



# **Request for Proposals**

**Designs and Specifications  
For 115 kV Transmission Line Projects**

**For**

## **GREENVILLE UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**Of the  
City of Greenville, North Carolina**

**401 South Greene Street  
Greenville, North Carolina 27834**

**Issue Date February 22, 2021**

**Response Due Date, March 16, 2021 3:00 pm (EDST)**

**Notice to Proposers:**

**Greenville Utilities Commission is committed to the health and safety of our customers and employees. We are taking the spread of COVID-19 very seriously and continue to monitor the latest Local, State, and Federal guidance.**

**We are presently closed to the public.**

**We are receiving Bids via FedEx, UPS, US Mail.**

## **GREENVILLE UTILITIES COMMISSION**

### **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

The Electric Department of Greenville Utilities requests proposals for professional consulting services for designing two 115 kV Transmission Lines.

#### **PROPOSAL DEADLINE**

Proposals, subject to the conditions made a part hereof, will be received by the Office of the Procurement Manager, Greenville Utilities Commission, 401 S. Greene Street, Greenville, North Carolina 27834 until **3:00 PM (EDST) on March 16, 2021**.

#### **PREPARATION OF PROPOSAL**

Proposals must be in sealed envelopes clearly marked on the outside with the name of the proposal and the proposal receipt date and time. Proposals shall be addressed to the **Office of the Procurement Manager, Greenville Utilities Commission, 401 S. Greene Street, Greenville, North Carolina 27834**.

#### **EVALUATION CRITERIA**

Vendor selection shall be based on evaluation and rating of Vendor's demonstrated competence and qualifications/performance for the type of services/products to be offered. The following guidelines will be used as minimum criteria for rating the Vendor:

1. The quality of references from past customers of vendor.
2. Quality of approach and methodology that demonstrates an understanding of the requirements.
3. Quality, extent and relevance of vendor's staff / experience in conducting service(s).
4. Vendor's response time for service(s).

#### **EVALUATION AND AWARD**

GUC reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to waive any and all informalities, and to disregard all nonconforming or conditional proposals or counter proposals. In evaluating proposals, GUC shall consider whether the proposals comply with the prescribed requirements, plus all alternates or options requested. GUC reserves the right to include or exclude any option or alternative(s). If interviews are necessary, interviews with selected respondents will be scheduled and conducted. If a proposal is to be awarded, it will be awarded to the best qualified responsible, responsive respondent whose evaluation by GUC indicates that the award will be in GUC's best interests.

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## **MINORITY BUSINESS PARTICIPATION PROGRAM**

GUC has adopted an Affirmative Action and Minority and Women Business Enterprise Plan (M/WBE) Program. Firms submitting a proposal are attesting that they also have taken affirmative action to ensure equality of opportunity in all aspects of employment, and to utilize M/WBE suppliers of materials and/or labor.

## **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

In general, conflicts of interest relate to the potential for self-gain usually, but not always, of a fiscal nature. Potential for self-gain can serve to undermine the judgment or objectivity of vendors providing consultation services. A potential or actual conflict of interest exists when commitments and obligations to GUC are likely to be compromised by a vendor's other interests or commitments, especially economic, particularly if those interests or commitments are not disclosed. Not all conflicting interests are necessarily impermissible. Timely and complete disclosure of potential conflicts of interest may be a satisfactory remedy and protects the consultant from suspicion and accusations of breach of professional integrity. Vendors are asked to disclose any situation or relationship that might be regarded as potential conflict of interest with, but not limited to, their expected duties and recommendations as defined in this RFP.

## **VENDOR INCURRED COSTS**

All costs that may be incurred to prepare proposals, attend meetings, attend site inspections, provide requested follow-up information, make formal and informal presentations, and for the entire contract negotiations process if applicable, shall be the sole responsibility of each vendor. GUC is not responsible under any circumstances for reimbursement of any costs that may be incurred by vendors during the proposal preparation, subsequent selection or negotiation stages.

