



DBE NEWSLETTER
FOR THE DECEMBER 16, 2015 NDDOT BID LETTING

**PRIME
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FOR
10/9/15
BID
OPENING**

ALL JOBS RACE/GENDER NEUTRAL		
JOB	PRIME	Participation
5	ASPHALT SURFACE TECHNOLOGIES CORPORATION	19.68%
17	TI-ZACK CONCRETE INC	7.17%
25	NORTHERN IMPROVEMENT COMPANY	5.29%
23	MIDWEST CONTRACTING LLC	3.73%
16	TI-ZACK CONCRETE INC	2.25%
4	BORDER STATES PAVING INC	1.83%
15	MAYO CONSTRUCTION COMPANY INC	1.71%
8	NORTHERN IMPROVEMENT COMPANY	1.59%
19	MAYO CONSTRUCTION COMPANY INC	1.48%
3	TI-ZACK CONCRETE INC	1.09%
18	PARK CONSTRUCTION COMPANY	1.09%
12	STRATA CORPORATION	0.75%

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NDDOT BID OPENING DATES:

- Friday, February 5, 2016
- Friday, March 18, 2016

DBES WHO NEED ASSISTANCE...

Technical assistance for DBEs is available in the areas of certification, bidding, bonding, bookkeeping, loans, contract procurement, etc. If you would like assistance in any of these areas please contact the DBE Supportive Services Consultant:

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DBE Newsletter Ads

civilrights@nd.gov
Due 2 weeks prior to
bid opening @ 11:00 CT

NDDOT/CONTRACTOR LIAISON MEETINGS

These meetings are held in Room 127 of the Transportation Building and are broadcast via the Department's video conferencing sites in the Grand Forks, Fargo, Valley City, Devils Lake, Minot, Williston, and Dickinson District offices. All contractors (DBE and non-DBE) are welcome to attend either at the Transportation Building in Bismarck or at any of the district offices.

- ◆ None scheduled at this time.

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISEMENTS ARE DUE TO THE CIVIL RIGHTS OFFICE TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO EACH BID OPENING BY 12:00 NOON(CT):

⇒ Friday, January 22, 2016

⇒ Friday, March 4, 2016



**EMAIL TO CIVILRIGHTS@ND.GOV OR
FAX TO (701) 328-0343
NEWSLETTERS WILL BE PUBLISHED FOR ALL REGULARLY
SCHEDULED BID OPENINGS**

**NDDOT SPECIFICATION MEETING DATES
THE MEETINGS ARE FROM 1-5PM AT THE BISMARCK COMFORT INN.**

DBE & NON-DBE CONTRACTORS ARE INVITED.

2015 MEETING SCHEDULE

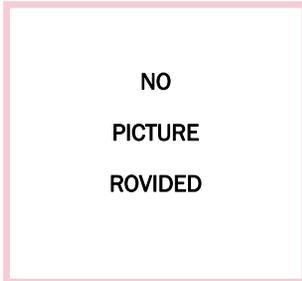
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**THE NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (NDDOT)
WILL CONSIDER EVERY REQUEST FOR REASONABLE
ACCOMMODATION TO PROVIDE:**

- an accessible meeting facility or other accommodation for people with disabilities,
- language interpretation for people with limited English proficiency (LEP), and
- translations of written material necessary to access NDDOT programs and information.

To request accommodations, contact Paula Messmer, Civil Rights Division, NDDOT at 701-328-2978 or civilrights@nd.gov TTY users may use Relay North Dakota at 711 or 1-800-366-6888.

New DBE Announcement



Business: Images, Inc.
Owner: Tracy Morse
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Naperville, IL 60563
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Fax: (630)-449-7876
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Website: <http://www.imagesinc.net>

Description of Services:

- Consultant: Environmental, Planning, Other: Public Involvement/communication;
Miscellaneous: Graphic Design, Advertising, Other: Web Design

Through careful planning and skilled outreach, Images, Inc. has earned trust from their clients and from the communities in which they work and have become a newly certified North Dakota DBE. They're objective and they listen. They believe in open dialogue that will inform decision-makers. It takes a partner who doesn't have a stake in any particular outcome to bring all sides together. Images, Inc. team of professionals will help make sure your project meets your goals as well as the needs of the community.

