

Sealed bids from HUB Zoned business concerns only will be accepted for the Blue Ridge Parkway Project PRA-BLRI 2D16, Solicitation Number DTFH71-10-B-00014, located in Alleghany, Ashe, and Wilkes Counties, NC. The project consists of the rehabilitation and resurfacing of the Blue Ridge Parkway from MP 247.9 to MP 261.2. The work includes asphalt pavement milling, full-depth patching, and Superpave asphalt concrete pavement overlay, with shoulder stabilization, drainage repairs and improvements, and other miscellaneous work. The project will be split into multiple work schedules/bid options, with the cost of the entire project expected to fall within the price range of \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000.

Bid documents should be issued on or about November 12, 2009. Bid due date and location will be specified on the SF 1442, Block 13a of the Solicitation.

Use Internet addresses <http://www.efl.fhwa.dot.gov/contracting/Documents.aspx> or <https://www.fbo.gov/> (at QUICK SEARCH, type "EFLHD" and all available projects will be listed) to check for availability of bid documents. **All bid documents can be directly downloaded from these websites. Documents will no longer be mailed.** Register to receive Email Notification to automatically be notified when a document is added or updated for a specific project. If firms do not register as an interested vendor at the Federal Business Opportunities website, there will be no Plan Holders List.

Annual Representations and Certifications FAR 52.204-8 (Feb 2009). The Representations and Certifications must be filled-in online at <http://orca.bpn.gov/>. The required Annual Form Vets-100 must also be filled-in online at <https://vets100.vets.dol.gov/> per FAR 52.222-37.

Please send all questions concerning construction projects to eflhd.contracts@dot.gov. Include the solicitation number, project name and number, requesting firm and address, a point of contact and telephone number. Requests for 'faxing' or overnight mailing will not be accepted.

ATTENTION Minority, Women-Owned, and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs)

The Department of Transportation (DOT) offers working capital financing assistance for transportation related contracts. The DOT's Short-Term Lending Program (STLP) offers lines of credit to finance accounts receivable. Maximum line of credit is \$750,000 with interest at the prime rate. For further information, call (800) 532-1169.

IMPORTANT PAYMENT REQUIREMENT

In accordance with Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Subpart part 4.1102, prospective contractors shall be registered in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database prior to award of a contract. Also FAR clause 52.232-33 requires CCR registration for payment. CCR registration is available online at the following Internet web address: www.ccr.gov.

IMPORTANT SUBCONTRACTING PLAN REQUIREMENTS

Required from all "other than Small business" when requirement is expected to exceed \$550,000 (\$1,000,000 for construction) [FAR 19.702]. Contracting Officer, Contracting Officer Technical Representative, and Small Business Specialist are responsible for approving a reasonable and realistic plan [FAR 19.705-4] [TAM 1219.201(e)(6)]. Legislated subcontracting goals [15 USC 644(g)(1)]: 24% - Small Businesses (SB), 5% - Small Disadvantaged Businesses (SDB), 5% - Small Women-Owned Business Entities (SWBE), 3% - HUBzones, 3% - Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses (SDVOSB). A copy of each subcontracting plan (or contractor statement that no subcontracts are to be awarded) must be provided to Office of Small

Disadvantaged Business Utilization prior to close of negotiations (or notice to proceed with IFB) [TAM 1219.705-5 and -6].

PLEASE NOTE

For security reasons, individuals requiring access to the EFLHD must present a valid photo ID and be escorted to their destination by a Government employee. Due to new security provisions, all visitors attending bid openings are urged to arrive at least 1 hour prior to the scheduled bid opening. All visitors must register with the receptionist in Room 100. A Government employee will collect the bids and escort visitors to a waiting room. Prior to bid opening, a Government employee will escort all bidders to the bid opening. Unescorted visitors will be denied entry and no exceptions will be made.