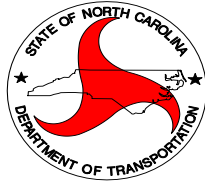


STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



**DIVISION 10
ROADSIDE ENVIRONMENTAL**

CONTRACT PROPOSAL

WBS ELEMENT: 10.106011A etc.

DESCRIPTION: Highway Sweeping Division 10

LOCATION: Various Bridges and Roadways in Division 10

BID OPENING: Wednesday, May 16th, 2012

DATE of AVAILABILITY: July 1st, 2012

COMPLETION DATE: July 1st, 2013

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.

NAME OF BIDDER

N.C. CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE NUMBER

ADDRESS OF BIDDER

*****DO NOT SEPARATE THE BID SHEET FROM THE PROPOSAL!*****

RETURN BIDS TO:

**Mr. Tim Simpson
NCDOT- Division 10
W. Main Street
Albemarle, NC 28001**

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 shall cause the bid to be considered irregular and shall be grounds for rejection of the bid.

1. The bid form furnished by NCDOT with the proposal shall be used and shall not be altered in any manner. **DO NOT SEPARATE THE BID FORM FROM THE PROPOSAL!**
2. All entries on the bid form, including signatures, shall be written in ink. Only original copies will be accepted. Photocopies of completed bid forms will not be accepted.
3. The Bidder shall submit a unit price for every item on the bid form. The unit prices for the various contract items shall be written in figures.
4. An amount bid shall be entered on the bid form for every item. The amount bid for each item shall be determined by multiplying each unit bid by the quantity for that item, and shall be written in figures in the "Amount Bid" column of the form.
5. The total amount bid shall be written in figures in the proper place on the bid form. The total amount shall be determined by adding the amounts bid for each item.
6. Changes in any entry shall be made by marking through the entry in ink and making the correct entry adjacent thereto in ink. A representative of the Bidder shall initial the change in ink. No corrections should be made using correction fluid or tape such as "White-Out" or similar products. Any bid submitted with changes made using correction fluid/tape, will be considered an irregular bid.
7. The bid shall be properly executed. All bids shall show the following information:
 - a. Name of individual, firm, corporation, partnership, or joint venture submitting bid.
 - b. Name of individual or representative submitting bid and position or title.
 - c. Name, signature, and position or title of witness.
 - d. Federal Identification Number
 - e. Contractor's License Number
8. Bids submitted by corporations shall bear the seal of the corporation.
9. The bid shall not contain any unauthorized additions, deletions, or conditional bids.
10. The bidder shall not add any provision reserving the right to accept or reject an award, or to enter into a contract pursuant to an award.
11. **THE ENTIRE CONTRACT PROPOSAL WITH THE BID FORM STILL ATTACHED SHALL BE PLACED IN A SEALED ENVELOPE AND SHALL HAVE BEEN DELIVERED TO THE DIVISION 10 OFFICE AT 716 W. MAIN STREET, ALBEMARLE, NC BY 10:30 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 2012.**
12. The sealed bid must display the following statement on the front bottom left corner of the sealed envelope:

**QUOTATION FOR HIGHWAY SWEEPING DIVISION 10, TO BE OPENED AT 10:30 A.M.
ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 2012.**

13. If delivered by mail, the sealed envelope shall be placed in another sealed envelope and the outer envelope shall be addressed as follows:

**MR. Tim Simpson
NCDOT- DIVISION 10
716 W. Main St.
Albemarle, NC 28001**

AWARD OF CONTRACT

The award of the contract, if it be awarded, will be made to the lowest responsible bidder. The lowest responsible bidder will be notified that their bid has been accepted and that they have been awarded the contract. NCDOT reserves the right to reject all bids.

PURCHASE ORDER CONTRACT

Standard Provisions

GENERAL

This contract is for the work of sweeping at various locations in Anson, Cabarrus, Stanly, Mecklenburg and Union Counties. This work shall include, but not be limited to, the furnishing of all equipment, tools, materials, transportation, and labor necessary for the prosecution and completion of the work.

All work and materials shall be in accordance with the provisions of the General Guidelines of this contract, the Project Special Provisions, the North Carolina Department of Transportation Standard Specifications for Roads and Structures 2012, the North Carolina Department of Transportation Roadway Standards Drawings, and the current edition of the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices, (MUTCD).

The Contractor shall keep himself fully informed of all Federal, State, and local laws, ordinances, and regulations, and shall comply with the provisions of Section 107 of the Standard Specifications.

CONTRACT AVAILABILITY AND EXTENSION(S)

The date of availability for the contract is July 1, 2012. The completion date for this contract shall be July 1, 2013.

Upon mutual agreement by the Department and the Contractor, and upon notification, this contract may be extended for two (2) additional periods of one (1) year each (maximum three- (3) year's total). The unit bid prices will be increased by three (3) percent for each one-year extension. No changes in terms, conditions, etc. of this contract will be made when an extension to the contract is implemented. The Engineer will notify the Contractor in writing by June 15 of the respective year, if the contract may be extended. The Contractor must notify the Engineer in writing by July 1 of his acceptance or rejection of this offer. Failure on the part of the Contractor to reply will be received as a rejection of contract extension. If the term of the contract is extended, the date of availability in succeeding years will be July 1, 2013, and July 1, 2014 and the completion dates shall be July 1, 2014, and July 1, 2015 respectively.

CYCLE

A cycle shall constitute the completion of all locations on the Sweeping Log. A minimum of two completed cycles per year shall be required. The first cycle period shall begin on July 1st and conclude on September 30th. The second cycle period shall begin on April 1st and conclude on June 30th. No changes or alterations to the above cycle period schedule shall be allowed without the expressed written consent of the Engineer.

Should the Contractor fail to complete a cycle within the scheduled time frame, liquidated damages will be imposed until what time the Contractor has completed the cycle.

Liquidated damages for each cycle are One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per calendar day.

INTERMEDIATE CONTRACT TIME NUMBER 1 AND LIQUIDATED DAMAGES:

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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 **all roads and bridges not listed for night operations** during the following time restrictions:

DAY AND TIME RESTRICTIONS

**[Monday thru Friday]
6:00am to 9:00am
4:00pm to 6:00pm**

In addition, the Contractor shall not close or narrow a lane of traffic on **[road name]**, 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 **6:00 pm** 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 **6:00 pm** Thursday and **9:00 am** Monday.
4. For **Memorial Day**, between the hours of **6:00 pm** Friday and **9:00 am** Tuesday.
5. For **Independence Day**, between the hours of **6:00 pm** 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 **6:00 pm** the Thursday before Independence Day and **9:00 am** the Tuesday after Independence Day.

6. For **Labor Day**, between the hours of **6:00 pm** Friday and **9:00 am** Tuesday.
7. For **Thanksgiving Day**, between the hours of **6:00 pm** Tuesday and **9:00 am** Monday.
8. For **Christmas**, between the hours of **6:00 pm** the Friday before the week of Christmas Day and **9:00 am** the following Tuesday after the week of Christmas Day.
9. **The Contractor should be aware that after the contract starts and traffic patterns are reviewed the Engineer may adjust the time restrictions.**

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 Dollars (\$ 1000.00)** per hour or portion thereof.

**INTERMEDIATE CONTRACT TIME NUMBER 2 AND LIQUIDATED
DAMAGES:**

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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 **all roads and bridges shown to be performed at night** during the following time restrictions:

DAY AND TIME RESTRICTIONS

**[Monday thru Friday]
6:00am to 8:00pm**

In addition, the Contractor shall not close or narrow a lane of traffic on **roadways to be performed during night operations** 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 **6:00 am** December 31st and **8:00 pm** January 2nd. If New Year's Day is on a Friday, Saturday, Sunday or Monday, then until **8:00 pm** the following Tuesday.
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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 Dollars (\$ 1000.00)** per hour or portion thereof.

NIGHT SWEEPING OPERATIONS

Contractor should be aware that additional information pertaining to night operation is included in this contract as well as additional sheets labeled as plan sheets that should be down loaded from the NCDOT web page. The Department has the option to change these during the life of the contract.

AUTHORITY OF THE ENGINEER

The engineer for this project shall be the Division Engineer, Division Ten, Division of Highways, North Carolina Department of Transportation, acting directly or through his duly authorized representatives.

The Engineer will decide all questions which may arise as to the quality and acceptability of work performed, as to the rate of progress of the work, as to the interpretation of the contract, and as to the acceptable fulfillment of the contract on the part of the Contractor.

His decision shall be final and he shall have executive authority to enforce and make effective such decisions and orders as the Contractor fails to carry out promptly.

AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS – TERMINATION OF CONTRACT

Payment made on this contract are subject to availability of funds as appropriated by the General Assembly. If the General Assembly fails to appropriate adequate funds, the Department reserves the right to terminate this contract. In the event of termination, 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.

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 for Construction contracts of \$300,000 or more. 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, are liable is required for Construction contracts greater than \$300,000. 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.

TRAFFIC CONTROL AND WORK ZONE SAFETY

The Contractor shall maintain traffic during construction and provide, install, and maintain all traffic control devices in accordance with these project guidelines, the Project Special Provisions, North Carolina Department of Transportation Standard Specification for Roads and Structures 2012, and the current edition of the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).

The contractor shall utilize complete and proper traffic controls and traffic control devices during all operations. All traffic control and traffic control devices required for any operation shall be functional and in place prior to the commencement of that operation. Signs for temporary operations shall be removed during periods of inactivity.

The Contractor is required to leave the project in a manner that will be safe to the traveling public and which will not impede motorists.

All persons when working in traffic areas or areas in close proximity to traffic shall wear an approved safety vest, shirt, or jacket which meets the color and reflectivity requirements of the **Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD)**.

The Contractor shall comply with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws, ordinances, and regulations governing safety, health, and sanitation, and shall provide all safeguards, safety devices, and protective equipment, and shall take any other needed actions, on his own responsibility that are reasonably necessary to protect the life and health of employees on the job and the safety of the public, and to protect property in connection with the performance of the work covered by this contract.

Failure to comply with any of the requirements for safety and traffic control of this contract shall result in suspension of work as provided in sub-article 108-7 of the **Standard Specifications**.

SUPERVISION BY CONTRACTOR

At all times during the life of the project the contractor shall provide one permanent employee who shall have the authority and capability for overall responsibility of the project and who shall be personally available at the work site within 24 hour notice. Such employee shall be fully authorized to conduct all business with the subcontractors, to negotiate and execute all supplemental agreements, and to execute the orders and directions of the Engineer.

At all times that work is actually being performed, the Contractor shall have present on the project one competent individual who is authorized to act in a supervisory capacity over all work on the project, including work subcontracted. The individual who has been so authorized shall be experienced in the type of work being performed and shall be fully capable of managing, directing, and coordinating the work; of reading and thoroughly understanding the contract; and receiving and carrying out directions from the Engineer or his authorized representatives. He shall be an employee of the Contractor unless otherwise approved by the Engineer.

The Contractor may, at his option, designate one employee to meet the requirements of both positions. However, whenever the designated employee is absent from the work site, an authorized individual qualified to act in a supervisory capacity of the project shall be present.

PROTECTION AND RESTORATION OF PROPERTY

The Contractor shall be responsible for the protection from his activities of all public and private property on and adjacent to the work and shall use every reasonable precaution necessary to prevent damage or injury thereto. He shall use suitable precaution to

prevent damage to pipes, conduits and other underground structures: to poles, wires, cables and other overhead structures; and to plantings.

The Contractor shall conduct his operations so as to prevent damage to roadway delineators and signs. Should any essential sign (YIELD, ONE WAY, WRONG WAY, etc.) suffer any damage, the Engineer, or his representative, shall be notified within two hours of the aforesaid damage. Damage to STOP signs shall be repaired by the contractor immediately and reported to the Engineer within two hours of the aforesaid damage. Such signs may be repaired or replaced by the Department at the Contractor's expense. Damage to other signs, delineators, etc. may be repaired or replaced by the Contractor subject to approval by the Engineer or they may be repaired or replaced by the Department at the Contractor's expense.

The Contractor will be held responsible for all damage or injury to property of any character resulting from any act, omission, negligence, or misconduct in the prosecution of the work. When any direct or indirect damage or injury is done to public or private property by or on account of any act, omission, negligence, or misconduct in the execution of the work, he shall either restore at his own expense such property to a similar or equal to that existing before such damage or injury was done, or shall make good such damage or injury in a manner acceptable to the owner of the damaged property and to the Department. In case of failure on the part of the Contractor to restore such property or make good such damage or injury, the Department may, at the Contractor's expense, repair, rebuild, or otherwise restore such property in such manner as the Engineer may consider necessary.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR DAMAGE CLAIMS

The Contractor shall indemnify and save harmless the Department of Transportation and its officers, agents, and employees from all suits, actions or claims by any character brought for any injury or damage received or sustained by any person, persons, or property by reason of any act of the Contractor, its agents or employees, in the performance of the contract. Acceptance of this contract shall be regarded as the Contractor's agreement to this provision.

SUBLETTING OF CONTRACT

The Contractor shall not sublet, sell, transfer, assign or otherwise dispose of this contract or any portion thereof; or his right, title, or interest therein; without written consent of the Engineer. Subletting of this contract or any portion of the contract shall conform to the requirements of Article of 108-6 of the Standard Specifications. The approval of any subcontract will not release the Contractor of his liability under the contract, nor will the

Subcontractor or the second tier Subcontractor have any claim against the Department of Transportation by reason of the approval of the subcontract.

DEFAULT OF CONTRACT

The Department of Transportation shall have the right to declare a default of contract for breach by the Contractor of any material term or condition of the contract. Default of contract shall be in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures of Article 108-9 of the Standard Specifications.

BANKRUPTCY

The Department of Transportation, at its option, may terminate the contract upon filing by the Contractor of any petition for protection under the provisions of the Federal Bankruptcy Act.

AWARD OF CONTRACT

The North Carolina Department of Transportation, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252) and the regulations of the Department of Transportation (49 C.F.R., Part 21), issued pursuant to such act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that the contracts entered into pursuant to this notice will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder without discrimination on the grounds of sex, race, color, or national origin.

The contract for Highway Sweeping in Anson, Cabarrus, Mecklenburg, Stanly and Union Counties will be awarded based on the lowest responsible bidder.

PURCHASE ORDER CONTRACT

SPECIAL PROVISIONS

PROSECUTION AND PROGRESS

The Contractor will begin and finish each cycle shown in “Sweeping Log Contractor’s Copy” under the project special Provisions – Attachment A, in a timely manner. This Contract shall consist of two (2) sweeping cycles. Cycle # 1 will begin July 1st, and end September 30th, Cycle 2 will begin April 1st and end June 30th.

POLICY

It is the policy of the North Carolina Department of Transportation to maintain State Highway system roadsides in a pleasing and safe condition commensurate with the functions and service rendered by individual highway segments. **Any material not intentionally attached or bonded to the shoulder pavement surface which is not required for the operation or maintenance of the highway including, but not limited to, any loose aggregates, any undesirable grasses and other accumulated material or foreign matter, shall be removed by sweeping, cleaning, vacuuming, shoveling, and disposal of the material.**

These specifications and special provisions are end–result oriented. Although the main purpose of this contract is to accomplish road-sweeping operations on State roadways, the Contractor will encounter objects larger than what a sweeper can remove. Objects such as, but not limited to tires, tire parts, hub caps, large stones, boxes, tree limbs/bark, wood, cable, large silt and grass combination etc. may be encountered by the Contractor. At such time, the Contractor shall remove these objects by hand if sweeper operations are unsuccessful.

SAFETY

All sweeping operations shall be accomplished “with” or in the same direction as the traffic flow. Sweeping against or opposing the traffic “**SHALL NOT**” be permitted. The sweeping operation shall not cause material to be thrown into travel lane. Material shall not be swept across a travel lane. If an accident occurs as a result of or in the vicinity of the sweeping operation, the Contractor shall be responsible for notifying the Engineer by telephone immediately.

ROUTINE SWEEPING

The cleaning, removing or picking up of all foreign material not intentionally bonded to the shoulder pavement surface which is not required for the operation or maintenance of

the highway including, but not limited to, any loose aggregate, and undesirable grasses and other accumulated material or foreign matter, from designed pavement areas and the disposal of such material at a location outside of the right-of way. The designated area is a swath adjacent to a barrier wall, curb and gutter, or adjacent to a bridge curb/rail, measured in shoulder miles. A swath begins at the barrier wall, curb and gutter, or the bridge curb/rail, and shall be a minimum of seven (7) feet in width.

ADDITIONAL SWEEPING

Any sweeping required to be done which is not part of “routine” sweeping. Additional sweeping will be performed only when directed by the Engineer. For example: the contractor may be asked but not limited to sweeping sub-division roadways before Bituminous paving operations can be retreated. If a TMA is needed with the Vacuum Sweeper the “Additional Sweeping & TMA” pay item will be used.

Payment will be made under:

Pay Item:	Pay Unit:
Additional Sweeping	Hour
Additional Sweeping & TMA.....	Hour

Multilane Divided non Interstate Roadways

The cleaning, removing or picking up of all foreign material not intentionally bonded to the shoulder pavement surface which is not required for the operation or maintenance of the highway including, but not limited to, any loose aggregate, and undesirable grasses and other accumulated material or foreign matter, from designed pavement areas and the disposal of such material at a location outside of the right-of way. The designated area is a swath adjacent to a barrier wall, curb and gutter, or adjacent to a bridge curb/rail, measured in shoulder miles. A swath begins at the barrier wall, curb and gutter, or the bridge curb/rail, and shall be a minimum of seven (7) feet in width.

Contractor should be aware that when sweeping operations are performed on the “Multilane Divided non Interstate Roadways” 1101.02 sheet 12 &13 of 15 of the” NCDOT January 2012 Roadway Standard Drawing” will be followed.

Payment will be made under:

Pay Item:	Pay Unit:
Multilane Divided non Interstate Road Sweeping.....	Shoulder Mile

INTERSTATE SWEEPING

The Contractor should be aware that sometime during this contract he/she may be asked to sweep a section of roadway on the Interstate system. This will not be a regular occurrence. Contractor should be aware that when sweeping operations are performed on the Interstates Section 1101.02 sheet 12 & 13 of 15 of the "NCDOT January 2012 Roadway Standard Drawing" will be followed.

Payment will be made under:

Pay Item:

Pay Unit:

Interstate Sweeping.....Shoulder Mile

ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

Sweeping mileage additions and deletions during the course of the contract may be effected by the Department at the Engineer's discretion. Any additions to the system will be paid for at the "Routine Sweeping" unit price. No compensation or adjustments will be made for deleted sweeping mileage. NCDOT may add to or remove any roadway or bridge sections to be swept during this contract at any time.

In the event a road rehabilitation or improvement project is under construction or a municipality elects to perform sweeping operations on selected streets where cleaning is scheduled, that portion of cleaning cycle will be deleted from the sweeping log at the direction of the Department. The section(s) or roads deleted may be re-entered at the first scheduled cycle following completion of the road, following a rehabilitation or improvement construction project or at what time a municipality decides to cease sweeping operation on selected streets.

It is understood that during the course of the contract, routes may be added or deleted from the contract. It will be the responsibility of the Contractor to sweep or not sweep such routes as directed by the Engineer.

EQUIPMENT REQUIRMENTS

The Contractor shall furnish a minimum of two "Vacuum Sweeper Units" of sufficient type, capacity, and quantity to safely and efficiently perform and complete the sweeping work as specified in the Special Provisions within the prescribed cycle schedule time limits. The Contractor shall display the Company name on each piece of equipment.

The Contractor must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Engineer that the sweeping equipment to be used in the work is in good working condition and suitable for performing the work required within the required cycle schedule.

All sweepers shall be equipped with adequate water systems for dust control. All sweepers shall be equipped with dual steering and dual brooms. All such equipment is subject to inspection and final approval by the Engineer. Such approval may require an onsite demonstration of the capability of any proposed equipment. All vehicles used by the contractor must be performance worthy by visual and operational inspection.

Contractor shall follow all procedures set forth in the “NCDOT January 2012 Roadway Standard Drawings”.

The safety of the public and the convenience of traffic shall be regarded as prime importance.

All traffic control items are considered incidental to various other contract items, unless there is a specific pay item listed on the bid sheet for an item.

OPERATION OF EQUIPMENT

The Contractor shall operate the equipment in a safe manner so as not to create a hazard to the traveling public. Insofar as possible, the equipment wheels are to remain off the travel way during sweeping operations. The work is to be a continuous operation with no lane closures. The equipment shall not be parked within the State Highway System right of way overnight or at other times when work has been suspended, unless approved by the Engineer. The Department shall, at its discretion establish and/or change schedules because of citizen complaints of noise or similar discomforts affecting their homes or buildings adjacent to the roadway. Special events may delay or cause the postponement of sweeping on a given period of time. No work is to be performed during adverse weather such as heavy rains, fog, high winds, snow and ice storms, and other inclement weather conditions.

The distance between the Sweeper and the Buffer Truck will vary due to sight distance needs. However, it is critical that the operators be aware that if the gap is too great, motorists will attempt to pass and may cut into the middle of the caravan of operation. For this reason, operators are advised to be constantly aware of approaching traffic and make reasonable adjustments as needed to prevent motorists from entering the space between the Sweeper and the Buffer Truck, thereby safeguarding the caravan operations from potential accidents. Radio communication between vehicles is recommended.

The Work Zone shall not exceed five (5) miles in length. The total distance between the first and last vehicle in the caravan should be no more than approximately one (1) mile in length.

HAZARDOUS, CONTAMINATED, AND/OR TOXIC MATERIAL

When the Contractor's operation encounters or exposes any abnormal condition which may indicate the presence of a hazardous, contaminated, and/or toxic material, such operation shall be discontinued in the vicinity of the abnormal condition and the Engineer shall be notified immediately.

REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF DEBRIS

Removal and disposal of all materials shall be the responsibility of the Contractor. Disposal of all materials shall be any public sanitary landfills approved by the State of North Carolina Solid Waste Management Division or other sites approved by the NCDOT Engineer.

STOCKPILING OF DEBRIS ON THE HIGHWAY RIGHT-OF-WAY SHALL NOT BE PERMITTED.

NOTIFICATION OF OPERATIONS

It will be the responsibility of the Contractor to keep the Engineer informed of his/her proposed work plan and to submit written reports of work accomplished on a frequency, determined by the Engineer. The Contractor shall notify the Engineer of his proposed work scheduled on a weekly basis. The contractor shall notify the Engineer each morning, prior to 8:30 AM of the work accomplished within the previous 24 hours. The Contractor shall keep a log of work accomplished on the form supplied by the Department. The Contractor and the Engineer shall meet at the end of each cycle to reconcile their respective logs of work accomplished.

INSPECTION

All work shall be subject to inspection by the Engineer at any time. Routinely, the Engineer will make periodic inspections of the completed work. **Completed work shall be clean and free of all accumulated debris immediately after sweeping as determined by the Engineer's inspector.** It will be the responsibility of the Contractor to keep the Engineer informed of his proposed work plan. The contact person for this project will be Mr. Tim Simpson, Tim may be reached at (704) 982-1028. Mr. Simpson can be reached by e-mail at tsimpson@ncdot.gov

BASIS OF ACCEPTANCE

Acceptance will be made only after the satisfactory completion of all required work in the subject cycle. All work shall be completed in a neat, workmanlike manner. Work not completed in such manner will not be accepted.

METHOD OF MEASUREMENT

The quantity of "Routine Sweeping" to be paid for will be the actual number of shoulder miles, measured along the surface of the ground which have been swept and accepted.

The quantity of "Additional Sweeping" to be paid for will be the actual number of hours the Contractors equipment was performing sweeping operations which were directed by the Engineer or his representative.

BASIS OF PAYMENT

The quantity of “Routine Sweeping”, measured as provided above, will be paid for at the contract unit price per shoulder mile for the various highway systems.

The quantity of “Additional Sweeping”, measured as provided above, will be paid for at the contract unit price per hour for the various highway systems.

