STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**



DIVISION 12 DISTRICT 1

CONTRACT PROPOSAL SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

DATE AND TIME OF BID OPENING: December 11, 2018 AT 2:00 P.M.

CONTRACT ID: P.O. No. To Be Determined

WBS ELEMENT NO.: 12.102320, 12.103620, 12.202311, 12.203611, 12.102340, 12.103640

COUNTY: Cleveland & Gaston Counties

ROUTE NO.: Various Interstate, Primary & Secondary Routes

LOCATION: Countywide

TYPE OF WORK: Guardrail, Cable Guiderail, & Impact Attenuator Maintenance

& Repair, Upon Request

NAME OF BIDDER

ADDRESS OF BIDDER

RETURN BIDS TO:

N. C. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS, DIVISION 12 ATTN: Mark E. Stafford, PE P.O. Box 47

Shelby, NC 28151-0047

PROPOSAL FOR THE MAINTENANCE & REPAIR OF GUARDRAIL/GUIDERAIL IN CLEVELAND & GASTON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

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DEPARTMENT OF T	RANSPORTATION,
RALEIGH, NOR	TH CAROLINA

The Bidder has carefully examined the location of the proposed work to be known as <u>Guardrail / Guiderail Maintenance & Repair</u>; has carefully examined the plans and specifications, which are acknowledged to be part of the proposal, the special provisions, the proposal, the form of contract, and the forms of contract payment bond and contract performance bond; and thoroughly understands the stipulations, requirements and provisions. The undersigned bidder agrees to bound upon his execution of the bid and subsequent award to him by the Department of Transportation in accordance with this proposal to provide the necessary contract payment bond and contract performance bond within fourteen days after the written notice of award is received by him. The undersigned Bidder further agrees to provide all necessary machinery, tools, labor, and other means of construction; and to do all the work and to furnish all materials, except as otherwise noted, necessary to perform and complete the said contract in accordance with the 2018 Standard Specifications for Roads and Structures by the dates(s) specified in the Project Special Provisions and in accordance with the requirements of the Engineer, and at the unit or lump sum prices, as the case may be, for the various items given on the sheets contained herein.

The Bidder shall provide and furnish all the materials, machinery, implements, appliances and tools, and perform the work and required labor to construct and complete this State Highway Contract for **Guardrail / Guiderail Maintenance & Repair** in **Cleveland & Gaston County**, for the unit or lump sum prices, as the case may be, bid by the Bidder in his bid and according to the proposal, plans, and specifications prepared by said Department, which proposal, plans, and specifications show the details covering this project, and hereby become a part of this contract.

The published volume entitled *North Carolina Department of Transportation, Raleigh, Standard Specifications for Roads and Structures, January 2018* with all amendments and supplements thereto, is by reference incorporated into and made a part of this contract; that, except as herein modified, all the construction and work included in this contract is to be done in accordance with the specifications contained in said volume, and amendments and supplements thereto, under the direction of the Engineer.

If the proposal is accepted and the award is made, the contract is valid only when signed either by the Contract Officer or such other person as may be designated by the Secretary to sign for the Department of Transportation. The conditions and provisions herein cannot be changed except over the signature of the said Contract Officer or Division Engineer.

The quantities shown in the itemized proposal for the project are considered to be approximate only and are given as the basis for comparison of bids. The Department of Transportation may increase or decrease the quantity of any item or portion of the work as may be deemed necessary or expedient.

An increase or decrease in the quantity of an item will not be regarded as sufficient ground for an increase or decrease in the unit prices, nor in the time allowed for the completion of the work, except as provided for the contract.

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INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE PREPARING AND SUBMITTING YOUR BID.

All bids shall be prepared and submitted in accordance with the following requirements. Failure to comply with any requirement may cause the bid to be considered irregular and may be grounds for rejection of the bid.

TRADITIONAL PAPER BIDS:

- 1. Download the entire proposal from the Connect NCDOT website and return the entire proposal with your bid.
- 2. All entries on the itemized proposal sheet (bid form) shall be written in ink or typed.
- **3.** The Bidder shall submit a unit price for every item on the itemized proposal sheet. The unit prices for the various contract items shall be written in figures. Unit prices shall be rounded off by the Bidder to contain no more than FOUR decimal places.
- **4.** An amount bid shall be entered on the itemized proposal sheet for every item. The amount bid for each item shall be determined by multiplying each unit bid by the quantity for that item, and shall be written in figures in the "Amount" column of the form.
- **5.** The total amount bid shall be written in figures in the proper place on the bid form. The total amount bid shall be determined by adding the amounts bid for each item.
- **6.** Changes to any entry shall be made by marking through the entry in ink and making the correct entry adjacent thereto in ink. A representative of the Bidder shall initial the change in ink. Do not use correction fluid, correction tape or similar product to make corrections.
- 7. The bid shall be properly executed on the included **Execution of Bid Non-collusion Affidavit, Debarment Certification and Gift Ban Certification** form. All bids shall show the following information:
 - a. Name of corporation, partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, individual or firm, submitting bid.
 - Corporations that have a corporate seal should include it on the bid.
 - b. Name of individual or representative submitting bid and position or title held on behalf of the bidder.
 - c. Name, signature, and position or title of witness.
 - d. Completed attestation by Notary Public

Note: Signer, Witness and Notary Public must be different individuals.

- **8.** The bid shall not contain any unauthorized additions, deletions, or conditional bids.
- **9.** The Bidder shall not add any provision reserving the right to accept or reject an award, or to enter into a contract pursuant to an award.
- 10. THE PROPOSAL WITH THE ITEMIZED PROPOSAL SHEET ATTACHED SHALL BE PLACED IN A <u>SEALED</u> ENVELOPE AND SHALL BE DELIVERED TO AND RECEIVED IN THE NCDOT DIVISION 12 OFFICE, LOCATED AT 1710 E. MARION ST., BY 2:00 P.M. ON, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2018.
- 11. The sealed bid must display the following statement on the front of the sealed envelope:

QUOTATION FOR "Guardrail / Guiderail Maintenance & Repair - Cleveland & Gaston County", To be opened at 2:00 P.M. ON, Tuesday, December 11, 2018.

12. If delivered by mail, the sealed envelope shall be placed in another sealed envelope and the outer envelope shall be addressed as follows:

N. C. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ATTN: Mark Stafford, PE P.O. Box 47 Shelby, NC 28151-0047

PROJECT SPECIAL PROVISIONS

GENERAL

GENERAL:

This contract is for installation, maintenance, repair and/or replacement of guardrail and cable guiderail & impact attenuators in Cleveland and Gaston Counties. Work consists of removal and repair of existing and/or damaged guardrail/guiderail or new installations as determined by the Engineer in accordance with Sections 862 and 863 on an as requested basis. The Contractor shall supply all necessary traffic control devices and equipment to perform the proposed work. The contract will be utilized on Interstate, Primary and Secondary Roads.

SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM:

Bids are being solicited for this project under the provisions of the NCDOT's Small Business Enterprise Program in accordance with G.S. 136-28.10.

Your firm does not have to be formally identified as a minority, woman or disabled business to qualify for this Program, but you must have had an annual gross income of \$1.5 million or less (exclusive of materials) for the previous calendar year.

The maximum yearly contract limits is set at \$500,000. If the total bid amount of the contract exceeds this amount the bid will not be considered for award.

Under the provisions of this Program, a NC General Contractor's License is not required for this project. Contract Payment and Contract Performance Bonds are not required for this project.

Only contracts currently certified as a SBE Contractor by the Contractual Services Units of NCDOT will be eligible to bid on this contract.

For more information on how to become a SBE Contractor visit the Contractual Services Website at https://connect.ncdot.gov/business/SmallBusiness/Pages/SBE%20Certification%20Process.aspx

BOND REQUIREMENTS - No Bonds Required

(06-01-16) SPD 01-420B

The provisions of Articles 102-10 and 103-7 of the 2018 Standard Specifications for Roads and Structures are waived for this project. No bonds required.

OVERALL CONTRACT TIME:

(7-1-95) (Rev. 12-18-07) 108 SPI G10 A

The availability date for this contract is January 2, 2019.

The completion date for this contract is December 31, 2019.

Terms of the Contract

The Contractor shall submit his bid for the initial one year term of the contract. At the option of the Department, this contract may be extended twice for a term of one year each for a maximum of three (3) terms at one year per term. Including all renewals, the total contract expenditures shall not exceed the maximum value of \$500,000 per year. The Engineer will notify the Contractor in writing within sixty (60) days of the original contract completion date if the contract may be extended. The Contractor must notify the Engineer in writing with in forty-five (45) days of the original contract completion date of his acceptance or rejection of this offer. Failure on the part of the Contractor to reply will be received as a rejection of contract extension. If an offer of extension is made and accepted then the individual line items in this contract will be adjusted in accordance with the special provision entitled "Consumer Price Index" contained herein. NCDOT is under no obligation to renew this contract beyond its original one (1) year period.

Contract quantities are approximate and used for determining the lowest responsible bidder only. No minimum or maximum amount of work is guaranteed under this contract.

No work will be permitted before receipt of the purchase order.

No work will be permitted and no purchase order will be issued until all required bonds and prerequisite conditions and certifications have been satisfied.

INTERMEDIATE CONTRACT TIMES:

Damaged but Functional:

An intermediate contract time of thirty (30) calendar days from notification or discovery will apply to the repair of all <u>damaged but functional</u> guardrail, cable guiderail, impact attenuators or new installations. In the event that the Contractor fails to respond to the work request for damaged but functional guardrail, cable guiderail, impact attenuators or new installations within thirty (30) calendar days liquidated damages in the amount of **five hundred** (\$500) dollars per calendar day, or portion thereof, will be deducted from the monies due to the Contractor.

Mobilization under these routine circumstances will be incidental to the work and will be included in the unit bid price for the various contract items. Work shall be accomplished in a continuous manner once the contractor begins. Night work is not permitted for S.R. routes but may be required for divided highway and interstate installations.

Damaged and Non-Functional:

An intermediate contract time of seven (7) calendar days from notification or discovery will apply to the repair of all <u>damaged</u>, <u>non-functional</u>, guardrail, cable guiderail and impact attenuators. In the event that the Contractor fails to respond to the work request for non-functional guardrail, cable guiderail and impact attenuators within seven (7) calendar days, liquidated damages in the amount of **seven hundred fifty** (\$750) dollars per calendar day, or portion thereof, will be deducted from the monies due to the Contractor.

Mobilization under these routine circumstances will be incidental to the work and will be included in the unit bid price for the various contract items. Work shall be accomplished in a continuous manner once the contractor begins. Night work is not permitted for S.R. routes but may be required for divided highway and interstate installations.

Emergency Maintenance:

Upon notification of the need for emergency maintenance or repair, as deemed by the Engineer, the Contractor has <u>twelve (12) hours</u> to respond to damaged sites as directed by the Engineer. The liquidated damages for non-response is **Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) per hour** or portion thereof and may result in the cancellation of this contract.

Mobilization under emergency circumstances will be paid for at the contract unit price for "*Emergency Repsonse*" for each directed response. Materials used during the emergency response will be paid for at the regular contract unit price.

The Contractor shall not begin work on any section of guardrail, cable guiderail, or end units until preparations have been made to complete the installation of the section, including posts, rail, and anchors, as a continuous operation. Once work has been initiated on a section, the work shall be prosecuted to its completion, unless inclement weather or other conditions beyond the control of the Contractor interfere with the work. If the Contractor is unable to complete a section due to inclement weather or conditions beyond their control, they shall take measures acceptable to the Engineer to provide warning and safety to motorists.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (PRICE ADJUSTMENTS):

The compensation payable to the contractor shall be fixed for the first twelve months of this contract. However, upon an application by the contractor, sixty (60) days prior to the end of each contract period, the renewed contract may be increased to reflect the increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI-U U.S. City Average, All items 1982-84=100 - CUUR0000SA0) http://data.bls.gov/cgi-bin/surveymost?r4 for the previous twelve (12) month period as published by the US Bureau of Labor Statistics. If the amount of the requested increase is more than ten (10) percent, the Department of Transportation reserves the right to cancel this contract.

In the example below, the CPI will be determined from an October to October period.

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
2003	181.	183.	184.	183.	183.	183.	183.	184.	185.	185.	184.	184.
	7	1	2	8	5	7	9	6	2	0	5	3
2004	185.	186.	187.	188.	189.	189.	189.	189.	189.	190.		
	2	2	4	0	1	7	4	5	9	9		
CPI for current period						190.9						
Less CPI for previous period					185.0							
Equals index point change						5.90						
Divided by previous period CPI					[185.0						
Equals					.031							
Result multiplied by 100					.031 X 100							
Equals percent change						3.10						

All line items in this contract would be increased by the calculated percentage if approved for renewal.

INTERMEDIATE COMPLETION TIME NUMBER 1 (INTERSTATE ONLY):

No road closures are allowed on interstate unless authorized by the Engineer. The time restrictions listed below apply to planned lane and shoulder closures only.

The Contractor shall not install, maintain or remove any traffic control device required for narrowing or closing a lane or shoulder on the interstate during the times listed below. Lane closures for emergency response are not subject to these time restrictions and will be as directed by the Engineer.

This Intermediate Contract Time applies to lane narrowing, lane closing and or shoulder closing along I-85. Liquidated Damages for this Intermediate Contract Time are Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars per hour or portion thereof.

In areas where a median contains guardrail or median barrier rail in close proximity to the travel way, operations that require shoulder closure will also require a lane closure and will therefore be subject to the time restrictions and liquidated damages associated with lane closures.

Time Restrictions (Interstate Only)

For Lane Closures

6:00am to 8:00pm, Monday through Friday 9:00am to 6:00pm, Saturday and Sunday

For Shoulder Closures

6:00am to 9:00am and 4:00pm to 7:00pm, Monday through Friday

INTERMEDIATE CONTRACT TIME NUMBER 2 AND LIQUIDATED DAMAGES:

(2-20-07) 108 SPI G14 B

The Contractor shall not narrow or close a lane of traffic on **ANY ROAD**, detain and /or alter the traffic flow on or during holiday weekends, special events, or any other time when traffic is unusually heavy, including the following schedules:

HOLIDAY AND HOLIDAY WEEKEND LANE CLOSURE RESTRICTIONS

- 1. For **unexpected occurrence** that creates unusually high traffic volumes, as directed by the Engineer.
- 2. For **New Year's Day**, between the hours of **8:00 A.M.** December 31st and **8:00 P.M.** January 2nd. If New Year's Day is on a Friday, Saturday, Sunday or Monday, then until **8:00 P.M.** the following Tuesday.
- 3. For **Easter**, between the hours of **8:00 A.M.** Thursday and **8:00 P.M.** Monday.
- 4. For **Memorial Day**, between the hours of **8:00 A.M.** Friday and **8:00 P.M.** Tuesday.
- 5. For **Independence Day**, between the hours of **8:00 A.M.** the day before Independence Day and **8:00 P.M.** the day after Independence Day.
 - If **Independence Day** is on a Friday, Saturday, Sunday or Monday, then between the hours of **8:00 A.M.** the Thursday before Independence Day and **8:00 P.M.** the Tuesday after Independence Day.
- 6. For **Labor Day**, between the hours of **8:00 A.M.** Friday and **8:00 P.M.** Tuesday.
- 7. For **Thanksgiving Day**, between the hours of **8:00 A.M.** Tuesday and **8:00 P.M.** Monday.
- 8. For **Christmas**, between the hours of **8:00 A.M.** the Friday before the week of Christmas Day and **8:00 P.M.** the following Tuesday after the week of Christmas Day.

Holidays and holiday weekends shall include New Year's, Easter, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. The Contractor shall schedule his work so that lane closures are not required during these periods, unless otherwise directed by the Engineer.

The time of availability for this intermediate contract work shall be the time the Contractor begins to install all traffic control devices for lane closures according to the time restrictions listed herein.

The completion time for this intermediate contract work shall be the time the Contractor is required to complete the removal of all traffic control devices for lane closures according to the time restrictions stated herein and place traffic in the existing traffic pattern.

The liquidated damages are **Five Hundred Dollars** (\$ 500.00) per hour.

PROSECUTION OF WORK:

(7-1-95) (Rev. 8-21-12) 108 SPI G15R

The Contractor will be required to prosecute the work in a continuous and uninterrupted manner from the time he begins the work until completion and final acceptance of the project. The Contractor will not be permitted to suspend his operations except for reasons beyond his control or except where the Engineer has authorized a suspension of the Contractor's operations in writing.

In the event that the Contractor's operations are suspended in violation of the above provisions, the sum of \$ 500.00 will be charged the Contractor for each and every calendar day that such suspension takes place. The said amount is hereby agreed upon as liquidated damages due to extra engineering and maintenance costs and due to increased public hazard resulting from a suspension of the work. Liquidated damages chargeable due to suspension of the work will be additional to any liquidated damages that may become chargeable due to failure to complete the work on time.

RAILROAD GRADE CROSSING:

(7-1-95) (Rev. 1-15-13) 107-9 SPI G17R

Provide at least 2 weeks advance notice to the railroad's local Roadmaster or Track Supervisor when the use of slow-moving or stopped equipment is required over at-grade railroad crossings.

NO MAJOR CONTRACT ITEMS:

(2-19-02) (Rev. 8-21-07) 104 SPI G31

None of the items included in this contract will be major items.

NO SPECIALTY ITEMS:

(7-1-95) 108-6 SPI G34

None of the items included in this contract will be specialty items (see Article 108-6 of the 2018 Standard Specifications).

PAYMENT:

Payment will be made at the contract unit price. Prices and payment will be full compensation for all work covered.

The Contractor may submit a request for partial payment on a monthly basis, or other interval as approved by the Engineer. The amount of partial payments will be based on the work accomplished and accepted as the last day of the approved pay period.

All work items necessary to complete the work other than listed on the "Bid Form" will be considered incidental in nature and no further compensation will be made. Any work performed in an unsatisfactory manner could be a basis for cancellation of the contract.

Invoices should be sent to:

North Carolina Department of Transportation District Supervisor PO Box 47 Shelby, NC 28151-0047

Attn: Tammy Wright

Invoices may also be delivered to the Shelby District Office at 1702 East Marion Street, Shelby, NC. All invoices must show the contract number on the invoice and any other subsequent paperwork as required as part of this contract.

FUEL PRICE ADJUSTMENT:

(11-15-05) (Rev. 2-18-14) 109-8 SPI G43

No fuel price adjustments will be made on this project.

SCHEDULE OF ESTIMATED COMPLETION PROGRESS:

(7-15-08) (Rev. 5-21-13) 108-2 SPI G58

The Contractor shall furnish his own progress schedule in accordance with Article 108-2 of the 2012 Standard Specifications.

MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AND WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DIVISIONS):

(10-16-07)(Rev. 5-15-18) 102-15(J) SP1 G67

Description

The purpose of this Special Provision is to carry out the North Carolina Department of Transportation's policy of ensuring nondiscrimination in the award and administration of contracts financed in whole or in part with State funds.

Definitions

Additional MBE/WBE Subcontractors - Any MBE/WBE submitted at the time of bid that will <u>not</u> be used to meet the Combined MBE/WBE goal. No submittal of a Letter of Intent is required.

Combined MBE/WBE Goal: A portion of the total contract, expressed as a percentage that is to be performed by committed MBE/WBE subcontractors.

Committed MBE/WBE Subcontractor - Any MBE/WBE submitted at the time of bid that is being used to meet the Combined MBE / WBE goal by submission of a Letter of Intent. Or any MBE or WBE used as a replacement for a previously committed MBE or WBE firm.

Contract Goal Requirement - The approved participation at time of award, but not greater than the advertised Combined MBE/WBE contract goal.

Goal Confirmation Letter - Written documentation from the Department to the bidder confirming the Contractor's approved, committed participation along with a listing of the committed MBE and WBE firms.

Manufacturer - A firm that operates or maintains a factory or establishment that produces on the premises, the materials or supplies obtained by the Contractor.

MBE Participation (Anticipated) - A portion of the total contract, expressed as a percentage that is anticipated to be performed by committed MBE subcontractor(s).

Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) - A firm certified as a Disadvantaged Minority-Owned Business Enterprise through the North Carolina Unified Certification Program.

Regular Dealer - A firm that owns, operates, or maintains a store, warehouse, or other establishment in which the materials or supplies required for the performance of the contract are bought, kept in stock, and regularly sold to the public in the usual course of business. A regular dealer engages in, as its principal business and in its own name, the purchase and sale or lease of the products in question. A regular dealer in such bulk items as steel, cement, gravel, stone, and petroleum products need not keep such products in stock, if it owns and operates distribution equipment for the products. Brokers and packagers are not regarded as manufacturers or regular dealers within the meaning of this section.

North Carolina Unified Certification Program (NCUCP) - A program that provides comprehensive services and information to applicants for MBE/WBE certification. The MBE/WBE program follows the same regulations as the federal Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program in accordance with 49 CFR Part 26.

United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) - Federal agency responsible for issuing regulations (49 CFR Part 26) and official guidance for the DBE program.

WBE Participation (Anticipated) - A portion of the total contract, expressed as a percentage that is anticipated to be performed by committed WBE subcontractor(s).

Women Business Enterprise (WBE) - A firm certified as a Disadvantaged Women-Owned Business Enterprise through the North Carolina Unified Certification Program.

Forms and Websites Referenced in this Provision

Payment Tracking System - On-line system in which the Contractor enters the payments made to MBE and WBE subcontractors who have performed work on the project. https://apps.dot.state.nc.us/Vendor/PaymentTracking/

DBE-IS Subcontractor Payment Information - Form for reporting the payments made to all MBE/WBE firms working on the project. This form is for paper bid projects only. https://connect.ncdot.gov/business/Turnpike/Documents/Form%20DBE-IS%20Subcontractor%20Payment%20Information.pdf

RF-1 *MBE/WBE Replacement Request Form* - Form for replacing a committed MBE or WBE. http://connect.ncdot.gov/projects/construction/Construction%20Forms/DBE%20MBE%20WBE%20Replacement%20Request%20Form.pdf

SAF Subcontract Approval Form - Form required for approval to sublet the contract.

http://connect.ncdot.gov/projects/construction/Construction%20 Forms/Subcontract%20 Approval%20 Form%20 Rev.%202012.zip

JC-1 *Joint Check Notification Form* - Form and procedures for joint check notification. The form acts as a written joint check agreement among the parties providing full and prompt disclosure of the expected use of joint checks.

http://connect.ncdot.gov/projects/construction/Construction%20 Forms/Joint%20 Check%20 Notification%20 Form.pdf

Letter of Intent - Form signed by the Contractor and the MBE/WBE subcontractor, manufacturer or regular dealer that affirms that a portion of said contract is going to be performed by the signed MBE/WBE for the estimated amount (based on quantities and unit prices) listed at the time of bid.

http://connect.ncdot.gov/letting/LetCentral/Letter % 20 of % 20 Intent % 20 to % 20 Perform % 20 as % 20 as % 20 Subcontractor.pdf

Listing of MBE and WBE Subcontractors Form - Form for entering MBE/WBE subcontractors on a project that will meet the Combined MBE/WBE goal. This form is for paper bids only.

http://connect.ncdot.gov/municipalities/Bid%20 Proposals%20 for %20 LGA%20 Content/09%20 MBE-WBE%20 Subcontractors%20 (State). docx

Subcontractor Quote Comparison Sheet - Spreadsheet for showing all subcontractor quotes in the work areas where MBEs and WBEs quoted on the project. This sheet is submitted with good faith effort packages.

http://connect.ncdot.gov/business/SmallBusiness/Documents/DBE%20Subcontractor%20Quote%20Comparison%20Example.xls

Combined MBE/WBE Goal

The Combined MBE/WBE Goal for this project is 0.0 %

The Combined Goal was established utilizing the following anticipated participation for Minority Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises:

- (A) Minority Business Enterprises **0.0** %
 - (1) If the anticipated MBE participation is more than zero, the Contractor shall exercise all necessary and reasonable steps to ensure that MBEs participate in at least the percent of the contract as set forth above.
 - (2) If the anticipated MBE participation is zero, the Contractor shall make an effort to recruit and use MBEs during the performance of the contract. Any MBE participation obtained shall be reported to the Department.
- (B) Women Business Enterprises **0.0** %
 - (1) If the anticipated WBE participation is more than zero, the Contractor shall exercise all necessary and reasonable steps to ensure that WBEs participate in at least the percent of the contract as set forth above.

(2) If the anticipated WBE participation is zero, the Contractor shall make an effort to recruit and use WBEs during the performance of the contract. Any WBE participation obtained shall be reported to the Department.

The Bidder is required to submit only participation to meet the Combined MBE/WBE Goal. The Combined Goal may be met by submitting all MBE participation, all WBE participation, or a combination of MBE and WBE participation.

Directory of Transportation Firms (Directory)

Real-time information is available about firms doing business with the Department and firms that are certified through NCUCP in the Directory of Transportation Firms. Only firms identified in the Directory as MBE and WBE certified shall be used to meet the Combined MBE / WBE goal. The Directory can be found at the following link.

https://www.ebs.nc.gov/VendorDirectory/default.html

The listing of an individual firm in the directory shall not be construed as an endorsement of the firm's capability to perform certain work.

Listing of MBE/WBE Subcontractors

At the time of bid, bidders shall submit <u>all</u> MBE and WBE participation that they anticipate to use during the life of the contract. Only those identified to meet the Combined MBE/WBE goal will be considered committed, even though the listing shall include both committed MBE/WBE subcontractors and additional MBE/WBE subcontractors. Any additional MBE/WBE subcontractor participation above the goal will follow the banking guidelines found elsewhere in this provision. All other additional MBE/WBE subcontractor participation submitted at the time of bid will be used toward the Department's overall race-neutral goals. Only those firms with current MBE and WBE certification at the time of bid opening will be acceptable for listing in the bidder's submittal of MBE and WBE participation. The Contractor shall indicate the following required information:

(A) Electronic Bids

Bidders shall submit a listing of MBE and WBE participation in the appropriate section of Expedite, the bidding software of Bid Express $^{\$}$.

- (1) Submit the names and addresses of MBE and WBE firms identified to participate in the contract. If the bidder uses the updated listing of MBE and WBE firms shown in Expedite, the bidder may use the dropdown menu to access the name and address of the firms.
- (2) Submit the contract line numbers of work to be performed by each MBE and WBE firm. When no figures or firms are entered, the bidder will be considered to have no MBE or WBE participation.
- (3) The bidder shall be responsible for ensuring that the MBE and WBE are certified at the time of bid by checking the Directory of Transportation Firms. If the firm is not certified at the time of the bid-letting, that MBE's or WBE's participation will not count towards achieving the Combined MBE/WBE goal.

- (B) Paper Bids
 - (1) If the Combined MBE/WBE goal is more than zero,
 - (a) Bidders, at the time the bid proposal is submitted, shall submit a listing of MBE/WBE participation, including the names and addresses on *Listing of MBE and WBE Subcontractors* contained elsewhere in the contract documents in order for the bid to be considered responsive. Bidders shall indicate the total dollar value of the MBE and WBE participation for the contract.
 - (b) If bidders have no MBE or WBE participation, they shall indicate this on the *Listing of MBE and WBE Subcontractors* by entering the word "None" or the number "0." This form shall be completed in its entirety. **Blank forms will not be deemed to represent zero participation.** Bids submitted that do not have MBE and WBE participation indicated on the appropriate form will not be read publicly during the opening of bids. The Department will not consider these bids for award and the proposal will be rejected.
 - (c) The bidder shall be responsible for ensuring that the MBE/WBE is certified at the time of bid by checking the Directory of Transportation Firms. If the firm is not certified at the time of the bid-letting, that MBE's or WBE's participation will not count towards achieving the Combined MBE/WBE goal.
 - (2) If the Combined MBE/WBE Goal is zero, entries on the Listing of MBE and WBE Subcontractors are not required for the zero goal, however any MBE or WBE participation that is achieved during the project shall be reported in accordance with requirements contained elsewhere in the special provision.

MBE or WBE Prime Contractor

When a certified MBE or WBE firm bids on a contract that contains a Combined MBE/WBE Goal, the firm is responsible for meeting the goal or making good faith efforts to meet the goal, just like any other bidder. In most cases, a MBE or WBE bidder on a contract will meet the Combined MBE/WBE goal by virtue of the work it performs on the contract with its own forces. However, all the work that is performed by the MBE or WBE bidder and any other similarly certified subcontractors will count toward the goal. The MBE or WBE bidder shall list itself along with any MBE or WBE subcontractors, if any, in order to receive credit toward the goals.

MBE/WBE prime contractors shall also follow Sections A or B listed under *Listing of MBE/WBE Subcontractors* just as a non-MBE/WBE bidder would.

Written Documentation – Letter of Intent

The bidder shall submit written documentation for each MBE/WBE that will be used to meet the Combined MBE/WBE goal of the contract, indicating the bidder's commitment to use the MBE/WBE in the contract. This documentation shall be submitted on the Department's form titled *Letter of Intent*.

The documentation shall be received in the office of the Engineer no later than 2:00 p.m. of the fifth calendar day following opening of bids, unless the fifth day falls on Saturday, Sunday or an official state holiday. In that situation, it is due in the office of the Engineer no later than 10:00 a.m. on the next official state business day.

If the bidder fails to submit the Letter of Intent from each committed MBE and WBE to be used toward the Combined MBE/WBE goal, or if the form is incomplete (i.e. both signatures are not present), the MBE/WBE participation will not count toward meeting the Combined MBE/WBE goal. If the lack of this participation drops the commitment below the Combined MBE/WBE goal, the Contractor shall submit evidence of good faith efforts for the goal not met, completed in its entirety, to the Engineer no later than 2:00 p.m. of the eighth calendar day following opening of bids, unless the eighth day falls on Saturday, Sunday or an official state holiday. In that situation, it is due in the office of the Engineer no later than 10:00 a.m. on the next official state business day.

Banking MBE/WBE Credit

If the committed MBE/WBE participation submitted exceeds the algebraic sum of the Combined MBE/WBE goal by \$1,000 or more, the excess will be placed on deposit by the Department for future use by the bidder. Separate accounts will be maintained for MBE and WBE participation and these may accumulate for a period not to exceed 24 months.

When the apparent lowest responsive bidder fails to submit sufficient participation by MBE and WBE firms to meet the advertised goal, as part of the good faith effort, the Department will consider allowing the bidder to withdraw funds to meet the Combined MBE/WBE goal as long as there are adequate funds available from the bidder's MBE and WBE bank accounts.

Submission of Good Faith Effort

If the bidder fails to meet or exceed the Combined MBE/WBE goal, the apparent lowest responsive bidder shall submit to the Department documentation of adequate good faith efforts made to reach that specific goal.

One complete set and 9 copies of this information shall be received in the office of the Engineer no later than 2:00 p.m. of the fifth calendar day following opening of bids, unless the fifth day falls on Saturday, Sunday or an official state holiday. In that situation, it is due in the office of the Engineer no later than 10:00 a.m. on the next official state business day.

Note: Where the information submitted includes repetitious solicitation letters, it will be acceptable to submit a representative letter along with a distribution list of the firms that were solicited. Documentation of MBE/WBE quotations shall be a part of the good faith effort submittal. This documentation may include written subcontractor quotations, telephone log notations of verbal quotations, or other types of quotation documentation.

Consideration of Good Faith Effort for Projects with a Combined MBE/WBE Goal More Than Zero

Adequate good faith efforts mean that the bidder took all necessary and reasonable steps to achieve the goal which, by their scope, intensity, and appropriateness, could reasonably be expected to obtain sufficient MBE/WBE participation. Adequate good faith efforts also mean that the bidder actively and aggressively sought MBE/WBE participation. Mere *pro forma* efforts are not considered good faith efforts.

The Department will consider the quality, quantity, and intensity of the different kinds of efforts a bidder has made. Listed below are examples of the types of actions a bidder will take in making a good faith effort to meet the goals and are not intended to be exclusive or exhaustive, nor is it intended to be a mandatory checklist.

- (A) Soliciting through all reasonable and available means (e.g. attendance at pre-bid meetings, advertising, written notices, use of verifiable electronic means through the use of the NCDOT Directory of Transportation Firms) the interest of all certified MBEs/WBEs that are also prequalified subcontractors. The bidder must solicit this interest within at least 10 days prior to bid opening to allow the MBEs/WBEs to respond to the solicitation. Solicitation shall provide the opportunity to MBEs/WBEs within the Division and surrounding Divisions where the project is located. The bidder must determine with certainty if the MBEs/WBEs are interested by taking appropriate steps to follow up initial solicitations.
- (B) Selecting portions of the work to be performed by MBEs/WBEs in order to increase the likelihood that the Combined MBE/WBE goal will be achieved.
 - (1) Where appropriate, break out contract work items into economically feasible units to facilitate MBE/WBE participation, even when the prime contractor might otherwise prefer to perform these work items with its own forces.
 - (2) Negotiate with subcontractors to assume part of the responsibility to meet the advertised goal when the work to be sublet includes potential for MBE/WBE participation (2nd and 3rd tier subcontractors).
- (C) Providing interested certified MBEs/WBEs that are also prequalified subcontractors with adequate information about the plans, specifications, and requirements of the contract in a timely manner to assist them in responding to a solicitation.
- (D) (1) Negotiating in good faith with interested MBEs/WBEs. It is the bidder's responsibility to make a portion of the work available to MBE/WBE subcontractors and suppliers and to select those portions of the work or material needs consistent with the available MBE/WBE subcontractors and suppliers, so as to facilitate MBE/WBE participation. Evidence of such negotiation includes the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of MBEs/WBEs that were considered; a description of the information provided regarding the plans and specifications for the work selected for subcontracting; and evidence as to why additional agreements could not be reached for MBEs/WBEs to perform the work.
 - (2) A bidder using good business judgment would consider a number of factors in negotiating with subcontractors, including MBE/WBE subcontractors, and would take a firm's price and capabilities as well as the advertised goal into consideration. However, the fact that there may be some additional costs involved in finding and using MBEs/WBEs is not in itself sufficient reason for a bidder's failure to meet the advertised goal, as long as such costs are reasonable. Also, the ability or desire of a prime contractor to perform the work of a contract with its own organization does not relieve the bidder of the responsibility to make good faith efforts. Bidding contractors are not, however, required to accept higher quotes from MBEs/WBEs if the price difference is excessive or unreasonable.
- (E) Not rejecting MBEs/WBEs as being unqualified without sound reasons based on a thorough investigation of their capabilities. The bidder's standing within its industry, membership in specific

groups, organizations, or associates and political or social affiliations (for example, union vs. non-union employee status) are not legitimate causes for the rejection or non-solicitation of bids in the bidder's efforts to meet the project goal.

- (F) Making efforts to assist interested MBEs/WBEs in obtaining bonding, lines of credit, or insurance as required by the recipient or bidder.
- (G) Making efforts to assist interested MBEs/WBEs in obtaining necessary equipment, supplies, materials, or related assistance or services.
- (H) Effectively using the services of available minority/women community organizations; minority/women contractors' groups; Federal, State, and local minority/women business assistance offices; and other organizations as allowed on a case-by-case basis to provide assistance in the recruitment and placement of MBEs/WBEs. Contact within 7 days from the bid opening the Business Opportunity and Work Force Development Unit at BOWD@ncdot.gov to give notification of the bidder's inability to get MBE or WBE quotes.
- (I) Any other evidence that the bidder submits which shows that the bidder has made reasonable good faith efforts to meet the advertised goal.

In addition, the Department may take into account the following:

- (1) Whether the bidder's documentation reflects a clear and realistic plan for achieving the Combined MBE/WBE goal.
- (2) The bidders' past performance in meeting the contract goal.
- (3) The performance of other bidders in meeting the advertised goal. For example, when the apparent successful bidder fails to meet the goal, but others meet it, you may reasonably raise the question of whether, with additional reasonable efforts the apparent successful bidder could have met the goal. If the apparent successful bidder fails to meet the advertised goal, but meets or exceeds the average MBE and WBE participation obtained by other bidders, the Department may view this, in conjunction with other factors, as evidence of the apparent successful bidder having made a good faith effort.

If the Department does not award the contract to the apparent lowest responsive bidder, the Department reserves the right to award the contract to the next lowest responsive bidder that can satisfy to the Department that the Combined MBE/WBE goal can be met or that an adequate good faith effort has been made to meet the advertised goal.

Non-Good Faith Appeal

The Engineer will notify the contractor verbally and in writing of non-good faith. A contractor may appeal a determination of non-good faith made by the Goal Compliance Committee. If a contractor wishes to appeal the determination made by the Committee, they shall provide written notification to the Engineer. The appeal shall be made within 2 business days of notification of the determination of non-good faith.

Counting MBE/WBE Participation Toward Meeting the Combined MBE/WBE Goal

(A) Participation

The total dollar value of the participation by a committed MBE/WBE will be counted toward the contract goal requirements. The total dollar value of participation by a committed MBE/WBE will be based upon the value of work actually performed by the MBE/WBE and the actual payments to MBE/WBE firms by the Contractor.

(B) Joint Checks

Prior notification of joint check use shall be required when counting MBE/WBE participation for services or purchases that involves the use of a joint check. Notification shall be through submission of Form JC-1 (*Joint Check Notification Form*) and the use of joint checks shall be in accordance with the Department's Joint Check Procedures.

(C) Subcontracts (Non-Trucking)

A MBE/WBE may enter into subcontracts. Work that a MBE subcontracts to another MBE firm may be counted toward the anticipated MBE participation. The same holds for work that a WBE subcontracts to another WBE firm. Work that a MBE/WBE subcontracts to a non-MBE/WBE firm does not count toward the contract goal requirement. It should be noted that every effort shall be made by MBE and WBE contractors to subcontract to the same certification (i.e., MBEs to MBEs and WBEs), in order to fulfill the MBE or WBE participation breakdown. This, however, may not always be possible due to the limitation of firms in the area. If the MBE or WBE firm shows a good faith effort has been made to reach out to similarly certified firms and there is no interest or availability, and they can get assistance from other certified firms, the Engineer will not hold the prime responsible for meeting the individual MBE or WBE breakdown. If a MBE or WBE contractor or subcontractor subcontracts a significantly greater portion of the work of the contract than would be expected on the basis of standard industry practices, it shall be presumed that the MBE or WBE is not performing a commercially useful function.

(D) Joint Venture

When a MBE or WBE performs as a participant in a joint venture, the Contractor may count toward its contract goal requirement a portion of the total value of participation with the MBE or WBE in the joint venture, that portion of the total dollar value being a distinct clearly defined portion of work that the MBE or WBE performs with its forces.

(E) Suppliers

A contractor may count toward its MBE /WBE requirement 60 percent of its expenditures for materials and supplies required to complete the contract and obtained from a MBE or WBE regular dealer and 100 percent of such expenditures from a MBE or WBE manufacturer.

(F) Manufacturers and Regular Dealers

A contractor may count toward its MBE /WBE requirement the following expenditures to MBE/WBE firms that are not manufacturers or regular dealers:

- (1) The fees or commissions charged by a MBE/WBE firm for providing a *bona fide* service, such as professional, technical, consultant, or managerial services, or for providing bonds or insurance specifically required for the performance of a DOT-assisted contract, provided the fees or commissions are determined to be reasonable and not excessive as compared with fees and commissions customarily allowed for similar services.
- (2) With respect to materials or supplies purchased from a MBE/WBE, which is neither a manufacturer nor a regular dealer, count the entire amount of fees or commissions charged for assistance in the procurement of the materials and supplies, or fees or transportation charges for the delivery of materials or supplies required on a job site (but not the cost of the materials and supplies themselves), provided the fees are determined to be reasonable and not excessive as compared with fees customarily allowed for similar services.

Commercially Useful Function

(A) MBE/WBE Utilization

The Contractor may count toward its contract goal requirement only expenditures to MBEs and WBEs that perform a commercially useful function in the work of a contract. A MBE/WBE performs a commercially useful function when it is responsible for execution of the work of the contract and is carrying out its responsibilities by actually performing, managing, and supervising the work involved. To perform a commercially useful function, the MBE/WBE shall also be responsible with respect to materials and supplies used on the contract, for negotiating price, determining quality and quantity, ordering the material and installing (where applicable) and paying for the material itself. To determine whether a MBE/WBE is performing a commercially useful function, the Department will evaluate the amount of work subcontracted, industry practices, whether the amount the firm is to be paid under the contract is commensurate with the work it is actually performing and the MBE/WBE credit claimed for its performance of the work, and any other relevant factors. If it is determined that a MBE or WBE is not performing a Commercially Useful Function, the contractor may present evidence to rebut this presumption to the Department.

(B) MBE/WBE Utilization in Trucking

The following factors will be used to determine if a MBE or WBE trucking firm is performing a commercially useful function:

- (1) The MBE/WBE shall be responsible for the management and supervision of the entire trucking operation for which it is responsible on a particular contract, and there shall not be a contrived arrangement for the purpose of meeting the Combined MBE/WBE goal.
- (2) The MBE/WBE shall itself own and operate at least one fully licensed, insured, and operational truck used on the contract.

- (3) The MBE/WBE receives credit for the total value of the transportation services it provides on the contract using trucks it owns, insures, and operates using drivers it employs.
- (4) The MBE may subcontract the work to another MBE firm, including an owner-operator who is certified as a MBE. The same holds true that a WBE may subcontract the work to another WBE firm, including an owner-operator who is certified as a WBE. When this occurs, the MBE or WBE who subcontracts work receives credit for the total value of the transportation services the subcontracted MBE or WBE provides on the contract. It should be noted that every effort shall be made by MBE and WBE contractors to subcontract to the same certification (i.e., MBEs to MBEs and WBEs to WBEs), in order to fulfill the participation breakdown. This, however, may not always be possible due to the limitation of firms in the area. If the MBE or WBE firm shows a good faith effort has been made to reach out to similarly certified transportation service providers and there is no interest or availability, and they can get assistance from other certified providers, the Engineer will not hold the prime responsible for meeting the individual MBE or WBE participation breakdown.
- (5) The MBE/WBE may also subcontract the work to a non-MBE/WBE firm, including from an owner-operator. The MBE/WBE who subcontracts the work to a non-MBE/WBE is entitled to credit for the total value of transportation services provided by the non-MBE/WBE subcontractor not to exceed the value of transportation services provided by MBE/WBE-owned trucks on the contract. Additional participation by non-MBE/WBE subcontractors receives credit only for the fee or commission it receives as a result of the subcontract arrangement. The value of services performed under subcontract agreements between the MBE/WBE and the Contractor will not count towards the MBE/WBE contract requirement.
- (6) A MBE/WBE may lease truck(s) from an established equipment leasing business open to the general public. The lease must indicate that the MBE/WBE has exclusive use of and control over the truck. This requirement does not preclude the leased truck from working for others during the term of the lease with the consent of the MBE/WBE, so long as the lease gives the MBE/WBE absolute priority for use of the leased truck. This type of lease may count toward the MBE/WBE's credit as long as the driver is under the MBE/WBE's payroll.
- (7) Subcontracted/leased trucks shall display clearly on the dashboard the name of the MBE/WBE that they are subcontracted/leased to and their own company name if it is not identified on the truck itself. Magnetic door signs are not permitted.

MBE/WBE Replacement

When a Contractor has relied on a commitment to a MBE or WBE firm (or an approved substitute MBE or WBE firm) to meet all or part of a contract goal requirement, the contractor shall not terminate the MBE/WBE for convenience. This includes, but is not limited to, instances in which the Contractor seeks to perform the work of the terminated subcontractor with another MBE/WBE subcontractor, a non-MBE/WBE subcontractor, or with the Contractor's own forces or those of an affiliate. A MBE/WBE may only be terminated after receiving the Engineer's written approval based upon a finding of good cause for the proposed termination. The prime contractor must give the MBE/WBE firm 5 days to respond to the prime contractor's notice of intent to terminate and advise the prime contractor and the Department of the reasons, if any, why the firm objects to the proposed termination of its subcontract and why the Department should not approve the action.

All requests for replacement of a committed MBE/WBE firm shall be submitted to the Engineer for approval on Form RF-1 (*Replacement Request*). If the Contractor fails to follow this procedure, the Contractor may be disqualified from further bidding for a period of up to 6 months.

The Contractor shall comply with the following for replacement of a committed MBE/WBE:

(A) Performance Related Replacement

When a committed MBE/WBE is terminated for good cause as stated above, an additional MBE/WBE that was submitted at the time of bid may be used to fulfill the MBE/WBE commitment to meet the Combined MBE/WBE Goal. A good faith effort will only be required for removing a committed MBE/WBE if there were no additional MBEs/WBEs submitted at the time of bid to cover the same amount of work as the MBE/WBE that was terminated.

If a replacement MBE/WBE is not found that can perform at least the same amount of work as the terminated MBE/WBE, the Contractor shall submit a good faith effort documenting the steps taken. Such documentation shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- (1) Copies of written notification to MBEs/WBEs that their interest is solicited in contracting the work defaulted by the previous MBE/WBE or in subcontracting other items of work in the contract.
- (2) Efforts to negotiate with MBEs/WBEs for specific subbids including, at a minimum:
 - (a) The names, addresses, and telephone numbers of MBEs/WBEs who were contacted.
 - (b) A description of the information provided to MBEs/WBEs regarding the plans and specifications for portions of the work to be performed.
- (3) A list of reasons why MBE/WBE quotes were not accepted.
- (4) Efforts made to assist the MBEs/WBEs contacted, if needed, in obtaining bonding or insurance required by the Contractor.

(B) Decertification Replacement

- (1) When a committed MBE/WBE is decertified by the Department after the SAF (*Subcontract Approval Form*) has been received by the Department, the Department will not require the Contractor to solicit replacement MBE/WBE participation equal to the remaining work to be performed by the decertified firm. The participation equal to the remaining work performed by the decertified firm will count toward the contract goal requirement.
- When a committed MBE/WBE is decertified prior to the Department receiving the SAF (*Subcontract Approval Form*) for the named MBE/WBE firm, the Contractor shall take all necessary and reasonable steps to replace the MBE/WBE subcontractor with another similarly certified MBE/WBE subcontractor to perform at least the same amount of work to meet the Combined MBE/WBE goal requirement. If a MBE/WBE firm is not found to do the same amount of work, a good faith effort must be submitted to NCDOT (see A herein for required documentation).

Changes in the Work

When the Engineer makes changes that result in the reduction or elimination of work to be performed by a committed MBE/WBE, the Contractor will not be required to seek additional participation. When the Engineer makes changes that result in additional work to be performed by a MBE/WBE based upon the Contractor's commitment, the MBE/WBE shall participate in additional work to the same extent as the MBE/WBE participated in the original contract work.

When the Engineer makes changes that result in extra work, which has more than a minimal impact on the contract amount, the Contractor shall seek additional participation by MBEs/WBEs unless otherwise approved by the Engineer.

When the Engineer makes changes that result in an alteration of plans or details of construction, and a portion or all of the work had been expected to be performed by a committed MBE/WBE, the Contractor shall seek participation by MBEs/WBEs unless otherwise approved by the Engineer.

When the Contractor requests changes in the work that result in the reduction or elimination of work that the Contractor committed to be performed by a MBE/WBE, the Contractor shall seek additional participation by MBEs/WBEs equal to the reduced MBE/WBE participation caused by the changes.

Reports and Documentation

A SAF (*Subcontract Approval Form*) shall be submitted for all work which is to be performed by a MBE/WBE subcontractor. The Department reserves the right to require copies of actual subcontract agreements involving MBE/WBE subcontractors.

When using transportation services to meet the contract commitment, the Contractor shall submit a proposed trucking plan in addition to the SAF. The plan shall be submitted prior to beginning construction on the project. The plan shall include the names of all trucking firms proposed for use, their certification type(s), the number of trucks owned by the firm, as well as the individual truck identification numbers, and the line item(s) being performed.

Within 30 calendar days of entering into an agreement with a MBE/WBE for materials, supplies or services, not otherwise documented by the SAF as specified above, the Contractor shall furnish the Engineer a copy of the agreement. The documentation shall also indicate the percentage (60% or 100%) of expenditures claimed for MBE/WBE credit.

Reporting Minority and Women Business Enterprise Participation

The Contractor shall provide the Engineer with an accounting of payments made to all MBE and WBE firms, including material suppliers and contractors at all levels (prime, subcontractor, or second tier subcontractor). This accounting shall be furnished to the Engineer for any given month by the end of the following month. Failure to submit this information accordingly may result in the following action:

- (A) Withholding of money due in the next partial pay estimate; or
- (B) Removal of an approved contractor from the prequalified bidders' list or the removal of other entities from the approved subcontractors list.

While each contractor (prime, subcontractor, 2nd tier subcontractor) is responsible for accurate accounting of payments to MBEs/WBEs, it shall be the prime contractor's responsibility to report all monthly and final payment information in the correct reporting manner.

Failure on the part of the Contractor to submit the required information in the time frame specified may result in the disqualification of that contractor and any affiliate companies from further bidding until the required information is submitted.

Failure on the part of any subcontractor to submit the required information in the time frame specified may result in the disqualification of that contractor and any affiliate companies from being approved for further work on future projects until the required information is submitted.

Contractors reporting transportation services provided by non-MBE/WBE lessees shall evaluate the value of services provided during the month of the reporting period only.

At any time, the Engineer can request written verification of subcontractor payments. The Contractor shall report the accounting of payments through the Department's DBE Payment Tracking System.

Failure to Meet Contract Requirements

Failure to meet contract requirements in accordance with Subarticle 102-15(J) of the 2018 Standard Specifications may be cause to disqualify the Contractor.

SUBSURFACE INFORMATION:

(7-1-95) 450 SPI G112 A

There is **no** subsurface information available on this project. The Contractor shall make his own investigation of subsurface conditions.

OUTSOURCING OUTSIDE THE USA:

(9-21-04) (Rev. 5-16-06) SPI G150

All work on consultant contracts, services contracts, and construction contracts shall be performed in the United States of America. No work shall be outsourced outside of the United States of America.

Outsourcing for the purpose of this provision is defined as the practice of subcontracting labor, work, services, staffing, or personnel to entities located outside of the United States.

The North Carolina Secretary of Transportation shall approve exceptions to this provision in writing.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR DAMAGES:

The Contractor shall indemnify and save harmless the Department of Transportation and its officers, agents, and employees from all suits, actions or claims by any character brought for any injury or damages received or sustained by any person, persons, or property by reason of any act of the Contractor, its agents or employees, in the performing of the Contract.

Any damages to adjacent shoulders, medians, paved areas, utilities, property owners, or other facilities that may occur during the work shall be at the Contractor's expense and be repaired or replaced by the contractor to the satisfaction of the Engineer.

PROJECT SPECIAL PROVISIONS

ROADWAY

EMERGENCY RESPONSE:

A separate bid item will be paid for emergency response for damaged guardrail, cable guiderail and or impact attenuators and shall include a cost for mobilizing into the county on an emergency basis. The Contractor shall replace all needed components of guardrail, cable guiderail, and or impact attenuators as directed by the Engineer and stabilize existing guardrail, cable guiderail, impact attenuators and appurtenances at the site. Under this item the Contractor shall respond, after initially being contacted by the Engineer, to the required work area(s) within 12 Hours. If the Contractor fails to respond to an emergency request within the specified time frame, payment for "Emergency Response" shall be forfeited and liquidated damages will be assessed in accordance with the Contract ICT's and may result in cancellation of this contract.

Emergency repairs for damaged guardrail/guiderail will have no minimum quantities and the Contractor shall consider this when bidding the item "*Emergency Response*". This work will be paid at the contract unit price for each occurrence of emergency response and will cover all incidentals involved in mobilizing and executing said work.

MOBILIZATION:

In Article 800-2 of the Standard Specifications, "Compensation" is deleted; therefore, payment for all routine mobilization will be considered incidental to the various bid items.

Routine maintenance will be requested only when the minimum amount of work required is at least 150 linear feet of steel beam guardrail repair or a minimum of 50 linear feet of cable guiderail reset or at least 150 linear feet of guardrail repair and guiderail reset combined.

The Contractor is reminded that maintenance and repair of guardrail/guiderail is a countywide operation and that the minimum amount stated above refers to the total work required countywide and not necessarily at one location. The Contractor shall notify the Engineer 24 hours in advance before beginning any work.

GUARDRAIL:

GENERAL

Steel beam guardrail shall be installed in accordance with Section 862 of the most current Standard Specifications and Roadway Standard Drawings 862.01, 862.02 and 862.03. Guardrail materials shall conform to Section 1046 of the current Standard Specifications.

The Contractor shall dismantle and remove damaged and/or existing guardrail and all components; including but not limited to concrete anchors, metal anchor sleeves, or anchor plates, at locations directed by the Engineer. The Contractor shall exercise care not to damage adjoining structures or other appurtenances. Any damage caused by the Contractor shall be repaired at no cost to the Department. All guardrail and components removed shall become the property of the Contractor.

Rail elements shall be erected to produce a smooth continuous rail paralleling the line and grade of the highway surface or as shown on the plans. Rail elements shall be lapping in the direction of traffic.

No additional compensation will be made for adjusting leaning posts to proper relative position.

There will be <u>no direct payment for removal and disposal of damaged and/or existing guardrail</u> as this work shall be considered incidental to the work covered by this section. The Contractor shall include the cost of removing and disposing of existing guardrail and components in the unit price bid for each of the guardrail items included in the contract.

The Contractor shall furnish and install Bracket Type Guardrail delineators (crystal or yellow) and Yellow Reflective Sheeting for End Delineation as directed by the Engineer. This work shall be in accordance with Standard Drawing Number 1261.01. The Contractor shall include the cost of furnishing and installing delineators and reflective sheeting in the unit price bid for the guardrail items included in this contract.

All work performed by the contractor shall be in compliance with the current Standard Specifications and Workmanship/Appearance done to the satisfaction of the Engineer. Any old or substandard guardrail shall be replaced with the current standard specifications, and as approved by the Engineer.

Basis of payment for this contract will be the unit price bid for the item(s) accepted in-place. Prices and payment will be full compensation for all work covered including temporary lane closures (2-lane, 2-way roadway), temporary shoulder closures, furnishing and erecting posts, offset blocks, rail, disposal of all damaged materials, and any other miscellaneous hardware necessary for the prosecution and completion of the work.

REPAIR OF STEEL BEAM GUARDRAIL

Steel Beam Guardrail Repair shall consist of the repair of steel beam guardrail. Price and payment under this item will be paid for as stated in the contract and shall include the repair, replacement, or assembly of guardrail including rail, post, offset block, traffic control (except for temporary lane closures on multi-lane roadways as per bid item), the disposal of all damaged materials, and any other miscellaneous hardware or incidentals needed to complete the work and as approved by the Engineer. Post replacement shall be of like kind as those removed. Intermixing of wooden and steel posts will not be allowed except for end treatments placed on guardrail with steel posts. Any old or substandard guardrail shall be replaced with the current standard specifications, and as approved by the Engineer. The quantity of steel beam guardrail repair will be paid for at the contract unit price per linear foot.

The Contractor shall replace all needed components of guardrail as directed by the Engineer and stabilize existing guardrail and appurtenances at the site. Cost for all necessary components and incidental hardware to complete the guardrail repair shall be reflected in the item unit price steel beam guardrail repair per linear foot. The guardrail end units / anchor units shall be paid for separately as the actual number of units which have been completed and accepted. Any work performed in an unsatisfactory manner could be basis for liquidated damages or cancellation of the contract.

STEEL BEAM GUARDRAIL (RAIL ONLY)

Under a separate bid item, <u>Steel Beam Guardrail (Rail Only)</u> shall include the removal of damaged rail and replacing with new rail, the disposal of all damaged materials, and any miscellaneous incidentals needed to complete this work, including traffic control. The quantity of steel beam guardrail (rail only) will be paid for at the contract unit price per linear foot of rail completed and accepted.

REMOVE EXISTING GUARDRAIL (Demolition Only)

The Contractor shall consider the separate bid item for <u>Remove Existing Guardrail (Demolition Only)</u> based on unit price per linear foot. This bid item <u>will not</u> involve installation or replacement of any new guardrail sections, anchors, or components. The Contractor shall include the cost of removing and disposing of existing guardrail and components in the unit price bid. All work shall meet the requirements of and shall be paid in accordance with Section 863 of the Standard Specifications.

REMOVE & RESET EXISTING GUARDRAIL

Under a separate bid item, Remove & Reset Existing Guardrail shall include the removal and resetting of existing rail, posts, blocks, and any miscellaneous incidentals needed to complete this work, including traffic control, at locations directed by the Engineer, and in accordance with Section 864 of the current Standard Specifications. Guardrail anchor units / end units shall be considered under the separate bid items. Remove & Reset shall be coordinated with other NCDOT construction on the site. The quantity of remove & reset existing guardrail will be paid for at the contract unit price per linear foot in accordance with Section 864 of the Standard Specifications.

SHOP CURVED (Rail Only)

Under a separate bid item, <u>Steel Beam Guardrail</u>, <u>Shop Curved (Rail Only)</u> shall include the removal of damaged rail and replacing with new rail, the disposal of all damaged materials, and any miscellaneous incidentals needed to complete this work, including traffic control. The quantity of Steel Beam Guardrail, Shop Curved (Rail Only)will be paid for at the contract unit price per linear foot of shop curved rail completed and accepted.

REPLACEMENT PART

The guardrail/guiderail item identified on the bid form as (Replacement Part) shall be replaced as requested and directed by the Engineer or his representative, anywhere in the county the component is found deficient or missing. These Replacement parts are as follows and will be paid for separately using the following Line Items:

Pay Item	Pay Unit
Head (Replacement Part- Type 350 and	Each
M350)	
Anchor Rail (Replacement Part- Type	Linear Foot
350 and M350)	
Steel Hinged Post (Replacement Part-	Each
Type 350 and M350)	
6' Steel Breakaway Post (Weakend)	Each
(Replacement Part- Type 350 and	
M350)	
Buffer End Section CAT-1 / AT-1	Each
Typical End Shoe	Each

In reference to the guardrail replacement part "Anchor Rail, Type 350 and 350M", the cost for yoke, cable, and cable hardware shall be considered incidental and reflected in the item unit price to complete the work for replacement part "Anchor Rail".

No additional compensation will be made for adjusting leaning posts to proper relative position.

POST (Replacement Part)

The Contractor shall consider a separate bid item for the component <u>Guardrail Post (M)</u>, steel or wood, included in the unit price per each. This (Replacement Part) component may be requested by the Engineer independently in a location where the component is found deficient or missing, anywhere in the county. This work shall consist of setting the post and is to include block and all hardware necessary to complete the installation of specified post, as directed by the Engineer. Guardrail post is incidental to Steel Beam Guardrail Repair above.

BLOCK (Replacement Part)

The Contractor shall consider a separate bid item for the component <u>Guardrail Offset Block</u>, wood or poly, included in the unit price per each. This (Replacement Part) component may be requested by the Engineer independently in a location where the component is found deficient or missing, anywhere in the county. This work shall consist of setting the block and is to include all hardware necessary to complete the installation of specified block, as directed by the Engineer. Guardrail offset block is incidental to Steel Beam Guardrail Repair above.

TEMPORARY LANE CLOSURE – MULTI-LANE ROADWAY

The Contractor shall consider the separate bid item for <u>Temporary Lane Closure – Multi-Lane Roadway (Engineer Discretion)</u> included in the unit price per each. Temporary lane closure requires approval of Engineer or his representative prior to the commencement of work at a specified location. Temporary Lane Closures will be paid for on a per each basis for each lane closure installed, maintained & accepted. This pay item includes but is not limited to all stationary or portable signing, barrels, cones, message boards, lighting, etc.

TEMPORARY LANE/SHOULDER CLOSURE – 2-LANE ROADWAY

There shall be no direct payment for temporary lane closure (2-lane, 2-way roadway) and temporary shoulder closure as this work shall be considered incidental to the work covered by this contract (see Traffic Control provision). The Contractor shall include the cost for temporary lane closures for 2-lane, 2-way roadways and temporary shoulder closures in the unit price bid for the guardrail items included in the contract.

Payment for guardrail unit prices bid, measured as provided for above, will be full compensation for all work covered by this provision including materials and all incidentals necessary to complete the work satisfactorily.

IMPACT ATTENUATOR UNITS, TYPE 350:

(4-20-04) (Rev. 7-21-15)

SP8 R75

Description

Furnish and install impact attenuator units and any components necessary to connect the impact attenuator units in accordance with the manufacturer's requirement, the details in the plans and at locations shown in the plans.

Materials

Furnish impact attenuator units listed on the <u>Approved Products List</u> at <u>https://apps.dot.state.nc.us/vendor/approvedproducts/</u> or approved equal. Prior to installation the Contractor shall submit to the Engineer:

- (A) FHWA acceptance letter for each impact attenuator unit certifying it meets the requirements of NCHRP Report 350, Test Level 3, in accordance with Article 106-2 of the 2018 Standard Specifications.
- (B) Certified working drawings and assembling instructions from the manufacturer for each impact attenuator unit in accordance with Article 105-2 of the 2018 Standard Specifications.

No modifications shall be made to the impact attenuator unit without the express written permission from the manufacturer. Perform installation in accordance with the details in the plans and details and assembling instructions furnished by the manufacturer.

Construction Methods

If the median width is 40 feet or less, the Contractor shall supply NON-GATING Impact Attenuator Units.

If the median width is greater than 40 feet, the Contractor may use GATING or NON-GATING Impact Attenuator Units.

Measurement and Payment

Impact Attenuator Unit, Type 350 will be measured and paid at the contract unit price per each. Such prices and payment will be full compensation for all work covered by this provision including, but not limited to, furnishing, installing and all incidentals necessary to complete the work.

Payment will be made under:

Pay ItemPay UnitImpact Attenuator Units, Type 350Each

GUARDRAIL END UNITS, TYPE - TL-3:

(4-20-04) (Rev. 7-1-17) 862 SP8 R65

Description

Furnish and install guardrail end units in accordance with the details in the plans, the applicable requirements of Section 862 of the 2018 Standard Specifications, and at locations shown in the plans.

Materials

Furnish guardrail end units listed on the NCDOT <u>Approved Products List</u> at https://apps.dot.state.nc.us/vendor/approvedproducts/ or approved equal.

Prior to installation the Contractor shall submit to the Engineer:

- (A) FHWA acceptance letter for each guardrail end unit certifying it meets the requirements of the AASHTO Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware, Test Level 3, in accordance with Article 106-2 of the 2018 Standard Specifications.
- (B) Certified working drawings and assembling instructions from the manufacturer for each guardrail end unit in accordance with Article 105-2 of the 2018 Standard Specifications.

No modifications shall be made to the guardrail end unit without the express written permission from the manufacturer. Perform installation in accordance with the details in the plans, and details and assembling instructions furnished by the manufacturer.

Construction Methods

Guardrail end delineation is required on all approach and trailing end sections for both temporary and permanent installations. Guardrail end delineation consists of yellow reflective sheeting applied to the entire end section of the guardrail in accordance with Article 1088-3 of the 2018 Standard Specifications and is incidental to the cost of the guardrail end unit.

Measurement and Payment

Measurement and payment will be made in accordance with Article 862-6 of the 2018 Standard Specifications.

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Pay ItemPay UnitGuardrail End Units, Type TL-3Each

GUARDRAIL ANCHOR UNITS AND TEMPORARY GUARDRAIL ANCHOR UNITS:

(1-16-2018)

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SP8 R70

Guardrail anchor units will be in accordance with the details in the plans and the applicable requirements of Section 862 of the 2018 Standard Specifications.

Revise the 2018 Standard Specifications as follows:

Page 8-42, Article 862-6 MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT, add the following:

Guardrail Anchor Units, Type ___ and Temporary Guardrail Anchor Units Type ___ will be measured and paid as units of each completed and accepted. No separate measurement will be made of any rail, terminal sections, posts, offset blocks, concrete, hardware or any other components of the completed unit that are within the pay limits shown in the plans for the unit as all such components will be considered to be part of the unit.

Payment will be made under:

Pay Item	Pay Unit
Guardrail Anchor Units, Type	Each
Temporary Guardrail Anchor Units, Type	Each

REMOVE AND STOCKPILE EXISTING GUARDRAIL:

(7-1-95) (Rev. 7-18-06) 840, 859 SP8 R55

Description

Carefully dismantle and remove existing guardrail and all components, concrete anchors included, at locations indicated in the plans and neatly stockpile it on the right of way, with the small parts stored in sturdy containers, for removal by State Forces. Dispose of the concrete anchors.

Measurement and Payment

Remove and Stockpile Existing Guardrail will be measured and paid as the actual number of linear feet of guardrail that has been satisfactorily removed and stockpiled. Measurement will be made from center to center of the outermost post in the length of guardrail being removed. Measurement will be made prior to removing the guardrail. Such price and payment will be full compensation for dismantling, removing, stockpiling, disposing of the concrete anchors, and all other incidentals necessary to complete the work.

Payment will be made under:

Pay ItemPay UnitRemove and Stockpile Existing GuardrailLinear Foot

GUARDRAIL TRANSITION SECTION DBL FACE WEAK TO DBL FACE NORMAL:

A transition section may be required to connect the DBL Face Weak to the DBL Face Normal. All posts are to be replaced with a similar material, such as wood for wood posts and steel for steel posts. Steel beam guardrail transitions must be approved by the Engineer prior to installation.

ADDITIONAL GUARDRAIL DELINATORS:

(Div. 12 SP)

Furnish guardrail & cable guiderail delineators in accordance with section 1088-2 of the 2018 Standard Specifications. Install guardrail & cable guiderail delineators in accordance with sections 862-4 and 854-3(C) of 2018 Standard Specifications and NCDOT Standard Drawings Nos. 865.01, 1261.01 and 1261.02.

The Contractor shall replace guardrail & cable guiderail delineators at any location within the County where the component is found missing or deficient as required by contract or directed by the Engineer.

Such price and payment will include but is not limited to furnishing delineators, hardware, and installation. Payment will not be made for any delineators installed on sections of guardrail or cable guiderail that has been newly installed, replaced or repaired as such work will be considered incidental to the installation, repair or replacement.

Payment will made as:

Pay Item Pay Unit

Additional Guardrail Delineator (***, ***) Each

CABLE GUIDERAIL:

Construction shall be performed in accordance with the applicable requirements of Section 865 of the current <u>Standard Specifications</u>, the details and instructions furnished by the manufacturer, and in a manner approved by the Engineer.

The Contractor shall dismantle and remove damaged and/or existing guiderail and all components; including concrete anchors, metal anchor sleeves, or anchor plates, at locations directed by the Engineer. The Contractor shall exercise care not to damage adjoining structures or other appurtenances. Any damage caused by the Contractor shall be repaired at no cost to the Department. All guiderail and components removed shall become the property of the Contractor.

There will be <u>no direct payment for removing and disposing of damaged and/or existing guiderail</u> as this work shall be considered incidental to the work covered by this section. The Contractor shall include the cost of removing and disposing of existing guiderail and components in the unit price bid for the various guiderail items included in the contract. No additional compensation will be made for adjusting leaning posts so they are in proper relative position.

REPAIR GUIDERAIL

<u>Cable Guiderail Repair</u> shall consist of the repairing, resetting, or new installation of cable guiderail. Price and payment under this item will be paid for as stated in the contract and shall include intermediate post, hook bolt, delineator, re-attaching cable-rail, the re-tensioning of cable-rail, traffic control (except for temporary lane closures on multi-lane roadways pre-approved by Engineer), the disposal of all damaged materials, and any other miscellaneous incidentals needed to complete the work and as approved by the Engineer. The unit price for <u>Cable Guiderail Repair</u> does not include the cost of cable-rail, splices, end anchor post, spring assembly, anchor angle, turnbuckle, and/or anchor unit. Post replacement shall be of like kind as those removed. The quantity of cable guiderail that is repaired or reset will be paid for at the contract unit price per linear foot as measured from standing post to standing post.

CABLE

Under a separate bid item, <u>cable-rail</u> shall include the removal of a portion of one damaged cable-rail and replacing with a new cable-rail including new splices, attaching new cable-rail, retensioning of cable-rail, the disposal of all damaged materials, and any miscellaneous incidentals needed to complete this work item, including traffic control. The quantity of cable-rail will be paid for at the contract unit price per linear foot per each strand completed and accepted.

ANCHOR UNIT

Under a separate bid item, <u>cable guiderail anchor unit</u> shall include the concrete anchor, anchor rods, anchor post, the disposal of all damaged materials, and any miscellaneous incidentals needed to complete this work, including traffic control. The quantity of cable guiderail anchor units will be paid for at the contract unit price per each for each unit completed and accepted.

BREAKAWAY ANCHOR ANGLE

The Contractor shall consider a separate bid item for <u>Cable Guiderail Breakaway Anchor Angle</u> to be paid for at the contract unit price per each anchor completed and accepted.

ANCHOR POST

The Contractor shall consider a separate bid item for <u>Cable Guiderail Anchor Post</u> to be paid for at the contract unit price per each post completed and accepted.

SPLICES

The Contractor shall consider a separate bid item for <u>Cable Guiderail Splice</u> to be paid for at the contract unit price per each for each splice completed and accepted.

SPRING CABLE END ASSEMBLY

The Contractor shall consider a separate bid item for <u>Cable Guiderail Spring Cable End</u>
<u>Assembly</u> to be paid for at the contract unit price per each assembly completed and accepted.

TURNBUCKLE

The Contractor shall consider a separate bid item for <u>Cable Guiderail Turnbuckle</u> to be paid for at the contract unit price per each turnbuckle completed and accepted.

INTERMEDIATE POST (Replacement Part)

The Contractor shall consider a separate bid item for <u>Cable Guiderail Intermediate Posts</u> (<u>Replacement Part</u>) to be paid for at the contract unit price per each. Replacement intermediate posts shall include the removal of deficient posts noted by the Engineer and replacing with new posts, attaching existing cable-rail, and all hardware needed to complete this work. Post replacement shall be of like kind as those removed.

HOOK BOLT (Replacement Part)

The Contractor shall consider a separate bid item for <u>Cable Guiderail Hook Bolt (Replacement Part)</u> to be paid for at the contract unit price per each. Replacement hook bolt shall include the removal of deficient hook bolt noted by the Engineer and replacing with new hook bolt, attaching existing cable-rail, and all hardware needed to complete this work.

RE-TENSIONING (Replacement Part)

The Contractor shall consider a separate bid item for <u>Cable Guiderail Re-tensioning</u> (<u>Replacement Part</u>) to be paid for at the contract unit price per each strand completed and accepted.

END POST CAP (Replacement Part)

The Contractor shall consider a separate bid item for <u>Cable Guiderail End Post Cap</u> (<u>Replacement Part</u>) to be paid for at the contract unit price per each End Post Cap completed and accepted.

END POST BEARING PLATE (Replacement Part)

The Contractor shall consider a separate bid item for <u>Cable Guiderail End Post Bearing Plate</u> (<u>Replacement Part</u>) to be paid for at the contract unit price per each Bearing Plate completed and accepted.

<u>TEMPORARY LANE CLOSURE – MULTI-LANE ROADWAY (ENGINEER DISCRETION)</u>

The Contractor shall consider the separate bid item for <u>Temporary Lane Closure – Multi-Lane Roadway (Engineer Discretion)</u> included in the unit price per each. Temporary lane closure requires approval of the Engineer or his representative prior to commencement of work at a specified location. Temporary Lane Closures will be paid for on a per each basis for each lane closure installed, maintained & accepted. This pay item includes but is not limited to all stationary or portable signing, barrels, cones, message boards, lighting, etc. that is necessary to accomplish the work in accordance with NCDOT Standards.

TEMPORARY LANE/SHOULDER CLOSURE – 2-LANE ROADWAY

There shall be no direct payment for temporary lane closure (2-lane, 2-way roadway) and temporary shoulder closure as this work shall be considered incidental to the work covered by

this contract (see Traffic Control provision). The Contractor shall include the cost for temporary lane closures for 2-lane, 2-way roadways and temporary shoulder closures in the unit price bid for the guardrail items included in the contract.

Payment for cable guiderail unit prices bid, measured as provided for above, will be full compensation for all work covered by this provision including materials and all incidentals necessary to complete the work satisfactorily.

CONCRETE MEDIAN BARRIER REPAIR

Repair damaged concrete median barrier in accordance with Section 854 of the Standard Specifications. Payment will be made per cubic yard of repair material placed and accepted on a case by case basis. Payment includes but is not limited to mobilization, labor, materials and all other incidentals necessary to complete the work.

AFTER HOURS CONCRETE RESPONSE

The Contractor shall consider the separate bid item for After Hours Concrete Response included in the unit price per each. This response shall include all costs, labor and materials associated with mobilization and concrete placement occurring after 6:00 p.m. and before 6:00 a.m. Monday thru Friday or anytime Saturday or Sunday. After Hours Concrete Response requires the approval of the Engineer or Representative prior to the commencement of work at the specified location(s). After Hours Concrete Response will be paid for on a per each basis and may include multiple locations per response.

TEMPORARY LANE CLOSURE FOR MEDIAN BARRIER REPAIR

The Contractor shall consider the separate bid item for <u>Temporary Lane Closure For Median Barrier Repair</u> included in the unit price per each. Temporary Lane Closure for Median Barrier Repair requires approval of the Engineer or his representative prior to commencement of work at a specified location. Temporary Lane Closures for Median Barrier Repair will be paid for on a per each basis for each lane closure installed, maintained & accepted. This pay item includes but is not limited to all stationary or portable signing, barrels, cones, message boards, lighting, etc. that is necessary to accomplish the work in accordance with NCDOT Standards.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR DAMAGES:

The Contractor shall indemnify and save harmless the Department of Transportation and its officers, agents, and employees from all suits, actions or claims by any character brought for any injury or damages received or sustained by any person, persons, or property by reason of any act of the Contractor, its agents or employees, in the performing of the Contract.

Any damages to adjacent shoulders, medians, paved areas, utilities, property owners, or other facilities that may occur during the work shall be at the Contractor's expense and be repaired or replaced by the contractor to the satisfaction of the Engineer.

TRAFFIC CONTROL AND WORK ZONE SAFETY

(On Call - Div. 12)

The Contractor shall maintain traffic during construction and provide, install, maintain and remove all traffic control devices in accordance with the Project Special Provisions, the most current edition of the <u>Standard Specifications for Roads and Structures</u>, <u>NCDOT Standard Drawings</u> and the <u>Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices</u> (MUTCD).

