



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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July 30, 2025

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

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| Let Date: | August 20, 2025 |
| Time: | 2:00 PM |
| Public Reading Location: | NCDOT Division Conference Room 558 Gillespie Street, Fayetteville, N.C. 28301 |
| Bid Bond: | 5% Bid Bond Or Bid Deposit Required |

The North Carolina Department of Transportation is requesting bids for the project listed below. The date of availability for this contract is **September 22, 2025**. The completion date for this project is **March 20, 2026**.

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| Contract: | DF00525 | Route: | I-95, US 74, US 301, US 401, NC 24, NC 87 & SR 1007 | Goal Type: | DBE |
| TIP No.: | HS-2406I | Location: | Various | Amount: | 0.0% |
| Federal Aid: | 5097809 | County: | Bladen, Columbus & Cumberland | | |
| WBS: | 50978.3.10 | Description: | Guardrail Upgrades | | |

Prior to submitting a bid on a Division Let, Electronic Bid project, the bidder shall sign up on the ***Interested Parties List*** no later than **one business day prior to the Letting day of that project** for which he intends to submit a bid, in conformance with Article 102-3 of the *2024 NCDOT Standard Specifications*. The List may be found on the Connect NCDOT Division Six website. There is no cost for signing up on the *Interested Parties List*.

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 \$30,000.00 or more, except for certain specialty work as determined by the licensing board. On Federal projects, the appropriate Contractor's License shall be obtained within 60 days of bid opening. 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 as a Bidder or PO Prime Contractor with the Department of Transportation prior to submitting a bid, in conformance with Article 102-2 of the *2024 NCDOT Standard Specifications*. 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

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NC DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION
DIVISION SIX
PO BOX 1150
FAYETTEVILLE, NC 28302

Telephone: (910) 364-0603
Website: www.ncdot.org

Location:
NC DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION
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<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.

A Bid Bond is required in accordance with Article 102-10 of the *2024 NCDOT Standard Specifications*. **Contract Payment and Performance Bonds are required** in accordance with Article 103-7 of the *2024 NCDOT Standard Specifications*.

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 at:

https://connect.ncdot.gov/letting/Pages/Letting-List.aspx?let_type=6&let_status=Advertised.

Electronic bid preparation using AASHTOWare Project Bids Software is required. Download the EBS file and submit your bid through *Bid Express*®. 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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| cc: | Lee Jernigan, P.E. | Kenneth Clark, P.E. | Jason Salisbury, P.E. | Steve Kendall, P.E. | Jason Johnson |
| | Rob Stone, P.E. | Matt Edwards, P.E. | Blythe Jordan, PLS | Christy Huff, P.E. | |

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).