



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

Appalachian State University

Facilities Operations

265 Dale Street, Boone NC 28608

Invitation for Bid #: 55-010626

Stone and Aggregate

Issued: January 6, 2026

Bid Opening Date: January 20, 2026

At 2:00 pm ET

Direct **all** inquiries concerning this IFB to:

Jeff Talbot

Email: talbotjd@appstate.edu

Phone: (828)262-8773



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For internal State agency processing, including tabulation of bids in the Interactive Purchasing System (IPS), please provide your company's Federal Employer Identification Number or alternate identification number (e.g. Social Security Number). Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 132-1.10(b) this identification number shall not be released to the public. **This page will be removed and shredded, or otherwise kept confidential**, before the procurement file is made available for public inspection.

**This page is to be filled out and returned with your bid.
Failure to do so may subject your bid to rejection.**

ID Number:

Federal ID Number or Social Security Number

Vendor Name



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Bids will be publicly opened: January 20, 2026

Contract Type: Open Market

Commodity Description: Stone and Aggregate

Using Agency: Appalachian State University

EXECUTION

In compliance with this Invitation for Bid, and subject to all the conditions herein, the undersigned Vendor offers and agrees to furnish and deliver any or all items upon which prices are bid, at the prices set opposite each item within the time specified herein. By executing this bid, the undersigned Vendor certifies that this bid is submitted competitively and without collusion (G.S. 143-54), that none of its officers, directors, or owners of an unincorporated business entity has been convicted of any violations of Chapter 78A of the General Statutes, the Securities Act of 1933, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (G.S. 143-59.2), and that it is not an ineligible Vendor as set forth in G.S. 143-59.1. False certification is a Class I felony. Furthermore by executing this bid, the undersigned certifies to the best of Vendor's knowledge and belief, that it and its principals are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal or State department or agency. As required by G.S. §143-48.5, the undersigned Vendor certifies that it, and each of its sub-Contractors for any Contract awarded as a result of this IFB, complies with the requirements of Article 2 of Chapter 64 of the NC General Statutes, including the requirement for each employer with more than 25 employees in North Carolina to verify the work authorization of its employees through the federal E-Verify system. G.S. 133-32 and Executive Order 24 (2009) prohibit the offer to, or acceptance by, any State Employee associated with the preparing plans, specifications, estimates for public Contract; or awarding or administering public Contracts; or inspecting or supervising delivery of the public Contract of any gift from anyone with a Contract with the State, or from any person seeking to do business with the State. By execution of any response in this procurement, you attest, for your entire organization and its employees or agents, that you are not aware that any such gift has been offered, accepted, or promised by any employees of your organization.

Failure to execute/sign bid prior to submittal shall render bid invalid and it WILL BE REJECTED. Late bids cannot be accepted.

VENDOR:		
STREET ADDRESS:	P.O. BOX:	ZIP:
CITY & STATE & ZIP:	TELEPHONE NUMBER:	TOLL FREE TEL. NO:
PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS ADDRESS IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE (SEE INSTRUCTIONS TO VENDORS ITEM #11):		
PRINT NAME & TITLE OF PERSON SIGNING ON BEHALF OF VENDOR:	FAX NUMBER:	
VENDOR'S AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE:	DATE:	E-MAIL:

Offer valid for at least 60 days from date of bid opening, unless otherwise stated here: _____ days. After this time, any withdrawal of offer shall be made in writing, effective upon receipt by the agency issuing this IFB.

ACCEPTANCE OF BID

If any or all parts of this bid are accepted by Appalachian State University, an authorized representative shall affix his/her signature hereto and this document and all provisions of this Invitation for Bid along with the Vendor bid response and the written results of any negotiations shall then constitute the written agreement between the parties. A copy of this acceptance will be forwarded to the successful Vendor(s).

FOR STATE USE ONLY: Offer accepted and Contract awarded this ____ day of _____, 20____, as indicated on the attached certification, by _____
(Authorized Representative of Appalachian State University).

1.0 PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

Provide Appalachian State University with various stone and aggregate materials available for customer pick up from quarry on an as needed basis.

Please provide Appalachian State University a pricing proposal on all available stone and aggregate.

Quotes shall be submitted in accordance with the terms and conditions of this IFB and any addenda issued hereto.

2.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

2.1 INVITATION FOR BIDS DOCUMENT

The IFB is comprised of the base IFB document, any attachments, and any addenda released before Contract award. All attachments and addenda released for this IFB in advance of any Contract award are incorporated herein by reference.