The Contractor performing the work zone traffic control shall have a minimum of one (1) NCDOT Certified Work Zone Supervisor present at all times. For information on how to become a Certified Work Zone Supervisor go to https://connect.ncdot.gov/projects/WZTC/Pages/Training.aspx

The Contractor shall abide by all traffic control regulations and maintain an open, safe lane of traffic at all times for the traveling public with the necessary flagmen and or pilot vehicle as the job deems necessary with the approval of the Engineer. The Contractor must maintain service to all businesses during their hours of operations.

The Contractor shall utilize complete and proper traffic controls and traffic control devices during all operations. All signs, traffic control, and traffic control devices required for any operation shall be functional and in place prior to the commencement of that operation. Signs for temporary operations shall be removed during periods of inactivity. The Contractor is required to leave the project in a manner that will be safe to the traveling public and which will not impede motorists.

The portable work zone signs shall be 48"x 48" black on orange signs and must meet or exceed the requirements of NCHRP 350 for Work Zone Category II Devices. Use portable work zone signs and stands specifically designed for one another. Roadway to sign mounting height shall be 5 feet minimum off the ground (refer to Roadway Standard Drawing 1110.02). Signs shall be either composite, aluminum, or retroreflective roll-up (Non-reflective Mesh Signs will not be accepted). Portable work zone signs shall be mounted 3' minimum from travel lane on the right shoulder or in the median to maintain a work zone of 2-mile maximum length. Shoulder and median signing will be required for Divided Facilities. Additional signs should be placed at intersections and interchanges where traffic is entering the work area. Care should be taken that these signs are displayed only while work is underway.

When personnel and equipment are working on the shoulder adjacent to an undivided facility and within 10 feet of an open travel lane, close the nearest open travel lane using the *Roadway Standard Drawings* No. 1101.02 unless the work area is protected by barrier or guardrail. When personnel and equipment are working on the shoulder, adjacent to a divided facility and within 15 feet of an open travel lane, close the nearest open travel lane using the *Roadway Standard Drawings* No. 1101.02 unless the work area is protected by barrier or guardrail. When personnel and equipment are working within a lane of travel of an undivided or divided facility, close the lane according to the traffic control plans, *Roadway Standard Drawings* or as directed by the Engineer. In certain situations a shoulder closure utilizing barrels may be required by the Engineer. Conduct the work so that all personnel and equipment remain within the closed travel lane. Do not work simultaneously, on both sides of an open travel way, within the same location, on a two-lane, two-way road. Do not perform work involving heavy equipment within 15 feet of the edge of travel way when work is being performed behind a lane closure on the opposite side of the travel way. Perform work only when weather and visibility conditions allow safe operations as directed by the Engineer.

Traffic movements through lane closures on roads with two-way traffic shall be controlled by flaggers stationed at each end of the work zone. In situations where sight distance is limited, the Contractor shall provide additional means of controlling traffic, including, but not limited to, two-way radios, pilot vehicles,

or additional flaggers. Flaggers shall be competent personnel, adequately trained in flagging procedures, and furnished with proper safety devices and equipment, including, but not limited to, safety vests and stop/slow paddles.

All personnel when working in traffic areas or areas in close proximity to traffic shall wear an approved safety vest, or shirt or jacket which meets the most current reflectivity standards and the color requirements of the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).

The Contractor shall comply with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws, ordinances, and regulations governing safety, health, and sanitation, and shall provide all safeguards, safety devices, and protective equipment, and shall take any other needed actions, on his own responsibility that are reasonably necessary to protect the life and health of employees on the job and the safety of the public, and to protect property in connection with the performance of the work covered by the contract.

Failure to comply with any of the requirements for safety and traffic control as specified in this contract shall result in suspension of work as provided in Subarticle 108-7(2) of the 2018 Standard Specifications.

Any Lane Closures must be preapproved by the Engineer or their representative. Unapproved lane closures will not be paid for.

Payment will be made for the specific traffic control pay items included in this contract, no separate or direct payment will be made for supplying traffic control, traffic control devices, or signing otherwise, as all such work will be considered incidental to the various other pay items included in this contract.

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STANDARD SPECIAL PROVISION AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS – TERMINATION OF CONTRACTS

General Statute 143C-6-11. (h) Highway Appropriation is hereby incorporated verbatim in this contract as follows:

(h) Amounts Encumbered. – Transportation project appropriations may be encumbered in the amount of allotments made to the Department of Transportation by the Director for the estimated payments for transportation project contract work to be performed in the appropriation fiscal year. The allotments shall be multiyear allotments and shall be based on estimated revenues and shall be subject to the maximum contract authority contained in *General Statute 143C-6-11(c)*. Payment for transportation project work performed pursuant to contract in any fiscal year other than the current fiscal year is subject to appropriations by the General Assembly. Transportation project contracts shall contain a schedule of estimated completion progress, and any acceleration of this progress shall be subject to the approval of the Department of Transportation provided funds are available. The State reserves the right to terminate or suspend any transportation project contract, and any transportation project contract shall be so terminated or suspended if funds will not be available for payment of the work to be performed during that fiscal year pursuant to the contract. In the event of termination of any contract, the contractor shall be given a written notice of termination at least 60 days before completion of scheduled work for which funds are available. In the event of termination, the contractor shall be paid for the work already performed in accordance with

Payment will be made on any contract terminated pursuant to the special provision in accordance with Subarticle 108-13(D) of the 2018 Standard Specifications.

ERRATA

(2-12-18) Z-4

Revise the 2018 Standard Specifications as follows:

Division 7

Page 7-27, line 4, Article 725-1 MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT, replace article number "725-1" with "724-4".

Page 7-28, line 10, Article 725-1 MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT, replace article number "725-1" with "725-3".

Division 8

Page 8-23, lines 3, 6, 11 and 13, Section 836, SLUICE GATE, replace article number "8366" with "836".

Division 10

Page 10-69, Table 1046-1 WIRE DIAMETER, rename RECYCLED PLASTIC AND COMPOSITE OFFSET BLOCK PROPERTIES

Page 10-162, line 1, Article 1080-50 PAINT FOR VERTICAL MARKERS, replace article number "1080-50" with "1080-10".

Page 10-162, line 5, Article 1080-61 EPOXY RESIN FOR REINFORCING STEEL, replace article number "1080-61" with "1080-11".

Page 10-162, line 22, Article 1080-72 ABRASIVE MATERIALS FOR BLAST CLEANING STEEL, replace article number "1080-72" with "1080-12".

Page 10-163, line 25, Article 1080-83 FIELD PERFORMANCE AND SERVICES, replace article number "1080-83" with "1080-13".

PLANT AND PEST QUARANTINES

(Imported Fire Ant, Gypsy Moth, Witchweed, Emerald Ash Borer, And Other Noxious Weeds)
(3-18-03) (Rev. 12-20-16)
Z-04a

Within Quarantined Area

This project may be within a county regulated for plant and/or pests. If the project or any part of the Contractor's operations is located within a quarantined area, thoroughly clean all equipment prior to moving out of the quarantined area. Comply with federal/state regulations by obtaining a certificate or limited permit for any regulated article moving from the quarantined area.

Originating in a Quarantined County

Obtain a certificate or limited permit issued by the N.C. Department of Agriculture/United States Department of Agriculture. Have the certificate or limited permit accompany the article when it arrives at the project site.

Contact

Contact the N.C. Department of Agriculture/United States Department of Agriculture at 1-800-206-9333, 919-707-3730, or http://www.ncagr.gov/plantindustry/ to determine those specific project sites located in the quarantined area or for any regulated article used on this project originating in a quarantined county.

Regulated Articles Include

- 1. Soil, sand, gravel, compost, peat, humus, muck, and decomposed manure, separately or with other articles. This includes movement of articles listed above that may be associated with cut/waste, ditch pulling, and shoulder cutting.
- 2. Plants with roots including grass sod.
- 3. Plant crowns and roots.
- 4. Bulbs, corms, rhizomes, and tubers of ornamental plants.
- 5. Hay, straw, fodder, and plant litter of any kind.
- 6. Clearing and grubbing debris.
- 7. Used agricultural cultivating and harvesting equipment.
- 8. Used earth-moving equipment.
- 9. Any other products, articles, or means of conveyance, of any character, if determined by an inspector to present a hazard of spreading imported fire ant, gypsy moth, witchweed, emerald ash borer, or other noxious weeds.

MINIMUM WAGES

(7-21-09) Z-5

FEDERAL: The Fair Labor Standards Act provides that with certain exceptions every employer

shall pay wages at the rate of not less than SEVEN DOLLARS AND TWENTY FIVE CENTS (\$7.25) per hour

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STATE: The North Carolina Minimum Wage Act provides that every employer shall pay to

each of his employees, wages at a rate of not less than SEVEN DOLLARS AND

TWENTY FIVE CENTS (\$7.25) per hour.

The minimum wage paid to all skilled labor employed on this contract shall be

SEVEN DOLLARS AND TWENTY FIVE CENTS (\$7.25) per hour.

The minimum wage paid to all intermediate labor employed on this contract shall

be SEVEN DOLLARS AND TWENTY FIVE CENTS (\$7.25) per hour.

The minimum wage paid to all unskilled labor on this contract shall be SEVEN

DOLLARS AND TWENTY FIVE CENTS (\$7.25) per hour.

This determination of the intent of the application of this act to the contract on this

project is the responsibility of the Contractor.

The Contractor shall have no claim against the Department of Transportation for any changes in the minimum wage laws, Federal or State. It is the responsibility of the Contractor to keep fully informed of all Federal and State Laws affecting his contract.

TITLE VI AND NONDISCRIMINATION:

(6-28-77)(Rev 6/19/2018)

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Revise the 2018 Standard Specifications as follows:

Replace Article 103-4(B) with the following:

The North Carolina Department of Transportation is committed to carrying out the U.S. Department of Transportation's policy of ensuring nondiscrimination in the award and administration of contracts.

The provisions of this section related to United States Department of Transportation (US DOT) Order 1050.2A, Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 21, 23 United States Code (U.S.C.) 140 and 23 CFR part 200 (or 49 CFR 303, 49 U.S.C. 5332 or 49 U.S.C. 47123) are applicable to all North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) contracts and to all related subcontracts, material supply, engineering, architectural and other service contracts, regardless of dollar amount. Any Federal provision that is specifically required not specifically set forth is hereby incorporated by reference.

(1) Title VI Assurances (USDOT Order 1050.2A, Appendix A)

During the performance of this contract, the contractor, for itself, its assignees, and successors in interest (hereinafter referred to as the "contractor") agrees as follows:

(a) Compliance with Regulations

The contractor (hereinafter includes consultants) shall comply with the Acts and the Regulations relative to Nondiscrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), as they may be amended from time to time, which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this contract.

(b) Nondiscrimination

The contractor, with regard to the work performed by it during the contract, shall not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in the selection and retention of subcontractors, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment. The contractor shall not participate directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by the Acts and the Regulations, including employment practices when the contract covers any activity, project, or program set forth in Appendix B of 49 CFR Part 21.

(c) Solicitations for Subcontractors, Including Procurements of Materials and Equipment

In all solicitations, either by competitive bidding, or negotiation made by the contractor for work to be performed under a subcontract, including procurements of materials, or leases of equipment, each potential subcontractor or supplier shall be notified by the contractor of the contractor's obligations under this contract and the Acts and the Regulations relative to Nondiscrimination on the grounds of race, color, or national origin.

(d) Information and Reports

The contractor shall provide all information and reports required by the Acts, the Regulations, and directives issued pursuant thereto and shall permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information, and its facilities as may be determined by the Recipient or the FHWA to be pertinent to ascertain compliance with such Acts, Regulations, and instructions. Where any information required of a contractor is in the exclusive possession of another who

fails or refuses to furnish the information, the contractor shall so certify to the Recipient or the FHWA, as appropriate, and shall set forth what efforts it has made to obtain the information.

(e) Sanctions for Noncompliance:

In the event of a contractor's noncompliance with the Non-discrimination provisions of this contract, the Recipient will impose such contract sanctions as it and/or the FHWA may determine to be appropriate, including, but not limited to:

- (i) Withholding payments to the contractor under the contract until the contractor complies; and/or
- (ii) Cancelling, terminating, or suspending a contract, in whole or in part.

(f) Incorporation of Provisions

The contractor shall include the provisions of paragraphs one through six in every subcontract, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment, unless exempt by the Acts, the Regulations and directives issued pursuant thereto. The contractor shall take action with respect to any subcontract or procurement as the Recipient or the FHWA may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance. Provided, that if the contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with litigation by a subcontractor, or supplier because of such direction, the contractor may request the Recipient to enter into any litigation to protect the interests of the Recipient. In addition, the contractor may request the United States to enter into the litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

(2) Title VI Nondiscrimination Program (23 CFR 200.5(p))

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) has assured the USDOT that, as a condition to receiving federal financial assistance, NCDOT will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and all requirements imposed by Title 49 CFR part 21 and related nondiscrimination authorities to ensure that no person shall, on the ground of race, color, national origin, limited English proficiency, sex, age, or disability (including religion/creed or income-level, where applicable), be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any programs, activities, or services conducted or funded by NCDOT. Contractors and other organizations under contract or agreement with NCDOT must also comply with Title VI and related authorities, therefore:

- (a) During the performance of this contract or agreement, contractors (e.g., subcontractors, consultants, vendors, prime contractors) are responsible for complying with NCDOT's Title VI Program. Contractors are not required to prepare or submit Title VI Programs. To comply with this section, the prime contractor shall:
 - 1. Post NCDOT's Notice of Nondiscrimination and the Contractor's own Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Policy in conspicuous locations accessible to all employees, applicants and subcontractors on the jobsite.
 - 2. Physically incorporate the required Title VI clauses into all subcontracts on federally-assisted and state-funded NCDOT projects, and ensure inclusion by subcontractors into all lower-tier subcontracts.
 - 3. Required Solicitation Language. The Contractor shall include the following notification in all solicitations for bids and requests for work or material, regardless of funding source:
 - "The North Carolina Department of Transportation, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 US.C. §§

2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award. In accordance with other related nondiscrimination authorities, bidders and contractors will also not be discriminated against on the grounds of sex, age, disability, low-income level, creed/religion, or limited English proficiency in consideration for an award."

- 4. Physically incorporate the FHWA-1273, in its entirety, into all subcontracts and subsequent lower tier subcontracts on Federal-aid highway construction contracts only.
- 5. Provide language assistance services (i.e., written translation and oral interpretation), free of charge, to LEP employees and applicants. Contact NCDOT OCR for further assistance, if needed.
- 6. For assistance with these Title VI requirements, contact the NCDOT Title VI Nondiscrimination Program at 1-800-522-0453.
- (b) Subrecipients (e.g. cities, counties, LGAs, planning organizations) may be required to prepare and submit a Title VI Plan to NCDOT, including Title VI Assurances and/or agreements. Subrecipients must also ensure compliance by their contractors and subrecipients with Title VI. (23 CFR 200.9(b)(7))
- (c) If reviewed or investigated by NCDOT, the contractor or subrecipient agrees to take affirmative action to correct any deficiencies found within a reasonable time period, not to exceed 90 calendar days, unless additional time is granted by NCDOT. (23 CFR 200.9(b)(15))
- (d) The Contractor is responsible for notifying subcontractors of NCDOT's External Discrimination Complaints Process.

