

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS

Subject: Invitation to Bid

MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE

Division Three

Contract ID: D3POC0235

WBS# VARIOUS

F.A. # FEDERAL PROVISIONS

TIP# N/A

COUNTY: BRUNSWICK, DUPLIN, NEW HANOVER, ONSLOW, PENDER,

AND SAMPSON COUNTIES.

The North Carolina Department Of Transportation Is Requesting Bids For The On-Call Signal & Its Maintenance *Federal Work Only*. All Quantities Are Estimates Only. The Contractor Must Furnish Labor, Equipment, And Traffic Control.

The Availability Date for this project is September 29, 2025. The Completion Date is September 28, 2026.

The Department Of Transportation Does Not Exclude Any Person From Participation In, Deny Any Person 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.

BID OPENING

Sealed Paper Bids must be received at NCDOT Division Operations located at 5501 Barbados Blvd., Castle Hayne, NC 28429 by 2:00 pm on Thursday, August 21, 2025. The entire bid package must be submitted by the contractor at the Bid Letting or the bid will be deemed irregular and rejected. Bids must be submitted on the official bid sheet included in the proposal and display the following statement on the front of the envelope:

QUOTATION FOR D3POC0235: ON-CALL SIGNAL & ITS MAINTENANCE *FEDERAL WORK ONLY* TO BE OPENED AT 2:00 PM ON AUGUST 21, 2025.

NOTE: The Bid Opening is accessible in Person OR using Conference Call by dialing 1 (877) 336-1829 and enter the following Access Code 4500785# to hear the bid results live.

MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE AND PROPOSAL REVIEW

Early arrival is strongly recommended, as latecomers will not be admitted and therefore not eligible to bid on this project.

In order for all prospective bidders to have an extensive knowledge of the project, ALL PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS SHALL ATTEND A MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE AS SHOWN BELOW:

Date: Wednesday, August 13, 2025

Time: 2:00 PM

Place: NCDOT Division 3 Operations Building - Conference Room

Location: 5501 Barbados Blvd

County: New Hanover

Contact for Directions: 910-341-2000

NOTE: BRING A COPY OF THE CONTRACT PROPOSAL TO THE CONFERENCE.

PROPOSALS WILL NOT BE PROVIDED. BIDDERS ARE EXPECTED TO READ THE

PROPOSAL PRIOR TO THE CONFERENCE. Please be prepared to ask questions.

This conference will be conducted by Department personnel to ensure all prospective bidders are given an opportunity to obtain information relevant to the project and given an opportunity to ask any questions they may have. The pre-bid conference will include a thorough discussion of the plans, contract pay items, special provisions, etc. The Engineer will explain areas of responsibility, standards of performance and expected results.

Any changes made to the contract during the pre-bid conference will be documented and included in an addendum to be posted the Division 3 Web Site. https://connect.ncdot.gov/letting/Pages/Letting-List.aspx?let_type=3

You must sign the Addenda acknowledgment page in the proposal when submitting your bid package.

Effective July 1, 2014, Division Let Contracts Should Only Be Awarded To Firms Listed In The <u>Directory of Transportation Firms</u> As Either A Bidder Or Po Prime Contractor. After This Date, Firms That Are Prequalified As Subcontractors Only Cannot Bid On Division Let Projects. Applications And Details On Becoming A Prequalified Bidder Or Po Prime Contractor Can Be Found At https://connect.ncdot.gov/business/Prequal/Pages/default.aspx.

Within 14 Calendar Days After Notice Of Award Is Received, The Successful Bidder Shall Submit A Fully Executed Execution Of Contract, Non-Collusion Certification, Debarment Certification And Gift Ban Certification Signature Sheet. Bond Forms Are Available As Part Of The Contract Execution Forms At The Following Website Https://Connect.Ncdot.Gov/Letting/Pages

THE RIGHT IS RESERVED TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS.

CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE: A General Contractor's License Is Required In Order To Submit A Bid On Any Non-Federal Aid Project Where The Bid Is \$30,000.00 Or More, Except For Certain Specialty Work As Determined By The Licensing Board. On Federal Projects, The Appropriate Contractors License Shall Be Obtained Within 60 Days Of Bid Opening. For Additional Information Or To Make Application For A License, Apply To The Executive Secretary Of The Contractor Licensing Board, P.O. Box 17187, Raleigh, Nc 27619, (919-571-4183).

PREQUALIFYING TO BID: All Prospective Bidders Shall Be Prequalified With The Department Of Transportation Prior To Submitting A Bid. Contractors Who Are Not Prequalified May Obtain Information And Forms For Prequalifying From The Contractual Services Unit, Division Of Highways, Department Of Transportation, 1509 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, N. C. All Required Prequalification Statements And Documents Shall Be Filed With The Contractual Services Unit At Least Four Weeks Prior To The Date Of Opening Bids.

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 DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES PARTICIPATION MUST BE PRESENTED WITH THE BIDS. DBE GOAL IS 0% FOR THIS CONTRACT.

POSTED BELOW ARE SOME LINKS TO INFORMATION THAT WILL ASSIST YOU IN BID PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION:

DIVISION 3 LETTINGS: https://connect.ncdot.gov/letting/Pages/Letting-List.aspx?let_type=3&let_status=Advertised

Please Refer To The Contract ID Referenced When Making Inquiries Regarding This Project. If You Have Questions, Or Need Additional Information Concerning This Project, Contact Stoney Mathis, PE At 910-341-2200 Or Email sdmathis@ncdot.gov

VISIT https://connect.ncdot.gov/letting/Pages/Division.aspx SELECT A DIVISION NUMBER FROM THE STATE MAP FOR OTHER PROJECTS IN DIVISION 3 AND OTHER DIVISIONS IN THE STATE.

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Division Contract Engineer

CC: Trevor Carroll, PE, Division Engineer
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Daniel Cumbo, PE, Assistant Division Construction Engineer
Battle Whitley, PE, Division Maintenance Engineer
Jessi Leonard, PE, Assistant Division Maintenance Engineer
Adrienne Cox, Division Planning Engineer
Eric Ritzel, Division Corridor Engineer
Stoney Mathis, PE, Division Traffic Engineer

Notice Regarding Upcoming Buy America Changes

On January 14, 2025, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) terminated its General Waiver for Manufactured Products and established specific Buy America requirements for their use on Federal-aid highway projects.

This means that as of the following dates, materials defined as manufactured products permanently incorporated into Federal-aid highway projects will have to be manufactured in the United States.

Key Implementation Dates

- Phase 1: contracts obligated on or after October 1, 2025
 - Final assembly of all manufactured products permanently incorporated into Federal-aid highway projects must occur in the United States.
- Phase 2: contracts obligated on or after October 1, 2026
 - Final assembly of all manufactured products permanently incorporated into Federal-aid highway projects must occur in the United States.

AND

The cost of U.S.-produced components in manufactured products must be greater than
 55% of the total cost of all components.

Definition of Manufactured Products

Manufactured Products are defined as articles, materials, or supplies that:

- Have been processed into a specific form and shape, or
- Have been combined with other articles or supplies to create a product with different properties than the individual articles, materials, or supplies.

This places greater emphasis on using domestically produced materials on these projects and is consistent with the Build America, Buy America Act (BABA) under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL).