



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS

Small Business Enterprise Subject: Invitation to Bid

Project Description: Ferry Operator Service At Elwell Ferry

The North Carolina Department of Transportation is requesting bids for the operation of the State owned Elwell Ferry, located on SR1730 in Bladen County for the schedule listed in the contract. The work includes, but is not limited to, furnishing all labor necessary for the prosecution and completion of all duties required for ferry operations.

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 \$1,500,000.00 or less, exclusive of materials. **Only contractors currently certified as a SBE Contractor by the Contractual Services Unit of NCDOT and is 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: <http://www.ncdot.org.business.ocs/sbe/>

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.

The date of availability for this project shall January 5, 2015. The completion date shall be December 31, 2015. At the option of the Department, this contract may be extended for two (2) additional periods of one (1) year with a maximum contract period of three (3) years. **The unit bid prices will be increased by three (3) percent for each one (1) year extension.** No changes in the terms, conditions, etc. of this contract will be made when an extension to the contract is implemented.

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Sealed bids must be received in the Contract Officer's Office at the Division 6 office at 558 Gillespie Street, Fayetteville, North Carolina by **10:00 a.m., December 3, 2014**. Bids must be submitted on the official bid sheet included in the proposal and display the following statement on the front of the envelope:

**FERRY OPERATOR SERVICE AT ELWELL FERRY
BLADEN COUNTY
DECEMBER 3, 2014**

All Prospective bidders shall attend a Pre-Bid Conference at the location shown below. This conference will be conducted by Department personnel for the purpose of providing additional information about the project and to give bidders an opportunity to ask any questions they may have. No questions concerning the project will be answered by any personnel at any time except at the project showing.

Bidders shall meet at the Bladen County Maintenance Yard, located on US 701 North, White Lake, North Carolina on November 18, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. for the Pre-Bid Conference.

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 insure 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.

Proposals may be obtained from the Division Six web site:
https://connect.ncdot.gov/letting/Pages/Letting-List.aspx?let_type=6

Should you have questions, need additional information concerning this project, or need additional information pertaining to the bid or bidding process, please contact Allen Waddell - Division Proposals Engineer at (910)-486-1493.

Sincerely,



R. Allen Waddell, P. E.
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