

# STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

**North Carolina Office of Recovery and Resiliency (NCORR)** 

# Request for Prequalification of Vendors and General Contractors ("RFPQ8")

Prime Contractors and Vendors for Residential Construction Services for

# **Hurricane Helene impacted Counties**

Request for Qualification #19-RFPQ-00013-MTH

Date of Issue: November 1, 2024

Applications Accepted on an Ongoing Basis

Email Completed Application to: <a href="mailto:ncorr.prequal@ncdps.gov">ncorr.prequal@ncdps.gov</a>





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#### **PURPOSE**

The North Carolina Office of Recovery and Resiliency (NCORR), a division of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety (DPS), is seeking to develop and maintain a list of prequalified construction contractors and vendors to perform, or cause to be performed: reconstruction, rehabilitation, replacement, demolition, and/or elevation/mitigation services in connection with the administration of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") and Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery ("CDBG-DR") or any other state and federal funding sources of eligible structures through NCORR recovery programs. This prequalification is intended for, but not limited to; the following counties impacted by Hurricane Helene: Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Clay, Cleveland, Gaston, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Lincoln, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Transylvania, Watauga, Wilkes, and Yancey Counties and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

In addition to prequalified general contractors, the State seeks to prequalify vendors with manufactured home manufacturer, manufactured home dealer, and manufactured home setup contractor licenses. Vendors that have these licenses will be prequalified for bids and assignments for turn-key manufactured housing unit replacement, to include haul away/demolition of existing damaged manufactured housing units, delivery of an adequate new manufactured housing unit, setup and installation of the new unit, and any related elevation/mitigation services related to installation of the new unit. Vendors with these license types and not a general contractors license will be prequalified only for manufactured housing work.

The Program Delivery Office will utilize the prequalified list for assigning work to prequalified contractors and vendors. Project assignments are based upon Vendor scorecards, capacity, and location. The Program Delivery Office will evaluate all these factors to assign projects properly and fairly in the best interest of the state. Pursuant to NCORR's Special Delegation construction assignment contracts can be entered into up to the Federal Simplified Acquisition Threshold without competitive bidding. Additionally, NCORR may elect to issue a Request for Bid (RFB) to the vendors on the prequalified list to solicit offers.

This Prequalified Vendor and General Contractor List is not a contract. The individual Assignment Contract ("Assignment") or Request for Bid (RFB) will be the contract.

Vendors that submit an Application to be added to the Vendor and General Contractor Prequalified List will be expected to accept the terms and conditions of the Contract. By submitting this Application, the Vendor acknowledges they have reviewed the sample Assignment Contract and Request for Bid, including the terms and conditions, located at https://www.rebuild.nc.gov/hurricane-helene-prequalification.

# METHOD OF ADDITION TO PREQUALIFICATION LIST

There is no limit on the number of Vendors to be added to the Prequalified List. The process will be open, in that, it will be publicly posted to allow additional Vendors the opportunity to be added to the List.

NCORR shall review the applications to confirm that they meet the requirements specified herein.



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Vendors that do not respond to Request for Bids (RFB) or refuse Assignments more than a) three consecutive times or b) a period of six months, or MHU vendors that do not provide updated stock or inventory lists upon request, may have their prequalification rescinded. If a vendor's prequalification is rescinded, they may reapply when the next prequalification is issued. If a vendor's prequalification has been previously rescinded, it is NCORR's sole discretion whether the Vendor is eligible to be included on the prequalified list.

To maintain efficiency, the State may elect to place a vendor on a prequalification waitlist, or deny prequalification based on, but not limited to, the State's current need or volume of work, inability to perform work in designated counties, compliance, or capacity concerns, and/or complaints from other government agencies.

The State may request additional formal responses or submissions from any or all Vendors for the purpose of clarification or to amplify the materials presented in any part of the Application. Vendors are cautioned; however, the State is not required to request clarification, and often does not. Therefore, all Applications should be complete.

# REQUIRED CONTRACTOR LICENSE

Vendor **must** either provide a copy of their active North Carolina General Contractor (GC) license with the Application or other allowable license, described below.