2.2 E-PROCUREMENT SOLICITATION

ATTENTION: This is NOT an e-procurement solicitation. E-Procurement fees do NOT apply to this solicitation.

2.3 IFB SCHEDULE

The table below shows the *intended* schedule for this IFB. The Contract Lead will make every effort to adhere to this schedule.

Action	Responsibility	Date and Time
Issue IFB	ASU	January 6, 2026
Submit Bids (No later than)	Vendors	January 20, 2026 2:00 PM
Award Contract	ASU	January 27, 2026

2.4 BID QUESTIONS

- **Purpose:** Upon review of the IFB documents, Vendors may have questions to clarify or interpret the IFB in order to submit the best bid possible. To accommodate the Bid Questions process, Vendors shall submit any such questions by the above due date.
- **Instructions:** Written questions shall be e-mailed to talbotjd@appstate.edu by the date and time specified above. Vendors should enter "IFB # 55-021422B – Questions" as the subject for the email. Questions submittals should include a reference to the applicable IFB section and be submitted in a format shown below:

Reference	Vendor Question
IFB Section, Page Number	Vendor question...?

Questions received prior to the submission deadline date, the State’s response, and any additional terms deemed necessary by the State will be posted in the form of an addendum to the Interactive Purchasing System (IPS), <http://www.ips.state.nc.us>, and shall become an Addendum to this IFB. No information, instruction or advice provided orally or informally by any State personnel, whether made in response to a question or otherwise in connection with this IFB, shall be considered authoritative or binding. Vendors shall be entitled to rely *only* on written material contained in an Addendum to this IFB.

2.5 BID SUBMITTAL

- **Instructions: Sealed Bids** subject to the conditions made a part hereof and the receipt requirements described below, shall be received at the address indicated in the table below, for furnishing and delivering those items as described herein. Refer to Section 2.6 BID CONTENTS for details on required content of submitted bids.

MAILING ADDRESS FOR DELIVERY OF BID VIA U.S. POSTAL SERVICE	OFFICE ADDRESS FOR DELIVERY BY ANY OTHER MEANS, SPECIAL DELIVERY, OVERNIGHT DELIVERY, OR BY ANY OTHER CARRIER
<p><i>BID NUMBER: 55-010626</i> Attn: Jeff Talbot Address: ASU Box 32105 Boone, NC 28608</p>	<p><i>BID NUMBER: 55-010626</i> Attn: Jeff Talbot Address: 265 Dale Street Boone, NC 28608</p>

IMPORTANT NOTE: It is the responsibility of the Vendor to have the signed bid in this Office by the specified time and date of opening, regardless of the method of delivery. **This is an absolute requirement.** The time of delivery will be marked on each bid when received, and any bid received after the bid submission deadline will not be accepted or evaluated. Bids, subject to the conditions made a part hereof, will be received at the address indicated in the table in this Section, for furnishing and delivering the commodity as described herein.

All risk of late arrival due to unanticipated delay—whether delivered by hand, U.S. Postal Service, courier or other delivery service or method—is entirely on the Vendor. All Vendors are urged to take the possibility of delay into account when submitting a bid.

Attempts to submit a Bid via facsimile (FAX) machine, telephone or electronic means, including but not limited to e-mail, in response to this Invitation for Bids **WILL NOT** be accepted.

Critical updated information may be included in Addenda to this IFB. It is important that all Vendors proposing on this IFB periodically check the State’s IPS website for any Addenda that may be issued prior to the bid opening date. All Vendors shall be deemed to have read and understood all information in this IFB and all Addenda thereto.

Contact with anyone working for or with the State regarding this IFB other than the State Contract Lead named on the face page of this IFB in the manner specified by this IFB shall constitute grounds for rejection of said Vendor’s offer, at the State’s election.

2.6 BID CONTENTS

For each of Vendor’s bid, Vendors shall populate all attachments of this IFB that require the Vendor to provide information and include an authorized signature where requested, as outlined below. Vendor IFB responses shall include the following items and they should be arranged in the following order:

- a) Completed and signed version of EXECUTION PAGE, and signed receipt pages of any addenda released in conjunction with this IFB
- b) Completed version of ATTACHMENT A: PRICING FORM
- c) Attachment C: NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS
- d) Completed version of ATTACHMENT H: E050 PRICE MATCHING (optional)

2.7 DEFINITIONS, ACRONYMS, AND ABBREVIATIONS

- a) **BUYER:** The employee of the State or Other Eligible Entity that places an order with the Vendor.

