



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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August 26, 2026

**NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS**

**Subject: Invitation to Bid**

Division Three

**Contract ID: DC00507**

**WBS# BP3.R011.3**

**F.A. # STATE FUNDED**

**TIP# BP3-R011**

**COUNTY: PENDER COUNTY**

THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IS REQUESTING BIDS FOR **PENDER BRIDGE 68**. ALL QUANTITIES ARE ESTIMATES ONLY. THE CONTRACTOR MUST FURNISH LABOR, EQUIPMENT, AND TRAFFIC CONTROL.

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.

**For June 2022 lettings and later:**

**Contractors bidding on NCDOT contracts must sign up for the Interested Parties List for each project they intend to submit bids on.** As part of this new requirement, Contractors must sign up for the *Interested Parties List* no later than one business day prior to the Letting Date.

For links to a *Quick Start Guide* and *Step-By-Step Instructions* visit our Bidding & Letting Page:  
<https://connect.ncdot.gov/letting/Pages/default.aspx>

**BID OPENING**

ELECTRONIC BIDS (UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED IN THE PROJECT SPECIAL PROVISION) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS WILL BE PUBLICLY READ AT **NCDOT DIVISION OPERATIONS** LOCATED AT **5501 BARBADOS BLVD., CASTLE HAYNE, NC 28429** AT **2:00 PM ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2026**.  
**NO ELECTRONIC BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED AFTER 2.00 PM.**

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

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

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Website: [www.ncdot.gov](http://www.ncdot.gov)

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

**The Availability date for this project is November 2, 2026.**

**The Completion date is November 6, 2027.**

A BID BOND OR BID DEPOSIT IN THE AMOUNT OF 5% OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT BID WILL BE REQUIRED. THE BIDDER SHALL SUBMIT AN ELECTRONIC BID BOND WITH EACH ELECTRONIC BID SUBMITTAL UNLESS A BID DEPOSIT IS FURNISHED INSTEAD.

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>

**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 \$40,000.00 OR MORE, EXCEPT FOR CERTAIN SPECIALTY WORK AS DETERMINED BY THE LICENSING BOARD. 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.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014, DIVISION LET CONTRACTS SHOULD ONLY BE AWARDED TO FIRMS LISTED IN THE [DIRECTORY OF TRANSPORTATION FIRMS](#) 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>.

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.

**THE RIGHT IS RESERVED TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS.**

**There is NO MBE/WBE Goal for this project.**

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

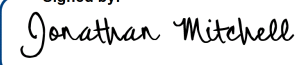
BID EXPRESS: <https://bidx.com/>

DIVISION 3 LETTINGS: [https://connect.ncdot.gov/letting/Pages/Letting-List.aspx?let\\_type=3&let\\_status=Advertised](https://connect.ncdot.gov/letting/Pages/Letting-List.aspx?let_type=3&let_status=Advertised)

**PLEASE REFER TO THE CONTRACTOR ID# REFERENCED WHEN MAKING INQUIRIES REGARDING THIS PROJECT. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, OR NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS PROJECT, CONTACT DANIEL JONES AT 910-682-5100 OR EMAIL [dfjones@ncdot.gov](mailto:dfjones@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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Signed by:  
  
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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  
Daniel Jones, Resident 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).