ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS EB-5937 / EB-5938 Historic Ridgeview Walk Hickory, North Carolina

Sealed bids for the project entitled EB-5937 / EB-5938 will be received by the City of Hickory at 76 North Center Street, Hickory, North Carolina 28601 until 2:00 PM local time on Thursday, July 13, 2023. At said place and time, all Bids that have been duly received, will be publicly opened and read aloud in the City Hall Council Chamber Room. A pre-bid meeting will be held in the same location and time on June 27, 2023.

THE PROJECT GENERALLY CONSISTS OF the construction of approximately 1.2-mile multi-use 10 ft. concrete trail, beginning at the existing City Walk, southward along South Center Street, west across City-owned property at the Historic Ridgeview Public Library, and southward on 1st Street SW to the current Ridgeview Branch Library. The path will then turn westward along 7th Avenue SW past Ridgeview Recreation Center, before turning south and following 4th Street SW to U.S. 70.

The bidding documents for the project are available at the following location: <u>https://www.hickorync.gov/purchasing</u>

Each bid shall be accompanied with a cash deposit or certified check drawn on a bank or trust company insured by the FDIC or a Bid Bond prepared on the form of Bid Bond contained in the Bidding Documents or a Surety Company's standard form and properly executed by a corporate surety licensed under the laws of North Carolina to execute such bonds. The amount of the bid bond shall be equal to **five (5) percent** of the total of the bid. The bid deposit shall be retained by the Owner if the successful bidder fails to execute the contract or fails to provide the required bonds, as stated above, within ten (10) days after the proper notice of award of the contract.

All Bidders must be prequalified by NCDOT as a Prequalified Bidder or PO Prime for their specific discipline and must comply with the requirements of the State of North Carolina and be appropriately licensed as a Contractor as provided in General Statutes Chapter 87. Before beginning work, subcontractors of all levels must be prequalified by the NCDOT to perform the specified work codes. The application to prequalify as a Prequalified Bidder, PO Prime, or as a subcontractor on any level contract can be located online and available here: https://connect.ncdot.gov/business/Prequal/Pages/default.aspx. The application must be completed to demonstrate sufficient ability and experience in related construction projects to perform the work, sufficient and readily available equipment to perform contracts in a timely manner and a completed Safety Index Rating Form.

Bidders are encouraged to only secure project bid documents as noted above. Neither the Owner nor the Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including any Addenda, obtained from any source other than the Engineer and their representative plan provider. Each Bidder shall be responsible for the review of all addenda for the project and shall acknowledge the addenda on the bid form.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all Bids, to waive informalities, or to reject nonconforming, non-responsive, or conditional bids. The Owner reserves the right to award a contract to the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder or bidders, taking into consideration quality, performance, and time.