

	<h1>City of Wilson, NC.</h1> <h2>Addendum 1</h2>
<p><u>Please send inquiries and questions about this RFQ to:</u></p> <p>Ricky Wilson Purchasing Manager rvwilson@wilsonnc.org</p>	<p>RFQ: 2023-37 – Electric Cost of Service and Rate Design Study</p> <p>RFQ Due Date and time: 9-20-23 @ 3:00 pm</p> <p>Contract Type: Professional/Engineering/Consulting Services</p>

Failure to acknowledge and return this addendum may subject your bid to be rejected based on the below information.

Vendor: _____

Question 1: What is the preferred project timeline? *We'd like to get the COSS started in October and have it completed around January, if possible. This is somewhat up for negotiation, but we have items in play with NCEMPA that would make a conclusion around early January very useful to the City.*

Question 2: Can you please elaborate further on request number 5: "Prior and current understanding of NCEMPA wholesale rates and recent history of these rates in eastern North Carolina."? Our team is aware that you utilize these rates to establish the all requirements monthly rate for customers falling under Schedule AR-TS-3. We are also aware that the PCA is currently \$0.000. Aside from the cost of service analysis, is there any other analysis you wish to perform utilizing this wholesale rates?? *Our goal in Request #5 is to select a firm that has or can quickly acquire a good understanding of recent wholesale rate dynamics with NCEMPA as these affect our retail rates a lot. With natural gas cost fluctuations, coal ash cleanup by Duke, Duke's Clean Energy Plan, etc. costs, as well as inflationary pressures, very present, we'd like to model some of this risk, as well as the upside from Rider #8's expiration in July 2025. Since we want to get the COSS completed in a few months we'd like to avoid starting from no knowledge, if possible. Our state-wide group, Electricities, would of course be available to help any such firm doing work for Wilson to help get that background, if selected.*

Question 3: Please clarify whether hard copies of the qualification response are required or if an electronic submittal would be acceptable. Page 2 of the RFQ suggests possibly either can be submitted "If hard copies are submitted..." *(Hard copies are required 3 copies) You may but, not required to submit additional copies and/or electronic copies on a storage device such as a thumb drive.*

Question 4: Page 5 only provides physical addresses for delivery of the document. (Mailing Address and Hand Delivery addresses are correct on page 5) We are not accepting e-mailed responses for this RFQ.

Question 5: Please clarify a portion of item #2 in the Qualification Response Contents section, specifically the request for “statements of previous work on cost of service and rate design studies.”

- Is the City asking for copies of rate study reports that we have produced for other projects? The city is not requesting copies of reports, please provide references of clients and project description/summary for informational/qualification purposes. If selected, and upon award, we may ask for additional information and we understand that reports may be confidential.
- If so, we should clarify that GDS maintains the confidentiality of rate study reports that we produce. Of the many hundreds of studies we have performed, only a very small fraction of the reports are made public by the utility. At this time, we have one report that we can provide. We are actively researching others to determine if they are public. We will not need the reports for this RFQ.
- If the City is asking for copies of rate study reports, please let us know if the following approach will meet your needs
 - i. If we determine that 3 of our reports are available to the public, we will provide 3.
 - ii. If we can only provide less than 3 actual reports, we will provide samples or templates of our COS and Rate reports