Being an effective communicator is essential in all industries, but that only goes so far unless you start with a foundation of trust among your constituents. Tracy Morse, President has built her career on providing the highest quality public outreach, media relations, marketing, event planning and presentation services, all with a profound understanding of how to identify and connect with target audiences so that their clients' messages are understood, accepted and embraced. Her passion for innovation in the fields of public involvement and planning were the driving forces with which she built Images, Inc. and how she was able to attract a diverse staff who complement her qualities as a leader. Under Tracy's leadership, the Images team has developed creative ways to communicate high-level, technical information to audiences in a language, tone and style that effectively bridges the gap between government agencies, corporations, the media and the general public. She and her staff of communicators, project managers, and planners, decipher technical information and make it accessible to help government agencies and corporate clients move complex projects and issues from conception to completion. High-Speed Rail, inter-modal connections, and multi-modal transportation are just a few examples of the major projects implemented with the help of Images' expertise in the lengthy – yet necessary – public involvement process.

Whatever the scope of your project, short-term or long-term, local or nationwide, proper planning is critical to achieving your goals. Delivering successful and implementable plans requires a consultant who is not only highly experienced in working with local governments and the planning process, but is a leader in communications and public involvement. Images, Inc. has worked with all levels of municipalities and counties, elected officials, and steering committees including metropolitan planning organizations, and multiple state and federal agencies. They will help you navigate through the process so your projects stay on track.

This article was written from information provided on Images, Inc. website at, <http://www.imagesinc.net>

NEW Civil Rights System—Quick Tip #4

Utilization Plans – Eliminating post-bid paper forms

Primes with contracts from the October and November bid openings can test out the new Civil Rights Certification & Compliance System. Email crsshelp@nd.gov and we'll set up a Utilization Plan to practice.

What is a Utilization Plan?

The **Utilization Plan** is the electronic method to be used by primes to report their subcontractors and other businesses that provide goods and/or services under the prime's contract. After the Utilization Plan is submitted and approved, the prime and other tiers of subcontracting will report/submit job related payments, commitments, and documentation.

This process will eventually replace the necessity for post-bid opening forms and documentation via email or fax.

In the future, the job's Utilization Plan "shell" will be sent to each bidder directly after the bid opening. Submission through the system replaces Forms B & C.

Through the Utilization Plan, the prime will submit the list of quoters (Form B) and enter the subcontractors and other businesses being used to supply/provide services under the contract (Form C). If the DBE goal is not met, the prime submits the Good Faith Efforts documentation through the system, too.

When the prime receives progress payments, they will log in and enter any payments made to subs and other businesses working on the project. The payees will then get a notice through the system to confirm their receipt of payment. This process replaces the Monthly Record of DBE Payment forms and the final DBE Participation Certification form at the end of the project.

The system will also eliminate the bidders list reports all contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, are required to submit to the department.

We are working to incorporate the Replacement Approval Requests and the Commercially Useful Function certification in the system too – automating two more processes

Ultimately, contractors could use the system to submit Pre-Qualification and Registration information.

Want to learn more?

There are live training webinars for system users to get more information on how the system works. Please contact us for any additional information you need.



QUOTING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE DECEMBER 16, 2015 BID OPENING



ANDERSON WESTERN, INC. - an Equal Opportunity Employer, will be bidding as prime contractor and receiving quotes for the following jobs for the December 16, 2015, letting.

#1 Emmons Co. NH-1-013(012)186; #5 Benson Co. NH-3-002(147)224; #6 Benson Co. SS-3-019(058)121; #8 Ward Co. SOIB-SOI-4-023(019)087 and #9 Ward Co. SOIB-4-023(026)096

We are offering our assistance in helping you with plans, proposals, specifications, negotiating work, quotes, scheduling, pit and plant locations, insurance coverage requirements or any other issues. We can be reached 701-222-3550. Quotes can be faxed to 701-222-3516, or emailed to andersonwestern@andersonwestern.com All quotes must be in accordance with the Special Provisions and the Appendix A & E of the Title VI Assurances. Please acknowledge any addendums. Please note any incidental items on your quote and indicate if items within the quote are tied. We require that Anderson Western, Inc. be listed as additional insured with regard to the general liability insurance coverage on each project. Please figure the cost of this insurance requirement into your quote.

BITUMINOUS PAVING INC. - PO Box 6, Ortonville, MN 56278 -is soliciting quotes for any and all items on projects #1, 4, 5, 6, 10 & 11 for the NDDOT Bid Opening held December 16, 2015 at 9:30 am. If you are interested in quoting any or all items on the above projects you can fax the quotes to (320) 273-2120 or email them to bpi_subquotes@yahoo.com Please submit all quotes according to the time schedule stated in the latest DBE Special Provisions. For assistance in interpreting plans, preparing quotes, or obtaining necessary insurance and bonding please contact our office at (320) 273-2113. We are an equal opportunity employer/contractor.

BORDER STATES PAVING, INC. - is requesting quotes for any and all items of interest for projects #.Jobs 1,5,6,8,9,12 and 13 on the December 16, 2015 letting. All work is to be completed within specifications and prices should include all incidentals. We prefer hauling be quoted by the ton-mile. For assistance with plans, proposals, bonding, insurance, project scheduling, pit & plant locations, etc. contact Korey Bender or Nancy Slotten at 701-237-4860. Please email all quotes to our Fargo office to quotes@borderstatespaving.com or fax to 701-237-0233. Please submit all quotes according to the time schedule stated in the latest DBE Special Provisions. We are an Equal Opportunity Employer.

CENTRAL SPECIALTIES INC. - 6325 County Road 87 SW, Alexandria MN 56308 - Is seeking both qualified DBE, as defined by the most current NDDOT DBE Special Provisions, and non-DBE subcontractors and suppliers for the December 16th, 2015 ND DOT Bid Openings at 9:30 AM. We are requesting any and all quotes for various subcontracting and supply opportunities associated with Job Number (Job #s 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14) If interested, please contact Allan Minnerath at (320)762-7289. Please submit all quotes according to the time schedule stated in the latest DBE Special Provisions. Quotes may be faxed to (320)762-7290 or emailed to quotes@centralspecialties.com Any assistance that we can offer in the areas of interpreting plans, preparing proposals or advice with regard to bonding or insurance should be directed to (320)762-7289. WE ARE AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER.

DUININCK, INC. - P.O. Box 208, Prinsburg MN 56281 -Is requesting quotes for all items on Project #1, 5, 6, 8, 9, and 13 for the NDDOT bid opening held December 16, 2015. Quotes on all items will be accepted and considered for the projects. All quotes should include all incidental items, except as noted on your quote. Please note on your quote whether items are tied or not. Duininck will assist you with interpreting plans, preparing proposals, project scheduling, bonding and insurance needs, pit and batch plant locations, etc. you may call our office at (320) 978-6011. Your quotes may be faxed to (320) 978-4978 or emailed to estimator@duininck.com We will be accepting quotes according to the time schedule stated in the most current ND DOT DBE special provisions. Duininck Inc is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



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EDLING ELECTRIC, INC.-P.O. Box 1451, 1300 Basin Ave., Bismarck, ND 58502. We are accepting quotes from qualified DBE subcontractors and suppliers. We will be priming Job Number #3 on the NDDOT Bid Letting to be held December 16, 2015 in Bismarck. We do request that insurance certificates and a subcontract bond be provided. If interested in quoting, we will assist you in the areas of (but not limited to) interpreting plans, preparing proposals, or advice for obtaining bonding and insurance, etc. Please contact our office by phone (701) 255-2831, fax (701) 255-2835 or e-mail us at james@edlingelectric.com prior to the bid opening date. All quotes must be received no later than the times specified in the Special Provisions. We are an Equal Opportunity Employer.

EXCAVATING INC. - 5820 Hwy 2 East, Minot ND 58701 - is seeking quotes from all suppliers and subcontractors for the NDDOT bid letting on Dec. 16th 2015. Quotes will be accepted and considered for project #7, #10, #11. We are willing to assist in the areas of interpreting plans, preparing proposals and obtaining bonds and/or insurance, and will be available on Dec. 15th until 8:00PM. Please contact our office at 701-839-1817 or fax at 701-852-4257, email quotes to minotquotes@excavatinginc.com We are an Equal Opportunity Employer.

FOOTHILLS CONTRACTING, INC. - PO Box 558 - Webster, SD 57274 is requesting quotes from all qualified DBE and Non-DBE subcontractors and suppliers for Job No. 4 on the December 16, 2015 NDDOT bid opening. If interested please contact us at 605-345-3795 for any assistance with bonding, insurance, interpreting plans and bidding documents or preparing quotes. All quotes should be complete with bid item, units and price. Please indicate whether items are tied or not tied. We will accept quotes until deadlines as specified in the DBE Special Provisions. Please fax quotes to 605-345-4022 or by e-mail to foothill@itctel.com We are an Equal Opportunity Employer.

GLADEN CONSTRUCTION, INC. - 40739 US 71 Laporte, MN 56461 is requesting quotes from qualified DBE and Non-DBE contractors for the December 16, 2015 NDDOT bid opening. We will be taking quotes for ND DOT Job No. 04. We will be taking quotes at our office according to the time schedule stated in the latest DBE provisions. Questions may be addressed to Greg Hall at (218)224-2237. Quotes may be mailed 40739 US 71 Laporte, MN 56461, faxed to (218)224-2939, or emailed to gohall@gladenconstructioninc.com We will offer assistance in interpreting plans, preparing proposals, and providing advice on obtaining bonding and insurance. Gladen Construction, Inc. is an equal opportunity employer.

