



DIVISION 13
CONTRACT PROPOSAL

CONTRACT NO. 11292735
WBS ELEMENT: 13.101133
ROUTE(S): I-240 & NC 191 (Brevard/Amboy Interchanges)
COUNTY Buncombe
DESCRIPTION: Landscape Contractor to install replacement plants as needed and perform monthly maintenance for the landscape plantings.
PRE-BID MEETING: September 12, 2013 at 2:00 PM at the NCDOT Division 13 Office Conference Room
BID OPENING: Wednesday, September 18, 2013 AT 2:00 PM

NOTICE:

ALL BIDDERS SHALL COMPLY WITH ALL APPLICABLE LAWS AND REGULATIONS. IN ADDITION, THE PRACTICE OF THE GENERAL STATUTES OF NORTH CAROLINA REQUIRES THE BIDDER TO BE LICENSED BY THE N.C LICENSING BOARD. CONTRACTORS BIDDING ON ANY NON-FEDERAL AID PROJECT WHERE THE BID IS \$30,000 OR MORE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF CERTAIN SPECIALTY WORK AS DETERMINED BY THE LICENSING BOARD. BIDDERS SHALL ALSO COMPLY WITH ALL OTHER APPLICABLE LAWS REGULATING THE PRACTICES OF ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING, HEATING, AIR CONDITIONING AND REFRIGERATION CONTRACTING AS CONTAINED IN CHAPTER 87 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES OF NORTH CAROLINA.

NAME OF BIDDER

ADDRESS OF BIDDER

RETURN BIDS TO: Mike Calloway, Division 13 Project Manager
55 Orange Street
Asheville, NC 28801

**PROPOSAL FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF
CONTRACT No. 11292735 IN BUNCOMBE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION,
ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA**

The Bidder has carefully examined the location of the proposed work to be known as Contract 11292735; 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 be bound upon his execution of the bid and subsequent award to him by the Board 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 2012 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 State Highway Contract No. 11292735 in **Buncombe 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 2012* 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.

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.

Division 13 Project Manager

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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 shall cause the bid to be considered irregular and shall be grounds for rejection of the bid.

1. The bid sheet furnished by NCDOT with the proposal shall be used and shall not be altered in any manner. **THE ENTIRE PROPOSAL WITH THE BID SHEET COMPLETED ALONG WITH ANY ADDENDA SHALL BE SUBMITTED IN ORDER FOR THE BID TO BE CONSIDERED FOR AWARD. (SEE ITEM #11 BELOW)**
2. All entries on the bid sheet, including signatures, shall be written in ink.
3. The Bidder shall submit a unit price for every item on the bid form. 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 bid 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 Bid" column of the sheet.
5. The total amount bid shall be written in figures in the proper place on the bid sheet. The total amount shall be determined by adding the amounts bid for each item.
6. Changes in 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.
7. The bid shall be properly executed. All bids shall show the following information:
 - a. Name of individual, firm, corporation, partnership, or joint venture submitting bid.
 - b. Name and signature of individual or representative submitting bid and position or title.
 - c. Name, signature, and position or title of witness.
 - d. Federal Identification Number (or Social Security Number of Individual)
 - e. Contractor's License Number (if Applicable)
8. Bids submitted by corporations shall bear the seal of the corporation.
9. The bid shall not contain any unauthorized additions, deletions, or conditional bids.
10. 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.
11. **THE ENTIRE PROPOSAL WITH THE BID SHEET, AS WELL AS ANY PROJECT ADDENDA SHOULD BE STAPLED OR OTHERWISE SECURELY FASTENED AND SHALL BE PLACED IN A SEALED ENVELOPE AND SHALL HAVE BEEN DELIVERED TO AND RECEIVED IN THE DIVISION ENGINEER'S OFFICE AT 55 ORANGE STREET, ASHEVILLE, NC 28801 BY 2:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 , 2013.**
12. The sealed bid must display the following statement on the front of the sealed envelope:

QUOTATION FOR CONTRACT NUMBER: 11292735; LANDSCAPE CONTRACTOR TO INSTALL REPLACEMENT PLANTS AS NEEDED AND PERFORM MONTHLY MAINTENANCE AT THE I-240 & NC 191 BREVARD/AMBOY INTERCHANGES IN BUNCOMBE COUNTY.

ATTEN: MIKE CALLOWAY, DIVISION PROJECT MANAGER

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

**MR. MIKE CALLOWAY, DIVISION 13 PROJECT MANAGER
N. C. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
55 ORANGE STREET, ASHEVILLE, NC 28801**

MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE AND PROPOSAL REVIEW

In order to have an extensive knowledge of the project, all prospective bidders shall attend a mandatory pre-bid conference on Wednesday, September 12, 2013 at 2:00 PM in the Conference Room at:

Department of Transportation
Division 13 Office
55 Orange Street
Asheville, NC 28801

The pre-bid conference will include a thorough discussion of the plans, contract pay items and special provisions, etc.

MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE AND ELIGIBILITY TO BID

All prospective bidders at the Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference shall meet all of the requirements as shown below:

Only bidders who have attended the entire conference and properly registered at the Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be considered eligible to bid on this project. A bid received from a Bidder who has not attended and properly registered at the conference will be rejected as an irregular bid and will not be considered for award.

Attendance at the Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will not meet the requirements of proper registration unless the individual attending has registered at the conference in accordance with the following:

1. The individual attending the Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference is a full time employee of the company being represented and has **administrative/supervisory** authority over the work to be performed under this contract.
2. The individual signs his/her name and company title on the official roster.
3. The individual writes in the name and address of the company he or she represents, also must have their vendor number.
4. Only one company is shown as being represented by the individual attending.
5. The individual shall sign out when the conference is over.
6. 2:00 pm to 2:05 pm five minute tardy policy: That individual has five (5) minutes to sign their name and address of their company on the official roster after the pre-bid conference begins.

