



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS

SUBJECT: INVITATION TO BID FOR DIVISION 12 PROJECT.

WBS ELEMENT(s): GMR12.ALE.1SM, ETC.
COUNTY(s): ALEXANDER, CATAWBA, CLEVELAND, GASTON, IREDELL & LINCOLN
LOCATION: DIVISION-WIDE
DESCRIPTION: TRAFFIC SIGNAL / ITS SYSTEM INSTALLATION & MODIFICATION, UPON REQUEST

The North Carolina Department of Transportation is requesting bids for traffic signal installation type work in all counties of Division 12. The Contractor is to furnish labor, material, equipment and traffic control:

CONTRACT TIME:

The availability date for this contract will be September 1, 2026.

The completion date for this contract will be August 31, 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, July 28, 2026**. Bids must be submitted on the official bid sheet as detailed in the *Instructions to Bidders* along with the complete proposal and display the following statement on the front of the envelope:

QUOTATION FOR WBS No. GMR12.ALE.1SM, ETC.
DESCRIPTION: Traffic Signal, / ITS System Installation & Modification, Upon Request
TO BE OPENED: At 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 28, 2026 at the Division 12 Office located at 1710 E. Marion St. in Shelby, N.C. 28152

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>.

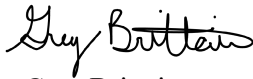
Paper Bids will be accepted as detailed in the *Instructions to Bidders* contained in the Proposal. Electronic Bidding will not be accepted. Bid Bonds are not required.

Any addenda to this contract will be posted on the Division 12 Bid Page located at <https://connect.ncdot.gov/letting/Pages/Division.aspx>.

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 12 Office in Shelby at 980-552-4222.

Sincerely,



Greg Brittain

Division 12 Contract Engineer

Cc: Cole Gurley, PE, Deputy Division Engineer
Jason Willis, Division Maintenance Engineer
Bryan Sowell, PE, Division Project Team Lead
Blake Guffey, Asst. Division Maintenance Engineer
Scott Poston, Division Traffic 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).