- b) **CONTRACT LEAD:** Representative of **Appalachian State University** who corresponds with potential Vendors in order to identify and contract with that Vendor providing the greatest benefit to the State and who will administer the contract for the State.
- c) **E-PROCUREMENT SERVICES:** The program, system, and associated services through which the State conducts electronic procurement.
- d) **FOB-DESTINATION:** Title changes hand from Vendor to purchaser at the destination point of the shipment; Vendor owns commodity in transit and files any claims, and Vendor pays all freight and any related transportation charges. A solicitation may request Vendors to separately identify freight charges in their bid, but no amount or charge not included as part of the total bid price will be paid.
- e) **IFB:** Invitation for Bids.
- f) **ON-TIME DELIVERY:** The delivery of all items within a single order to the receiving point designated by the ordering entity within the delivery time required.
- g) **QUALIFIED BID:** A responsive bid submitted by a responsible Vendor.
- h) **STATE:** The State of North Carolina, including any of its sub-units recognized under North Carolina law.
- i) **STATE AGENCY:** Any of the more than 400 sub-units within the executive branch of the State, including its departments, boards, commissions, institutions of higher education and other institutions.
- j) **VENDOR:** Supplier, bidder, proposer, company, firm, corporation, partnership, individual or other entity submitting a response to an Invitation for Bids.

2.8 NOTICE TO VENDORS REGARDING TERMS AND CONDITIONS

It shall be the Vendor's responsibility to read the Instructions, the State's terms and conditions, all relevant exhibits and attachments, and any other components made a part of this IFB, and comply with all requirements and specifications herein. Vendors also are responsible for obtaining and complying with all Addenda and other changes that may be issued in connection with this IFB.

If Vendors have questions, issues, or exceptions regarding any term, condition, instruction or other component within this IFB, those must be submitted as questions in accordance with Section 2.4 BID QUESTIONS. If the State determines that any changes will be made as a result of the points raised, then such decisions will be communicated in the form of an IFB addendum. The State may also elect to leave open the possibility for later negotiation of specific components of the Contract that have been addressed during the question and answer period. Other than through this process, the State will reject and shall not be required to evaluate or consider any additional or modified terms and conditions or Instructions to Vendor submitted with Vendor's response. This applies to any language appearing in or attached to the document as part of the Vendor's response that purports to vary any terms and conditions or Vendors' instructions herein or to render the bid non-binding or subject to further negotiation. **By execution and delivery of a bid in response to this Invitation for Bids, Vendor agrees that any additional or modified terms and conditions, including Instructions to Vendors, whether submitted purposely or inadvertently, or any purported condition to the offer shall have no force or effect, and will be disregarded. Noncompliance with, or any attempt to alter or delete, this paragraph shall constitute sufficient grounds to reject Vendor's bid.**

If a Vendor desires modification of the terms and conditions of this solicitation, it is urged and cautioned to inquire during the question period, in accordance with the instructions in Section 2.4 BID QUESTIONS, about whether a specific, proposed modification is acceptable to or will be considered by the State. Identification of objections or exceptions to the State's terms and conditions in the bid itself shall not be allowed and shall be disregarded or the bid rejected. By executing and submitting its bid in response to this IFB, Vendor understands and agrees that the State may exercise its discretion not to consider any and all proposed modifications a Vendor may request.

3.0 METHOD OF AWARD AND BID EVALUATION PROCESS

3.1 METHOD OF AWARD

AWARD CRITERIA: As provided by statute, award will be based on the lowest and best bid(s) most advantageous to the State, as determined by consideration of:

- 1.) Price offered.
- 2.) General reputation and performance capabilities of the bidders.
- 3.) Conformity with terms and conditions in this Invitation For Bids.
- 4.) Delivery schedule offered.
- 5.) Quality of material
- 6.) Local location for ASU with good access for vehicles

While the intent of this IFB is to award a Contract to single vendor, the State reserves the right to make separate awards to different Vendors for one or more line items, to not award one or more line items or to cancel this IFB in its entirety without awarding a Contract, if it is considered to be most advantageous to the State to do so.

