

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

JULY 7, 2023

Henderson County, North Carolina (Owner)

Ecusta Trail Greenway Project – Grading, Paving, Drainage, and Structure construction of approximately 6.10 miles of the Ecusta Trail Greenway in Henderson County, NC from US 64 (Brevard Road) to South Main Street in the City of Hendersonville.

The **date of availability** for the contract is **September 20, 2023**. The **completion date** for the contract is **July 21, 2024** with **substantial completion** by **May 22, 2024**. **Liquidated Damages** for the contract are **Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) per calendar day for final completion** and **One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) for substantial completion**.

Sealed bids will be received by **JMT Consulting Engineers** at **1318 Patton Avenue, Suite F, Asheville, NC 28806** until **2:00 p.m. Monday, August 7, 2023**, for the **Ecusta Trail**, TIP BL-0007 and Locally Funded portion of the project.

At said place and time, and promptly thereafter, all bids that have been duly received will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Plans and Bid Documents are on file for examination at the **Office of the County Engineer, 1 Historic Courthouse Square, Suite 6, Hendersonville, NC, 28792**, and at the office of **JMT Consulting Engineers, 1318 Patton Avenue, Suite F, Asheville, NC 28806**.

Bid Documents and Construction Drawings may be obtained from JMT Consulting Engineers by contacting Joel Setzer, PE, Project Engineer at jbsetzer@jmt.com. Print copies require a **\$125.00 Non-Refundable Plan/Bid Document Fee**. Electronic copies are available to bidders at no cost. Neither Henderson County nor JMT Consulting Engineers will be responsible for Bidding Documents and Addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office.

All questions related to this project during the advertisement period shall be submitted via email to Joel Setzer, PE, Project Engineer, at jbsetzer@jmt.com. The deadline for questions is **5:00 PM on July 25, 2023**.

A **Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference** will be held at **10:00 AM on July 20, 2023** in the **King Street Meeting Room** of Offices of Henderson County located at **100 North King Street, Hendersonville, NC**. **Bidders must be present at this meeting and attend it in its entirety.**

Any Addendums to the Bid Documents and Construction Documents will be issued by 5:00 PM on July 31, 2023.

CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE: On all Federal-aid contracts, non-licensed contractors are permitted to submit bids, however, they must be licensed prior to performing any work. They are permitted 60 days, after bid opening, to become licensed by the North Carolina Licensing

Board. If they fail to do so within 60 days, their bid will be considered non-responsive and will be rejected. If the successful bidder does not hold the proper license to perform any plumbing, heating, air conditioning, or electrical work in this contract, he will be required to sublet such work to a contractor properly licensed in accordance with *Article 2 of Chapter 87 of the General Statutes* (licensing of heating, plumbing, and air conditioning contractors) and *Article 4 of Chapter 87 of the General Statutes* (licensing of electrical contractors).

PREQUALIFICATION REQUIREMENT: Any firm that wishes to bid as a prime contractor shall be prequalified by NCDOT as a Bidder or PO Prime Contractor prior to submitting a bid. Information regarding prequalification can be found at:

<https://connect.ncdot.gov/business/Prequal/Pages/default.aspx>

Bidders are required to be prequalified with NCDOT for their specific discipline. Contractors wishing to become prequalified may obtain information through the NCDOT website at:

<http://www.ncdot.gov/business/>.

Each Bid shall be accompanied with a deposit of cash or CERTIFIED CHECK on some bank or trust company insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation in an amount equal to not less than five percent (5%) of the Bid, said check to be made payable to **Henderson County**.

In lieu of the above cash or CERTIFIED CHECK, the Bidder may execute a Bid Bond for the same amount.

Successful Bidder will be required to furnish a Construction Performance bond and a Construction Payment Bond as security for the faithful performance and the payment of all bids and obligations arising from the performance of the Contract. Bond Forms are available at:

<http://www.ncdot.gov/doh/preconstruct/ps/contracts/letting>.

Bidders shall make a Good Faith Effort to use Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) in accordance with Bid Documents. **The DBE goal for the project is 5.0%**. Minority and female owned businesses are invited and encouraged to bid. Minimum Wage requirements for labor shall comply with the Proposal/Bid Documents.

The Successful Bidder will be required to furnish a Construction Performance Bond and a Construction Payment Bond as security for the faithful performance and the payment of all bills and obligations arising from the performance of the Contract.

Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, including without limitation the right to reject any or all nonconforming, nonresponsive, unbalanced, or conditional bids, and to reject the bid of any Bidder if Owner believes that it would not be in the best interest of Owner to make an award to that Bidder. Owner also reserves the right to waive informalities.

If the Contract is to be awarded, Owner will give the Successful Bidder a Notice of Award within the number of days set forth in the Bid Form. No bidder may withdraw their bid within sixty (60) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

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