## **PROPOSAL WITHDRAWAL**

A proposer must notify GUC in writing of its request to withdraw a proposal within seventy-two (72) hours after the proposal receipt date and time, not including Saturdays, Sundays, or holidays. In order to justify withdrawal, the respondent must demonstrate that a substantial error exists and that the proposal was submitted in good faith.

## **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION**

The Provider will take affirmative action in complying with all Federal and State requirements concerning fair employment and employment of the handicapped, and concerning the treatment of all employees, without discrimination by reason of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, or physical handicap.

## **MEDIATION/BINDING ARBITRATION**

In the event of any dispute between the Parties, the Parties agree to submit any dispute to nonbinding mediation before a mutually agreeable Mediator prior to initiating litigation. If the Parties are unable to agree upon a Mediator within thirty (30) days after demand therefore, either Party may petition a Court of competent jurisdiction for the designation of a qualified Mediator for these purposes. Each Party shall bear its own costs and expenses of participating

in the mediation (including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees), and each Party shall bear one-half (1/2) of the costs and expenses of the Mediator. Unless otherwise agreed, the Parties will hold the mediation in Greenville, North Carolina. The matters discussed or revealed in the mediation session shall not be disclosed in any subsequent litigation.

In the event the matter is not resolved in mediation, either Party may request arbitration. The parties shall jointly select an Arbitrator, and shall be bound by the decision of the Arbitrator with respect to any dispute between the parties with respect to this Agreement. If the parties are unable to mutually agree upon an Arbitrator, the Parties shall each select an Arbitrator, and the two Arbitrators so selected shall select a third Arbitrator, and the decision of the majority of the Arbitrators shall be conclusive and binding upon the Parties. The Parties at all times agree to equally split the costs of any Arbitrator(s) selected in an effort to resolve the dispute between the Parties. Any party desiring to resolve a dispute under the terms of this Agreement shall notify the other Party in writing, and the Parties shall seek to agree upon a mutually agreed upon Arbitrator within a period of ten (10) days from the date of such written demand. If the Parties are unable to agree within such ten (10) day period, the Parties shall each select an Arbitrator, and the two (2) Arbitrators so selected shall select a third Arbitrator within fifteen (15) days from the date of the written demand for arbitration, and a decision shall be rendered by the Arbitrator(s) so selected within five (5) days after such Arbitrator(s) is selected.

### **INDEMNITY PROVISION**

Provider agrees to indemnify and save GREENVILLE UTILITIES COMMISSION of the City of Greenville, Pitt County, North Carolina, and the City of Greenville, North Carolina, its co-owners, joint ventures, agents, employees, and insurance carriers harmless from any and all losses, claims, actions, costs, expenses including reasonable attorney fees, judgments, subrogations, or other damages resulting from injury to any person (including injury resulting in death), or damage (including loss or destruction) to property of whatsoever nature of any person arising out of or incident to the performance of the terms of this Contract by Provider, including, but not limited to, Provider's employees, agents, subcontractors, and others designated by Provider to perform work or services in, about, or attendant to, the work and services under the terms of this Contract. Provider shall not be held responsible for any losses, expenses, claims, subrogations, actions, costs, judgments, or other damages, directly, solely, and proximately caused by the negligence of Greenville Utilities Commission of the City of Greenville, Pitt County, North Carolina. Insurance covering this indemnity agreement by the Provider in favor of Greenville Utilities Commission of the City of Greenville, Pitt County, North Carolina, and the City of Greenville, North Carolina, shall be provided by Provider.

### **GOVERNING LAWS**

All contracts, transactions, agreements, etc., are made under and shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of North Carolina.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE CODE**

Bids, proposals, and awards are subject to applicable provisions of the North Carolina Administrative Code.

### **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

Except as provided by statute and rule of law, GUC will keep trade secrets which the Provider does not wish disclosed confidential. Each page shall be identified in boldface at the top and

bottom as “CONFIDENTIAL” by the Provider. Cost information shall not be deemed confidential. The determination of whether a matter is confidential will be determined by North Carolina law.