If a Vendor selected for award is determined by the State to be a non-resident of North Carolina, all responsive bids will be reviewed to determine if any of them were submitted by a North Carolina resident Vendor who requested an opportunity to match the price of the winning bid, pursuant to Executive Order #50 and G.S. 143-59 (for more information, please refer to ATTACHMENT C: DESCRIPTION OF EXECUTIVE ORDER #50 AND CERTIFICATION. If such bid(s) are identified, the State will then determine whether any such bid falls within the price-match range, and, if so, make a Contract award in accordance with the process that implements G.S. 143-59 and Executive Order #50.

The status of a Vendor's e-Procurement Services account(s) that is in arrears by 91 days or more at the time of bid opening shall be considered a relevant factor in determining whether to award a Contract under this IFB.

3.2 PERFORMANCE OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES

Vendor shall complete ATTACHMENT E: LOCATION OF WORKERS UTILIZED BY VENDOR. In addition to any other evaluation criteria identified in this IFB, the State may, for purposes of evaluating proposed or actual contract performance outside of the United States, also consider how that performance may affect the following factors to ensure that any award will be in the best interest of the State:

- a) Total cost to the State
- b) Level of quality provided by the Vendor
- c) Process and performance capability across multiple jurisdictions
- d) Protection of the State's information and intellectual property
- e) Availability of pertinent skills
- f) Ability to understand the State's business requirements and internal operational culture
- g) Particular risk factors such as the security of the State's information technology
- h) Relations with citizens and employees
- i) Contract enforcement jurisdictional issues

3.3 BID EVALUATION PROCESS

1. Bids are requested for the items as specified, or item(s) equivalent in design, function and performance. The State reserves the right to reject any bid on the basis of fit, form and function as well as cost. All information furnished on this bid may be used as a factor in determining the award of this contract.
2. At that date and time specified as the bid opening, the package containing the bids from each responding firm will be opened publicly and the name of the Vendor and the price(s) bid announced.
3. The State shall review all Vendor responses to this IFB to confirm that they meet the specifications and requirements of the IFB. The State reserves the right to waive any minor informality or technicality in bids received.

4. For all responses that pass the initial review process, the State will review and assess the Vendors' pricing. The State may request additional formal responses or submissions from any or all Vendors for the purpose of clarification or to amplify the materials presented in any part of the bid. Vendors are cautioned, however, that the State is not required to request clarification, and often does not. Therefore, all bids should be complete and reflect the most favorable terms available from the Vendor. Prices bid cannot be altered or modified as part of a clarification.
5. Bids will be evaluated, based on the award criteria identified in Section 3.1 METHOD OF AWARD.

Upon completion of all evaluations, the State will make Award(s) based on the evaluation and post the award(s) to IPS under the IFB number for this solicitation.

Award of a Contract to one Vendor does not mean that the other bids lacked merit, but that, all factors considered, the selected bid was deemed most advantageous and represented the best value to the State.

Vendors are cautioned that this is an invitation for bids, not a request or an offer to contract, and the State reserves the unqualified right to reject any and all offers at any time if such rejection is deemed to be in the best interest of the State.

NOTE: During the evaluation period and prior to award, all information concerning the bid and evaluation is **confidential**, and possession of the bids and accompanying information is limited to personnel of the issuing agency and any third parties involved in this procurement process, and to the committee responsible for participating in the evaluation. Any attempt on behalf of a Vendor to gain such confidential information, or to influence the evaluation process (e.g., contact anyone involved in the evaluation, criticize another Vendor, offer any benefit or information not contained in the bid) in any way is a violation of North Carolina purchasing law and regulations and shall constitute sufficient grounds for disqualification of Vendor's offer from further evaluation or consideration in the discretion of the State.

4.0 REQUIREMENTS

This Section lists the requirements related to this IFB. By submitting a bid the Vendor agrees to meet all stated requirements in this Section as well as any other specifications, requirements and terms and conditions stated in this IFB. If a Vendor is unclear about a requirement or specification or believes a change to a requirement would allow for the State to receive a better bid, the Vendor is urged and cautioned to submit these items in the form of a question during the question and answer period in accordance with Section 2.4.

4.1 PRICING

Bid price shall constitute the total cost to Buyer for delivery fully assembled and ready for use, including all applicable charges for shipping, delivery, handling, administrative and other similar fees. Vendor shall not invoice for any amounts not specifically allowed for in this IFB. Complete ATTACHMENT A: PRICING FORM and include with Bid.

4.2 PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

Stone and aggregate as listed.

Contract Term: Any approved contract shall be for a period of one year, with up to 3 more 1 year renewals if mutually agreeable by both parties.

