

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
HIGHWAY DIVISION 9

PROPOSAL

DATE AND TIME OF BID OPENING: December 14, 2022 AT 2:00 PM

CONTRACT ID: DI00313

WBS ELEMENT NO.: 36780.3.4

FEDERAL AID NO.: N/A

COUNTY: ROWAN

TIP NO.: I-3802B(L)

MILES: 5.3 MILES

ROUTE NO.: I-85

LOCATION: I-85 FROM (SR 2160) LANE STREET (EXIT 63) TO US 29/601 CONNECTOR (EXIT 68)

★ **TYPE OF WORK:** LANDSCAPING ★

NOTICE:

ALL BIDDERS SHALL COMPLY WITH ALL APPLICABLE LAWS REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF GENERAL CONTRACTING AS CONTAINED IN CHAPTER 87 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES OF NORTH CAROLINA WHICH REQUIRES THE BIDDER TO BE LICENSED BY THE N.C. LICENSING BOARD FOR CONTRACTORS WHEN BIDDING ON ANY NON-FEDERAL AID PROJECT WHERE THE BID IS \$30,000 OR MORE, EXCEPT FOR CERTAIN SPECIALTY WORK AS DETERMINED BY THE LICENSING BOARD. BIDDERS SHALL ALSO COMPLY WITH ALL OTHER APPLICABLE LAWS REGULATING THE PRACTICES OF ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING, HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING AND REFRIGERATION CONTRACTING AS CONTAINED IN CHAPTER 87 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES OF NORTH CAROLINA. NOTWITHSTANDING THESE LIMITATIONS ON BIDDING, THE BIDDER WHO IS AWARDED ANY FEDERAL - AID FUNDED PROJECT SHALL COMPLY WITH CHAPTER 87 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES OF NORTH CAROLINA FOR LICENSING REQUIREMENTS WITHIN 60 CALENDAR DAYS OF BID OPENING.

THIS IS A ROADWAY PROJECT.

BID BONDS ARE REQUIRED.

NAME OF BIDDER

ADDRESS OF BIDDER

**PROPOSAL FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF
CONTRACT No. DI00313 IN ROWAN COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

November 23, 2022

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION,
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA**

The Bidder has carefully examined the location of the proposed work to be known as Contract No. **DI00313**; has carefully examined the plans and specifications, which are acknowledged to be part of the proposal, the special provisions, the proposal, the form of contract, and the forms of contract payment bond and contract performance bond; and thoroughly understands the stipulations, requirements and provisions. The undersigned bidder agrees to bound upon his execution of the bid and subsequent award to him by the Department of Transportation in accordance with this proposal to provide the necessary contract payment bond and contract performance bond within fourteen days after the written notice of award is received by him. The undersigned Bidder further agrees to provide all necessary machinery, tools, labor, and other means of construction; and to do all the work and to furnish all materials, except as otherwise noted, necessary to perform and complete the said contract in accordance with *the 2018 Standard Specifications for Roads and Structures* by the dates(s) specified in the Project Special Provisions and in accordance with the requirements of the Engineer, and at the unit or lump sum prices, as the case may be, for the various items given on the sheets contained herein.

The Bidder shall provide and furnish all the materials, machinery, implements, appliances and tools, and perform the work and required labor to construct and complete State Highway Contract No. **DI00313** in **Rowan County**, for the unit or lump sum prices, as the case may be, bid by the Bidder in his bid and according to the proposal, plans, and specifications prepared by said Department, which proposal, plans, and specifications show the details covering this project, and hereby become a part of this contract.

The published volume entitled *North Carolina Department of Transportation, Raleigh, Standard Specifications for Roads and Structures, January 2018* with all amendments and supplements thereto, is by reference incorporated into and made a part of this contract; that, except as herein modified, all the construction and work included in this contract is to be done in accordance with the specifications contained in said volume, and amendments and supplements thereto, under the direction of the Engineer.

If the proposal is accepted and the award is made, the contract is valid only when signed either by the Contract Officer or such other person as may be designated by the Secretary to sign for the Department of Transportation. The conditions and provisions herein cannot be changed except over the signature of the said Contract Officer or Division Engineer.

The quantities shown in the itemized proposal for the project are considered to be approximate only and are given as the basis for comparison of bids. The Department of Transportation may increase or decrease the quantity of any item or portion of the work as may be deemed necessary or expedient.

An increase or decrease in the quantity of an item will not be regarded as sufficient ground for an increase or decrease in the unit prices, nor in the time allowed for the completion of the work, except as provided for the contract.

Accompanying this bid is a bid bond secured by a corporate surety, or certified check payable to the order of the Department of Transportation, for five percent of the total bid price, which deposit is to be forfeited as liquidated damages in case this bid is accepted and the Bidder shall fail to provide the required payment and performance bonds with the Department of Transportation, under the condition of this proposal, within 14 calendar days after the written notice of award is received by him, as provided in the Standard Specifications; otherwise said deposit will be returned to the Bidder.

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INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

**PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY
BEFORE PREPARING AND SUBMITTING YOUR BID.**

All bids shall be prepared and submitted in accordance with the following requirements. Failure to comply with any requirement may cause the bid to be considered irregular and may be grounds for rejection of the bid.

For preparing and submitting the bid electronically, refer to Article 102-8(B) of the *2018 Standard Specifications*.

Bidders that bid electronically on Raleigh Central-Let projects will need a separate Digital Signature from the approved electronic bidding provider for Division Contracts.

ELECTRONIC ON-LINE BID:

1. Download entire proposal from Connect NCDOT website. Download the electronic submittal file from the approved electronic bidding provider website.
2. If the *Interested Parties List* provision SP01 G02 is part of the proposal prior to submitting a bid on a project, the bidder shall sign up on the *Interested Parties List* in conformance with Interested Parties List provision SP01 G02.
3. Prepare and submit the electronic submittal file using the approved electronic bidding provider software.
4. Electronic bidding software necessary for electronic bid preparation may be downloaded from the Connect NCDOT website at: <https://connect.ncdot.gov/letting/Pages/Electronic-Bidding.aspx> or from the approved electronic bidding provider website.

PROJECT SPECIAL PROVISIONS**GENERAL****CONTRACTOR PREQUALIFICATION:**

(10-18-22)

102

SP1 G01

Revise the *2018 Standard Specifications* as follows:

Page 1-10, Subarticle 102-2(A) Bidder Prequalification, lines 30-31, delete and replace the first sentence with the following:

Prospective bidders shall obtain prequalification approval at least two business days prior to any letting in which they intend to submit a bid. It is recommended that the prospective bidder file all required statements and documents with the State Prequalifications Engineer no less than 4 weeks before a given letting.

Page 1-11, Subarticle 102-2(B) Purchase Order Bidder Prequalification, lines 16-18, delete and replace the first sentence with the following:

Prospective bidders shall obtain prequalification approval at least two business days prior to any letting in which they intend to submit a bid. It is recommended that the applicant file all required statements and documents with the State Prequalifications Engineer no less than 4 weeks before a given bid opening for their bid to be considered.

Page 1-11, Subarticle 102-2(C) Subcontractor Prequalification, lines 44-45, delete and replace the first sentence with the following:

The subcontractor shall file all required statements and documents with the State Prequalifications Engineer no less than 4 weeks before beginning work.

Page 1-12, Subarticle 102-2(E) Renewal and Requalification, lines 38-40, delete and replace the first sentence with the following:

It is recommended that the renewing or requalifying firm file all required statements and documents with the State Prequalifications Engineer no less than 4 weeks before a given letting for their bid to be considered.

INTERESTED PARTIES LIST:

(6-21-22)(Rev. 7-19-22)

102

SP1 G02

Revise the *2018 Standard Specifications* as follows:

Page 1-12, Article 102-3 PROPOSALS AND PLAN HOLDER LISTS, lines 45-49, delete and replace with the following:

102-3 PROPOSALS AND INTERESTED PARTIES LIST

On Department projects advertised, the prospective 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. There is no cost for signing up on the *Interested Parties List* that can be found on the Department's website at connect.ncdot.gov/letting.

Page 1-12, Article 102-3 PROPOSALS AND PLAN HOLDER LISTS, lines 1-3, delete and replace the first sentence of the second paragraph with the following:

The proposal will state the location of the contemplated construction and show a schedule of contract items with the approximate quantity of each of these items for which bid prices are invited.

Page 1-14, Article 102-8 PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF BIDS, lines 30-31, delete and replace the first paragraph with the following:

Prior to submitting a bid on a project, the bidder shall sign up on the *Interested Parties List* in conformance with Article 102-3. The bidder shall submit a unit or lump sum price for every item in the proposal other than items that are authorized alternates to those items for which a bid price has been submitted.

BIDS OVER LIMIT:

(08-01-16)

SPD 01-400

In accordance with GS 136-28.1(b), if the total bid amount of the contract exceeds \$5.0 million, the bid will not be considered for award.

DIVISION LET CONTRACT PREQUALIFICATION:

(07-01-14)(12-1-16)

SPD 01-410

Any firm that wishes to bid as a prime contractor shall be prequalified as a Bidder or PO Prime Contractor prior to submitting a bid. Information regarding prequalification can be found at: <http://connect.ncdot.gov/business/Prequal/Pages/default.aspx>.

Prior to performing the work, the prime contractor and/or subcontractor(s) shall be prequalified in the work code(s) which are identified as work items in the prime contractor's construction progress schedule that they will complete themselves. Any contractor identified as working outside their expertise may be considered in default of contract.

BOND REQUIREMENTS:

(06-01-16)

102-8, 102-10

SPD 01-420A

A Bid Bond is required in accordance with Article 102-10 of the *2018 Standard Specifications for Roads and Structures*.

Contract Payment and Performance Bonds are required in accordance with Article 103-7 of the *2018 Standard Specifications for Roads and Structures*.

CONTRACT PAYMENT AND PERFORMANCE BOND:

A performance bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the contract in accordance with specifications and conditions of the contract is required. Such bond shall be solely for the protection of the North Carolina Department of Transportation and the State of North Carolina.

A payment bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount, conditioned upon the prompt payment for all labor or materials for which the Contractor, or his subcontractors, is liable is required. The payment bond shall be solely for the protection of persons or firms furnishing materials or performing labor for this contract for which the Contractor is liable.

The successful bidder, within fourteen (14) days after notice of award, shall provide the Department with a contract payment bond and a contract performance bond each in an amount equal to 100 percent of the amount of the contract.

BUILD AMERICA, BUY AMERICA (BABA):

(11-15-22)

106

SP1 G04

Revise the *2018 Standard Specifications* as follows:

Page 1-53, Article 106-1 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS, add the following after line 27:

(C) Build America, Buy America (BABA)

All manufactured products and construction materials permanently incorporated into any project must meet requirements of the Build America, Buy America (BABA) Act of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). Before any material or product shown on the Department's Build America, Buy America (BABA) List is included for payment on a monthly estimate, the Contractor shall furnish the Engineer with a notarized certification certifying that the items conform to the BABA Act. The Department's Build America Buy America (BABA) List can be found on the Department's website.

<https://connect.ncdot.gov/letting/LetCentral/NC DOT%20BABA%20Materials%20List.pdf>

Each purchase order issued by the Contractor or a subcontractor for items on the BABA List to be permanently incorporated into any project shall contain in bold print a statement advising the supplier that the manufactured products and construction materials must be produced in the United States of America. The Contractor and all affected subcontractors shall maintain a separate file for BABA List items so that verification of the Contractor's efforts to purchase items produced in the United States can readily be verified by an authorized representative of the Department or the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

CONTRACT TIME AND LIQUIDATED DAMAGES:

(7-1-95) (Rev. 12-18-07)

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SP1 G10 A

The date of availability for this contract is **January 17, 2023**.

The completion date for this contract is **May 30, 2025**.

Except where otherwise provided by the contract, observation periods required by the contract will not be a part of the work to be completed by the completion date and/or intermediate contract times stated in the contract. The acceptable completion of the observation periods that extend beyond the final completion date shall be a part of the work covered by the performance and payment bonds.

The liquidated damages for this contract are **Eight Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$ 850.00)** per calendar day.

INTERMEDIATE CONTRACT TIME NUMBER 1 AND LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

The Contractor shall complete the required work of **Landscape Grading** as shown on the plans and as directed by the Engineer and within any seasonal limitations for the specific task included herein.

The date of availability for this intermediate contract time will be **January 17, 2023**.

The completion date for this intermediate contract time will be **May 31, 2023**.

The liquidated damages are **Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)** per calendar day.

The Contractor leaving traffic control signage in place, failing to remove or storing improperly after hours or operation end shall have deductions from your monthly payment **One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars** per incident.

INTERMEDIATE CONTRACT TIME NUMBER 2 AND LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

The Contractor shall **complete a minimum of 25% of the required** work of initial **planting of all woody plants (Trees and Shrubs)** as shown on the plans and as directed by the Engineer and within any seasonal limitations for the specific task included herein.

The date of availability for this intermediate contract time will be **January 17, 2023**.

The completion date for this intermediate contract time will be **March 31, 2023**.

The liquidated damages are **Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)** per calendar day.

The Contractor leaving traffic control signage in place, failing to remove or storing improperly after hours or operation end shall have deductions from your monthly payment **One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars** per incident.

INTERMEDIATE CONTRACT TIME NUMBER 3 AND LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

The Contractor shall complete **the remaining work of initial planting of all woody plants (Trees and Shrubs)** as shown on the plans and as directed by the Engineer and within any seasonal limitations for the specific task included herein.

The date of availability for this intermediate contract time will be **October 2, 2023**.

The completion date for this intermediate contract time will be **March 29, 2024**.

The liquidated damages are **Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)** per calendar day.

The Contractor leaving traffic control signage in place, failing to remove or storing improperly after hours or operation end shall have deductions from your monthly payment **One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars** per incident.

INTERMEDIATE CONTRACT TIME NUMBER 4 AND LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

The Contractor shall **complete a minimum of 20% of the required work of initial planting of all containerized native grasses**, as shown on the plans and as directed by the Engineer.

The date of availability for this intermediate contract time will be **January 17, 2023**.

The completion date for this intermediate contract time will be **May 15, 2023**.

The liquidated damages are **Eight Hundred Dollars (\$800.00)** per calendar day.

The Contractor leaving traffic control signage in place, failing to remove or storing improperly after hours or operation end shall have deductions from your monthly payment **One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars** per incident.

INTERMEDIATE CONTRACT TIME NUMBER 5 AND LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

The Contractor shall **complete the remaining work of initial planting of all containerized native grasses**, as shown on the plans and as directed by the Engineer.

The date of availability for this intermediate contract time will be **September 1, 2023**.

The completion date for this intermediate contract time will be **May 15, 2024**.

The liquidated damages are **Eight Hundred Dollars (\$800.00)** per calendar day.

The Contractor leaving traffic control signage in place, failing to remove or storing improperly after hours or operation end shall have deductions from your monthly payment **One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars** per incident.

INTERMEDIATE CONTRACT TIME NUMBER 6 AND LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

The Contractor shall **complete a minimum of 30% of the required work** of initial **planting of all perennials and Groundcovers**, as shown on the plans and as directed by the Engineer.

The date of availability for this intermediate contract time will be **April 3, 2023**.

The completion date for this intermediate contract time will be **May 30, 2023**.

The liquidated damages are **Eight Hundred Dollars (\$800.00)** per calendar day.

The Contractor leaving traffic control signage in place, failing to remove or storing improperly after hours or operation end shall have deductions from your monthly payment **One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars** per incident.

INTERMEDIATE CONTRACT TIME NUMBER 7 AND LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

The Contractor shall **complete the remaining work** of initial **planting of all perennials**, as shown on the plans and as directed by the Engineer.

The date of availability for this intermediate contract time will be **April 1, 2024**.

The completion date for this intermediate contract time will be **May 30, 2024**.

The liquidated damages are **Eight Hundred Dollars (\$800.00)** per calendar day.

The Contractor leaving traffic control signage in place, failing to remove or storing improperly after hours or operation end shall have deductions from your monthly payment **One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars** per incident.

INTERMEDIATE CONTRACT TIME NUMBER 8 AND LIQUIDATED DAMAGES:

(2-20-07)

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SP1 G14 A

The Contractor shall complete the required work of installing, maintaining, and removing the traffic control devices for lane closures and restoring traffic to the existing traffic pattern. The Contractor shall not close or narrow a lane of traffic on **ANY ROAD** during the following time restrictions:

DAY AND TIME RESTRICTIONS

**MONDAY – SUNDAY
7:00 AM – 9:00 AM
AND
4:00 PM – 6:00 PM**

In addition, the Contractor shall not close or narrow a lane of traffic on **ANY ROAD**, detain and/or alter the traffic flow on or during holidays, holiday weekends, special events, or any other time when traffic is unusually heavy, including the following schedules:

HOLIDAY AND HOLIDAY WEEKEND LANE CLOSURE RESTRICTIONS

1. For **unexpected occurrence** that creates unusually high traffic volumes, as directed by the Engineer.
2. For **New Year's Day**, between the hours of **7:00 AM** December 31st and **9:00 AM** January 2nd. If New Year's Day is on a Friday, Saturday, Sunday or Monday, then until **9:00 AM** the following Tuesday.
3. For **Easter**, between the hours of **7:00 AM** Thursday and **9:00 AM** Monday.
4. For **Memorial Day**, between the hours of **7:00 AM** Friday and **9:00 AM** Tuesday.
5. For **Independence Day**, between the hours of **7:00 AM** the day before Independence Day and **9:00 AM** the day after Independence Day.
If **Independence Day** is on a Friday, Saturday, Sunday or Monday, then between the hours of **7:00 AM** the Thursday before Independence Day and **9:00 AM** the Tuesday after Independence Day.
6. For **Labor Day**, between the hours of **7:00 AM** Friday and **9:00 AM** Tuesday.
7. For **Thanksgiving Day**, between the hours of **7:00 AM** Tuesday and **9:00 AM** Monday.
8. For **Christmas**, between the hours of **7:00 AM** the Friday before the week of Christmas Day and **9:00 AM** the following Tuesday after the week of Christmas Day.

And/or

For **Events**, occurring at **Charlotte Motor Speedway, Bank of America Stadium (Carolina Panther home football games)**, **3** hours before the start and **3** hours after the end of the **Event**.

Holidays and holiday weekends shall include New Year's, Easter, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. The Contractor shall schedule his work so that lane closures will not be required during these periods, unless otherwise directed by the Engineer.

The time of availability for this intermediate contract work shall be the time the Contractor begins to install all traffic control devices for lane closures according to the time restrictions listed herein.

The completion time for this intermediate contract work shall be the time the Contractor is required to complete the removal of all traffic control devices for lane closures according to the time restrictions stated above and place traffic in the existing traffic pattern.

The liquidated damages are **One Thousand, Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$ 1,250.00)** per 15 minutes.

PROSECUTION OF WORK:

(7-1-95) (Rev. 8-21-12)

108

SP1 G15R

The Contractor will be required to prosecute the work in a continuous and uninterrupted manner from the time he begins the work until completion and final acceptance of the project. The Contractor will not be permitted to suspend his operations except for reasons beyond his control or except where the Engineer has authorized a suspension of the Contractor's operations in writing.

In the event that the Contractor's operations are suspended in violation of the above provisions, the sum of **\$ 500.00** will be charged the Contractor for each and every calendar day that such suspension takes place. The said amount is hereby agreed upon as liquidated damages due to extra engineering and maintenance costs and due to increased public hazard resulting from a suspension of the work. Liquidated damages chargeable due to suspension of the work will be additional to any liquidated damages that may become chargeable due to failure to complete the work on time.

NO MAJOR CONTRACT ITEMS:

(2-19-02) (Rev. 8-21-07)

104

SP1 G31

None of the items included in this contract will be major items.

NO SPECIALTY ITEMS:

(7-1-95)

108-6

SP1 G34

None of the items included in this contract will be specialty items (see Article 108-6 of the *2018 Standard Specifications*).

FUEL PRICE ADJUSTMENT:

(11-15-05) (Rev. 11-15-22)

109-8

SP1 G43

Revise the *2018 Standard Specifications* as follows:

Page 1-87, Article 109-8, Fuel Price Adjustments, add the following:

The base index price for DIESEL #2 FUEL is **\$ 4.2569** per gallon. Where any of the following are included as pay items in the contract, they will be eligible for fuel price adjustment.

The pay items and the fuel factor used in calculating adjustments to be made will be as follows:

Description	Units	Fuel Usage Factor Diesel
Unclassified Excavation	Gal/CY	0.29
Borrow Excavation	Gal/CY	0.29
Class IV Subgrade Stabilization	Gal/Ton	0.55
Aggregate Base Course	Gal/Ton	0.55

Sub-Ballast	Gal/Ton	0.55
Erosion Control Stone	Gal/Ton	0.55
Rip Rap, Class _____	Gal/Ton	0.55
Asphalt Concrete Base Course, Type _____	Gal/Ton	0.90 or 2.90
Asphalt Concrete Intermediate Course, Type _____	Gal/Ton	0.90 or 2.90
Asphalt Concrete Surface Course, Type _____	Gal/Ton	0.90 or 2.90
Open-Graded Asphalt Friction Course	Gal/Ton	0.90 or 2.90
Permeable Asphalt Drainage Course, Type _____	Gal/Ton	0.90 or 2.90
Sand Asphalt Surface Course, Type _____	Gal/Ton	0.90 or 2.90
Ultra-thin Bonded Wearing Course	Gal/Ton	0.90 or 2.90
Aggregate for Cement Treated Base Course	Gal/Ton	0.55
Portland Cement for Cement Treated Base Course	Gal/Ton	0.55
> 11" Portland Cement Concrete Pavement	Gal/SY	0.327
Concrete Shoulders Adjacent to > 11" Pavement	Gal/SY	0.327
9" to 11" Portland Cement Concrete Pavement	Gal/SY	0.272
Concrete Shoulders Adjacent to 9" to 11" Pavement	Gal/SY	0.272
< 9" Portland Cement Concrete Pavement	Gal/SY	0.245
Concrete Shoulders Adjacent to < 9" Pavement	Gal/SY	0.245

For the asphalt items noted in the chart as eligible for fuel adjustments, the bidder may include the *Fuel Usage Factor Adjustment Form* with their bid submission if they elect to use the fuel usage factor. The *Fuel Usage Factor Adjustment Form* is found at the following link:

<https://connect.ncdot.gov/letting/LetCentral/Fuel%20Usage%20Factor%20Adjustment%20Form%20-%20Starting%20Nov%202022%20Lettings.pdf>

Select either 2.90 Gal/Ton fuel factor or 0.90 Gal/Ton fuel factor for each asphalt line item on the *Fuel Usage Factor Adjustment Form*. The selected fuel factor for each asphalt item will remain in effect for the duration of the contract.

Failure to complete the *Fuel Usage Factor Adjustment Form* will result in using 2.90 gallons per ton as the Fuel Usage Factor for Diesel for the asphalt items noted above. The contractor will not be permitted to change the Fuel Usage Factor after the bids are submitted.

SCHEDULE OF ESTIMATED COMPLETION PROGRESS:

(7-15-08) (Rev. 7-19-22)

108-2

SP1 G58

The Contractor's attention is directed to the Standard Special Provision entitled *Availability of Funds Termination of Contracts* included elsewhere in this proposal. The Department of Transportation's schedule of estimated completion progress for this project as required by that Standard Special Provision is as follows:

	<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Progress (% of Dollar Value)</u>
2023	(7/01/22 - 6/30/23)	21% of Total Amount Bid
2024	(7/01/23 - 6/30/24)	41% of Total Amount Bid
2025	(7/01/24 - 6/30/25)	38% of Total Amount Bid

The Contractor shall also furnish his own progress schedule in accordance with Article 108-2 of the *2018 Standard Specifications*. Any acceleration of the progress as shown by the Contractor's progress schedule over the progress as shown above shall be subject to the approval of the Engineer.

MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AND WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

(DIVISIONS):

(10-16-07)(Rev. 8-17-21)

102-15(J)

SP1 G67

Description

The purpose of this Special Provision is to carry out the North Carolina Department of Transportation's policy of ensuring nondiscrimination in the award and administration of contracts financed in whole or in part with State funds.

Definitions

Additional MBE/WBE Subcontractors - Any MBE/WBE submitted at the time of bid that will not be used to meet the Combined MBE/WBE goal. No submittal of a Letter of Intent is required.

Combined MBE/WBE Goal: A portion of the total contract, expressed as a percentage that is to be performed by committed MBE/WBE subcontractors.

Committed MBE/WBE Subcontractor - Any MBE/WBE submitted at the time of bid that is being used to meet the Combined MBE / WBE goal by submission of a Letter of Intent. Or any MBE or WBE used as a replacement for a previously committed MBE or WBE firm.

Contract Goal Requirement - The approved participation at time of award, but not greater than the advertised Combined MBE/WBE contract goal.

Goal Confirmation Letter - Written documentation from the Department to the bidder confirming the Contractor's approved, committed participation along with a listing of the committed MBE and WBE firms.

Manufacturer - A firm that operates or maintains a factory or establishment that produces on the premises, the materials or supplies obtained by the Contractor.

MBE Participation (Anticipated) - A portion of the total contract, expressed as a percentage that is anticipated to be performed by committed MBE subcontractor(s).

Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) - A firm certified as a Disadvantaged Minority-Owned Business Enterprise through the North Carolina Unified Certification Program.

Regular Dealer - A firm that owns, operates, or maintains a store, warehouse, or other establishment in which the materials or supplies required for the performance of the contract are bought, kept in stock, and regularly sold to the public in the usual course of business. A regular dealer engages in, as its principal business and in its own name, the purchase and sale or lease of

the products in question. A regular dealer in such bulk items as steel, cement, gravel, stone, and petroleum products need not keep such products in stock, if it owns and operates distribution equipment for the products. Brokers and packagers are not regarded as manufacturers or regular dealers within the meaning of this section.

Replacement / Substitution – A full or partial reduction in the amount of work subcontracted to a committed (or an approved substitute) MBE/WBE firm.

North Carolina Unified Certification Program (NCUCP) - A program that provides comprehensive services and information to applicants for MBE/WBE certification. The MBE/WBE program follows the same regulations as the federal Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program in accordance with 49 CFR Part 26.

United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) - Federal agency responsible for issuing regulations (49 CFR Part 26) and official guidance for the DBE program.

WBE Participation (Anticipated) - A portion of the total contract, expressed as a percentage that is anticipated to be performed by committed WBE subcontractor(s).

Women Business Enterprise (WBE) - A firm certified as a Disadvantaged Women-Owned Business Enterprise through the North Carolina Unified Certification Program.

Forms and Websites Referenced in this Provision

Payment Tracking System - On-line system in which the Contractor enters the payments made to MBE and WBE subcontractors who have performed work on the project.
<https://apps.dot.state.nc.us/Vendor/PaymentTracking/>

DBE-IS Subcontractor Payment Information - Form for reporting the payments made to all MBE/WBE firms working on the project. This form is for paper bid projects only.
<https://connect.ncdot.gov/business/Turnpike/Documents/Form%20DBE-IS%20Subcontractor%20Payment%20Information.pdf>

RF-1 MBE/WBE Replacement Request Form - Form for replacing a committed MBE or WBE.
<http://connect.ncdot.gov/projects/construction/Construction%20Forms/DBE%20MBE%20WBE%20Replacement%20Request%20Form.pdf>

SAF Subcontract Approval Form - Form required for approval to sublet the contract.
<http://connect.ncdot.gov/projects/construction/Construction%20Forms/Subcontract%20Approval%20Form%20Rev.%202012.zip>

JC-1 Joint Check Notification Form - Form and procedures for joint check notification. The form acts as a written joint check agreement among the parties providing full and prompt disclosure of the expected use of joint checks.

<http://connect.ncdot.gov/projects/construction/Construction%20Forms/Joint%20Check%20Notification%20Form.pdf>

Letter of Intent - Form signed by the Contractor and the MBE/WBE subcontractor, manufacturer or regular dealer that affirms that a portion of said contract is going to be performed by the signed MBE/WBE for the estimated amount (based on quantities and unit prices) listed at the time of bid. <http://connect.ncdot.gov/letting/LetCentral/Letter%20of%20Intent%20to%20Perform%20as%20a%20Subcontractor.pdf>

Listing of MBE and WBE Subcontractors Form - Form for entering MBE/WBE subcontractors on a project that will meet the Combined MBE/WBE goal. This form is for paper bids only. [http://connect.ncdot.gov/municipalities/Bid%20Proposals%20for%20LGA%20Content/09%20MBE-WBE%20Subcontractors%20\(State\).docx](http://connect.ncdot.gov/municipalities/Bid%20Proposals%20for%20LGA%20Content/09%20MBE-WBE%20Subcontractors%20(State).docx)

Subcontractor Quote Comparison Sheet - Spreadsheet for showing all subcontractor quotes in the work areas where MBEs and WBEs quoted on the project. This sheet is submitted with good faith effort packages.

<http://connect.ncdot.gov/business/SmallBusiness/Documents/DBE%20Subcontractor%20Quote%20Comparison%20Example.xls>

Combined MBE/WBE Goal

The Combined MBE/WBE Goal for this project is **0.0 %**

The Combined Goal was established utilizing the following anticipated participation for Minority Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises:

(A) **Minority Business Enterprises 0.0 %**

- (1) *If the anticipated MBE participation is more than zero*, the Contractor shall exercise all necessary and reasonable steps to ensure that MBEs participate in at least the percent of the contract as set forth above.
- (2) *If the anticipated MBE participation is zero*, the Contractor shall make an effort to recruit and use MBEs during the performance of the contract. Any MBE participation obtained shall be reported to the Department.

(B) **Women Business Enterprises 0.0 %**

- (1) *If the anticipated WBE participation is more than zero*, the Contractor shall exercise all necessary and reasonable steps to ensure that WBEs participate in at least the percent of the contract as set forth above.
- (2) *If the anticipated WBE participation is zero*, the Contractor shall make an effort to recruit and use WBEs during the performance of the contract. Any WBE participation obtained shall be reported to the Department.

The Bidder is required to submit only participation to meet the Combined MBE/WBE Goal. The Combined Goal may be met by submitting all MBE participation, all WBE participation, or a combination of MBE and WBE participation.

Directory of Transportation Firms (Directory)

Real-time information is available about firms doing business with the Department and firms that are certified through NCUCP in the Directory of Transportation Firms. Only firms identified in the Directory as MBE and WBE certified shall be used to meet the Combined MBE / WBE goal. The Directory can be found at the following link.

<https://www.ebs.nc.gov/VendorDirectory/default.html>

The listing of an individual firm in the directory shall not be construed as an endorsement of the firm's capability to perform certain work.

Listing of MBE/WBE Subcontractors

At the time of bid, bidders shall submit all MBE and WBE participation that they anticipate to use during the life of the contract. Only those identified to meet the Combined MBE/WBE goal will be considered committed, even though the listing shall include both committed MBE/WBE subcontractors and additional MBE/WBE subcontractors. Any additional MBE/WBE subcontractor participation above the goal will follow the banking guidelines found elsewhere in this provision. All other additional MBE/WBE subcontractor participation submitted at the time of bid will be used toward the Department's overall race-neutral goals. Only those firms with current MBE and WBE certification at the time of bid opening will be acceptable for listing in the bidder's submittal of MBE and WBE participation. The Contractor shall indicate the following required information:

(A) Electronic Bids

Bidders shall submit a listing of MBE and WBE participation in the appropriate section of the electronic submittal file.

- (1) Submit the names and addresses of MBE and WBE firms identified to participate in the contract. If the bidder uses the updated listing of MBE and WBE firms shown in the electronic submittal file, the bidder may use the dropdown menu to access the name and address of the firms.
- (2) Submit the contract line numbers of work to be performed by each MBE and WBE firm. When no figures or firms are entered, the bidder will be considered to have no MBE or WBE participation.
- (3) The bidder shall be responsible for ensuring that the MBE and WBE are certified at the time of bid by checking the Directory of Transportation Firms. If the firm is not certified at the time of the bid-letting, that MBE's or WBE's participation will not count towards achieving the Combined MBE/WBE goal.

(B) Paper Bids

- (1) *If the Combined MBE/ WBE goal is more than zero,*
 - (a) Bidders, at the time the bid proposal is submitted, shall submit a listing of MBE/WBE participation, including the names and addresses on *Listing of MBE and WBE Subcontractors* contained elsewhere in the contract documents in order for the bid to be considered responsive. Bidders shall indicate the total dollar value of the MBE and WBE participation for the contract.
 - (b) If bidders have no MBE or WBE participation, they shall indicate this on the *Listing of MBE and WBE Subcontractors* by entering the word “None” or the number “0.” This form shall be completed in its entirety. **Blank forms will not be deemed to represent zero participation.** Bids submitted that do not have MBE and WBE participation indicated on the appropriate form will not be read publicly during the opening of bids. The Department will not consider these bids for award and the proposal will be rejected.
 - (c) The bidder shall be responsible for ensuring that the MBE/WBE is certified at the time of bid by checking the Directory of Transportation Firms. If the firm is not certified at the time of the bid-letting, that MBE’s or WBE’s participation will not count towards achieving the Combined MBE/WBE goal.
- (2) *If the Combined MBE/WBE Goal is zero,* entries on the *Listing of MBE and WBE Subcontractors* are not required for the zero goal, however any MBE or WBE participation that is achieved during the project shall be reported in accordance with requirements contained elsewhere in the special provision.

MBE or WBE Prime Contractor

When a certified MBE or WBE firm bids on a contract that contains a Combined MBE/WBE Goal, the firm is responsible for meeting the goal or making good faith efforts to meet the goal, just like any other bidder. In most cases, a MBE or WBE bidder on a contract will meet the Combined MBE/WBE goal by virtue of the work it performs on the contract with its own forces. However, all the work that is performed by the MBE or WBE bidder and any other similarly certified subcontractors will count toward the goal. The MBE or WBE bidder shall list itself along with any MBE or WBE subcontractors, if any, in order to receive credit toward the goals.

MBE/WBE prime contractors shall also follow Sections A or B listed under *Listing of MBE/WBE Subcontractors* just as a non-MBE/WBE bidder would.

Written Documentation – Letter of Intent

The bidder shall submit written documentation for each MBE/WBE that will be used to meet the Combined MBE/WBE goal of the contract, indicating the bidder's commitment to use the MBE/WBE in the contract. This documentation shall be submitted on the Department's form titled *Letter of Intent*.

The documentation shall be received in the office of the Engineer no later than 2:00 p.m. of the fifth calendar day following opening of bids, unless the fifth day falls on Saturday, Sunday or an official state holiday. In that situation, it is due in the office of the Engineer no later than 10:00 a.m. on the next official state business day.

If the bidder fails to submit the Letter of Intent from each committed MBE and WBE to be used toward the Combined MBE/WBE goal, or if the form is incomplete (i.e. both signatures are not present), the MBE/WBE participation will not count toward meeting the Combined MBE/WBE goal. If the lack of this participation drops the commitment below the Combined MBE/WBE goal, the Contractor shall submit evidence of good faith efforts for the goal not met, completed in its entirety, to the Engineer no later than 2:00 p.m. of the eighth calendar day following opening of bids, unless the eighth day falls on Saturday, Sunday or an official state holiday. In that situation, it is due in the office of the Engineer no later than 10:00 a.m. on the next official state business day.

Banking MBE/WBE Credit

If the committed MBE/WBE participation submitted exceeds the algebraic sum of the Combined MBE/WBE goal by \$1,000 or more, the excess will be placed on deposit by the Department for future use by the bidder. Separate accounts will be maintained for MBE and WBE participation and these may accumulate for a period not to exceed 24 months.

When the apparent lowest responsive bidder fails to submit sufficient participation by MBE and WBE firms to meet the advertised goal, as part of the good faith effort, the Department will consider allowing the bidder to withdraw funds to meet the Combined MBE/WBE goal as long as there are adequate funds available from the bidder's MBE and WBE bank accounts.

Submission of Good Faith Effort

If the bidder fails to meet or exceed the Combined MBE/WBE goal, the apparent lowest responsive bidder shall submit to the Department documentation of adequate good faith efforts made to reach that specific goal.

One complete set and 5 copies of this information shall be received in the office of the Engineer no later than 2:00 p.m. of the fifth calendar day following opening of bids, unless the fifth day falls on Saturday, Sunday or an official state holiday. In that situation, it is due in the office of the Engineer no later than 10:00 a.m. on the next official state business day.

Note: Where the information submitted includes repetitious solicitation letters, it will be acceptable to submit a representative letter along with a distribution list of the firms that were solicited. Documentation of MBE/WBE quotations shall be a part of the good faith effort submittal. This documentation may include written subcontractor quotations, telephone log notations of verbal quotations, or other types of quotation documentation.

Consideration of Good Faith Effort for Projects with a Combined MBE/WBE Goal More Than Zero

Adequate good faith efforts mean that the bidder took all necessary and reasonable steps to achieve the goal which, by their scope, intensity, and appropriateness, could reasonably be expected to obtain sufficient MBE/WBE participation. Adequate good faith efforts also mean that the bidder actively and aggressively sought MBE/WBE participation. Mere *pro forma* efforts are not considered good faith efforts.

The Department will consider the quality, quantity, and intensity of the different kinds of efforts a bidder has made. Listed below are examples of the types of actions a bidder will take in making a good faith effort to meet the goals and are not intended to be exclusive or exhaustive, nor is it intended to be a mandatory checklist.

- (A) Soliciting through all reasonable and available means (e.g. attendance at pre-bid meetings, advertising, written notices, use of verifiable electronic means through the use of the NCDOT Directory of Transportation Firms) the interest of all certified MBEs/WBEs that are also prequalified subcontractors. The bidder must solicit this interest within at least 10 days prior to bid opening to allow the MBEs/WBEs to respond to the solicitation. Solicitation shall provide the opportunity to MBEs/WBEs within the Division and surrounding Divisions where the project is located. The bidder must determine with certainty if the MBEs/WBEs are interested by taking appropriate steps to follow up initial solicitations.
- (B) Selecting portions of the work to be performed by MBEs/WBEs in order to increase the likelihood that the Combined MBE/WBE goal will be achieved.
 - (1) Where appropriate, break out contract work items into economically feasible units to facilitate MBE/WBE participation, even when the prime contractor might otherwise prefer to perform these work items with its own forces.
 - (2) Negotiate with subcontractors to assume part of the responsibility to meet the advertised goal when the work to be sublet includes potential for MBE/WBE participation (2nd and 3rd tier subcontractors).
- (C) Providing interested certified MBEs/WBEs that are also prequalified subcontractors with adequate information about the plans, specifications, and requirements of the contract in a timely manner to assist them in responding to a solicitation.
- (D) (1) Negotiating in good faith with interested MBEs/WBEs. It is the bidder's

responsibility to make a portion of the work available to MBE/WBE subcontractors and suppliers and to select those portions of the work or material needs consistent with the available MBE/WBE subcontractors and suppliers, so as to facilitate MBE/WBE participation. Evidence of such negotiation includes the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of MBEs/WBEs that were considered; a description of the information provided regarding the plans and specifications for the work selected for subcontracting; and evidence as to why additional agreements could not be reached for MBEs/WBEs to perform the work.

- (2) A bidder using good business judgment would consider a number of factors in negotiating with subcontractors, including MBE/WBE subcontractors, and would take a firm's price and capabilities as well as the advertised goal into consideration. However, the fact that there may be some additional costs involved in finding and using MBEs/WBEs is not in itself sufficient reason for a bidder's failure to meet the advertised goal, as long as such costs are reasonable. Also, the ability or desire of a prime contractor to perform the work of a contract with its own organization does not relieve the bidder of the responsibility to make good faith efforts. Bidding contractors are not, however, required to accept higher quotes from MBEs/WBEs if the price difference is excessive or unreasonable.
- (E) Not rejecting MBEs/WBEs as being unqualified without sound reasons based on a thorough investigation of their capabilities. The bidder's standing within its industry, membership in specific groups, organizations, or associates and political or social affiliations (for example, union vs. non-union employee status) are not legitimate causes for the rejection or non-solicitation of bids in the bidder's efforts to meet the project goal.
- (F) Making efforts to assist interested MBEs/WBEs in obtaining bonding, lines of credit, or insurance as required by the recipient or bidder.
- (G) Making efforts to assist interested MBEs/WBEs in obtaining necessary equipment, supplies, materials, or related assistance or services.
- (H) Effectively using the services of available minority/women community organizations; minority/women contractors' groups; Federal, State, and local minority/women business assistance offices; and other organizations as allowed on a case-by-case basis to provide assistance in the recruitment and placement of MBEs/WBEs. Contact within 7 days from the bid opening the Business Opportunity and Work Force Development Unit at BOWD@ncdot.gov to give notification of the bidder's inability to get MBE or WBE quotes.
- (I) Any other evidence that the bidder submits which shows that the bidder has made reasonable good faith efforts to meet the advertised goal.

In addition, the Department may take into account the following:

- (1) Whether the bidder's documentation reflects a clear and realistic plan for achieving the Combined MBE/WBE goal.
- (2) The bidders' past performance in meeting the contract goal.
- (3) The performance of other bidders in meeting the advertised goal. For example, when the apparent successful bidder fails to meet the goal, but others meet it, you may reasonably raise the question of whether, with additional reasonable efforts the apparent successful bidder could have met the goal. If the apparent successful bidder fails to meet the advertised goal, but meets or exceeds the average MBE and WBE participation obtained by other bidders, the Department may view this, in conjunction with other factors, as evidence of the apparent successful bidder having made a good faith effort.

If the Department does not award the contract to the apparent lowest responsive bidder, the Department reserves the right to award the contract to the next lowest responsive bidder that can satisfy to the Department that the Combined MBE/WBE goal can be met or that an adequate good faith effort has been made to meet the advertised goal.

Non-Good Faith Appeal

The Engineer will notify the contractor verbally and in writing of non-good faith. A contractor may appeal a determination of non-good faith made by the Goal Compliance Committee. If a contractor wishes to appeal the determination made by the Committee, they shall provide written notification to the Engineer. The appeal shall be made within 2 business days of notification of the determination of non-good faith.

Counting MBE/WBE Participation Toward Meeting the Combined MBE/WBE Goal

(A) Participation

The total dollar value of the participation by a committed MBE/WBE will be counted toward the contract goal requirements. The total dollar value of participation by a committed MBE/WBE will be based upon the value of work actually performed by the MBE/WBE and the actual payments to MBE/WBE firms by the Contractor.

(B) Joint Checks

Prior notification of joint check use shall be required when counting MBE/WBE participation for services or purchases that involves the use of a joint check. Notification shall be through submission of Form JC-1 (*Joint Check Notification Form*) and the use of joint checks shall be in accordance with the Department's Joint Check Procedures.

(C) Subcontracts (Non-Trucking)

A MBE/WBE may enter into subcontracts. Work that a MBE subcontracts to another MBE firm may be counted toward the anticipated MBE participation. The same holds for work that a WBE subcontracts to another WBE firm. Work that a MBE/WBE subcontracts to a non-MBE/WBE firm does not count toward the contract goal requirement. It should be noted that every effort shall be made by MBE and WBE contractors to subcontract to the same certification (i.e., MBEs to MBEs and WBEs to WBEs), in order to fulfill the MBE or WBE participation breakdown. This, however, may not always be possible due to the limitation of firms in the area. If the MBE or WBE firm shows a good faith effort has been made to reach out to similarly certified firms and there is no interest or availability, and they can get assistance from other certified firms, the Engineer will not hold the prime responsible for meeting the individual MBE or WBE breakdown. If a MBE or WBE contractor or subcontractor subcontracts a significantly greater portion of the work of the contract than would be expected on the basis of standard industry practices, it shall be presumed that the MBE or WBE is not performing a commercially useful function.

(D) Joint Venture

When a MBE or WBE performs as a participant in a joint venture, the Contractor may count toward its contract goal requirement a portion of the total value of participation with the MBE or WBE in the joint venture, that portion of the total dollar value being a distinct clearly defined portion of work that the MBE or WBE performs with its forces.

(E) Suppliers

A contractor may count toward its MBE /WBE requirement 60 percent of its expenditures for materials and supplies required to complete the contract and obtained from a MBE or WBE regular dealer and 100 percent of such expenditures from a MBE or WBE manufacturer.

(F) Manufacturers and Regular Dealers

A contractor may count toward its MBE /WBE requirement the following expenditures to MBE/WBE firms that are not manufacturers or regular dealers:

- (1) The fees or commissions charged by a MBE/WBE firm for providing a *bona fide* service, such as professional, technical, consultant, or managerial services, or for providing bonds or insurance specifically required for the performance of a DOT-assisted contract, provided the fees or commissions are determined to be reasonable and not excessive as compared with fees and commissions customarily allowed for similar services.
- (2) With respect to materials or supplies purchased from a MBE/WBE, which is neither a manufacturer nor a regular dealer, count the entire amount of fees or commissions charged for assistance in the procurement of the materials and supplies, or fees or

transportation charges for the delivery of materials or supplies required on a job site (but not the cost of the materials and supplies themselves), provided the fees are determined to be reasonable and not excessive as compared with fees customarily allowed for similar services.

