



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS - SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

Contract ID: DN12138287
TIP: N/A
Federal Aid: State Funded
WBS: 21S.044
County: Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Macon
Description: ID-IQ On-Call Tree Services - District 3 at Various Locations
Throughout Cherokee, Clay, Graham, And Macon Counties
Project Length: **Varies**
Letting Date: August 13, 2024

The Department of Transportation does not exclude any person from participation in, deny any person the benefits of, or otherwise discriminate against anyone in connection with the award and performance of any contract covered by this program on the basis of race, color, sex, political affiliation/ influence, or national origin.

SBE PROGRAM INFORMATION

This is an SBE contract and to qualify for the NCDOT SBE Program a firm must have an annual gross income of \$1,500,000 or less, exclusive of materials. **Only contractors currently certified as an SBE Contractor by the Contractual Services Unit of NCDOT and listed in the Directory of Transportation Firms at bid opening will be eligible to bid on this project. Prospective bidders who qualify for the SBE Program and are not currently certified should submit a completed application packet prior to bid submittal to allow for review time. The application packet and additional information on the program may be obtained online at:**

<http://www.ncdot.org/business/ocs/sbe/>

Per G.S. 136-28.10, a NC General Contractor's license may be waived for SBE contracts. For this proposal/contract, the NC General Contractor's license is not required.

Per G.S. 136-28.10, contract payment and performance bonds may be waived. For this proposal/contract, the contract payment and performance bonds are not required.

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BIDDER REQUIREMENTS

Ariba Vendor Requirements - The Department of Transportation has implemented a new vendor system. For this proposal/contract, the new vendor system requires that those contractors submitting a bid register as an Ariba Vendor, even if your firm was previously registered under the old system. Attached is a registration packet that will need to be completed and submitted with your paper bid, in the same sealed envelope. If your firm has already been onboarded to the new Ariba system, then you do not need to submit the onboarding packet with your bid. Failure to register under this new system may result in a delay of award or in the Department opting not to award your firm the contract should you be the low bidder.

Bidders must attend the pre bid meeting and sign the sign in sheet to be considered a valid plan holder; details regarding the meeting day, time, location, and point of contact can be found in the proposal. Bidders should bring a printed copy of the proposal, plans, and any relevant supplemental documentation to the pre-bid meeting, as hard copies of these documents will not be supplied by NCDOT.

BID OPENING

Sealed bids must be received in the Division 14 Office at 253 Webster Road, Sylva, NC 28779 by 2:00 PM on Tuesday, August 13, 2024. Bids will be opened and publicly read at NCDOT Division 14 Office, 253 Webster Road, Sylva NC, at the above date, shortly after the time that the bids submissions are due. The As-Read Bid Summaries will be posted within 48 hours of the bid opening. Results **will not** be provided by any other means than posting to the website.

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 no longer provides hard copies of bid documents.

SUPPLEMENTAL BIDDING INFORMATION

ADDENDA

- All addenda files will only be posted on the Division 14 Bidding & Letting website: <https://connect.ncdot.gov/letting/Pages/Division.aspx>

ASSISTANCE

- Project specific questions should be directed to the Division 14 Contract Office at d14contracts@ncdot.gov.