

# STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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## **INVITATION TO BID**

## SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROJECT

SUBJECT:Contract No.: 11-03-097-349 – WBS Element Nos.: To Be Assigned<br/>Long-Arm Mowing on Various Routes upon request in Ashe and Wilkes Counties, North Carolina

The North Carolina Department of Transportation is requesting bids for the above-mentioned project located in Division 11. The Contractor shall furnish labor, material, equipment, and traffic control.

#### 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 listed in the Directory of Transportation Firms at the time of the 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 time for review. The application packet and additional information on the program may be obtained online at:

https://connect.ncdot.gov/business/Pages/default.aspx

Per G. S. 136-28.10, a North Carolina General Contractor's license may be waived for SBE contracts. For this project, the North Carolina General Contractor's license will be waived.

Per G. S. 136-28.10, contract payment and performance bonds may be waived. For this project, the contract payment and performance bonds will be waived.

### CONTRACT TIME

The period covered by this contract will be from May 1, 2014 until April 30, 2015.

The Contractor will have **fourteen calendar days** from the date of notification to respond to each work request.

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#### **PRE-BID CONFERENCE**

#### There will be no pre-bid conference held for this project.

#### **BID OPENING**

Sealed bids must be received in the **Eleventh Division Office at 801 Statesville Road in North Wilkesboro** by **10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 6, 2014**. Bids must be submitted on the official bid sheet, submitted with the entire proposal, and display the following statement on the front of the envelope:

QUOTE NO. 11-03-097-349 – AHSE & WILKES COUNTIES LONG-ARM MOWING N. C. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION JOE LAWS, PE, DIVISION PROJECT MANAGER P. O. BOX 250 NORTH WILKESBORO, NORTH CAROLINA 28659

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.

In order for Prospective Bidders to be eligible to bid on this project, the Prospective Bidders must notify Joe Laws, PE, Division Project Manager, at 336.903.9138 or by email at <u>jlaws@ncdot.gov</u>. Prospective Bidders may request copies of the bid package by contacting me or may download and print the contract proposal and supporting documentation from the website. Only Prospective Bidders, who are bidding as Prime Contractors, should provide notification or request bid packages. Subcontractors and suppliers may view and download bid information from the website.

There will be no cost for bid packages. The Department reserves the right to reject any and all bids. If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact me.

Yours very truly,

Joe L. Lows

Joe L. Laws, PE Division Project Manager

cc: M. A. Pettyjohn, PE, Division Engineer Doug Tetzlaff, District Engineer