Bid prices and payments will be full compensation for all work, including, but not limited to supervision, labor, transportation, landfill fees, fuels, lubricants, repair parts, equipment, signage, machinery, and tools necessary for the prosecution and completion of the work.

Payment will be made to the Contractor on a monthly basis for work accomplished and accepted.

Routine Sweeping.....	Shoulder mile
Additional Sweeping	Hour
Additional Sweeping & TMA.....	Hour
Interstate Sweeping.....	Shoulder Mile
Multilane Divided non Interstate Road Sweeping.....	Shoulder Mile

**MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AND WOMEN BUSINESS
ENTERPRISE (DIVISIONS):**

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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 either the MBE or WBE goal. No submittal of a Letter of Intent is required.

Committed MBE/WBE Subcontractor - Any MBE/WBE submitted at the time of bid that is being used to meet either the MBE or 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 Goals Requirement - The approved MBE and WBE participation at time of award, but not greater than the advertised contract goals for each.

Goal Confirmation Letter - Written documentation from the Department to the bidder confirming the Contractor's approved, committed MBE and WBE 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 Goal - A portion of the total contract, expressed as a percentage, that is 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.

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 Goal - A portion of the total contract, expressed as a percentage, that is 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.
<http://www.ncdot.org/doh/forms/files/DBE-IS.xls>

RF-1 MBE/WBE Replacement Request Form - Form for replacing a committed MBE or WBE.
https://apps.dot.state.nc.us/_includes/download/external.html?pdf=http%3A//www.ncdot.gov/doh/forms/files/RF-1.pdf

SAF Subcontract Approval Form - Form required for approval to sublet the contract.
http://www.ncdot.org/doh/operations/dp_chief_eng/constructionunit/saf.xls

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.
https://apps.dot.state.nc.us/_includes/download/external.html?pdf=http%3A//www.ncdot.gov/doh/forms/files/JC-1.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 amount listed at the time of bid.
<http://www.ncdot.org/doh/preconstruct/ps/contracts/letterofintent.pdf>

Listing of MBE and WBE Subcontractors Form - Form for entering MBE/WBE subcontractors on a project that will meet this MBE and WBE goals. This form is for paper bids only.

<http://www.ncdot.gov/doh/preconstruct/ps/word/MISC3.doc>

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://www.ncdot.gov/business/ocs/goodfaith/excel/Ex_Subcontractor_Quote_Comparison.xls

MBE and WBE Goal

The following goals for participation by Minority Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises are established for this contract:

- (A) Minority Business Enterprises **[0]** %
 - (1) *If the MBE goal 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 as the MBE goal.
 - (2) *If the MBE goal 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]** %
 - (1) *If the WBE goal 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 as the WBE goal.
 - (2) *If the WBE goal 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.

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 MBE and WBE goals respectively. The Directory can be found at the following link.
<https://partner.ncdot.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 MBE goal and the 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 submitted at the time of bid will be used toward 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:

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.

- (A) *If either the MBE or WBE goal is more than zero,*
- (1) 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.
 - (2) 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.
 - (3) 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 corresponding goal.
- (B) *If either the MBE or WBE goal is zero,* bidders, at the time the bid proposal is submitted, shall enter the word "None"; or the number "0"; or if there is participation, add the value on the *Listing of MBE and WBE Subcontractors* contained elsewhere in the contract documents.

MBE or WBE Prime Contractor

When a certified MBE or WBE firm bids on a contract that contains MBE and WBE goals, the firm is responsible for meeting the goals or making good faith efforts to meet

the goals, just like any other bidder. In most cases, a MBE or WBE bidder on a contract will meet one of the goals 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.

For example, on a proposed contract, the WBE goal is 10%, and the MBE goal is 8%. A WBE bidder puts in a bid where they will perform 40% of the contract work and have a WBE subcontractor which will perform another 5% of the work. Together the two WBE firms submit on the *Listing of MBE and WBE Subcontractors* a value of 45% of the contract which fulfills the WBE goal. The 8% MBE goal shall be obtained through MBE participation with MBE certified subcontractors or documented through a good faith effort. It should be noted that you cannot combine the two goals to meet an overall value. The two goals shall remain separate.

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 MBE and WBE goals 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 12:00 noon of the sixth calendar day following opening of bids, unless the sixth 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 12:00 noon 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 MBE and WBE goals, or if the form is incomplete (i.e. both signatures are not present), the MBE/WBE participation will not count toward meeting the MBE/WBE goal. If the lack of this participation drops the commitment below either the MBE or 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 12:00 noon 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 12:00 noon on the next official state business day.

Submission of Good Faith Effort

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

One complete set and (6) copies of this information shall be received in the office of the Engineer no later than 12:00 noon of the sixth calendar day following opening of bids, unless the sixth 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 12:00 noon 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 MBE/WBE Goals 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 and/or written notices through the use of the NCDOT Directory of Transportation Firms) the interest of all certified MBEs/WBEs who have the capability to perform the work of the contract. 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 MBE and WBE goals will be achieved. This includes, where appropriate, breaking 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.