If prequalifying for manufactured housing unit replacement work only, Vendors must comply with NCGS § 143-143.11 and must hold a manufactured home dealer license. Manufactured home manufacturers may apply to the prequalification list but must provide a list of manufactured home dealers they do business with or operate, the manufactured home licenses for those dealerships that are expected to participate on behalf of the manufacturer, and identify which dealership is party to each award accepted. To facilitate awarding, the State may choose to coordinate with manufacturers directly rather than dealers, if both the manufacturer and dealer separately applied for prequalification. The State may request the manufactured home setup license in use for each project awarded, at its discretion.

Vendors must maintain active licensure throughout the prequalification term. If not provided during prequalification, the State will require the submission of the manufactured home setup contractor in use for the set-up portion of the scope of work prior to contract execution for either bidding or assignment.

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#### **SURETY LETTER**

Vendors **must** provide a letter, with the Application, from your surety company, signed by their <u>Attorney in Fact</u>, verifying their willingness to issue sufficient payment and performance bonds, on behalf of your firm and the dollar limits of that bond commitment, both **single** and **aggregate**. Surety company bond rating shall be rated "A" or better under the A.M. Best Rating system or The Federal Treasury List. **The Surety letter provided with this application must be dated, and current within one (1) month of the application date.** 



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Periodically throughout the prequalification period the Program Delivery Office (PDO) will require an updated surety letter. Vendors will be required to provide the surety letter to PDO within two (2) business days of receiving the request.

#### **BONDING**

Upon contract execution, all projects will require bonds individually or as a whole. Bond requirements will include but not limited to, 100% performance and payment bonds.

#### **INSURANCE**

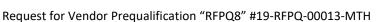
**Submit** a copy of your Certificate of Insurance (COI), that complies with the below requirements, with the Application.

For Contracts up to \$1,000,000 the below limits shall apply.

- i. <u>Worker's Compensation</u> The Vendor shall provide and maintain Worker's Compensation Insurance, as may be required by the laws of North Carolina, as well as employer's liability coverage, with minimum limits of \$250,000, covering all of Vendor's employees who are engaged in any work under the Contract in North Carolina. If any work is sub-Contracted, the Vendor shall require the sub-contractor to provide the same coverage for any of its employees engaged in any work under the Contract within the State.
- ii. <u>Commercial General Liability</u> General Liability Coverage on a Comprehensive Broad Form on an occurrence basis in the minimum amount of \$500,000 for Combined Single Limit. Defense costs shall be in excess of the limit of liability.
- iii. <u>Automobile</u> Automobile Liability Insurance, to include liability coverage covering all owned, hired and non-owned vehicles, used within North Carolina in connection with the Contract. The minimum combined single limit shall be \$250,000 bodily injury and property damage; \$250,000 uninsured/under insured motorist; and \$2,500 medical payment.

For Contracts valued in excess of \$1,000,000 the following limits shall apply.

- i. <u>Worker's Compensation</u> The Vendor shall provide and maintain Worker's Compensation Insurance, as may be required by the laws of North Carolina, as well as employer's liability coverage, with minimum limits of \$500,000, covering all of Vendor's employees who are engaged in any work under the Contract in North Carolina. If any work is sub-Contracted, the Vendor shall require the sub-contractor to provide the same coverage for any of its employees engaged in any work under the Contract within the State.
- ii. <u>Commercial General Liability</u> General Liability Coverage on a Comprehensive Broad Form on an occurrence basis in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000 for Combined Single Limit. Defense costs shall be in excess of the limit of liability.





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iii. <u>Automobile</u> – Automobile Liability Insurance, to include liability coverage covering all owned, hired and non-owned vehicles, used within North Carolina in connection with the Contract. The minimum combined single limit shall be \$500,000 bodily injury and property damage; \$500,000 uninsured/under insured motorist; and \$5,000 medical payment.

# **REGISTRATION – NC SECRETARY OF STATE, SAM**

Vendor is required to have an "ACTIVE" North Carolina Secretary of State and an "ACTIVE" SAM registration. See page 13 for additional information regarding SAM registration.

# HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESS (HUB) PARTICIPATION

Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute G.S. 143-48, it is State policy to encourage and promote the use of small, minority, physically handicapped, and women contractors in purchasing Goods and Services. NCORR has established a recommended goal of meeting or exceeding a 10% HUB participation for each contract. As such, Vendors will identify those Vendors that are minority owned or have a strategic plan to support the State's Historically Underutilized Business program by meeting or exceeding the goal of 10% utilization of diverse firms as 1st or 2nd tier subcontractors. Vendor HUB utilization will be documented with each contract by the Program Delivery Office (PDO) and the information will factor into the Vendors scorecard score.

Information regarding HUB certification, and to locate HUB Vendors, is located at <u>NC DOA Historically Underutilized</u> Businesses (HUB) Office - Minority, Women-Owned & Small Businesses.

#### **VETERAN-OWNED BUSINESS**

It is the goal of the State to promote and encourage the continued economic development of small businesses owned and controlled by qualified veterans and that qualified service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses (SDVOSB) and veteran owned small businesses (VOSB) participate in the State's procurement process.

#### **UTILIZATION OF HUD SECTION 3 VENDORS**

For any project greater than \$200,000, Vendors shall comply with the provisions of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 USC 1701u, its implementing regulations at 24 CFR 75 (updated 2020) and Section 3 Contract Requirements (24 CFR 75.19). Based on current Housing and Urban Development (HUD) benchmarks, Vendors will be expected to meet or exceed 25 percent or more of the total number of labor hours worked by all workers are Section 3 workers and 5 percent or more of the total number of labor hours worked by all workers are Targeted Section 3 workers (24 CFR 75.21).

If the project is a Section 3 project and these benchmarks are not met, Vendors shall demonstrate best efforts to comply (24 CFR 75.9). Vendor Section 3 utilization will be documented with each contract by the Program Delivery Office and the information will factor into the Vendors scorecard score.

Information regarding Section 3 is located at the <u>HUD Section 3 Guidebook</u>.





# **ASSIGNMENT CONTRACT**

The Program Delivery Office may utilize the prequalified list for assignment work. Project assignments are based upon Vendor scorecards, capacity, and location. The Program Delivery Office (PDO) will evaluate all these factors to assign projects properly and fairly in the best interest of the state. The Program Delivery Office will email the Assignment to the selected Vendor who will either accept the assignment at the PDO determined cost or decline the assignment. The Vendor will have 48 hours to inform PDO if they accept the assignment, and to provide all required documentation. See *Assignment Contract* located at <a href="https://www.rebuild.nc.gov/hurricane-helene-prequalification">https://www.rebuild.nc.gov/hurricane-helene-prequalification</a> for details.

Vendor: \_\_\_\_\_

NCORR will set pricing to include reasonable overhead and profit. Vendors will accept or reject the pricing calculated by NCORR. Vendors that do not accept the NCORR's pricing calculation will not be awarded assignment contracts. As a condition of executing this prequalification application, Vendors agree not to share the details of any refused assignment with other potential respondents, including bidders. Vendors that refuse assignments are also not permitted to bid on those specific projects.

Assigned contracts will be in the form of a Work Order. All Work Orders shall be issued by NCORR in writing, signed by both the Vendor and NCORR, and shall include a Scope of Services, a list of tasks to be performed by the Vendor, a time schedule, a list of deliverables, if any, and such other information or special conditions as may be necessary for the work requested.

### **ASSIGNMENT METHODOLOGY**

NCORR will assign projects only to responsible vendors or contractors with adequate capacity at their discretion. To evaluate capacity, vendors and contractors will be limited to a total number of projects based on the number of projects a vendor or general contractor has completed to date as well as their current scorecard score. For contractors without a scorecard, NCORR will use its discretion based on its current need and volume of work to determine how many projects may be assigned to a contractor at that time.

For MHU replacements, vendors must share current or expected inventory with NCORR on a routine basis in order to evaluate capacity. Current, updated inventory will be routinely provided to NCORR in set intervals. NCORR may request current inventory upon request. Inventory sent to NCORR is presumed to be available from the vendor to NCORR. NCORR will use the inventory list to determine a best value, best fit based on the characteristics of the project to assign to the vendor. NCORR reserves the right to assign MHU replacements using its traditional method, if a best value, best fit is not identified through an MHU vendor's stock or inventory list.

# **REQUEST FOR BID**

It is NCORR's sole discretion whether it is in the best interest of the State to issue a Request for Bid (RFB) to the prequalified vendor list in lieu of issuing an assignment. The RFB will be issued to all Vendors on the prequalified list requesting offers by a specified due date and time. Offers from responsible vendors will be evaluated and contract award will be made based on the determination which offer provides the best value to the State. See *Request for Bid* located at https://www.rebuild.nc.gov/hurricane-helene-prequalification.





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#### TRAINING WITH PDO

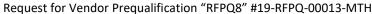
Upon approval of a Vendor to the Prequalified List, the Program Delivery Office (PDO) will periodically contact Vendors and schedule a required training session. Training will be provided to Vendors on NCORR's processes, expectations, and requirements. Training is required to be completed prior to the issuance of any construction contract.

# PREQUALIFICATION LIST RESCISION

Vendor may be removed from the Prequalified List because of poor performance, material breaches of contract, substantiated non-payments to subcontractors/valid payment bond claims, substantiated complaints from homeowners that are serious (e.g., violations of policies concerning alcohol, illegal drugs, possession of firearms, disrespectful behavior, theft of personal property, Vendor damage to real property not subject to rehabilitation, etc.), False Claim Act violations, and misrepresentation of experience, violations of permits, illegal disposal of hazardous materials, any major OSHA or several minor OSHA violations, significant injuries to any person during construction caused by failure to follow required safety practices, failure of Vendor to respond to requests for information, failure of Vendor to respond to Assignments (accept or decline assignment) within 48-hours, failure of Vendor to respond to Request for Bids, failure to comply with all processes and requirements set by the State, Vendor speaking or acting in an unprofessional, aggressive, or degrading manner towards State staff, it's vendors, or applicants, and/or negative Vendor evaluations/scorecards. NCORR's rescission procedure has been included below.

#### Pregualification Rescission Procedure:

- 1. Step 1: Vendor Complaint Issued.
- 2. Step 2: Performance Warning Meeting with the Program Delivery Office. At the conclusion of this meeting the Program Delivery Office will decide an appropriate course of disciplinary action, if any. Disciplinary actions may include but are not limited to suspension of ability to bid, probation, or contract cancellation (partial or complete).
- 3. Step 3: Prequalification Rescinded. The Program Delivery Office will inform vendor if outstanding contracts will be amended, cancelled, or honored.





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# **ATTACHMENT A: QUESTIONNAIRE**

This form gathers information about the Vendors seeking to be added to the Prequalified List. **Completing this questionnaire does not guarantee being added to the List**. Evaluation of the submittal shall be performed by the prequalification committee. Vendors are cautioned it is their responsibility to ensure ALL information is provided with the Application and all information conforms to the requirements herein. **Any Application that is incomplete** and/or does not meet requirements **will be denied**.

#### **SECTION 1. COMPANY INFORMATION**

ORGANIZATION				
Business Type (check box)				
☐ Corporation ☐ Partnership ☐ Limited Liability Company ☐ Sole Proprietor ☐ Joint Venture				
Indicate your North Carolina HUB Certification; if applicable (check only one box)				
□ <b>B</b> (Black) □ <b>HA</b> (Hispanic) □ <b>AA</b> (Asian American) □ <b>AI</b> (American Indian)				
□ W (Female) □ D (Disabled) □ SED (Socially Economically Disadvantaged)				
Ensure NC HUB certification is ACTIVE prior to certifying to the above question. Contact the NC HUB Office, NC DOA: Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB), for certification assistance.				
☐ Applied for North Carolina HUB certification; application pending.				
□ Not a HUB Vendor.				
□ Not a nob vendor.				
Is your firm a Veteran-owned business? ☐ YES ☐ NO				
Is your firm owned or controlled by a parent or any other organization? ☐ YES ☐ NO If "YES", describe Ownership:				
List all other names your firm has operated as for the past three (3) years:				



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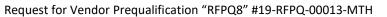
Has your present company, its officers, owners, or agents ever been convicted of charges relating to conflicts of interest, bribery, or bid-rigging? ☐ YES ☐ NO					
If "YES", describe:					
Has your present company, its officers, owners, or agents ever been barred from being awarded public work in North Carolina? ☐ YES ☐ NO					
If "YES", describe:					
How many years has your company been registered to do business in North Carolina?					
Please list two (2) professional references and/or provide letters of reference from previous clients.					
Contact Name:					
Phone Number:					
Email Address:					
Company Name:					
Contact Name:					
Phone Number:					
Email Address:					



