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:

MA00038 – Dolphin and Fender Maintenance at NCDOT Ferry Division Facilities in Beaufort, Brunswick, Carteret, Craven, Currituck, Dare, Hyde, New Hanover, and Pamlico Counties, Upon Request (ID/IQ)

WBS Element: 16SP.7.27.1

Contract Dates:

- **Bid Submission: Wednesday, December 2, 2026, by 2:00 PM**
- **Date of Availability: The date the purchase order is issued.**
- **Completion Date: January 31, 2028**

There is NO MBE/WBE Goal for this project.

CONTRACTOR PREQUALIFICATION

Any firm intending to submit a bid as a prime contractor must be officially prequalified as a Bidder or PO Prime Contractor prior to submission.

- **Prequalification Requirements**: Detailed guidelines and application steps are available via the NCDOT Prequalification Portal.
- **Status Verification**: To verify your firm's status with the Contractual Services Unit, search the NCDOT Directory of Firms.

DOCUMENTS & CONTACT INFORMATION

Contract proposal packages and reference files are available digitally:

- **Proposal Packages**: Access the files on the Division 1 Advertised Letting List.
- **DBE Bin File**: Download the DBE_NC.bin file directly from the Connect NCDOT Directory.
- **Forms**: Forms not included in the Bid Proposal can be downloaded from the Connect NCDOT Directory – Central Letting Forms.

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BID SUBMISSION

To submit a formal bid for this project, all prequalified contractors must adhere to the following directives:

- **Proposal Guidelines**: Prepare and submit all bids in strict accordance with the **Instruction to Bidders** section found within the project Bid Proposal.
- **Compliance Notice**: Failure to follow the specified guidelines or provide the required bond will result in the immediate disqualification of your submission.

BID OPENING

The public reading of submissions will take place virtually on **Wednesday, December 2, 2026, at 2:00 PM**.

- **Conference Call Access:** Prospective bidders can join via the Division One Conference Call line at (866) 590-5055 using access code 2659015.
- **Punctuality:** Please dial into the conference call approximately five minutes prior to the start time to allow the Department to record attendance. Bid reading will begin promptly at 2:00 PM.
- **Alternative Results:** If you cannot attend the live call, official bid results will be posted on the Division One Webpage following the opening.

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).