

CANDLER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS 1075 E Hiawatha St, Suite A Metter, Georgia 30439
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RFP No. 2026-CC-DR01
Standby Disaster Debris Removal and Debris Monitoring & Grant Management Services
Initial Contract Term: July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027

GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS

Candler County is soliciting sealed proposals from qualified firms to provide **standby disaster debris removal services** and **standby disaster debris monitoring and grant management services**. These services will be activated on an as-needed basis following natural or man-made disaster events.

This single RFP will result in **two separate contract awards**:

- **Contract A:** Disaster Debris Removal Services
- **Contract B:** Disaster Debris Monitoring & Grant Management Services

Proposers may submit for **one or both** contracts.

Questions must be directed to:

Justin Wells EMA Director Email: jwells@candlerco-ga.gov

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

Deadline: July 24, 2026 at 3:00 PM EST

Submission Address: Candler County Board of Commissioners Attn: EMA Director 1075 E Hiawatha St, Suite A Metter, GA 30439

Envelope Must Be Labeled:

- RFP No. 2026-CC-DR01
- “Debris Services Proposal”
- Name of Proposer

Late proposals will not be accepted.

SECTION I — GENERAL

Intent

Candler County seeks qualified contractors capable of providing:

- Emergency debris clearance
- Debris removal, hauling, reduction, and disposal
- Debris monitoring and documentation
- FEMA reimbursement and grant management support

Background

Candler County includes the municipalities of Metter and Pulaski and maintains a mix of paved and unpaved roads. The County is vulnerable to hurricanes, tornadoes, severe storms, and other events requiring debris operations.

Term of Agreement

The initial contract term shall be:

July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027

With **four (4)** optional one-year renewals, not to exceed **five (5)** total years.

Escalation

Beginning with the **second renewal**, contractors may request a price increase not to exceed **2%**, subject to approval by the Board of Commissioners.

Minimum Requirements

Proposers must demonstrate:

- Experience with FEMA-funded debris operations
- Adequate staffing and equipment resources
- Financial capacity
- Required licenses and certifications

Performance & Payment Bonds

Upon issuance of a Work Order, the contractor must provide:

- **100% Performance Bond**
- **100% Payment Bond**

Bonds must be:

- Issued by a surety licensed in Georgia
- Listed on U.S. Treasury Circular 570
- Rated **A+ or better** by A.M. Best
- Submitted within **10 days** of Notice to Proceed

Georgia Security & Immigration Compliance Act

Contractors must submit:

- E-Verify Affidavit
- Subcontractor compliance documentation

Insurance Requirements

Contractors must provide:

- Workers' Compensation
- Commercial General Liability (\$1M / \$2M)
- Auto Liability (\$1M / \$2M / \$250k property damage)
- Professional Liability (Monitoring Contractor only — \$500k minimum)

Candler County must be listed as **Additional Insured**.

SECTION II — SCOPE OF SERVICES

A. Debris Removal Services (Contract A)

The contractor shall provide all labor, equipment, materials, permits, and services necessary to perform:

- Emergency debris clearance (“push”)
- Hazardous tree, limb, and stump removal (leaners, hangers & stumps)
- Waterway, bridge, ditch and culvert blockage and impediment removal of limbs, stumps, and material impeding flow
- ROW debris removal
- Hauling to DMS or final disposal
- DMS operations, reduction, grinding, chipping, incineration
- Segregation of eligible vs. ineligible debris
- Final disposal and site restoration
- Restoration of any county roadway or culvert damage to pre-event conditions if damaged by removal operations

Response Requirements

- Contractor representative at EOC within **6 hours**
- Mobilization within **24 hours**
- Full debris removal operations within **48 hours**
- Contractor shall provide a single point-of-contact (POC) available to the EMA Director (“owner”) by phone or email 24/7 during operational activities

B. Debris Monitoring & Grant Management Services (Contract B)

The contractor shall provide:

- Field monitors (tower, DMS, and ROW)
- Automated debris tracking system (paperless)
- Load ticket validation
- Daily operational reporting
- GIS mapping and data support
- Invoice reconciliation
- FEMA Project Worksheet development
- Grant management and reimbursement support
- Damage assessments
- Staff augmentation as needed

Automated Tracking System Requirement

Contractor must demonstrate:

- Ownership or licensing of a functional automated debris tracking system
- Ability to deploy sufficient devices to support Candler County
- System capability and reporting features

SECTION III — RESPONSE SUBMISSION

Copies Required

- **One (1) original**
- **Two (2) copies**

Page Limit

- **50 pages**, single-sided, 12-point font
- Required forms excluded

SECTION IV — SUBMITTAL FORMAT

Tab A — Past Performance (40 Points)

Three similar projects within the last five years.

Tab B — Firm Qualifications (15 Points)

Includes resumes, litigation history, financial capability, insurance, corporate standing.

Tab C — Project Approach (10 Points)

Technical approach, staffing, schedule, innovations.

Tab D — Fee Schedule (20 Points)

Signed and notarized.

Tab E — Tracking System (10 Points)

Monitoring contractor only.

Tab F — Technical Completeness (5 Points)

Organization and quality of proposal.

SECTION V — EVALUATION PROCESS

The County may request:

- Clarifications
- Best and Final Offers
- Interviews

The County reserves the right to:

- Reject any or all proposals
- Waive irregularities
- Award one or both contracts
- Contract with multiple firms

SECTION VI — CONTRACT AWARD

Awards will be recommended by the EMA Director and approved by the Board of Commissioners.

Contracts are **non-exclusive**.

All deliverables become the property of Candler County.