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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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5501 Barbados Blvd.
Castle Hayne, North Carolina 28429
January 23, 2014

NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS

Subject: Invitation to Bid

Project includes: Mandatory Pre-bid conference and Proposal Review

All prospective bidders shall attend a Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference as shown below:

Date: February 6, 2014

Time: 10:00 AM

Place: Division Three Division Office Conference Room

Location: 5501 Barbados Blvd., Castle Hayne, NC 28429

County: New Hanover

Contact for Directions: 910-341-2000

NOTE: The Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will begin promptly at 10:00 AM. An official clock for the pre-bid conference will be designated. Contractors who are late will not be permitted to sign in or to participate in the conference.

- ***Project Description:* Removal, Replacement and Pruning of Historic Trees on US 17 (Business) in Wilmington, NC**
- ***WBS Element # 3703.3.31***
- The North Carolina Department of Transportation is requesting bids for:
Removal, Replacement and Pruning of Historic Trees on US 17 (Business) in Wilmington, NC. All quantities are estimates only. The Contractor is to furnish labor, material, equipment, and traffic control.

The availability date for this project is March 24, 2014.

The completion date is November 1, 2015,

The Intermediate Completion Date for this project is May 1, 2014. The Intermediate date covers the removal and replanting of the first nine (9) High Rise Oak Trees. The final invoice shall be received in the Division Roadside Environmental Engineer's office within one (1) week of the final project completion date.

This project shall have a Two (2) Year warranty for all newly planted trees. The warranty period and monthly maintenance is the responsibility of the awarded contractor. Payment shall be made per contract line item for monthly maintenance.

Sealed bids must be received in the Division 3 Engineer's Office at 5501 Barbados Blvd., Castle Hayne, North Carolina 28429 by 2:00 PM on Thursday February 27, 2014. Bids must be submitted on the official bid sheet included in the proposal and display the following statement on the front of the envelope:

- **QUOTATION FOR WBS ELEMENT # 3703.3.31 Removal, Replacement and Pruning of Historic Trees on US 17 (Business) in Wilmington, NC To Be Opened AT 2:00 PM on Thursday, February 20, 2014**

Beginning **July 1, 2009**, any firm that wishes to perform work on Division Purchase Order Contracts as either the prime contractor or as a subcontractor on the project must be prequalified for the type of work they wish to perform. Firms that wish to bid on these projects as the prime contractor must be prequalified prior to submitting a bid. Firms that wish to perform as a subcontractor to the prime contractor must be prequalified prior to beginning work on the project.

For the purposes of prequalification, any firm that is currently prequalified as a prime or a subcontractor on central let projects for the appropriate work codes is considered eligible to work and/or bid on Purchase Order Contracts as long as other items such as bonding and license requirements for the contract are met.

Information regarding the requirements to become prequalified as a Purchase Order Contract contractor, including the application to become prequalified if you are not already prequalified, can be found at the following website:

<http://www.ncdot.org/business/howtogetstarted/>

The North Carolina Department of Transportation, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights 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 contract 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.

Statements of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises participation must be presented with the bids. DBE goals are 0.0 for this contract.

Proposals shall be obtained from:

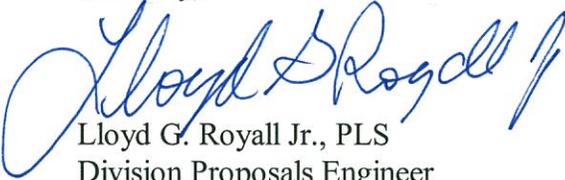
https://connect.ncdot.gov/letting/Pages/Letting-List.aspx?let_type=3

Click the link for "Bid Opportunities". Follow the Planholder Instructions.

Please refer to the WBS Element referenced when making inquiries regarding this project. If you have questions, or need additional information concerning this project, contact Joe Chance at 910-259-4919 or by e-mail at jchance@ncdot.gov

Visit <https://connect.ncdot.gov/letting/Pages/Division.aspx> select a division number from the state map for other projects in Division 3 and other divisions in the state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lloyd G. Royall Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Lloyd G. Royall Jr., PLS
Division Proposals Engineer

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Cc: Michael McKoy, NCDOT
Tim Brewington, NCDOT