**GOOD FAITH STATEMENT**

All information provided by GUC in this RFP is offered in good faith. Individual item(s) are subject to change at any time. GUC makes no certification that any item(s) are without error. GUC is not responsible or liable for any use of the information or for any asserted claims.

**UNIFORM GUIDANCE**

Contracts funded with federal grant or loan funds must be procured in a manner that conforms with all applicable federal laws, policies, and standards, including those under the Uniform Guidance (2 C.F.R. Part 200).

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**E-Verify**

**AFFIDAVIT**

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**GREENVILLE UTILITIES COMMISSION**

NOW COMES Affiant, first being sworn, deposes and says as follows:

1. I have submitted a bid for contract or desire to enter into a contract with the Greenville Utilities Commission;

2. As part of my duties and responsibilities pursuant to said bid and/or contract, I attest that I am aware of and in compliance with the requirements of E-Verify, Article 2 of Chapter 64 of the North Carolina General Statutes, to include (mark which applies):

\_\_\_ After hiring an employee to work in the United States I verify the work authorization of said employee through E-Verify and retain the record of the verification of work authorization while the employee is employed and for one year thereafter; or

\_\_\_ I employ less than twenty-five (25) employees in the State of North Carolina.

3. As part of my duties and responsibilities pursuant to said bid and/or contract, I attest that to the best of my knowledge any subcontractors employed as a part of this bid and/or contract are in compliance with the requirements of E-Verify, Article 2 of Chapter 64 of the North Carolina General Statutes, to include (mark which applies):

\_\_\_ After hiring an employee to work in the United States the subcontractor verifies the work authorization of said employee through E-Verify and retains the record of the verification of work authorization while the employee is employed and for one year thereafter; or

\_\_\_ Employ less than twenty-five (25) employees in the State of North Carolina.  
Specify subcontractor: \_\_\_\_\_

This the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Affiant

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

[OFFICIAL SEAL]

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
, Notary Public

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

Questions regarding this Request for Proposal should be received by or before noon, March 2, 2021. Answers shall be communicated by March 5, 2021. All questions shall be directed via e-mail to the attention of Cleve Haddock, CLGPO, Procurement Manager at: haddocgc@guc.com, (252) 551-1533.

### 1.0 Project Scope

Designs and specifications for two, 115 kV Transmission Lines. Phase 1 transmission line is approximately 7.2 miles. Phase 2 transmission line is approximately 7.6 miles.

### 2.0 Background Information on Greenville Utilities

#### 2.1 Geographic Location, Socio-Economic Characteristics

Greenville is located in Pitt County in the Coastal Plain region of eastern North Carolina. It is approximately 85 miles east of the state capital of Raleigh.

In 2019, the population of Greenville was approximately 93,400 with Pitt County being 181,000. The county is supported by industries such as DSM Dyneema, Thermo Fisher Scientific, Mayne Pharma, Hyster Yale Group, ASMO and Grady White boats. Along with industries, Greenville is home to East Carolina University and the East Carolina School of Medicine. Vidant Medical Center is a regional medical center supporting the medical needs throughout eastern North Carolina. A complete socio-economic analysis of Greenville and its environs is available in the City of Greenville Comprehensive Plan.

#### 2.2 Greenville Utilities Commission

The Greenville Utilities Commission was initially chartered by the North Carolina General Assembly in 1905. The latest amendment to the Charter occurred in 1992. It is organized as an independent agency of the City of Greenville and operates the City's electric, water, sewer gas utilities. Each of the four utilities is required to be accounted for through four individual budgets.

The Commission members are appointed by the City Council. Five members represent the City and two members represent the County. The members are appointed on three- year staggered terms with eligibility for an additional three-year appointment. The City Manager serves as the eighth and full voting member of the Board of Commissioners.

The Commission presently employs approximately 475 people in nine departments.

