

# Advertisement for Bids (Informal - N.C.G.S. 143-131)

# Project Name: FY 24 Bridge Rehabilitation Project Number: 298-Bridges-FY24

Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143-131, bids will be received by the City of Asheville Public Works Department at Room A120, 161 S. Charlotte Street, Asheville NC 28801, until **12:00pm** on April 9, 2024, for the project described as follows:

#### **Description of Work:**

The rehabilitation work will include treatment for steel girder/beam corrosion, timber splitting/delamination and section loss, bearing corrosion, loss of steel protective coatings, abutment scouring, concrete cracking/spalling/loss and steel rebar exposure.

### Bid Schedule:

Issuance of Advertisement for Bids	Tuesday, March 12, 2024
Deadline to Submit Questions	Tuesday, March 26, 2024 @ 4:00 PM
Bids Due	Tuesday, April, 9, 2024,12:00pm
Construction Start	Monday, May 6, 2024

#### **Bid Documents:**

This Advertisement for Bids is posted on the City procurement website at <u>www.ashevillenc.gov/bids</u>. This is *the official source* of this solicitation. Bid documents and instructions may be obtained digitally at no cost from the City procurement website. All updates to this solicitation shall come in the form of published addenda and shall be published to the same location. **Neither the City nor the Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bid Documents including any addendum obtained from any other source**.

### Information:

All questions concerning this Advertisement for Bids should be submitted via email to:

Chuck Watson, Project Manager cwatson@ashevillenc.gov

Questions pertaining to the bid will be answered in the form of a written addenda posted to the City of Asheville's bid page no later than 7 days before the opening of bids.

### Standard of Award:

The award of the Contract will be made to the lowest responsible, responsive bidder, who, in the opinion of the City, is qualified to perform the work required and is responsible and reliable. When Alternate Bid items are required in the Bid, the Contract will be awarded to that responsible Bidder

whose Bid for the Alternate or combination of Alternates, selected by the City, is the lowest.

• Asheville Business Inclusion Policy: The City of Asheville has adopted the Asheville Business Inclusion Policy to encourage women and minority businesses' participation in the public bidding process. The purpose of this outreach effort is to increase the likelihood of availability and utilization of MWBEs in the award of contracts. Bidders are hereby notified that this bid is subject to that Policy's provisions. Questions regarding the Asheville Business Inclusion Policy may be directed to the Office of Economic Development, City of Asheville, Post Office Box 7148, Asheville, NC 28802-7148 or by phone at (828) 259-8050 or by email abi@ashevillenc.gov.

Bidders are invited to show proof of MWBE status, to include NC Office of Historically Underutilized Businesses or other MWBE certifications. If not already certified with the ABI Office at the City of Asheville, bidders are further invited to become certified with the City of Asheville as an MWBE vendor. Please use this link: <u>ABI Certifications</u>

It is the Policy of the City to (1) provide minorities and women an equal opportunity to participate in all aspects of its contracting and procurement programs and (2) to prohibit any and all discrimination against persons or businesses in pursuit of these opportunities.

**Drug Free Workplace:** The City of Asheville is a drug-free workplace employer. By submitting this bid, the prospective contractor certifies that if awarded the contract, they and their subcontractors shall comply with the following:

The City requires contractors/vendors entering into a contract with the City to provide a drug-free workplace in the performance of said contract. The contractor, upon execution of the contract, certifies that it will provide a drug-free workplace during the performance of the work on this contract.

The contractor agrees to do the following:

Notify employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the workplace and specify the actions that will be taken for violations of such prohibitions. Responsive actions should be appropriate and sufficient to address and remediate any violations of this requirement.

### Payment of Taxes:

Bid proposals shall include the cost of required insurance and bonds and payment of any applicable local, State and Federal taxes. The City Council of the City of Asheville has adopted a policy that the City of Asheville will not enter into contracts with bidders who are delinquent in the payment of ad valorem taxes owed to the City of Asheville.

### License Requirements:

All bidders must have current North Carolina General Contractor licenses with the appropriate classification for all work of the project at the time of the bid.

## **Bid Submittals:**

The City has prepared this Advertisement for Bids which identifies the services to be undertaken.

In order to be considered, all bids must be submitted in writing no later than the bid due date. Contractors mailing bid packages should allow delivery time to ensure timely receipt of their bid. The responsibility for getting their bid to the City of Asheville on or before the specified time and date is solely and strictly the responsibility of the proposing contractor. The City will in no way be responsible for delays caused by any occurrence.

Bids may be delivered to:

Physical Address (FedEx, UPS, Hand Delivery)	
City of Asheville	
Public Works Department	
Attention: Chuck Watson	
Room A120 161 S. Charlotte Street	
Asheville, NC 28801	

Hours of Operation: 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (EST), Monday through Friday Phone: 828-251-4033 Email: cwatson@ashevillenc.gov

### Miscellaneous Requirements of the Bid:

- All bids must be submitted on the form of Bid Proposal provided.
- Prospective Contractors are notified of a City policy that prohibits contracting with persons or firms who are delinquent in the payment of ad valorem taxes owed to the City of Asheville. All bids must be submitted on the FORM provided.

The City of Asheville reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities.