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**PRE-BID DBE OUTREACH MEETING BEING HELD APRIL 22 FOR HIGHWAY
PROJECTS IN DURHAM, RANDOLPH AND WAKE COUNTIES**

RALEIGH—The N.C. Department of Transportation (NCDOT) and N.C. Turnpike Authority (NCTA) will hold a joint pre-bid outreach meeting Tuesday, April 22, for Disadvantaged Business Enterprises interested in working on highway construction projects in Durham, Randolph and Wake counties.

The meeting will be from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the William and Ida Friday Center for Continuing Education, 100 Friday Center Drive, Chapel Hill. Representatives from NCDOT and NCTA will be on hand to provide information on the U.S. 311 Bypass in Randolph County, Triangle Parkway between N.C. 540 and I-40 in Wake and Durham counties, and the Western Wake Freeway from N.C. 55 at Old Smithfield Road to N.C. 55 near Alston Avenue in Wake County.

Teams from highway firms selected to bid on these projects will also be in attendance to meet with DBE subcontractors interested in submitting quotes.

The meeting is open to any minority- and women-owned business that would like to attend; however, to bid as a subcontractor to meet the DBE goal, a firm has to be certified as a DBE prior to bidding in June. Information on becoming certified as a DBE and prequalified as an NCDOT subcontractor will be available.

The DBE program's goal is to provide certified minority- and women-owned businesses equal access to contracting opportunities on federally-funded highway contracts. Firms are assisted in gaining the skills necessary to compete effectively in the highway industry.

For more information on the U.S. 311 Bypass, visit www.ncdot.org/doh/preconstruct/altern/ and click on Design-Build, then Advertised Projects.

For more information on the Triangle Parkway and the Western Wake Freeway, visit www.ncturnpike.org/design-build.

Businesses interested in attending should contact Tamika Hackney in the NCDOT Office of Civil Rights and Business Development at tdhackney@dot.state.nc.us or by phone at (919) 508-1822 by Monday, April 21.

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