
AMENDMENT 1

TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES FOR INVITATION FOR BIDS # 1401-16-R-IFB-00003 RFX # 3160000880
FROM: HEWITT PITTMAN
SUBJECT: AMENDMENT #1 QUESTIONS CONCERNING BID SPECIFICATIONS
DATE: MARCH 15, 2016

Q. 1. Does the truck need to have locking tag kit?

A. 1. The tag and pusher axles must be equipped with manual switches dashboard mounted (1 for the tag & 1 for the pusher) to allow the driver to lock the axles in the up position (e.g. not on the ground). Manual switches are necessary because we run the trucks with the axles up when testing scales and when the truck is not fully loaded. They must also lock in the up position automatically when the transmission is placed in reverse.

Q. 2. Where is the differential lock?

A. 2. The differential lock controls the rear axle. **Driver Controlled Differential Lock is designed to overcome the chief limitation of a standard open differential by essentially "locking" all wheels on an axle together as if on a common shaft. This forces all wheels to turn in unison, regardless of the traction (or lack thereof) available to either wheel individually.**

Q. 3. What is the mechanical anti-roll channel for the fuel tanks?

A. 3. Anti-Roll Channel is a bracket that prevents the tanks from rolling within the straps.

Q. 4. What is meant by bulkhead doors?

A. 4. Bulkhead doors use heavy duty hinges and frames to allow for a tight seal of doors and safety in the event of a side impact crash or rollover.

Q. 5. Number of floodlights and location of floodlights?

A. 5. The two floodlights are flush mounted located behind the cab. Location of the floodlight may be located at the top of cab or midway on the back of the cab.

Q. 6. What is meant by ABS-controlled steerable pusher and tag axles?

A. 6. This specifications intent was in the event that the wheels of the pusher and tag axle were to slide the ABS would pulsate the brake pressure to prevent the axles from sliding and ruining the tires. It has come to the Departments attention that one of the major manufactures of breaking systems doesn't offer this feature. Bendix does offer a breaking system with LQ4 (limited quick release valve). Meritor WABCO offers ABS-controlled option on their lift axles which may require request for approval from the truck manufacturer's engineering department

Due to the defect in Specification # 48 The Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce is going to have to extend the bid opening date to March 24, 2016 at 2:00PM.

BIDDERS MUST ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THIS AMENDMENT BY SIGNING AND RETURNING A COPY OF THIS AMENDMENT WITH THEIR BID.

Vendor Signature