



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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January 14, 2026

NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS

Subject: Invitation to Bid on Purchase Order Contract PRB.31775

County: Avery and Watauga

Project Description: Helene Relief– Replace Private Bridges on Big Horse Creek (Site 006-01-06088) in Avery County and Spice Branch (Site 095-01-3E0CF) in Watauga County

The North Carolina Department of Public Safety Emergency Management Division and the Department of Transportation is requesting bids for replacing private bridges on Big Horse Creek (Site 006-01-06088) in Avery County and Spice Branch (Site 095-01-3E0CF) in Watauga County to be let at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, February 4, 2026.

The availability date for this project is **March 6, 2026**.

The completion date for this project is **July 1, 2026**.

Because of the unusual nature of the work involved and in order for all prospective bidders to have extensive knowledge of the project, an open, virtual Pre-Bid Conference will be held for all interested parties on Wednesday, January 28, 2026 at 9:00 am.

[Join the meeting now](#)

+1 984-204-1487,,375580999# United States, Raleigh

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Phone conference ID: **375 580 999#**

This is not a mandatory pre-bid conference however all potential bidders are strongly encouraged to attend.

Sealed bids must be received in the NC Department of Transportation Division Office at 55 Orange Street, Asheville, NC 28801 by 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 21, 2026. Bids must be submitted on the official bid sheet included in the proposal and display the following statement on the front of the envelope:

Mailing Address:
NC DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
DIVISION THIRTEEN
55 ORANGE STREET
ASHEVILLE, NC 28801-2340

Telephone: (828) 250-3000
Fax: (828) 251-6394
Customer Service: 1-877-368-4968

Website: www.ncdot.gov

Location:
55 ORANGE STREET
ASHEVILLE, NC 28801-2340

QUOTATION FOR: CONTRACT – PRB.31775 - STANDARD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT ON PRIVATE ROADS ON BIG HORSE CREEK RD IN AVERY COUNTY AND SPICE CREEK ROAD IN WATAUGA COUNTY TO BE OPENED AT 2:00 PM ON, FEBRUARY 4, 2026.

ATTN: CHAD LOFTIS

Any firm that wishes to bid as a prime contractor shall be prequalified as a Bidder or PO Prime Contractor **prior to submitting a bid**. Firms that wish to perform as a subcontractor to the prime contractor must be prequalified **prior to beginning work on the project**. Information regarding prequalification can be found at:

<https://connect.ncdot.gov/business/Prequal/Pages/default.aspx>.

If you are unsure as to whether your firm is currently prequalified by the Department's Contractual Services Unit, a search of the Directory of Firms can be performed at the following website:

<https://www.ebs.nc.gov/VendorDirectory/search.html?s=pbs&a=new>

It shall be the responsibility of the bidder to check our website for any addenda prior to submitting their bids.

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.

The bid opening will be conducted live at 2:00 PM at the Division 13 Office located at 55 Orange Street, Asheville, NC 28801. Click the link below to join remotely at 1:50 PM on February 4, 2026.

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Dial in by phone

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Phone conference ID: **773 800 333#**

Sincerely,

Chad Loftis

Division Contracts Engineer

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Chad Loftis
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cc: Tim Anderson, P.E., Division 13 Engineer
Michael Poe, P.E., Division 11 Engineer
Chris Deyton, P.E., Deputy Division 13 Engineer
Nathan Moneyham, P.E., Division 13 Construction Engineer
Gabriel Johnson, P.E., Division 13 Project Manager
Steve Cannon, P.E., Division 13 Project Development Engineer
Brendan Merithew, P.E., Division 13 Project Team Lead