All work and materials shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Plans and General Guidelines of this Contract, the Project Special Provisions, the North Carolina Department of

Transportation January 2012 Edition of the Standard Specifications for Roads and Structures, the North Carolina Department of Transportation January 2012 Edition of the Roadway Standards Drawings, and the current edition of the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).

The North Carolina Department of Transportation is requiring the Contractor to submit a Traffic Control Plan of the proposed work zone. This consists of a description of all traffic control devices, which includes signage, cones and safety equipment. Such plan shall be provided to the engineer or his representative. Reference the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices, MUTCD for specific details.

The Contractor shall keep himself fully informed of all Federal, State, and Local laws, ordinances, regulations, and shall comply with the provisions of Section 107 of the Standard Specifications, January, 2012 edition. These manuals may be found on the Web at:

<https://connect.ncdot.gov/projects/Contracts/Pages/Specifications-and-Special-Provisions.aspx>

<http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/>

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE BID PACKET

Public Liability Insurance Statement, Worker's Compensation Insurance and Property Damage Insurance Statement, a Traffic Control Plan, Detailed Work Progress Schedule, Pesticide License, and a Work Zone Supervisor Certification. The Contractor is to provide the North Carolina Department of Transportation with this information, also with contact information such as names, addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses. If any of these terms are not met, the North Carolina Department of Transportation will have the right to reject the bid and select the next lowest responsible bidder or cancellation of this contract.

PROJECT SPECIAL PROVISIONS

GENERAL

Project Description:

The North Carolina Department of Transportation is seeking the services of a Landscape Contractor to install replacement plants at the request of the Engineer or his/her representative. It also includes a monthly maintenance which includes mowing, line/blade trimming, pesticide and herbicide applications, manual weeding, litter/debris pick-up and pruning of trees/shrubs/daylilies and native grasses.

In order to keep the highway safe and traffic flowing during heavier travel times, work hours will be 7:00 am to 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday in the summer months and will be 7:30 am to 4:00 pm in the winter months, unless otherwise approved by the Engineer. Request for exceptions to these work times must be submitted in writing to the Engineer. All work under this contract is subject to seasonal weather limitations.

Location of site: I-240 and NC 191, Brevard/Amboy interchanges in Buncombe County.

CONTRACT TIME AND LIQUIDATED DAMAGES:

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The date of availability for this contract is **November 1, 2013.**

The completion date for this contract is **October 31, 2014.**

Except where otherwise provided by the contract, observation periods required by the contract will not be a part of the work to be completed by the completion date and/or intermediate contract times stated in the contract. The acceptable completion of the observation periods that extend beyond the final completion date shall be a part of the work covered by the performance and payment bonds.

Extension of Contract: At the option of the contract agency, North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), and upon written notification, this contract may be extended for two (2) additional periods, one (1) year each (maximum of three (3) years total). Example – November 1, 2015 for the first extension and for the second extension November 1, 2016. Upon receipt of notification, the Contractor will be given fifteen (15) days to reply as to acceptance or rejection of an extension. If the reply is not received from Contractor within (15) days, NCDOT reserves the right not to grant an extension. No changes in the terms, conditions, etc. of this contract will be made when an extension to the Contract is implemented. The Contractor will be notified seventy-five (75) days before expiration of the contract if NCDOT chooses not to offer an extension.

INTERMEDIATE CONTRACT TIME (NUMBER 1) AND LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

The Contractor shall complete the required work of performing, litter/debris pickup, mowing, line/blade trimming, pesticide and herbicide applications during the monthly maintenance as directed by the Engineer or his/her representative.

The date of availability for this intermediate contract time will be **November 1, 2013.**

The completion date for this intermediate contract time will be **October 31, 2014.**

The liquidated damages are **Eight Hundred Dollars (\$800.00)** per calendar day.

The Contractor leaving traffic control signage in place, failing to remove or storing improperly after hours or operation end shall have deductions from your monthly payment **One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars** per incident.

The Contractor fails to contact the Engineer or his/her representative with in twenty-four (24) notices by e-mail or phone call that his/her company will be working at the Brevard/Amboy interchanges. Shall have deductions from your monthly payment **One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars** per incident.

INTERMEDIATE CONTRACT TIME (NUMBER 2) AND LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

The Contractor shall complete the required work of performing planting of all ornamental grasses as directed by the Engineer or his/her representative.

The date of availability for this intermediate contract time will be **April 15, 2014.**

The completion date for this intermediate contract time will be **May 15, 2014.**

The liquidated damages are **Eight Hundred Dollars (\$800.00)** per calendar day.

The Contractor leaving traffic control signage in place, failing to remove or storing improperly after hours or operation end shall have deductions from your monthly payment **One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars** per incident.

The Contractor fails to contact the Engineer or his/her representative with in twenty-four (24) notices by e-mail or phone call that his/her company will be working at the Brevard/Amboy interchanges. Shall have deductions from your monthly payment **One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars** per incident.

INTERMEDIATE CONTRACT TIME (NUMBER 3) AND LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

The Contractor shall complete the required work of performing planting of all trees, shrubs and daylilies as directed by the Engineer or his/her representative.

The date of availability for this intermediate contract time will be **November 1, 2013**.

The completion date for this intermediate contract time will be **April 15, 2014**.

The liquidated damages are **Eight Hundred Dollars (\$800.00)** per calendar day.