Commercially Useful Function

(A) MBE/WBE Utilization

The Contractor may count toward its contract goal requirement only expenditures to MBEs and WBEs that perform a commercially useful function in the work of a contract. A MBE/WBE performs a commercially useful function when it is responsible for execution of the work of the contract and is carrying out its responsibilities by actually performing, managing, and supervising the work involved. To perform a commercially useful function, the MBE/WBE shall also be responsible with respect to materials and supplies used on the contract, for negotiating price, determining quality and quantity, ordering the material and installing (where applicable) and paying for the material itself. To determine whether a MBE/WBE is performing a commercially useful function, the Department will evaluate the amount of work subcontracted, industry practices, whether the amount the firm is to be paid under the contract is commensurate with the work it is actually performing and the MBE/WBE credit claimed for its performance of the work, and any other relevant factors. If it is determined that a MBE or WBE is not performing a Commercially Useful Function, the contractor may present evidence to rebut this presumption to the Department.

(B) MBE/WBE Utilization in Trucking

The following factors will be used to determine if a MBE or WBE trucking firm is performing a commercially useful function:

- (1) The MBE/WBE shall be responsible for the management and supervision of the entire trucking operation for which it is responsible on a particular contract, and there shall not be a contrived arrangement for the purpose of meeting the Combined MBE/WBE goal.
- (2) The MBE/WBE shall itself own and operate at least one fully licensed, insured, and operational truck used on the contract.
- (3) The MBE/WBE receives credit for the total value of the transportation services it provides on the contract using trucks it owns, insures, and operates using drivers it employs.
- (4) The MBE may subcontract the work to another MBE firm, including an owner-operator who is certified as a MBE. The same holds true that a WBE may subcontract the work to another WBE firm, including an owner-operator who is certified as a WBE. When this occurs, the MBE or WBE who subcontracts work

receives credit for the total value of the transportation services the subcontracted MBE or WBE provides on the contract. It should be noted that every effort shall be made by MBE and WBE contractors to subcontract to the same certification (i.e., MBEs to MBEs and WBEs to WBEs), in order to fulfill the participation breakdown. This, however, may not always be possible due to the limitation of firms in the area. If the MBE or WBE firm shows a good faith effort has been made to reach out to similarly certified transportation service providers and there is no interest or availability, and they can get assistance from other certified providers, the Engineer will not hold the prime responsible for meeting the individual MBE or WBE participation breakdown.

- (5) The MBE/WBE may also subcontract the work to a non-MBE/WBE firm, including from an owner-operator. The MBE/WBE who subcontracts the work to a non-MBE/WBE is entitled to credit for the total value of transportation services provided by the non-MBE/WBE subcontractor not to exceed the value of transportation services provided by MBE/WBE-owned trucks on the contract. Additional participation by non-MBE/WBE subcontractors receives credit only for the fee or commission it receives as a result of the subcontract arrangement. The value of services performed under subcontract agreements between the MBE/WBE and the Contractor will not count towards the MBE/WBE contract requirement.
- (6) A MBE/WBE may lease truck(s) from an established equipment leasing business open to the general public. The lease must indicate that the MBE/WBE has exclusive use of and control over the truck. This requirement does not preclude the leased truck from working for others during the term of the lease with the consent of the MBE/WBE, so long as the lease gives the MBE/WBE absolute priority for use of the leased truck. This type of lease may count toward the MBE/WBE's credit as long as the driver is under the MBE/WBE's payroll.
- (7) Subcontracted/leased trucks shall display clearly on the dashboard the name of the MBE/WBE that they are subcontracted/leased to and their own company name if it is not identified on the truck itself. Magnetic door signs are not permitted.

MBE/WBE Replacement

When a Contractor has relied on a commitment to a MBE or WBE subcontractor (or an approved substitute MBE or WBE subcontractor) to meet all or part of a contract goal requirement, the contractor shall not terminate the MBE/WBE subcontractor for convenience. This includes, but is not limited to, instances in which the Contractor seeks to perform the work of the terminated subcontractor with another MBE/WBE subcontractor, a non-MBE/WBE subcontractor, or with the Contractor's own forces or those of an affiliate.

The Contractor must give notice in writing both by certified mail and email to the MBE/WBE subcontractor, with a copy to the Engineer of its intent to request to terminate and/or substitute, and the reason for the request. The Contractor must give the MBE/WBE subcontractor five (5) business days to respond to the Contractor's Notice of Intent to Request Termination and/or

Substitution. If the MBE/WBE subcontractor objects to the intended termination/substitution, the MBE/WBE, within five (5) business days must advise the Contractor and the Department of the reasons why the action should not be approved. The five-day notice period shall begin on the next business day after written notice is provided to the MBE/WBE subcontractor.

A committed MBE/WBE subcontractor may only be terminated after receiving the Department's written approval based upon a finding of good cause for the proposed termination and/or substitution. For purposes of this section, good cause shall include the following circumstances:

- (a) The listed MBE/WBE subcontractor fails or refuses to execute a written contract;
- (b) The listed MBE/WBE subcontractor fails or refuses to perform the work of its subcontract in a way consistent with normal industry standards. Provided, however, that good cause does not exist if the failure or refusal of the MBE/WBE subcontractor to perform its work on the subcontract results from the bad faith or discriminatory action of the prime contractor;
- (c) The listed MBE/WBE subcontractor fails or refuses to meet the prime contractor's reasonable, nondiscriminatory bond requirements;
- (d) The listed MBE/WBE subcontractor becomes bankrupt, insolvent, or exhibits credit unworthiness;
- (e) The listed MBE/WBE subcontractor is ineligible to work on public works projects because of suspension and debarment proceedings pursuant to 2 CFR Parts 180, 215 and 1,200 or applicable state law;
- (f) The listed MBE/WBE subcontractor is not a responsible contractor;
- (g) The listed MBE/WBE voluntarily withdraws from the project and provides written notice of withdrawal;
- (h) The listed MBE/WBE is ineligible to receive MBE/WBE credit for the type of work required;
- (i) A MBE/WBE owner dies or becomes disabled with the result that the listed MBE/WBE contractor is unable to complete its work on the contract;
- (j) Other documented good cause that compels the termination of the MBE/WBE subcontractor. Provided, that good cause does not exist if the prime contractor seeks to terminate a MBE/WBE it relied upon to obtain the contract so that the prime contractor can self-perform the work for which the MBE/WBE contractor was engaged or so that the prime contractor can substitute another MBE/WBE or non-MBE/WBE contractor after contract award.

The Contractor shall comply with the following for replacement of a committed MBE/WBE:

(A) Performance Related Replacement

When a committed MBE/WBE is terminated for good cause as stated above, an additional MBE/WBE that was submitted at the time of bid may be used to fulfill the MBE/WBE commitment to meet the Combined MBE/WBE Goal. A good faith effort will only be required for removing a committed MBE/WBE if there were no additional MBE/WBEs submitted at the time of bid to cover the same amount of work as the MBE/WBE that was terminated.

If a replacement MBE/WBE is not found that can perform at least the same amount of work as the terminated MBE/WBE, the Contractor shall submit a good faith effort documenting the steps taken. Such documentation shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- (1) Copies of written notification to MBE/WBEs that their interest is solicited in contracting the work defaulted by the previous MBE/WBE or in subcontracting other items of work in the contract.
 - (2) Efforts to negotiate with MBE/WBEs for specific subbids including, at a minimum:
 - (a) The names, addresses, and telephone numbers of MBE/WBEs who were contacted.
 - (b) A description of the information provided to MBE/WBEs regarding the plans and specifications for portions of the work to be performed.
 - (3) A list of reasons why MBE/WBE quotes were not accepted.
 - (4) Efforts made to assist the MBE/WBEs contacted, if needed, in obtaining bonding or insurance required by the Contractor.
- (B) Decertification Replacement
- (1) When a committed MBE/WBE is decertified by the Department after the SAF (*Subcontract Approval Form*) has been received by the Department, the Department will not require the Contractor to solicit replacement MBE/WBE participation equal to the remaining work to be performed by the decertified firm. The participation equal to the remaining work performed by the decertified firm will count toward the contract goal requirement.
 - (2) When a committed MBE/WBE is decertified prior to the Department receiving the SAF (*Subcontract Approval Form*) for the named MBE/WBE firm, the Contractor shall take all necessary and reasonable steps to replace the MBE/WBE subcontractor with another MBE/WBE subcontractor to perform at least the same amount of work to meet the Combined MBE/WBE goal requirement. If a MBE/WBE firm is not found to do the same amount of work, a good faith effort must be submitted to NCDOT (see A herein for required documentation).
 - (3) Exception: If the MBE/WBE's ineligibility is caused solely by its having exceeded the size standard during the performance of the contract, the Department will not require the Contractor to solicit replacement MBE/WBE participation equal to the remaining work to be performed by the decertified firm. The participation equal to the remaining work performed by the decertified firm will count toward the contract goal requirement and overall goal.

All requests for replacement of a committed MBE/WBE firm shall be submitted to the Engineer for approval on Form RF-1 (*DBE Replacement Request*). If the Contractor fails to follow this procedure, the Contractor may be disqualified from further bidding for a period of up to 6 months.

Changes in the Work

When the Engineer makes changes that result in the reduction or elimination of work to be performed by a committed MBE/WBE, the Contractor will not be required to seek additional participation. When the Engineer makes changes that result in additional work to be performed by a MBE/WBE based upon the Contractor's commitment, the MBE/WBE shall participate in additional work to the same extent as the MBE/WBE participated in the original contract work.

When the Engineer makes changes that result in extra work, which has more than a minimal impact on the contract amount, the Contractor shall seek additional participation by MBEs/WBEs unless otherwise approved by the Engineer.

When the Engineer makes changes that result in an alteration of plans or details of construction, and a portion or all of the work had been expected to be performed by a committed MBE/WBE, the Contractor shall seek participation by MBEs/WBEs unless otherwise approved by the Engineer.

When the Contractor requests changes in the work that result in the reduction or elimination of work that the Contractor committed to be performed by a MBE/WBE, the Contractor shall seek additional participation by MBEs/WBEs equal to the reduced MBE/WBE participation caused by the changes.

Reports and Documentation

A SAF (*Subcontract Approval Form*) shall be submitted for all work which is to be performed by a MBE/WBE subcontractor. The Department reserves the right to require copies of actual subcontract agreements involving MBE/WBE subcontractors.

When using transportation services to meet the contract commitment, the Contractor shall submit a proposed trucking plan in addition to the SAF. The plan shall be submitted prior to beginning construction on the project. The plan shall include the names of all trucking firms proposed for use, their certification type(s), the number of trucks owned by the firm, as well as the individual truck identification numbers, and the line item(s) being performed.

Within 30 calendar days of entering into an agreement with a MBE/WBE for materials, supplies or services, not otherwise documented by the SAF as specified above, the Contractor shall furnish the Engineer a copy of the agreement. The documentation shall also indicate the percentage (60% or 100%) of expenditures claimed for MBE/WBE credit.

Reporting Minority and Women Business Enterprise Participation

The Contractor shall provide the Engineer with an accounting of payments made to all MBE and WBE firms, including material suppliers and contractors at all levels (prime, subcontractor, or second tier subcontractor). This accounting shall be furnished to the Engineer for any given month by the end of the following month. Failure to submit this information accordingly may result in the following action:

- (A) Withholding of money due in the next partial pay estimate; or
- (B) Removal of an approved contractor from the prequalified bidders' list or the removal of other entities from the approved subcontractors list.

While each contractor (prime, subcontractor, 2nd tier subcontractor) is responsible for accurate accounting of payments to MBEs/WBEs, it shall be the prime contractor's responsibility to report all monthly and final payment information in the correct reporting manner.

Failure on the part of the Contractor to submit the required information in the time frame specified may result in the disqualification of that contractor and any affiliate companies from further bidding until the required information is submitted.

Failure on the part of any subcontractor to submit the required information in the time frame specified may result in the disqualification of that contractor and any affiliate companies from being approved for further work on future projects until the required information is submitted.

Contractors reporting transportation services provided by non-MBE/WBE lessees shall evaluate the value of services provided during the month of the reporting period only.

At any time, the Engineer can request written verification of subcontractor payments. The Contractor shall report the accounting of payments through the Department's DBE Payment Tracking System.

Failure to Meet Contract Requirements

Failure to meet contract requirements in accordance with Subarticle 102-15(J) of the *2018 Standard Specifications* may be cause to disqualify the Contractor.

RESTRICTIONS ON ITS EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES:

(11-17-20)

SP01 G090

All telecommunications, video or other ITS equipment or services installed or utilized on this project must be in conformance with UNIFORM ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS, COST PRINCIPLES, AND AUDIT REQUIREMENTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS **2 CFR, § 200.216**
Prohibition on certain telecommunications and video surveillance services or equipment.

USE OF UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM (UAS):

(8-20-19)

SP1 G092

The Contractor shall adhere to all Federal, State and Local regulations and guidelines for the use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS). This includes but is not limited to US 14 CFR Part 107 *Small UAS Rule*, NC GS 15A-300.2 *Regulation of launch and recovery sites*, NC GS 63-95 *Training required for the operation of unmanned aircraft systems*, NC GS 63-96 *Permit required for commercial operation of unmanned aircraft system*, and NCDOT UAS Policy. The required operator certifications include possessing a current Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Remote Pilot Certificate, a NC UAS Operator Permit as well as operating a UAS registered with the FAA.

Prior to beginning operations, the Contractor shall complete the NCDOT UAS – Flight Operation Approval Form and submit it to the Engineer for approval. All UAS operations shall be approved by the Engineer prior to beginning the operations.

All contractors or subcontractors operating UAS shall have UAS specific general liability insurance to cover all operations under this contract.

The use of UAS is at the Contractor's discretion. No measurement or payment will be made for the use of UAS. In the event that the Department directs the Contractor to utilize UAS, payment will be in accordance with Article 104-7 Extra Work.

EQUIPMENT IDLING GUIDELINES:

(1-19-21)

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SP1 G096

Exercise reduced fuel consumption and reduced equipment emissions during the construction of all work associated with this contract. Employees engaged in the construction of this project should turn off vehicles when stopped for more than thirty (30) minutes and off-highway equipment should idle no longer than fifteen (15) consecutive minutes.

These guidelines for turning off vehicles and equipment when idling do not apply to:

1. Idling when queuing.
2. Idling to verify the vehicle is in safe operating condition.
3. Idling for testing, servicing, repairing or diagnostic purposes.
4. Idling necessary to accomplish work for which the vehicle was designed (such as operating a crane, mixing concrete, etc.).
5. Idling required to bring the machine system to operating temperature.
6. Emergency vehicles, utility company, construction, and maintenance vehicles where the engines must run to perform needed work.
7. Idling to ensure safe operation of the vehicle.
8. Idling when the propulsion engine is providing auxiliary power for other than heating or air conditioning. (such as hydraulic systems for pavers)
9. When specific traffic, safety, or emergency situations arise.
10. If the ambient temperature is less than 32 degrees Fahrenheit. Limited idling to provide for the safety of vehicle occupants (e.g. to run the heater).

11. If the ambient temperature is greater than 90 degrees Fahrenheit. Limited idling to provide for the safety of vehicle occupants of off-highway equipment (e.g. to run the air conditioning) no more than 30 minutes.

12. Diesel powered vehicles may idle for up to 30 minutes to minimize restart problems. Any vehicle, truck, or equipment in which the primary source of fuel is natural gas or electricity is exempt from the idling limitations set forth in this special provision.

ELECTRONIC BIDDING:

(2-19-19)

101, 102, 103

SP1 G140

Revise the *2018 Standard Specifications* as follows:

Page 1-4, Article 101-3, DEFINITIONS, BID (OR PROPOSAL) *Electronic Bid*, line 1, replace “Bid Express®” with “the approved electronic bidding provider”.

Page 1-15, Subarticle 102-8(B), *Electronic Bids*, lines 39-40, replace “to Bid Express®” with “via the approved electronic bidding provider”.

Page 1-15, Subarticle 102-8(B)(1), *Electronic Bids*, line 41, delete “from Bid Express®”

Page 1-17, Subarticle 102-9(C)(2), *Electronic Bids*, line 21, replace “Bid Express® miscellaneous folder within the .ebs” with “electronic submittal”.

Page 1-29, Subarticle 103-4(C)(2), *Electronic Bids*, line 32, replace “.ebs miscellaneous data file of Expedite” with “electronic submittal file”

AWARD LIMITS:

(4-19-22)

103

SP1 G141

Revise the *2018 Standard Specifications* as follows:

Page 1-29, Subarticle 103-4(C), *Award Limits*, line 4-8, delete and replace the first sentence in the first paragraph with the following:

A bidder who desires to bid on more than one project on which bids are to be opened in the same letting and who desires to avoid receiving an award of more projects than he is equipped to handle, may bid on any number of projects but may limit the total amount of work awarded to him on selected projects by completing the form Award Limits on Multiple Projects for each project subject to the award limit.

OUTSOURCING OUTSIDE THE USA:

(9-21-04) (Rev. 5-16-06)

SP1 G150

All work on consultant contracts, services contracts, and construction contracts shall be performed in the United States of America. No work shall be outsourced outside of the United States of America.

Outsourcing for the purpose of this provision is defined as the practice of subcontracting labor, work, services, staffing, or personnel to entities located outside of the United States.

The North Carolina Secretary of Transportation shall approve exceptions to this provision in writing.

EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL/STORMWATER CERTIFICATION:

(1-16-07) (Rev 12-15-20)

105-16, 225-2, 16

SP1 G180

General

Schedule and conduct construction activities in a manner that will minimize soil erosion and the resulting sedimentation and turbidity of surface waters. Comply with the requirements herein regardless of whether or not a National Pollution discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for the work is required.

Establish a chain of responsibility for operations and subcontractors' operations to ensure that the *Erosion and Sediment Control/Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan* is implemented and maintained over the life of the contract.

- (A) *Certified Supervisor* - Provide a certified Erosion and Sediment Control/Stormwater Supervisor to manage the Contractor and subcontractor operations, insure compliance with Federal, State and Local ordinances and regulations, and manage the Quality Control Program.
- (B) *Certified Foreman* - Provide a certified, trained foreman for each construction operation that increases the potential for soil erosion or the possible sedimentation and turbidity of surface waters.
- (C) *Certified Installer* - Provide a certified installer to install or direct the installation for erosion or sediment/stormwater control practices.
- (D) *Certified Designer* - Provide a certified designer for the design of the erosion and sediment control/stormwater component of reclamation plans and, if applicable, for the design of the project erosion and sediment control/stormwater plan.

Roles and Responsibilities

- (A) *Certified Erosion and Sediment Control/Stormwater Supervisor* - The Certified Supervisor shall be Level II and responsible for ensuring the erosion and sediment control/stormwater plan is adequately implemented and maintained on the project and for conducting the quality control program. The Certified Supervisor shall be on the project within 24 hours notice from initial exposure of an erodible surface to the project's final acceptance. Perform the following duties:

- (1) Manage Operations - Coordinate and schedule the work of subcontractors so that erosion and sediment control/stormwater measures are fully executed for each operation and in a timely manner over the duration of the contract.
 - (a) Oversee the work of subcontractors so that appropriate erosion and sediment control/stormwater preventive measures are conformed to at each stage of the work.
 - (b) Prepare the required National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Inspection Record and submit to the Engineer.
 - (c) Attend all weekly or monthly construction meetings to discuss the findings of the NPDES inspection and other related issues.
 - (d) Implement the erosion and sediment control/stormwater site plans requested.
 - (e) Provide any needed erosion and sediment control/stormwater practices for the Contractor's temporary work not shown on the plans, such as, but not limited to work platforms, temporary construction, pumping operations, plant and storage yards, and cofferdams.
 - (f) Acquire applicable permits and comply with requirements for borrow pits, dewatering, and any temporary work conducted by the Contractor in jurisdictional areas.
 - (g) Conduct all erosion and sediment control/stormwater work in a timely and workmanlike manner.
 - (h) Fully perform and install erosion and sediment control/stormwater work prior to any suspension of the work.
 - (i) Coordinate with Department, Federal, State and Local Regulatory agencies on resolution of erosion and sediment control/stormwater issues due to the Contractor's operations.
 - (j) Ensure that proper cleanup occurs from vehicle tracking on paved surfaces or any location where sediment leaves the Right-of-Way.
 - (k) Have available a set of erosion and sediment control/stormwater plans that are initialed and include the installation date of Best Management Practices. These practices shall include temporary and permanent groundcover and be properly updated to reflect necessary plan and field changes for use and review by Department personnel as well as regulatory agencies.

- (2) Requirements set forth under the NPDES Permit - The Department's NPDES Stormwater permit (NCS000250) outlines certain objectives and management measures pertaining to construction activities. The permit references *NCG010000, General Permit to Discharge Stormwater* under the NPDES, and states that the Department shall incorporate the applicable requirements into its delegated Erosion and Sediment Control Program for construction activities disturbing one or more acres of land. The Department further incorporates these requirements on all contracted bridge and culvert work at jurisdictional waters, regardless of size. Some of the requirements are, but are not limited to:

- (a) Control project site waste to prevent contamination of surface or ground waters of the state, i.e. from equipment operation/maintenance, construction materials, concrete washout, chemicals, litter, fuels, lubricants, coolants, hydraulic fluids, any other petroleum products, and sanitary waste.
 - (b) Inspect erosion and sediment control/stormwater devices and stormwater discharge outfalls at least once every 7 calendar days and within 24 hours after a rainfall event equal to or greater than 1.0 inch that occurs within a 24 hour period. Additional monitoring may be required at the discretion of Division of Water Resources personnel if the receiving stream is 303(d) listed for turbidity and the project has had documented problems managing turbidity.
 - (c) Maintain an onsite rain gauge or use the Department's Multi-Sensor Precipitation Estimate website to maintain a daily record of rainfall amounts and dates.
 - (d) Maintain erosion and sediment control/stormwater inspection records for review by Department and Regulatory personnel upon request.
 - (e) Implement approved reclamation plans on all borrow pits, waste sites and staging areas.
 - (f) Maintain a log of turbidity test results as outlined in the Department's Procedure for Monitoring Borrow Pit Discharge.
 - (g) Provide secondary containment for bulk storage of liquid materials.
 - (h) Provide training for employees concerning general erosion and sediment control/stormwater awareness, the Department's NPDES Stormwater Permit NCS000250 requirements, and the applicable requirements of the *General Permit, NCG010000*.
 - (i) Report violations of the NPDES permit to the Engineer immediately who will notify the Division of Water Quality Regional Office within 24 hours of becoming aware of the violation.
- (3) Quality Control Program - Maintain a quality control program to control erosion, prevent sedimentation and follow provisions/conditions of permits. The quality control program shall:
- (a) Follow permit requirements related to the Contractor and subcontractors' construction activities.
 - (b) Ensure that all operators and subcontractors on site have the proper erosion and sediment control/stormwater certification.
 - (c) Notify the Engineer when the required certified erosion and sediment control/stormwater personnel are not available on the job site when needed.
 - (d) Conduct the inspections required by the NPDES permit.
 - (e) Take corrective actions in the proper timeframe as required by the NPDES permit for problem areas identified during the NPDES inspections.
 - (f) Incorporate erosion control into the work in a timely manner and stabilize disturbed areas with mulch/seed or vegetative cover on a section-by-section basis.

