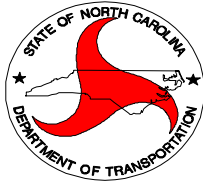


STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



DIVISION 2 – DISTRICT 1

CONTRACT PROPOSAL
SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

CONTRACT: 1118118
WBS ELEMENT: TBD
COUNTY: Pitt
ROUTE: Various
DESCRIPTION: Long Arm Mowing at Various Locations
from State Road Rights-of-Way
PRE-BID CONFERENCE: Tuesday, March 27, 2012
BID OPENING: Wednesday, April 11, 2012

NOTICE:

UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS PROGRAM, A NC GENERAL CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE IS NOT REQUIRED NOR ARE CONTRACT PAYMENT AND CONTRACT PERFORMANCE BONDS REQUIRED. BIDDERS SHALL COMPLY WITH ALL OTHER APPLICABLE LAWS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THOSE 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

ADDRESS OF BIDDER

RETURN BIDS TO:

N. C. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Attn: Aaron Bullard, PE
105 Pactolus Highway
P O Box 1587
Greenville, NC 27835-1587

Per items 11 - 13 of the instructions on page 2

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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 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.
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. Unit prices shall be limited to two (2) decimal places.
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.
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 and signature of individual or representative submitting bid and position or title.
 - c. Name, signature, and position or title of witness.
 - d. Federal Identification Number (or Social Security Number of Individual)
 - e. Contractor's License Number (if Applicable)
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 PROPOSAL WITH THE BID FORM STILL ATTACHED SHALL BE PLACED IN A SEALED ENVELOPE AND SHALL HAVE BEEN DELIVERED TO AND RECEIVED IN THE DIVISION TWO ENGINEER'S OFFICE AT 105 PACTOLUS HIGHWAY, GREENVILLE, NC 27834 BY 11:00 AM ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2012.**
12. The sealed bid must display the following statement on the front of the sealed envelope:

**ATTN: AARON BULLARD, PE
QUOTATION FOR LONG ARM MOWING IN PITT COUNTY
TO BE OPENED AT 11:00 AM, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 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:

**NC DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
ATTN: AARON BULLARD, PE
PO BOX 1587
GREENVILLE, NC 27835-1587**

AWARD OF CONTRACT

The award of the contract, if it be awarded, will be made to the lowest responsible bidder in accordance with Section 102 (excluding 102-10) of the Standard Specifications for Roads and Structures, 2012. The lowest responsible bidder will be notified that his bid has been accepted and that he has been awarded the contract. NCDOT reserves the right to reject all bids.

DIVISION CONTRACT
PROJECT SPECIAL PROVISIONS - GENERAL

DESCRIPTION:

This contract is for long arm mowing of trees and brush within the State Right-of-Way of various routes in Pitt County. The Contractor shall furnish all labor, materials, and equipment (including required traffic control devices and signing) necessary for the execution of said work.

All workmanship and general appearances shall be performed to the satisfaction of the Engineer.

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, January 2012*, the North Carolina Department of Transportation *Roadway Standard Drawings, January 2012*, 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 *2012 Standard Specifications*.

SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM:

This is a Small Business Enterprise (SBE) Program project, and as such, it is restricted to businesses grossing less than \$1,500,000, excluding materials, during the previous calendar year. Contractors must be certified as a SBE Contractor by the Contractual Services Unit of NCDOT and listed as such in the Directory of Transportation Firms at the time of bid opening. Certification requirements and additional SBE Program information may be found at <http://www.ncdot.org/business/ocs/sbe/>.

As authorized by G.S. 136-28.10 (Highway Fund and Highway Trust Fund Small Project Bidding), the Department's normal bonding and licensing requirements are waived for this SBE project.

MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE:

In order to bid on this contract, all prospective bidders must attend the Pre-Bid Conference to be held on **Tuesday, March 27, 2012 at 10:00 AM at the Division 2 Office Conference Room, located at 105 Pactolus Hwy in Greenville. This meeting will begin promptly at 10:00 AM.** Prospective bidders arriving after the 10:00 AM starting time will not be allowed to bid. The Conference will be conducted by Department personnel for the purpose of providing additional information about the project and to give all bidders an opportunity to ask any questions they may have. **Only bids received from the bidders who have attended and properly registered at the Pre-Bid Conference will be considered.**

Attendance at the Pre-Bid Conference will not meet the requirements of proper registration unless the individual attending has registered with the following information:

1. The individual writes his/her name on the official roster.
2. The individual writes in the name and address of the company he/she represents.
3. Only one company is shown as being represented by the individual attending.
4. The individual is an officer or permanent employee of the firm they represent.

