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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS

Small Business Enterprise

Contracting Opportunity
Division One

The North Carolina Department of Transportation is requesting bids for the *Installation and Repair of Guardrail, Guiderail, and Fence, Upon Request (ID/IQ), In Division One*. Except as otherwise noted in the proposal, the contractor must furnish all labor, equipment and materials.

The Department of Transportation does not exclude any person from participation in, deny any person the benefits of, or otherwise discriminate against anyone in connection with the award and performance of any contract covered by this program on the basis of race, color, sex, political affiliation/ influence, or national origin.

SBE PROGRAM INFORMATION

This is a SBE contract and to qualify for the NCDOT SBE Program a firm must have an annual gross income of \$1,500,000 or less, exclusive of materials. **Only contractors currently certified as a SBE Contractor by the Contractual Services Unit of NCDOT and is listed in the Directory of Transportation Firms at bid opening will be eligible to bid on this project.**

Prospective bidders who qualify for the SBE Program and are not currently certified should submit a completed application packet prior to bid submittal to allow for review time. The application packet and additional information on the program may be obtained online at:

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

Per G.S. 136-28.10, a NC General Contractor's License and Contract Performance & Payment Bonds may be waived for SBE contracts. For this project, the NC General Contractor's License and Contract Performance & Payment Bonds will be waived.

BID OPENING

Sealed bids must be received at N.C. Department of Transportation, Attn: Mark S. Winslow, 113 Airport Drive, Suite 100, Edenton, NC 27932, on **September 3, 2025, by 2:00 p.m.** Bids must be submitted on the official bid form included in the contract proposal and shall display the following statement on the front of the bid envelope:

QUOTATION FOR – CONTRACT ID MA00016 / PR24678 – INSTALLATION AND REPAIR OF GUARDRAIL, GUIDERAIL, AND FENCE, UPON REQUEST (ID/IQ) IN DIVISION 1 TO BE OPENED AT 2:00 PM ON, SEPTEMBER 3, 2025

Prospective Bidders shall utilize the Division One Conference Call Phone Number (866) 590-5055 access code (2659015) to join the September 3, 2025 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.

CONTRACT AVAILABILITY INFORMATION

The Date of Availability for this project will be the date the Purchase Order is issued.

The Completion Date for this project is October 30, 2026.

CONTRACT INFORMATION

The contract proposal may be viewed and downloaded on the Division website at:

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

Any addendums for this contract will be posted on the Division website above. Should addendums be posted, bidders shall complete and submit same along with their bid proposal. Bid proposals submitted without any posted addendums for the project will not be considered for award.

The proposal(s) shall be printed, stapled and returned in its entirety at the bid opening.

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

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).