## ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT AND PROCUREMENT DIVISION BID INVITATION

Procurement Division Procurement Division Road P.O. Box 2261 11302 West Baseline Road Little Rock, AR 72203 Little Rock, AR 72209  age 2 of this Bid Invitation will be received at the above-noted mail and ted bid opening location. Bids must be submitted on this form, with dered.
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Cab & Chassis, 16,000 lbs. GVWR, Diesel, 60" CA, With Service Body and Electric Powered Crane – delivered to location indicated as per attached Bid Sheet.

All vehicles shall meet the requirements of Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department Specifications 12-154-020.

All vehicles shall be the latest model of proven performance and in standard production by manufacturer at time of delivery.

Contract Period: DOA through June 30, 2012. Contract may be renewed upon mutual agreement of the parties.

Bid prices shall include delivery of all vehicles to the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department at the F.O.B. location shown on the Bid Sheets and shall include the regular warranty and service regularly furnished on new vehicles sold to the public.

Any variation from each specification must be shown on the face of the bid or listed on a separate sheet of paper and attached to bid. This sheet shall be labeled as such.

**Bid Bond** in the amount of \$1,000 required of all bidders at time of bid opening or bid will be rejected. **Personal and company checks are not acceptable as Bid Bonds.** See Condition 3 on page 2 of bid invitation.

**Performance Bond** in the amount of 5% of the total awarded to the respective bidders must be furnished within 10 days after receipt of notice of intent to award as a guarantee of delivery in accordance with the specifications and within the time established in the bid. **Personal and company checks are not acceptable as Performance Bonds.** See Condition 3 on page 2 of bid invitation.

Bidder shall specify guaranteed delivery date for all vehicles bid on in the space provided under each item number. Successful bidder shall furnish Warranty Data for each vehicle delivered. The Warranty Data shall contain all necessary information such as motor and/or serial numbers and shall be signed by the selling dealer at the time vehicle is delivered to the Highway Department. Certificate of Origin, Federal Excise Tax Exemption Certificates, Odometer Disclosure Statement and five (5) copies of the Invoice for each vehicle to be furnished to Equipment & Procurement Division, P.O. Box 2261, Little Rock, AR 72203.

Each vehicle shall be completely serviced, cleaned and thoroughly inspected (in accordance with manufacturer's required or recommended pre-delivery service) just prior to delivery to the Arkansas State Highway & Transportation Department.

No dealer advertisement shall be affixed to the vehicle.

The successful bidder shall furnish copy of Operator's Manual published by vehicle manufacturer with each vehicle delivered.

Any equipment furnished on vehicles purchased under this specification for which "Federal Register Standard" has been established at time of delivery shall comply with the requirements of applicable standard and all equipment required by said standard shall be furnished whether or not it is specifically mentioned in this specification.

The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department reserves the right to test drive make and model of vehicles bid on prior to contract being awarded. Samples may be demonstrator models with equipment similar, but not necessarily identical, to that listed in this specification.

Bids and Specifications are available on-line by going to the AHTD Web Site – <a href="www.arkansashighways.com">www.arkansashighways.com</a> and clicking on "Bids/Contracts". Tabulations will also be available at this site within 72 hours after bid opening. If you have any questions, call this office at 501-569-2667.

