



Request for Qualifications (RFQL) for Contract Services of Economic Impact Study of the Chetco Bar Fire

Curry County, The City of Brookings, and South Coast Development Council are soliciting Statements of Qualifications from qualified firms capable of performing an assessment of the economic impacts of the Chetco Bar Fire on the economy of Curry County and the City of Brookings.

I. Background

The Chetco Bar Fire was ignited by lightning strike in the Kalmiopsis Wilderness on July 12, 2017. The fire burned more than 191,000 acres. On August 22, authorities named the Chetco Bar Fire as the top priority fire nationwide, and at peak there were more than 2,000 firefighters and personnel dedicated to the blaze. The fire was reported as 100% contained on November 4, 2017 though it remained smoldering for some time after.

The Chetco Bar Fire has had devastating effects on the residents and economy of the City of Brookings and Curry County. In total, it burned 191,125 acres, destroyed 6 homes, and forced the evacuation of more than 5,000 residents. Smoke from the fire was widespread, and affected air quality across the state for weeks.

II. Assessment Desired

The City of Brookings, in partnership with Curry County and South Coast Development Council, would like to obtain an Economic Impact Analysis of the effects of the Chetco Bar Fire.

This analysis desired will address the effects of the Chetco Bar Fire on the economy of the City of Brookings and Curry County.

The report would be an economic assessment document detailing the impacts of the Chetco Bar Fire on the local economy. This document would also identify funding opportunities and actions that can be taken to stimulate economic recovery.

The report would identify impacts to specific segments of the economy, assess the level of individual and cumulative impacts, identify action items that could be taken to stimulate economic recovery, and identify the roles of various agencies in assisting with a coordinated effort to undertake identified recovery measures.

Segments of the economy which are known to have been impacted by the Chetco Bar Fire include:

- i. Lumber production. The fire has destroyed thousands of trees that would have been used to supply raw materials for the last remaining lumber mill in Curry County. These trees were located on both federal and private lands, including some 12,000 acres owned by South Coast Lumber Company.
- ii. Commercial and recreational fishing. The fire will have lasting impacts on the Chetco River and tributaries that are used for Salmon spawning and fishery support.
- iii. Tourism. The Chetco River, National Forest and Wilderness Area are all popular tourist destinations offering a variety of recreational opportunities. Many of these recreational resources have been destroyed or disrupted by the fire.
- iv. Relocation. A significant segment of the Brookings economy is from the income of retirees who relocate to Brookings from other parts of the United States. The City is largely a retirement community, and the loss of recreational and scenic amenities could make the community a less attractive place for relocation.

Other affected segments of the economy should also be identified and reported on.

◆◆◆ Sponsor Investors ◆◆◆

Bandon Dunes Golf Resort ◆ Bay Area Hospital ◆ City of Brookings ◆ City of Coos Bay
Coos County ◆ Curry County ◆ Jordan Cove Energy ◆ Southwest Oregon Regional Airport

The study will evaluate these impacts and identify what actions can be taken by government at all levels and the private sector to mitigate these impacts and return the community to a positive economic growth path.

III. Timeline

Timeline for the project is as follows:

- January 25, 2018 – RFQL issued.
- February 15, 2018 – Qualifications must be submitted no later than 5 pm.
- February 20, 2018 – RFP issued to qualified applicants
- March 1, 2018 – RFP must be submitted no later than 5pm
- March 10, 2018 – Contract awarded
- May 30, 2018 – First draft of the report required
- July 15, 2018 – Finalized report

IV. Submittal

Interested firms are asked to please submit resume(s), qualifications, and examples of previous similar work to:

South Coast Development Council
Attn: RFQL Chetco Bar Fire Recovery
50 Central Ave, Suite A
Coos Bay, OR 97420

Or via Email to Sam@scdcinc.org subject line: RFQL Chetco Bar Fire Recovery

Submittals will be accepted via US Mail and Email, and must be received no later than 5 pm on February 15, 2018. Fax submittals will not be accepted.

For questions, please call:

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Qualified firms chosen to submit an RFP (Request for Proposal) will be contacted directly on or before February 20, 2018.