

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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INVITATION TO BID

February 28, 2019

Contract No.: DK00267 TIP No.: R-2237C(L) WBS Element: 34402.3.8 County: Watauga

Description: Landscape Enhancements on US321 from SR1500 (Blackberry Road) to US221

at Blowing Rock

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.

BID OPENING DATE: Thursday, MARCH 21, 2019 AT 2:00 PM

The date of availability for this project is **April 15, 2019.**

The initial planting completion date for this project is **December 15, 2019**.

The completion date for the Establishment Period is **Eighteen Months following the completion** and acceptance date of the initial planting.

MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE

In order for all prospective bidders to have an extensive knowledge of the project, all prospective bidders shall attend a mandatory pre-bid conference as shown below:

Date and Time: March 14, 2019 at 1:00 PM

Location: Division 11 Roadside Environmental Office

606 Statesville Road, North Wilkesboro, NC 28659

The Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will begin promptly at 1:00 PM. An official clock for the pre-bid conference will be designated. Contractors who are late will not be permitted to sign in or to participate in the conference.

All prospective bidders at the Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference shall meet all of the requirements as shown below:

- 1. Only Bidders who have attended the entire conference and properly registered at the Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be considered eligible to bid on this project. A bid received from a Bidder who has not attended and properly registered at the conference will be rejected as an irregular bid and will not be considered for award.
- 2. Attendance at the Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will not meet the requirements of proper registration unless the individual attending has registered at the conference in accordance with the following:
 - The individual attending the Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference is a full time employee of the
 - Company being represented and has administrative and/or supervisory authority over the work to be performed under this contract.
 - The individual signs his/her name and company title on the official roster.
 - The individual writes in the name and address of the company he or she represents.
 - Only one company is shown as being represented by the individual attending.
 - The individual shall sign out when the conference is over.

Attendance at any prior pre-bid conference will not meet the requirement of this provision.

BID OPENING

Bids shall be prepared and submitted electronically using the <u>on-line system Bid Express</u>®, refer to Article 102-8(B) of the *2018 Standard Specifications*.

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.

Proposal packages may be obtained from the Division 11 website at: https://connect.ncdot.gov/letting/Pages/Letting-List.aspx?let_type=11&let_status=Advertised

For questions, please contract me at 336-903-9115 or khheavner@ncdot.gov.

Sincerely, Kenny Heavner, PE Kenny H. Heavner, PE Division Contract Engineer

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