STATE OF TENNESSEE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NOTICE OF MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING FOR BLOUNT COUNTY CNX308

Project No. NH-115(65); 05005-3249-14

The grading, drainage, construction of bridges, retaining walls and paving on U.S. 129 (S.R. 115) from proposed interchange at Tyson Boulevard to existing U.S. 129 (S.R. 115) at South Singleton Station Road (Stage 1).

Total Contract Length – 2.04 miles Completion Date – October 31, 2027 The DBE goal for this contract is 9.5%

STANDARD PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENT

Prime contractors must pre-qualify with The Department of Transportation in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated 54-5-117, before bid authorization for highway contracts will be granted. PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS MUST HAVE FILED THEIR QUESTIONNAIRES FOR QUALIFICATIONS AT LEAST FOURTEEN (14) DAYS PRECEDING THE DATE OF LETTING.

MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING

Prime/joint venture contractors must attend a pre-bid meeting to be held on Friday, August 4, 2023, from 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon, EDT at the TDOT Region 1 Complex main auditorium. It is located at 7345 Region Lane, Knoxville, TN 37914. Attendance is <u>mandatory</u> for prime/joint venture contractors requesting authorization to bid. There will not be a virtual option for contractors to attend this meeting.

All prime/joint venture contractors pre-qualified by the Department must obtain authorization to bid through the standard bid authorization procedure. BID AUTHORIZATION MUST BE OBTAINED PRIOR TO 4:00 P.M. CST ON THE DAY PRECEDING THE LETTING.

The Tennessee Department of Transportation hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the basis of age, race, color, religion, national origin, sex, or disability in consideration for an award.

The right to reject any and all bids is reserved by the Department.

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