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### **REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS**

From consultant firms to support our organization and its region as a with professional services in identifying and implementing resiliency, mitigation, and economic recovery strategies and projects in our region hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic.

November 2020

The Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments (COG) is administering some US Economic Development Administration CARES Act funding and the mission objectives are:

- Develop and implement an Economic Recovery & Resiliency Plan for the region with diverse stakeholders;
  - Coordinate with local, state, and federal agencies to develop and implement strategies that support resiliency and recovery;
  - Bring together the public and private sectors to create a roadmap that supports planning, reconstruction, redevelopment, workforce, resiliency, and recovery;
  - Provide assistance to local governments, economic development organizations, and jurisdictional members on disaster response, mitigation, resiliency, and recovery to minimize the negative impact of future economic disruptions and increase the ability to regain pre-disaster economic productivity; and,
  - Develop, deploy, and manage an Americorps\*VISTA program.
- **TIMEFRAME:** January 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022 (20 months)
  - **AVAILABILITY:** Firms would need to be available during this timeframe and dedicate time necessary to deliver this product.
  - **EXPERTISE:** We are particularly looking for consultant expertise in the following disciplines:
    - Disaster and Economic Recovery Experience
    - Economic and Community Development Background
    - Integration of Technology Solutions to Evaluate Impact including Dashboards
    - Management Experience
    - Familiarity with private and State and Federal programs, including but not limited to New Mexico Economic Development Department, EDA, Americorps\*VISTA, Opportunity Zones, etc.
    - Capacity-building including managing interns
    - Infrastructure projects and phases of development
    - Working familiarity with northwest New Mexico

The selected consultant firm will work in concert with the COG planning team under general contract, with task orders negotiated for portions of work per specific timeframes.

Letters of interest and qualifications will be accepted until Friday, December 11, 2020 at 3:00 pm. After initial screening and if needed, we will invite top applicants to interview with us regarding portions of the work best suited to the needs of the project and to the firm's expertise and availability. COG will schedule virtual interviews. COG will make a selection the same week and will authorize work to begin the week of January 2, 2021.

Letters of Interest and Qualifications may be submitted electronically to Evan Williams at [ewilliams@nwnmcog.org](mailto:ewilliams@nwnmcog.org)

Authorized for distribution by:  Date: November 13, 2020  
Evan Williams, Executive Director