- (g) Use flocculants approved by state regulatory authorities where appropriate and where required for turbidity and sedimentation reduction.
 - (h) Ensure proper installation and maintenance of temporary erosion and sediment control devices.
 - (i) Remove temporary erosion or sediment control devices when they are no longer necessary as agreed upon by the Engineer.
 - (j) The Contractor's quality control and inspection procedures shall be subject to review by the Engineer. Maintain NPDES inspection records and make records available at all times for verification by the Engineer.
- (B) *Certified Foreman* - At least one Certified Foreman shall be onsite for each type of work listed herein during the respective construction activities to control erosion, prevent sedimentation and follow permit provisions:
- (1) Foreman in charge of grading activities
 - (2) Foreman in charge of bridge or culvert construction over jurisdictional areas
 - (3) Foreman in charge of utility activities
- The Contractor may request to use the same person as the Level II Supervisor and Level II Foreman. This person shall be onsite whenever construction activities as described above are taking place. This request shall be approved by the Engineer prior to work beginning.
- The Contractor may request to name a single Level II Foreman to oversee multiple construction activities on small bridge or culvert replacement projects. This request shall be approved by the Engineer prior to work beginning.
- (C) *Certified Installers* - Provide at least one onsite, Level I Certified Installer for each of the following erosion and sediment control/stormwater crew:
- (1) Seeding and Mulching
 - (2) Temporary Seeding
 - (3) Temporary Mulching
 - (4) Sodding
 - (5) Silt fence or other perimeter erosion/sediment control device installations
 - (6) Erosion control blanket installation
 - (7) Hydraulic tackifier installation
 - (8) Turbidity curtain installation
 - (9) Rock ditch check/sediment dam installation
 - (10) Ditch liner/matting installation
 - (11) Inlet protection
 - (12) Riprap placement
 - (13) Stormwater BMP installations (such as but not limited to level spreaders, retention/detention devices)
 - (14) Pipe installations within jurisdictional areas

If a Level I *Certified Installer* is not onsite, the Contractor may substitute a Level II Foreman for a Level I Installer, provided the Level II Foreman is not tasked to another crew requiring Level II Foreman oversight.

- (D) *Certified Designer* - Include the certification number of the Level III Certified Designer on the erosion and sediment control/stormwater component of all reclamation plans and if applicable, the certification number of the Level III Certified Designer on the design of the project erosion and sediment control/stormwater plan.

Preconstruction Meeting

Furnish the names of the *Certified Erosion and Sediment Control/Stormwater Supervisor*, *Certified Foremen*, *Certified Installers* and *Certified Designer* and notify the Engineer of changes in certified personnel over the life of the contract within 2 days of change.

Ethical Responsibility

Any company performing work for the North Carolina Department of Transportation has the ethical responsibility to fully disclose any reprimand or dismissal of an employee resulting from improper testing or falsification of records.

Revocation or Suspension of Certification

Upon recommendation of the Chief Engineer to the certification entity, certification for *Supervisor*, *Certified Foremen*, *Certified Installers* and *Certified Designer* may be revoked or suspended with the issuance of an *Immediate Corrective Action (ICA)*, *Notice of Violation (NOV)*, or *Cease and Desist Order* for erosion and sediment control/stormwater related issues.

The Chief Engineer may recommend suspension or permanent revocation of certification due to the following:

- (A) Failure to adequately perform the duties as defined within this certification provision.
- (B) Issuance of an ICA, NOV, or Cease and Desist Order.
- (C) Failure to fully perform environmental commitments as detailed within the permit conditions and specifications.
- (D) Demonstration of erroneous documentation or reporting techniques.
- (E) Cheating or copying another candidate's work on an examination.
- (F) Intentional falsification of records.
- (G) Directing a subordinate under direct or indirect supervision to perform any of the above actions.
- (H) Dismissal from a company for any of the above reasons.
- (I) Suspension or revocation of one's certification by another entity.

Suspension or revocation of a certification will be sent by certified mail to the certificant and the Corporate Head of the company that employs the certificant.

A certificant has the right to appeal any adverse action which results in suspension or permanent revocation of certification by responding, in writing, to the Chief Engineer within 10 calendar days after receiving notice of the proposed adverse action.

Chief Engineer
1536 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-1536

Failure to appeal within 10 calendar days will result in the proposed adverse action becoming effective on the date specified on the certified notice. Failure to appeal within the time specified will result in a waiver of all future appeal rights regarding the adverse action taken. The certificant will not be allowed to perform duties associated with the certification during the appeal process.

The Chief Engineer will hear the appeal and make a decision within 7 days of hearing the appeal. Decision of the Chief Engineer will be final and will be made in writing to the certificant.

If a certification is temporarily suspended, the certificant shall pass any applicable written examination and any proficiency examination, at the conclusion of the specified suspension period, prior to having the certification reinstated.

Measurement and Payment

Certified Erosion and Sediment Control/Stormwater Supervisor, Certified Foremen, Certified Installers and Certified Designer will be incidental to the project for which no direct compensation will be made.

PROCEDURE FOR MONITORING BORROW PIT DISCHARGE:

(2-20-07) (Rev. 4-5-19)

105-16, 230, 801

SP1 G181

Water discharge from borrow pit sites shall not cause surface waters to exceed 50 NTUs (nephelometric turbidity unit) in streams not designated as trout waters and 10 NTUs in streams, lakes or reservoirs designated as trout waters. For lakes and reservoirs not designated as trout waters, the turbidity shall not exceed 25 NTUs. If the turbidity exceeds these levels due to natural background conditions, the existing turbidity level shall not be increased.

If during any operating day, the downstream water quality exceeds the standard, the Contractor shall do all of the following:

- (A) Either cease discharge or modify the discharge volume or turbidity levels to bring the downstream turbidity levels into compliance, or
- (B) Evaluate the upstream conditions to determine if the exceedance of the standard is due to natural background conditions. If the background turbidity measurements exceed the standard, operation of the pit and discharge can continue as long as the stream turbidity levels are not increased due to the discharge.

- (C) Measure and record the turbidity test results (time, date and sampler) at all defined sampling locations 30 minutes after startup and at a minimum, one additional sampling of all sampling locations during that 24-hour period in which the borrow pit is discharging.
- (D) Notify DWQ within 24 hours of any stream turbidity standard exceedances that are not brought into compliance.

During the Environmental Assessment required by Article 230-4 of the *2018 Standard Specifications*, the Contractor shall define the point at which the discharge enters into the State's surface waters and the appropriate sampling locations. Sampling locations shall include points upstream and downstream from the point at which the discharge enters these waters. Upstream sampling location shall be located so that it is not influenced by backwater conditions and represents natural background conditions. Downstream sampling location shall be located at the point where complete mixing of the discharge and receiving water has occurred.

The discharge shall be closely monitored when water from the dewatering activities is introduced into jurisdictional wetlands. Any time visible sedimentation (deposition of sediment) on the wetland surface is observed, the dewatering activity will be suspended until turbidity levels in the stilling basin can be reduced to a level where sediment deposition does not occur. Staining of wetland surfaces from suspended clay particles, occurring after evaporation or infiltration, does not constitute sedimentation. No activities shall occur in wetlands that adversely affect the functioning of a wetland. Visible sedimentation will be considered an indication of possible adverse impacts on wetland use.

The Engineer will perform independent turbidity tests on a random basis. These results will be maintained in a log within the project records. Records will include, at a minimum, turbidity test results, time, date and name of sampler. Should the Department's test results exceed those of the Contractor's test results, an immediate test shall be performed jointly with the results superseding the previous test results of both the Department and the Contractor.

The Contractor shall use the *NCDOT Turbidity Reduction Options for Borrow Pits Matrix*, available at <https://connect.ncdot.gov/resources/roadside/FieldOperationsDocuments/TurbidityReductionOptionSheet.pdf> to plan, design, construct, and maintain BMPs to address water quality standards. Tier I Methods include stilling basins which are standard compensatory BMPs. Other Tier I methods are noncompensatory and shall be used when needed to meet the stream turbidity standards. Tier II Methods are also noncompensatory and are options that may be needed for protection of rare or unique resources or where special environmental conditions exist at the site which have led to additional requirements being placed in the DWQ's 401 Certifications and approval letters, Isolated Wetland Permits, Riparian Buffer Authorization or a DOT Reclamation Plan's Environmental Assessment for the specific site. Should the Contractor exhaust all Tier I Methods on a site exclusive of rare or unique resources or special environmental conditions, Tier II Methods may be required by regulators on a case by case basis per supplemental agreement.

The Contractor may use cation exchange capacity (CEC) values from proposed site borings to plan and develop the bid for the project. CEC values exceeding 15 milliequivalents per 100 grams of

soil may indicate a high potential for turbidity and should be avoided when dewatering into surface water is proposed.

No additional compensation for monitoring borrow pit discharge will be paid.

PROJECT SPECIAL PROVISIONS

ROADWAY

BURNING RESTRICTIONS:

(7-1-95)

200, 210, 215

SP2 R05

Open burning is not permitted on any portion of the right-of-way limits established for this project. Do not burn the clearing, grubbing or demolition debris designated for disposal and generated from the project at locations within the project limits, off the project limits or at any waste or borrow sites in this county. Dispose of the clearing, grubbing and demolition debris by means other than burning, according to state or local rules and regulations.

MATERIAL AND EQUIPMENT STORAGE & PARKING OF PERSONAL VEHICLES:

11-17-21(Rev. 8-16-22)

1101

SP11 R03

Revise the *2018 Standard Specifications* as follows:

Page 11-2, Article 1101-8 MATERIAL AND EQUIPMENT STORAGE, line 35-38, delete and replace with the following:

When work is not in progress, keep all personnel, equipment, machinery, tools, construction debris, materials and supplies away from active travel lanes that meets Table 1101-1.

TABLE 1101-1 MATERIAL AND EQUIPMENT STORAGE FROM ACTIVE TRAVEL LANES	
Posted Speed Limit (mph)	Distance (ft)
40 or less	≥ 18
45-50	≥ 28
55	≥ 32
60 or higher	≥ 40

When vehicles, equipment and materials are protected by concrete barrier or guardrail, they shall be offset at least 5 feet from the barrier or guardrail.

Page 11-2, Article 1101-9 PARKING OF PERSONAL VEHICLES, line 40-41, delete and replace with the following:

Provide staging areas for personal vehicle parking in accordance with Article 1101-8 or as directed by the Engineer before use.

WORK ZONE INSTALLER:

(7-20-21)(Rev. 8-16-22)

1101, 1150

SP11 R04

Provide the service of at least one qualified work zone installer during the setup, installation, and removal of temporary traffic control within the highway right of way. The qualified work zone installer shall serve as crew leader and shall be on site and directing the installation and removal of temporary traffic control. If multiple temporary traffic control installations or removals are

occurring simultaneously, then each shall have a qualified work zone installer.

The work zone installer shall be qualified by an NCDOT approved training agency or other NCDOT approved training provider in the safe and competent set up of temporary traffic control. For a complete listing of approved training agencies, see the Work Zone Safety Training webpage.

A work zone supervisor, in accordance with Article 1101-13 of the *Standard Specifications*, may fulfill the role of the work zone installer during the setup, installation, and removal of temporary traffic control within the highway right of way provided they are on site and directing the installation and removal of temporary traffic control.

All other individuals participating in the setup, installation, and removal of temporary traffic control within the highway right of way shall be certified as a qualified flagger in accordance with Article 1150-3 of the *Standard Specifications*, even if flagging is not being performed as part of the traffic control.

Provide the name and contact information of all qualified work zone installers to the Engineer prior to or at the preconstruction conference. Additionally, provide a qualification statement that all other individuals participating in the setup, installation, and removal of temporary traffic control are qualified flaggers that have been properly trained through an NCDOT approved training agency or other NCDOT approved training provider.

All certification records for qualified work zone installers and flaggers shall be uploaded by the approved training agency or other NCDOT approved training provider to the Department's Work Zone Education Verification App (WZ-EVA) prior to the qualified work zone installer or flagger performing any traffic control duties on the project. For more information about WZ-EVA, see the Work Zone Safety Training webpage.

CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

A current North Carolina Landscape Contractor's registration is required. A copy of the registration shall be given to the Engineer prior to the beginning work. The successful bidder has fourteen (14) business days after notice of award of the contract, to provide the North Carolina Department of Transportation with a copy of the Landscaper Contractor's Registration. **If these terms are not met within the allotted amount of time of fourteen (14) business days, the North Carolina Department of Transportation will have the right to reject the bid and select the next lowest responsible bidder or cancellation of this contract.**

A current North Carolina Pesticide License shall be required. Bidders must have a valid, sub-classification in Ornamentals and Turf, and Right of way issued by the NCDA, to be considered eligible to bid. A copy of the Pesticide license(s) shall be given to the Engineer fourteen (14) business days after notice of award of the contract. Any application of pesticides on the site shall be by, or under, the direct **on site** supervision of a valid licensed Commercial Ground Applicator currently licensed by the NCDA. **If these terms are not met within the allotted amount of time of fourteen (14) business days, the North Carolina Department of Transportation will have the right to reject the bid and select the next lowest responsible bidder or cancellation of this contract. The Contractor shall maintain a current license as described above throughout the length of the project.**

LANDSCAPE GRADING

General

Landscape and Site grading consists of placing topsoil material within, and the cutting and backfilling, within the roundabouts, medians, bridge planting areas, etc., to provide proper drainage and elevations as indicated on the cross-sections, and as directed by the Engineer.

Material

Topsoil will be as specified herein and will be utilized for all fill/backfill operations as directed by the Engineer. Topsoil will be a sandy loam, silt loam or clay loam that contains a reasonable amount of humus material. Topsoil will be of good texture, loose and friable and will be representative of topsoil in the general vicinity. It will be reasonably free from sod, hard lumps, subsoil, large roots, rocks and gravel, noxious weed seeds and/or toxic substances or other material, which would be harmful to plant growth. Topsoil when delivered to the job site will be approved by the Engineer prior to placement, whether or not the source of topsoil has been previously approved.

Installation

Place topsoil and compact as described in the landscape details. Place topsoil fill and spread evenly to a depth described in details or as directed by the Engineer, which after settlement, constitutes finish grade. Do not place topsoil when the ground is frozen, is excessively wet, or is in a condition that the soil cannot be worked easily and dressed smoothly. Compact fill material under landscape pavers & edging, tree ring mounds and roundabout landscape edging to a density equal to or greater than undisturbed soil in the area.

Where fill material is needed within wooded areas, precautionary measures will be taken to prevent damage to trees and the roots of trees to be retained for landscape purposes. When placing or compacting fill material in or adjacent to wooded areas heavy machinery will not be allowed. Equipment for placing fill material will be approved by the Engineer prior to any grading work.

Compensation

‘Landscape Grading’ will be paid for at the contract lump sum price for the work detailed in this section that has been successfully accomplished and accepted. ‘Topsoil’ will be paid for in the actual number of cubic yards of topsoil placed and accepted. Topsoil will be measured by truck measurement. Each truck will be measured and will have a legible identification mark indicating its capacity. Load each truck to at least its measured capacity at the time it arrives at the point of delivery. The recorded capacity will be adjusted by making a 25 percent deduction to allow for shrinkage, and the adjusted capacity will be the quantity to be paid for.

Such price and payment will be full compensation for furnishing, all labor, equipment, and all incidentals necessary to complete the work satisfactorily.

Payment will be made under:

Landscape Grading.....	LS
Topsoil.....	CY

SEASONAL LIMITATIONS

The initial planting and replacement of plants will be accomplished between October 15th and March 31st for all woody plant material (trees, shrubs and ground covers). All herbaceous plants and containerized grasses will be planted between September 1st and November 30th and March 1st and May 15th depending on requirements of each species. Exceptions to these seasonal limitations are at the discretion of the Division Roadside Environmental Engineer and will be submitted in writing. Submit the proposed schedule for plant installation for approval along with plant sources and contact information for each of them.

MULCH FOR PLANTING

Mulch for planting shall be double shredded aged hardwood bark mulch for all beds and individual plants installed. A sample shall be submitted to the Engineer approved prior to application. All mulch placed on the project must match and come from a single source. NCDOT will not permit any mulch to be stored or dumped on the right-of way. Prior to the mulching operation, all waste, debris and litter in the plant bed areas shall be removed and disposed of off-site and six (6) inch deep plant bed edge cut as specified on the details sheet. In planting bed areas that have been left incomplete due to work stoppage the Contractor is to install 1” of double shredded aged hardwood bark mulch to stabilize the soil and to reduce potential erosion from storm events. **The Contractor shall apply mulch to a final depth of four (4) inches over the entire plant bed unless otherwise directed by the Engineer.**

See Section 1060-11, 1670-10 and 1670-17 of the Standard Specifications. The mulch quantity given on the plans and in this contract proposal is an estimated quantity based on the plans. If the Contractor is supplying and installing mulch delivered to the job in bulk, at the end of each workday, the Contractor or Subcontractor must supply delivery ticket(s) for the amount of mulch applied that day. Only mulch used on this project can be stored on site. Payment shall be made under:

<u>Pay Item</u>	<u>Unit</u>
Mulch for Planting	Cubic Yard

PLANTING

All plant material furnished shall be the best quality representation of each of the specified species. A list of the suppliers and their contact information for all plant material shall be furnished along with the bid package. This information shall be verified and plant material may be inspected prior to awarding of the bid. The quality of the plant material shall be considered along with the unit bid prices when this bid is awarded. Plant material deemed to be of unacceptable quality will not be considered.

Newly created and renovated plant beds as identified on the plans, in the details, and as directed by the Engineer in the field shall be treated, prepared, and mulched as a plant bed. The contractor shall remove

any vegetative matter, rocks, construction debris, surface debris and all other matter that could be detrimental to plant bed preparation or plant growth, unless otherwise directed. All removed vegetation, debris, stones, etc. shall be disposed of off-site. The Contractor shall fill all holes and depressions that are existing or created during the removal process with acceptable and pre-approved topsoil, typical for the site, prior to plant bed preparation. See Section 1670-Planting of the Standard Specifications for Roads and Structures.

The quantities furnished on the plans and in the contract proposal are estimated quantities only. The final quantity shall be the exact number needed to completely install the planting as determined by the Engineer in the field.

Osmocote, 18-6-12, or comparable product, shall be applied during “Initial Planting” at the rates as follows: for #1 or 2 cont. 1 tbsp./plant, #3 cont. 3 tbsp./plant, #5 cont. 5tbsp./plant, and B&B ¾ cup/plant. Fertilizer shall be placed in the planting hole, being evenly distributed within the backfill material. Fertilizer type(s) and quantity shall be discussed with and approved by the Engineer prior to incorporation in plant beds and shall be incidental to planting.

Plant material furnished and installed during the initial installation period shall be paid for at the contract unit price for each individual plant species. Initial acceptance of each of the plants, if satisfactorily furnished and installed, watered and mulched, shall be made at the intermediate completion date for each of the plant categories. The Contractor shall be responsible and care for all of the plants from the time they are planted, until initial acceptance of the plants at the intermediate completion date. Payment will be made under the Monthly Maintenance line item after the initial acceptance, until Final Acceptance of the project.

Payment shall be made under:

<u>Pay Item</u>	<u>Unit</u>
(Plant species and furnish as indicated in the contract)	Each

SUPPLEMENTAL SEEDING

See Standard Specifications Section 1662 – Supplemental Seeding.

Mowed Turf Areas located to the inside of the ramps, between the edges of pavement, Right of Way and/or plant beds shall receive supplemental seeding as directed by the Engineer in the field where deemed necessary.

Supplemental seeding shall be accomplished using an approved ‘sod-seeder’ or ‘drill-seeder’. The seed shall be an approved cultivar of Hard Fescue as listed in the special provision for Seeding and Mulching – Turfgrass Areas. The rate for supplemental seeding shall be seventy-five (75) pounds per acre.

Payment will be made under:

<u>Pay Item</u>	<u>Pay Unit</u>
Seed for Supplemental Seeding	LB

SEEDING AND MULCHING – TURFGRASS AREAS

Omit Section 1660 of the Standard Specifications.

The goal of this seeding and mulching operation is to achieve a lawn quality turf-grass cover.

Prepare seedbed; furnish, place and incorporate limestone, fertilizer and seed; compact seedbed; furnish, place and secure mulch; mow; and perform other operations necessary for the permanent establishment of turf-grass from seed at the locations shown on the plans and as directed by the Engineer in the field.

Adapt seeding operations to variations in weather or soil conditions as necessary for the successful establishment and growth of the turf-grass. Seeding and mulching operations shall be a continuous operation until successful completion.

Preserve the line, grade and cross section of the area treated, or correct grade if necessary for positive drainage.

Stabilization

Stabilization for this project shall comply with the time frame guidelines as specified by the NCG-010000 general construction permit effective August 3, 2011 issued by the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources Division of Water Quality. Temporary or permanent ground cover stabilization shall occur within 7 calendar days from the last land-disturbing activity, with the following exceptions in which temporary or permanent ground cover shall be provided in 14 calendar days from the last land-disturbing activity:

- Slopes between 2:1 and 3:1, with slope length of 10 feet or less
- Slopes 3:1 or flatter, with a slope of length of 50 feet or less
- Slopes 4:1 or flatter

The stabilization timeframe for High Quality Water (HQW) Zones shall be 7 calendar days with no exceptions for slope grades or lengths. High Quality Water Zones are defined by North Carolina Administrative Code 15A NCAC 04A.0105 (25). Temporary and permanent ground cover stabilization shall be achieved in accordance with the provisions in this contract and as directed.

Materials

See Standard Specifications Section 1060-2 for Fertilizer, Section 1060-3 for Limestone, Section 1060-4 for Seed and Section 1060-5 for Mulch for Erosion Control.

Fertilizer shall be 10-20-20 analysis. A different analysis may be used provided the 1-2-2 ratio is maintained and the rate of application adjusted to provide the same amount of plant food as a 10-20-20 analysis or as directed by the Engineer in the field.

Seeding rate per acre shall be:

20# Kentucky Bluegrass

75# Hard Fescue

25# Rye Grain

500# Fertilizer

4000# Limestone

Approved Kentucky Bluegrass Cultivars are:

Alpine	Award	Bordeaux	Envicta	Midnight	Rugby II
Apollo	Bariris	Champagne	Impact	Midnight II	Showcase
Arcadia	Bedazzled	Chicago II	Kenblue	Rugby Sonoma	Arrow

Approved Hard Fescue Cultivars are:

Chariot	Minotaur	Oxford	Reliant IV	Scaldis II	Stonehenge
Firefly	Nordic	Reliant II	Rhino	Spartan II	Warwick

Heron

Mulch shall be grain straw unless otherwise approved by the Engineer. If permission to use material other than grain straw is requested and approved by the Engineer, conditions governing the use of the alternate mulch material will be established by the Engineer at the time of approval.

Use undiluted emulsified asphalt for tacking material.

The type of seed and rates and the analysis and rates of fertilizer for temporary seeding for erosion control purposes, if required, shall be determined by the Engineer in the field.

Seedbed Preparation

Cut and satisfactorily dispose of weeds or other unacceptable growth in the areas to be seeded. Fill any depressions that cannot be obliterated by normal soil preparation, with topsoil that is approved by the Engineer in the field.

Scarify or otherwise loosen the soil to a depth of not less than 5 inches except within 2 feet of pavement edge where it shall be loosened to a depth of 2 to 3 inches. Where curb and gutter are present, loosen soil to the full 5 inch depth. Break clods and work the top 2 to 3 inches of soil into an acceptable seedbed by the use of soil pulverizers, drags or harrows; or other approved methods. Remove and dispose of off-site all rock, debris, trash or foreign matter of 3 inches or larger before application of seed and fertilizer.

Do not prepare seedbed when the soil is frozen, extremely wet or when the Engineer determines that it is an otherwise unfavorable working condition.

Applying and covering limestone, fertilizer and seed

Obtain approval from the Engineer for type of equipment to be used prior to beginning application, covering or compaction of limestone, fertilizer and seed. Approval may be revoked at any time if equipment is not maintained in satisfactory working condition, relatively clean and free of foreign matter, or if the equipment operation damages the seed.

Apply limestone, fertilizer and seed within 24 hours after completion of seedbed preparation unless otherwise permitted by the Engineer. If the Engineer determines that weather or soil conditions are unfavorable, do not distribute any limestone or fertilizer, and do not sow seed.

Limestone may be applied as part of the seedbed preparation, provided it is immediately worked into the soil. If not so applied, distribute limestone and fertilizer uniformly over the prepared seedbed at the specified rate of application and then harrow, rake or otherwise thoroughly work or mix into the seedbed.

Distribute seed uniformly over the seedbed at the required rate of application, and immediately harrow, drag, rake, or otherwise work so as to cover the seed with a layer of soil. Cover to a depth as directed the Engineer. When a combination seed and fertilizer drill is used, drill fertilizer with seed after applying and incorporating limestone into the soil. If more than one kind of seed is to be used and they require different depths of cover, sow separately. Compact the seedbed immediately after seed has been properly covered in the manner and degree approved by the Engineer.

Mulching

Mulch all seeded areas unless otherwise directed by the Engineer.

Apply mulch within 24 hours after completion of seeding unless otherwise permitted by the Engineer. Exercise care to prevent displacement of soil or seed or otherwise damage the newly seeded area during the mulching operation.

Spread mulch uniformly by hand or an approved mechanical spreader or blower which will provide a uniform and acceptable application. An acceptable application will be that which will allow some sunlight to penetrate and air to circulate but also partially shade the ground, reduce erosion and conserve soil moisture.

Hold the mulch in place by applying a sufficient amount of undiluted emulsified asphalt or other approved binding material. The Engineer shall approve the rate and method of application of binding material. Apply the binding material directly with the mulch or immediately following the mulch application to the immediate area being worked.

Erosion Control and Damages

Take sufficient precautions and utilize erosion control devices if needed or directed by the Engineer to prevent loose soil, debris or mulch from leaving the site or entering drainage structures through displacement by wind, water or other causes. Should blockage to a drainage structure occur, promptly remove and correct the problem.

Avoid damage to any structural elements of the roadway during seeding and mulching operations. Take adequate precautions to prevent damage to traffic, structures, guardrails, traffic control devices or any other appurtenances. If necessary change the method and/or equipment used for seedbed preparation, application of limestone, fertilizer, seed, mulch and tacking to avoid damages.

Should damage occur, the contractor shall be responsible for repairing or replacing, without additional compensation, all damaged roadway elements to the satisfaction of the Engineer. The contractor shall clean up, to the satisfaction of the Engineer, any soil, waste or debris created or left on adjacent roadway, curb and gutter, shoulders, etc. after seeding and mulching operations.

Maintenance

Maintain areas where seeding and mulching have been performed in a satisfactory condition until final acceptance of the project. Mow as described herein and as directed by the Engineer in the field.

Correct areas of failure or damage due to any cause by repairing or completely reworking as directed by the Engineer. Method and extent of correction shall be approved by the Engineer.

Compensation

Seeding and Mulching – Turfgrass Areas will be measured and paid in acres completed and accepted, measured along the surface of the ground. No direct payment will be made for furnishing and applying topsoil backfill as such work and materials will be incidental to the work covered in this special provision. The quantity of Seeding and Mulching – Turfgrass Areas is an estimate only; it may be increased or decreased at the direction of the Engineer. Such variations in the quantity will not be considered alterations in the details of construction or a change in the character of the work.

Corrective work where seeding and mulching has been damaged by other than contractor, or has failed to establish a satisfactory stand of turf, will be compensated at the contract unit price for Seeding and Mulching. Where correction can be made without extensive seedbed preparation, there will be no compensation. There shall be no additional compensation for corrections made due to negligence or damages caused by the contractor.

Payment will be made under:

<u>Pay Item</u>	<u>Pay Unit</u>
Seeding and Mulching (Turfgrass Areas)	Acre

FERTILIZER TOPDRESSING

See Standard Specifications Section 1665 – Fertilizer Topdressing.

Fertilizer topdressing analysis shall be a 10-20-20 and applied at a rate of two hundred (200) pounds per acre.

Payment will be made under:

<u>Pay Item</u>	<u>Pay Unit</u>
Fertilizer Topdressing.....	TON

MONTHLY MAINTENANCE

Monthly Maintenance for all planting within this contract shall begin upon completion of installation of each plant and will continue until all initial planting (including trees, shrubs, grasses, groundcovers/perennials) is complete and is accepted. Once all plantings are installed and approved, the contractor will provide an additional 12 months of monthly maintenance at the contract bid price. Turf-grass seeding is not part of the monthly maintenance cycle.

Monthly Maintenance shall include, but is not limited to, line or blade trimming, bed edging, mowing around beds, repair of plant beds, removing and replacing plants, repairing, guying or staking, pruning of trees and shrubs, cutting back of native grasses, sedges, perennials and annuals, watering, applications of postemergence herbicides and pre-emergence herbicides, pesticides, fungicides, and fertilizer as scheduled, as needed and as directed by the Engineer. Litter and debris pick-up and removal is also required. Mulching required due to Monthly Maintenance activities shall be incidental.

Once the Monthly Maintenance begins the Contractor or his/her appointed representative shall meet on the project at a predetermined monthly schedule to identify any tasks that need to be accomplished during that month. Anyone representing the Contractor at these meetings shall be authorized to make decisions, direct employees, obtain supplies and equipment and proceed with work requirements immediately. All tasks involved in the Monthly Maintenance period shall be performed on a monthly cycle **unless otherwise needed or directed by the Engineer or his/her representative.** The Contractor shall be available within twenty-four (24) hours of contact by the Engineer, to handle any situations requiring immediate attention.

Failure to perform all aspects of Monthly Maintenance may result in the forfeiture of bond.

Line or Blade Trimming and Mowing

The Contractor shall line or blade-trim and mow at least once per month, after the initial installation phase of this contract beginning with spring 'green-up' and until a 'clean-up' mowing is performed after the last killing frost of the year. The Engineer or his/her representative may request additional line or blade trimming or mowing whenever they deem necessary. Mowing and line or blade trimming must be done in a consistent clean and neat manner and **shall be performed from the edge of pavement to the mulched bed and/or a 10-foot perimeter around the plant bed**, whichever is directed by the Engineer; and an area around individually planted trees and shrubs, for a distance of 10 feet beyond the outside limits of water rings, mulch rings or 10 feet beyond the limits of the guy stakes, whichever is greater. All litter and debris in turf grass areas shall be removed prior to mowing. Mowing height for this contract shall be four inches or as directed by the Engineer. Special attention shall be given by the contractor to avoid "scalping", gapped, rolled down and uncut streaks; this will not be considered acceptable work. This work shall be included in the monthly maintenance pay item, and no additional payment shall be made.

Litter and Debris Removal

The project shall be policed at each visit and all litter and debris shall be removed and properly disposed of off-site. Bags of litter shall not be left on site overnight. Litter and debris shall be removed at least once during each of the monthly establishment work cycles. The Engineer may

request additional litter or debris removal if needed to maintain the project in an acceptable condition.

Plant Replacements

All dead, damaged, declining, or unhealthy plants, trees, or shrubs shall be removed immediately throughout the Monthly Maintenance

All plants that are not in a living and healthy condition will be identified for replacement. A tree shall need replacement if 25% or more of the crown is dead, if the main leader is dead, or if an area of the plant has died leaving the character of its form compromised, lopsided, or disfigured. Plants shall be replaced using the same specifications as the original plant. Replacement plants are considered a part of the initial planting item. No additional compensation will be made for replacement plants.

The initial planting and replacement of plants will be accomplished between October 15th and March 31st for all woody plant material (trees, shrubs and ground covers). All herbaceous plants and containerized grasses will be planted between September 1st and November 30th or March 1st and May 15th depending on requirements of each species. Exceptions to these seasonal limitations are at the discretion of the Division Roadside Environmental Engineer and will be submitted in writing. Submit the proposed schedule for plant installation for approval along with plant sources and contact information for each of them.

A wire flag may be placed to hold the location for the replacement plant. For trees, the top may be cut to approximately 6 inches from the ground and the root ball left in place until replacement occurs, in order to avoid having to fill hole with topsoil. Replacement planting shall occur during the next appropriate seasonal limitation for the particular type of plant being replaced. There will be no compensation for this work, as it will be considered incidental to the initial planting or monthly maintenance

Plant Fertilization

Should nutrient deficiencies occur after the initial planting, an approved fertilizer shall be applied at an approved rate during the appropriate time of the growing season and/or as requested by the Engineer and shall be incidental.

Monthly Maintenance Compensation

The Monthly Maintenance work shall be satisfactorily completed each month and shall be paid under Pay Item "Monthly Maintenance" Monthly Maintenance shall be included in the contract Pay Item, including replacing mulch disturbed during Monthly Maintenance activities.

Payment will be made under:

<u>Pay Item</u>	<u>Unit</u>
Monthly Maintenance.....	Each

HERBICIDES

The type, rate and chemical, as well as the brand name of each post-emergence herbicide, pre-emergence herbicide and stump treatment herbicide the Contractor would like to use shall be submitted in writing to the Engineer and approved prior to application. DO NOT allow drift or runoff of pesticides. Unapproved use or off target damage shall not be permitted.

Any pesticide usage on the site shall be by or under the ON SITE supervision of a valid licensed Commercial Ground Applicator (currently licensed by the NCDA), with an Ornamental & Turf (L) and Right of Way (H) sub-classification. All pesticide products, rates, timing and area of application shall be used in accordance with the label and shall have been approved by the Engineer a minimum of 48 hours prior to their use.

The Engineer has the right to request copies of pesticide application records at any time during the term of this contract.

PRE AND POST-EMERGENCE HERBICIDE APPLICATION

In accordance with Article 1670-7D & E of the *Standard Specifications* and the following exceptions and additions:

After completion of the initial planting period, pre-emergent herbicides shall be used to control warm season and winter annuals. The Contractor will apply pre-emergence herbicides to all plant beds, trees, and shrub mulch rings after mulching has been completed. Before applying, the type and rate of herbicide to be used will be approved by the engineer or the inspector. **All applications pre-emergent herbicides will be paid for as described in the Standard Specifications.**

For post-emergent herbicide applications for plant bed preparation, apply a systemic post-emergent total vegetation control herbicide to the bed area before any tilling or mowing is performed. Perform no tilling or mowing for at least 14 days after application. Thoroughly till the bed after the waiting period, or when injury to the vegetation appears. After tilling, the contractor is to repeat the process of systemic post-emergent application. Fourteen days after application the Contractor is to prepare the soil in good tilth with no clods over one inch present and before planting. **Post emergent herbicides for plant bed preparation will be paid for as described in the Standard Specifications.**

Different herbicides maybe required to control emerged weeds, and care should be taken to select the most effective herbicide to control the target species. Hoeing shall not be allowed as a means of removing weeds as it has been determined to reduce plant performance. Failure to control weeds shall result in the forfeiture of payment performance bond. **Post-emergent herbicides for plant bed maintenance will be considered incidental to Monthly Maintenance.**

WATERING

Water for planting will be applied in accordance with the standard specifications. The water for this project will be required to be furnished by the contractor from an alternative source, with no additional compensation to the contractor. All plant material shall be hand watered when it is installed and paid under the water for planting pay item. Watering will continue during Monthly Maintenance, as deemed necessary

by the contractor, but shall be considered incidental. All applicable sections of Section 1060, 'Landscape Development Materials' and Section 1670, 'Planting' of the Standard Specifications will apply.

Payment will be made under:

Water for Planting.....M / G (1,000 gal.)

PRUNING

Pruning of trees and perennials will be done at the direction of the Engineer and shall be accomplished according to Engineer’s instruction. **There will be no compensation for this work as it will be considered incidental to Monthly Maintenance.**

PEST AND DISEASE MANAGEMENT

The Contractor shall scout the project limits and control all insects and diseases throughout the establishment period. The Engineer shall approve any treatments necessary for preventive or curative measures. **There will be no compensation for this work as it will be considered incidental to Monthly Maintenance.**

LITTER REMOVAL

The Contractor shall remove and properly dispose of all trash and litter from mulched tree and shrub rings, plant beds, mulched areas, and turf throughout the term of this contract. No overnight stockpiling of trash bags will be permitted on highway right of way. Disposal of litter shall be at an approved disposal site or landfill. The Contractor shall supply copies of disposal tickets to the Engineer or his representative. **There will be no compensation for this work, as it will be considered incidental to initial planting and Monthly Maintenance.**

CREEK STONE

The work covered by this item consist of furnishing and installing ‘Creek Stone’ as shown on the plans, the details, and as described herein.

Materials

Creek Stone will consist of ‘Cane Creek’ Stone available from local North Carolina sources in a size range of approximately 4 to 10 inches in length by 2 to 6 inches in width and no more than 3 inches in depth. The Creek Stone will be applied at a depth of 8 inches or as directed by the engineer in the field. **A representative sample and the source of the ‘Cane Creek’ Stone will be submitted for the Engineer’s approval prior to delivery and placement.**

Geotextile for Drainage will be measured and paid in square yards. Filtration geotextiles will be measured along the ground surface as the square yards of exposed geotextiles before place creek stone. No measurement will be mad for overlapping geotextiles.

Installation

The area to receive creek stone shall be cleared of all vegetation and properly graded to achieve positive drainage. Use geotextile for drainage, type 2 under rip rap as directed. Uniformly place a minimum of eight inches of creek stone. Stone shall be set in a manner so as to achieve the least amount of breakage of the stone as possible. The method of installation shall be approved by the Engineer.

Compensation

The work of furnishing and installing the Creek Stone as shown on the plans and as approved by the Engineer, when completed and accepted, will be paid for at the unit price per ton for “Creek Stone”. Such price and payment will be full compensation for all work covered by this special provision; including but not limited to furnishing all labor, materials, equipment for grading and installation and any other incidentals necessary or required to complete the work. The quantity of Creek Stone is an estimate only; it may be increased or decreased at the direction of the Engineer. Such variations in the quantity will not be considered alterations in the details of construction or a change in the character of the work.

Payment will be made under:

<u>Pay Item</u>	<u>Pay Unit</u>
Creek Stone	Ton

DECORATIVE PAVEMENT STAMPED CONCRETE

- a. **Description.** Construct a decorative colored and stamped Portland cement concrete pavement without reinforcement. Complete all work according to NCDOT and other applicable sections of the Standard Specifications for Construction, except as specified herein.
- b. **Submittals.** Submit a plan showing types and locations of joints, reinforcement, and sequence of construction to NCDOT.
- c. **Materials.** Use a single manufacturer’s complete system for products and/or materials.
 - 1. Portland Cement Concrete. Concrete to be up to NCDOT standards for sidewalk curing, PSI, outdoor temperature and weather conditions,
 - 2. Concrete Colorant. Use complete pigment system including integral colorants, dry shake colorants, and/or release hardeners. The source of the colorant shall be approved by the Engineer.
 - A. Concrete Integral Color. Pre-weighed and dry-packaged high-grade coloring pigment in either powder or granular form. Use color as indicated to match existing colored concrete within interchange.

Bayferrox Brick Red

- d. Equipment.** To impart desired texture, use high-quality resilient mats reproduced from castings of natural materials and providing uniform control of joint depth. Use tools capable of producing the pattern shown on the Plans and/or as required by the Environmental Engineer. Use imprinting tool(s) from pattern list below, or present a substitute mat design, manufacturer, or pattern to the Environmental Engineer for approval:

Running Bond Stamp

- e. Field-Constructed Mock-up.** Prior to installation of colored concrete and/or stamped concrete paving work, construct sample panels in place to verify color and texture selections and processes for qualities of appearance, materials, and construction. Build mock-ups to comply with the following requirements:
1. **Size.** Cast a minimum 8 foot by 8-foot mock-up to demonstrate typical joints, surface finish, texture, color, and standard of workmanship.
 2. **Acceptance.** If Environmental Engineer determines that mock-up does not meet requirements, demolish and remove it from the site, and cast another until the mock-up is accepted.
 3. **Use.** Keep accepted mock-up undisturbed during construction as a standard for comparison to completed paving. Undamaged mock-up may be incorporated into the Work or demolished and removed from the site when directed by the Environmental Engineer.
- f. Construction.**
1. **Preparation.** Carefully lay out the locations of forms and joints, taking into consideration the orientation of the pattern as shown and/or listed on the Plans, intended aesthetics, and construction sequence. If installed between sidewalk and curb, new stamped concrete top to be flush with both sidewalk and top of curb. If installed between plant bed/rocks and curb, new stamped concrete to be flush with top of curb and extend three feet (3') into island sloping to drain. New stamped concrete not to surround any guard rail post. Leave six inches (6") between concrete and posts to be backfilled with river rock.
 2. **Integral Color.** Comply with the color manufacturer's published recommendations and instructions for mix designs, admixtures, concrete temperature, mixing, installing, finishing, and curing. Coordinate stamped colored concrete to ensure consistency in color, texture, and quality with colored concrete already within interchange.
 3. **Imprint Pattern.** Comply with tool manufacturer's standards and practices. Lay out to proper alignment and imprint consistent depth while concrete is plastic. Do not allow the surface to crust over or harden before stamping. Hand-tool in areas where imprinting tools are not practical. "Running Bond" stamp pattern to run along curb or sidewalk, not against.
 4. **Removal of Excess Release.** Wash off excess release agent with normal water

pressure prior to joints being cut. Remove a minimum of 80 percent of the release. Temperature conditions will dictate the timing of release removal. Dispose of any excess release agent in compliance with local regulations.

Acid Washing of Decorative Surface may be required to achieve the desired finish as directed by the Environmental Engineer. A minimum of 36 hours after placement, apply a solution of 1 part muriatic acid to 30 parts potable water to the surface of the pavement and lightly scrub with a straw broom. Wash the surface until proper color has been achieved and then flush thoroughly.

- g. **Measurement and Payment.** The completed work as described will be measured and paid for at the contract unit price using the following contract items (pay items):

Payment will be made under:

<u>Pay Item</u>	<u>Pay Unit</u>
Decorative Pavement Stamped Concrete, Nonreinforced, 4"	Square Foot

Decorative Pavement Stamped Concrete includes coloring, mixing, hauling, placement, strikeoff, finishing, texturing, stamping, curing [and jointing]. **Decorative Pavement Stamped Concrete** will be measured and paid for by area in square yards based on plan quantities. The pay items used will be based on the thickness specified and whether or not reinforcement is required.

STANDARD SPECIAL PROVISION
AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS – TERMINATION OF CONTRACTS

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General Statute 143C-6-11. (h) Highway Appropriation is hereby incorporated verbatim in this contract as follows:

(h) Amounts Encumbered. – Transportation project appropriations may be encumbered in the amount of allotments made to the Department of Transportation by the Director for the estimated payments for transportation project contract work to be performed in the appropriation fiscal year. The allotments shall be multiyear allotments and shall be based on estimated revenues and shall be subject to the maximum contract authority contained in *General Statute 143C-6-11(c)*. Payment for transportation project work performed pursuant to contract in any fiscal year other than the current fiscal year is subject to appropriations by the General Assembly. Transportation project contracts shall contain a schedule of estimated completion progress, and any acceleration of this progress shall be subject to the approval of the Department of Transportation provided funds are available. The State reserves the right to terminate or suspend any transportation project contract, and any transportation project contract shall be so terminated or suspended if funds will not be available for payment of the work to be performed during that fiscal year pursuant to the contract. In the event of termination of any contract, the contractor shall be given a written notice of termination at least 60 days before completion of scheduled work for which funds are available. In the event of termination, the contractor shall be paid for the work already performed in accordance with the contract specifications.

Payment will be made on any contract terminated pursuant to the special provision in accordance with Subarticle 108-13(D) of the *2018 Standard Specifications*.