GOWAN CONSTRUCTION, INC. - PO Box 228 Oslo, MN 56744 is seeking quotes on any and all items or materials you may be bidding on Project #14 for the December 16, 2015 NDDOT Bid Opening. We have plans in our office at Oslo, MN. We will assist you in interpreting plans and specifications, preparing proposals, provide advice to obtain bonding and insurance, project scheduling, pit information (location, length of haul, type of road, etc.) method of measurement (seeding by the mile or acre, hauling by the ton-mile or by the hour, etc.), expected overtime, payment schedule, items of work included in the quote or any other project related issues. Gowan Construction, Inc. will be accepting quotes through December 15, 2015 up until deadlines as specified in the DBE Special Provisions for this letting. You may fax quotes to our office in Oslo at 701-699-3400 or you can email your quotes to steve@gowanconstruction.com You may also reach our office in Oslo at 701-699-5171. Any and all disadvantaged businesses are encouraged to submit a quote. Gowan Construction, Inc. is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



QUOTING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE DECEMBER 16, 2015 BID OPENING



GRATECH COMPANY, LTD. – 8201 282 Street NW, Berthold, ND 58718 – Is seeking quotes from qualified DBE contractors and suppliers for the upcoming NDDOT Bid Opening on December 16, 2015. We are requesting quotes for any or all items on projects #4, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11. If you would be interested in quoting these projects, please fax quotes to 701-453-3478. Please submit your quotes to our office according to the time schedule in the DBE Special Provision. We offer assistance in interpreting plans, preparing proposals, and providing advice on obtaining bonding and insurance. We are an equal opportunity employer.

GULF COAST CONTRACTING, LLC – 4125 Louis Ave. Holiday, FL 34691, is requesting from qualified DBE and non DBE contractors/suppliers quotes for the following project bidding December 16, 2015: North Dakota bid letting No. 2, State Federal Aid Project No: S-BRI-1-094(155)156 (PCN-19482), Structural Steel Painting, Grant Marsh Bridge – Burleigh and Morton Counties. We will submit our bid electronically and will be receiving quotes which are to include incidentals, according to the time schedule posted/defined in the most recent DBE Special Provisions. Gulf Coast Contracting, LLC will assist you in the areas of, but not limited to, interpreting plans/specifications and preparing proposals, bonding, insurance, project scheduling, etc. If you are interested in quoting and require assistance, please contact our office at 727-938-6081 or email us at gulfcoastoffl@aol.com. Quotes may be faxed to 727-937-0967 or emailed to gulfcoastoffl@aol.com. GULF COAST CONTRACTING, LLC is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

H & S CONTRACTING, INC. - will be bidding as a Prime Contractor in the North Dakota December 16, 2015 Letting. We are requesting subcontractor/supplier quotes to be incorporated in our bids for the following projects: #4 SNH -1-200(063)916 in Oliver County. Our estimator, Brent Syster, is available for any questions or concerns that you have on these projects. Plans and Specifications are available upon request. Please submit all quotes according to the time schedule stated in the latest DBE Special Provisions. Quotes can be submitted by mail, fax or email. Our mailing address is: PO Box 186, Moorhead, MN 56561. Our office telephone number is (218) 227-0550. Our fax number is (218) 284-1568 or email to syster@hs-contracting.com. H & S Contracting, Inc. is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

HARDRIVES, INC. - 14475 Quiram Dr. Rogers, MN 55374, is requesting from qualified DBE and non DBE contractors and suppliers for the December 16th, 2015 NDDOT bid opening. We will submit our bid electronically for job numbers: Five (5), Six (6), (12) Twelve, & (13) Thirteen. Quotes are to include incidentals and are to be received according to the time schedule posted in the DBE Special Provisions. Quotes can be faxed to 763-428-8868 or emailed to estimating@hardrivesinc.com. Any assistance we can offer preparing your proposal, interpreting plans, bonding, insurance or scheduling should be directed to Hardrives, Inc. Estimating at 763-428-8886 for Job numbers: 5, 6, 12 & 13. Hardrives, Inc. is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

INDUSTRIAL BUILDERS, INC. – PO Box 406, Fargo, ND 58107-0406 - is preparing bids for the NDDOT letting which will be held at 9:30 AM on December 16, 2015. We are requesting quotations for project 14. Quotes will be accepted and considered on all items of work, based upon the contract plans and specifications, and must include incidental items. Additionally, please be aware that all subcontractors will be required to add Industrial Builders, Inc. as *additional insured* with regard to the general liability insurance coverage on each project. If any disadvantaged business concern need any assistance in obtaining or interpreting plans and bidding documents, preparing proposals, or need assistance in obtaining bonding and insurance, project scheduling, pit and batch plant locations, etc., please do not hesitate to contact us at our office at 701-282-4977. Industrial Builders, Inc. will be accepting quotes through December 15, 2015 up until deadlines as specified in the DBE Special Provisions for the December 16, 2015 letting. Quotes can be sent to our Fargo office by fax at 701-281-1409 or by email to quotes@industrialbuilders.com. Project estimators will be available during this time to help with any questions. We are an Equal Opportunity Employer.



