STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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To: Prospective Bidders
From: Neil Butler, Division Proposals Engineer
Subject: Invitation to Bid

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Let Date: December 2, 2026
Time: 2:00 PM
Public Reading Location: NCDOT Division Conference Room
558 Gillespie Street, Fayetteville, North Carolina 28301
Bid Bond: No Bid Bond Or Bid Deposit Required

The North Carolina Department of Transportation is requesting bids for the project listed below. The availability date for this project is **January 1, 2027**. The completion date for this project is **December 31, 2027**.

All Prospective Bidders shall attend a **Mandatory Pre-bid Conference on Wednesday, November 18, 2026 at 10:00 A.M.** held in the NCDOT **Division 6 - Columbus County Maintenance Bullpen, 1123 Prison Camp Road, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472**. See page G-1 in the Proposal for more information.

Contract: D6RS.POC.030
Route: Various
Federal Aid: Various
County: Columbus
WBS: TBD
Description: On-Call Long-Arm Mowing
Goal Type: MBE/WBE
Goal Amount: No Goal

Prequalifying to Bid: All prospective bidders shall be prequalified as a Bidder or PO Prime Contractor with the Department of Transportation prior to submitting a bid, in conformance with provision **SP01 G01**. Contractors who are not prequalified may obtain information and forms for prequalifying from the Contractual Services Management Section of the Contract Standards and Development Unit at https://connect.ncdot.gov/business/Prequal/Pages/default.aspx. All required prequalification statements and documents shall be filed with the Contractual Services Management Section at least four weeks prior to the date of opening bids.

The Department of Transportation hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this Invitation to Bid, Minority Business Enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin in compensation to this award.

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The provisions of Articles 102-10 and 103-7 of the *Standard Specifications for Roads and Structures* are waived for this project. **No bonds required**.

Proposals, plans and any other supporting documentation, including addendums if needed, may be downloaded free of charge from the Connect NCDOT Division Six website, located on the Bidding and Letting Site.

Electronic bidding is not available for this proposal. The entire, completed Proposal, with the itemized Contract Bid Form Sheet attached, shall be placed in a sealed envelope, and shall be delivered to, and received in the appropriate office as stated above. See ***Instructions To Bidders*** on page C-4 of the proposal for more detail.

Should you have questions, or need additional information, please contact Neil Butler, Division Proposals Engineer at jnbutler@ncdot.gov or Julio Williams, Assistant Division Proposals Engineer at jbwilliams7@ncdot.gov or either by phone at 910-364-0603.

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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).