



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS

The North Carolina Department of Transportation is requesting bids for the following project in Division One:

DA00645 – NCDOT Hatteras/Ocracoke Passenger Ferry Dock Replacements in Dare and Hyde Counties

TIP #: FF-0001A

WBS Element: 50801.3.2, 16.71001

The Date of Availability for this Contract is October 1, 2026.

The Completion Date for this Contract is March 20, 2027.

There is NO goal for participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises for this contract.

Any firm that wishes to bid as a prime contractor shall be prequalified as a Bidder or PO Prime Contractor prior to submitting a bid. Information regarding prequalification can be found at:

<https://connect.ncdot.gov/business/Prequal/Pages/default.aspx>

If you are unsure as to whether your firm is currently prequalified by the Department by the Contractual Services Unit, a search of the Directory of Transportation Firms can be performed at the website below:

<https://apps.dot.state.nc.us/vendor/directory/>

Bid Opening will be at 2:00 pm on Wednesday April 15, 2026.

Prospective Bidders shall utilize the Division One Conference Call Phone Number (866) 590-5055 access code (2659015) to join the April 15, 2026 Virtual Bid Opening. Prospective Bidders are encouraged to join the Bid Opening Conference Call approximately five minutes prior to the Bid Opening, as the bids will be read promptly at 2:00 pm. If you are unable to attend the Bid Opening Conference Call, bid results will also be posted on the Division One Webpage following the 2:00 pm Bid Opening. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need any additional information. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mark Winslow at (252) 482-1866 (Office).

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MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE (Prequalifying to Bid)

In order for all prospective bidders to have an extensive knowledge of the project, all prospective bidders shall attend a mandatory pre-bid conference on **Thursday, March 26, 2026 at 12:30 PM**. The meeting will be held at:

**Hatteras Ferry Terminal
59063 NC 12 S
Hatteras, NC 27943**

For any questions about the pre-bid conference, please contact:

- John Abel - (252) 217-5856, ext-jsabel@ncdot.gov

CONTACT INFORMATION

Contract proposal packages are available on the Division 1 website:

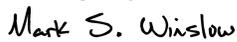
https://connect.ncdot.gov/letting/Pages/Letting-List.aspx?let_type=1&let_status=Advertised

DBE_NC.bin file can be found on the Connect.ncdot.gov website:

https://connect.ncdot.gov/letting/DBE%20Files/DBE_NC.bin

If you have any questions or need additional information concerning this project, please contact Mark Winslow at (252) 482-1866.

Sincerely,

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Notice Regarding Upcoming Buy America Changes

On January 14, 2025, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) terminated its General Waiver for Manufactured Products and established specific Buy America requirements for their use on Federal-aid highway projects.

This means that as of the following dates, materials defined as manufactured products permanently incorporated into Federal-aid highway projects will have to be manufactured in the United States.

Key Implementation Dates

- Phase 1: contracts obligated on or after **October 1, 2025**
 - Final assembly of all manufactured products permanently incorporated into Federal-aid highway projects must occur in the United States.
 - Phase 2: contracts obligated on or after **October 1, 2026**
 - Final assembly of all manufactured products permanently incorporated into Federal-aid highway projects must occur in the United States.
- AND
- The cost of U.S.-produced components in manufactured products must be greater than 55% of the total cost of all components.

Definition of Manufactured Products

Manufactured Products are defined as articles, materials, or supplies that:

- Have been processed into a specific form and shape, or
- Have been combined with other articles or supplies to create a product with different properties than the individual articles, materials, or supplies.

This places greater emphasis on using domestically produced materials on these projects and is consistent with the Build America, Buy America Act (BABA) under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL).