

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals will be received by David Bateman with the NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources until **3:00 pm on Tuesday, September 29, 2026**, at Tryon Palace History Center, 529 S. Front Street, New Bern, NC 28562, and immediately thereafter, publicly opened and read for:

**Tryon Palace Perimeter Fence Replacement Phase 1
Eden and Pollock Streets
529 South Front Street
New Bern, North Carolina 28562
SCO # 24-27698-01B**

Scope of work includes the furnishing of labor and materials for the demolition of the existing chain-link fence and the construction of 250 linear feet of new masonry wall with decorative steel fence infill, pier-mounted and recessed light fixtures. Existing building facade lighting to be upgraded and expanded with a new layout and light fixtures.

Licensed General Contractors must have a minimum of five (5) years of experience on competitively bid publicly funded construction projects e.g., City, County, State or School Systems.

Bids will be received for a single prime contract - General Construction (which includes plumbing, mechanical and electrical). All proposals shall be lump sum. All bids should have the following information on the outside of the envelope: Bid for 24-27698-01B - Tryon Palace Perimeter Fence Replacement Phase 1 – Attention David Bateman, DNCR. Contractor's name and contractor's license number must also be clearly marked on the outside of the bid envelope.

Bids will not be accepted electronically. Use one of the following to deliver bids:

USPS/UPS/FedEx: David Bateman, Tyron Palace History Center, 529 S. Front Street, New Bern, NC
Drop-off New Bern: Tyron Palace History Center, 529 S. Front Street, New Bern, NC 28562

You may submit your bid package in advance of the opening date. Your sealed envelope will be held and unsealed at the bid opening time. **If you wish to send your bid via US Mail, FedEx or UPS**, please allow several days for delivery since the **bid must be received (NOT postmarked)** by the date and time stated in the solicitation.

Pre-Bid Conference

A **Non-mandatory** Pre-Bid Conference will be held on **September 8, 2026**, at **11:00 am**, at the corner of Pollock and Eden Street, New Bern, North Carolina 28562. The meeting will address project-specific questions, issues, bidding procedures and bid forms. The design consultant and a representative from Tyron Palace will be available at that time to answer questions concerning the project. Questions after that time shall be submitted in writing to the design consultant, Bowman Murray Hemingway Architects, Chip Hemingway, 514 Market St., Wilmington, NC 28401, hemingway@bmharch.com. 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 and specifications may be obtained from design consultant Bowman Murray Hemingway Architects, 514 Market St., Wilmington, NC 28401, (910-762-2621) during normal office hours beginning TBD. A refundable plan deposit in the amount of \$100 is required. Partial sets will not be available. Plan deposits shall be mailed to Bowman Murray Hemingway Architects, 514 Market St., Wilmington, NC 28401, attention Susie Bowers. The deposit will be refunded upon return of the Contract Documents in good condition within thirty (30) days.

PDF versions of the construction documents may be obtained by emailing bowers@bmharch.com and are available at no cost.

A Bid Bond is required for this contract.

Performance and Payment Bonds are required for this contract.

G.S 143-128.2 establishes a ten percent (10%) goal for participation by minority businesses in the total value of work for each State building project. The contractor shall include with his bid a completed Identification of HUB Certified/Minority Business Participation form. Contractor shall submit the completed Appendix E MBE Documentation for Contract Payments form with the final payment request.

STATEMENT OF GENERAL NOTICE

- A. All work done on this project must conform to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties (1995), and be performed by contractors and craftsmen with demonstrated successful experience in working with older buildings and construction materials. The scope of work consists of a single Prime General Contract, coordinating the work of several sub-Contractors, for all of the work on the Tryon Palace Perimeter Fence Replacement Phase 1 project according to the Project Manual, plans, and specifications.
- B. The principal activities requiring Bidder and Bidder Subcontractor qualification in this project include:
 - 1. Project Supervision and Administration of Historic Preservation Projects
 - 2. Historic masonry construction
 - 3. Metal fence fabrication and installation

BIDDER QUALIFICATION

- A. Bidders for the General Contract must submit a completed Bidder's Qualifications Statement and Bidder Subcontractor Restoration Skills Qualification Statements as set forth herein as a part of the Bid Submission Documents. Failure to complete and submit the Bidder's Qualification Statement as a part of the Bid Submission Documents shall result in the disqualification of the Bidder. ***THE CONTRACTOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THAT ALL CONTACT INFORMATION PROVIDED IS CURRENT. THE OWNER WILL NOT TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR TRACKING DOWN THE CORRECT CONTACT INFO IF INCORRECT INFO IS PROVIDED. ANY PHONE NUMBER FOUND TO BE OUT OF SERVICE OR NO LONGER VALID WILL VOID THAT PROJECT AS AN EXAMPLE OF RELEVANT EXPERIENCE.**
- B. The Bidders' Qualification Statements received from Bidders will be reviewed according to the Evaluation Criteria set forth herein.
- C. The Bidders must submit with the bid the name or names of all subcontractors to whom the bidder will subcontract. The Bidder must also submit Qualification Statements as set forth herein for Subcontractors performing the work identified for qualification above.
 - 1. Bidder must submit separate Restoration Skills Qualifications Forms for each trade as specified herein.
 - 2. Subcontractors whose Qualification Statements are determined to be acceptable will be identified as Qualified Subcontractors. Only Qualified Subcontractors will be allowed to perform the Work.

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATING BIDDER QUALIFICATION

The following three (3) criteria will be used for evaluating the qualifications and experience of Bidders on Historic Preservation Projects. The evaluation will be based on information in the Qualifications Statement provided by Bidders as well as information supplied by the Bidders' references.

- A. The Bidder—will be required to demonstrate verifiable, successful experience in Project Supervision and Administration of Historic Preservation Projects. This experience shall meet the following requirements:
 - 1. At least three (3) projects involving separate significant historic buildings or sites, or buildings comparable to the Water Tower Recreation Center in size and complexity. The two projects must have involved similar activities, scope of work and coordination as the subject project, and have a date of original construction between 1900 and 1940.
 - 2. All projects shall be completed in compliance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties within the past ten (10) years preceding the date of the execution of this pre-qualification form. The listed projects must have been reviewed by one of the following: National Park Service, a State Historic Preservation Office or the historic review body of a county or local municipal authority.
- B. The Bidder's Subcontractors Restoration Skills Qualification Statements as set forth herein must be determined to be acceptable and Subcontractors identified as Qualified Subcontractors. Only Qualified Subcontractors will be allowed to perform the Work.
- C. The Bidder must demonstrate satisfactory performance on all current projects in progress.

The Historical Restoration Skills Qualifications Form is included in the Project Manual. A completed form is required as part of the bid for this project.

The owner reserves the unqualified right to reject any and all proposals.

Signed:

Designer:

George Hemingway, AIA
Bowman Murray Hemingway Architects
514 Market Street
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910-762-2621

Owner's Representative:

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