



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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## NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS

Subject: Invitation to Bid on Contract

Contract Description: The North Carolina Department of Transportation would like to obtain the services of a Professional Maintenance/Landscaping or Specialty Company to apply mulch by mechanical means or applying mulch in bags. Work shall include mulching of plant beds, ornamental trees, shrubs, daylilies, native grasses, annual and/or perennial plants.

The location of sites: Division 13 - Buncombe, Burke, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Yancey and Rutherford Counties.

The date of availability for this project is May 20, 2014.

The total completion date of the contract is May 19, 2015.

Sealed bids must be received in the Division Office at 55 Orange Street, Asheville, North Carolina 28801 by 2:00 PM on Wednesday, April 16, 2014. 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 # 11357658  
PROFESSIONAL MAINTENANCE/LANDSCAPE OR SPECIALTY COMPANY TO APPLY  
MULCH IN DIVISION 13. TO BE OPENED AT 2:00 P.M. ON APRIL 16, 2014.  
ATTEN: MIKE CALLOWAY, DIVISION PROJECT MANAGER**

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 the Division Office at (828) 251-6171.

Cordially,

  
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. F.K. Blazer, Roadside Environmental