The Contractor leaving traffic control signage in place, failing to remove or storing improperly after hours or operation end shall have deductions from your monthly payment **One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars** per incident.

The Contractor fails to contact the Engineer or his/her representative with in twenty-four (24) notices by e-mail or phone call that his/her company will be working at the Brevard/Amboy interchanges. Shall have deductions from your monthly payment **One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars** per incident.

INTERMEDIATE CONTRACT TIME (NUMBER 4) AND LIQUIDATED DAMAGES:

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The Contractor shall complete the required work of installing, maintaining, and removing the traffic control devices for lane closures and restoring traffic to the existing traffic pattern. The Contractor shall not close or narrow a lane of traffic on **[I-240 & NC 191]** during the following time restrictions:

DAY AND TIME RESTRICTIONS

[Monday -Friday 5:00 pm to 7:00 am]

In addition, the Contractor shall not close or narrow a lane of traffic on **I-240 or NC 191**, detain and/or alter the traffic flow on or during holidays, holiday weekends, special events, or any other time when traffic is unusually heavy, including the following schedules:

HOLIDAY AND HOLIDAY WEEKEND LANE CLOSURE RESTRICTIONS

For **Friday's** that creates unusually high traffic volumes, as directed by the Engineer.

For **New Year's Day**, between the **5:00 pm** December 31st and the **8:00 am** January 2nd. If New Year's Day is on a Friday, Saturday, Sunday or Monday, then until **8:00 am** to the following Tuesday.

For **Easter**, between the hours of **3:00 pm** Thursday and **8:00 am** Monday.

For **Memorial Day**, between the hours of **4:00 pm** Friday and **8:00 am** on Tuesday.

For **Independence Day**, between the hours of **4:00 pm** the day before Independence Day and **8:00 am** the day after Independence Day.

If **Independence Day** is on a Friday, Saturday, Sunday or Monday, then between the hours of **4:00 pm** the Thursday before Independence Day and **8:00 am** the Tuesday after Independence Day.

For **Labor Day**, between the hours of **4:00 pm** Friday and **8:00 am** on Tuesday.

For **Thanksgiving Day**, between the hours of **4:00 pm** Tuesday and **9:00 am** Monday.

For **Christmas**, between the hours of **3:00 pm** the Friday before the week of Christmas Day and **3:00 pm** 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 will not be 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 above and place traffic in the existing traffic pattern.

The liquidated damages are **Two Hundred Dollars (\$ 100.00)** per hour.

NO MAJOR CONTRACT ITEMS

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

SPECIALTY ITEMS

(7-1-95)

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

MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AND WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE
(DIVISIONS)

(10-16-07)(Rev. 5-21-13)

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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 not be used to meet either the MBE or WBE goal. No submittal of a Letter of Intent is required.

Committed MBE/WBE Subcontractor - Any MBE/WBE submitted at the time of bid that is being used to meet either the MBE or 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 Goals Requirement - The approved MBE and WBE participation at time of award, but not greater than the advertised contract goals for each.

Goal Confirmation Letter - Written documentation from the Department to the bidder confirming the Contractor's approved, committed MBE and WBE 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 Goal - A portion of the total contract, expressed as a percentage, that is 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 Goal - A portion of the total contract, expressed as a percentage, that is 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.
<http://www.ncdot.org/doh/forms/files/DBE-IS.xls>

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%20Forms/Subcontract%20Approval%20Form%20Rev.%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%20Forms/Joint%20Check%20Notification%20Form.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 amount listed at the time of bid.
<http://connect.ncdot.gov/letting/LetCentral/Letter%20of%20Intent%20to%20Perform%20as%20a%20Subcontractor.pdf>

Listing of MBE and WBE Subcontractors Form - Form for entering MBE/WBE subcontractors on a project that will meet this MBE and WBE goals. This form is for paper bids only.
[http://connect.ncdot.gov/municipalities/Bid%20Proposals%20for%20LGA%20Content/09%20MBE-WBE%20Subcontractors%20\(State\).doc](http://connect.ncdot.gov/municipalities/Bid%20Proposals%20for%20LGA%20Content/09%20MBE-WBE%20Subcontractors%20(State).doc)

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>

MBE and WBE Goal

The following goals for participation by Minority Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises are established for this contract:

(A) Minority Business Enterprises 0%

- (1) *If the MBE goal 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 as the MBE goal.
- (2) *If the MBE goal 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 %

- (1) *If the WBE goal 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 as the WBE goal.
- (2) *If the WBE goal 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.

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 MBE and WBE goals respectively. The Directory can be found at the following link. <https://partner.ncdot.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 all MBE and WBE participation that they anticipate to use during the life of the contract. Only those identified to meet the MBE goal and the 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 submitted at the time of bid will be used toward 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:

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.

- (A) *If either the MBE or WBE goal is more than zero,*
- (1) 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.
 - (2) 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.
 - (3) 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 corresponding goal.
- (B) *If either the MBE or WBE goal is zero,* bidders, at the time the bid proposal is submitted, shall enter the word "None"; or the number "0"; or if there is participation, add the value on the *Listing of MBE and WBE Subcontractors* contained elsewhere in the contract documents.

MBE or WBE Prime Contractor

When a certified MBE or WBE firm bids on a contract that contains MBE and WBE goals, the firm is responsible for meeting the goals or making good faith efforts to meet the goals, just like any other bidder. In most cases, a MBE or WBE bidder on a contract will meet one of the goals 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.