- (C) Providing interested MBEs/WBEs 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 contract goals 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 contract MBE or WBE goals, 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 NCDOT's Business

Development Manager in the Business Opportunity and Work Force Development Unit 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 MBE and WBE 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 MBE and WBE goals.
- (2) The bidders' past performance in meeting the MBE and WBE goals.
- (3) The performance of other bidders in meeting the MBE and WBE goals. For example, when the apparent successful bidder fails to meet the goals, but others meet it, you may reasonably raise the question of whether, with additional reasonable efforts the apparent successful bidder could have met the goals. If the apparent successful bidder fails to meet the MBE and WBE goals, 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 MBE and WBE goals can be met or that an adequate good faith effort has been made to meet the MBE and WBE goals.

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 MBE/WBE Goals

- (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 MBE contract goal requirement. The same holds for work that a WBE subcontracts to another WBE firm. Work that a MBE subcontracts to a non-MBE firm does not count toward the MBE contract goal requirement. Again, the same holds true for the work that a WBE subcontracts to a non-WBE firm. 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. The MBE/WBE may present evidence to rebut this presumption to the Department. The Department's decision on the rebuttal of this presumption may be subject to review by the Office of Inspector General, NCDOT.

(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 or 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 or 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.

(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 MBE or 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 goal requirement. 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 liable for meeting the goal.
- (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 firm (or an approved substitute MBE or WBE firm) to meet all or part of a contract goal requirement, the contractor shall not terminate the MBE/WBE 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. A MBE/WBE may only be terminated after receiving the Engineer's written approval based upon a finding of good cause for the termination.

All requests for replacement of a committed MBE/WBE firm shall be submitted to the Engineer for approval on Form RF-1 (*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.

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

(A) Performance Related Replacement

When a committed MBE is terminated for good cause as stated above, an additional MBE that was submitted at the time of bid may be used to fulfill the MBE commitment. The same holds true if a committed WBE is terminated for good cause, an additional WBE that was submitted at the time of bid may be used to fulfill the WBE goal. A good faith effort will only be required for removing a committed MBE/WBE if there were no additional MBEs/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 MBEs/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 MBEs/WBEs for specific subbids including, at a minimum:
 - (a) The names, addresses, and telephone numbers of MBEs/WBEs who were contacted.

- (b) A description of the information provided to MBEs/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 MBEs/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 similarly certified MBE/WBE subcontractor to perform at least the same amount of work to meet the 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).

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 on the Department's DBE-IS (*Subcontractor Payment Information*) with each invoice. Invoices will not be processed for payment until the DBE-IS is received.

Failure to Meet Contract Requirements

Failure to meet contract requirements in accordance with Subarticle 102-15(J) of the *2012 Standard Specifications* may be cause to disqualify the Contractor.

STANDARD SPECIAL PROVISION
AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS – TERMINATION OF CONTRACTS

(5-20-08)

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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(E) of the *2012 Standard Specifications*.

STANDARD SPECIAL PROVISION

ERRATA

(1-17-12) (Rev. 5-15-12)

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Revise the *2012 Standard Specifications* as follows:

Division 2

Page 2-7, line 31, Article 215-2 Construction Methods, replace “Article 107-26” with “Article 107-25”.

Page 2-17, Article 226-3, Measurement and Payment, line 2, delete “pipe culverts,”.

Page 2-20, Subarticle 230-4(B), Contractor Furnished Sources, change references as follows: **Line 1**, replace “(4) Buffer Zone” with “(c) Buffer Zone”; **Line 12**, replace “(5) Evaluation for Potential Wetlands and Endangered Species” with “(d) Evaluation for Potential Wetlands and Endangered Species”; and **Line 33**, replace “(6) Approval” with “(4) Approval”.

Division 4

Page 4-77, line 27, Subarticle 452-3(C) Concrete Coping, replace “sheet pile” with “reinforcement”.

Division 6

Page 6-7, line 31, Article 609-3 Field Verification of Mixture and Job Mix Formula Adjustments, replace “30” with “45”.

Page 6-10, line 42, Subarticle 609-6(C)(2), replace “Subarticle 609-6(E)” with “Subarticle 609-6(D)”.

Page 6-11, Table 609-1 Control Limits, replace “Max. Spec. Limit” for the Target Source of $P_{0.075}/P_{be}$ Ratio with “1.0”.

Page 6-40, Article 650-2 Materials, replace “Subarticle 1012-1(F)” with “Subarticle 1012-1(E)”

Division 10

Page 10-74, Table 1056-1 Geotextile Requirements, replace “50%” for the UV Stability (Retained Strength) of Type 5 geotextiles with “70%”.

Division 12

Page 12-8, Table 1205-4 and 1205-5, replace “THERMOPLASTIC” in the title of these tables with “POLYUREA”.

