

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
RALEIGH, N. C.

PROPOSAL FORM

NAME OF BIDDER

ADDRESS OF BIDDER

DATE AND TIME OF OPENING BIDS: **2:00 PM, September 21, 2010**

PROJECT NO. WBS 38683.3.1

TIP NO. F-4004A

Hyde County

State Funded

Contract No. C202619

VESSEL CLASS: SOUND CLASS VESSEL NAME: N/A

DESCRIPTION: CONSTRUCTION OF ONE (1) 220' x 50' x 12'-6"

PASSENGER/VEHICLE FERRY WITH STANDARD PROPULSION

TYPE OF WORK: NEW CONSTRUCTION

Bids Will Be Received As Shown:

NEW CONSTRUCTION:

REPAIR:

5% BID BOND REQUIRED, SECURED BY EITHER A CORPORATE SURETY OR CERTIFIED CHECK.

PROPOSAL FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF:

Project No WBS 38683.3.1

in **Hyde County**, North Carolina

Date: August 24, 2010

Department of Transportation

Raleigh, North Carolina

The Bidder has carefully examined the specifications and plans of the proposed work to be known as Project No. **WBS 38683.3.1**, which are acknowledged to be part of the proposal, the special provisions, the proposal, the form of contract, and the forms of contract payment bond and contract performance bond; and thoroughly understands the stipulations, requirements and provisions. The undersigned Bidder further agrees to provide all necessary machinery, tools, labor, and other means of construction; and to do all the work and to furnish all materials, except as otherwise noted, necessary to perform and complete the said contract by MAY 1, 2012 and in accordance with the requirements of the Engineer, and at the unit or lump sum prices, as the case may be, for the various items given on the sheets contained herein.

The Bidder shall provide and furnish all the materials, machinery, implements, appliances and tools, and perform the work and required labor to construct and complete State Highway Project No. **WBS 38683.3.1 for Hyde County**, for the unit or lump sum prices, as the case may be, bid by the Bidder in his bid and according to the proposal, plans, and specifications prepared by said Department, which proposal, plans, and specifications show the details covering this project, and hereby become a part of this contract.

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

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

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PROJECT SPECIAL PROVISIONS

EXECUTION OF SIGNATURE SHEETS

(6-17-82)

The Bidder's attention is directed to the various sheets in the proposal form which are to be signed by the Bidder. A list of these sheets is shown below. The signature sheets are located behind the item sheets in the proposal form. The bid bond is inserted in the proposal form.

1. Applicable Signature Sheets: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6 (Bid)
2. Bid Bond (Proposal Insert)

PROPRIETARY ITEMS

The Contractor's attention is directed to the fact that there are numerous references to proprietary items listed throughout the contract documents. Unless specifically prohibited other products of equal quality may be used provided they meet or exceed the requirements of the special provisions and **are approved for use by the Ferry Division**. In those instances where there is no provision in the contract proposal to cover the work, the plan information shall apply unless otherwise directed by the Ferry Division.

SCHEDULE OF ESTIMATED COMPLETION PROGRESS:

(7-15-08)

SP1 G58

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

	<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Progress (% of Dollar Value)</u>
2011	(7/01/10 - 6/30/11)	58 % of Total Amount Bid
2012	(7/01/11 - 6/30/12)	42 % of Total Amount Bid

The Contractor shall also furnish his own progress schedule in accordance with Article 108-2 of the *2006 Standard Specifications*. Any acceleration of the progress as shown by the Contractor's progress schedule over the progress as shown above shall be subject to the approval of the Engineer.

DOMESTIC STEEL AND IRON PRODUCTS:

(4-19-94)

The requirements of this provision do NOT apply to certain ferry boat equipment and machinery items. These items include marine diesel engines, electrical switchboards and switchgear, electric motors, pumps, ventilation fans, boilers, electrical controls and electronic equipment. The use of these specific equipment and machinery items, which have been manufactured outside the United States, is permitted for ferry boat construction.