1. Applicability

Title VI and related laws protect participants and beneficiaries (e.g., members of the public and contractors) from discrimination by NCDOT employees, subrecipients and contractors, regardless of funding source.

2. Eligibility

Any person—or class of persons—who believes he/she has been subjected to discrimination based on race, color, national origin, Limited English Proficiency (LEP), sex, age, or disability (and religion in the context of employment, aviation, or transit) may file a written complaint. The law also prohibits intimidation or retaliation of any sort.

3. Time Limits and Filing Options

Complaints may be filed by the affected individual(s) or a representative and must be filed no later than 180 calendar days after the following:

- (i) The date of the alleged act of discrimination; or
- (ii) The date when the person(s) became aware of the alleged discrimination; or
- (iii) Where there has been a continuing course of conduct, the date on which that conduct was discontinued or the latest instance of the conduct.

Title VI and related discrimination complaints may be submitted to the following entities:

- North Carolina Department of Transportation, Office of Civil Rights, Title VI Program, 1511 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1511; toll free 1-800-522-0453
- ➤ Federal Highway Administration, North Carolina Division Office, 310 New Bern Avenue, Suite 410, Raleigh, NC 27601, 919-747-7010
- ➤ US Department of Transportation, Departmental Office of Civil Rights, External Civil Rights Programs Division, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20590; 202-366-4070

4. Format for Complaints

Complaints must be in writing and signed by the complainant(s) or a representative, and include the complainant's name, address, and telephone number. Complaints received by fax or e-mail will be acknowledged and processed. Allegations received by telephone will be reduced to writing and provided to the complainant for confirmation or revision before processing. Complaints will be accepted in other languages, including Braille.

5. Discrimination Complaint Form

Contact NCDOT Civil Rights to receive a full copy of the Discrimination Complaint Form and procedures.

6. Complaint Basis

Allegations must be based on issues involving race, color, national origin (LEP), sex, age, disability, or religion (in the context of employment, aviation or transit). "Basis" refers to the complainant's membership in a protected group category.

TABLE 103-1 COMPLAINT BASIS						
Protected Categories	Definition	Examples	Applicable Nondiscrimination Authorities			
Race and Ethnicity	An individual belonging to one of the accepted racial groups; or the perception, based usually on physical characteristics that a person is a member of a racial group	Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, Asian, American Indian/Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, White	Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; 49 CFR Part 21; 23 CFR 200; 49 U.S.C. 5332(b); 49 U.S.C. 47123. (Executive Order 13166)			
Color	Color of skin, including shade of skin within a racial group	Black, White, brown, yellow, etc.				
National Origin (Limited English Proficiency)	Place of birth. Citizenship is not a factor. (Discrimination based on language or a person's accent is also covered)	Mexican, Cuban, Japanese, Vietnamese, Chinese				
Sex	Gender. The sex of an individual. Note: Sex under this program does not include sexual orientation.	Women and Men	1973 Federal-Aid Highway Act; 49 U.S.C. 5332(b); 49 U.S.C. 47123.			
Age	Persons of any age	21-year-old person	Age Discrimination Act of 1975			

			49 U.S.C. 5332(b); 49 U.S.C. 47123.
Disability	Physical or mental impairment, permanent or temporary, or perceived.	Blind, alcoholic, para-amputee, epileptic, diabetic, arthritic	Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
Religion (in the context of employment) (Religion/ Creed in all aspects of any aviation or transit-related construction)	An individual belonging to a religious group; or the perception, based on distinguishable characteristics that a person is a member of a religious group. In practice, actions taken as a result of the moral and ethical beliefs as to what is right and wrong, which are sincerely held with the strength of traditional religious views. <i>Note:</i> Does not have to be associated with a recognized religious group or church; if an individual sincerely holds to the belief, it is a protected religious practice.	Muslim, Christian, Sikh, Hindu, etc.	Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; 23 CFR 230; FHWA-1273 Required Contract Provisions. (49 U.S.C. 5332(b); 49 U.S.C. 47123)

(3) Pertinent Nondiscrimination Authorities

During the performance of this contract, the contractor, for itself, its assignees, and successors in interest agrees to comply with the following non-discrimination statutes and authorities, including, but not limited to:

- (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq., 78 stat. 252), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin); and 49 CFR Part 21.
- (b) The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, (42 U.S.C. § 4601), (prohibits unfair treatment of persons displaced or whose property has been acquired because of Federal or Federal-aid programs and projects);
- (c) Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973, (23 U.S.C. § 324 et seq.), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex);
- (d) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (29 U.S.C. § 794 et seq.), as amended, (prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability) and 49 CFR Part 27;
- (e) The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, (42 U.S.C. § 6101 et seq.), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of age);
- (f) Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982, (49 USC § 471, Section 47123), as amended, (prohibits discrimination based on race, creed, color, national origin, or sex);
- (g) The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, (PL 100-209), (Broadened the scope, coverage and applicability of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, The Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, by expanding the definition of the terms "programs or activities" to include all of the programs or activities of the Federal-aid recipients, sub-recipients and contractors, whether such programs or activities are Federally funded or not);
- (h) Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability in the operation of public entities, public and private transportation systems,

- places of public accommodation, and certain testing entities (42 U.S.C. §§ 12131-12189) as implemented by Department of Transportation regulations at 49 C.F.R. parts 37 and 38;
- (i) The Federal Aviation Administration's Nondiscrimination statute (49 U.S.C. § 47123) (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, and sex);
- (j) Executive Order 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations, which ensures Nondiscrimination against minority populations by discouraging programs, policies, and activities with disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority and low-income populations;
- (k) Executive Order 13166, Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency, and resulting agency guidance, national origin discrimination includes discrimination because of Limited English proficiency (LEP). To ensure compliance with Title VI, you must take reasonable steps to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to your programs (70 Fed. Reg. at 74087 to 74100);
- (1) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, which prohibits you from discriminating because of sex in education programs or activities (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq).
- (m) Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000e et seq., Pub. L. 88-352), (prohibits employment discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin).

(4) Additional Title VI Assurances

- **The following Title VI Assurances (Appendices B, C and D) shall apply, as applicable
- (a) Clauses for Deeds Transferring United States Property (1050.2A, Appendix B)

The following clauses will be included in deeds effecting or recording the transfer of real property, structures, or improvements thereon, or granting interest therein from the United States pursuant to the provisions of Assurance 4.

NOW, THEREFORE, the U.S. Department of Transportation as authorized by law and upon the condition that the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) will accept title to the lands and maintain the project constructed thereon in accordance with the North Carolina General Assembly, the Regulations for the Administration of the Federal-Aid Highway Program, and the policies and procedures prescribed by the Federal Highway Administration of the U.S. Department of Transportation in accordance and in compliance with all requirements imposed by Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, U.S. Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Nondiscrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the U.S Department of Transportation pertaining to and effectuating the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252; 42 U.S.C. § 2000d to 2000d-4), does hereby remise, release, quitclaim and convey unto the NCDOT all the right, title and interest of the U.S. Department of Transportation in and to said lands described in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof.

(HABENDUM CLAUSE)

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD said lands and interests therein unto the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) and its successors forever, subject, however, to the covenants, conditions, restrictions and reservations herein contained as follows, which will remain in effect for the period during which the real property or structures are used for a purpose for which Federal financial assistance is extended or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits and will be binding on the NCDOT, its successors and assigns.

The NCDOT, in consideration of the conveyance of said lands and interests in lands, does hereby covenant and agree as a covenant running with the land for itself, its successors and assigns, that (1) no person will on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination with regard to any facility located wholly or in part on, over, or under such lands hereby conveyed [,] [and]* (2) that the NCDOT will use the lands and interests in lands and interests in lands so conveyed, in compliance with all requirements imposed by or pursuant to Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, U.S. Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Non-discrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the U.S. Department of Transportation, Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and as said Regulations and Acts may be amended [, and (3) that in the event of breach of any of the abovementioned nondiscrimination conditions, the Department will have a right to enter or re-enter said lands and facilities on said land, and that above described land and facilities will thereon revert to and vest in and become the absolute property of the U.S. Department of Transportation and its assigns as such interest existed prior to this instruction].*

(*Reverter clause and related language to be used only when it is determined that such a clause is necessary in order to make clear the purpose of Title VI.)

(b) Clauses for Transfer of Real Property Acquired or Improved Under the Activity, Facility, or Program (1050.2A, Appendix C)

The following clauses will be included in deeds, licenses, leases, permits, or similar instruments entered into by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) pursuant to the provisions of Assurance 7(a):

- 1. The (grantee, lessee, permittee, etc. as appropriate) for himself/herself, his/her heirs, personal representatives, successors in interest, and assigns, as a part of the consideration hereof, does hereby covenant and agree [in the case of deeds and leases add "as a covenant running with the land"] that:
 - (i.) In the event facilities are constructed, maintained, or otherwise operated on the property described in this (deed, license, lease, permit, etc.) for a purpose for which a U.S. Department of Transportation activity, facility, or program is extended or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits, the (grantee, licensee, lessee, permittee, etc.) will maintain and operate such facilities and services in compliance with all requirements imposed by the Acts and Regulations (as may be amended) such that no person on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, will be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in the use of said facilities.
- 2. With respect to licenses, leases, permits, etc., in the event of breach of any of the above Nondiscrimination covenants, the NCDOT will have the right to terminate the (lease, license, permit, etc.) and to enter, re-enter, and repossess said lands and facilities thereon, and hold the same as if the (lease, license, permit, etc.) had never been made or issued. *
- 3. With respect to a deed, in the event of breach of any of the above Nondiscrimination covenants, the NCDOT will have the right to enter or re-enter the lands and facilities thereon, and the above described lands and facilities will there upon revert to and vest in and become the absolute property of the NCDOT and its assigns. *

- (*Reverter clause and related language to be used only when it is determined that such a clause is necessary to make clear the purpose of Title VI.)
- (c) Clauses for Construction/Use/Access to Real Property Acquired Under the Activity, Facility or Program (1050.2A, Appendix D)

The following clauses will be included in deeds, licenses, permits, or similar instruments/agreements entered into by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) pursuant to the provisions of Assurance 7(b):

- 1. The (grantee, licensee, permittee, etc., as appropriate) for himself/herself, his/her heirs, personal representatives, successors in interest, and assigns, as a part of the consideration hereof, does hereby covenant and agree (in the case of deeds and leases add, "as a covenant running with the land") that (1) no person on the ground of race, color, or national origin, will be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in the use of said facilities, (2) that in the construction of any improvements on, over, or under such land, and the furnishing of services thereon, no person on the ground of race, color, or national origin, will be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination, (3) that the (grantee, licensee, lessee, permittee, etc.) will use the premises in compliance with all other requirements imposed by or pursuant to the Acts and Regulations, as amended, set forth in this Assurance.
- 2. With respect to (licenses, leases, permits, etc.), in the event of breach of any of the above Non¬ discrimination covenants, the NCDOT will have the right to terminate the (license, permit, etc., as appropriate) and to enter or re-enter and repossess said land and the facilities thereon, and hold the same as if said (license, permit, etc., as appropriate) had never been made or issued. *
- 3. With respect to deeds, in the event of breach of any of the above Nondiscrimination covenants, the NCDOT will there upon revert to and vest in and become the absolute property of the NCDOT and its assigns. *

(*Reverter clause and related language to be used only when it is determined that such a clause is necessary to make clear the purpose of Title VI.)

ON-THE-JOB TRAINING

(10-16-07) (Rev. 4-21-15)

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Description

The North Carolina Department of Transportation will administer a custom version of the Federal On-the-Job Training (OJT) Program, commonly referred to as the Alternate OJT Program. All contractors (existing and newcomers) will be automatically placed in the Alternate Program. Standard OJT requirements typically associated with individual projects will no longer be applied at the project level. Instead, these requirements will be applicable on an annual basis for each contractor administered by the OJT Program Manager.

On the Job Training shall meet the requirements of 23 CFR 230.107 (b), 23 USC – Section 140, this provision and the On-the-Job Training Program Manual.

The Alternate OJT Program will allow a contractor to train employees on Federal, State and privately funded projects located in North Carolina. However, priority shall be given to training employees on NCDOT Federal-Aid funded projects.

Minorities and Women

Developing, training and upgrading of minorities and women toward journeyman level status is a primary objective of this special training provision. Accordingly, the Contractor shall make every effort to enroll minority and women as trainees to the extent that such persons are available within a reasonable area of recruitment. This training commitment is not intended, and shall not be used, to discriminate against any applicant for training, whether a member of a minority group or not.

Assigning Training Goals

The Department, through the OJT Program Manager, will assign training goals for a calendar year based on the contractors' past three years' activity and the contractors' anticipated upcoming year's activity with the Department. At the beginning of each year, all contractors eligible will be contacted by the Department to determine the number of trainees that will be assigned for the upcoming calendar year. At that time the Contractor shall enter into an agreement with the Department to provide a self-imposed on-the-job training program for the calendar year. This agreement will include a specific number of annual training goals agreed to by both parties. The number of training assignments may range from 1 to 15 per contractor per calendar year. The Contractor shall sign an agreement to fulfill their annual goal for the year.\

Training Classifications

The Contractor shall provide on-the-job training aimed at developing full journeyman level workers in the construction craft/operator positions. Preference shall be given to providing training in the following skilled work classifications:

Equipment Operators Office Engineers
Truck Drivers Estimators

Carpenters Iron / Reinforcing Steel Workers

Concrete Finishers Mechanics
Pipe Layers Welders

The Department has established common training classifications and their respective training requirements that may be used by the contractors. However, the classifications established are not all-inclusive. Where the training is oriented toward construction applications, training will be allowed in lower-level management positions such as office engineers and estimators. Contractors shall submit new classifications for specific job functions that their employees are performing. The Department will review and recommend for acceptance to FHWA the new classifications proposed by contractors, if applicable. New classifications shall meet the following requirements:

Proposed training classifications are reasonable and realistic based on the job skill classification needs, and

The number of training hours specified in the training classification is consistent with common practices and provides enough time for the trainee to obtain journeyman level status.

The Contractor may allow trainees to be trained by a subcontractor provided that the Contractor retains primary responsibility for meeting the training and this provision is made applicable to the subcontract. However, only the Contractor will receive credit towards the annual goal for the trainee.

Where feasible, 25 percent of apprentices or trainees in each occupation shall be in their first year of apprenticeship or training. The number of trainees shall be distributed among the work classifications on the basis of the contractor's needs and the availability of journeymen in the various classifications within a reasonable area of recruitment.

No employee shall be employed as a trainee in any classification in which they have successfully completed a training course leading to journeyman level status or in which they have been employed as a journeyman.

Records and Reports

The Contractor shall maintain enrollment, monthly and completion reports documenting company compliance under these contract documents. These documents and any other information as requested shall be submitted to the OJT Program Manager.

Upon completion and graduation of the program, the Contractor shall provide each trainee with a certification Certificate showing the type and length of training satisfactorily completed.

Trainee Interviews

All trainees enrolled in the program will receive an initial and Trainee/Post graduate interview conducted by the OJT program staff.

