

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS

Contract Number: DN00768 **TIP Number:** N/A

Federal Aid Number: State Funded

WBS Number: 2022CPT.14.11.20202, 2022CPT.14.11.20222,

2022CPT.14.11.20382, 2022CPT.14.11.20872

County: Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Swain

Location: Along Various Secondary Routes in Cherokee, Clay, Graham, and Swain

Counties

Description: AST, Pavement Markings, Traffic Control

Project Length: 47.62 Miles **Letting Date:** March 8, 2022

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

BID OPENING

Electronic bids must be received in Bid Express, by 2:00 PM on Tuesday, March 8, 2022. The Bid Express® website is bidx.com. Bids will be downloaded and publicly read at NCDOT Division 14 Office, 253 Webster Road, Sylva NC, at the above date and time; however, in-person attendance is not permitted at this time. Interested parties may call the phone number listed under the COVID-19 RESTRICTED BID OPENING ATTENDANCE information found elsewhere in this document.

BIDDER REQUIREMENTS

Bidders must be prequalified as Bidder or PO Prime Contractor at the time of letting, in order to be considered responsible. Information about prequalification can be found at https://connect.ncdot.gov/business/Prequal/Pages/Default.aspx.

There is NO pre bid meeting associated with this proposal.

BID DOCUMENTS

The contract proposal, plans, and supplemental project information are available online at https://connect.ncdot.gov/letting/Pages/Division.aspx.

The printing of all bid-related documents, including the proposal, plans, and any supplemental project information shall be the responsibility of the bidder. Division 14 will no longer provides hard copies of bid documents.

SUPPLEMENTAL BIDDING INFORMATION

ADDENDA

- All EBSX addenda files will only be posted to the Bid Express®, bidx.com website.
- With the exception of the EBSX addenda file associated with this contract, all other addenda documentation will be posted at the Division 14 Bidding & Letting website: https://connect.ncdot.gov/letting/Pages/Division.aspx

ELECTRONIC BIDDING

Electronic bidding is required through Bid Express®. Their website is bidx.com.

For electronic bidding, the following files will be located on bidx.com, exclusively. These will **not** be included on the Bidding & Letting site on Connect.NCDOT.gov.

- EBSX files
- DBE_NC.BIN files
- EBSX addenda files

Do <u>NOT</u> submit bids for the project let by Division 14 to the NCDOT <u>Statewide</u> Project Letting Office.

Note: It takes a few minutes for the Division staff to download the electronic bids before those can be read. The download does not start until 2:00 PM.

ASSISTANCE

- Project specific questions should be directed to the Division 14 Contract Office at d14contracts@ncdot.gov.
- BidX-related questions should be directed to Jaci Kincaid at 919-707-6920.
- For questions or problems becoming an NCDOT vendor, to get Pre-qualified, or to update your work codes, go to: https://connect.ncdot.gov/business/Pages/default.aspx

COVID-19 RESTRICTED BID OPENING ATTENDANCE

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 event, the bid opening for DN00768 will not be open to public attendance. If a bidder wishes, he or she may attend the bid opening via conference call using the following phone number and access code:

Conference Call Phone Number: 877-336-1828
Access Code: 8766977

Note: "As-read" bids results should be posted to the Bidding & Letting website within two hours of opening.

For those proposals requiring electronic bid submission through Bid Express, Validation requests to the Contract Office are no longer required and will not be issued. Bid Express tracks this information.