



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS

Small Business Enterprise

Contracting Opportunity
Division Three

CONTRACT ID: D3POC0268

WBS #: 3RE.107115, 3RE.207115

F.A. #: STATE FUNDED

COUNTY: PENDER COUNTY

The North Carolina Department of Transportation is requesting bids for **Pender Long-Arm Mowing (LAM) - SBE**. The contractor must furnish all labor, materials, personnel, equipment, and traffic control.

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 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:

<https://connect.ncdot.gov/business/Pages/default.aspx>

Bid Bonds are not required for this project.

Mailing Address:
NC DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS
5501 BARBADOS BOULEVARD
CASTLE HAYNE, NC 28429-5647

Telephone: (910) 341-2000
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Website: www.ncdot.gov

Location:
5501 BARBADOS BOULEVARD
CASTLE HAYNE, NC 28429-5647

Per G.S. 136-28.10, a NC General Contractor's license may be waived for SBE contracts. For this project, the NC General Contractor's license will be waived.

Per G.S. 136-28.10, Contract Payment and Performance bonds may be waived. For this project, the Contract Payment and Performance bonds will be waived.

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, September 3, 2026**. Bids must be submitted on the official bid form included with the entire contract proposal and shall display the following statement on the front of the bid envelope:

QUOTATION FOR D3POC0268:

PENDER LONG-ARM MOWING (SBE) TO BE OPENED AT 2:00 PM – SEPTEMBER 3, 2026.

Include the following information:

- a. Name of corporation, partnership, Limited Liability Company, joint venture, individual or firm, submitting bid.
- b. Name of individual or representative submitting bid and position or title held on behalf of the bidder.
- c. Address of corporation, partnership, Limited Liability Company, joint venture, individual or firm, submitting bid.
- d. SAP Vendor Number of corporation, partnership, Limited Liability Company, joint venture, individual or firm, submitting bid.
- e. Contractor Number, if applicable, of corporation, partnership, Limited Liability Company, joint venture, individual or firm, submitting bid

NOTE: The Bid Opening is accessible in Person to hear the bid results live.

CONTRACT AVAILABILITY INFORMATION:

The Availability Date for this project is **October 19, 2026**.
The Completion Date for this project is **April 9, 2027**.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Please refer to the Contract Description referenced when making requests or inquiries regarding this project. If you have questions, or need additional information concerning this project, you may contact **Keith Groves, 910-789-6190** or email bkgroves@ncdot.gov

Visit <https://connect.ncdot.gov/letting/Pages/Division.aspx> and select a division number from the state map for other projects in Division 3 and throughout the state.

Sincerely,

Signed by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jonathan Mitchell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

Jonathan W. Mitchell

Division Contract Engineer

cc: Trevor Carroll, PE, Division Engineer
Michelle Howes, PE, Deputy Division Engineer
Katie Hite, PE, Division Project Development Engineer
David Leonard, PE, Assistant Division Project Development Engineer
Daniel Cumbo, PE, Division Construction Engineer
Ben Hughes, 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
Keith Groves, Div. Roadside Environmental 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).