Division 15

Page 15-6, Subarticle 1510-3(B), after line 21, replace the allowable leakage formula with the following: $W = LD\sqrt{P} \div 148,000$

Page 15-6, Subarticle 1510-3(B), line 32, delete “may be performed concurrently or” and replace with “shall be performed”.

Page 15-17, Subarticle 1540-3(E), line 27, delete “Type 1”.

Division 17

Page 17-26, line 42, Subarticle 1731-3(D) Termination and Splicing within Interconnect Center, delete this subarticle.

Revise the *2012 Roadway Standard Drawings* as follows:

1633.01 Sheet 1 of 1, English Standard Drawing for Matting Installation, replace “1633.01” with “1631.01”.

PLANT AND PEST QUARANTINES

(Imported Fire Ant, Gypsy Moth, Witchweed, And Other Noxious Weeds)

(3-18-03)

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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, 919-733-6932, or <http://www.ncagr.com/plantind/> 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 or other noxious weeds.

MINIMUM WAGES

(7-21-09)

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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.

LISTING OF MBE & WBE SUBCONTRACTORS

Sheet _____ of _____

FIRM NAME AND ADDRESS	MBE or WBE	ITEM NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	* AGREED UPON UNIT PRICE	** DOLLAR VOLUME OF ITEM

** Dollar Volume of MBE Subcontractor \$ _____

* The Dollar Volume shown in this column shall be the Actual Price Agreed Upon by the Prime Contractor and the MBE and/or WBE subcontractor, and these prices will be used to determine the percentage of the MBE and/or WBE participation in the contract.

MBE Percentage of Total Contract Bid Price _____ %

** Dollar Volume of WBE Subcontractor \$ _____

WBE Percentage of Total Contract Bid Price _____ %

** Must have entry even if figure to be entered is zero.

SUBSTITUTE FORM W-9

VENDOR REGISTRATION FORM

NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pursuant to Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Regulations, vendors must furnish their Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) to the State. If this number is not provided, you may be subject to a 20% withholding on each payment. To avoid this 20% withholding and to insure that accurate tax information is reported to the Internal Revenue Service and the State, please use this form to provide the requested information exactly as it appears on file with the IRS.

INDIVIDUAL AND SOLE PROPRIETOR: ENTER NAME AS SHOWN ON SOCIAL SECURITY CARD
CORPORATION OR PARTNERSHIP : ENTER YOUR LEGAL BUSINESS NAME

NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: STREET/PO BOX: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

DBA / TRADE NAME (IF APPLICABLE): _____

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> INDIVIDUAL (use Social Security No.) | <input type="checkbox"/> SOLE PROPRIETER (use SS No. or Fed ID No.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CORPORATION (use Federal ID No.) | <input type="checkbox"/> PARTNERSHIP (use Federal ID No.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ESTATE/TRUST (use Federal ID no.) | <input type="checkbox"/> STATE OR LOCAL GOVT. (use Federal ID No.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER / SPECIFY _____ | |

SOCIAL SECURITY _____ - _____ - _____ (Social Security #)

OR

FED.EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NO. _____ - _____ - _____ (Employer Identification #)

COMPLETE THIS SECTION IF PAYMENTS ARE MADE TO AN ADDRESS OTHER THAN THE ONE LISTED ABOVE:

REMIT TO ADDRESS: STREET / PO BOX: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

Participation in this section is voluntary. You are not required to complete this section to become a registered vendor. The information below will in no way affect the vendor registration process and its sole purpose is to collect statistical data on those vendors doing business with NCDOT. If you choose to participate, circle the answer that best fits your firm's group definition.

What is your firm's ethnicity? (Prefer Not To Answer, African American, Native American, Caucasian American, Asian American, Hispanic American, Asian-Indian _____)

What is your firm's gender? (Prefer Not to Answer, Male, Female) **Disabled-Owned Business?** (Prefer Not to Answer, Yes, No)

IRS CERTIFICATION

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the IRS that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and
3. I am a U.S. person (including a U.S. resident alien).

NAME (Print or Type)

TITLE (Print or Type)

SIGNATURE

DATE

PHONE NUMBER

To avoid payment delays, completed forms should be returned promptly to the Contract Administrator.

North Carolina Department of Transportation PURCHASE ORDER CONTRACT BID FORM

Description: Highway Sweeping, Division Ten

Counties: Anson, Cabarrus, Mecklenburg, Stanly & Union

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QUAN	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT BID
1	Routine Sweeping	650	Shoulder Mile		
2	Additional Sweeping	50	Hour		
3	Additional Sweeping & TMA	20	Hour		
4	Multilane Divided non Interstate Sweeping	200	Shoulder Mile		
5	Interstate Sweeping	80	Shoulder Mile		

TOTAL BID FOR PROJECT:

CONTRACTOR _____

ADDRESS _____

Federal Identification Number _____ **Contractors License Number** _____

Authorized Agent _____ **Title** _____

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Witness _____ **Title** _____

Signature _____ **Date** _____

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