

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals will be received by the North Carolina State Ports Authority (NCSPA) in the Executive Board Room of the NC Maritime Building, 2202 Burnett Boulevard, Wilmington, NC 28401 (attention Mr. Robert Kohler), until **2:00 pm on February 27, 2025**, and immediately thereafter publicly opened and read for the furnishing of labor, material, equipment, and incidentals entering into the construction of the North Property Rail Storage Yard Project. The work will include, but is not limited to, the following items:

1. Erosion Control
2. Clearing and Grubbing
3. Earthwork, including but not limited to unclassified excavation, embankment, undercut and surcharge as shown on the project drawings
4. Drainage installations as shown on the project drawings
5. Triple Cell Culvert and Wingwall construction as shown on the project drawings
6. Rail Roadbed construction as shown on the project drawings
7. Track construction as shown on the project drawings
8. Grade Crossing construction as shown on the project drawings
9. Lining and Surfacing existing track as shown on the project drawings

Bids will be received for a Single Prime construction contract. All proposals shall be at the price indicated for each item on the bid forms. Bidders should clearly indicate on the outside of the bid envelope "**Bid Proposal for: North Property Rail Storage Yard**", their North Carolina General Contractor's license number, and that the bid is for "Single Prime Bid".

An open Pre-Bid Meeting will be held for all interested Bidders on **February 11, 2025, at 10:00 AM** in the Executive Board Room of the NC Maritime Building, 2202 Burnett Boulevard, Wilmington, NC 28401 (Phone: 910- 746-6407). The meeting will address project specific questions, bidding procedures, and bid forms. Attendance at the Pre-Bid Meeting is not mandatory, but all Bidders should attend this conference and/or visit the site in order to acquaint themselves with site conditions and job requirements.

In accordance with General Statute GS 133-3, specifications may list one or more preferred brands as an alternate to the base bid in limited circumstances. Specifications containing a preferred brand alternate under this section must identify the performance standards that support the preference. Performance standards for the preference must be approved in advance by the Owner in an open meeting. Any alternate approved by the Owner shall be approved only where: (1) the preferred alternate will provide cost savings, maintain or improve the functioning of any process or system affected by the preferred item or items, or both; and (2) a justification identifying these criteria is made available in writing to the public.

Justification of any approvals will be made available to the public in writing no later than seven (7) days prior to bid date.

Complete plans, specifications, and contract documents will be open for inspection in the following locations:

- NCSPA Engineering and Maintenance Department, 2202 Burnett Boulevard, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401 (Phone: 910-746-6412)

Electronic (PDF) copies of the complete plans and specifications for this project may be obtained via email at no cost (send request to: Riley.Birmingham@hdrinc.com).

NOTE: The bidder shall include with the bid proposal the form Identification of Minority Business Participation identifying the minority business participation it will use on the project and shall include either Affidavit A or Affidavit B as applicable. Forms and instructions are included within the Proposal Form in the bid documents. Failure to complete these forms is grounds for rejection of the bid. (GS143-128.2c Effective 1/1/2002.)

All Contractors are hereby notified that they must have a proper license as required under the North Carolina State Laws governing their respective trades.

General Contractors are notified that Chapter 87, Article 1, General Statutes of North Carolina, will be observed in receiving and awarding general contracts. General Contractors submitting bids on this project must have license classification for either: Unclassified Contractor, Highway Contractor, or Specialty Contractor designated Railroad Construction as required by the General Contractors Licensing Board under GS 87-1.

NOTE: Under GS 87-1, a contractor that superintends or manages construction of any building, highway, public utility, grading, structure or improvement shall be deemed a “general contractor” and shall be so licensed. Therefore, a single prime project that involves other trades will require the single prime contractor to hold a proper General Contractors license. EXCEPT: On public buildings being bid single prime, where the total value of the general construction does not exceed 25% of the total construction value, contractors under GS87- Arts 2 and 4 (Plumbing, Mechanical & Electrical) may bid and contract directly with the Owner as the single prime CONTRACTOR and may subcontract to other properly licensed trades. GS87-1.1- Rules .0210

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a cash deposit or a certified check drawn on some bank or trust company, insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, of an amount equal to not less than five percent (5%) of the proposal, or in lieu thereof a bidder may offer a bid bond of five percent (5%) of the bid executed by a surety company licensed under the laws of North Carolina to execute the contract in accordance with the bid bond. Said deposit shall be retained by the owner as liquidated damages in event of failure of the successful bidder to execute the contract within ten days after the award or to give satisfactory surety as required by law.

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A performance bond and a payment bond will be required for one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price.

Payment will be made based on ninety-five percent (95%) of monthly estimates and final payment made upon completion and acceptance of work.

No bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of bids for a period of **90-calendar days**.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities.

Owner:

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