

Chattanooga Area Regional Council of Governments  
Southeast Tennessee Development District



April 24, 2025

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL – Rural Planning Grant

The Southeast Tennessee Development District's (SETD) Rural Planning Organization (RPO) is requesting proposals from consultant firms to provide services on two Rural Planning Grants. The City of Pikeville and the Bledsoe County Highway Department were both awarded grants. The City of Pikeville was awarded a Community Mobility Study, and the Bledsoe County Highway Department was awarded a Resurfacing and Restriping plan for Hendon Road. The submitted applications are available for review upon request.

We are requesting proposals that will create individual plans for each community but will be bid as one total project. We ask that proposals be electronically submitted to Emmalyn Porter by email at [eporter@sedev.org](mailto:eporter@sedev.org) by 5 PM Eastern time on June 11, 2025. The total funds available for the two projects are \$50,000.

Each submission will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- Specialized experience or technical expertise of the firm.
- Past performance record on contracts with the community as well as other clients.
- Capability of the firm to perform the work within expedited timeline limitations.
- Familiarity with the type of problems or issues that are applicable to the project.
- Familiarity with the local areas.

The firm selected must comply with Executive Order 11246, Equal Employment Opportunity, the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, and Section 3 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1968.

Thank you for your interest in the proposed projects in these communities.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Emmalyn Porter".

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