Except as provided in the above paragraph, all steel and iron products which are permanently incorporated into this project shall be produced in the United States. Minimal amounts of foreign steel and iron products may be used provided the combined project cost of the bid items involved does not exceed one-tenth of one percent (0.1 percent) of the total amount bid for the entire project or \$2,500.00, whichever is greater. This minimal amount of foreign produced steel and iron products permitted for use by this Special Provision is not applicable to fasteners. Domestically produced fasteners are required for this project.

All steel and iron products furnished as "domestic products" shall be melted, cast, formed, shaped, drawn, extruded, forged, fabricated, produced, or otherwise processed and manufactured in the United States. Raw materials used in manufacturing "domestic" steel and iron products may be imported; however, all manufacturing processes to produce the products, including coatings, must occur in the United States.

Before each steel or iron product is incorporated into this project or included for partial payment on a monthly estimate, the Contractor shall furnish the Resident Engineer a notarized certification certifying that the product conforms to the above requirements of this Special Provision. The Resident Engineer will forward a copy of each certification to the Materials and Tests Unit.

Each purchase order issued by the Contractor or a subcontractor for steel and iron products to be permanently incorporated into this project shall contain in bold print a statement advising the supplier that all manufacturing processes to produce the steel or iron shall have occurred in the United States. The Contractor and all affected subcontractors shall maintain a separate file for steel products permanently incorporated into this project so that verification of the Contractor's efforts to purchase "domestic" steel and iron products can readily be verified by an authorized representative of the Department or the Federal Highway Administration.

MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AND WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE:

(10-16-07)(Rev 10-20-09)

SP1 G67

Policy

It is the policy of the North Carolina Department of Transportation that Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs) and Women Business Enterprise (WBEs) as defined in *GS 136-28.4* shall have the equal opportunity to compete fairly for and to participate in the performance of contracts financed in whole or in part by State Funds.

Obligation

The Contractor, subcontractor, and sub-recipient shall not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, creed, national origin, sex, handicapping condition or age in the performance of this contract. The Contractor shall comply with applicable requirements of *GS 136-28.4* in the award and administration of state funded contracts. Failure by the Contractor to comply with these requirements is a material breach of this contract, which may result in the termination of this contract or such other remedy, as the Department deems necessary.

Definitions

Commitment - The approved MBE/WBE participation submitted by the prime contractor during the bidding process.

Committed MBE/WBE - Any MBE/WBE listed on the MBE/WBE commitment list approved by the Department at the time of bid submission or any MBE/WBE utilized as a replacement for a MBE/WBE firm listed on the commitment list.

Department - North Carolina Department of Transportation

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

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

MBE/WBE – This term is used for convenience only. Minority Business Enterprise and Women Business Enterprise are not interchangeable terms and the goals for either or both are not interchangeable.

Goal - The MBE/WBE participation specified herein

Letter of Intent – Written documentation of the bidder/offeror's commitment to use a MBE/WBE subcontractor and confirmation from the MBE/WBE that it is participating in the contract.

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

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 or operates distribution equipment. Brokers and packagers are not regarded as manufacturers or regular dealers within the meaning of this section.

Form RS-1-D - Form for subcontracts involving MBE/WBE subcontractors attesting to the agreed upon unit prices and extensions for the affected contract items.

North Carolina Unified Certification Program - A program that provides comprehensive information to applicants for certification, such that an applicant is required to apply only once for a MBE/WBE certification that will be honored by all recipients of USDOT funds in the state and not limited to the Department of Transportation only. The Certification Program is in accordance with 49 CFR Part 26.

Contract 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 goal is more than zero*, the Contractor shall exercise all necessary and reasonable steps to ensure that Minority Business Enterprises participate in at least the percent of the contract as set forth above as the goal.
- (2) *If the goal is zero*, the Contractor shall continue to recruit the MBEs and report the use of MBEs during the construction of the project. A good faith effort will not be required with a zero goal.

