



STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES – CENTRAL PROCUREMENT OFFICE

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS # 32110-82525
AMENDMENT # 4
FOR DEBRIS MONITORING CONSULTING SERVICES**

DATE: FEBRUARY 23, 2026

RFP # 32110-82525 IS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

1. This RFP Schedule of Events updates and confirms scheduled RFP dates. Any event, time, or date containing revised or new text is highlighted.

EVENT	TIME (central time zone)	DATE
1. RFP Issued		December 16, 2025
2. Disability Accommodation Request Deadline	2:00 p.m.	December 19, 2025
3. Pre-response Conference	10:00 a.m.	January 6, 2026
4. Notice of Intent to Respond Deadline	2:00 p.m.	January 7, 2026
5. Written "Questions & Comments" Deadline	2:00 p.m.	January 12, 2026
6. State Response to Written "Questions & Comments"		February 23, 2026
7. Response Deadline	2:00 p.m.	March 2, 2026
8. State Completion of Technical Response Evaluations		March 19, 2026
9. State Opening & Scoring of Cost Proposals		March 20, 2026
10. Negotiations (Optional)		March 23, 2026 – March 27, 2026
11. State Notice of Intent to Award Released and RFP Files Opened for Public Inspection		March 30, 2026
12. End of Protest Period		April 6, 2026
13. State sends contract to Contractor for signature		April 7, 2026
14. Contractor Signature Deadline	2:00 p.m.	April 10, 2026

2. State responses to questions and comments in the table below amend and clarify this RFP.

Any restatement of RFP text in the Question/Comment column shall NOT be construed as a change in the actual wording of the RFP document.

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3.2.2.2.	7	<p>1. On page 7 Section 3.2.2.2, the RFP addresses e-mail submissions.</p> <p>a. Can the State please confirm whether its system has any size limitations on file attachments? If so, what is the maximum allowable file size?</p> <p>b. Can the State please confirm whether its security protocols permit the use of cloud-based document sharing links (e.g., Dropbox, Google Drive, Microsoft OneDrive)? If permitted, are there any specific platforms or services that are restricted or prohibited?</p>	<p>a. Due to size limitations, E-mail submissions are limited to 20 megabytes in size per message.</p> <p>b. The State does not accept shared links as an acceptable submission format. Please reference Section 3.2. Response Delivery for more information.</p>
B.15.	21	<p>2. On page 21 Section B.15 of the RFP states: "Provide a statement of whether or not the Respondent has any current contracts with the State of Tennessee or has completed any contracts with the State of Tennessee within the previous five (5) year period."</p> <p>a. Can the State please clarify whether this disclosure is limited to contracts related specifically to debris monitoring, or if all contract types with the State of Tennessee should be included?</p>	<p>This disclosure is not limited in any fashion. As part of the response, the Respondent should include a brief description of the Scope of Services for each contract that they've held with the State.</p>
A.5.4.	36-37	<p>3. On page 36-37 Section A.5.4 when referencing the operational need for drones, UTV's, and boats the RFP states: "Hourly Rate shall cover the rental and operational costs."</p> <p>a. The Cost Proposal form does not have a line item for drones, UTV's, or boats and does not provide an area to add additional line items. Can the State please clarify if these costs are a pass-through expense (with detailed backup), or is the vendor required to add an hourly rate? If the vendor is required to add an hourly rate, where should this proposed cost be added?</p>	<p>Please see the updated RFP. Rental and operational costs shall be billed as a pass-through expense at actual cost with documentation available for proof of purchase.</p>
	38	<p>4. On page 38, the RFP states: "The Contractor shall report for operations within twenty-four (24) to forty-eight (48) hours or in a timeframe prescribed by the Authorized User to begin the services under this Contract." But this statement conflicts with the following requirement on page 39: "Ensure trained debris monitors are available to monitor debris removal and hauling activities within twenty-four (24) hours of the original notification by the Authorized User."</p> <p>a. Can the State clarify if both sections should read twenty-four (24) to forty-eight (48) hours?</p>	<p>Both sections are correct and do not conflict. In Section A.7.2.h., the reference is to the initial response to a call to initiate services after a disaster. In Section A.8.4.a., the reference is to project management and the need to have available personnel to report to an assignment within 24 hours of the Authorized User issuing a Purchase Order for services.</p>
A.14.2.	42	<p>5. On page 42 Section A.14.2 the RFP states that "IS 632.A: Introduction to Debris Operations" and "IS 633: Debris Management Plan Development" are</p>	<p>Please see the updated RFP. These requirements have been removed.</p>

