

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS - SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

Contract ID: DN01033
TIP: SS-60140
Federal Aid: State Funded
WBS: 49454.3.1
County: Jackson

Description: Drainage, Erosion Control, Grade, Pavement Marking, Traffic Control

At Existing Crossover Located Along US-74 (Great Smokey Mountain

Expressway) at Approximately MM 92.7

Project Length: 0.2 Miles

Letting Date: October 10, 2023

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 a 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 a SBE Contractor by the Contractual Services Unit of NCDOT and is 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 online application process can be accessed from the link below, as well as additional information on the program:

 $\frac{https://connect.ncdot.gov/business/SmallBusiness/Online-Cert-App-Portal/Pages/default.aspx}{}$

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.

BIDDER REQUIREMENTS

There is NO pre bid meeting associated with this proposal.

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, October 10, 2023. 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 with 48 hours of the bid opening. Results **will not** be provided by any other means than posting to the website.

BID DOCUMENTS

Proposals, plans, EBSX files, 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 EBSX addenda files will only be posted online at: https://connect.ncdot.gov/letting/Pages/Division.aspx

ELECTRONIC BID PREPARATION WITH MANUAL DELIVERY

The bid submittal will be a combination of the traditional paper bid along with electronic bid submission using AASHTOWare Project Bids Entry software. Instructions for this process can be found in the proposal. <u>PLEASE READ AND FOLLOW THOSE INSTRUCTIONS</u> <u>CAREFULLY.</u>

Do \underline{NOT} submit bids for the project let by Division 14 to the NCDOT $\underline{Statewide}$ Project Letting Office.

Note: It takes a few minutes for the Division staff to verify the SBE certification status of those vendors who have submitted bids before those can be read aloud.

ASSISTANCE

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