



MISSISSIPPI FORESTRY COMMISSION

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NOTICE

Electronic and/or sealed bids will be received by the Mississippi Forestry Commission in its offices at 660 North Street, Suite 300, Jackson, MS 39202, until 2:00 o'clock p. m. Monday, February 13, 2017 and shortly thereafter publicly opened for the purchasing of:

ONE (1) NEW TRACTOR TRANSPORT TRUCK

Under existing conditions, the Mississippi Forestry Commission will not accept bids that do not contain a firm stated price without any reservation as to price increase of any kind after date of contract. Firm delivery dates shall be included in the bid. The Mississippi Forestry Commission reserves the right to reject any/or all bids. **All bids received after the 2:00 p. m. deadline will be returned unopened.**

Address an envelope as follows:

Mississippi Forestry Commission
660 North Street, Suite 300
Jackson, MS 39202
Attn: Purchasing Department

In the lower left-hand corner of the envelope, it must clearly read **"NEW TRACTOR TRANSPORT"** to be opened Monday, February 13, 2017.

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NEW TRACTOR TRANSPORT TRUCK

GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR TRUCK

1. 2017 Model or Newer, No Used Trucks
2. GVW-52,000
3. Wheel Base, 124 inches minimum back of cab to center of rear suspension
4. Minimum available integral sleeper – Mid–Roof
5. Minimum 450 HP engine
6. Minimum 1550 LB-FT Torque
7. Engine brake
8. Dual Aluminum Fuel Tanks – Minimum 240 Gallon Total Capacity
9. Fuel type – Diesel
10. Air Ride Heavy Duty Rear Suspension – 46,000 LB Minimum
11. Manual Driver Controlled Dump Valve For Suspension with Gauge
12. Gear Ratio 3.40 to 3.90
13. Forward Set Front Axle
14. Driver Controlled Differential Lock – Both Rear Axles
15. Heavy Duty Fully Automatic Transmission with Torque Converter
16. Dual Cab Mounted Vertical Exhaust with Shields
17. 80 MPH Road Speed Limit
18. Air slide 5th wheel
19. 15 Foot Coiled Trailer Air Hoses
20. Stainless Steel Slide Bar with Spring Type Air Hose Hangers
21. 15 Foot Coiled Primary Trailer Electrical Cable
22. Cruise control
23. Power steering
24. Seats – air ride driver and passenger with armrests
25. Air conditioned
26. Electric delay wipers
27. AM-FM radio with CD, Bluetooth, and Microphone
28. Minimum of Three Auxiliary Rocker Switches in Dash With Wiring to Back of Cab
29. Power Windows, Mirrors, and Door Locks
30. Dual Roof Mounted Air Horns
31. Tires – 22.5
32. All aluminum wheels
33. Chrome Front Bumper
34. Front Tow Hooks
35. Stainless Steel Mud Flap Brackets
36. Color – solid white
37. 5 Year, 500,000 Mile Major Component Warranty, to include; Engine, Transmission, and After Treatment System

Please fill out the bid form completely. The Mississippi Forestry Commission reserves the right to reject any/or all bids. The unit must be inspected by Mississippi Forestry Commission personnel to assure the unit will meet the above specifications before the awarding of the bid.

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SPECIFIC BID CONDITIONS

1. Bidder is to bid on truck.
2. All bidders will be contacted with the results within ten (10) working days after the bid opening.
3. The winning bidder will make the truck available for Mississippi Forestry Commission personnel to inspect and be assured the truck meets the specifications on page 2. The location for inspection will be at
Mississippi Forestry Commission
3139 Highway 468 West
Pearl, MS 39208
4. The bidder must be registered in MAGIC as a State of Mississippi Supplier.
5. Delivery of the truck will be to
Mississippi Forestry Commission
3139 Highway 468 West
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Attn: Bob Ponder
Phone: (601) 278-1344

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GENERAL BID CONDITIONS

ALL BIDS SUBMITTED SHALL BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH ALL CONDITIONS SET FORTH HEREIN. THE BID PROCEDURES FOLLOWED BY THIS OFFICE WILL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THESE CONDITIONS. THEREFORE, ALL BIDDERS ARE URGED TO READ AND UNDERSTAND THESE CONDITIONS PRIOR TO SUBMITTING A BID.