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KNIFE RIVER CORPORATION – NORTH CENTRAL – 5654 134th Ave. NW, Williston, ND 58801, is seeking quotes for the NDDOT Bid Letting on December 16, 2015 at 9:30 am for Job #1, Job #8, and Job #9. We encourage both qualified DBE, as defined by the most current NDDOT DBE Special Provisions, and non-DBE contractors and suppliers to provide us with quotations. If you need assistance on interpretations of the plans and specifications, scope of work, or preparation of the quote, please contact Cody Bennett at (701) 774-2066 x3755 or by email at cody.bennett@kniferiver.com prior to the bid opening date. Questions regarding bonding and insurance requirements will be answered as well. All quotations must be received by Knife River by the times directed in the project's Special Provisions. Quotes may be faxed to (701)774-2127 or emailed to KRWND.Subquotes@kniferiver.com. Knife River Corporation – North Central is an Equal Opportunity Employer. *Please note that all quotes are due to general contractors and a copy must be sent to the NDDOT the day prior to the opening as specified in the Special Provisions: Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program section of the project proposal.*

KNIFE RIVER MATERIALS – P.O. Box 40, Bemidji, MN 56619 – Is seeking quotes for the upcoming NDDOT Bid Opening on December 16, 2015 from qualified DBE and non-DBE contractors and suppliers, as defined by the most current NDDOT DBE Special Provisions, on project(s) 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14. If interested in quoting and require assistance, please contact Josh Weickert at (218) 751-5413, or email us at subquotes@kniferiver.com prior to the letting date. Knife River Materials will assist you in the areas of (but not limited to) interpreting plans, preparing proposals, providing advice to obtain bonding and insurance, project scheduling, pit and batch plant locations, etc. All quotes must be received by KRM and submitted to the NDDOT Civil Rights Division by the times specified in the most current NDDOT DBE Special Provisions. Quotes can be delivered by fax to (218) 751-5462, or (855) 225-5264, or emailed to subquotes@kniferiver.com. Knife River Materials is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

MARK SAND & GRAVEL CO. – P.O. Box 458; Fergus Falls, MN 56538, is seeking quotes for the December 16, 2015 bid letting, from qualified DBE and non-DBE subcontractors and suppliers, as defined by the most current NDDOT DBE Special Provisions, on Project #1. If you are interested in quoting and require assistance, please contact Justin Rodeman at (218) 736-7523, or email us at estimator@marksandgravel.com prior to the letting date. Mark Sand & Gravel Co. will assist you in the areas of (but not limited to) interpreting plans, preparing proposals, providing advice to obtain bonding and insurance, project scheduling, pit and batch plant locations, etc. All quotes must be received by Mark Sand & Gravel Co. and submitted to the NDDOT Civil Rights Division by the times specified in the most current NDDOT DBE Special Provisions. Quotes can be delivered by fax to (218) 736-2647, or emailed to estimator@marksandgravel.com. Mark Sand & Gravel Co. is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

MARTIN CONSTRUCTION, INC. – 2367 W Villard, Dickinson, ND is seeking quotes for the upcoming NDDOT bid opening on December 16, 2015, at 9:30 AM Central Time from qualified DBE and non-DBE subcontractors and suppliers for Job 4. If interested in quoting or have any questions in the areas of interpreting plans, preparing proposals, or advice to obtain bonding and insurance you may contact Brad Riely at (701) 483-3478 or email him at briely@martinconstructionnd.com prior to the bid opening. All quotes must be received by Martin Construction, Inc. and submitted to the NDDOT Civil Rights Division by the times specified in the most current NDDOT DBE Special Provisions. Quotes can be faxed to (701) 483-3479 or emailed to briely@martinconstructionnd.com. Martin Construction, Inc. is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



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MAYO CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. - will accept and consider all quotations for project number 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13. We are requesting DBE and non-DBE participation as defined by the current Special Provision DBE Program. All or any part of the bid items will be accepted and considered, but must include incidental items in compliance with the plans and specifications.

If interested in quoting and you have any questions in interpreting plans, preparing quotations, or obtaining necessary insurance and bonding, please contact our office at 701-265-8438 or email at business@mayoconst.com prior to the bid letting. We will be accepting quotes between the hours of 11:00 AM and 8:00 PM the day prior to the actual bid letting in keeping with the Special Provision DBE Program. Quotes can be faxed to 701-265-8044 or emailed to subquotes@mayoconst.com We are an equal opportunity employer.

