



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS

Subject: Invitation to Bid on Purchase Order Contract
County: McDowell
Project Description: Landscape Contractor to install landscape plantings.

The North Carolina Department of Transportation is seeking the services of a Registered Landscape Contractor to install and establish an ornamental landscape planting. The work shall consist of furnishing traffic control, removing existing plant bed vegetation, preparing a plant bed, installing plants, applying mulch, applying post-emergent and pre-emergent herbicides, watering, sod installation and installation of steel landscape edging.

The availability date for this project is February 17, 2014.

The completion date is July 31, 2014.

A mandatory pre-bid will be held Wednesday, November 27, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at the North Carolina Department of Transportation, Division Office, 55 Orange Street, Asheville N.C 28801 in Buncombe County. **ALL PARTIES INTERESTED IN BIDDING ON THIS PROJECT MUST ATTEND THE PRE-BID CONFERENCE.**

Sealed bids must be received in the NC Department of Transportation Division Office at 55 Orange Street, Asheville, NC 28801 by 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 18, 2013. Bids must be submitted on the official bid sheet included in the proposal and display the following statement on the front of the envelope:

QUOTATION FOR CONTRACT NUMBER: REQUISITION #11320868
PROFESSIONAL LANDSCAPE CONTRACTOR TO INSTALL AND ESTABLISH
LANDSCAPE PLANTING AT US 221 REST AREA/WELCOME CENTER TO BE
OPENED AT 2:00PM ON DECEMBER 18, 2013.

Firms that wish to perform work on Division Purchase Order Contracts as either the prime contractor or as a subcontractor on the project must be prequalified for the type work they wish to perform. Firms that wish to bid on these projects as the prime contractor must be prequalified prior to submitting your bid.

Firms that wish to perform as a subcontractor to the prime contractor must be prequalified prior to beginning work on the project.

For the purposes of prequalification, any firm that is currently prequalified as a prime or a subcontractor on central let projects for the appropriate work codes are considered eligible to work and/or bid on Purchase Order Contracts as long as other items such as bonding and license requirements for the contract are met. Information regarding the requirements to become prequalified as a Purchase Order Contract contractor, including the application to become prequalified if you are not already prequalified, can be found at the following website: <http://www.ncdot.org/business/howtogetstarted/>.

If you are unsure as to whether your firm is currently prequalified by the Department by the Contractual Services Unit, a search of the Directory of Transportation Firms can be performed at the following website: <https://apps.dot.state.nc.us/vendor/directory/>.

Exceptions to the above prequalification requirements are Small Business Enterprise (SBE) Contracts. The requirements for eligibility on these contracts remain the same and are not affected by the above requirements regarding prequalification.

It shall be the responsibility of the bidder to check our website for any addenda prior to submitting their bids. Bids submitted without project addenda included will not be considered for award.

The North Carolina Department of Transportation, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights of 1964 (78 Stat.252) and the Regulations of the Department of Transportation (49 C.F.R., Part 21), issued pursuant to such act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that the contract entered into pursuant to this notice will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder without discrimination on the grounds of sex, race, color, or national origin.

Statements of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises participation must be presented with the bids.

Proposals may be obtained online at: <http://www.ncdot.org/doh/operations/division13/notice/>, or from the Division Engineer's office at 55 Orange Street, Asheville, NC 28801. To be considered for award, proposals obtained from the Departments website shall be printed in their entirety and submitted per the Instruction to Bidders directions. For all other request for proposals, please contact Mr. Josh Wortman, Division Staff Engineer at (828) 251-6171.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M.K. Calloway', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

M.K. Calloway
Division Project Manager

cc: Mr. J.J. Swain, Jr., P.E., Division Engineer
Mr. K. A. Wilson P.E., Division Operations Engineer
Mr. K. Hill Division Roadside Environmental Engineer