(B) Women Business Enterprises 0 %

- (1) If the goal is more than zero, the Contractor shall exercise all necessary and reasonable steps to ensure that Women Business Enterprises participate in at least the percent of the contract as set forth above as the goal.
- (2) *If the goal is zero*, the Contractor shall continue to recruit the WBEs and report the use of WBEs during the construction of the project. A good faith effort will not be required with a zero goal.

Contract Requirement

The approved MBE/WBE participation submitted by the Contractor shall be the **Contract Requirement**.

Certified Transportation Firms Directory

Real-time information about firms doing business with the Department and firms that are certified through North Carolina's Unified Certification Program is available in the Directory of Transportation Firms. The Directory can be accessed by the link on the Department's homepage or by entering <https://apps.dot.state.nc.us/vendor/directory/> in the address bar of your web browser. Only firms identified as MBE/WBE certified in the Directory can be utilized to meet the contract goals.

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

Listing of MBE/WBE Subcontractors in Contract

Only those MBE/WBE firms with current certification are acceptable for listing in the

bidder's submittal of MBE/WBE participation. The Contractor shall indicate the following required information:

(A) Electronic Bids

Bidders shall submit a listing of MBE/WBE participation in the appropriate section of Expedite, the bidding software of Bid Express[®].

- (1) The names and addresses of MBE/WBE firms committed to participate in the contract. If the bidder uses the updated listing of MBE/WBE firms shown in Expedite, the bidder may use the dropdown menu to access the name and address of the MBE/WBE firm.
- (2) The contract line numbers and agreed upon unit prices of work to be performed by each MBE/WBE firm. When no figures or firms are entered, the bidder will be considered to have no MBE/WBE participation.

(B) Paper Bids

- (1) *If the goal is more than zero* bidders, at the time the bid proposal is submitted, shall submit a listing of MBE/WBE participation on the appropriate form (or facsimile thereof) 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/WBE participation for the contract. If the bidder has no MBE/WBE participation, he shall indicate this on the form "Listing of MBE/WBE Subcontractors" by entering the word or number zero. This form shall be completed in its entirety. **Blank forms will not be deemed to represent zero participation.** Bids submitted that do not have MBE/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 returned to the bidder.
- (2) *If the goal is zero*, bidders at the time the bid proposal is submitted, shall enter the word "zero" or number "0" or if there is participation, add the value on the "Listing of MBE/WBE Subcontractors" (or facsimile thereof) contained elsewhere in the contract documents.

Written Documentation – Letter of Intent

The bidder shall submit written documentation of the bidder/offeror's commitment to use MBE/WBE subcontractors whose participation it submits to meet a contract goal and written confirmation from each MBE/WBE, listed in the proposal, indicating their participation in the contract. This documentation shall be submitted on the Department's form titled "Letter of Intent to Perform as a Subcontractor". This letter of intent form is available at:

<http://www.ncdot.org/doh/preconstruct/ps/contracts/letterofintent.pdf>. It shall be received in the office of the State Contractor Utilization Engineer no later than 12:00 noon of the sixth calendar day

following opening of bids.

If the bidder fails to submit the letter of intent from each committed MBE/WBE listed in the proposal indicating their participation in the contract, the MBE/WBE participation will not count toward meeting the goal.

Counting MBE/WBE Participation Toward Meeting MBE/WBE Goal of Zero or More

- (A) If a firm is determined to be an eligible MBE/WBE firm, the total dollar value of the participation by the MBE/WBE will be counted toward the contract requirement. The total dollar value of participation by a certified 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) When a MBE/WBE performs as a participant in a joint venture, the Contractor may count toward its MBE/WBE goal a portion of the total value of participation with the MBE/WBE in the joint venture, that portion of the total dollar value being a distinct clearly defined portion of work that the MBE/WBE performs with its forces.
- (C)
 - (1) The Contractor may count toward its MBE/WBE goal only expenditures to MBE/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 other relevant factors.
 - (2) A MBE/WBE may enter into subcontracts. Work that a MBE/WBE subcontracts to another MBE/WBE firm may be counted toward the contract goal. Work that a MBE/WBE subcontracts to a non-MBE/WBE firm does not count toward the contract goal. If a MBE/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, the MBE/WBE shall be presumed not to be performing a commercially useful function. The MBE/WBE may present evidence to rebut this presumption to the Department for commercially useful functions. The Department's decision on the rebuttal of this presumption will be final.
 - (3) The following factors will be used to determine if a MBE/WBE trucking firm is performing a commercially useful function.