MEYER CONTRACTING INC d/b/a MEYER CON INC. - 11000 93rd Ave North, Maple Grove, MN 55369, is requesting quotes from certified DBE and Non-DBE firms for Job No.'s 4, 7, 10 and 11 on the December 16th, 2015 NDDOT Bid Opening. If you are interested in quoting or have any questions, please contact Jeremy Gibbs at 763.391.5959 or email estimating@meyerci.com Quotes can be faxed to 763.391.5960 or emailed to the address listed above. Please note the deadlines to submit subquotes specified in the DBE Special Provisions. For assistance in obtaining plans, specs, bonding, insurance or other project related concerns call our Maple Grove office at 763.391.5959. We are an Affirmative Action/ Equal Opportunity Employer.

MINN-DAK ASPHALT, INC - 423 West Zeh Street, Thief River Falls, MN 56701 - is seeking DBE quotes for the following projects for the December 16th, 2015 NDDOT bid opening: Job 5 in Benson County; Job 6 in Benson County; Job 7 in McHenry & Ward Counties; Job 8 in Ward County; Job 9 in Ward County; Job 10 in Bottineau & Renville Counties; Job 11 in Bottineau County; Job 12 in Grand Forks County; Job 13 in Pembina & Walsh Counties; Job 14 in Cass County. We are requesting quotes on all items and quantities associated with these projects, including material hauling and supplies. All quotes will be accepted and all quantities will be considered for all work items on this project. Please provide all quotes no later than the deadline as outlined in the Special Provisions of each respective proposal. Project plans and proposals can be viewed on-line at the NDDOT Bid Opening Plans and Proposals site, or at the office of Minn-Dak Asphalt located in Thief River Falls, MN. We do not require you provide bonding. If you have any questions about either project, or assistance is needed in obtaining or interpreting the plans or bid documents, obtaining insurance, scheduling, obtaining equipment or any other project related issues or concerns, please contact Kilen Boe at 218-681-4300 or mndakkboe@qwestoffice.net. All quotes can be faxed to 218-681-4320, or emailed to mndakenelson@qwestoffice.net. ****Minn-Dak Asphalt, Inc is an Equal Opportunity Employer and Contractor****

NORTHERN IMPROVEMENT COMPANY - P O Box 2846, Fargo, ND 58108 - Will accept and consider all quotes for project(s) # 14 for the NDDOT Bid Opening December 16th, 2015. All or any part of the bid items will be accepted and considered; all quotes should include incidental items, be in compliance with the plans and proposals and with the current DBE Special Provision. Haul preferred to be quoted by the ton-mile. Include overtime in your quote as necessary. Please contact us for assistance with plans, proposals, bonding, insurance or any other project-related issues by calling our Fargo Office (701) 277-1225, Bismarck office (701) 223-6695 or Dickinson office (701) 225-5197. Insurance requirements - subcontractors are required to add Northern Improvement Company as an additional insured on liability policies. Fax quotes to Bruce Thompson in Bismarck at (701) 224-0937 or e-mail us at subquotes@nicnd.com. Please reference letting and job number in the subject line of your e-mail. Engineers will be in our Fargo, Dickinson and Bismarck offices between 11:00 am - 8:00 pm December 15th, 2015. Quotes will be accepted until deadlines as specified in the DBE Special Provisions. We are An Equal Opportunity Employer.



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PARK CONSTRUCTION COMPANY – 1481 81st Avenue NE, Minneapolis, MN is soliciting quotes from all DBE and non-DBE subcontractors and suppliers for the following projects in the December 16, 2015 letting @ 9:30 AM - NDDOT Jobs 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 14 in various counties in North Dakota. Park encourages all Disadvantaged Business Enterprises to quote their types of work on these projects. For assistance in such areas as interpreting plans, quantities, expected overtime, project scheduling, pit and batch plan locations, length of haul, type of road, method of measurement (seeding by the mile or acre, hauling by hour or by ton-mile), preparing proposals, providing advice to obtain bonding and insurance, project scheduling, or any other project-related issue, please contact Michael Christianson at Park Construction by phone at (763) 786.9800. Park will be accepting quotes and calls in accordance with the guidelines stated in the latest NDDOT DBE Special Provisions. Park requests that insurance (at specific limits) and subcontract bonds be provided upon award. All certificates of insurance will be required to be in place prior to starting on the job site. Please indicate in your quotes whether items are tied or not as well as the bonding rate for the quote. Please make sure that Form A is attached as required. Please fax all quotes to Park at (763)717.6237 or email to estimating@parkconstructionco.com Park is an "Equal Opportunity / Affirmative Action Employer".

