



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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February 7, 2012

NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS

Subject: Invitation to Bid on Purchase Order Contract

Route(s): **(1)** I-240 East/West bound lanes and Median areas starting at mile post 7.6 (Swannanoa River Bridge) through downtown areas to Patton Avenue and Haywood Road interchanges. **(2)** Future I-26 and Broadway interchange to Catawba Street. (Median). **(3)** US 74-A and US 70 East (College Street) tunnel planting on both sides of the east tunnel entrance. **(4)** Interchanges of I-240 and at Tunnel Road, Asheville Mall & Haw Creek interchange, also the Exit 6 interchange to US 70 at Tunnel Road.

County: Buncombe

Project Description: Professional Landscaping or Maintenance Company to provide complete grounds maintenance.

The North Carolina Department of Transportation is requesting bids for Ground Maintenance & Pruning of Perennials, Native Grasses and Daylilies in Buncombe County. The Contractor is to furnish labor, material, equipment, and traffic control.

The availability date for this project is April 1, 2012.

The completion date is March 31, 2013.

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held Wednesday, February 22, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. at the Department of Transportation, Division 13 Office, 55 Orange Street Asheville, NC 28801 in Buncombe County. ALL PARTIES INTERESTED IN BIDDING ON THIS PROJECT MUST ATTEND THE PRE-BID CONFERENCE.

Sealed bids must be received in the NC Department of Transportation Division Office at 55 Orange Street, Asheville, NC 28801 by 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 7, 2012. 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 WORK ORDER 13.101133 PROFESSIONAL LANDSCAPING OR MAINTENANCE COMPANY TO PROVIDE COMPLETE GROUNDS MAINTENANCE IN BUNCOMBE COUNTY TO BE OPENED AT 2:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2012.

ATTN: MIKE CALLOWAY, DIVISION PROJECT

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Firms that wish 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 work they wish to perform. Firms that wish to bid on these projects as the prime contractor must be prequalified prior to submitting your 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 are 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/>.

If you are unsure as to whether your firm is currently prequalified by the Department by the Contractual Services Unit, a search of the Directory of Transportation Firms can be performed at the following website: <https://apps.dot.state.nc.us/vendor/directory/>.

Exceptions to the above prequalification requirements are Small Business Enterprise (SBE) Contracts. The requirements for eligibility on these contracts remain the same and are not affected by the above requirements regarding prequalification.

It shall be the responsibility of the bidder to check our website for any addendums prior to submitting their bids. **Bids submitted without project addendums included will not be considered for award.**

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.

Proposals may be obtained online at: <http://www.ncdot.org/doh/operations/division13/notice/>, or from the Division Engineer's office at 55 Orange Street, Asheville, NC 28801. To be considered for award, bids obtained from the Departments website shall be printed in their entirety, bound together and submitted per the Instruction to Bidders directions. For all other request for proposals, please contact Mr. Josh Wortman, Division Staff Engineer at (828) 251-6171.

Cordially,

M.K. Calloway
Division Project Manager

cc: Mr. J.J. Swain, Jr., P.E., Division Engineer
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