1. PREPARATION OF BIDS

1.1 Bids shall be submitted through the Mississippi Forestry Commission Purchasing Department. All prices and notations must be printed in ink or typewritten. No erasure marks permitted. Errors may be crossed out and corrections printed in ink or typewritten adjacent and must be initialed, in ink, by the person signing the bid.

1.2 Failure to examine any drawings, specifications, and instructions will be at bidder's risk.

1.3 Specification. It is understood that reference to available specifications shall be sufficient to make the terms of such specifications binding on the bidder.

1.4 Information and Descriptive Literature. Bidders must furnish all information requested in the bid specifications. Further, when required, each bidder must submit for bid evaluation cuts, sketches, descriptive literature and technical specifications covering the product offered. Reference to literature submitted with a previous bid or on file with the Mississippi Forestry Commission will not satisfy this provision.

1.5 Time of performance. The number of calendar days in which completion will be made after receipt of award as indicated in the bid specifications.

2. SUBMISSION OF BIDS

2.1 Bids and modifications or corrections received after the closing time specified will not be considered.

3. ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS

3.1 The Mississippi Forestry Commission reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality in bids and unless otherwise specified by the

bidders, to accept any items on the bid. The Mississippi Forestry Commission reserves the right to modify or cancel in whole or in part any Invitation for Bids.

If a bidder fails to state the time within which a bid must be accepted, it is understood and agreed that the Mississippi Forestry Commission shall have 60 days to accept.

4. ERROR IN BID

4.1 In case of error in the extension of prices in the bid, the unit price will govern. No bid shall be altered or amended after the specified time for opening bids.

5. DISCOUNT PERIOD

5.1 Time in connection with a discount offered will be computed from date of delivery at destination or from the date correct invoices are received, if the latter date is later than the date of delivery. Cash discounts will not be considered in the award process.

6. AWARD

6.1 The Mississippi Forestry Commission will accept the lowest bid.

6.2 The contract shall consist solely of these General Conditions, the Instructions and Special Conditions, the successful bidder's bid, and the written Bill of Sale.

7. INSPECTION

7.1 Inspection of each and every truck will be conducted by the Mississippi Forestry Commission after the bids are opened.

8. TAXES

8.1 The State is exempt from federal excise taxes and state and local sales or use taxes and bidders must quote prices which do not include such taxes. Exemption certificates will be furnished upon request.

9. GIFTS, REBATE, GRATUITIES

9.1 Acceptance of gifts from bidders is prohibited. No officer or employee of the Mississippi Forestry Commission, charged with responsibility of initiating requisitions, shall accept or receive, directly or indirectly, from any person, firm or corporation to whom any contract for the purchase of materials, supplies, or equipment for the Mississippi Forestry Commission may be awarded, by rebate, gifts, or otherwise, any money or anything of value whatsoever, or any promise, obligation or contract for future rewards or compensation.

9.2 Bidding by state employees is prohibited. It is unlawful for any state official or employee to bid on, or sell, or offer for sale, any merchandise equipment or material, or similar commodity to the State of Mississippi during the tenure of his or her office or employment, or for the period prescribed by law thereafter, or to have any interest in the selling of the same to the State.

10. BID INFORMATION

10.1 Bid information and documents may be examined pursuant to the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983, MS Code 25-61-1 et seq.

11. DEFINITIONS

11.1 The use of the word agency in any Bid Invitation solicitation or specification shall be intended to mean state agencies only.

12. PRECEDENCE

12.1 Bids shall be made and the contract shall be entered into in accordance with the General Conditions as hereinafter amended and modified. Should a conflict exist between the General Conditions and the Instructions and Special Conditions, the Instructions and Special Conditions shall take precedence.

13. WAIVER

14.1 The Mississippi Forestry Commission reserves the right to waive any General Condition, Special Condition, or minor specification deviation when considered to be in the best interest of the State.