PCIROADS, LLC - 14123 42nd St. NE, St. Michael, MN 55376 – We are requesting subcontractor and DBE quotes for any and all items in the December 16, 2015 ND-DOT Letting, Project #14. All quotes should include any incidental items except as noted on your quote. We are prepared to assist you in project scheduling, preparing proposals, pit and batch plant locations, interpreting plans and specifications, bonding and insurance needs, and any other areas you may have questions about. Please note on your quote whether items are tied or not. Also, please include Line Number, Description, Quantity, and Unit Price for each item as well as a grand total. Please contact Kim Michels at PCIRoads, LLC., St. Michael, MN at telephone number 763-497-6100. We will be submitting our bid electronically and would like to receive your quotes via fax (763-497-6200) or e-mail to kmichels@pciroads.com Please submit all quotes according to the time schedule stated in the latest DBE Special Provisions. We are an EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER.

QUAM CONSTRUCTION COMPANY - P.O. Box 48, 4411 First Ave. West Willmar, MN 56201, an Affirmative Action / Equal Opportunity Employer, is requesting quotes from all DBE and Non-DBE Subcontractors and Suppliers for the following NDDOT Jobs we will either bid as prime or quote items of work.

#4 Oliver Co. SNH 1 200(063)916

#7 McHenry & Ward County SHE 4 002(109) 154

#8 Ward Co. SOIB SOI 4 023(019)087

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We offer Assistance with your proposals if you have questions on these projects please contact Jim Rentz at (320) 235-3344. Quotes can be FAXED to (320) 235-6753 or e-mailed to jim.rentz@quamconstruction.com

RACHEL CONTRACTING, INC. – 4125 Napier Court NE, St. Michael, MN 55376, is requesting quotes from certified DBE and non-DBE firms on project #4 for the December 16th, 2015 NDDOT bid opening. We are seeking subcontractor and supplier quotes on any or all items associated with this job. For assistance with plans, proposals, bonding and insurance, project scheduling, pit locations, etc. contact Kevin Klimmek at (763) 424-1511. Please submit quotes according to the time schedule as outlined in the latest DBE Special Provisions. Quotes may be faxed to (763) 424-1501 or emailed to kklimmek@rachelcontracting.com Rachel Contracting is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



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RTS SHEARING, LLC - PO Box 1177 - Jamestown, ND 58402 is requesting quotes from qualified DBE and Non-DBE contractors for Job 4. Quotes will be accepted and considered on all items of work - based upon the contract plans and specifications and must include incidental items. Please be aware also that all subcontractors will be required to add RTS Shearing, LLC as additional insured with regard to the general liability insurance coverage on each project. Quotes can be sent to our Jamestown office via fax at 701.252.1809 or by email to estimating@rtsshearing.com. Any questions regarding plans, preparing proposals, providing advice on obtaining bonding and insurance please call 701.252.8608 and ask for Pam or BR. We are an Equal Opportunity Employer.

STRATA CORPORATION - PO Box 13500, Grand Forks, ND, 58208-3500, is requesting sub quotes on any/all items or materials you may be bidding on Projects: 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, at the December 16, 2015, NDDOT Bid Opening. If interested in quoting or for further information, please contact Rob Martens at our Grand Forks office at 701-775-4205 (or after regular business hours until 8:00 p.m. central time at 701-741-4239 or fax to 701-775-5584, or e-mail to quotes@stratacorporation.com

All quotes must state the specific project number for the project being quoted and indicate whether the quote is tied or untied. All quotes must be received by Strata and submitted to the NDDOT Civil Rights Office according to the times listed in the current versions of the ND DBE Program Special Provisions. Strata Corporation is submitting their proposals via Electronic Bidding to the NDDOT.

The current versions of the ND DBE Program Special Provisions can be viewed at: <http://www.dot.nd.gov/divisions/civilrights/dbeprogram.htm>. If you have any questions regarding the ND DBE Program Special Provisions, you can contact Ramona Bernard, Civil Rights Division Director, at the NDDOT at 701-328-2576 or email rbernard@nd.gov. Plans & specifications are available at our Grand Forks office for your review, or can be downloaded free of charge at <http://www.dot.nd.gov/dotnet/eplans/default.aspx>. We are prepared to assist you, but are not limited to, in project scheduling, pit/batch plant locations, interpreting plans, preparing proposals, etc., & providing advice to obtain bonding and/or insurance if need be.

Also, when preparing quotes, please be aware of the insurance limits required by the owner and/or in the NDDOT Standard Specifications. This insurance coverage needs to be included in your quoted price & in place PRIOR TO STARTING ON THE JOB SITE.