- (a) 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 MBE/WBE goals.
 - (b) The MBE/WBE shall itself own and operate at least one fully licensed, insured, and operational truck used on the contract.
 - (c) 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.
 - (d) The MBE/WBE may lease trucks from another MBE/WBE firm, including an owner-operator who is certified as a MBE/WBE. The MBE/WBE who leases trucks from another MBE/WBE receives credit for the total value of the transportation services the lessee MBE/WBE provides on the contract.
 - (e) The MBE/WBE may also lease trucks from a non-MBE/WBE firm, including from an owner-operator. The MBE/WBE who leases trucks from a non-MBE/WBE is entitled to credit for the total value of transportation services provided by non-MBE/WBE lessees not to exceed the value of transportation services provided by MBE/WBE-owned trucks on the contract. Additional participation by non-MBE/WBE lessees receives credit only for the fee or commission it receives as a result of the lease arrangement. The value of services performed under lease agreements between the MBE/WBE and Contractor will not count towards the contract requirement.
 - (f) For purposes of this paragraph, a lease shall indicate that the MBE/WBE has exclusive use of and control over the truck. This 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. Leased trucks shall display the name and identification number of the MBE/WBE.
- (D)** A contractor may count toward its MBE/WBE goals 60 percent of its expenditures for materials and supplies required to complete the contract and obtained from MBE/WBE regular dealer and 100 percent of such expenditures to a MBE/WBE manufacturer.
- (E)** A contractor may count toward its MBE/WBE goals 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) The fees or commissions charged for assistance in the procurement of the materials and supplies, or for 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 not from a manufacturer or regular dealer and provided the fees are determined to be reasonable and not excessive as compared with fees customarily allowed for similar services.

Good Faith Effort for Projects with Goals more than Zero

If the MBE/WBE participation submitted in the bid by the apparent lowest responsive bidder does not meet or exceed the MBE/WBE contract goals, the apparent lowest responsive bidder shall submit to the Department documentation of its good faith efforts made to reach each contract goal. One complete set and 9 copies of this information shall be received in the office of the State Contractor Utilization Engineer no later than 12:00 noon of the sixth calendar day following opening of bids. 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 as necessary to demonstrate compliance with the factors listed below which the Department considers in judging good faith efforts. This documentation may include written subcontractor quotations, telephone log notations of verbal quotations, or other types of quotation documentation.

The following factors will be used to determine if the bidder has made adequate good faith effort:

- (A) Whether the bidder attended any pre-bid meetings that were scheduled by the Department to inform MBE/WBEs of subcontracting opportunities.
- (B) Whether the bidder provided solicitations through all reasonable and available means (e.g. advertising in newspapers owned and targeted to the MBE/WBEs at least 10 calendar days prior to bid opening. Whether the bidder provided written notice to all MBE/WBEs listed in the NCDOT Directory of Transportation Firms, within the Divisions and surrounding Divisions where the project is located, that specialize in the areas of work (as noted in the MBE/WBE Directory) that the bidder will be subletting.
- (C) Whether the bidder followed up initial solicitations of interests by contacting MBE/WBEs to determine with certainty whether they were interested. If a reasonable amount of MBE/WBEs within the targeted Divisions do not provide an intent to quote or no MBE/WBEs specialize in the subcontracted areas, the bidder shall notify MBE/WBEs outside of the targeted Divisions that specialize in the subcontracted areas, and call the Director of Business and Opportunity Workforce Development to give notification of the bidder's inability to get MBE/WBE quotes.

- (D) Whether the bidder selected portions of the work to be performed by MBE/WBEs in order to increase the likelihood of meeting the contract goals. This includes, where appropriate, breaking out contract work items into economically feasible units to facilitate MBE/WBE participation, even when the bidder might otherwise perform these work items with its own forces.
- (E) Whether the bidder provided interested MBE/WBEs with adequate and timely information about the plans, specifications and requirements of the contract.
- (F) Whether the bidder negotiated in good faith with interested MBE/WBEs without rejecting them as unqualified without sound reasons based on a thorough investigation of their capabilities. Any rejection should be noted in writing with a description as to why an agreement could not be reached.
- (G) Whether quotations were received from interested MBE/WBE firms but rejected as unacceptable without sound reasons why the quotations were considered unacceptable.
- (H) Whether the bidder specifically negotiated with subcontractors to assume part of the responsibility to meet the contract MBE/WBE goals when the work to be sublet includes potential for MBE/WBE participation.
- (I) Whether the bidder made any efforts and/or offered assistance to interested MBE/WBEs in obtaining the necessary equipment, supplies, materials, insurance, and/or bonding to satisfy the work requirements in the bid proposal.
- (J) Any other evidence that the bidder submits which show that the bidder has made reasonable good faith efforts to meet the contract goals.

If a bidder is the apparent lowest responsive bidder on more than one project within the same letting located in the same geographic area of the state, as a part of the good faith effort the Department will consider allowing the bidder to combine the MBE participation as long as the overall MBE goal value of the combined projects is achieved.

If a bidder is the apparent lowest responsive bidder on more than one project within the same letting located in the same geographic area of the state, as a part of the good faith effort the Department will consider allowing the bidder to combine the WBE participation as long as the overall WBE goal value of the combined projects is achieved.

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 the Department that the contract goal can be met or that adequate good faith efforts have been made to meet the goal.

Banking MBE/WBE Credit

If the bid of the lowest responsive bidder exceeds \$500,000 and if the MBE/WBE participation submitted exceeds the algebraic sum of the MBE/WBE goals by \$1000 or more, the excess will be placed on deposit by the Department for future use by the bidder. Separate accounts will be maintained for MBE and WBE participation and these may accumulate for a period not to exceed 24 months.

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

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

MBE/WBE Replacement

The Contractor shall not terminate a committed MBE/WBE subcontractor for convenience or perform the work with its own forces or those of an affiliate. If the Contractor fails to demonstrate reasonable efforts to replace a committed MBE/WBE firm that does not perform as intended with another committed MBE/WBE firm or completes the work with its own forces without the Engineer's approval, 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 committed MBE/WBE.

(A) Performance Related Replacement

When a MBE/WBE is terminated or fails to complete its work on the contract for any reason, the Contractor shall take all necessary, reasonable steps to replace the MBE/WBE subcontractor with another MBE/WBE subcontractor to perform at least the same amount of work as the MBE/WBE that was terminated. The Contractor is encouraged to first attempt to find another MBE/WBE firm to do the same work as the MBE/WBE that was being terminated.

To demonstrate necessary, reasonable good faith efforts, the Contractor shall document the steps they have taken to replace any MBE/WBE subcontractor who is unable to perform successfully with another MBE/WBE subcontractor. Such documentation shall include but not be limited to the following:

- (1) Copies of written notification to MBE/WBEs that their interest is solicited in subcontracting the work defaulted by the previous MBE/WBE subcontractor or in

subcontracting other items of work in the contract.

- (2) Efforts to negotiate with MBE/WBEs for specific subbids including, at a minimum:
 - (a) The names, addresses, and telephone numbers of MBE/WBEs who were contacted.
 - (b) A description of the information provided to MBE/WBEs regarding the plans and specifications for portions of the work to be performed.
- (3) For each MBE/WBE contacted but rejected as unqualified, the reasons for the Contractor's conclusion.
- (4) Efforts made to assist the MBE/WBEs contacted, if needed, in obtaining bonding or insurance required by the Contractor.

