

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
On-Call Engineering & Field Services for
Lead and Copper Service Inventory and
Replacement

Town of Old Fort
Issue Date: May 1, 2026
Due Date: May 15, 2026 (2:00 p.m.)

Submit to:

Attention: **Renee Taylor, Finance Officer/Town Clerk**
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Town of Old Fort
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1. General

Pursuant to NCGS 143-64.31, the Town of Old Fort (**the “Town”**) is soliciting Statements of interest and Qualifications from firms to provide Engineering and Field services.

2. Background

The Town operates water utilities that serves the citizens, businesses and industries within the Town’s service area. It is the intent of the Town to select one Engineering consultant to undertake projects associated with the required Lead and Copper Service Inventory and Replacement work, as may be needed by the Town, if the Town is awarded and receives funding from the State for this work.

3. Scope of Services

Please see Appendix A for the Scope of Services.

4. Contents of Qualifications

- A. Firm Name
- B. Location of office performing the work
- C. Brief history of Firm
- D. Lead and Copper Inventory experience, including funding assistance, successful Lead and Copper related funding applications, inventory development, field services and final reporting and customer notifications.
- E. Provide examples of experience with water system projects similar to what may be needed by the Town. Indicate how the project was funded (grant, local, loan, etc.)
- F. List of personnel to be involved in the project, a brief description of their qualifications, and project responsibilities and any prior experience with the Town.
- G. In accordance with NCGS 143-64.31, DO NOT INCLUDE Lump Sum or Not-to-Exceed pricing for services.

5. Evaluation Criteria

- A. Qualifications received by the deadline and prepared in accordance with RFQ instructions will be reviewed to determine the level of service and experience considered most advantageous to the Town.
- B. The Town will select the Consultant considered most qualified to provide the desired level of service, with consideration for the long-term interest of the Town’s needs.

- C. The Town will select the best qualified firm based on demonstrated competence and qualifications without regard to fee.
- D. After selection of the best qualified firm to meet the Town's needs, the Town shall negotiate a fair and reasonable fee with the firm for the desired level of service.
- E. Proposals will be reviewed by Town staff familiar with the existing facilities and project needs, in accordance with the following criteria.

General Qualifications, Competence & Reputation of Firm

- Staff qualifications and stability of firm
- Projects to illustrate competence in applicable municipal water and lead and copper inventory assessments, engineering, field services, grant assistance and administration, reporting and customer service
- Understanding and execution of grant requirements related to Lead and Copper projects
- Reputation with previous clients

Experience of Involved Staff

- Experience with similar type projects and number of Lead and Copper projects
- Key personnel – roles and experience

Availability

- Ability to provide access to qualified project team members on a continual basis
- Ability to commit available resources to the project

6. Submission Information

An Electronic (PDF) version (17-page maximum) of the RFQ response must be received by email at rtaylor@oldfortnc.com to send proposals on or before **2:00 PM, May 15, 2026.**

APPENDIX A – LEAD AND COPPER SERVICE INVENTORY AND/OR REPLACEMENT SCOPE OF SERVICES

A. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The work may include, but is not limited to, the following tasks:

- Grant Administration – Preparing grant funding applications, grant administration and associated services.
- Preparation and assistance with phases of a lead and copper inventory project and subsequent replacement project(s).
- Condition Assessments (investigation, analysis and recommendation(s), for repair/replacement of existing Town infrastructure components).
- Preparation of Preliminary Engineering Report(s) – Preparation of required reports by the Funding Agency related to Lead and Copper Service Projects.
- Engineered design and related engineering services for public works infrastructure improvement projects that may be identified and related to lead and copper inventory and replacement work.
 - Preparation of estimates, schedules, plans and specifications for public works projects, infrastructure improvement projects as requested.
 - Provide support services in other disciplines as required to accomplish primarily engineering task orders, including but not limited to:
 - Water Service Line Replacement.
 - Opinion of probable cost preparation.
 - Water Resources.
 - Other support service tasks as needed to complete the scope of work.
 - Permitting Services.
 - Bidding Support Services.
 - Construction Administration and Management Services.
 - Construction Observation Services.
 - Record drawing production.
- Opinions of cost and schedules during various stages of project development.
- Field services, including, but not limited to, potholing of water services and water service material identification.
- Additional miscellaneous services and tasks generally associated with Engineering Services related to Lead and Copper Service Inventory and/or Replacement.