Strata Corporation is an equal opportunity employer and all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to their veteran status, disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, race, color, national origin, age, religion, or any other characteristic protected under local, state or federal statute, ordinance, or regulation.

SWINGEN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY - is requesting any and all quotations for any subcontracting, supplies, materials or services all small business enterprises may be interested in. We are bidding the following projects: #14 Cass County - IM-8-029(133)078 in the December 16th, 2015 ND DOT Letting. Plans and specifications are available at the Construction Office in Bismarck, North Dakota or online at www.dot.nd.gov/business/bidinfo.htm. You may stop at Swingen Construction Company's office at 1437 83rd St No., Grand Forks, ND for plan inspection and assistance. Swingen Construction offers assistance to all small businesses in the areas of plan interpretation, preparing proposals and advice regarding bonding, insurance or any other matters that may require assistance. Swingen Construction Company personnel will be located at our office at 1437 83rd St North, Grand Forks, North Dakota, December 15, 2015. Our phone number is (701)775-5359, fax number (701)775-7631, and email address dan.swingen@swingenconstruction.com. Please have your quotes in our possession by the times specified in the NDDOT proposal, Special Provision DBE Program. Swingen Construction Company is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



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VEIT & COMPANY INC. – 2801 Memorial Highway Mandan, ND 58503- is seeking subcontractor/supplier quotes from both qualified DBE and non-DBE subcontractors for Project #4 SNH-1-200(063)916 of the ND DOT bid opening on December 16, 2015. Please Contact us at 701-667-7660 for questions regarding the bid for this project, including interpreting plans, preparing proposals, and obtaining the proper insurance and bonds. Quotes can be submitted via fax 7010-667-7670, or email molson@veitusa.com prior to the letting date. All quotes must be received by Veit and submitted to the ND DOT Civil Rights Division by the times specified in the most current ND DOT DBE Special Provisions. Veit & Company, Inc. is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

WANZEK CONSTRUCTION, INC. – 2028 2nd Ave NW, West Fargo, ND 58078 – Is requesting quotations from all qualified contractors and suppliers for items on Project No. 4, 8 and 9 on the NDDOT Bid Opening on December 16, 2015. Quotations for the work items must be based on the contract plans, plan notes, and the NDDOT Standard Specifications. Quotes must be received in accordance with the timelines established in Special Provisions. If you are interested in any of the subcontracting or supply opportunities on this project, please contact our office Monday through Thursday from 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Fridays from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. or until 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday December 15, 2015 at (701)282-6171 or (701)893-3633. Quotes can be sent to Wanzek Construction, Inc. via fax (701) 282-6166 or e-mail quotes@wanzek.com Plans and specifications are available for review at our Fargo office, or any of the NDDOT District Offices. We will offer assistance in interpreting plans, schedules, preparing proposals, as well as obtaining bonds and/or insurance. Wanzek Construction, Inc. is an equal opportunity employer.

Arizona DOT workers find mystery machine and no one can figure out what it does



A crew of transportation workers in Mesa, Arizona found some kind of mystery machine recently, and the city is taking to the internet to find out what it is. According to the City of Mesa, the Transportation Department is hoping someone can help them figure out with the heavy piece of equipment is and who it belongs to. The steel machine, which weighs over 1,000 pounds was found in the north part of town near a road. Mesa worker Bill McLeod told Fox 10 in Phoenix he's stumped. "I have been around heavy equipment all my life, this is a machinist type object, I just don't know much about it," McLeod said. "We went and picked it up with a crane and brought it back to the yard, it belongs to someone, we want to return it to the rightful owner." Business Insider picked up the story and asked their readers what the machine could be. Some commenters seemed to think the mystery equipment was some kind of tablet press, but nothing has been verified. Do you recognize what the mystery machine might be? - See more at: http://www.equipmentworld.com/arizona-dot-workers-find-mystery-machine-and-no-one-can-figure-out-what-it-does/?utm_source=daily&utm_medium=email&utm_content=11-09-2015&utm_campaign=Equipment%20World&ust_id=1be1f60a5c7f536d0a0a30c5d7ff82a8#sthash.F4wy4AH5.dpuf

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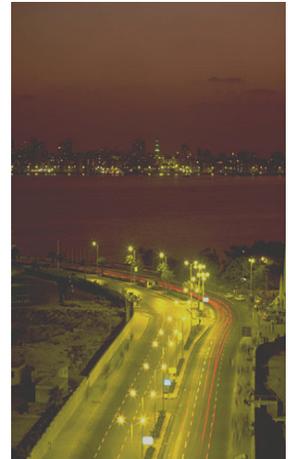
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