

## **ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

### **Paragon Films, Inc., Alexander County, North Carolina**

Sealed bids for the project entitled Paragon Films Rail Spur will be received by Alexander County until 2 p.m. Monday, September 30, 2024, at which time, bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. The bid opening will be conducted in the Lower-Level Meeting Room of the Alexander County Administration Building, 621 Liledoun Road, Taylorsville, North Carolina.

The project site is located at 255 W.E. Baab Industrial Drive, Taylorsville, North Carolina.

THE NON-ENGINEERED PROJECT GENERALLY CONSISTS OF the construction of approximately 800 feet of new industrial rail track and a switch and repair of existing track serving Paragon Films.

Bid forms are available via e-mail upon request by contacting Paul Teague at the Western Piedmont Council of Governments at 828-485-4230 or by e-mail at paul.teague@wpcog.org.

**Contractors bidding on this project shall be properly licensed to perform railroad work in the State of North Carolina or otherwise be able to comply with the laws and regulations of the North Carolina General Contractor's Licensing Board.**

Each proposal must be accompanied by a deposit of cash or a certified check on some bank of trust company insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation in an amount equal to not less than five percent (5%) of the proposal; or in lieu of the deposit of cash or certified check, a bid bond in the above amount in accordance with N.C.G.S. §143-129. In the event of failure of the successful bidder to execute the contract within ten (10) days after award or to give satisfactory surety as required by law, the above deposit will be retained by the County as liquidated damages.

A Performance Bond and Payment Bond will be required for one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price.

Payment will be made on the basis of ninety percent (90%) of monthly estimates and final payment upon completion and acceptance of work.

All contractors performing work must be properly insured to cover claims under worker's compensation, claims for damages because of bodily injury and property damage. The successful bidder must have Comprehensive General Liability insurance in sufficient sums. Proof of insurance must be presented and approved by the County before work begins.

A General Warranty of the work shall be required for a period of 12 months from the date of final acceptance of the work. The contractor shall remedy any defects in the work and pay any damage to other work resulting therefrom during this period.

The successful bidder will be required to enter into a contract for services for this work within a reasonable time after the awarding of the contract.

The work performed must be performed and completed in a workmanlike manner and comply with all applicable state and local laws.

This program is being funded in whole or in part by the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG). All federal CDBG requirements will apply to the contract. Bidders on this work will be required to comply with President's Executive Order 11246 & Order No. 11375 which prohibits discrimination in employment regarding race, creed, color, sex, or national origin. Bidders must comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Davis-Bacon Act, the Anti-Kickback Act, the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, and 41 CFR. 60-4.

This project is subject to the FRA Buy America requirements of 49 U.S.C. Section 24405(a)(1).

Statements of Minority and Women Business Enterprises participation must be presented with the bids. Bidder also agrees to comply with Section 3 provisions.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all Bids, to waive informalities, or to reject non-conforming, non-responsive, or conditional bids. The Owner reserves the right to award a contract to the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder or bidders, taking into consideration quality, performance and time.

A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be conducted on site for this project at **10 a.m. Friday, September 20**. Prospective bidders are encouraged to attend. Alternative options for a pre-bid site visit may be possible but not guaranteed. To be considered for an alternate site visit time, contact Paul Teague, Grants Administrator, WPCOG at: [paul.teague@wpcog.org](mailto:paul.teague@wpcog.org) or by calling 828-244-3828

The goal of the **Alexander County** is for the expansion of participation by historically underutilized businesses (HUB) in construction projects as defined in GS 143 -128.2 (g). Equal access and opportunity to participate in all aspects of construction projects shall be provided to HUB. It is the policy of the Alexander County to award public building contracts without regard to race, religion, color, creed, national origin, sex, age or disabling condition. Each bidder shall make a good faith effort and shall document such efforts to utilize Minority/HUB businesses.

This information is available in Spanish or any other language upon request. Please contact Paul Teague at 828-485-4230 or at 1880 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave NW, Hickory, NC for accommodations for this request.

*Esta información está disponible en español o en cualquier otro idioma bajo petición. Por favor, póngase en contacto con Paul Teague al 828-485-4230 o en 1880 2nd Ave NW de alojamiento para esta solicitud.*