The Pre-Bid Conference will also include a site visit in order for Department personnel to show bidders what the expectations of the contract are. Prospective bidders must attend both the formal conference as well as the site visit to be registered as attending the conference.

CONTRACT TIME AND LIQUIDATED DAMAGES:

The date of availability for this contract is **April 30, 2012**.

The completion date for this project is **November 30, 2012**.

The liquidated damages for this contract are **Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00)** per calendar day.

INTERMEDIATE CONTRACT TIME NUMBER 1 AND LIQUIDATED DAMAGES:

(2-20-07)

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The Contractor shall not narrow or close a lane of traffic on **any roadway**, detain and /or alter the traffic flow on or during 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 **5:00 p.m.** December 31st and **8:00 a.m.** January 2nd. If New Year's Day is on a Friday, Saturday, Sunday or Monday, then until **8:00 a.m.** the following Tuesday.
3. For **Easter**, between the hours of **5:00 p.m.** Thursday and **7:00 a.m.** Monday.
4. For **Memorial Day**, between the hours of **5:00 p.m.** Friday and **7:00 a.m.** Tuesday.
5. For **Independence Day**, between the hours of **5:00 p.m.** the day before Independence Day and **7:00 a.m.** the day after Independence Day.

If **Independence Day** is on a Friday, Saturday, Sunday or Monday, then between the hours of **5:00 p.m.** the Thursday before Independence Day and **7:00 a.m.** the Tuesday after Independence Day.

6. For **Labor Day**, between the hours of **5:00 p.m.** Friday and **7:00 a.m.** Tuesday.
7. For **Thanksgiving Day**, between the hours of **5:00 p.m.** Tuesday and **8:00 a.m.** Monday.
8. For **Christmas**, between the hours of **5:00 p.m.** the Friday before the week of Christmas Day and **8:00 a.m.** the following Tuesday after the week of Christmas Day.

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 are not 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 herein and place traffic in the existing traffic pattern.

The liquidated damages are **Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00)** per hour.

NO MAJOR CONTRACT ITEMS:

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

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SP1 G31

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

NO SPECIALTY ITEMS:

(7-1-95)

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None of the items included in this contract will be specialty items (see Article 108-6 of the *2012 Standard Specifications*).

LIABILITY INSURANCE:

In accordance with Article 107-15 of the *Standard Specifications*, the Contractor shall at its sole cost and expense obtain and furnish to the Department an original standard ACORD form certificate of insurance evidencing commercial general liability with a limit for bodily injury and property damage in the amount of \$5,000,000.00 per occurrence and general aggregate, covering the Contractor from claims or damages for bodily injury, personal injury, or for property damages which may arise from operating under the contract by the employees and agents of the Contractor. The required limit of insurance may be obtained by a single general liability policy or the combination of a general liability and excess liability or umbrella policy. The State of North Carolina shall be named as an additional insured on this commercial general liability policy. The policy may contain the following language as relates to the State as an additional insured: "This insurance with respect to the additional insured applies only to the extent that the additional insured is held liable for your or your agent's acts or omissions arising out of and in the course of operations performed for the additional insured."

The Contractor shall maintain all legally required insurance coverage, including without limitation, worker's compensation and vehicle liability, in the amounts required by law. Providing and maintaining adequate insurance coverage is a material obligation of the contractor and is of the essence of this contract. All such insurance shall meet all laws of the State of North Carolina. Such insurance coverage shall be obtained from companies that are authorized to provide such coverage and that are authorized by the Commissioner of Insurance to do business in North Carolina. The Contractor shall at all times comply with the terms of such insurance policies.

Upon execution of the contract, provide evidence of the above insurance requirements to the Engineer.

SUBSURFACE INFORMATION:

(7-1-95)

SP1 G112 A

There is **no** subsurface information available on this project. The Contractor shall make his own investigation of subsurface conditions.

BIDS:

In accordance with GS 136-28.10, if the total bid amount of the contract exceeds \$500,000.00, the bid will not be considered for award.

ENGINEER:

The Engineer for this project shall be the Division 2 Engineer, Division of Highways, North Carolina Department of Transportation, acting directly or through a duly authorized representative, such representative acting within the scope of particular assigned duties or authority.

PAYMENT:

The Contractor may submit a request for partial payment on a monthly basis, or other interval as approved by the Engineer. Compensation for all pay items shall be in accordance with the *Standard Specifications*. The amount of partial payments will be based on the work accomplished and accepted as the last day of the approved pay period.

Request for payment shall be made by Contractor's Invoice submitted to:

**NC Department of Transportation
Attn: Woody Jarvis
1701 W. Fifth St.
Washington, NC 27889**

All invoice items and unit costs shall correspond to contract pay items. In the event of error or discrepancy in items or unit costs, the Department may return the invoice to the Contractor for correction.

PROSECUTION AND PROGRESS:

The Contractor shall pursue the work diligently with workmen in sufficient numbers, abilities, and supervision, and with equipment, materials, and methods of construction as may be required to complete the work described in the contract by the completion date and in accordance with Section 108 of the *Standard Specifications*.

The Contractor's operations are restricted to daylight hours. **No work may be performed on legal State holidays or Saturdays and Sundays.** Work shall only be performed when weather and visibility conditions allow safe operations.

SAFETY AND ACCIDENT PROTECTION:

In accordance with Article 107-21 of the *Standard Specifications*, 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 the contract.

All Contractors' personnel, all subcontractors and their personnel, and any material suppliers and their personnel shall wear a reflective vest or outer garment conforming to the current requirements of MUTCD at all times while on the project.

EXTENSION OF CONTRACT TIME:

Failure on the part of the Contractor to furnish bonds or certifications or to satisfy preliminary requirements necessary to issue the purchase order will not constitute grounds for extension of the contract time. If the Contractor has fulfilled all preliminary requirements for the issuance of a purchase order, and the purchase order authorization is not available by the date of availability, the Contractor shall be granted an extension equal to the number of calendar days the purchase order authorization is delayed after the date of availability.

CLAIMS FOR ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION OR EXTENSION OF TIME:

Any claims for additional compensation and/or extensions of the completion date shall be submitted to the Division Engineer with detailed justification within thirty (30) days after receipt of the final invoice payment. The failure of the Contractor to submit the claim(s) within thirty (30) days shall be a bar to recovery.

COOPERATION BETWEEN CONTRACTORS:

(7-1-95)

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SP1 G133

The Contractor's attention is directed to Article 105-7 of the *2012 Standard Specifications*.

The Department reserves the right at any time to contract for and perform other or additional work on or near the work covered by the contract. When separate or additional contracts are let within the limits of any one project, each Contractor shall conduct his work so as not to interfere with or hinder the progress or completion of the work being performed by other contractors. Contractors working within the limits of the same project shall cooperate with each other. Each Contractor shall conduct his operations in such a manner as to avoid damaging any work being performed by others or that has been completed by others.

The Department will under no circumstances be liable for any claim for additional compensation due to acts of one contractor holding up the work of another. The Department will under no circumstances be liable for any damages experienced by one Contractor as a result of the presence and operations of other contractors working within the limits of the same project.

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.

GIFTS FROM VENDORS AND CONTRACTORS:

(12-15-09)

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SP1 G152

By Executive Order 24, issued by Governor Perdue, and *N.C.G.S. § 133-32*, it is unlawful for any vendor or contractor (i.e. architect, bidder, contractor, construction manager, design professional, engineer, landlord, offeror, seller, subcontractor, supplier, or vendor), to make gifts or to give favors to any State employee of the Governor’s Cabinet Agencies (i.e. Administration, Commerce, Correction, Crime Control and Public Safety, Cultural Resources, Environment and Natural Resources, Health and Human

Services, Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Revenue, Transportation, and the Office of the Governor). This prohibition covers those vendors and contractors who:

- (A) Have a contract with a governmental agency; or
- (B) Have performed under such a contract within the past year; or
- (C) Anticipate bidding on such a contract in the future.

For additional information regarding the specific requirements and exemptions, vendors and contractors are encouraged to review Executive Order 24 and *N.C.G.S. § 133-32*.

