

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS

Subject: Invitation to Bid

SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROJECT

Contract No.: 10-02-191

TIP No: NA

Federal Aid No.: NA

Location: Various Roadways

Type Of Work: "On Call" Contract for Tree Removal & Brush Cutting

Bid Opening: Wednesday July 20, 2022 @ 2:00 P.M. The date of availability for this project is August 1, 2022

The date of completion for this project is July 31, 2023 with an option to renew for 2 additional

periods of one year.

The North Carolina Department of Transportation is requesting bids for the above-mentioned project. Interested bidders can download and print bid related documents from the Division 10 website at: https://connect.ncdot.gov/letting/Pages/Letting-List.aspx?let_type=10&let_status=Advertised

SBE PROGRAM INFORMATION

This is a Small Business Enterprise Program project, and as such, will be restricted to businesses with a gross income of not more than \$1.5 million during the previous calendar year. The Department's normal bonding and Contractor license requirements will be waived.

Any firm seeking to bid on this project must be certified as a Small Business Enterprise (SBE) with the Contractual Services Unit as of the date of bid opening, or their bid will automatically be disqualified. Certified firms eligible to bid are listed in the SBE Directory available at the following website address: https://connect.ncdot.gov/business/SmallBusiness/Pages/default.aspx

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 time for review. The application packet and additional information on the program may be obtained online at the following website address: https://connect.ncdot.gov/business/SmallBusiness/Pages/SBE%20Certification%20Process.aspx

Any bid received on this project from a firm not maintaining a current certification with NCDOT as a Small Business Enterprise shall automatically be rejected.

It will be the Contractor's responsibility to continue to monitor the NCDOT website for any addendums or other updates concerning this project.

PREBID CONFERENCE: There will be no pre-bid conference for this project.

Electronic Bidding is not available for this contract.

Sealed bids must be received in the Tenth Division Office at 716 W. Main Street in Albemarle NC by **2:00PM Wednesday July 20, 2022**. Bids must be submitted on the official bid sheet, submitted with the entire proposal, and display the following statement at the bottom left corner of the sealed envelope:

Quotation For Tree Removal and Brush Cutting in Mecklenburg County To Be Opened At 2:00 P.M. On Wednesday, July 20, 2022

To reduce exposure to the COVID-19 virus, the Bid Opening will not be open to the public in the usual manner. The Letting results will be broadcast via conference call at 2:00 PM on the bid opening day. You may attend the conference call by dialing 1-888-251-2909 and entering 7653259 as the access code. The results will also be uploaded to the Division 10 letting website as well.

If you have questions about bidding on this project or any other questions concerning this project, please contact me at (704) 983-4400.

Return bid packages to the address below if returning by mail:

Mr. Terry Burleson NC Department of Transportation 716 W. Main St. Albemarle, NC 28001

The North Carolina Department of Transportation, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights of 1964 (78 Stat.252) and the Regulations of the Department of Transportation (49 C.F.R., Part 21), issued pursuant to such act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that the contract entered into pursuant to this notice will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder without discrimination on the grounds of sex, race, color, or national origin.

NOTE TO BIDDERS: Due to the need for NCDOT personnel to separate all Proposals after the award of the Contract, Division 10 is requesting that all bidders refrain from stapling these large proposals together and instead use a **Binder Clip** to bind the bid package together. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Terry Burleson Contract Engineer

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cc: Brett D. Canipe, PE, Division Engineer
Jeff Littlefield, PE, Deputy Division Engineer
Lee Ainsworth III, PE, Division Maintenance Engineer
Wendy A. Taylor, PE, District Engineer
Dwight Hill, County Maintenance Engineer