

**CITY OF BLAIRSVILLE  
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ)  
ENGINEERING AND/OR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES  
RFQ #6-3-26**

Date: June 3, 2026

Statements of qualifications and proposals are being requested from engineering/architectural firms with a strong record in successfully assisting local governments with the implementation of federal, state, and/or local grant programs. Responding firms should be technically qualified and licensed in the State of Georgia to provide these services.

Plans are to contract for engineering preliminary design services required for potential Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC), Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Economic Development Administration (EDA), Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA), and/or US Department of Agriculture (USDA) project(s) and, if funded, for engineering services for the implementation of the project(s). The purpose of the project(s) is to provide engineering and/or architectural services for downtown Blairsville infrastructure improvements.

**Information which should be submitted for our evaluation is as follows:**

- 1) History of firm and resources**
- 2) ARC/CDBG/GEFA/USDAR or other federal, state, and/or local grant experience, including other DCA grant programs**
- 3) Key personnel/qualifications**
- 4) Current workload**
- 5) Scope and level of service proposed**
- 6) Experience with similar projects and list of references**
- 7) Fees and/or Percentages (if any) associated with the Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) for the application, and Design and Construction Management Services, if the project is funded. The draft PER would be needed no later than September 4, 2026.**
- 8) Errors and Omissions Insurance**
- 9) Statement of Qualifications Form**
- 10) Section 3 Certification Form (*Only Submit with your Proposal if you are claiming Section 3 Status.*)**

This project is covered under the requirements of Section 3 of the HUD Act of 1968, as amended and Section 3 Business Concerns are encouraged to apply.

This agreement is for services related to a project that is subject to the Build America, Buy America Act (BABAA) requirements under Title IX of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act ("IIJA"), Pub. L. 177-58. Absent an approved waiver, all iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in this project must be produced in the United States, as further outlined by the Office of Management and Budget's Memorandum M-22-11, Initial Implementation Guidance on Application of Buy America Preference in Federal Financial Assistance Programs for Infrastructure, April 18, 2022.

**The City of Blairsville** also abides by the following laws as they pertain to HUD Assisted Projects: Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Title 1; Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Fair Housing Act);

*Section 104(b)(2) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended; Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA); and the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968.*

Interested parties should request copies of the Statement of Qualifications Form and Section 3 Solicitation Package prior to preparing and submitting their proposal. Proposals should be received no later than **5:00 PM on July 3, 2026**. Proposals received after the above date and time may not be considered. We reserve the right to accept or reject any and all proposals and to waive informalities in the proposal process. Questions, Statement of Qualifications and Section 3 Certification form requests (i.e., request for Section 3 preference), and proposal packages should be submitted to the name and address listed below:

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