Executive Order 24 also encouraged and invited other State Agencies to implement the requirements and prohibitions of the Executive Order to their agencies. Vendors and contractors should contact other State Agencies to determine if those agencies have adopted Executive Order 24.

EMPLOYMENT:

(11-15-11) (Rev. 1-17-12)

108, 102

SP1 G184

Revise the *2012 Standard Specifications* as follows:

Page 1-20, Subarticle 102-15(O), delete and replace with the following:

- (O) Failure to restrict a former Department employee as prohibited by Article 108-5.

Page 1-65, Article 108-5 Character of Workmen, Methods, and Equipment, line 32, delete all of line 32, the first sentence of the second paragraph and the first word of the second sentence of the second paragraph.

DIVISION CONTRACT
PROJECT SPECIAL PROVISIONS – ROADWAY

LONG ARM MOWING:

Description

Remove selected living trees and undesirable living undergrowth from areas of the right of way along various routes as designated by the Engineer. A marked map shall be provided to the Contractor by the Engineer prior to the beginning of mobilization.

Mobilization will be considered incidental to the bid items of this contract. No separate payment will be made for mobilization.

Equipment

The Contractor shall furnish all required equipment in satisfactory operating condition which shall be operated by properly trained and qualified personnel. The Contractor shall be responsible for all cost or charges incurred in the operation and maintenance of the equipment during the performance of this contract.

Tractors must comply with Section 0782 *Occupational Safety Health Act Standards*. Provide tractors equipped with a minimum of two outside blinking amber lights, visible from both directions and one top of the cab mounted amber rotating light, visible from both directions. Furnish, mount, and maintain a “Caution Mower” (W10-11) sign on the rear of each tractor. Display company name prominently on tractor.

Provide mowers with a minimum reach of 17 feet from the centerline of the tractor. Mower hydraulics shall be controlled from within the driver compartment. The tractor shall have sufficient horsepower to operate the mower per manufacturer recommendations. Provide shields on mowers which preclude foreign objects from being thrown out from the cutting unit enclosures.

Any additional equipment utilized by the Contractor, whether required by the specific job site or used at the Contractor’s discretion, will be considered incidental to the bid items of this contract.

Construction Methods

All routes shall be mowed from the bottom of the ditch to the right-of-way limits, or to the discretion of the Engineer. Cut all vegetation five (5) inches in diameter or less within the clearance height of fourteen (14) feet. Ground vegetation shall be cut to a height of three (3) inches.

The Contractor shall clean up or mulch all cut vegetation and immediately remove any brush or debris from roadway.

The Contractor shall exercise caution no to damage or destroy private property such as plantings or landscaping unless otherwise directed. The Contractor shall notify the Engineer at the start of operations and upon completion.

It shall be the responsibility of the Contractor to re-mow any routes or portions thereof that are not acceptable. **The decision of the Engineer shall be final and no additional compensation will be made for any routes that require re-mowing.**

Any routes requiring a full lane closure shall be discussed and approved by the Engineer prior to the work being performed.

All work shall be subject to inspection by the Engineer at any time. It will be the responsibility of the Contractor to keep the Engineer informed of his proposed work plan and to submit written reports of work accomplished in a weekly basis, unless otherwise directed.

Measurement and Payment

Long Arm Mowing will be paid at the contract lump sum price. Such price and payment will be full compensation for all work covered by this provision, including but not limited to furnishing labor and equipment to mow, debris removal or disposal, and traffic control.

Partial payments will be made on a monthly basis based upon the percentage complete of *Long Arm Mowing* as determined by the Engineer.

Payment will be made under:

Pay Item	Pay Unit
Long Arm Mowing	Shoulder Mile

DRIVEWAYS AND PRIVATE PROPERTY:

The Contractor shall maintain access to driveways for all residents and property owners throughout the life of the project. The Contractor shall not perform work for private citizens or other entities in conjunction with this project.

PROTECTION AND RESTORATION OF PROPERTY:

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 condition 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.

UTILITY CONFLICTS:

Special care shall be used in working around or near existing utilities, protecting them when necessary to provide uninterrupted service. In the event that any utility service is interrupted, the Contractor shall notify the utility owner immediately and shall cooperate with the owner, or his representative, in the restoration of service in the shortest time possible. Existing fire hydrants shall be kept accessible to fire departments at all times.

The Contractor shall adhere to all applicable regulations and follow accepted safety procedures when working in the vicinity of utilities in order to insure the safety of construction personnel and the public.

TRAFFIC CONTROL:

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 Specifications for Roads and Structures*, and the current edition of the *Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices* (MUTCD).

The Contractor shall abide by all traffic control regulations and maintain an open, safe lane of traffic at all times for the traveling public with the necessary flagmen and or pilot vehicle as the job deems necessary with the approval of the Engineer. The Contractor must maintain service to all businesses during their hours of operations.

The portable work zone signs shall be 48"x 48". Use portable work zone signs and stands specifically designed for use together. Roadway-to-sign mounting height shall be 5 feet minimum off the ground (refer to Roadway Standard Drawing 1110.02). Signs and sign stand assemblies must meet or exceed the requirements of the NCHRP 350 for Work Zone Category II Devices, and signs must use Type VII, VIII, or IX fluorescent orange retroreflective sheeting or better without adhesive backing for roll-up or composite portable work zone signs (non-reflective mesh signs will not be accepted). Portable work zone signs shall be mounted 3' minimum from travel lane on the right shoulder or in the median to maintain a work zone of 2-mile maximum length. Care should be taken that these signs are displayed only while work is underway.

Long Arm Mowing operations normally progress slower than 3 mph with frequent stops. A truck mounted impact attenuator (TMIA) may be required on routes with heavy traffic volume and/or limited sight distance, and/or when a buffer space cannot be attained.

- 1) Work within five (5) feet of the travel lane on 2-lane 2-way roadway or 2-lane 2-way roadway with a 2 way left turn lane shall require "Temporary Lane Closures" (refer to NCDOT Roadway Standard Drawings 1101.02, Sheets 1 & 2 of 7). The Contractor shall furnish, install, and maintain advance warning work zone signs and required lane closure signing and devices. Traffic movements through lane closures shall be controlled by flaggers stationed at each end of the work zone. In situations where sight distance is limited, the Contractor shall provide additional means of controlling traffic, including, but not limited to, TMIA's, two-way radios, pilot vehicles, or additional flaggers. Flaggers shall be competent personnel, adequately trained in flagging procedures, and furnished with proper safety devices and equipment, including, but not limited to, safety vests, hats, stop/slow paddles, and any other incidentals necessary to complete the work. **No direct or separate payment** shall be made for "Temporary Lane Closures" on roads with two-way traffic, as they shall be considered incidental to other contract items.
- 2) Work within ten (10) to forty (40) feet of the travel lane on multi-lane roadways shall require appropriate advance warning signs and devices and possibly a TMIA as a shadow vehicle for the mowing operation. The Contractor shall furnish, install, and maintain advance warning work zone signs and other required devices. **No direct or separate payment** shall be made for the installation of advance warning signs and shoulder closures as they shall be considered incidental to other contract items.
- 3) Work within ten (10) feet of the travel lane on multi-lane or divided roadways may require a "Temporary Lane Closure" at the discretion of the Engineer (refer to Roadway Standard Drawing

1101.02, Sheet 3 of 9). When mowing is performed in an area along multi-lane roadways where the Engineer has determined and approved that a "Temporary Lane Closure" is required, the Contractor shall provide a temporary lane closure in accordance with the aforementioned Roadway Standard Drawing and the latest edition of Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. **No direct or separate payment** shall be made for "Lane Closure for Multi-Lane or Divided Highway."

All personnel when working in traffic areas or areas in close proximity to traffic shall wear an approved safety vest, or shirt or jacket which meets the color 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 the 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 subarticle 108-7(B) of the *Standard Specifications*.

There shall be no direct payment for performing Traffic Control operations, as this work will be considered incidental to the contract.

WORK ZONE SIGNING:

Description

Furnish, install, maintain, temporarily cover and uncover, relocate and remove stationary and barricade mounted work zone signs in accordance with the contract.

Furnish, install, maintain and relocate portable work zone signs and portable work zone signs stands in accordance with the plans and the *Standard Specifications*. When portable work zone signs and portable work zone sign stands are not in use for periods longer than 30 minutes, collapse or remove sign stands and reinstall once work begins again.

All work zone signs may be portable.