#### 2.3 The Electric Department

The total budget for fiscal year 2020-21 of the Electric Fund is \$186,224,450 with Capital Outlay being \$8,890,926. The Electric Department presently employs approximately 138 people in seven sections: director's office, engineering, substation and control, O/M system, dispatching, load management and meter.

The Electric Department serves the citizens of Greenville and approximately 75% of surrounding Pitt County. We have the second largest public power system in the state in terms of both the number of customers served and quantity of electricity purchased and distributed.

Greenville Utilities is a member of the North Carolina Eastern Municipal Power Agency (NCEMPA) and participates in the purchase of electricity from generation facilities jointly owned by NCEMPA and Duke Energy-Progress. As the largest of the 32 cities participating in NCEMPA, Greenville holds a 2.6% individual interest in the facilities, which provide base load power to the NCEMPA membership. As a group, NCEMPA holds a 16% interest in these units.

Greenville Utilities takes delivery from Duke Energy-Progress at 230 kV from three different locations. Greenville Utilities steps the voltage down to 115 kV and delivers power to various distribution substations on eight transmission circuits. The delivery substations are designed with transformer differential, bus differential, breaker failure, bus overcurrent and circuit overcurrent protection. The distribution substations are designed with transformer differential protection, bus breaker protection and a main-and-transfer bus scheme.

Greenville Utilities operates and maintains 47 miles of 115 kV transmission and 30 miles of 34.5 kV sub-transmission lines. We also operate over 1200 miles of 12.47 kV overhead distribution lines and over 1700 miles of 12.47 kV underground distribution lines. In addition, the department maintains 19 distribution substation sites with combined base rating capacity of 565 MVA, two sub-transmission sites (115-34.5 kV) at a combined base rating capacity of 50 MVA, three point of delivery substations (230-115 kV) with a combined base rating capacity of 720 MVA.

GUC distributes electricity to approximately 68,000 customers with an annual peak demand of 350 MW.

### 3.0 Requirements for Project

3.1 The engineering firm will work directly with Greenville Utilities' Distribution Engineer.

3.2 Transmission Line Design & Engineering will include but not be Limited to:

3.2.1 All right-of-way will be procured by GUC.

3.2.2 Scope

**Phase 1:** Tap off existing 115 kV deadend structure at the intersection of Old Creek Road and Sugg Parkway with 1272 AAC and follow route as shown in Appendix A. Line to tie to existing 115 kV substation bus "A" Frame at Mount Pleasant Substation. A PLS-CADD .bak file will be provided with LIDAR survey data.

**Phase 2:** Tap off existing 115 kV deadend structure at the intersection of Mills Road and Hudson's Crossroads Road with 1272 AAC and follow route as shown in Appendix B. Line to tie to 115 kV substation bus at Simpson Substation. Deadend structure to 115 kV bus will also need to be designed at Simpson Substation. There will be a future substation at the intersection of Fox Pen Road and Blackjack-Simpson Road. Tap structures will need to be designed to feed in and out of the future substation. Transmission line will cross under DEP Transmission line at the intersection of Stone Gate Dr and Blackjack-Simpson Rd.

- 3.2.3 Plan and Profile Design and Drawings of the entire transmission line route.
- 3.2.4 Designs shall include 1272 AAC 115 kV transmission line and 7-#9 alumoweld OHGW. Please see Appendices for 12.47 kV distribution under-build details. Designs shall also include fiber attachments.
- 3.2.5 Foundation Design and Plans for all foundation structures and poles. Typical designs for GUC have been steel pole, self supported with vibratory installed foundations either slip fit, concrete poured anchor bolt-flange, or vibratory installed flange-flange.
- 3.2.6 Structural Specifications for poles.
- 3.2.7 Labor Specifications for transmission line construction and foundations.
- 3.2.8 All as built .bak files shall be provided for PLS-CADD, PLS-POLE, and PLS-CAISSON designs.

3.3 Greenville Utilities will be responsible for the following:

- 3.3.1 Easement Acquisition
- 3.3.2 Material Acquisition
- 3.3.3 Site Construction Coordination
- 3.3.4 Project Auditing

#### 4.0 Selection Criteria

The following information must be included in your proposal in order for it to be considered responsive.

