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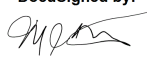
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Memorandum To: Potential Bidders and Meeting Attendees

From: Michael Kneis, P.E.  
Division Project Manager

Subject: Addendum Number 1 – Pre-bid Meeting Minutes, Snow and Ice Removal on Various Turnpike, Interstate, Primary and Secondary Roads in Durham and Wake Counties

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A mandatory pre-bid meeting was held at the Division 5 Office at 2:00 pm on Monday, July 22, 2015. The following people were in attendance:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Company</u>
Jesse DuClan	Moffat Pipe, Inc.
George Marsh	Gelder and Associates
Chauncey Mann	Triangle Grading and Paving
Ashley Pilkington	NCDOT
Jennifer Evans	NCDOT

Jennifer Evans opened the meeting with an overview of this proposal. She noted that NCDOT does have a current and on-going contract with Gelder and Associates for snow plows and this proposal is to be used in addition to state forces and other contract forces. This is a multiple award contract.

Special attention was drawn to the following items:

On Page 4 of the proposal "Instructions to Bidders" line 11 and line 12 have the date of bid opening incorrectly shown as June 12, 2013. Please strike these dates and replace with July 22, 2015.

The date of availability for this project is August 1, 2015. The timeframe between bid opening and date of availability is tight. Contractors will be notified after bid opening if the Department intends to award their contract and the number of trucks the Department intends to contract. The Contractor shall provide bonds and insurance promptly so the contracts can be executed.

While (3) hours is the stated minimum notice provided by the Department for a storm event, NCDOT will do their best to provide additional notification to the Contractor. NCDOT will not pay for equipment that is not operating on the project due to major breakdowns and inefficient operations. The intention of “Intermediate Contract Time Number (1) and Liquidated Damages” is to penalize the Contractor for not having operation-ready equipment mobilized and on standby within the 3 hour minimum notification. Since the pre-bid meeting the intention of ICT (1) has been clarified as follows:

It is not the intention of the Department to penalize the Contractor for minor breakdowns that occur during the snowplowing operation. If however, circumstances arise or a long duration breakdown occurs and prevents a piece of snow plow equipment from mobilizing for an event(s), liquidated damages will be charged. It is the intent of the Department that the Contractor shall have operational equipment ready and able to work on snow and ice events as they occur.

All personnel must wear an approved ANSI Class II vest/outer garment at a minimum.

Since the pre-bid meeting, the contract payment and bond requirements found on page 7 of the proposal have been modified as follows:

This project WILL REQUIRE payment and performance bonds regardless of the contract dollar value. Bonds will be required even if the contract is \$500,000 or less. The bond value and term will follow the payout of the outfitting fee as per the schedule of values. It is the Department’s intention that all bidders that are notified of intent to award shall provide a two (2) year bond for the value of the total outfitting fee to be paid to the Contractor in year one (50% of the total outfitting fee times the number of trucks to be provided under the contract). At the time for year 3 contract renewal, the Contractor shall provide a two (2 ) year bond for the value of total outfitting fee paid to be paid to the Contractor in year three (30% of the total outfitting fee times the number of trucks to be provided within the contract). At the time for year 5 renewal, the Contractor shall provide a one (1) year bond for the value of the total outfitting fee to be paid to the Contractor in year five (20% of the total outfitting fee times the number of trucks to be provided within the contract).

The intention of Department is that the Contractor shall run each piece of equipment continuously during an event. This will be accomplished with two (12) hour shifts per day.

Shift change locations are critical. NCDOT salt facilities may work for this. Currently there is not space at the NCDOT maintenance yards for this to occur. This will be worked out further after award of contract.

Contract plows may focus early efforts on toll and freeway facilities but may be shifted to primary and secondary routes as the efforts continue. There is no guarantee of geographic

location or facility type the Engineer will direct the Contractor to work. Since Contract forces may be used to plow secondary roads, the Contractor should use the dry run to familiarize the operator with turn around locations, curb and gutter, mailboxes, etc. If mailboxes are damaged by Contract forces, it is the Contractor's responsibility to replace.

The intention of this contract is for the Department to reimburse the Contractor for the purchase of plows, spreaders and blades, etc. to be utilized on Contractor provided trucks. NCDOT cannot provide blades to be installed on Contractor's equipment. To ensure that the Contractor has an adequate supply of blades the following changes have been made to "Outfitting Fee" page 25 of the proposal.

A minimum of FIVE (5) sets of blades per plow will be required to be purchased as part of the initial outfitting. A minimum of Five (5) sets of blades per plow shall be on-hand at the start of third year and a minimum of Three (3) sets of blades per plow shall be on-hand at the start of the fifth year of the contract. The Outfitting Fee payment due in those years (50%, 30%, 20% respectively) will NOT be made until the Engineer has verified that the Contractor is in possession of the required blades. The Contractor shall maintain a sufficient number of blades throughout the season such that the Contractor does not run out of blades during an event.

If the Contractor does not provide, repair or replace the equipment within a reasonable timeframe, the Contractor may be terminated and/or invoiced for a portion of, or all of, outfitting fees based on the Schedule of Values for said equipment.

The intent of the above statement is that NCDOT can recoup monies paid to the Contractor for equipment they did not have use of. NCDOT will not provide the Contractor with blades.

While carbide blades may work well for turnpike and freeway facilities, there have been some issues within the Division with these blades shattering on urban routes where manholes and water valves are present. The Contractor may want to consider using steel blades if this is a concern. NCDOT uses steel blades exclusively.

Brine tanks are not required but if the Contractor has them available they may be utilized. NCDOT does not expect that Contractor plows will have to operate with tire chains.

For additional questions prior to bid opening, contact Mike Kneis at (919)220-4600. Any responses to questions will be distributed by email and made available to all prospective bidders via website.

## Sign Up Sheet for Prebid Meeting

## Snow & Ice

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