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Provide the following information on two (2) of the largest contracts currently in progress or completed by your company.
□ Project #1 Name:
Contract Dollar Value:
Your company acted as which of the following for this project?
☐ Construction Manager ☐ General Contractor ☐ Subcontractor ☐ Dealer ☐ Manufacturer
Owner Name/ Representative:
Owner Phone #/Email:
Date of Work Performed:
Describe Work Performed:
□ Project #2 Name:
Contract Dollar Value:
Your company acted as which of the following for this project?
☐ Construction Manager ☐ General Contractor ☐ Subcontractor ☐ Dealer ☐ Manufacturer
Owner Name/ Representative:
Owner Phone #/Email:
Date of Work Performed:
Describe Work Performed:





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# **SECTION 2. SURETY LETTER AND BONDING**

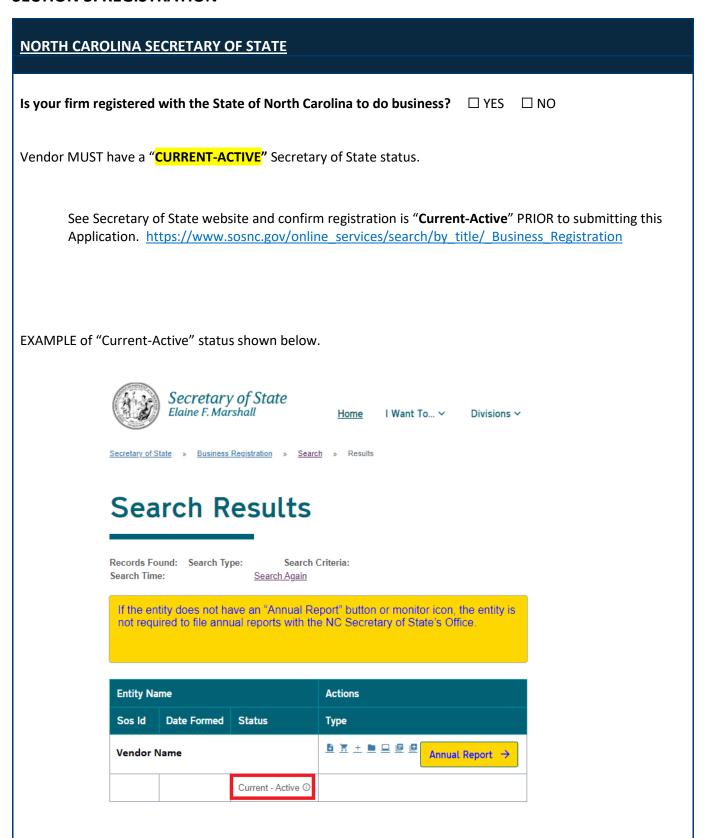
BOND CAPACITY
Did your company attach a signed surety letter verifying their willingness to issue sufficient payment and performance bonds on construction projects? $\square$ YES $\square$ NO
If yes, attach a copy of the surety letter and identify the single and aggregate dollar limits.
Single Dollar Limit \$
Aggregate Dollar Limit \$
Note: The Surety letter provided must be current within one (1) month of the application date.