Construction Methods

(A) Work Zone Signs (Stationary)

Install work zone signs (stationary) to stand within 2° of plumb in all directions and under all conditions. Erect signs per *Roadway Standard Drawings* No. 1110.01. Splicing of work zone sign (stationary) posts is acceptable. Splice work zone sign (stationary) posts according to *Roadway Standard Drawings* No. 1110.01. Remove entire post when removing signs with spliced posts. When required, cover work zone signs with an opaque material that prevents reading of the sign at night by a driver using high beam headlights. Use material that does not damage the sign sheeting. Any damage incurred from the covering of work zone signs will be determined using Article 901-5. Replace or repair any damaged signs due to the covering.

(B) Work Zone Signs (Barricade Mounted)

Mount approved composite or roll up signs to barricade rails so the signs do not cover more than 50% of the top 2 rails or 33% of the total area of the 3 rails. Mount signs at least one foot from the ground to the bottom of the sign.

(C) Work Zone Signs (Portable)

Install the portable work zone sign and sign stand to stand plumb within 10° left and right, within 20° front and back and be capable of standing erect in windy conditions. Install roll up or approved composite signs at least one foot from the bottom of the sign to the edge of pavement elevation on two-lane two-way roadways. Install roll up or approved composite signs at least 5 ft from the bottom of the sign to the edge of pavement elevation on multi-lane roadways. Clean the sign face before use. When not in use for periods longer than 30 minutes, lay the portable work zone sign flat on the ground and collapse the sign stand and lay it flat on the ground.

Measurement and Payment

No direct payment will be made for providing work zone signing as required herein, as the cost of same will be considered incidental to the work being paid for under those various bid items. Where the Contractor provides work zone signing as required herein but no specific pay items have been included in the contract, all associated costs will be considered incidental to the work being paid for under the various items in the contract.

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. 3-20-12)

Z-4

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 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”.

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: $W = LD\sqrt{P} + 148,000$

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.

STANDARD SPECIAL PROVISION

PLANT AND PEST QUARANTINES

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

(3-18-03)

Z-04a

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.

STANDARD SPECIAL PROVISION

MINIMUM WAGES

(7-21-09)

Z-5

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.

AWARD LIMITS ON MULTIPLE PROJECTS

It is the desire of the Proposer to be awarded contracts, the value of which will not exceed a total of \$ _____, for those projects indicated below on which bids are being opened on the same date as shown in the Proposal Form. Individual projects shall be indicated by placing the project number and county in the appropriate place below. Projects not selected will not be subject to an award limit.

(Project Number)	(County)
(Project Number)	(County)
(Project Number)	(County)
(Project Number)	(County)

*If a Proposer desires to limit the total amount of work awarded to him in this letting, he shall state such limit in the space provided above in the second line of this form.

It is agreed that in the event that I am (we are) the successful bidder on indicated projects, the total value of which is more that the above stipulated award limits, the Board of Transportation will award me (us) projects from among those indicated which have a total value not exceeding the award limit and which will result in the best advantage to the Department of Transportation.

**Signature of Authorized Person

**Only those persons authorized to sign bids under the provisions of Article 102-8, Item 7, shall be authorized to sign this form.

**EXECUTION OF BID
NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT, DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION AND GIFT BAN CERTIFICATION**

CORPORATION

The person executing the bid, on behalf of the Bidder, being duly sworn, solemnly swears (or affirms) that neither he, nor any official, agent or employee of the bidder 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 bidder has not been convicted of violating *N.C.G.S. § 133-24* within the last three years, and that the Bidder intends to do the work with its own bonafide employees or subcontractors and is not bidding for the benefit of another contractor.

In addition, execution of this bid in the proper manner also constitutes the Bidder's certification of 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 CONTRACTOR

_____ Full name of Corporation

_____ Address as prequalified

Attest _____
Secretary/Assistant Secretary
Select appropriate title

By _____
President/Vice President/Assistant Vice President
Select appropriate title

_____ Print or type Signer's name

_____ Print or type Signer's name

CORPORATE SEAL

AFFIDAVIT MUST BE NOTARIZED

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the
_____ day of _____ 20__.

NOTARY SEAL

_____ Signature of Notary Public

of _____ County

State of _____

My Commission Expires: _____

**EXECUTION OF BID
NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT, DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION AND GIFT BAN CERTIFICATION**

PARTNERSHIP

The person executing the bid, on behalf of the Bidder, being duly sworn, solemnly swears (or affirms) that neither he, nor any official, agent or employee of the bidder 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 bidder has not been convicted of violating *N.C.G.S. § 133-24* within the last three years, and that the Bidder intends to do the work with its own bonafide employees or subcontractors and is not bidding for the benefit of another contractor.