STANDARD SPECIAL PROVISION
NCDOT GENERAL SEED SPECIFICATION FOR SEED QUALITY

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Seed shall be sampled and tested by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Seed Testing Laboratory. When said samples are collected, the vendor shall supply an independent laboratory report for each lot to be tested. Results from seed so sampled shall be final. Seed not meeting the specifications shall be rejected by the Department of Transportation and shall not be delivered to North Carolina Department of Transportation warehouses. If seed has been delivered it shall be available for pickup and replacement at the supplier's expense.

Any re-labeling required by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Seed Testing Laboratory, that would cause the label to reflect as otherwise specified herein shall be rejected by the North Carolina Department of Transportation.

Seed shall be free from seeds of the noxious weeds Johnsongrass, Balloonvine, Jimsonweed, Witchweed, Itchgrass, Serrated Tussock, Showy Crotalaria, Smooth Crotalaria, Sicklepod, Sandbur, Wild Onion, and Wild Garlic. Seed shall not be labeled with the above weed species on the seed analysis label. Tolerances as applied by the Association of Official Seed Analysts will NOT be allowed for the above noxious weeds except for Wild Onion and Wild Garlic.

Tolerances established by the Association of Official Seed Analysts will generally be recognized. However, for the purpose of figuring pure live seed, the found pure seed and found germination percentages as reported by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Seed Testing Laboratory will be used. Allowances, as established by the NCDOT, will be recognized for minimum pure live seed as listed on the following pages.

The specifications for restricted noxious weed seed refers to the number per pound as follows:

<u>Restricted Noxious Weed</u>	<u>Limitations per Lb. Of Seed</u>	<u>Restricted Noxious Weed</u>	<u>Limitations per Lb. of Seed</u>
Blessed Thistle	4 seeds	Cornflower (Ragged Robin)	27 seeds
Cocklebur	4 seeds	Texas Panicum	27 seeds
Spurred Anoda	4 seeds	Bracted Plantain	54 seeds
Velvetleaf	4 seeds	Buckhorn Plantain	54 seeds
Morning-glory	8 seeds	Broadleaf Dock	54 seeds
Corn Cockle	10 seeds	Curly Dock	54 seeds
Wild Radish	12 seeds	Dodder	54 seeds
Purple Nutsedge	27 seeds	Giant Foxtail	54 seeds
Yellow Nutsedge	27 seeds	Horsenettle	54 seeds
Canada Thistle	27 seeds	Quackgrass	54 seeds
Field Bindweed	27 seeds	Wild Mustard	54 seeds
Hedge Bindweed	27 seeds		

Seed of Pensacola Bahiagrass shall not contain more than 7% inert matter, Kentucky Bluegrass, Centipede and Fine or Hard Fescue shall not contain more than 5% inert matter whereas a maximum of 2% inert matter will be allowed on all other kinds of seed. In addition, all seed shall not contain more than 2% other crop seed nor more than 1% total weed seed. The germination rate as tested by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture shall not fall below 70%, which includes both dormant and hard seed. Seed shall be labeled with not more than 7%, 5% or 2% inert matter (according to above specifications), 2% other crop seed and 1% total weed seed.

Exceptions may be made for minimum pure live seed allowances when cases of seed variety shortages are verified. Pure live seed percentages will be applied in a verified shortage situation. Those purchase orders of deficient seed lots will be credited with the percentage that the seed is deficient.

FURTHER SPECIFICATIONS FOR EACH SEED GROUP ARE GIVEN BELOW:

Minimum 85% pure live seed; maximum 1% total weed seed; maximum 2% total other crop seed; maximum 144 restricted noxious weed seed per pound. Seed less than 83% pure live seed will not be approved.

Sericea Lespedeza
Oats (seeds)

Minimum 80% pure live seed; maximum 1% total weed seed; maximum 2% total other crop; maximum 144 restricted noxious weed seed per pound. Seed less than 78% pure live seed will not be approved.

Tall Fescue (all approved varieties)	Bermudagrass
Kobe Lespedeza	Browntop Millet
Korean Lespedeza	German Millet – Strain R
Weeping Lovegrass	Clover – Red/White/Crimson
Carpetgrass	

Minimum 78% pure live seed; maximum 1% total weed seed; maximum 2% total other crop seed; maximum 144 restricted noxious weed seed per pound. Seed less than 76% pure live seed will not be approved.

Common or Sweet Sundangrass

Minimum 76% pure live seed; maximum 1% total weed seed; maximum 2% total other crop seed; maximum 144 restricted noxious weed seed per pound. Seed less than 74% pure live seed will not be approved.

Rye (grain; all varieties)
Kentucky Bluegrass (all approved varieties)
Hard Fescue (all approved varieties)
Shrub (bicolor) Lespedeza

Minimum 70% pure live seed; maximum 1% total weed seed; maximum 2% total other crop seed; maximum 144 noxious weed seed per pound. Seed less than 70% pure live seed will not be approved.

Centipedegrass
Crownvetch
Pensacola Bahiagrass
Creeping Red Fescue

Japanese Millet
Reed Canary Grass
Zoysia

Minimum 70% pure live seed; maximum 1% total weed seed; maximum 2% total other crop seed; maximum 5% inert matter; maximum 144 restricted noxious weed seed per pound.

Barnyard Grass
Big Bluestem
Little Bluestem
Bristly Locust
Birdsfoot Trefoil
Indiangrass
Orchardgrass
Switchgrass
Yellow Blossom Sweet Clover

STANDARD SPECIAL PROVISION**ERRATA**

(10-16-18) (Rev. 8-16-22)

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Revise the *2018 Standard Specifications* as follows:

Division 4

Page 4-84, Article 458-5 MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT, line 31, replace article number “454-1” with “458-1”.

Division 6

Page 6-7, Article 609-1 DESCRIPTION, line 29, replace article number “609-10” with “609-9”.

Page 6-26, Subarticle 610-13(A)(1) Acceptance for New Construction, line 31, replace Table number “610-7” with “610-8”.

Page 6-29, Subarticle 610-13(B) North Carolina Hearne Straightedge, line 32, replace Table number “610-8” with “610-9”.

Page 6-31, Article 610-14 DENSITY ACCEPTANCE, Specified Density prior to line 30 and line 32, replace Table number “610-6” with “610-7”.

Division 7

Page 7-27, Article 725-1 MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT, line 4, replace article number “725-1” with “724-4”.

Page 7-28, Article 725-1 MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT, line 10, replace article number “725-1” with “725-3”.

Division 10

Page 10-37, Article 1012-4, LIGHTWEIGHT AGGREGATE, line 4, replace Table number “1012-8” with “1012-5”.

Page 10-78, Article 1056-4 GEOTEXTILES, TABLE 1056-1, Permittivity, Type 2, replace “Table 6^D” with “Table 7^D” and **Permittivity, Type 3^B,** replace “Table 7^D” with “Table 8^D”.

Page 10-121, Article 1076-7, REPAIR OF GALVANIZING, line 8, replace article number “1080-9” with “1080-7”.

Page 10-162, Article 1080-50 PAINT FOR VERTICAL MARKERS, line 1, replace article number “1080-50” with “1080-10”.

Page 10-162, Article 1080-61 EPOXY RESIN FOR REINFORCING STEEL, line 5, replace article number “1080-61” with “1080-11”.

Page 10-162, Article 1080-72 ABRASIVE MATERIALS FOR BLAST CLEANING STEEL, line 22, replace article number “1080-72” with “1080-12”.

Page 10-163, Article 1080-83 FIELD PERFORMANCE AND SERVICES, line 25, replace article number “1080-83” with “1080-13”.

Division 17

Page 17-15, Article 1715-4 MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT, lines 42-44, replace the second sentence with the following:

An example is an installation of a single 1.25 inch HDPE conduit would be paid as:

Directional Drill (1)(1.25") Linear Foot

Page 17-15, Subarticle 1715-3(E) Bore and Jack, line 5, replace article number “1540-4” with “1550-4”.

Page 17-15, Subarticle 1715-3(E) Bore and Jack, lines 10 & 11, replace "*NCDOT Policies and Procedures for Accommodating Utilities on Highway Rights of Way*" with "*NCDOT Utilities Accommodations Manual*".

STANDARD SPECIAL PROVISION**PLANT AND PEST QUARANTINES****(Imported Fire Ant, Gypsy Moth, Witchweed, Emerald Ash Borer, Guava Root Knot Nematode, And Other Noxious Weeds)**

(3-18-03) (Rev. 5-21-19)

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Within Quarantined Area

This project may be within a county regulated for plant and/or pests. If the project or any part of the Contractor's operations is located within a quarantined area, thoroughly clean all equipment prior to moving out of the quarantined area. Comply with federal/state regulations by obtaining a certificate or limited permit for any regulated article moving from the quarantined area.

Originating in a Quarantined County

Obtain a certificate or limited permit issued by the N.C. Department of Agriculture/United States Department of Agriculture. Have the certificate or limited permit accompany the article when it arrives at the project site.

Contact

Contact the N.C. Department of Agriculture/United States Department of Agriculture at 1-800-206-9333, 919-707-3730, or <https://www.ncagr.gov/plantindustry/Plant/quaran/table2.htm> to determine those specific project sites located in the quarantined area or for any regulated article used on this project originating in a quarantined county.

Regulated Articles Include

1. Soil, sand, gravel, compost, peat, humus, muck, and decomposed manure, separately or with other articles. This includes movement of articles listed above that may be associated with cut/waste, ditch pulling, and shoulder cutting.
2. Plants with roots including grass sod.
3. Plant crowns and roots.
4. Bulbs, corms, rhizomes, and tubers of ornamental plants.
5. Hay, straw, fodder, and plant litter of any kind.
6. Clearing and grubbing debris.
7. Used agricultural cultivating and harvesting equipment.
8. Used earth-moving equipment.
9. Any other products, articles, or means of conveyance, of any character, if determined by an inspector to present a hazard of spreading imported fire ant, gypsy moth, witchweed, emerald ash borer, guava root knot nematode, or other noxious weeds.

STANDARD SPECIAL PROVISION

MINIMUM WAGES

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FEDERAL: The Fair Labor Standards Act provides that with certain exceptions every employer shall pay wages at the rate of not less than SEVEN DOLLARS AND TWENTY FIVE CENTS (\$7.25) per hour.

STATE: The North Carolina Minimum Wage Act provides that every employer shall pay to each of his employees, wages at a rate of not less than SEVEN DOLLARS AND TWENTY FIVE CENTS (\$7.25) per hour.

The minimum wage paid to all skilled labor employed on this contract shall be SEVEN DOLLARS AND TWENTY FIVE CENTS (\$7.25) per hour.

The minimum wage paid to all intermediate labor employed on this contract shall be SEVEN DOLLARS AND TWENTY FIVE CENTS (\$7.25) per hour.

The minimum wage paid to all unskilled labor on this contract shall be SEVEN DOLLARS AND TWENTY FIVE CENTS (\$7.25) per hour.

This determination of the intent of the application of this act to the contract on this project is the responsibility of the Contractor.

The Contractor shall have no claim against the Department of Transportation for any changes in the minimum wage laws, Federal or State. It is the responsibility of the Contractor to keep fully informed of all Federal and State Laws affecting his contract.

STANDARD SPECIAL PROVISION**TITLE VI AND NONDISCRIMINATION:**

(6-28-77)(Rev 6/19/2018)

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Revise the *2018 Standard Specifications* as follows:

Replace Article 103-4(B) with the following:

The North Carolina Department of Transportation is committed to carrying out the U.S. Department of Transportation's policy of ensuring nondiscrimination in the award and administration of contracts.

The provisions of this section related to United States Department of Transportation (US DOT) Order 1050.2A, Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 21, 23 United States Code (U.S.C.) 140 and 23 CFR part 200 (or 49 CFR 303, 49 U.S.C. 5332 or 49 U.S.C. 47123) are applicable to all North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) contracts and to all related subcontracts, material supply, engineering, architectural and other service contracts, regardless of dollar amount. Any Federal provision that is specifically required not specifically set forth is hereby incorporated by reference.

(1) **Title VI Assurances (USDOT Order 1050.2A, Appendix A)**

During the performance of this contract, the contractor, for itself, its assignees, and successors in interest (hereinafter referred to as the "contractor") agrees as follows:

(a) **Compliance with Regulations**

The contractor (hereinafter includes consultants) shall comply with the Acts and the Regulations relative to Nondiscrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), as they may be amended from time to time, which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this contract.

(b) **Nondiscrimination**

The contractor, with regard to the work performed by it during the contract, shall not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in the selection and retention of subcontractors, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment. The contractor shall not participate directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by the Acts and the Regulations, including employment practices when the contract covers any activity, project, or program set forth in Appendix B of 49 CFR Part 21.

(c) **Solicitations for Subcontractors, Including Procurements of Materials and Equipment**

In all solicitations, either by competitive bidding, or negotiation made by the contractor for work to be performed under a subcontract, including procurements of materials, or leases of equipment, each potential subcontractor or supplier shall be notified by the contractor of the contractor's obligations under this contract and the Acts and the Regulations relative to Nondiscrimination on the grounds of race, color, or national origin.

(d) **Information and Reports**

The contractor shall provide all information and reports required by the Acts, the Regulations, and directives issued pursuant thereto and shall permit access to its books,

records, accounts, other sources of information, and its facilities as may be determined by the Recipient or the FHWA to be pertinent to ascertain compliance with such Acts, Regulations, and instructions. Where any information required of a contractor is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish the information, the contractor shall so certify to the Recipient or the FHWA, as appropriate, and shall set forth what efforts it has made to obtain the information.

(e) Sanctions for Noncompliance:

In the event of a contractor's noncompliance with the Non-discrimination provisions of this contract, the Recipient will impose such contract sanctions as it and/or the FHWA may determine to be appropriate, including, but not limited to:

- (i) Withholding payments to the contractor under the contract until the contractor complies; and/or
- (ii) Cancelling, terminating, or suspending a contract, in whole or in part.

(f) Incorporation of Provisions

The contractor shall include the provisions of paragraphs (a) through (f) in every subcontract, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment, unless exempt by the Acts, the Regulations and directives issued pursuant thereto. The contractor shall take action with respect to any subcontract or procurement as the Recipient or the FHWA may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance. Provided, that if the contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with litigation by a subcontractor, or supplier because of such direction, the contractor may request the Recipient to enter into any litigation to protect the interests of the Recipient. In addition, the contractor may request the United States to enter into the litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

(2) **Title VI Nondiscrimination Program (23 CFR 200.5(p))**

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) has assured the USDOT that, as a condition to receiving federal financial assistance, NCDOT will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and all requirements imposed by Title 49 CFR part 21 and related nondiscrimination authorities to ensure that no person shall, on the ground of race, color, national origin, limited English proficiency, sex, age, or disability (including religion/creed or income-level, where applicable), be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any programs, activities, or services conducted or funded by NCDOT. Contractors and other organizations under contract or agreement with NCDOT must also comply with Title VI and related authorities, therefore:

- (a) During the performance of this contract or agreement, contractors (e.g., subcontractors, consultants, vendors, prime contractors) are responsible for complying with NCDOT's Title VI Program. Contractors are not required to prepare or submit Title VI Programs. To comply with this section, the prime contractor shall:
 - 1. Post NCDOT's Notice of Nondiscrimination and the Contractor's own Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Policy in conspicuous locations accessible to all employees, applicants and subcontractors on the jobsite.
 - 2. Physically incorporate the required Title VI clauses into all subcontracts on federally-assisted and state-funded NCDOT projects, and ensure inclusion by subcontractors into all lower-tier subcontracts.

3. Required Solicitation Language. The Contractor shall include the following notification in all solicitations for bids and requests for work or material, regardless of funding source:

“The North Carolina Department of Transportation, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award. In accordance with other related nondiscrimination authorities, bidders and contractors will also not be discriminated against on the grounds of sex, age, disability, low-income level, creed/religion, or limited English proficiency in consideration for an award.”
 4. Physically incorporate the FHWA-1273, in its entirety, into all subcontracts and subsequent lower tier subcontracts on Federal-aid highway construction contracts only.
 5. Provide language assistance services (i.e., written translation and oral interpretation), free of charge, to LEP employees and applicants. Contact NCDOT OCR for further assistance, if needed.
 6. For assistance with these Title VI requirements, contact the NCDOT Title VI Nondiscrimination Program at 1-800-522-0453.
- (b) Subrecipients (e.g. cities, counties, LGAs, planning organizations) may be required to prepare and submit a Title VI Plan to NCDOT, including Title VI Assurances and/or agreements. Subrecipients must also ensure compliance by their contractors and subrecipients with Title VI. (23 CFR 200.9(b)(7))
- (c) If reviewed or investigated by NCDOT, the contractor or subrecipient agrees to take affirmative action to correct any deficiencies found within a reasonable time period, not to exceed 90 calendar days, unless additional time is granted by NCDOT. (23 CFR 200.9(b)(15))
- (d) The Contractor is responsible for notifying subcontractors of NCDOT’s External Discrimination Complaints Process.
1. Applicability
Title VI and related laws protect participants and beneficiaries (e.g., members of the public and contractors) from discrimination by NCDOT employees, subrecipients and contractors, regardless of funding source.
 2. Eligibility
Any person—or class of persons—who believes he/she has been subjected to discrimination based on race, color, national origin, Limited English Proficiency (LEP), sex, age, or disability (and religion in the context of employment, aviation, or transit) may file a written complaint. The law also prohibits intimidation or retaliation of any sort.
 3. Time Limits and Filing Options
Complaints may be filed by the affected individual(s) or a representative and must be filed no later than 180 calendar days after the following:
 - (i) The date of the alleged act of discrimination; or

- (ii) The date when the person(s) became aware of the alleged discrimination; or
- (iii) Where there has been a continuing course of conduct, the date on which that conduct was discontinued or the latest instance of the conduct.

Title VI and related discrimination complaints may be submitted to the following entities:

- North Carolina Department of Transportation, Office of Civil Rights, Title VI Program, 1511 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1511; toll free 1-800-522-0453
- Federal Highway Administration, North Carolina Division Office, 310 New Bern Avenue, Suite 410, Raleigh, NC 27601, 919-747-7010
- US Department of Transportation, Departmental Office of Civil Rights, External Civil Rights Programs Division, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20590; 202-366-4070

4. Format for Complaints

Complaints must be in writing and signed by the complainant(s) or a representative, and include the complainant’s name, address, and telephone number. Complaints received by fax or e-mail will be acknowledged and processed. Allegations received by telephone will be reduced to writing and provided to the complainant for confirmation or revision before processing. Complaints will be accepted in other languages, including Braille.

5. Discrimination Complaint Form

Contact NCDOT Civil Rights to receive a full copy of the Discrimination Complaint Form and procedures.

6. Complaint Basis

Allegations must be based on issues involving race, color, national origin (LEP), sex, age, disability, or religion (in the context of employment, aviation or transit). “Basis” refers to the complainant’s membership in a protected group category.

**TABLE 103-1
COMPLAINT BASIS**

Protected Categories	Definition	Examples	Applicable Nondiscrimination Authorities
Race and Ethnicity	An individual belonging to one of the accepted racial groups; or the perception, based usually on physical characteristics that a person is a member of a racial group	Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, Asian, American Indian/Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, White	Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; 49 CFR Part 21; 23 CFR 200; 49 U.S.C. 5332(b); 49 U.S.C. 47123. <i>(Executive Order 13166)</i>
Color	Color of skin, including shade of skin within a racial group	Black, White, brown, yellow, etc.	
National Origin <i>(Limited English Proficiency)</i>	Place of birth. Citizenship is not a factor. <i>(Discrimination based on language or a person’s accent is also covered)</i>	Mexican, Cuban, Japanese, Vietnamese, Chinese	
Sex	Gender. The sex of an individual.	Women and Men	1973 Federal-Aid Highway Act; 49 U.S.C. 5332(b); 49 U.S.C. 47123.

	<i>Note:</i> Sex under this program does not include sexual orientation.		
Age	Persons of any age	21-year-old person	Age Discrimination Act of 1975 49 U.S.C. 5332(b); 49 U.S.C. 47123.
Disability	Physical or mental impairment, permanent or temporary, or perceived.	Blind, alcoholic, para-amputee, epileptic, diabetic, arthritic	Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
Religion (in the context of employment) <i>(Religion/ Creed in all aspects of any aviation or transit-related construction)</i>	An individual belonging to a religious group; or the perception, based on distinguishable characteristics that a person is a member of a religious group. In practice, actions taken as a result of the moral and ethical beliefs as to what is right and wrong, which are sincerely held with the strength of traditional religious views. <i>Note:</i> Does not have to be associated with a recognized religious group or church; if an individual sincerely holds to the belief, it is a protected religious practice.	Muslim, Christian, Sikh, Hindu, etc.	Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; 23 CFR 230; FHWA-1273 Required Contract Provisions. <i>(49 U.S.C. 5332(b); 49 U.S.C. 47123)</i>

(3) Pertinent Nondiscrimination Authorities

During the performance of this contract, the contractor, for itself, its assignees, and successors in interest agrees to comply with the following non-discrimination statutes and authorities, including, but not limited to:

- (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq., 78 stat. 252), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin); and 49 CFR Part 21.
- (b) The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, (42 U.S.C. § 4601), (prohibits unfair treatment of persons displaced or whose property has been acquired because of Federal or Federal-aid programs and projects);
- (c) Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973, (23 U.S.C. § 324 et seq.), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex);
- (d) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (29 U.S.C. § 794 et seq.), as amended, (prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability) and 49 CFR Part 27;
- (e) The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, (42 U.S.C. § 6101 et seq.), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of age);
- (f) Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982, (49 USC § 471, Section 47123), as amended, (prohibits discrimination based on race, creed, color, national origin, or sex);
- (g) The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, (PL 100-209), (Broadened the scope, coverage and applicability of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, The Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, by expanding the definition of the terms "programs or activities" to include all of the programs or activities of the Federal-aid recipients, sub-recipients and contractors, whether such programs or activities are Federally funded or not);

- (h) Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability in the operation of public entities, public and private transportation systems, places of public accommodation, and certain testing entities (42 U.S.C. §§ 12131-12189) as implemented by Department of Transportation regulations at 49 C.F.R. parts 37 and 38;
 - (i) The Federal Aviation Administration's Nondiscrimination statute (49 U.S.C. § 47123) (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, and sex);
 - (j) Executive Order 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations, which ensures Nondiscrimination against minority populations by discouraging programs, policies, and activities with disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority and low-income populations;
 - (k) Executive Order 13166, Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency, and resulting agency guidance, national origin discrimination includes discrimination because of Limited English proficiency (LEP). To ensure compliance with Title VI, you must take reasonable steps to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to your programs (70 Fed. Reg. at 74087 to 74100);
 - (l) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, which prohibits you from discriminating because of sex in education programs or activities (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq).
 - (m) Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000e et seq., Pub. L. 88-352), (prohibits employment discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin).
- (4) **Additional Title VI Assurances**

***The following Title VI Assurances (Appendices B, C and D) shall apply, as applicable*

- (a) Clauses for Deeds Transferring United States Property (1050.2A, Appendix B)
The following clauses will be included in deeds effecting or recording the transfer of real property, structures, or improvements thereon, or granting interest therein from the United States pursuant to the provisions of Assurance 4.