(B) Decertification Replacement

- (1) When a committed MBE/WBE is decertified by the Department after a Request for Subcontract has been received by the Department, the Department will not require the Prime 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 requirement.
- (2) When a committed MBE/WBE is decertified prior to the Department receiving a Request for Subcontract for the named MBE/WBE firm, the Prime Contractor shall take all necessary and reasonable steps to replace the MBE/WBE subcontractor with another MBE/WBE subcontractor to perform at least the same amount of work to meet the contract goal or demonstrate that it has made a good faith effort to do so.

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 MBE/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 work had been expected to be performed by a committed MBE/WBE, the Contractor

shall seek participation by MBE/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 MBE/WBEs equal to the reduced MBE/WBE participation caused by the changes.

Reports

All requests for subcontracts involving MBE/WBE subcontractors shall be accompanied by a certification executed by both the Prime Contractor and the MBE/WBE subcontractor attesting to the agreed upon unit prices and extensions for the affected contract items. This information shall be submitted on the Department Form RS-1-D, located at:

<http://www.ncdot.org/doh/forms/files/FORMRS-1-D.doc> unless otherwise approved by the Engineer.

The Department reserves the right to require copies of actual subcontract agreements involving MBE/WBE subcontractors.

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

All certifications will be considered a part of the project records, and consequently will be subject to penalties under State Law associated with falsifications of records related to projects.

Reporting MBE/WBE Participation

(A) The Contractor shall provide the Engineer with an accounting of payments made to MBE/WBE firms, including material suppliers, 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:

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

(B) Electronic Bids Reporting:

The Contractor shall report the accounting of payments through the Department's Payment Tracking System, which is located at:

<https://apps.dot.state.nc.us/Vendor/PaymentTracking/>. The Contractor shall also provide the Engineer an affidavit attesting the accuracy of the information submitted in the Payment Tracking System. This too shall be submitted for any given month by the end of the following month.

(C) Paper Bids Reporting:

The Contractor shall report the accounting of payments on the Department's MBE/WBE Subcontractor Payment Information Form MBE/WBE-IS, which is available at <http://www.ncdot.org/doh/forms/files/MBE/WBE-IS.xls>.

(D) 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.

Prior to payment of the final estimate, the Contractor shall furnish an accounting of total payment to each MBE/WBE. A responsible fiscal officer of the payee contractor, subcontractor, or second tier subcontractor who can attest to the date and amounts of the payments shall certify that the accounting is correct.

While each contractor (prime, subcontractor, 2nd tier subcontractor) is responsible for accurate accounting of payments to MBE/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 working on any DOT project until the required information is submitted.

Failure to Meet Contract Requirements

Failure to meet contract requirements in accordance with Article 102-16(J) of the *Standard Specifications* may be cause to disqualify the Contractor.

LIABILITY INSURANCE:

(11-18-08)

SP1 G80

Page 1-68, Article 107-16 is amended to include the following as the first, second, third and fourth paragraphs:

The Contractor shall be liable for any losses resulting from a breach of the terms of this contract. The Contractor shall be liable for any losses due to the negligence or willful misconduct of its agents, assigns and employees including any sub-contractors which causes damage to others for which the Department is found liable under the Torts Claims Act, or in the General Courts of Justice, provided the Department provides prompt notice to the Contractor and that the Contractor has an opportunity to defend against such claims. The Contractor shall not be responsible for punitive damages.

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.

LEGAL RELATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:

(12-19-06)(Rev 3-16-10)

SP1 G151

Revise the *2006 Standard Specifications* as follows:

Page 1-60, 107-2 Assignment of Claims Void, replace the reference from *G.S. 143-3.3* to ***G.S. 143B-426.40A***.

Page 1-69, 107-18 Contractor's Responsibility for Work, in the first paragraph, last sentence, replace the word *legally* with the word ***contractually***.

GIFTS FROM VENDORS AND CONTRACTORS:

(12-15-09)

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:

- (1) have a contract with a governmental agency; or
- (2) have performed under such a contract within the past year; or
- (3) 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 *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.