4.3 TRANSPORTATION AND IDENTIFICATION

~~The Vendor shall deliver Free On Board (FOB) Destination to any requested location within the State of North Carolina with all transportation costs included in the total bid price.~~ **Customer to pick up at the quarry.**

When an order is placed using a purchase order, the purchase order number shall be shown on all packages and shipping manifests to ensure proper identification and payment of invoices. If an order is placed without using a purchase order, such as via phone, the Buyer's name shall be show on all packages. A complete packing list shall accompany each shipment. Vendors shall not ship any products until they have received an order.

4.4 DELIVERY ~~The Vendor shall deliver Free On Board (FOB) Destination to the following location(s):~~

Appalachian State University

Boone, NC 28608

~~For completion by Vendor: Delivery will be made from _____ (city, state) within _____ consecutive calendar days after receipt of purchase order. Promptness of delivery shall be used as a factor in the award criteria.~~

4.5 DESCRIPTIVE LITERATURE

~~All products being offered have descriptive literature accompanying the bid document.~~

4.6 INVOICES

Vendor shall invoice the Ordering Entity. The standard format for invoicing shall be Single Invoices meaning that the Vendor shall provide the Buyer with an invoice for each order. Invoices must include detailed line item information to allow Buyer to verify pricing at point of receipt matches the correct price from the original date of order. At a minimum, the following fields must be included on all invoices:

Vendor's Billing Address, Vendor's Federal ID Number, Buyers PO Number, Item Descriptions, Price, Quantity, and Unit of Measure.

5.0 PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

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Attachments to this IFB begin on the next page.

ATTACHMENT A: PRICING FORM

Please provide Appalachian State University a pricing proposal on all available stone and aggregate.

Price changes: Any change in pricing must be conveyed to Appalachian State University at least 30 days in advance.

Please include any additional pricing related charges that may be relevant to this contract:

****IMPORTANT NOTICE****

RETURN THE REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS WITH YOUR RESPONSE

FOLLOW THE LINKS TO ACCESS EACH ATTACHMENT

ATTACHMENT A: PRICING

Complete and return the Pricing associated with this IFB, which can be found at the following link *OR* in the table below: *(Modify as needed)*
(ENTER LINK OR TABLE HERE)

ATTACHMENT B: INSTRUCTIONS TO VENDORS

The Instructions to Vendors, which are incorporated herein by this reference, may be found here:
<https://www.doa.nc.gov/pandc/north-carolina-instructions-vendors-1-2025/open>

ATTACHMENT C: NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS

The North Carolina General Terms and Conditions, which are incorporated herein by this reference, may be found here:
<https://www.doa.nc.gov/north-carolina-general-terms-and-conditions-5-2025/open>

ATTACHMENT D: HUB SUPPLEMENTAL VENDOR INFORMATION

Complete and return the Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB) Vendor Information form, which can be found at the following link:

<https://www.doa.nc.gov/pandc/onlineforms/pc-hub-supplemental-vendor-information-92021-pdf/open>

CUSTOMER REFERENCE FORM

Complete and return the Customer Reference Form, which can be found at the following link:
<https://ncadmin.nc.gov/media/15503/open>

ATTACHMENT F: LOCATION OF WORKERS UTILIZED BY VENDOR

Complete and return the Location of Workers Utilized by Vendor, which can be found at the following link:

<https://www.doa.nc.gov/pandc/onlineforms/pc-worker-location-92021-pdf/open>

ATTACHMENT G: CERTIFICATION OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

Complete, sign, and return the Certification of Financial Condition, which can be found at the following link:
<https://www.doa.nc.gov/pandc/onlineforms/pc-certification-financial-condition-92021-pdf/open>

ATTACHMENT H: VENDOR REQUEST FOR EO50 PRICE-MATCHING

Complete, sign, and return the Vendor Request for EO50 Price-Matching, which can be found at the following link:
<https://www.doa.nc.gov/pandc/onlineforms/pc-eo-50-vendor-price-matching-opportunity-92021-pdf/open>

LOBBYING ACTIVITY CERTIFICATION FOR FEDERAL GRANTS

The Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements and the OMB Standard Form LLL are separate documents that can be found at the following link:
<https://www.doa.nc.gov/pc-contracts-grants-loans-cooperative-agreements-certification-72020-pdf/open>

***** Failure to Return the Required Attachments May Eliminate
Your Response from Further Consideration *****