



REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

GARFIELD COUNTY

FRANCE CANYON FIRE EWP

DUE AUGUST 29, 2025

GARFIELD COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS SUMMARY SHEET

1. Project: Engineering Services – NRCS Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) Program – France Canyon Fire Recovery
2. Location: Garfield County Utah
3. Requested Services: Engineering design and construction-phase services for flood control, sediment mitigation, and watershed restoration projects under the NRCS EWP Program.
4. Potential Sources of Funding: NRCS EWP program and Garfield County
5. Project Administrator: David Dodds, Public Works Director, P.O. Box 77, Panguitch, Utah 84759, 435-238-0935
7. Type of Proposal Required: Statement of Qualification (SQQ)
8. Proposals Due Time: 5:00 p.m. August 29, 2025
9. Additional project information can be obtained by contacting the Project Administrator, David Dodds, (435) 238-0935, dave.dodds@garfield.utah.gov

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NOTICE TO CONSULTANTS**

Garfield County is seeking a qualified engineering firm to provide design and construction-phase engineering services for watershed protection and flood mitigation projects under the USDA NRCS Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) Program. The work will focus on the Tropic Reservoir watershed and surrounding areas impacted by the 2025 France Canyon Fire in Garfield County, Utah.

If you are interested in submitting a Statement of Qualifications, information on the Request for Qualifications can be obtained from:

Garfield County Public Works Department
55 South Main
Panguitch, Utah 84759
Telephone: (435) 676-1119
Email: dave.dodds@garfield.utah.gov

The submission deadline is 5:00 p.m. on August 29, 2025.

The County reserves the right to accept and/or reject any and all proposals.

Garfield County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Dated this August 12, 2025

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1. Purpose

Garfield County is requesting Statements of Qualifications (SOQs) from qualified engineering firms to provide planning, design, and construction-phase engineering services for watershed protection and flood mitigation projects under the NRCS Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) Program. The County anticipates receiving NRCS EWP funding in response to damage caused by the France Canyon Fire (June–July 2025) and seeks to expedite project implementation due to the short funding timeline.

2. Background

The France Canyon Fire burned approximately 35,159 acres, including significant portions of the Tropic Reservoir watershed. The burn area is characterized by highly erosive Claron Formation soils, steep slopes, and substantial vegetation loss. Post-fire modeling and field assessments indicate:

- Increased peak flows of 2–9 times pre-fire levels in critical drainages
- High sediment delivery potential to Tropic Reservoir and downstream infrastructure
- Debris flow likelihood of 60–80% in key watersheds
- Threats to hydrologic function, roads, and recreational facilities

The County's primary objectives are:

1. Protect Tropic Reservoir from excessive sedimentation.
2. Restore hydrologic function to the affected watersheds.
3. Implement flood control and erosion mitigation measures to protect infrastructure and public safety.

3. Anticipated Scope of Work

Selected firms may be required to perform services including, but not limited to:

- Hydrologic and hydraulic modeling of post-fire watershed conditions
- Design of erosion control, sediment detention, and channel stabilization structures
- Road and culvert storm-proofing designs to handle increased runoff

- Cost estimating, construction plans, and bid documents
- Construction oversight and contract administration
- Coordination with NRCS, Garfield County, USFS, and other stakeholders

Projects must meet NRCS EWP program requirements for eligibility, cost-effectiveness, and environmental compliance.

4. Submission Requirements

Interested firms should submit a Statement of Qualifications that includes:

Firm Profile: Name, address, contact information, size, and years in business.

Relevant Experience: Demonstrated expertise with NRCS EWP or similar watershed/flood control projects, particularly in post-wildfire conditions.

Key Personnel: Names, roles, and qualifications of staff who will work on the project.

Technical Approach: Brief description of how the firm would address the County's objectives and NRCS EWP requirements.

Project Management: Experience in delivering projects under tight deadlines and within federal funding constraints.

References: At least three references from similar projects.

5. Evaluation Criteria & Scoring

Evaluation Category	Description	Points Available
Relevant Project Experience	Demonstrated experience with NRCS EWP or similar post-wildfire watershed restoration, sediment control, and flood mitigation projects.	25
Technical Expertise	Qualifications and experience of proposed project team, including hydrology, hydraulics, and construction management.	20

Evaluation Category	Description	Points Available
Approach & Understanding	Clarity and feasibility of proposed approach to achieving Garfield County's stated objectives; understanding of EWP requirements and wildfire-impacted watersheds.	20
Capacity & Availability	Ability to meet accelerated timelines and dedicate sufficient staff and resources to complete work within NRCS deadlines.	15
Past Performance & References	Quality, timeliness, and cost control on past projects, as verified through references.	10
Local Knowledge	Familiarity with Garfield County, Tropic Reservoir watershed, and similar terrain/conditions.	10

Total Possible Points: 100

6. Selection Process

The County will evaluate firms based on the criteria above. The highest-ranked firm will be invited to negotiate scope and fee once NRCS EWP funding is awarded. If no agreement is reached, the County will proceed to the next highest-ranked firm.

7. Submittal Instructions

- **Deadline:** August 29, 2025 – 5:00 PM (Mountain Time)
- **Format:** PDF, maximum 20 pages
- **Send To:**
David Dodds
Public Works Director, Garfield County
Email: **dave.dodds@garfield.utah.gov**
Phone: **435-676-1119**

Firms are encouraged to reach out with any questions before submission.