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		<p>required for personnel. However, these courses have been retired by FEMA EMI with no replacement.</p> <p>a. Would the State consider removing these course requirements?</p>	
A.14.6.	43	<p>6. On page 43 Section A.14.6 the RFP states: "The Contractor should also provide safety staff that is certified with Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 10- or 30-hour Construction Safety certifications and HAZWOPER training for handling hazardous waste and debris."</p> <p>a. If safety staff are required, will the State consider adding a line item to the Cost Proposal form for safety personnel?</p>	A line-item for Safety Staff has been added to both the Cost Proposal and Scoring Guide and in Section C.3. Payment Methodology.
		7. During active debris operations, how frequently does the County expect formal coordination meetings (daily briefings, weekly status meetings), and should the Contractor provide meeting documentation and action tracking?	This will depend on the Authorized User. But weekly status meetings should be assumed as a minimum. Additionally, it should be assumed that status meetings will be more frequent (daily) at the onset of debris operations then tier down as the operation evolves.
		8. Would the County accept a centralized digital reporting dashboard that consolidates load tickets, vehicle logs, daily reports, asset real-time visibility and available shelter bed capacity?	Yes, for everything related to the Scope of this Contract. However, please note that these documents should be able to be exported from the system by the Authorized User at their discretion. Any charges for the use of an ADMS are to be fully burdened in the proposed Hourly Rate(s).
		9. Although no specific fleet management software is mandated, does the County have an interest in enhanced fleet visibility (GPS, utilization tracking, daily certification logs) to support compliance and audit readiness?	Yes, there is interest, but at no additional cost to the Authorized User.
		10. Would the County permit a Contractor to deploy a secure web-based dashboard for County staff to view operational status, reports, and documentation during an active debris mission?	Yes, however the information displayed should be able to be always exported from the system by the Authorized User.
		11. Can the County provide a list of vendors that attended or are registered from the pre-bid meeting?	This information will be made available to Respondents to this solicitation during the Open File period following the issuance of the Notice of Intent to Award being sent to Respondents.
		12. Can the County provide the solicitation number for the previous contract related to this service?	This will be the first Statewide contract for these services for the State of Tennessee.
		13. Is there a current incumbent contractor providing post-disaster or emergency debris removal and disposal services?	This will be the first Statewide contract for these services for the State of Tennessee.

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		14. Has the County established a not-to-exceed budget or estimated funding range for this contract?	Please reference Section C.1. Estimated Liability of this RFP.
		15. Do you happen to know if the State intends on issuing a Solicitation for the debris removal as well?	The State currently only has a solicitation for debris monitoring. Should the State issue a solicitation for debris removal, it would be posted publicly in accordance with the State Procurement Manual.
		16. Are vendors allowed to provide a cover letter as part of the Cost Proposal submission?	The Cost Proposal must be completed exactly as required by the instructions atop RFP Attachment 6.3. No other notes, marks, or documentation shall be submitted with the Cost Proposal or it may be deemed unresponsive.
		17. If a respondent requests that selected clients send their completed/signed Reference Questionnaires directly to you via email, please confirm that the Reference Questionnaires are not required to also be submitted within our technical proposal responses.	As per the Instructions within RFP Attachment 6.4. Reference Questionnaire, references should be e-mailed directly to the Solicitation Coordinator. There is no stated need for Reference Questionnaires to be submitted within the technical responses.
		18. The manual process of filling out load tickets can jeopardize proper FEMA reimbursement if human error occurs. Utilizing electronic load tickets, computer tablets, and systems employing electronic contractor IDs with an Automated Debris Management System (ADMS) has become the industry standard and is critical for any successful debris operation. Because of the factors listed, we would like to confirm that any charges for the use of an ADMS are to be fully burdened in the proposed debris monitoring positions hourly rates provided and not as a separate hourly rate or separate position, separate flat rate, or substitutional charge for any listed position.	That is correct. Any charges for the use of an ADMS are to be fully burdened in the proposed Hourly Rate(s).
		19. May vendors price certain positions as \$0 if said position(s) will not be utilized by the vendor when completing a successful debris operation defined in the scope of services?	Yes, Respondents are not limited in what they can respond within the Cost Proposal. However, please note that any positions utilized will be charged at the rate proposed within the Cost Proposal for awarded Contractors.
		20. Will the State please clarify that vendors are only to input hourly rates and firm name on the cost form, as described on the pre-response conference?	Respondents shall complete the Respondent Signature, Printed Name & Title, and Date sections on the first page of RFP Attachment 6.3. Cost Proposal and fill in only the Respondent Legal Entity Name section and Proposed Cost cells on

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			the second page of the Cost Proposal.
B.15.		21. For purposes of responding to Section B.15, should Respondents disclose all State of Tennessee contracts held that are similar in scope to this RFP?	The response to Section B.15. should include information for all of the current and completed contracts that have been entered into with the State of Tennessee within the past five (5) years.
		22. Could the State please confirm if the prime respondent is required to hold a Certificate of Authorization (COA) from the Tennessee Board of Architectural and Engineering Examiners to propose on RFP No. 32110-82525 for Debris Monitoring and Consulting Services.	There is no requirement for any licensing in the State of Tennessee for Debris Monitoring.
		23. We were notified that the State is releasing an RFP for Debris Monitoring Services – I wanted to find out if the State will be releasing an RFP for Debris Removal Services in the near future. If so, would it be possible to add our company to the list of interested bidders.	The State currently only has a solicitation for debris monitoring. Should the State issue a solicitation for debris removal, it would be posted publicly in accordance with the State Procurement Manual.

3. **Delete RFP # 32110-82525, in its entirety, and replace it with RFP # 32110-82525 Release # 2, attached to this amendment.** Revisions of the original RFP document are emphasized within the new release. **Any sentence or paragraph containing revised or new text is highlighted.**
4. **RFP Amendment Effective Date.** The revisions set forth herein shall be effective upon release. All other terms and conditions of this RFP not expressly amended herein shall remain in full force and effect.