##### 4.1 Project Experience

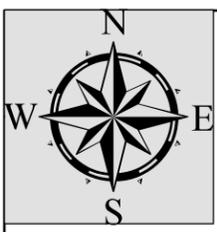
- 4.1.1 A detailed description of comparable engineering experience with similar projects and clients for whom such services have been provided. A contact person and telephone number must be included in listing of previous clients.

- 4.1.2 Provide a transmission structural elevation drawing from a previous project.
  - 4.2 Classification of Services
    - 4.2.1 Provide a listing of all the group classifications that will be involved with this project.
    - 4.2.2 Provide a listing of any subcontractors that you may utilize (such as surveyor, geotechnical and/or other specialists).
    - 4.2.3 Provide a profile of your professional engineering team that will be involved in this project.
  - 4.3 Project Schedule
    - 4.3.1 Define the individual project tasks to be completed in the scope of the total project.
    - 4.3.2 Provide a time schedule, which the firm will meet, for each project task from initiation through completion.
    - 4.3.3 Provide the classification involved in each of the tasks.
  - 4.4 Estimated Labor-Hours
    - 4.4.1 Provide the estimated Labor-Hours for each defined project task by classification.
    - 4.4.2 Provide a sub-total of Labor-Hours by project task.
    - 4.4.3 Provide a sub-total of Labor-Hours by classification for the complete project.
  - 4.5 Special considerations, conditions, or other pertinent circumstances you foresee affecting this work.
- 5.0 Proposal Process
- 5.1 The engineering proposals will be received in the Office of the Procurement Manager, Greenville Utilities Commission, 401 S. Greene Street, Greenville, North Carolina 27834 until 3:00 PM (EDST) on March 16, 2021. All firms submitting proposals must be duly licensed to practice engineering in the State of North Carolina.
  - 5.2 Greenville Utilities' engineering staff will review the proposals and select 3 of the firms deemed most qualified for the project. Each firm will be allowed approximately 1 week to prepare for an interview. Interviews will be for 60 minutes allowing for 30 minutes of presentation and 30 minutes of Q/A.