Trainee Wages

Contractors shall compensate trainees on a graduating pay scale based upon a percentage of the prevailing minimum journeyman wages (Davis-Bacon Act). Minimum pay shall be as follows:

of the journeyman wage for the first half of the training period
of the journeyman wage for the third quarter of the training period
of the journeyman wage for the last quarter of the training period

In no instance shall a trainee be paid less than the local minimum wage. The Contractor shall adhere to the minimum hourly wage rate that will satisfy both the NC Department of Labor (NCDOL) and the Department.

Achieving or Failing to Meet Training Goals

The Contractor will be credited for each trainee employed by him on the contract work who is currently enrolled or becomes enrolled in an approved program and who receives training for at least 50 percent of the specific program requirement. Trainees will be allowed to be transferred between projects if required by the Contractor's scheduled workload to meet training goals.

If a contractor fails to attain their training assignments for the calendar year, they may be taken off the NCDOT's Bidders List.

Measurement and Payment

No compensation will be made for providing required training in accordance with these contract documents.

LISTING OF MBE/WBE SUBCONTRACTORS

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Firm Name and Address	Circle One	Item No.	Item Description	* Agreed upon Unit Price	** Dollar Volume of Item
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^{*} The Dollar Volume shown in this column shall be the Actual Price Agreed Upon by the Prime Contractor and the MBE/WBE subcontractor, and these prices will be used to determine the percentage of the MBE/WBE participation in the contract.

^{**} Dollar Volume of MBE/WBE Subcontractor Percentage of Total Contract Bid Price:

If firm is a Material Supplier Only, show Dollar Volume as 60% of Agreed Upon Amount from Letter of Intent.

If firm is a Manufacturer, show Dollar Volume as 100% of Agreed Upon Amount from Letter of Intent.

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LETTER OF INTENT TO P	ERFORM AS A	A SUBCONTRACTOR
CONTRACT:		NAME OF BIDDER:
The undersigned intends to perform work in conrand subsequent award of contract by the Board of		
Name of MBE/WBE/DBE Subcontractor		
Address		
City	State	Zip
Please ch	eck all that app	ly:
Minority Busines	s Enterprise (M	MBE)
Women Business	s Enterprise (W	(BE)
Disadvantaged Busi	ness Enterprise	(DBE)
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This document shall not serve in any manner as a subcontractor agreement will describe in deta MBE/WBE/DBE subcontractor.		
Affirmation		
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Name of MBE/ WBE/ DBE Subcontractor		Name of Bidder
Signature / Title		Signature / Title

Date

Form DBE-IS

Title _____

State of North Carolina Department of Transportation Subcontractor Payment Information

Submit with I	Invoice To:	District 1 Office North Carolina De 1702 E. Marion St Shelby, NC 28150		ortation		
NCDOT PC	oice No. Reference D / Contract Number te Project No.) Date of Invoice Signed					
Invoice Line Item Reference	Payer Name	Payer Federal Tax Id	Subcontractor / Subconsultant/ Material Supplier Name	Subcontractor / Subconsultant / Material Supplier Federal Tax Id	Amount Paid To Subcontractor / Subconsultant / Material Supplier This Invoice	Date Paid To Subcontractor / Subconsultant / Material Supplier This Invoice
		Total Amount Pa	aid to Subcontractor	Firms	\$	
I certify that th		ately reflects actual p	Please do not highlight or sha payments made and the		ts were made to Sub	contractors/

Signature _____

ADDENDUM(S)

ADDENDUM #1	
I,(SIGNATURE)	representing
Acknowledge receipt of Addendum #1.	
ADDENDUM #2	
I,(SIGNATURE)	representing
Acknowledge receipt of Addendum #2.	
ADDENDUM #3	
I,(SIGNATURE)	representing
Acknowledge receipt of Addendum #3.	

North Carolina Department of Transportation BID FORM

WBS ELEMENT: 12.102320, 12.103620 (Primary); 12.102340, 12.103640 (Interstate); 12.202311, 12.203611 (Secondary)

DESCRIPTION: GUARDRAIL/GUIDERAIL MAINTENANCE & REPAIR

COUNTY: CLEVELAND & GASTON

ITEM	SECT	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT BID
1	SP	Emergency Response	10	EA		
2	SP	Temporary Lane Closure – Multi-Lane Roadway (Engineer Discretion)	20	EA		
3	SP	Steel Beam Guardrail Repair	2000	LF		
4	SP	Steel Beam Guardrail (Rail only)	400	LF		
5	862	Steel Beam Guardrail, Double Faced	150	LF		
6	862	Steel Beam Guardrail Terminal Sections	15	EA		
7	862	Triple Corrugated SB (Thrie Beam) Guardrail	100	LF		
8	862	Guardrail End Unit - Type CAT-1	5	EA		
9	SP	Guardrail Anchor Unit - Type III	4	EA		
10	SP	Guardrail Anchor Unit - Type III Modified	4	EA		
11	SP	Guardrail End Unit – TL3	10	EA		
12	SP	Guardrail Anchor Unit - Type B77	4	EA		
13	SP	Impact Attenuator Unit – 350 "NON-GATING 90 INCH"	2	EA		
14	SP	Impact Attenuator Unit -350 "NON-GATING 24 INCH"	2	EA		
15	SP	Head (Replacement Part – 350 & 350M)	2	EA		
16	SP	Anchor Rail (Replacement Part – 350 & 350M)	5	LF		
17	SP	Transition From 1'-11" to 2'-1" W-Beam Guardrail Mounting Height	5	EA		
18	SP	6' Steel Breakaway Post (Replacement Part–350 & 350M)	10	EA		
19	862	Guardrail Post (Replacement Part) (steel)	25	EA		
20	862	Guardrail Post (Replacement Part) (wood)	50	EA		
21	SP	Guardrail Offset Block (Replacement Part) (wood or poly)	50	EA		
22	SP	Steel Beam Guardrail Transition Section DBL Face Weak to DBL Face Normal	5	EA		
23	SP	Cable Guiderail Repair	2000	LF		
24	SP	Cable Guiderail Splices	10	EA		

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NOTE: CONTRACT QUANTITIES ARE APPROXIMATE AND USED FOR DETERMINING THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER ONLY. NO MINIMUM OR MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF WORK IS GUARANTEED UNDER THIS CONTRACT.

TOTAL BID FOR	
PROJECT:	

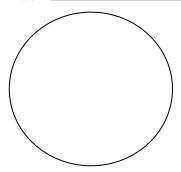
CONTINGENT BID ITEMS

ITEM	SECT	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT BID
25	862	Steel Beam Guardrail (New Installation Only)	500	LF		
26	SP	Remove Existing Guardrail (Demolition Only)	250	LF		
27	SP	Remove & Reset Existing Guardrail	250	LF		
28	SP	Remove & Stockpile Existing Guardrail	150	LF		
29	862	Steel Beam Guardrail, Shop curved (Various Radii)	150	LF		
30	SP	Steel Beam Guardrail, Shop curved (Rail only, various radii)	250	LF		
31	862	Triple Corrugated SB (Thrie Beam) GR Terminal Sections	5	EA		
32	862	Guardrail End Unit - Type AT-1	4	EA		
33	862	Guardrail End Unit - Type XI Modified	5	EA		
34	SP	Additional Guardrail Delineators (Permanent, Crystal)	100	EA		
35	SP	Additional Guardrail Delineators (Permanent, Yellow)	100	EA		
36	SP	Buffer End Section CAT-1 / AT-1	5	EA		
37	862	WTR Steel Beam GR Transition Section (Thrie Beam to 31" Guardrail)	4	EA		
38	SP	Typical End Shoe	2	EA		
39	862	20" Tubular Triple Corrugated Steel Beam Guardrail	200	LF		
40	865	Cable Guiderail New Installation Only	300	LF		
41	SP	Cable-rail	50	LF		
42	SP	Cable Guiderail Anchor Post	3	EA		
43	SP	Cable Guiderail Spring Cable End Assembly	3	EA		
44	SP	Cable Guiderail Intermediate Post (Replacement Part)	5	EA		
45	SP	Cable Guiderail Retensioning (each cable) (Replacement Part)	5	EA		
46	SP	Cable Guiderail Anchor Unit	1	EA		

47	SP	Cable Guiderail Breakaway Anchor Angle	2	EA	
48	SP	Cable Guiderail Turnbuckle	5	EA	
49	SP	Cable Guiderail Hook Bolt (Replacement Part)	5	EA	
50	SP	Cable Guiderail End Post Cap (Replacement Part)	5	EA	
51	SP	Cable Guiderail End Post Bearing Plate (Replacement Part)	5	EA	
52	SP	Concrete Median Barrier Repair (Case 1: 1 CY or Less)	3	CY	
53	SP	Concrete Median Barrier Repair (Case 2: 1 CY – 3 CY)	3	CY	
54	SP	Concrete Median Barrier Repair (Case 3: 3 CY or More)	3	CY	
55	SP	After Hours Concrete Response	3	EA	
56	SP	Temporary Lane Closure for Median Barrier Repair	3	EA	

CONTRACTOR		
ADDRESS		
PHONE NO.		
Federal Identification Number	Contractors License Number	
Authorized Agent	Title	
Signature	Date	
Witness	Title	
Signature	Date	

Corporate Seal



EXECUTION OF BID

NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT, DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION AND GIFT BAN CERTIFICATION

CORPORATION

The prequalified bidder being duly sworn, solemnly swears (or affirms) that neither he, nor any official, agent or employee has entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action which is in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with any bid or contract, that the prequalified bidder has not been convicted of violating N.C.G.S. §133-24 within the last three years, and that the prequalified bidder intends to do the work with his own bona fide employees or subcontractors and will not bid for the benefit of another contractor.

By submitting this non-collusion, debarment and gift ban certification, the Contractor is attesting his status under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States in accordance with the Debarment Certification attached, provided that the Debarment Certification also includes any required statements concerning exceptions that are applicable.

N.C.G.S. §133-32 and Executive Order 24 prohibit the offer to, or acceptance by, any State Employee of any gift from anyone with a contract with the State, or from any person seeking to do business with the State. By execution of any response in this procurement, you attest, for your entire organization and its employees or agents, that you are not aware that any such gift has been offered, accepted, or promised by any employees of your organization.

SIGNATURE OF PREQUALIFIED BIDDER

	Full name of	Corporation	
	Address as I	Prequalified	
Attest	By		
	Secretary/Assistant Secretary	President/Vice President/Assistant Vice President	
	(Select appropriate title)	(Select appropriate title)	
	Print or type Signer's name	Print or type Signer's name	

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PARTNERSHIP

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SIGNATURE OF PREQUALIFIED BIDDER

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	Address as
	Prequalified
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Signature of Witness	Signature of Partner
Print or Type Signer's Name	Print or Type Signer's Name

LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

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SIGNATURE OF PREQUALIFIED BIDDER

F	ull Name of Firm
Ado	lress as Prequalified
Signature of Witness	Signature of Member/Manager/Authorized Agent (Select appropriate Title)

JOINT VENTURE (2) or (3)

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SIGNATURE OF PREQUALIFIED BIDDER

Instructions: **2 Joint Venturers** Fill in lines (1), (2) and (3) and execute. **3 Joint Venturers** Fill in lines (1), (2), (3) and (4) and execute. On Line (1), fill in the name of the Joint Venture Company. On Line (2), fill in the name of one of the joint venturers and execute below in the appropriate manner. On Line (3), print or type the name of the other joint venturer and execute below in the appropriate manner. On Line (4), fill in the name of the third joint venturer, if applicable and execute below in the appropriate manner.

	Name of Joint Venture	
	Name of Contractor	
Addres	ss as Prequalified	
Signature of Witness or Attest	BY	Signature of Contractor
Print or Type Signer's Name		Print or Type Signer's Name
If Corporation, affix Corporate Seal	AND	
	Name of Contractor	
Addres	ss as Prequalified	
	BY	
Signature of Witness or Attest		Signature of Contractor
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	BY	
Signature of Witness or Attest		Signature of Contractor
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INDIVIDUAL DOING BUSINESS UNDER A FIRM NAME

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SIGNATURE OF PREQUALIFIED BIDDER

Name of Prequalified Bidder	Individual Name	
Trading and Doing Business As	Full name of Firm	
Addı	ress as Prequalified	
Signature of Witness	Signature of Prequalified Bidder, Individual	
Print or Type Signer's Name	Print or Type Signer's Name	

INDIVIDUAL DOING BUSINESS IN HIS OWN NAME

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SIGNATURE OF PREQUALIFIED BIDDER

Name of Prequalified Bidder		
	Print or Type Name	
Addr	ess as Prequalified	
	Signature of Prequalified Bidder, Individually	
	Print or type Signer's Name	
Signature of Witness		
Print or type Signer's name		

DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION OF PREQUALIFIED BIDDER

Conditions for certification:

- 1. The prequalified bidder shall provide immediate written notice to the Department if at any time the bidder learns that his certification was erroneous when he submitted his debarment certification or explanation that is file with the Department, or has become erroneous because of changed circumstances.
- 2. The terms covered transaction, debarred, suspended, ineligible, lower tier covered transaction, participant, person, primary covered transaction, principal, proposal, and voluntarily excluded, as used in this provision, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of the rules implementing Executive Order 12549. A copy of the Federal Rules requiring this certification and detailing the definitions and coverages may be obtained from the Contract Officer of the Department.
- 3. The prequalified bidder agrees by submitting this form, that he will not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in NCDOT contracts, unless authorized by the Department.
- 4. For Federal Aid projects, the prequalified bidder further agrees that by submitting this form he will include the Federal-Aid Provision titled *Required Contract Provisions Federal-Aid Construction Contract (Form FHWA PR 1273)* provided by the Department, without subsequent modification, in all lower tier covered transactions.
- 5. The prequalified bidder may rely upon a certification of a participant in a lower tier covered transaction that he is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless he knows that the certification is erroneous. The bidder may decide the method and frequency by which he will determine the eligibility of his subcontractors.
- 6. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this provision. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
- 7. Except as authorized in paragraph 6 herein, the Department may terminate any contract if the bidder knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available by the Federal Government.

DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION

The prequalified bidder certifies to the best of his knowledge and belief, that he and his principals:

- a. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;
- b. Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records; making false statements; or receiving stolen property;
- c. Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph b. of this certification; and
- d. Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State or local) terminated for cause or default.
- e. Will submit a revised Debarment Certification immediately if his status changes and will show in his bid proposal an explanation for the change in status.

If the prequalified bidder cannot certify that he is not debarred, he shall provide an explanation with this submittal. An explanation will not necessarily result in denial of participation in a contract.

Failure to submit a non-collusion affidavit and debarment certification will result in the prequalified bidder's bid being considered non-responsive.

Check here if an explanation is attached to this certification.

Execution of Contract

Contract No: P.O. No. To Be Determind		
County: Cleveland & Gaston		
ACCEPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT		
Proposals Engineer		
Date		
Dute		
EXECUTION OF CONTRACT AND BONDS APPROVED AS TO FORM:		
Division Engineer		
Date		

Signature Sheet (Bid) - ACCEPTANCE SHEET