For example, on a proposed contract, the WBE goal is 10%, and the MBE goal is 8%. A WBE bidder puts in a bid where they will perform 40% of the contract work and have a WBE subcontractor which will perform another 5% of the work. Together the two WBE firms submit on the *Listing of MBE and WBE Subcontractors* a value of 45% of the contract which fulfills the WBE goal. The 8% MBE goal shall be obtained through MBE participation with MBE certified subcontractors or documented through a good faith effort. It should be noted that you cannot combine the two goals to meet an overall value. The two goals shall remain separate.

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 MBE and WBE goals 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 12:00 noon of the sixth calendar day following opening of bids, unless the sixth 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 12:00 noon 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 MBE and WBE goals, or if the form is incomplete (i.e. both signatures are not present), the MBE/WBE participation will not count toward meeting the MBE/WBE goal. If the lack of this participation drops the commitment below either the MBE or 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 12:00 noon 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 12:00 noon on the next official state business day.

Submission of Good Faith Effort

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

One complete set and (No. of Copies) copies of this information shall be received in the office of the Engineer no later than 12:00 noon of the sixth calendar day following opening of bids, unless the sixth 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 12:00 noon 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 MBE/WBE Goals 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 who have the capability to perform the work of the contract. 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 MBE and WBE goals 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 contract MBE/WBE goals when the work to be sublet includes potential for MBE/WBE participation (2nd and 3rd tier subcontractors).
- (C) Providing interested MBEs/WBEs 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 contract goals 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 contract MBE or WBE goals, 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 NCDOT's Business Development Manager in the Business Opportunity and Work Force Development Unit 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 MBE and WBE 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 MBE and WBE goals.
- (2) The bidders' past performance in meeting the MBE and WBE goals.
- (3) The performance of other bidders in meeting the MBE and WBE goals. For example, when the apparent successful bidder fails to meet the goals, but others meet it, you may reasonably raise the question of whether, with additional reasonable efforts the apparent successful bidder could have met the goals. If the apparent successful bidder fails to meet the MBE and WBE goals, 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 MBE and WBE goals can be met or that an adequate good faith effort has been made to meet the MBE and WBE goals.

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 MBE/WBE Goals

(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 MBE contract goal requirement. The same holds for work that a WBE subcontracts to another WBE firm. Work that a MBE subcontracts to a non-MBE firm does not count toward the MBE contract goal requirement. Again, the same holds true for the work that a WBE subcontracts to a non-WBE firm. 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. The MBE/WBE may present evidence to rebut this presumption to the Department. The Department's decision on the rebuttal of this presumption may be subject to review by the Office of Inspector General, NCDOT.

(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 or 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 or 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.

(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 MBE or 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 goal requirement. 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 liable for meeting the goal.

- (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 termination.

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 is terminated for good cause as stated above, an additional MBE that was submitted at the time of bid may be used to fulfill the MBE commitment. The same holds true if a committed WBE is terminated for good cause, an additional WBE that was submitted at the time of bid may be used to fulfill the 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.
- (2) 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 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 on the Department's DBE-IS (*Subcontractor Payment Information*) with each invoice. Invoices will not be processed for payment until the DBE-IS is received.

Failure to Meet Contract Requirements

Failure to meet contract requirements in accordance with Subarticle 102-15(J) of the *2012 Standard Specifications* may be cause to disqualify the Contractor.

SUBSURFACE INFORMATION:

(7-1-95)

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SP1 G112 A

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

COOPERATION WITH UTILITY OWNERS

(3-20-12)

105

SP1 G115

Revise the *2012 Standard Specifications* as follows:

Page 1-43, Article 105-8, line 28, after the first sentence, add the following:

Identify excavation locations by means of pre-marking with white paint, flags, or stakes or provide a specific written description of the location in the locate request.

The NCDOT Traffic Services Department shall be notified forty-eight (48) hours prior to any digging and/or trenching operations to ensure that underground signal equipment is located properly. Contact person is Charles Rice and his office number is 828-298-0094.

COOPERATION BETWEEN CONTRACTORS

(7-1-95)

105-7

SP1 G133

The Contractor's attention is directed to Article 105-7 of the *2012 Standard Specifications*.

The Contractor on this project shall cooperate with the Contractor working within or adjacent to the limits of this project to the extent that the work can be carried out to the best advantage of all concerned.

GIFTS FROM VENDORS AND CONTRACTORS

(12-15-09)

107-1

SP1 G152

By Executive Order 24, issued by Governor Perdue, and *N.C.G.S. § 133-32*, it is unlawful for any vendor or contractor (i.e. architect, bidder, contractor, construction manager, design professional, engineer, landlord, offeror, seller, subcontractor, supplier, or vendor), to make gifts or to give favors to any State employee of the Governor's Cabinet Agencies (i.e. Administration, Commerce, Correction, Crime Control and Public Safety, Cultural Resources, Environment and Natural Resources, Health and Human Services, Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Revenue, Transportation, and the Office of the Governor). This prohibition covers those vendors and contractors who:

- (A) Have a contract with a governmental agency; or
- (B) Have performed under such a contract within the past year; or
- (C) Anticipate bidding on such a contract in the future.

For additional information regarding the specific requirements and exemptions, vendors and contractors are encouraged to review Executive Order 24 and *N.C.G.S. § 133-32*.

Executive Order 24 also encouraged and invited other State Agencies to implement the requirements and prohibitions of the Executive Order to their agencies. Vendors and contractors should contact other State Agencies to determine if those agencies have adopted Executive Order 24.

EMPLOYMENT

(11-15-11) (Rev. 1-17-12)

108, 102

SP1 G184

Revise the *2012 Standard Specifications* as follows:

Page 1-20, Subarticle 102-15(O), delete and replace with the following:

(O) Failure to restrict a former Department employee as prohibited by Article 108-5.

Page 1-65, Article 108-5 Character of Workmen, Methods, and Equipment, line 32, delete all of line 32, the first sentence of the second paragraph and the first word of the second sentence of the second paragraph.

STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR TITLE CHANGE:

(9-18-12)

SP1 G185

Revise the *2012 Standard Specifications* as follows:

Replace all references to “State Highway Administrator” with “Chief Engineer”.

PROJECT SPECIAL PROVISIONS- Roadway

The Contractor shall provide all materials, labor, equipment and traffic control to satisfactorily complete the work of grounds maintenance and installing replacement plant materials and all other work identified by the Engineer or his/her representative. Work shall be available during the summer time work schedule from 7:00 am to 3:30 pm and in the winter time work schedule from 7:30am to 4:00pm Monday through Friday. Extended hours may also be granted at the request of the contractor, in writing, to the Engineer. The Contractor shall contact NCDOT after award of the bid for the time and date for the pre-construction conference.

The maintenance cycles for this contract that includes litter and debris pick-up and removed properly disposed of off-site, also line/blade trimming and mowing. The maintenance cycle's also includes pesticide and herbicide applications, hand weeding, and all other work as described in the maintenance cycles of this contract proposal.

Prior before beginning work the contractor must submit a schedule in writing of which weeks during the month that will be agreed upon that contractor to perform work. Once the schedule is agreed upon by the Contractor and the Engineer, the work will be performed for that week. The Contractor has five (5) calendar days to complete this work once work has begun. If the contractor damages or significantly injures any of the established plant material on this project such as, but not limited to: (pesticide damage or line trimming/mowing). The Contractor will be required to replace the plant at same size and height as the original species at his or her cost. Such damage or injuries shall be determined by the Engineer or his/her representative.

The North Carolina Department of transportation reserves the right to enter onto the project and have NCDOT personnel or their Contractor(s) perform Mulching or plant replacement and the removal of any plant material at any time and for any reason at the discretion of the Engineer or his/her representative.

During the Maintenance Cycles for this contract, the Contractor shall be paid at one hundred (100%) percent for each of the line items listed for this contract. Such as: Litter and debris pick-up and each plant species, post and pre-emergence herbicidal treatment, water for replacement plants, also mowing/line/blade trimming, pruning of trees/shrubs/daylilies and native grasses. When the Contractor submits an invoice for payment, he/she must have pesticide/herbicide spray report attached to the invoice for that particular cycle. If the pesticide/herbicide spray report is not attached to the invoice for that particular cycle. **PAYMENT MAY BE DELAYED OR DENIED IF THE PESTICIDE/HERBICIDE SPRAY REPORT IS NOT ATTACHED TO THE INVOICE.**

It may take up to thirty (30) days to process the request for payment invoice. Do not contact NCDOT Division 13 Business Office regarding payment until thirty (30) days after the date of submitting the invoice for payment.

This Contract is set up for full one-hundred percent (100%) payment provided all services are rendered as outlined herein. Should the Contractor fail to provide any part of the complete service in accordance with the terms of the contract, adjustments will be made to the invoice submitted for payment and consequently to the compensation. The reduction will be calculated according to the Liquidated Damages stated herein.
each monthly maintenance work cycle.

COLLECT ALL WASTE, LITTER AND DEBRIS

The project shall be policed at each visit and all waste, litter and debris shall be removed and properly disposed of off-site. Litter and debris shall be removed at least once a month during maintenance work cycles.

<u>Pay Item</u>	<u>Pay Unit</u>
Waste, litter and debris removal.....	EA/Cycle

LINE/BLADE TRIMMING AND MOWING

Mowing and Blade/Line Trimming: Line/Blade Trimming and Mowing shall be done each month during the growing season. All waste, litter, debris or trash in turf grass areas shall be removed prior to mowing. Care should be taken to protect the trunks and stems of all plant material while line trimming or mowing. All areas outside the plant bed shall be kept mown or line trimmed in a clean and neat manner. Specific locations for mowing will be available at the pre-bid conference. For the purpose of this contract the mowing cycles shall be October, March, April, May, June, July, August, and September. Except for November, December, January, and February when no mowing is required. Additional Mowing/line trimming shall be as requested or as directed by the Engineer. Throughout the remainder of the year, grounds maintenance is to be maintained in a consistent, clean and neat appearance. It is intended that the work of mowing will be completed in a precise uniformly cut manner. Mowing height for this contract shall be three (3) inches. Special attention shall be given by the contractor to avoid “scalping, gapped, rolling down, uncut streaks of any area of turf grass, this will not be considered acceptable.

<u>Pay Item</u>	<u>Pay Unit</u>
Line/Blade Trimming and Mowing.....	EA/Cycle

SPECIAL LINE/BLADE TRIMMING AND MOWING

Location: NC 191 (Brevard Road) the fields and sloped banks at the interchange, also along I-240 West/Eastbound lanes to South Bear Creek Road overpass bridge. Specific location for mowing will be available at the pre-bid conference.

Special Line/Blade Trimming and Mowing shall be done in cycles and shall be in April, July and October. All waste, litter, debris or trash in turf grass areas shall be removed prior to mowing and properly disposed of off-site. Additional Mowing/line trimming shall be as requested or as directed by the Engineer or his/her representative.

<u>Pay Item</u>	<u>Pay Unit</u>
Line/Blade Trimming and Mowing.....	EA/Cycle

PESTICIDES AND HERBICIDES

The appropriate and current pesticide application license must be maintained at all times during the life of this project. Any pesticide usage on the site shall be by or under the direct supervision of valid licensed commercial pesticide applicator (Licensed by the N.C. Department of Agriculture), with Right of way (H) and Ornamental and Turf (L) sub-classifications.

All waste, debris or trash in plant bed areas shall be removed prior to any application of pesticides by the Contractor. The Contractor shall apply post-emergence herbicidal treatment including applications of a systemic emergence total vegetation control herbicide, and pre-emergence herbicidal treatment prevents the germination of weed seeds. Work shall be performed in the months of October, March, April, May, June, July, August, and September for post-emergence herbicidal treatment. Work shall be performed in the months of January, April, July and October for pre-emergence herbicidal treatments. Additional treatments shall be as requested, or as directed by the Engineer or his/her representative.

The Contractor shall be responsible for control of the pest(s) and apply pesticides, fungicides, miticides, etc. specifically for the control of the specific pest. The type and rate of pesticides, fungicides and miticides, etc. to be utilized shall be submitted to the Engineer for approval prior to application. The Engineer may at any time during the course of the project notify the Contractor of discovery of pests found and request treatment be initiated immediately. Treatment for specific pests may be required at any time appropriate during the course of the of that months maintenance cycle. Spraying of pesticides for insect, fungal and control shall be considered incidental to this contract unless stated as bid item.

The type, rate and specific post-emergence and pre-emergence herbicides the Contractor would like to use shall be submitted and approved by the Engineer prior to application.

<u>Pay Item</u>	<u>Pay Unit</u>
Post-emergence Herbicidal Treatment for Plant Beds	EA/Cycle
Pre-emergence Herbicidal Treatment for Plant Beds	EA/Cycle

PRUNING OF TREES/SHRUBS/DAYLILIES AND NATIVE GRASSES

Pruning of Trees and Shrubs: During the scope of the contract the pruning of trees and shrubs is required for two (2 cycles) a year in the month(s) of May and November. Work shall be performed using acceptable techniques of the International Society of Arboriculture for pruning, according to shape, size and condition of the individual plant. Clippings and all the waste materials, (such as litter and vegetative debris) shall be removed and properly disposed of off-site.

Daylilies: During the scope of the contractor the pruning of daylilies is required one (1 cycle) a year in the month(s) of November or December, at the request of the Engineer or his/her representative. All waste, debris. Litter or trash in all areas shall be removed prior to pruning; also the vegetative debris shall be removed and properly disposed of off-site.

Native grasses: During the scope of the contractor the pruning of Native Grasses is required one (1 cycle) a year in the month of January, at the request of the Engineer or his/her representative. All waste, debris. Litter or trash in all areas shall be removed prior to pruning; also the vegetative debris shall be removed and properly disposed of off-site.

NCDOT personnel must be notified a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours in advance by the Engineer and NCDOT shall be given the opportunity to be present for all pruning.

<u>Pay Item</u>	<u>Pay Unit</u>
Pruning of Trees and Shrubs	EA/Cycle
Pruning of Daylilies	EA/Cycle
Pruning of Native Grasses	EA/Cycle

PLANT MATERIAL, REPLACEMENT PLANTING AND WATERING

The Contractor must be familiar with excavation of plant holes, planting and backfilling also watering and the use of slow release fertilizers, when installing plant material. The Engineer or his/her representative may request staking and guying of various plant materials. For more information see Section 1670 Planting of the Standard Specifications for Roads and Structures.

All plant material furnished shall be the best quality representation of each of the specified species. A list of the suppliers and their contact information for all plant material shall be furnished to the Engineer or his/her representative. This information shall be verified and plant material may be inspected prior to being installed. Plant material deemed to be of unacceptable quality will not be considered.

All plant materials that die or are damaged, or decline in health/appearance shall be removed at the request of the Engineer or his/her representative. All trees, shrubs and daylilies shall be replaced within one month from the date removed. Time frame for installing plant material is from October 1st to April 15th but the native grasses from April 15th to May 15th all plants shall be replaced within the appropriate replacement planting seasonal limitations as specified.

The Contractor shall water the plants at the time of planting and continue to water as needed and as directed by the Engineer or his/her representative.

<u>Pay Item</u>	<u>Pay Unit</u>
Replacement plant material - Trees/Shrubs/Daylilies and Native grass	EA
Water for planting3000 Gallons

DAMAGE TO NCDOT FACILITIES

The Contractor may be held responsible for any damage he caused to NCDOT facilities; including but not limited to spit rail fence, roadway surfaces, shoulders, guardrail, drainage structures, signs, pavement markers, utilities and pavement markings.

STANDARD SPECIAL PROVISION
AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS – TERMINATION OF CONTRACTS

(5-20-08)

Z-2

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 the contract specifications.

Payment will be made on any contract terminated pursuant to the special provision in accordance with Subarticle 108-13(E) of the *2012 Standard Specifications*.

STANDARD SPECIAL PROVISION

ERRATA

(1-17-12) (Rev. 9-18-12)

Z-4

Revise the *2012 Standard Specifications* as follows:

Division 2

Page 2-7, line 31, Article 215-2 Construction Methods, replace “Article 107-26” with “Article 107-25”.

Page 2-17, Article 226-3, Measurement and Payment, line 2, delete “pipe culverts,”.

Page 2-20, Subarticle 230-4(B), Contractor Furnished Sources, change references as follows: **Line 1**, replace “(4) Buffer Zone” with “(c) Buffer Zone”; **Line 12**, replace “(5) Evaluation for Potential Wetlands and Endangered Species” with “(d) Evaluation for Potential Wetlands and Endangered Species”; and **Line 33**, replace “(6) Approval” with “(4) Approval”.

