MARKET INSIGHTS · SOURCES READ 9 OCT 2026

Who buys near me?

A facility, purchased service and responsible office make a useful target.

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) · Research Triangle Park

Interior plants / plantscaping; also Chapel Hill · EPA · 68HERF

$0.10M funded; $0.13M full potential including options.

Recorded start 2022-12-29; current end 2026-12-31; potential end 2027-12-31.

Award 68HERC23P0018 — official record

National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) · Durham

Lawn/grounds and environmental stewardship · National Institutes of Health (NIH) · 75N990

$2.54M funded; $6.41M full potential including options.

Recorded start 2025-01-01; current end 2026-12-31; potential end 2029-12-31.

Award 75N99025C00001 — official record

Veterans Affairs (VA) · Raleigh National Cemetery

Grounds-maintenance task order · VA · 36C786

$0.04M funded; $0.04M full potential including options.

Recorded start 2026-10-06; current end 2027-01-31; potential end 2027-01-31.

Award 36C78627N50012 — official record

EPA plants services span two locations; do not allocate the whole value to one ZIP. Match actual addresses: EPA uses physical ZIP 27709 and inventory ZIP 27711. Raleigh's October 2026 order is FY2027, outside the historical seven-year totals. Facility assets are not separate opportunities.

Keep a short buyer/site/office list with identifiers and links. Verify addresses and service coverage before outreach.

Current EPA mulch notice; stated deadline 21 Oct 2026 at 13:00 Central; obtain full requirements

AWARD SIZE · HISTORY THROUGH 30 SEP 2026

What size work could I pursue?

About four in five new, funded awards have full potential value below $0.25M.

United States · FY2025

2,097 positive-funded awards; 1,699 below $0.25M (81.0%). Median full potential $0.06M; 91.3% small-business classification by count.

United States · FY2026

1,817 positive-funded awards; 1,432 below $0.25M (78.8%). Median full potential $0.06M; 91.0% small-business classification by count.

North Carolina · FY2025

58 positive-funded awards; 49 below $0.25M (84.5%). Median full potential $0.05M; 79.3% small-business classification by count.

North Carolina · FY2026

53 positive-funded awards; 45 below $0.25M (84.9%). Median full potential $0.06M; 81.1% small-business classification by count.

New means first reported action in available history. All changes through 30 Sep 2026 are included; older cohorts have longer to accrue changes. 102 nonpositive records are retained outside this size denominator. Full potential includes unexercised options; not annual prices or open bids.

Groundskeeping-only Product or Service Code S208 sensitivity: U.S. 79.9% / 78.5% below $0.25M in FY2025 / FY2026; NC 85.5% / 84.6%. The conclusion remains similar.

Task orders may require a parent contract vehicle. Small-business classification does not establish your eligibility or likelihood of winning. Match scope and access to your actual crew, equipment and evidence.

Keep the size-band table, value basis, periods and one example matching your capacity. Resolve vehicle and qualification access.

USAspending — official award source

PLANNED AND CURRENT WORK · READ 9 OCT 2026

What may be coming next?

Three National Park Service FY2027 forecasts name specialized North Carolina work.

Blue Ridge Parkway · bridge vegetation removal

$0.25M–$0.50M estimated; fiscal year 2027 planning.

Official forecast 13135

Blue Ridge Parkway · Helene vista restoration

$1.00M–$1.90M estimated; fiscal year 2027 planning.

Official forecast 16464

Guilford Courthouse park · hazardous trees

$0.25M–$0.50M estimated; fiscal year 2027 planning.

Official forecast 12248

The source smaller band is $250,000–$499,000; its displayed $0.50M upper bound is rounding. Forecasts may change and are not open bids. Competition and set-asides remain undetermined. Helene restoration is described as multi-year; other records do not establish a full term.

Official exports put 31 Jan 2027 in both estimated solicitation and performance fields. Use FY2027 for planning; verify the timing. Source updated 2 Sep 2026, read 9 Oct 2026. NIEHS current end 31 Dec 2026 versus potential end 31 Dec 2029 does not establish a scheduled rebid.

Keep a watch list separating open bids, forecasts and contract leads. Date each source and schedule the next verification.

Use the full three-question prompts and worksheet. Continue in The Assembly through the Qualified Capacity iOS/Android app or desktop.

Qualified Bid — start your research

The Assembly — desktop