NOW, THEREFORE, the U.S. Department of Transportation as authorized by law and upon the condition that the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) will accept title to the lands and maintain the project constructed thereon in accordance with the North Carolina General Assembly, the Regulations for the Administration of the Federal-Aid Highway Program, and the policies and procedures prescribed by the Federal Highway Administration of the U.S. Department of Transportation in accordance and in compliance with all requirements imposed by Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, U.S. Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Nondiscrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the U.S. Department of Transportation pertaining to and effectuating the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252; 42 U.S.C. § 2000d to 2000d-4), does hereby remise, release, quitclaim and convey unto the NCDOT all the right, title and interest of the U.S. Department of Transportation in and to said lands described in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof.

(HABENDUM CLAUSE)

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD said lands and interests therein unto the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) and its successors forever, subject, however, to the covenants, conditions, restrictions and reservations herein contained as follows, which will remain in effect for the period during which the real property or structures are used for a purpose for which Federal financial assistance is extended or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits and will be binding on the NCDOT, its successors and assigns.

The NCDOT, in consideration of the conveyance of said lands and interests in lands, does hereby covenant and agree as a covenant running with the land for itself, its successors and assigns, that (1) no person will on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination with regard to any facility located wholly or in part on, over, or under such lands hereby conveyed [,] [and]* (2) that the NCDOT will use the lands and interests in lands and interests in lands so conveyed, in compliance with all requirements imposed by or pursuant to Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, U.S. Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Non-discrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the U.S. Department of Transportation, Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and as said Regulations and Acts may be amended [, and (3) that in the event of breach of any of the above-mentioned nondiscrimination conditions, the Department will have a right to enter or re-enter said lands and facilities on said land, and that above described land and facilities will thereon revert to and vest in and become the absolute property of the U.S. Department of Transportation and its assigns as such interest existed prior to this instruction].*

(*Reverter clause and related language to be used only when it is determined that such a clause is necessary in order to make clear the purpose of Title VI.)

(b) Clauses for Transfer of Real Property Acquired or Improved Under the Activity, Facility, or Program (1050.2A, Appendix C)

The following clauses will be included in deeds, licenses, leases, permits, or similar instruments entered into by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) pursuant to the provisions of Assurance 7(a):

1. The (grantee, lessee, permittee, etc. as appropriate) for himself/herself, his/her heirs, personal representatives, successors in interest, and assigns, as a part of the consideration hereof, does hereby covenant and agree [in the case of deeds and leases add "as a covenant running with the land"] that:

- (i.) In the event facilities are constructed, maintained, or otherwise operated on the property described in this (deed, license, lease, permit, etc.) for a purpose for which a U.S. Department of Transportation activity, facility, or program is extended or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits, the (grantee, licensee, lessee, permittee, etc.) will maintain and operate such facilities and services in compliance with all requirements imposed by the Acts and Regulations (as may be amended) such that no person on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, will be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in the use of said facilities.
2. With respect to licenses, leases, permits, etc., in the event of breach of any of the above Nondiscrimination covenants, the NCDOT will have the right to terminate the (lease, license, permit, etc.) and to enter, re-enter, and repossess said lands and facilities thereon, and hold the same as if the (lease, license, permit, etc.) had never been made or issued. *
 3. With respect to a deed, in the event of breach of any of the above Nondiscrimination covenants, the NCDOT will have the right to enter or re-enter the lands and facilities thereon, and the above described lands and facilities will there upon revert to and vest in and become the absolute property of the NCDOT and its assigns. *
- (*Reverter clause and related language to be used only when it is determined that such a clause is necessary to make clear the purpose of Title VI.)

(c) Clauses for Construction/Use/Access to Real Property Acquired Under the Activity, Facility or Program (1050.2A, Appendix D)

The following clauses will be included in deeds, licenses, permits, or similar instruments/ agreements entered into by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) pursuant to the provisions of Assurance 7(b):

1. The (grantee, licensee, permittee, etc., as appropriate) for himself/herself, his/her heirs, personal representatives, successors in interest, and assigns, as a part of the consideration hereof, does hereby covenant and agree (in the case of deeds and leases add, "as a covenant running with the land") that (1) no person on the ground of race, color, or national origin, will be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in the use of said facilities, (2) that in the construction of any improvements on, over, or under such land, and the furnishing of services thereon, no person on the ground of race, color, or national origin, will be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination, (3) that the (grantee, licensee, lessee, permittee, etc.) will use the premises in compliance with all other requirements imposed by or pursuant to the Acts and Regulations, as amended, set forth in this Assurance.
2. With respect to (licenses, leases, permits, etc.), in the event of breach of any of the above Non-discrimination covenants, the NCDOT will have the right to terminate the (license, permit, etc., as appropriate) and to enter or re-enter and repossess said land and the facilities thereon, and hold the same as if said (license, permit, etc., as appropriate) had never been made or issued. *

3. With respect to deeds, in the event of breach of any of the above Nondiscrimination covenants, the NCDOT will there upon revert to and vest in and become the absolute property of the NCDOT and its assigns. *

(*Reverter clause and related language to be used only when it is determined that such a clause is necessary to make clear the purpose of Title VI.)

STANDARD SPECIAL PROVISION**MINORITY AND FEMALE EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS**

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NOTICE OF REQUIREMENTS FOR AFFIRMATIVE ACTION TO ENSURE EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY (*EXECUTIVE NUMBER 11246*)

1. The goals and timetables for minority and female participation, expressed in percentage terms for the Contractor's aggregate workforce in each trade on all construction work in the covered area, see as shown on the attached sheet entitled "Employment Goals for Minority and Female participation".

These goals are applicable to all the Contractor's construction work (whether or not it is Federal or federally assisted) performed in the covered area. If the Contractor performs construction work in a geographical area located outside of the covered area, it shall apply the goals established for such geographical area where the work is actually performed. With regard to this second area, the Contractor also is subject to the goals for both its federally involved and nonfederally involved construction.

The Contractor's compliance with the Executive Order and the regulations in *41 CFR Part 60-4* shall be based on its implementation of the Equal Opportunity Clause, specific affirmative action obligations required by the specifications set forth in *41 CFR 60-4.3(a)*, and its effort to meet the goals. The hours of minority and female employment and training must be substantially uniform throughout the length of the contract, and in each trade and the Contractor shall make a good faith effort to employ minorities and women evenly on each of its projects. The transfer of minority or female employees or trainees from Contractor to Contractor or from project to project for the sole purpose of meeting the Contractor's goals shall be a violation of the contract, the executive Order and the regulations in *41 CFR Part 60-4*. Compliance with the goals will be measured against the total work hours performed.

2. As used in this Notice and in the contract resulting from this solicitation, the "covered area" is the county or counties shown on the cover sheet of the proposal form and contract.

**EMPLOYMENT GOALS FOR MINORITY
AND FEMALE PARTICIPATION**

Economic Areas

Area 023 29.7%

Bertie County
Camden County
Chowan County
Gates County
Hertford County
Pasquotank County
Perquimans County

Area 024 31.7%

Beaufort County
Carteret County
Craven County
Dare County
Edgecombe County
Green County
Halifax County
Hyde County
Jones County
Lenoir County
Martin County
Nash County
Northampton County
Pamlico County
Pitt County
Tyrrell County
Washington County
Wayne County
Wilson County

Area 025 23.5%

Columbus County
Duplin County
Onslow County
Pender County

Area 026 33.5%

Bladen County
Hoke County
Richmond County
Robeson County
Sampson County
Scotland County

Area 027 24.7%

Chatham County
Franklin County
Granville County
Harnett County
Johnston County
Lee County
Person County
Vance County
Warren County

Area 028 15.5%

Alleghany County
Ashe County
Caswell County
Davie County
Montgomery County
Moore County
Rockingham County
Surry County
Watauga County
Wilkes County

Area 029 15.7%

Alexander County
Anson County
Burke County
Cabarrus County
Caldwell County
Catawba County
Cleveland County
Iredell County
Lincoln County
Polk County
Rowan County
Rutherford County
Stanly County

Area 0480 8.5%

Buncombe County
Madison County

Area 030 6.3%

Avery County
Cherokee County
Clay County
Graham County
Haywood County
Henderson County
Jackson County
McDowell County
Macon County
Mitchell County
Swain County
Transylvania County
Yancey County

SMSA Areas

Area 5720 26.6%

Currituck County

Area 9200 20.7%

Brunswick County

New Hanover County

Area 2560 24.2%

Cumberland County

Area 6640 22.8%

Durham County

Orange County

Wake County

Area 1300 16.2%

Alamance County

Area 3120 16.4%

Davidson County

Forsyth County

Guilford County

Randolph County

Stokes County

Yadkin County

Area 1520 18.3%

Gaston County

Mecklenburg County

Union County

Goals for Female

Participation in Each Trade

(Statewide) 6.9%

STANDARD SPECIAL PROVISION**ON-THE-JOB TRAINING**

(10-16-07) (Rev. 4-21-15)

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Description

The North Carolina Department of Transportation will administer a custom version of the Federal On-the-Job Training (OJT) Program, commonly referred to as the Alternate OJT Program. All contractors (existing and newcomers) will be automatically placed in the Alternate Program. Standard OJT requirements typically associated with individual projects will no longer be applied at the project level. Instead, these requirements will be applicable on an annual basis for each contractor administered by the OJT Program Manager.

On the Job Training shall meet the requirements of 23 CFR 230.107 (b), 23 USC – Section 140, this provision and the On-the-Job Training Program Manual.

The Alternate OJT Program will allow a contractor to train employees on Federal, State and privately funded projects located in North Carolina. However, priority shall be given to training employees on NCDOT Federal-Aid funded projects.

Minorities and Women

Developing, training and upgrading of minorities and women toward journeyman level status is a primary objective of this special training provision. Accordingly, the Contractor shall make every effort to enroll minority and women as trainees to the extent that such persons are available within a reasonable area of recruitment. This training commitment is not intended, and shall not be used, to discriminate against any applicant for training, whether a member of a minority group or not.

Assigning Training Goals

The Department, through the OJT Program Manager, will assign training goals for a calendar year based on the contractors' past three years' activity and the contractors' anticipated upcoming year's activity with the Department. At the beginning of each year, all contractors eligible will be contacted by the Department to determine the number of trainees that will be assigned for the upcoming calendar year. At that time the Contractor shall enter into an agreement with the Department to provide a self-imposed on-the-job training program for the calendar year. This agreement will include a specific number of annual training goals agreed to by both parties. The number of training assignments may range from 1 to 15 per contractor per calendar year. The Contractor shall sign an agreement to fulfill their annual goal for the year.\

Training Classifications

The Contractor shall provide on-the-job training aimed at developing full journeyman level workers in the construction craft/operator positions. Preference shall be given to providing training in the following skilled work classifications:

Equipment Operators	Office Engineers
Truck Drivers	Estimators
Carpenters	Iron / Reinforcing Steel Workers
Concrete Finishers	Mechanics
Pipe Layers	Welders

The Department has established common training classifications and their respective training requirements that may be used by the contractors. However, the classifications established are not all-inclusive. Where the training is oriented toward construction applications, training will be allowed in lower-level management positions such as office engineers and estimators. Contractors shall submit new classifications for specific job functions that their employees are performing. The Department will review and recommend for acceptance to FHWA the new classifications proposed by contractors, if applicable. New classifications shall meet the following requirements:

Proposed training classifications are reasonable and realistic based on the job skill classification needs, and

The number of training hours specified in the training classification is consistent with common practices and provides enough time for the trainee to obtain journeyman level status.

The Contractor may allow trainees to be trained by a subcontractor provided that the Contractor retains primary responsibility for meeting the training and this provision is made applicable to the subcontract. However, only the Contractor will receive credit towards the annual goal for the trainee.

Where feasible, 25 percent of apprentices or trainees in each occupation shall be in their first year of apprenticeship or training. The number of trainees shall be distributed among the work classifications on the basis of the contractor's needs and the availability of journeymen in the various classifications within a reasonable area of recruitment.

No employee shall be employed as a trainee in any classification in which they have successfully completed a training course leading to journeyman level status or in which they have been employed as a journeyman.

Records and Reports

The Contractor shall maintain enrollment, monthly and completion reports documenting company compliance under these contract documents. These documents and any other information as requested shall be submitted to the OJT Program Manager.

Upon completion and graduation of the program, the Contractor shall provide each trainee with a certification Certificate showing the type and length of training satisfactorily completed.

Trainee Interviews

All trainees enrolled in the program will receive an initial and Trainee/Post graduate interview conducted by the OJT program staff.

Trainee Wages

Contractors shall compensate trainees on a graduating pay scale based upon a percentage of the prevailing minimum journeyman wages (Davis-Bacon Act). Minimum pay shall be as follows:

60 percent	of the journeyman wage for the first half of the training period
75 percent	of the journeyman wage for the third quarter of the training period
90 percent	of the journeyman wage for the last quarter of the training period

In no instance shall a trainee be paid less than the local minimum wage. The Contractor shall adhere to the minimum hourly wage rate that will satisfy both the NC Department of Labor (NCDOL) and the Department.

Achieving or Failing to Meet Training Goals

The Contractor will be credited for each trainee employed by him on the contract work who is currently enrolled or becomes enrolled in an approved program and who receives training for at least 50 percent of the specific program requirement. Trainees will be allowed to be transferred between projects if required by the Contractor's scheduled workload to meet training goals.

If a contractor fails to attain their training assignments for the calendar year, they may be taken off the NCDOT's Bidders List.

Measurement and Payment

No compensation will be made for providing required training in accordance with these contract documents.

WORK ZONE TRAFFIC CONTROL GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL (TTC):**

(7-16-13) (Rev. 7-15-14) (Div. 9 08-31-15)

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Maintain traffic in accordance with Divisions 10, 11 and 12 of the *2018 Standard Specifications* and the following provisions:

Install Work Zone Advance Warning Signs in accordance with the detail drawing provided in these plans prior to beginning any other work. Use a lane closure or slow moving operation to complete the work, as necessary, unless otherwise indicated. Refer to Standard Drawing No. 1101.02, 1101.11, 1110.01, 1110.02, 1130.01 1135.01 and 1180.01 of the *2018 Roadway Standard Drawings*. Use a moving operation only if the minimum speed maintained at all times is 3 mph with no stops that narrow or close a lane of travel. If the moving operation is progressing slower than 3 mph at any time, install a lane closure. Maintain the existing traffic pattern at all times, except in the immediate work zone where lane closures are allowed as determined by the Engineer.

Refer to attached details and Standard Drawing No. 1101.02, 1101.03, 1101.04, 1101.05, 1101.11, 1110.01, 1110.02, 1115.01, 1130.01, 1135.01, 1145.01, 1150.01, 1165.01, and 1180.01 of the *2018 Roadway Standard Drawings* when closing a lane of travel in a stationary work zone such as pavement patching resurfacing, or pavement marking removal. Properly ballasted cones and skinny drums may be used instead of drums. However, drums are required for the upstream taper portion of lane closures in all applications. The stationary work zone shall be a maximum of 1 mile in length at any given time on 2 Lane, 2 Way facilities unless otherwise approved by the Engineer. A pilot vehicle operation may be used in conjunction with flaggers and the appropriate pilot vehicle warning signing as directed by the Engineer. During periods of construction inactivity, return the traffic pattern to the existing alignment and remove or cover any work zone signs. When covering work zone signs, use an opaque material that prevents reading of the sign at night by a driver using high beam headlights. Use material, which does not damage the sign sheeting. Replace any obliterated markings as required by other sections of the *2018 Standard Specifications* and the Engineer.

When personnel and/or equipment are working on the shoulder adjacent to and within 5 feet of an open travel lane, close the nearest open travel lane using Standard Drawing No. 1101.02 of the *2018 Roadway Standard Drawings*. When personnel and/or equipment are working within a lane of travel of an undivided facility, close the lane according to the traffic control plans, *2018 Roadway Standard Drawings* or as directed by the Engineer. Conduct the work so that all personnel and/or equipment remain within the closed travel lane. Do not work simultaneously, on both sides of an open travel way, within the same location, on a two-lane, two-way road. Perform work only when weather and visibility conditions allow safe operations as directed by the Engineer.

When utilizing a slow-moving operation for such items as pavement marking and marker placement, as a minimum the slow moving operation caravan shall consist of the vehicles and devices shown on the Moving Operation Caravan Details according to Roadway Standard Drawing No. 1101.02, sheet 11 of the *2018 Roadway Standard Drawings*. Traffic cones may be used when

necessary to provide additional protection of wet pavement markings. Ballast all traffic cones so they will not be blown over by traffic.

TRAFFIC OPERATIONS:

1) Drop-Off Requirements and Time Limitations:

Do not exceed a difference of 2 inches in elevation between open lanes of traffic for nominal lifts of 1.5 inches

During a resurfacing only operation, bring all newly resurfaced lanes to the same elevation within 72 hours for nominal lifts of 1.5 inches or less of asphalt course and by the end of each work day for nominal lifts of greater than 1.5 inches of asphalt course

Backfill at a 6:1 slope up to the edge and elevation of existing pavement in areas adjacent to an open travel lane that has an edge of pavement drop-off as follows:

- (A) Drop-off that exceeds 2 inches on roadways with posted speed limits of 45 mph or greater.
- (B) Drop-off that exceeds 3 inches on roadways with posted speed limits less than 45 mph.

For drop-offs that exceed the above requirements, backfill the unacceptable drop-off with suitable compacted material, as approved by the Engineer. The material, equipment and labor associated with this operation will be at no expense to the Department. This work is not considered part of shoulder reconstruction.

2) Work Zone Signing:

Description

Install advance/general warning work zone signs according to the Detail Drawing provided in these plans prior to beginning of work. Install and maintain signing in accordance with the attached drawings and Divisions 11 and 12 of the *2018 Standard Specifications*.

(A) Installation

All stationary Advance/General warning work zone signs require notification to existing Utility owners per Article 105-8 of the *2018 Standard Specifications*.

Install all Advance/General warning work zone signs before beginning work. If signs are installed more than seven (7) calendar days prior to the beginning of work on a particular map, cover the signs until the work begins. Install each work zone Advance/General warning sign separately and not on the same post or stand with any other sign except where an advisory speed plate or directional arrow is used.

All stationary signing is to be installed as shown on the detail drawing(s) unless otherwise directed by the Engineer. All sign locations to be verified by the Engineer prior to installation. Once the signs have been installed and accepted, any sign relocations requested by the Department will be

compensated in accordance with Article 104-7. Any additional signs other than the ones shown in the drawing will be compensated in accordance with Article 104-7.

If there is a period of construction inactivity longer than 14 calendar days, remove or cover advance/general warning work zone signs. Uncover advance/general warning work zone signs no more than 7 calendar days before work resumes. All other operations may be suspended upon failure to comply with the above requirements. Such suspended operations would not be resumed until the above requirements are fulfilled.

(B) Sign Removal

All stationary work zone signs shall be removed once the project is substantially complete. There will be no compensation for any portable signing. Sign removal is a condition of final project acceptance.

(C) Lane Closure Work Zone Signs

Install any required lane closure signing needed during the life of the project in accordance with the Standard Drawing No. 1101.02, 1101.11 and 1110.02 of the *2018 Roadway Standard Drawings*. Any required portable signs for lane closures are compensated in the contract pay item for *Temporary Traffic Control*.

4) Measurement and Payment:

Temporary traffic control work, including, but not limited to installation and removal of portable signs, cones, drums, skinny drums, flaggers, AFAD's, changeable message boards, truck mounted attenuators, flashing arrow boards, and pilot vehicles will be paid as Temporary Traffic Control. The price and payment described above will be full compensation for all work covered by this provision.

The work of satisfactorily installing and removing work zone advance and/or general warning signs, including, but not limited to, furnishing, locating, installing, covering, uncovering and removing stationary signs will be considered incidental to the bid items. No additional compensation shall be made for work zone signs.

Pay Item

Temporary Traffic Control

Pay Unit

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NON-COLLUSION, DEBARMENT AND GIFT BAN CERTIFICATION

CORPORATION

The prequalified bidder, being duly sworn, solemnly swears (or affirms) that neither he, nor any official, agent or employee has entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action which is in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with any bid or contract, that the prequalified bidder has not been convicted of violating *N.C.G.S. § 133-24* within the last three years, and that the prequalified bidder intends to do the work with its own bonafide employees or subcontractors and will not bid for the benefit of another contractor.

By submitting this non-collusion, debarment and gift ban certification, the Contractor is attesting his status under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States in accordance with the Debarment Certification attached, provided that the Debarment Certification also includes any required statements concerning exceptions that are applicable.

N.C.G.S. § 133-32 and Executive Order 24 prohibit the offer to, or acceptance by, any State Employee of any gift from anyone with a contract with the State, or from any person seeking to do business with the State. By execution of any response in this procurement, you attest, for your entire organization and its employees or agents, that you are not aware that any such gift has been offered, accepted, or promised by any employees of your organization.

SIGNATURE OF PREQUALIFIED BIDDER

_____ Full name of Corporation

_____ Address as Prequalified

Attest _____ By _____

Secretary/Assistant Secretary
Select appropriate title

President/Vice President/Assistant Vice President
Select appropriate title

_____ Print or type Signer's name

_____ Print or type Signer's name

Date of Execution _____

CORPORATE SEAL

NON-COLLUSION , DEBARMENT AND GIFT BAN CERTIFICATION

PARTNERSHIP

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SIGNATURE OF PREQUALIFIED BIDDER

Full Name of
Partnership

Address as Prequalified

By

Signature of Witness

Signature of Partner

Print or type Signer's name

Print or type Signer's name

NON-COLLUSION, DEBARMENT AND GIFT BAN CERTIFICATION

LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

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SIGNATURE OF PREQUALIFIED BIDDER

Full Name of Firm

Address as Prequalified

Signature of Witness

Signature of Member/Manager/Authorized Agent
Select appropriate title

Print or type Signer's name

Print or type Signer's Name

NON-COLLUSION, DEBARMENT AND GIFT BAN CERTIFICATION

JOINT VENTURE (2) or (3)

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SIGNATURE OF PREQUALIFIED BIDDER

Instructions: **2 Joint Venturers** Fill in lines (1), (2) and (3) and execute. **3 Joint Venturers** Fill in lines (1), (2), (3) and (4) and execute. On Line (1), fill in the name of the Joint Venture Company. On Line (2), fill in the name of one of the joint venturers and execute below in the appropriate manner. On Line (3), print or type the name of the other joint venturer and execute below in the appropriate manner. On Line (4), fill in the name of the third joint venturer, if applicable and execute below in the appropriate manner.

