

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals will be received by the NC Department of Transportation in Raleigh NC, in the office of David Varel, Facilities Design Unit, 1 South Wilmington Street, Raleigh, NC 27601 up to 2:00 pm on July 16, 2026 and immediately thereafter publicly opened for the furnishing of labor, material and equipment entering into the construction of

*Southport & Fort Fisher Ferry Ramp Backup System
Southport, NC & Fort Fisher, NC
SCO ID#: 25-29456-01A*

Scope of Work: The construction will include the installation of a chain hoist system to be used as a backup for the hydraulically operated ferry ramp.

Bids will be received for a single prime contract. All proposals shall be lump sum.

Pre-Bid Meeting

A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held for all interested bidders on

*June 30, 2026
11:00 am*

*Southport Visitor's Center
1650 Ferry Road SE
Southport, NC 28461*

The meeting will address project specific questions, issues, bidding procedures and bid forms.

Complete plans, specifications and contract documents will be open for inspection in the office of David Varel at the address above and at the office of Hardesty & Hanover, LLP, 3100 Smoketree Court, Suite 1005, Raleigh, NC, 27604 and in the online plan room of McGraw-Hill Dodge Corporation (dodge.construction.com), the online plan room at Construct Connect (constructconnect.com), and the online Minority Plan Rooms at East Coast Digital Planroom., (speedyblue.com) 252-758-1616.

Or paper copies may be obtained by those qualified as prime bidders, upon deposit of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) in cash or certified check. The full plan deposit will be returned to those bidders provided all documents are returned in good, usable condition within ten (10) days after the bid date.

NOTE: The bidder shall include with the bid proposal the form *Identification of Minority Business Participation* identifying the minority business participation it will use on the project and shall include either *Affidavit A* or *Affidavit B* as applicable. Forms and instructions are included within the Proposal Form in the bid documents. Failure to complete these forms is grounds for rejection of the bid. (GS143-128.2c Effective 1/1/2002.)

All contractors are hereby notified that they must have proper license as required under the state laws governing their respective trades.

General contractors are notified that Chapter 87, Article 1, General Statutes of North Carolina, will be observed in receiving and awarding general contracts. General contractors submitting bids on this project must have license classification for building or highway General Contractors.

NOTE--SINGLE PRIME CONTRACTS: Under GS 87-1, a contractor that superintends or manages construction of any building, highway, public utility, grading, structure or improvement shall be deemed a

“general contractor” and shall be so licensed. Therefore a single prime project that involves other trades will require the single prime contractor to hold a proper General Contractors license. **EXCEPT:** On public buildings being bid single prime, where the total value of the general construction does not exceed 25% of the total construction value, contractors under GS87- Arts 2 and 4 (Plumbing, Mechanical & Electrical) may bid and contract directly with the Owner as the SINGLE PRIME CONTRACTOR and may subcontract to other properly licensed trades. [GS87-1.1- Rules .0210](#)

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a cash deposit or a certified check drawn on some bank or trust company, insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, of an amount equal to not less than five percent (5%) of the proposal, or in lieu thereof a bidder may offer a bid bond of five percent (5%) of the bid executed by a surety company licensed under the laws of North Carolina to execute the contract in accordance with the bid bond. Said deposit shall be retained by the owner as liquidated damages in event of failure of the successful bidder to execute the contract within ten days after the award or to give satisfactory surety as required by law.

A performance bond and a payment bond will be required for one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price.

Payment will be made based on ninety-five percent (95%) of monthly estimates and final payment made upon completion and acceptance of work.

No bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of bids for a period of 30 days.

The owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities.

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