



McDowell County Emergency Services

REQUEST FOR BIDS:

Stream Gauges and Installation – Hurricane Helene Flood Mitigation Grant Program

SEALED BID DEADLINE:

Sealed bids must be received by **August 17, 2026, by 2:00 PM EST.**

Bids must be sealed in an envelope and clearly marked.

BID OPENING:

Bids will be opened on **August 17, 2026, at 2:00 PM EST.** at:

McDowell County Administration Building

69 North Main Street

Marion, North Carolina 28752

SUBMIT SEALED BIDS TO:

McDowell County Purchasing Officer

25 West Fort Street

Marion, North Carolina 28752

QUESTIONS / COMMENTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO:

Andrew Pressley

andrew.pressley@mcdowellinc.gov

828-460-9388

Questions are due no later than **5:00 PM EST on August 10, 2026**



SPECIFICATIONS:

Bidder Complies YES _____ NO _____

NOTICE TO BIDDERS:

Bidders shall thoroughly examine any drawings, specifications, schedule, instructions and any other documents supplied as part of this invitation to bid. Bidders shall make all investigations necessary to thoroughly inform themselves regarding the content of the written specifications, drawings and instructions supplied herein. No pleas of ignorance by the bidder pertaining to the content of the specifications, drawings, schedule or instructions will be considered by the agency once the deadline for bid submission has occurred. Failure or omission on the part of the bidder to make the necessary examinations and investigations into the content of the specifications and make all clarifications or explanations of exceptions and conditions that exist or that may exist hereafter shall NOT be accepted as a basis for making variations to the requirements of the agency or compensation to the bidder.

Bidder Complies YES _____ NO _____

BID PACKAGES SHALL NOT TAKE TOTAL EXCEPTIONS:

Bidders are required under this bid invitation to give, for the consideration of the agency, a proposal that will comply with the written specifications, drawings and schedules supplied herein. The specifications supplied represent a compilation of input from all disciplines of users, maintenance and management personnel who are directly affected by the performance of the stream gauges.

- Supply and install **seven (7)** stream gauges (ultrasonic or comparable) at the sites shown on the attached map or at the following link:

<https://sartopo.com/m/HMBJUED>

- Gauge detection devices must be compatible with the landscape/riverscape of the area.
- Required services include, but are not limited to:
 - Initial site evaluations
 - Hardware installation
 - Data logger configuration
 - Solar panel and power system

– Telecommunication services for data transmission to McDowell County Emergency Services



- All gauges must be configured using **Contrail Software**.
- Vendors must integrate all gauges into the **North Carolina Flood Inundation Mapping and Alert Network (NC FIMAN)**.
- **Mandatory:** Vendors must contact **NCDOT** and obtain all required **encroachment approvals** for any gauge installed on a NCDOT-maintained bridge.

McDowell County will not issue a Notice to Proceed until written NCDOT approval is provided.

- **Optional:** Provide option pricing for station cameras capable of still frame or live stream.
- Provide a project timeline for gauge installation after award of contract.



THE FOLLOWING MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH YOUR SEALED BID:

The following must be submitted with your bid.

1. Delivery time following receipt of purchase order from McDowell County.
2. Bid Proposal Form
3. Bid Deposit or Bond
4. Brochures
5. Warranties and guarantees against defective workmanship
6. Certificate of Insurance

VENDOR MUST COMPLETE AND SIGN BELOW

I, _____, on behalf of
_____, agree to provide the items/services listed above at a
total cost of:

Total Cost: (List cost or state "see attached" and attach a quote) \$ _____
(Options should be submitted on a separate page)

COMPANY NAME: _____

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: _____

PRINT NAME & TITLE: _____

CONTACT NUMBER: _____

EMAIL: _____