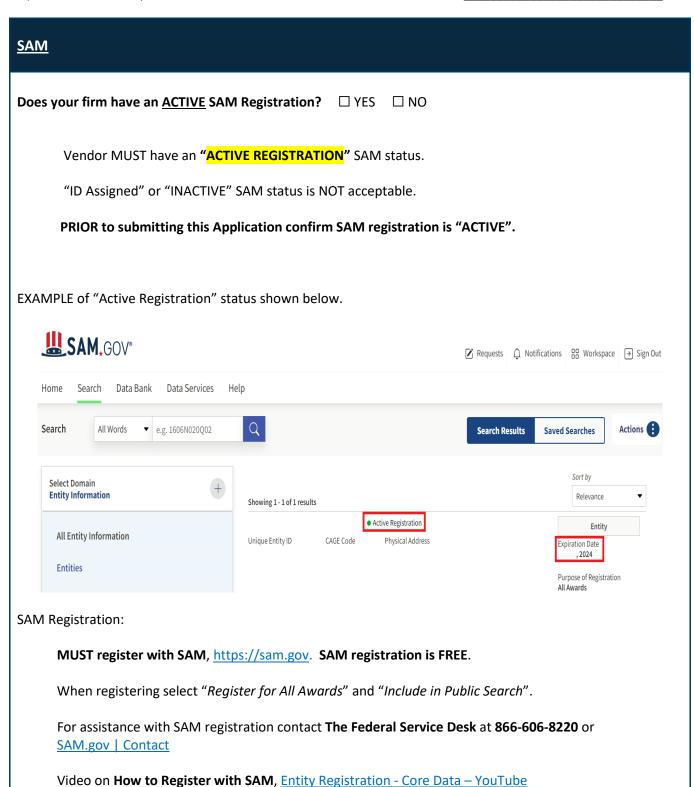
Vendor: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **SECTION 3. REGISTRATION**





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# **SECTION 4. LICENSE**

NORTH CAROLINA LICENSURE
Select which <u>ACTIVE</u> North Carolina license(s) your firm has:
□ General Contractor (GC) License Number
Limitation (North Carolina General Contractor License Only):
Classification (North Carolina General Contractor License Only):
Date of First Issue (North Carolina General Contractor License Only):
☐ Manufactured Home Manufacturer License Number
Date of First Issue
☐ Manufactured Home Dealer License Number
Date of First Issue
☐ Manufactured Home Setup License Number
Date of <u>First</u> Issue
Firm Name on License(s):
Provide a copy of each license checked above with the Application.
EXAMPLE of GC License shown below.
12/31/2024  Expiration Bate  12/31/2024  Tirense No.
Licensing Board for General Contractors  This is to Certify That:
Firm Name
ts duly registered and entitled to practice  General Contracting  Limitation:  Classification:
December 31, 2024  when this Certificate expires.  Witness our bambs and seal of the Board.  Dated. Kaleigh, N.C.  O1/01/2024  Chis certificate may not be altered.  Charle Wiener  Severamy Grassmer



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Has your license ever been denied or revoked?

If "YES", describe:

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S	□ NO			

<b>SECTION 5.</b>	<b>AREAS INTI</b>	<b>ERESTED IN</b>	<b>PROVIDING</b>	<b>SERVICE</b>

Select the North Carolina counties your company is interested in providing service.

☐ All North Carolina Counties impacted by Hurricane Helene

# **By County**: (check the applicable box)

☐ Alexander	☐ Alleghany	□ Ashe	☐ Avery	☐ Buncombe	□ Burke
☐ Caldwell	□ Catawba	□ Clay	☐ Cleveland	☐ Gaston	☐ Haywood
☐ Henderson	☐ Jackson	☐ Lincoln	□ Macon	☐ Madison	☐ McDowel
☐ Mitchell	□ Polk	$\square$ Rutherford	□ Transylvania	□ Watauga	□ Wilkes
☐ Yancey Coul	nties	□ Eastern Ban	d of Cherokee Ind	dians	





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COMPLETE/FORMAL NAME OF VENDOR:	SAM.GOV UNIQUE ENTITY ID:
STREET ADDRESS:	OFFICE PHONE NUMBER:
CITY & STATE & ZIP CODE:	CELL PHONE NUMBER:
PRINT NAME & TITLE OF PERSON SIGNING ON BEHALF OF VENDOR:	EMAIL:
VENDOR'S AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE:	DATE:

FOR PROGRAM DELIVERY OFFICE (PDO) USE ONLY:
Request for Prequalification Application
☐ <b>Approved</b> (date)
□ Denied (date)
Reason(s) Denied:
$\square$ <b>Surety Letter</b> ; not provided and/or Vendor does not have ability to bond construction projects.
☐ <b>NC Secretary of State</b> ; registration not Current-Active.
☐ <b>SAM</b> ; registration not Active.
$\Box$ <b>License(s)</b> ; not Active and/or copy not provided with Application.
☐ Certificate of Insurance; not provided and/or does not meet minimum limits.
Application Reviewed (Approved/Denied) By:
PDO Signature