Division 4

Page 4-77, line 27, Subarticle 452-3(C) Concrete Coping, replace “sheet pile” with “reinforcement”.

Division 6

Page 6-7, line 31, Article 609-3 Field Verification of Mixture and Job Mix Formula Adjustments, replace “30” with “45”.

Page 6-10, line 42, Subarticle 609-6(C)(2), replace “Subarticle 609-6(E)” with “Subarticle 609-6(D)”.

Page 6-11, Table 609-1 Control Limits, replace “Max. Spec. Limit” for the Target Source of $P_{0.075}/P_{be}$ Ratio with “1.0”.

Page 6-40, Article 650-2 Materials, replace “Subarticle 1012-1(F)” with “Subarticle 1012-1(E)”

Division 10

Page 10-74, Table 1056-1 Geotextile Requirements, replace “50%” for the UV Stability (Retained Strength) of Type 5 geotextiles with “70%”.

Division 12

Page 12-7, Table 1205-3, add “FOR THERMOPLASTIC” to the end of the title.

Page 12-8, Subarticle 1205-5(B), line 13, replace “Table 1205-2” with “Table 1205-4”.

Page 12-8, Table 1205-4 and 1205-5, replace “THERMOPLASTIC” in the title of these tables with “POLYUREA”.

Page 12-9, Subarticle 1205-6(B), line 21, replace “Table 1205-4” with “Table 1205-6”.

Page 12-11, Subarticle 1205-8(C), line 25, replace “Table 1205-5” with “Table 1205-7”.

Division 15

Page 15-6, Subarticle 1510-3(B), after line 21, replace the allowable leakage formula with the following: $W = LD\sqrt{P} \div 148,000$

Page 15-6, Subarticle 1510-3(B), line 32, delete “may be performed concurrently or” and replace with “shall be performed”.

Page 15-17, Subarticle 1540-3(E), line 27, delete “Type 1”.

Division 17

Page 17-26, line 42, Subarticle 1731-3(D) Termination and Splicing within Interconnect Center, delete this subarticle.

Revise the *2012 Roadway Standard Drawings* as follows:

1633.01 Sheet 1 of 1, English Standard Drawing for Matting Installation, replace “1633.01” with “1631.01”.

STANDARD SPECIAL PROVISION

PLANT AND PEST QUARANTINES

(Imported Fire Ant, Gypsy Moth, Witchweed, And Other Noxious Weeds)

(3-18-03)

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, 919-733-6932, or <http://www.ncagr.com/plantind/> 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 or other noxious weeds.

STANDARD SPECIAL PROVISION

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.

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.

STANDARD SPECIAL PROVISION

ON-THE-JOB TRAINING

(10-16-07) (Rev. 5-21-13)

Z-10

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. A sample agreement is available at www.ncbowd.com/section/on-the-job-training.

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:

60 percent	of the journeyman wage for the first half of the training period
75 percent	of the journeyman wage for the third quarter of the training period
90 percent	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

Sheet _____ of _____

FIRM NAME AND ADDRESS	MBE or WBE	ITEM NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	* AGREED UPON UNIT PRICE	** DOLLAR VOLUME OF ITEM

Contract No.

County

Firm

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Bidders with no MBE and/or WBE participation must so indicate this on the form by entering the word or number *zero*.

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 Subcontractor _____
 MBE Percentage of Total Contract Bid _____
 Price % _____
 ** Dollar Volume of WBE \$ _____
 Subcontractor _____
 WBE Percentage of Total Contract Bid _____
 Price % _____

* The Dollar Volume shown in this column shall be the Actual Price Agreed Upon by the Prime Contractor and the MBE and/or WBE subcontractor, and these prices will be used to determine the percentage of the MBE and/or WBE participation in the contract.

** Must have entry even if figure to be entered is zero.

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North Carolina Department of Transportation BID FORM

WBS Element: 13.101133

Description: Landscape Contractor to install replacement plants as needed and perform monthly maintenance for the landscape plantings.

County: Buncombe

LINE	SECT	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UNIT COST	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT BID
		<i>GROUNDS MAINTENANCE</i>				
1	SP	Waste & Litter/Vegetative Debris Pickup	13	EA/CYLCE		
2	SP	Mowing and Line/Blade trimming	10	EA/CYLCE		
3	SP	Special Mowing and Line/Blade trimming	4	EA/CYLCE		
4	SP	Post-emergence herbicide treatment	9	EA/CYLCE		
5	SP	Pre-emergence herbicide treatment	4	EA/CYLCE		
6	SP	Pruning of Trees and Shrubs	2	EA/CYLCE		
7	SP	Pruning of Daylilies	1	EA/CYLCE		
8	SP	Pruning of Native Grasses	1	EA/CYLCE		
9	1670	Watering for plant material	3	M/G		
		<i>REPLACEMENT PLANTS</i>				
10	1670	Amelanchier x grandiflora 'Princess' Diana 5-6' B&B or Cont. 1.2.3	1	EA		
11	1670	Chamaecyparis Obtusa, 'Crippsii' Hinoki Falsecypress, 5-6' B&B or cont. 2.2.4	1	EA		
12	1670	Clethra alnifolia 'Humming Bird' Summersweet 18"-24", Cont. Class #3 2.2.3	3	EA		
13	1670	Cornus x rutgan, 'Stellar Pink' 5-6', B&B or Cont. 1.2.3	1	EA		
14	1670	Cornus sericea, 'Red twig Dogwood', 24"-30" Cont. Class #3, 2.2.3	3	EA		
15	1670	Ilex Verticillata, 'Red Sprite Winterberry', 15-18", Cont. Class #3 2.2.2	3	EA		
16	1670	Picea Omorika, 'Serbian Spruce', 6-7', LS, B&B or Cont., Heavy 3.2.4	1	EA		
17	1670	Picea abies, 'Norway Spruce', 6-7', LS, B&B or Cont., Heavy 3.2.4	1	EA		

18	1670	Picea Pungens, 'Colorado Spruce', 6-7', LS, B&B or Cont., Heavy 3.2.4	1	EA		
19	1670	Thuja Plicata 'Green Giant Arborvitae', 5-6', LS, B&B or Cont., Heavy 3.2.6	1	EA		
20	1670	Viburnum x pragense, 'Prague', 18-24", Cont. Class #3 4.2.4	3	EA		
		<i>NATIVE GRASSES/DAYLILIES</i>				
21	1670	Schizachyrium Scoparium, 'The Blues Bluestem', # 1 cont. 2.2.3	10	EA		
22	1670	Sporobolis Heterolepis, 'Prairie Drop Seed' # SP4, 18 per 18 per Flat or 1# cont. 2.2.3	234	EA		
23	1670	Panicum Virgatum 'Cloud Nine Switchgrass' # 1 cont. 2.2.3	10	EA		
24	1670	Hemmerocallis 'Butter Popcorn Daylily', # 1 12.2.3	15	EA		

<p><i>TOTAL BID FOR PROJECT:</i> _____</p>	<p>Corporate Seal</p>
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THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

This bid has been reviewed in accordance with Article 103-1 of the Standard Specifications for Roads and Structures 2012.

Reviewed by _____ *(date)*

Accepted by NCDOT _____ *(date)*
Division Engineer

**EXECUTION OF BID
NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT, DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION AND GIFT BAN CERTIFICATION**

CORPORATION

The person executing the bid, on behalf of the Bidder, being duly sworn, solemnly swears (or affirms) that neither he, nor any official, agent or employee of the bidder 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 bidder has not been convicted of violating *N.C.G.S. § 133-24* within the last three years, and that the Bidder intends to do the work with its own bonafide employees or subcontractors and is not bidding for the benefit of another contractor.

In addition, execution of this bid in the proper manner also constitutes the Bidder's certification of 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 CONTRACTOR

_____ Full name of Corporation

_____ Address as 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

CORPORATE SEAL

AFFIDAVIT MUST BE NOTARIZED

State of _____
County of _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the _____ day of _____ 20__.

_____ Signature of Notary Public

NOTARY SEAL

My commission Expires: _____

**EXECUTION OF BID
NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT, DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION AND GIFT BAN CERTIFICATION
PARTNERSHIP**

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SIGNATURE OF CONTRACTOR

_____ Full Name of Partnership

_____ Address as Prequalified

_____ By _____
Signature of Witness Signature of Partner

_____ Print or type Signer's name _____ Print or type Signer's name

AFFIDAVIT MUST BE NOTARIZED

State of _____
County of _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the ____ day of _____ 20__.

Signature of Notary Public

NOTARY SEAL

My Commission Expires: _____

**EXECUTION OF BID
NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT, DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION AND GIFT BAN CERTIFICATION**

LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

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SIGNATURE OF CONTRACTOR

_____ Full Name of Firm

_____ Address as Prequalified

_____ Signature of Witness

_____ Signature of Member/Manager/Authorized Agent
Select appropriate title

_____ Print or type Signer's name

_____ Print or type Signer's Name

AFFIDAVIT MUST BE NOTARIZED

State of _____
County of _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the _____ day of _____ 20__.

_____ Signature of Notary Public

NOTARY SEAL

My Commission Expires: _____

**EXECUTION OF BID
NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT, DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION AND GIFT BAN CERTIFICATION**

JOINT VENTURE (2) or (3)

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SIGNATURE OF CONTRACTOR

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.

(1) _____
Name of Joint Venture

(2) _____
Name of Contractor

Address 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

(3) _____
Name of Contractor

Address 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

(4) _____
Name of Contractor (for 3 Joint Venture only)

Address as Prequalified

Signature of Witness or Attest

Print or type Signer's name

By

Signature of Contractor

Print or type Signer's name

If Corporation, affix Corporate Seal

NOTARY SEAL
Affidavit must be notarized for Line (2)

NOTARY SEAL
Affidavit must be notarized for Line (3)

NOTARY SEAL
Affidavit must be notarized for Line (4)

_____ County
State of _____

_____ County
State of _____

_____ County
State of _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
____ day of _____ 20__

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
____ day of _____ 20__

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
____ day of _____ 20__

Signature of Notary Public

Signature of Notary Public

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My Commission Expires: _____

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**EXECUTION OF BID
NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT, DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION AND GIFT BAN CERTIFICATION**

INDIVIDUAL DOING BUSINESS UNDER A FIRM NAME

The person executing the bid, on behalf of the Bidder, being duly sworn, solemnly swears (or affirms) that neither he, nor any official, agent or employee of the bidder 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 bidder has not been convicted of violating *N.C.G.S. § 133-24* within the last three years, and that the Bidder intends to do the work with its own bonafide employees or subcontractors and is not bidding for the benefit of another contractor.

In addition, execution of this bid in the proper manner also constitutes the Bidder's certification of 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 CONTRACTOR

Name of Contractor _____
Individual name

Trading and doing business as _____
Full name of Firm

Address as Prequalified

Signature of Witness

Signature of Contractor, Individually

Print or type Signer's name

Print or type Signer's name

AFFIDAVIT MUST BE NOTARIZED

State of _____
County of _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the ____ day of _____ 20__.

Signature of Notary Public

NOTARY SEAL

My Commission Expires: _____

DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION

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 filed 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.