

May 20, 2021

Request for Qualifications

Analysis for Industry Clusters & Potential Collaboration

for
Land of Sky Regional Council,
Area Chambers of Commerce
& Regional Consortium of Partners

Question & Response:

1. Is the proposed work a portion of the CEDS or will it make up the entirety of the CEDS project?

The proposed work is a stand-alone project and will be incorporated into the 2022 CEDS update. We anticipate shared elements between this proposal and the CEDS.

2. Has there been any formal collection of data related to pandemic impact other than the unemployment rates cited in the RFQ?

Land of Sky does not have impact data. Other stakeholders may have data related to the pandemic.

3. Can you define the project study area?

The study area consists of the Counties of Buncombe, Haywood, Henderson, Madison and Transylvania and all jurisdictions within them.

4. Has a Steering Committee been formed for the project? If so, who is represented?

Yes – the Steering Committee is comprised of the Chambers of Commerce for each of the Counties, and representatives from Economic Development entities, Local Governments, Businesses, and Land of Sky Regional Council.

5. Do you have a budget for the project?

We have \$30,000 in federal funding secured currently. We anticipate additional funding being available as needed/required depending on the scope and breadth of the proposal responses.