

INVITATION TO BID

SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROJECT

November 25, 2015

Contract No.:	11-02-520
WBS Element:	To Be Assigned
Counties:	Avery, Caldwell, Watauga
Description:	Long-Arm Mowing on Various Primary & Secondary Routes on Request

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:

www.ncdot.gov/business/ocs/sbe/

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 February 1, 2016 until January 31, 2017 with an option to extend for two additional one year periods.

PRE-BID CONFERENCE

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



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BID OPENING

Sealed bids must be received in the **Eleventh Division Office at 801 Statesville Road in North Wilkesboro** by <u>10:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 17, 2015</u>. 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. 11-02-520 – DISTRICT 2 LONG-ARM MOWING N. C. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION JOE LAWS, PE, DIVISION PROJECT MANAGER P. O. BOX 250 801 STATESVILLE ROAD 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 or download and print the bid package from the Division 11 Purchase Order Contract website at: <u>https://connect.ncdot.gov/letting/Pages/Letting-List.aspx?let_type=11</u>. 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.

Sincerely,

Joe L. Lows

Joe L. Laws, PE Division Project Manager

cc: M. A. Pettyjohn, PE D. W. Eller