In addition, execution of this bid in the proper manner also constitutes the Bidder's certification of 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 CONTRACTOR

_____ 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

AFFIDAVIT MUST BE NOTARIZED

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the _____ day of _____ 20____.

NOTARY SEAL

_____ Signature of Notary Public

of _____ County

State of _____

My Commission Expires: _____

**EXECUTION OF BID
NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT, DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION AND GIFT BAN CERTIFICATION**

LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

The person executing the bid, on behalf of the Bidder, being duly sworn, solemnly swears (or affirms) that neither he, nor any official, agent or employee of the bidder 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 bidder has not been convicted of violating *N.C.G.S. § 133-24* within the last three years, and that the Bidder intends to do the work with its own bonafide employees or subcontractors and is not bidding for the benefit of another contractor.

In addition, execution of this bid in the proper manner also constitutes the Bidder's certification of 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 CONTRACTOR

_____ 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

AFFIDAVIT MUST BE NOTARIZED

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the _____ day of _____ 20____.

NOTARY SEAL

_____ Signature of Notary Public

of _____ County

State of _____

My Commission Expires: _____

**EXECUTION OF BID
NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT, DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION AND GIFT BAN CERTIFICATION**

INDIVIDUAL DOING BUSINESS UNDER A FIRM NAME

The person executing the bid, on behalf of the Bidder, being duly sworn, solemnly swears (or affirms) that neither he, nor any official, agent or employee of the bidder 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 bidder has not been convicted of violating *N.C.G.S. § 133-24* within the last three years, and that the Bidder intends to do the work with its own bonafide employees or subcontractors and is not bidding for the benefit of another contractor.

In addition, execution of this bid in the proper manner also constitutes the Bidder's certification of 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 CONTRACTOR

Name of Contractor

Individual name

Trading and doing business as

Full name of Firm

Address as Prequalified

Signature of Witness

Signature of Contractor, Individually

Print or type Signer's name

Print or type Signer's name

AFFIDAVIT MUST BE NOTARIZED

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the

NOTARY SEAL

_____ day of _____ 20____.

Signature of Notary Public

of _____ County

State of _____

My Commission Expires: _____

**EXECUTION OF BID
NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT, DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION AND GIFT BAN CERTIFICATION**

INDIVIDUAL DOING BUSINESS IN HIS OWN NAME

The person executing the bid, on behalf of the Bidder, being duly sworn, solemnly swears (or affirms) that neither he, nor any official, agent or employee of the bidder 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 bidder has not been convicted of violating *N.C.G.S. § 133-24* within the last three years, and that the Bidder intends to do the work with its own bonafide employees or subcontractors and is not bidding for the benefit of another contractor.

In addition, execution of this bid in the proper manner also constitutes the Bidder's certification of 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 CONTRACTOR

Name of Contractor _____
Print or type Individual name

Address as Prequalified

Signature of Contractor, Individually

Print or type Signer's Name

Signature of Witness

Print or type Signer's name

AFFIDAVIT MUST BE NOTARIZED

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the
_____ day of _____ 20____.

NOTARY SEAL

Signature of Notary Public

of _____ County

State of _____

My Commission Expires: _____

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 that is file 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.

North Carolina Department of Transportation BID FORM

CONTRACT: 1118118
WBS ELEMENT: TBD
COUNTY: Pitt
DESCRIPTION: Long Arm Mowing at Various Locations from State Road Rights-of-Way

BID OPENING: April 11, 2012

ITEM	SECT	DESCRIPTION	QTY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT BID
1	SP	LONG ARM MOWING	1	LS		

TOTAL BID FOR PROJECT: _____

CONTRACTOR _____

ADDRESS _____

Federal Identification Number _____ Contractors License Number _____

Authorized Agent _____ Title _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Witness _____ Title _____

Signature _____ Date _____

THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY NC DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

This bid has been reviewed in accordance with Article 103-1 of the Standard Specifications for Roads and Structures 2012.

Reviewed by NCDOT _____ *Date* _____
Division Contract Officer

Accepted by NCDOT _____ *Date* _____
Division Engineer