ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The project consists of constructing new industrial railroad track for Cleveland County, NC to serve Clearwater Paper at Washburn Switch Business Park.

RECEIPT OF PROPOSALS

Sealed proposals for the construction of the rail project are invited, and will be received by Cleveland County. A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held in the Commission Chambers on the 2nd Floor at 311 East Marion Street in Shelby on May 31, 2018 at 10:00 am. Proposals will be received by the County before, but no later than 10:00 a.m. local time on the 7th day of June 2018 at which time the bids will be opened and read aloud.

Proposals must be made on the blank forms included in the Contract Documents. These forms shall be delivered in a sealed envelope marked "Quotation for — New Industrial Track Construction to serve Clearwater Paper - Cleveland County and addressed to Kim Lester, Cleveland County, 311 East Marion Street, Shelby. The name, address, and license number of the Bidder must appear on the outside of the envelope.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This work shall consist of new industrial railroad track construction to serve Clearwater Paper; and all other incidental items necessary to complete the project as specified and shown on the plans. The project shall be bid single-prime.

CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

The contract documents for the proposed work described above are available on the Cleveland County website http://www.ccncgov.com/FinanceD/bidders.html

BID SECURITY

Each Bid must be accompanied by a satisfactory Bid Bond, executed by the Bidder and a surety company licensed under the laws of the State of North Carolina to execute such bonds; cash; or a certified check of the Bidder made payable to the Owner, Cleveland County, in an amount not less than five per cent (5%) of the bid total as guarantee that the Bidder will execute the contract and commence work no more than ten (10) calendar days after the date of receipt of the NOTICE OF AWARD.

AWARD OF CONTRACT

The Owner will award a contract to the lowest responsive bidder, in accordance with the General Statutes of the State of North Carolina, Article 8, Chapter 143-129. The Owner reserves the right to reject the proposals of Bidders for any phase of the project. The Owner further

reserves the right to reject the proposal of any Bidder that is not responsive to the bid documents, or the proposal of any bidder that is found not responsible to carry out the scope and intent of the bid documents.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any proposal for failure to comply with all requirements of this notice or of the Contract Documents; however he may waive any minor defects or informalities at his discretion. The Owner further reserves the right to reject any and all proposals or to award the Contract that is in his best interest.