880,750 from the North Carolina Department of Commerce and \$300,000 from the Appalachian Regional Commission. At this time, the preliminary cost estimate produced by the PER estimated that the engineering, design and permitting budget would be \$81,600.

- Has preliminary work been performed like a typical Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) which is typically done for many grant applications? If there was, what firm performed the PER and is the County happy with their services?

WGLA, PLLC of Hendersonville, NC performed a preliminary engineering report for the Transylvania Economic Alliance, a not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization that promotes economic development. The Transylvania Economic Alliance identified sewer line expansion as having a net positive economic development impact along the US 64 corridor and

commissioned the report independent of the County. The County does not have a business relationship with WGLA, PLLC.

- Does the County have a preferred engineering firm for the work? Many local governments have established relationships and base selections heavily on criteria like “knowledge of the existing network” or similar language making the current relationships hard to overcome.

The County does not operate a water and sewer network. It is undertaking this project to assist the Town of Rosman, which has limited staffing.

- The RFQ makes no mention of page limitation, if any. Will the RFQ cover, cover letter, section dividers, resumes count? Please advise.

Provide all materials necessary to prove your firm being fit for the request. No limitations. However, please consider COVID19 restrictions and send the information in digital form.

- In what format does the County wish to receive the RFQ, e.g. printed, electronically, both? How many copies, if printed?

Due to COVID19, please send electronically.