(1) _____
Name of Joint Venture

(2) _____
Name of Contractor

Address as Prequalified

Signature of Witness or Attest

BY

Signature of Contractor

Print or Type Signer's Name

Print or Type Signer's Name

If Corporation, affix Corporate Seal AND

(3) _____
Name of Contractor

Address as Prequalified

Signature of Witness or Attest

BY

Signature of Contractor

Print or Type Signer's Name

Print or Type Signer's Name

If Corporation, affix Corporate Seal AND

(4) _____
Name of Contractor

Address as Prequalified

Signature of Witness or Attest

BY

Signature of Contractor

Print or Type Signer's Name

Print or Type Signer's Name

If Corporation, affix Corporate Seal

NON-COLLUSION, DEBARMENT AND GIFT BAN CERTIFICATION

INDIVIDUAL DOING BUSINESS UNDER A FIRM NAME

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SIGNATURE OF PREQUALIFIED BIDDER

Name of Prequalified Bidder

 Individual name

Trading and doing business as

 Full name of Firm

 Address as Prequalified

 Signature of Witness

 Signature of Prequalified Bidder, Individually

 Print or type Signer's name

 Print or type Signer's name

NON-COLLUSION, DEBARMENT AND GIFT BAN CERTIFICATION

INDIVIDUAL DOING BUSINESS IN HIS OWN NAME

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SIGNATURE OF PREQUALIFIED BIDDER

Name of Prequalified Bidder _____
Print or type name

Address as Prequalified

Signature of Prequalified Bidder, Individually

Print or type Signer's Name

Signature of Witness

Print or type Signer's name

DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION

Conditions for certification:

1. The prequalified bidder shall provide immediate written notice to the Department if at any time the bidder learns that his certification was erroneous when he submitted his debarment certification or explanation filed with the Department, or has become erroneous because of changed circumstances.
2. The terms *covered transaction, debarred, suspended, ineligible, lower tier covered transaction, participant, person, primary covered transaction, principal, proposal, and voluntarily excluded*, as used in this provision, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of the rules implementing Executive Order 12549. A copy of the Federal Rules requiring this certification and detailing the definitions and coverages may be obtained from the Contract Officer of the Department.
3. The prequalified bidder agrees by submitting this form, that he will not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in NCDOT contracts, unless authorized by the Department.
4. For Federal Aid projects, the prequalified bidder further agrees that by submitting this form he will include the Federal-Aid Provision titled *Required Contract Provisions Federal-Aid Construction Contract (Form FHWA PR 1273)* provided by the Department, without subsequent modification, in all lower tier covered transactions.
5. The prequalified bidder may rely upon a certification of a participant in a lower tier covered transaction that he is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless he knows that the certification is erroneous. The bidder may decide the method and frequency by which he will determine the eligibility of his subcontractors.
6. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this provision. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
7. Except as authorized in paragraph 6 herein, the Department may terminate any contract if the bidder knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available by the Federal Government.

DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION

The prequalified bidder certifies to the best of his knowledge and belief, that he and his principals:

- a. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;
- b. Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records; making false statements; or receiving stolen property;
- c. Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph b. of this certification; and
- d. Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State or local) terminated for cause or default.
- e. Will submit a revised Debarment Certification immediately if his status changes and will show in his bid proposal an explanation for the change in status.

If the prequalified bidder cannot certify that he is not debarred, he shall provide an explanation with this submittal. An explanation will not necessarily result in denial of participation in a contract.

Failure to submit a non-collusion affidavit and debarment certification will result in the prequalified bidder's bid being considered non-responsive.

Check here if an explanation is attached to this certification.

**State of North Carolina
Department of Transportation
Subcontractor Payment Information**

Submit with Invoice

Firm Invoice No. Reference 1231
 NCDOT PO/Contract Number 360001234
 WBS No. (State Project No.) 40491
 Date of Invoice 12/11/2007
 Signed John Doe

EXAMPLE

Invoice Line Item Reference (from PO)	Payer Name	Payer Federal Tax Id	Subcontractor / Subconsultant / Material Supplier Name	Subcontractor / Subconsultant / Material Supplier Federal Tax Id	Amount Paid To Subcontractor / Subconsultant / Material Supplier This Invoice	Date Paid To Subcontractor / Subconsultant / Material Supplier This Invoice
Example 1						
10	XYZ Trucking	123-45-6789	ABC Company	987-65-4312	\$ 7,000.00	11/16/2007
60	CDF Company	456-78-9123	DEF Paving	789-12-3456	\$ 1,000.00	11/17/2007

If no Subcontractor/Subconsultant participation, please submit form as shown below in Example 2

N/A					0.00	

	Example 1	Example 2
Total Amount Paid to Subcontractor Firms	\$ 8,000.00	0.00

NOTE: - These documents are scanned into our Fiscal program. Please do not highlight or shade the figures.

I certify that this information accurately reflects actual payments made and the dates the payments were made to Subcontractors/ Subconsultants/Material Suppliers on the above referenced project.

Signature	<u>John Doe</u>	Title	<u>Owner</u>
Print Name	<u>John Doe</u>	Date	<u>12/11/2007</u>

Field

Instructions

Subgrantee Letterhead / Name & Address Goes Here

Enter the name and address of the company, firm, governmental entity or subgrantee requesting payment from the North Carolina Department of Transportation

Submit with Invoice To:

Update this section with the name and address of the NCDOT representative that is responsible for processing payment requests for your contracts.

Firm Invoice No. Reference

Enter the invoice number that was submitted to NCDOT that corresponds with the payment information contained on this form.

NCDOT PO / Contract Number
WBS No. (State Project No.)

Enter the NCDOT Purchase Order or Contract number that corresponds with the information contained on this form.
Enter the NCDOT WBS element number assigned to this project.

Date of Invoice

Enter the date of the invoice that was submitted for payment.

Signed

Enter the name of the person responsible for the validity of the information contained on this form.

Invoice Line Item Reference

Enter the invoice line item or pay item that the DBE payment information is related to.

Payer Name
Payer Federal Tax Id

Enter the name of the company, firm, governmental entity or subgrantee that is responsible for paying the DBE subcontractor.
Enter the Federal Tax Identification number of the Payer (See Payer Name)

Subcontractor / Subconsultant/ Material Supplier Name

Enter the name of the DBE Subcontractor, Subconsultant or Material Supplier that is being paid for goods or services related to the NCDOT PO / Contract Number.

Subcontractor / Subconsultant/ Material Supplier Federal Tax Id
Amount Paid To Subcontractor / Subconsultant / Material Supplier

Enter the Federal Tax Identification number of the DBE Subcontractor, Subconsultant or Material Supplier that is being paid for goods or services related to the NCDOT PO / Contract Number.
Enter the amount paid to the DBE Subcontractor, Subconsultant or Material Supplier for the invoice referenced.

This Invoice
Date Paid To Subcontractor / Subconsultant / Material Supplier This Invoice

Enter the date that the Subcontractor / Subconsultant / Material Supplier was paid for the items referenced on the invoice.

Total Amount Paid to DBE Firms

Enter the total payments made to all DBE Subcontractor / Subconsultant / Material Supplier for the invoice referenced.



LETTER OF INTENT TO PERFORM AS A SUBCONTRACTOR

CONTRACT:

NAME OF BIDDER:

The undersigned intends to perform work in connection with the above contract upon execution of the bid and subsequent award of contract by the Board of Transportation as:

Name of MBE/WBE/DBE Subcontractor _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please check all that apply:

Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) _____

Women Business Enterprise (WBE) _____

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) _____

The MBE /WBE /DBE status of the above named subcontractor is certified by the North Carolina Department of Transportation. The above named subcontractor is prepared to perform the described work listed on the attached MBE/WBE/DBE Commitment Items sheet, in connection with the above contract upon execution of the bid and subsequent award of contract by the Board of Transportation. The above named subcontractor is prepared to perform the described work at the estimated Commitment Total for Subcontractor Price identified on the MBE/WBE/DBE Commitment Items sheet and amount indicated below.

Commitment Total based on estimated Unit Prices and Quantities on the "attached" MBE/WBE/DBE Commitment Items sheet. Amount \$ _____

The above named bidder and subcontractor mutually accepts the Commitment Total estimated for the Unit Prices and Quantities. This commitment total is based on estimated quantities only and most likely will vary up or down as the project is completed. Final compensation will be based on actual quantities of work performed and accepted during the pursuance of work. The above listed amount represents the entire dollar amount quoted based on these estimated quantities. No conversations, verbal agreements, and/or other forms of non-written representations shall serve to add, delete, or modify the terms as stated.

This document shall not serve in any manner as an actual subcontract between the two parties. A separate subcontractor agreement will describe in detail the contractual obligations of the bidder and the MBE/WBE/DBE subcontractor.

Affirmation

The above named MBE/ WBE/ DBE subcontractor affirms that it will perform the portion(s) of the contract for the estimated dollar value as stated above.

Name of MBE/ WBE/ DBE Subcontractor

Name of Bidder

Signature / Title

Signature / Title

Date

Date

Subcontract Approval Form (SAF)

1. Complete the "Subcontract Approval Form" (Form SAF) for the Subcontractor and the 2nd Tier Subcontractor on one form. Additional items of work can be entered on the "Subcontract Approval Form Attachment". If there is more than one 2nd Tier Subcontractor, the information should be listed on the "Subcontract Approval Form - Additional 2nd Tier" (SAF - Additional 2nd Tier).
2. Reporting Number is the Fiscal Vendor Number for Contractors and Subcontractors. This number can be found in the NCDOT Directory of Transportation Firms - Prequalified Bidders and Subcontractors. Use the following web address to access the list of Prequalified Bidders and Subcontractors.

<https://partner.ncdot.gov/VendorDirectory/default.html>

Enter the name of your subcontractor and hit "Submit". If the firm is prequalified to perform work for NCDOT, the firm's information will be shown on the screen. Click on the firm's name to access the Reporting Number.

3. If retainage is being withheld for the Subcontractor or 2nd Tier Subcontractor place an "X" in the box under the column titled "Retainage."
4. When the proposed Subcontractor or 2nd Tier Subcontractor is a certified DBE, MBE, or WBE Subcontractor, select the appropriate certification from the drop down list. When the proposed Subcontractor is not a certified DBE, MBE, or WBE subcontractor, select "NONE" from the drop down list.

5. Partial Item of Work and Portion of Work

Partial Item of Work is defined as a Subcontractor performing part of the work associated with a line item, such as hauling asphalt or tying steel. The partial item of work should be indicated by the symbol (♦). The work associated with the contract line item to be performed by the Subcontractor shall be identified.

Portion of Work is defined as a Subcontractor performing all the work associated with a line item, but only a portion of the contract quantity. An example is grading from Station 225+00 - L- to the end of the project. The portions of work should be indicated by the symbol (●). The physical limits of the sublet quantity shall be identified.

The Contractor may designate a subcontracted item of work as both a portion and a partial. (Example: Contractor is subcontracting hauling of unclassified excavation to multiple trucking contractors.) If the item of work is designated as both a portion and a partial the unit price shall be less than the contract unit price **and** the quantity shall be less than the contract quantity.

6. Sub or 2nd Tier - Designate if the work for the associated line item will be performed by a Subcontractor or a 2nd Tier Subcontractor. This must be completed to correctly calculate the Subcontract Amount.
7. Units of Measure (UOM) shown on the Subcontract Approval Form (SAF) shall be the same as those shown in the Department's contract. Any conversions that are necessary to satisfy this requirement shall be the responsibility of the Contractor. The Converted Price (CP) shall be denoted with an asterisk (*). (**Examples of converting units of measure can be found in the HiCAMS User Guide, Chapter 2, Section 8A. Use the following link to view the examples.**)

<https://connect.ncdot.gov/projects/construction/Pages/HiCAMS-Manual.aspx>

8. DBE/MBE/WBE Unit Price - This unit price should only be completed for DBE/MBE/WBE Subcontractors. Enter a DBE/MBE/WBE Unit Price for the items of work performed by any certified DBE/MBE/WBE. Use the chart below to determine if a DBE/MBE/WBE Unit Price shall be entered for the line item, based on the certification of the firm.

Subcontractor	2nd Tier	Enter DBE/MBE/WBE Unit Price For
Certified	None	Subcontractor
Certified	Certified	Subcontractor
None	Certified	2nd Tier

The DBE/MBE/WBE Unit Price must be the negotiated unit or lump sum price agreed upon between the Contractor and the Subcontractor, **unless the Contractor is entering a Converted Price**. Indicating a Converted Price acknowledges that the price shown is not the actual price, but an approximate value used for calculating the Sublet Amount as reasonably close as possible. It can be higher, lower or equal to the contract bid price.

9. DBE/MBE/WBE Sublet Amount is the DBE/MBE/WBE Unit Price multiplied by the Quantity. For committed firms, the DBE/MBE/WBE Sublet Amount shall be the same or higher than the amount listed in the contract.
10. Subcontract Unit Price - The Subcontract Unit Price must be the same as the contract unit price unless the Subcontractor is performing a partial item of work. When a partial item of work is sublet, the unit price must be less than the contract unit price. When only a portion of the quantity of an item is sublet, the unit price shall be the same as the contract unit price. If an item of work is designated as both a partial and a portion, refer to Item 5 of these instructions. A Subcontract Unit Price must be entered for every line item, including an item of work performed by a DBE/MBE/WBE Subcontractor.
11. The Total Subcontract Amount is the Subcontract Unit Price multiplied by the Quantity.
12. The Subcontract Amount is the amount subcontracted by the Contractor. The amount is used to determine the percent of work performed by the Prime Contractor. (Refer to Article 108-6 of the Standard Specifications for subletting percentages.) The Subcontract Amount is calculated by summing the Total Subcontract Amounts for the Subcontractor. Any items listed on the Attachment sheet for the Subcontractor is also included in the Subcontract Amount. The line items for 2nd Tier Subcontractor(s) are not included.
13. When any item requested to be sublet has been previously included in an approved subcontract, the following statement shall be included above the listing of these items: "The following items are being deleted from "Subcontract Request Number ____."
14. The Contractor, Subcontractor and 2nd Tier Subcontractor shall sign the original Subcontract Approval Form and the Contractor shall submit the form to the Resident Engineer.
15. By signing the Subcontract Approval Form, the contractor is in agreement that the FHWA 1273, "Required Contract Provisions," (federal projects) and Title VI and Nondiscrimination Assurances (all projects) have been included in the subcontract / 2nd tier subcontract in its entirety.

Sublet Percentages
FOR USE BY NCDOT PERSONNEL (for non HiCAMS contracts)

The following is the process used to calculate the Sublet Percentages after the approval of each subcontract. The fields will not populate, this process should be hand calculated.

(1) Total Original Contract Amount _____	(5) Difference $\{1-(2+3)\}$ _____
(2) Specialty Items Sublet _____	(6) Percent by Prime $\{(1-4)/5\}$ _____
(3) Non-spec. Items Sublet to DBE/MBE/WBE _____	(7) Threshold Check $\{(1-4)/(1-2)\}$ _____
(4) Total Sublet (Grand Total) _____	

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Line #	Item Number	Sec #	Description	Quantity	Unit Cost	Amount
ROADWAY ITEMS						
0001	0000100000-N	800	MOBILIZATION	Lump Sum	L.S.	
0002	0000950000-E	SP	GENERIC MISCELLANEOUS ITEM (DECORATIVE PAVEMENT STAMPED CONCRETE)	9,580 SF		
0003	0043000000-N	226	GRADING	Lump Sum	L.S.	
0004	0234000000-E	SP	GENERIC GRADING ITEM (TOPSOIL)	363 CY		
0005	4457000000-N	SP	TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL	Lump Sum	L.S.	
0006	6084000000-E	1660	SEEDING & MULCHING	2 ACR		
0007	6087000000-E	1660	MOWING	45 ACR		
0008	6096000000-E	1662	SEED FOR SUPPLEMENTAL SEEDING	1,182 LB		
0009	6102000000-E	1664	SODDING	173 SY		
0010	6108000000-E	1665	FERTILIZER TOPDRESSING	2 TON		
0011	6123000000-E	1670	REFORESTATION	11.93 ACR		
0012	6132000000-N	SP	GENERIC EROSION CONTROL ITEM (MONTHLY ESTABLISHMENT MAINTENANCE CYCLE)	20 EA		
0013	6150000000-E	SP	GENERIC EROSION CONTROL ITEM (CREEKSTONE)	690 TON		
0014	6220000000-N	1670	AMELANCHIER CANADENSIS, SERVICEBERRY, (AUTUMN BRILLIANCE SERVICEBERRY)	51 EA		
0015	6230000000-N	1670	BETULA NIGRA, RIVER BIRCH, (WATER BIRCH)	29 EA		
0016	6245000000-N	1670	CERCIS CANADENSIS, REDBUD, (APPALACHIAN RED BUD)	52 EA		

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Line #	Item Number	Sec #	Description	Quantity	Unit Cost	Amount
0017	6255000000-N	1670	CHIONANTHUS VIRGINICUS, FRINGE TREE, (SERENITY FRINGE TREE)	42 EA		
0018	6260000000-N	1670	CORNUS FLORIDA, FLOWERING DOGWOOD, (CHEROKEE PRINCESS DOGWOOD)	6 EA		
0019	6380000000-N	1670	ILEX OPACA, AMERICAN HOLLY, (DAN FENTON AMERICAN HOLLY)	9 EA		
0020	6385000000-N	1670	ILEX VERTICILLATA, WINTERBERRY (JIM DANDY WINTERBERRY)	4 EA		
0021	6385000000-N	1670	ILEX VERTICILLATA, WINTERBERRY (RED SPRITE WINTERBERRY)	40 EA		
0022	6385000000-N	1670	ILEX VERTICILLATA, WINTERBERRY (SOUTHERN GENTLEMAN WINTERBERRY)	126 EA		
0023	6385000000-N	1670	ILEX VERTICILLATA, WINTERBERRY (WINTER RED WINTERBERRY)	1,133 EA		
0024	6390000000-N	1670	ILEX VOMITORIA, YAUPON HOLLY, (YAUPON HOLLY)	25 EA		
0025	6410000000-N	1670	JUNIPERUS VIRGINIANA, EASTERN RED CEDAR, (EASTERN RED CEDAR)	10 EA		
0026	6500000000-N	1670	NYSSA SYLVATICA, BLACK GUM, (WILDFIRE BLACK TUPELO)	45 EA		
0027	6540000000-N	1670	PLATANUS OCCIDENTALIS, SYCAMORE, (AMERICAN SYCAMORE)	8 EA		
0028	6575000000-N	1670	QUERCUS PHELLOS, WILLOW OAK, (HIGHTOWER WILLOW OAK)	34 EA		
0029	6605000000-N	1670	TAXODIUM DISTICHUM, BALD CYPRESS, (SHAWNEE BRAVE BALDCYPRESS)	17 EA		
0030	6640000000-N	1670	GENERIC PLANTING ITEM (BEAUTYBERRY CALICARPA AMERICANA)	8 EA		
0031	6640000000-N	1670	GENERIC PLANTING ITEM (BRILLIANT CHOKEBERRY)	983 EA		
0032	6640000000-N	1670	GENERIC PLANTING ITEM (BURKKII RED CEDAR)	67 EA		

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Line #	Item Number	Sec #	Description	Quantity	Unit Cost	Amount
0033	6640000000-N	1670	GENERIC PLANTING ITEM (BUTTERFLY BUSH HONEYSUCKLE)	109 EA		
0034	6640000000-N	1670	GENERIC PLANTING ITEM (EMERALD AMERICAN ARBORVITAE)	31 EA		
0035	6640000000-N	1670	GENERIC PLANTING ITEM (EXPRESSON KENTUCKY COFFEETREE)	35 EA		
0036	6640000000-N	1670	GENERIC PLANTING ITEM (HENRY'S GARNET VIRGINIA SWEETSPIRE)	348 EA		
0037	6640000000-N	1670	GENERIC PLANTING ITEM (HIGHBEAM OVERCUP OAK)	5 EA		
0038	6640000000-N	1670	GENERIC PLANTING ITEM (HUMMINGBIRD SUMMERSWEET)	81 EA		
0039	6640000000-N	1670	GENERIC PLANTING ITEM (JEFFERSON AMERICAN OAK)	2 EA		
0040	6640000000-N	1670	GENERIC PLANTING ITEM (KIM'S KNEE HIGH PURPLE CONEFLOWER)	1,160 EA		
0041	6640000000-N	1670	GENERIC PLANTING ITEM (KODIAK ORANGE BUSH HONEYSUCKLE)	305 EA		
0042	6640000000-N	1670	GENERIC PLANTING ITEM (NEW JERSEY TEA CEANOTHUS AMERICANUS)	218 EA		
0043	6640000000-N	1670	GENERIC PLANTING ITEM (PANACHE SHUMARD OAK)	11 EA		
0044	6640000000-N	1670	GENERIC PLANTING ITEM (RUBY SPICE SUMMERSWEET)	69 EA		
0045	6640000000-N	1670	GENERIC PLANTING ITEM (SHAGBARK HICKORY)	17 EA		
0046	6640000000-N	1670	GENERIC PLANTING ITEM (SMOKETREE COTTON CANDY COTINUS ABOVATUS)	12 EA		
0047	6640000000-N	1670	GENERIC PLANTING ITEM (YELLOWWOOD CLADRASTIS KENTUKEA)	8 EA		
0048	6650000000-E	1670	MULCH FOR PLANTING	3,590 CY		

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Line #	Item Number	Sec #	Description	Quantity	Unit Cost	Amount
0049	6655000000-E	1670	WATER FOR PLANTING	199 M/G		
0050	6665000000-E	1670	POSTEMERGENT HERBICIDAL TREATMENT FOR PLANT BEDS	20,968 SY		
0051	6670000000-E	1670	PREEMERGENT HERBICIDAL TREATMENT FOR PLANT BEDS	20,968 SY		

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Total Amount Of Bid For Entire Project :