14. CANCELLATION

14.1 Any contract or item award may be canceled with or without cause by the Mississippi Forestry Commission with the giving of 30 days written notice of intent to cancel. Cause for the Mississippi Forestry Commission to cancel may include, but is not limited to, delivery on time and/or no notice of delay in delivery time. Should the contract be canceled by the Mississippi Forestry Commission for failure to perform, the contractor will be disqualified from bidding for a period of twenty-four (24) months. The contractor may cancel a contract for cause with a thirty (30) day written notice of intent to cancel. In the event of cancelation of contract for any cause, whether failure to perform or cancelation by contractor, the Mississippi Forestry Commission will proceed to the next lowest vendor.

15. APPLICATION

15.1 It is understood and agreed by the Bidder that any contract entered into as a result of this Invitation for Bids is solely for the convenience of the Mississippi Forestry Commission for the purchase of one (1) new tractor transport truck by the bidder receiving the award.

16. ADDENDA

16.1 Addenda modifying plans and/or specifications may be issued if time permits. No addendum will be issued within a period of two (2) working days prior to the time and date set for the bid opening. Should it become necessary to issue an addendum within the two (2) day period prior to the bid opening, the bid date will be reset to a date not less than five (5) working days after the date of the addendum, giving bidders ample time to comply with the addendum. When replying to a bid request on which an addendum has been issued, and the specifications require acknowledgement, the bid shall indicate that provisions of the addendum have been noted and that the bid is being offered in compliance therewith. Failure to make this statement may result in the bid being rejected as not being in accordance with the revised specifications or plans.

17. NONRESPONSIVE BIDS

17.1 Nonresponsive bids will not be considered. A non-responsive bid is considered to be a bid that does not comply with the minimum provisions of the specification. Any bidder found to repeatedly offer alternate products that are not compliant with specifications in an attempt to obtain a contract on the basis of pricing only will be disqualified from bidding for a period of 24 months.

18. SPECIFICATION CLARIFICATION

18.1 It shall be incumbent upon all bidders to understand the provisions of the specifications and to obtain clarification prior to the time and date set for the bid opening. Such clarification will be answered only in response to a written request.

19. BID OPENINGS

19.1 Bid openings will be open to the public. The bid opening will serve only to open and read the bid price on each bid. No discussion will be entered into with any bidder as to the quality or provisions of the specifications and no award will be made either stated or implied at the bid opening.

19.2 If the agency is closed for any reason, including but not limited to: acts of God, strikes, lockouts, riots, acts of war, epidemics, governmental regulations superimposed after the fact, fire, earthquakes, floods, or other natural disasters

(the “Force Majeure Events”), which closure prevents the opening of bids at the advertised date and time, all bids received shall be publicly opened and read aloud on the next business day that the agency shall be open and at the previously advertised time. The new date and time of the bid opening, as determined in accordance with this paragraph, shall not be advertised, and all bidders, upon submission of a bid proposal, shall be deemed to have knowledge of and shall have agreed to the provisions of this paragraph. Bids shall be received by the agency until the new date and time of the bid opening as set forth herein. The agency shall not be held responsible for the receipt of any bids for which the delivery was attempted and failed due to the closure of the agency as a result of a Force Majeure Event. Each bidder shall be required to ensure the delivery and receipt of its bid by the agency prior to the new date and time of the bid opening.

20. STATEWIDE BIDDING

20.1 It is requested that bids be submitted on the basis of statewide distribution. Contractors must maintain adequate distribution capabilities and adequate stock of all items to insure prompt delivery.

21. FIRM BID AMOUNT

21.1 The amount of the quoted bid shall be firm.

22. CONTRACT EXTENSION

22.2 The Mississippi Forestry Commission reserves the right to extend the term of a contract, when necessary, due to Force Majeure where the contractor does not have conditions to fulfill the contract in allotted time.

23. SUSPENSION AND DEBARMENT

23.1 By submitting a bid, the bidder is certifying that neither the bidder nor any potential subcontractors are debarred or suspended or are otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in federal assistance programs.

24. ASSIGNMENT

24.1 The Contractor shall not assign or subcontract in whole or in part, its right or obligations under this agreement without prior written consent of the Mississippi Forestry Commission.

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BID FORM

Make, year and model of truck

Bid Price on Truck

Date available for Delivery

Company/Individual Name

Official Signature

Address

Contact Person

City State Zip

Business Phone

Email

Date

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