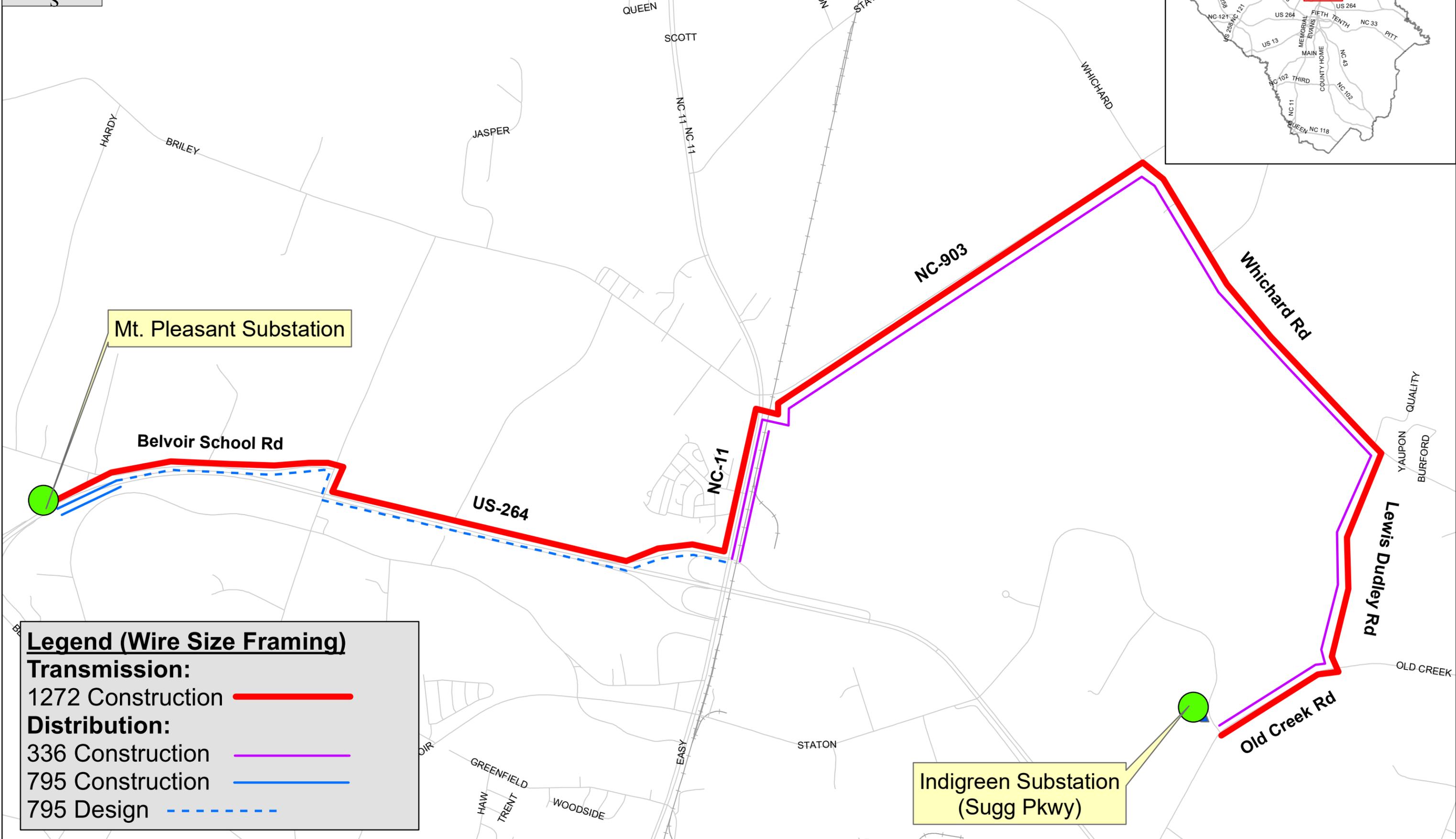
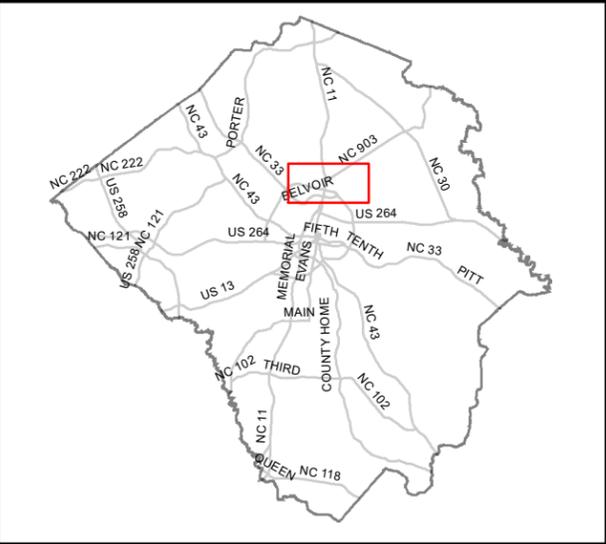
**5.3** Greenville Utilities desires to negotiate an engineering contract with the selected consultant by **April 1, 2021.**

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**Appendix A: Phase 1 Transmission Route (Mt. Pleasant – Sugg)**



# GUC 115 kV Transmission Route (Mt. Pleasant Sub. - Indigreen Sub.)



Mt. Pleasant Substation

Indigreen Substation  
(Sugg Pkwy)

**Legend (Wire Size Framing)**

**Transmission:**  
1272 Construction ———

**Distribution:**  
336 Construction ———  
795 Construction ———  
795 Design - - - - -

**Appendix B: Phase 2 Transmission Route (G230 South – Simpson)**



