



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS

SUBJECT: INVITATION TO BID FOR DIVISION 12 PROJECT.

CONTRACT NO.: DL00383
WBS NO. BP12.C004.3
TIP NO.: NONE
FEDERAL AID NO.: STATE FUNDED
COUNTY(s): GASTON
LOCATION: SR 1446 (BESS TOWN RD)
DESCRIPTION: REPLACING CULVERT #350312

The North Carolina Department of Transportation is requesting bids for grading, drainage, paving, pavement markings & culvert type work in Gaston County. The Contractor is to furnish labor, material, equipment and traffic control:

CONTRACT TIME:

The availability date for this contract will be June 15, 2026.

The completion date for this contract will be April 15, 2027.

PROPOSAL COPIES:

Bid Proposals may be downloaded at <https://connect.ncdot.gov/letting/Pages/Division.aspx> under Division 12 or obtained from the Division 12 Office, located at 1710 E. Marion Street in Shelby, N.C. 28152, by contacting Greg Brittain at **980-552-4222**. Please refer to the WBS element(s) or project description when making requests.

BID OPENING:

Sealed bids must be received in the Division Engineer's Office, located at 1710 E. Marion Street, Shelby, N.C. 28152, by **2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 12, 2026**. Bids must be submitted electronically through the approved electronic bidding provider as detailed in the Instructions to Bidders. Paper bids will not be accepted for this project.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Potential Bidders must be prequalified as Bidder or P.O. Prime Contractor at the time of bid opening in order to be considered responsible. Information about prequalification can be found at <https://connect.ncdot.gov/business/prequal/pages/default.aspx>.

Potential Bidders are required to be registered on the Interested Parties List in order to bid. Information concerning how to be added to the list can be found at <https://connect.ncdot.gov/letting/InterestedPartiesHelp/Interested-Parties-quick-guide.pdf>

Only Electronic Bidding will be accepted for this project. Please refer to the sheets entitled *Instructions to Bidders* contained in the Proposal. A Bid Bond is Required.

Any addenda to this contract will be posted on the Division 12 Bid Page located at <https://connect.ncdot.gov/letting/Pages/Division12Letting.aspx>. It is the Contractor's responsibility to keep themselves informed of any changes that may occur.

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.

For questions regarding contract bid items or contract provisions please contact Greg Brittain at the Division Office in Shelby at 980-552-4222.

Sincerely,



Greg Brittain

Contract Engineer

Cc: Cole Gurley, PE, Deputy Division Engineer
Rodney Gantt, Division Construction Engineer
Christian Listoe, PE, Asst. Division Construction Engineer
Bryan Sowell, PE, Division Project Development Engineer

Notice Regarding Upcoming Buy America Changes

On January 14, 2025, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) terminated its General Waiver for Manufactured Products and established specific Buy America requirements for their use on Federal-aid highway projects.

This means that as of the following dates, materials defined as manufactured products permanently incorporated into Federal-aid highway projects will have to be manufactured in the United States.

Key Implementation Dates

- Phase 1: contracts obligated on or after **October 1, 2025**
 - Final assembly of all manufactured products permanently incorporated into Federal-aid highway projects must occur in the United States.
- Phase 2: contracts obligated on or after **October 1, 2026**
 - Final assembly of all manufactured products permanently incorporated into Federal-aid highway projects must occur in the United States.

AND

- The cost of U.S.-produced components in manufactured products must be greater than 55% of the total cost of all components.

Definition of Manufactured Products

Manufactured Products are defined as articles, materials, or supplies that:

- Have been processed into a specific form and shape, or
- Have been combined with other articles or supplies to create a product with different properties than the individual articles, materials, or supplies.

This places greater emphasis on using domestically produced materials on these projects and is consistent with the Build America, Buy America Act (BABA) under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL).