



**PUEBLO OF NAMBE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)**

RFP NO.: NP-26-SB-005

TITLE: Rio Nambé Restoration Assessment and Design

ISSUE DATE: 13 May 2026

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The Pueblo of Nambé is seeking a qualified contractor to design a study that will identify the best approach to restore Rio Nambé to a natural condition while keeping excess sediment from accumulating in Nambé Reservoir, that will meet or exceed the Pueblo of Nambé Office of the Governor standards as detailed below. The Project will be subject to a Contract with additional terms and conditions, which will need to be approved by Tribal Council before it can be executed.

RETURN PROPOSAL NO LATER THAN: Friday, June 26, 2026 by 4:30pm MT

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION METHOD: Sealed bids must be mailed or hand delivered to the Proposal Submission Address below.

PROPOSAL QUESTIONS: Questions regarding the proposal submission or project can be submitted by email to mlujan@nambepueblo.org and dvigil@nambepueblo.org until Wednesday, June 17th at 5:00pm MT.

PRE-BID MEETING: A mandatory site visit will be held on Wednesday, June 10th at 10:00am MT. The Pueblo of Nambé and Trout Unlimited representatives will be present to answer any questions. We will meet at the white gate at the entrance to the Nambé Falls & Lake Recreation Area. Please email dvigil@nambepueblo.org to RSVP. This visit is mandatory to bid on this project. Please be prepared to sign a non-disclosure and non-circumvention agreement at this time.

Address: Nambé Falls Recreation Area
544 Poechunu Poe, Nambé Pueblo, NM 87506

An optional meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 17th at 10:00am MT for any remaining questions/site visits. In-person and Zoom options are available.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83590697035?pwd=kRXawynQ0sqzNsh5rWUrt5WODXKboi.1>

Meeting ID: 835 9069 7035

Passcode: 1234

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION ADDRESS:

ATTN: Mike Lujan

Re: Rio Nambé Restoration Assessment and Design RFP

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PROPOSAL VALIDITY: The proposal/pricing should be valid for 90 days from the proposal due date.

CONTRACT PERIOD: 6 months

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Nambé Reservoir, located on the Rio Nambé approximately 18 miles north of Santa Fe on Nambé Pueblo, is a critical water resource within the Rio Pojoaque watershed of the Upper Rio Grande Basin. The Rio Nambé, which originates in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains and flows through lands managed by the Santa Fe National Forest, is the only perennial stream on the Pueblo.

In 2011, the Pacheco Fire burned roughly half of the reservoir's 35-square-mile watershed, causing significant vegetation loss, soil damage, and increased erosion. In response, three debris flow nets were installed upstream of the reservoir in 2016 to reduce sediment delivery. These structures are now filled with sediment and function as check dams, contributing to channel instability and downstream incision.

This project will develop a comprehensive restoration and sediment management study and strategy for the Rio Nambé. The goal is to develop a study to identify the best methodology and procedures to restore natural stream function while minimizing excess sediment accumulation in Nambé Reservoir through a watershed-scale assessment of sediment sources, transport processes, and feasible restoration alternatives.

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS:

The selected consultant shall conduct a comprehensive, watershed-scale assessment of Rio Nambé and develop practical restoration and sediment management alternatives that reduce sediment delivery to Nambé Reservoir while restoring natural stream function. Work shall include analysis of existing data, field verification, and evaluation of sediment sources, channel conditions, and hydrologic processes to inform at least two feasible restoration alternatives.

The project will advance a preferred alternative through 30% design and, as funding allows, to final design and construction-ready documents. All work must support applicable permitting requirements, including Clean Water Act Sections 404 and 401, and align with relevant funding guidelines and environmental compliance processes. The selected consultant will also prepare the required National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documentation for the selected preferred alternative.

Coordination with Nambé Pueblo and the Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) is required throughout all phases, including incorporation of cultural resource considerations and monitoring. Deliverables must be suitable for permitting, funding applications, and implementation, and include technical documentation, mapping, design materials, and cost estimates.

PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS:

Proposals must contain the following components. Proposals may also include additional information or materials such as website information, brochures, portfolios, etc. Proposals that do not have all four of the following included in submissions may not be considered.

1. RFP Proposal Submission Form (attached)
 - a. Complete all fields, including identification of key personnel.
 - b. In Section A, clearly list key project staff, including (at a minimum) the lead engineer and restoration lead. For the statement of qualifications, include relevant project experience (within the last 10 years).

- c. If you need additional room for Section A, the subcontractor section, or the references section please attach supporting documentation.
 - d. In the references section please include applicable references for similar work that you have done in the last 10 years.
2. Proposal
 - a. Provide a concise (1-2 page) plan of action outlining your approach to completing the project.
 - b. The plan should describe anticipated methods and workflow, including, but not limited to: GIS analysis, sediment transport evaluation, field investigations, and the design process.
 3. Budget Template (attached)
 - a. Complete the provided budget template in full, ensuring all anticipated costs are clearly identified

Important Note: The attached scope of work divides the project into multiple phases. Through this RFP, the Pueblo is seeking proposals for completion of Phase 1 only. At the Pueblo's discretion, and contingent upon satisfactory performance and availability of funding, the selected contractor will be retained to complete Phases 2 and/or 3 under a subsequent agreement or amendment. Interested applicants should have internal capability to stamp plans or partner with an entity that is licensed in the State of New Mexico.

Proposers shall submit a detailed budget covering work through the completion of Phase 1 only. Budgets and scope for subsequent phases will be negotiated at a later date, if applicable.

PROPOSAL SELECTION:

The Pueblo of Nambé reserves the right to determine overall what best suits the Pueblo's objectives and best interests regarding the Project and to reject bids and re-bid the Project. Proposals will be selected based on a comprehensive review of the following:

Contractor Experience

- Demonstrated project experience and skills
- Capabilities of key project staff
- Experience working with Native American tribes or Pueblos
- Experience working in project area
- Experience with river restoration and fluvial geomorphology
- Experience with watershed and sediment transport analysis
- Experience with hydrology and hydraulic modeling
- Experience with GIS, surveying, and data management
- Experience with engineering
- Experience with environmental permitting and regulatory experience
- Experience with ecological restoration and revegetation
- Experience with sediment management infrastructure
- Experience with construction planning and implementation support
- Ability to create a multidisciplinary team
- Small, Minority, Women, Disabled, Veteran, or Native American owned entity

Plan

- Proposed scope of work
- Proposed timelines
- Proposed deliverables
- Conflicts of interest

Budget

- Project Budget

References

- Client References

SELECTION CRITERIA

Planning	
Technical Approach and Project Understanding	30%
Relevant Experience and Qualifications	25%
Project Team and Staffing	15%
Regional Knowledge and Experience	10%
References and Past Performance	10%
Project Schedule and Project Management	5%
Cost Proposal	5%