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## STANDARD BID CONDITIONS

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- 1. **ACCEPTANCE AND REJECTION:** The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to accept bids in whole or in part (unless otherwise indicated by bidder), to waive any informalities in bids received, to accept bids on materials or equipment with variations from specifications where efficiency of operation will not be impaired, and to award bids to best serve the interest of the State.
- 2. **PRICES:** Unless otherwise stated in the Bid Invitation, the following will apply: (1) unit prices shall be bid, (2) prices should be stated in units of quantity specified (feet, each, lbs., etc.), (3) prices must be F.O.B. destination specified in bid, (4) prices must be firm and not subject to escalation, (5) bid must be firm for acceptance for 30 days from bid opening date. In case of errors in extension, unit prices shall govern. Discounts from bid price will not be considered in making awards.
- BID BONDS AND PERFORMANCE BONDS: If required, a Bid Bond in the form of a cashier's check, certified check, or surety bond issued by a surety company, in an amount stated in the Bid Invitation, must accompany bid. Personal and company checks are not acceptable as Bid Bonds. Failure to submit a Bid Bond as required will cause a bid to be rejected. The Bid Bond will be forfeited as liquidated damages if the successful bidder fails to provide a required Performance Bond within the period stipulated by AHTD or fails to honor their bid. Cashier's checks and certified checks submitted as Bid Bonds will be returned to unsuccessful bidders; surety bonds will be retained. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond in an amount stated in the Bid Invitation and in the form of a cashier's check, certified check, or surety bond issued by a surety company, unless otherwise stated in the Bid Invitation, as a guarantee of delivery of goods/services in accordance with the specifications and within the time established in the bid. Personal and company checks are not acceptable as Performance Bonds. In some cases, a cashier's check or certified check submitted as a Bid Bond will be held as the Performance Bond of the successful bidder. Cashier's checks or certified checks submitted as Performance Bonds will be refunded shortly after payment has been made to the successful bidder for completion of all terms of the bid; surety bonds will be retained. Surety bonds must be issued by a surety company authorized to do business in Arkansas, and must be signed by a Resident Local Agent licensed by the Arkansas State Insurance Commissioner to represent that surety company. Resident Agent's Power-of-Attorney must accompany the surety bond. Certain bids involving labor will require Performance Bonds in the form of surety bonds only (no checks of any kind allowed). In such cases, the company issuing the surety bond must comply with all stipulations herein and must be named in the U.S. Treasury listing of companies holding Certificates of Authority as acceptable sureties on Federal Bonds and as acceptable reinsuring companies. Any excess between the face amount of the bond and the underwriting limitation of the bonding company shall be protected by reinsurance provided by an acceptable reinsuring company. Annual Bid and Performance Bonds on file with E & P Division must have sufficient unencumbered funds to meet current bonding requirements, or the bid will be rejected, unless the balance is submitted as set forth above, prior to bid opening.
- 4. **TAXES:** The AHTD is not exempt from Arkansas State Sales and Use Taxes, or local option city/county sales taxes, when applicable, and bidders are responsible to the State Revenue Department for such taxes. These taxes should not be included in bid prices, but where required by law, will be paid by the AHTD as an addition thereto, and should be added to the billing to the AHTD. The AHTD is exempt from Federal Excise Taxes on all commodities except motor fuels; and excise taxes should not be included in bid prices except for motor fuels. Where applicable, tax exemption certificates will be furnished by the AHTD.
- 5. "ALL OR NONE" BIDS: Bidders who wish to bid "All or None" on two or more items shall so stipulate on the face of bid sheet; otherwise, bid may be awarded on an individual item basis.
- 6. **SPECIFICATIONS:** Complete specifications should be attached for any substitution or alternate offered, or where amplification is necessary. Bidder's name must be placed on all attachments to the bid.
- 7. **EXCEPTIONS TO SPECIFICATIONS:** Any exceptions to the bid specifications must be stated in the bid. Any exceptions to manufacturer's published literature must be stated in the bid, or it will be assumed that bidder is bidding exactly as stated in the literature.
- 8. **BRAND NAME REFERENCES:** All brand name references in bid specifications refer to that commodity or its equivalent, unless otherwise stated in Bid Invitation. Bidder should state brand or trade name of item being bid, if such name exists.
- 9. **FREIGHT:** All freight charges should be included in bid price. Any change in common carrier rates authorized by the Interstate Commerce Commission will be adjusted if such change occurs after the bid opening date. Receipted common carrier bills that reflect ICC authorized rate changes must be furnished.
- 10. SAMPLES, LITERATURE, DEMONSTRATIONS: Samples and technical literature must be provided free of any charge within 14 days of AHTD request, and free demonstrations within 30 days, unless AHTD extends time. Failure to provide as requested within this period may cause bid to be rejected. Samples, literature and demonstrations must be substantially the same as the item(s) being bid, unless otherwise agreed to by AHTD. Samples that are not destroyed will be returned upon request at bidders expense. Samples from successful bidders may be retained for comparison with items actually furnished.
- 11. **GUARANTY:** Unless otherwise indicated in Bid Invitation, it is understood and agreed that any item offered or shipped on this bid shall be newly manufactured, latest model and design, and in first class condition; and that all containers shall be new, suitable for storage or shipment and in compliance with all applicable laws relating to construction, packaging, labeling and registration.
- 12. **BACKORDERS OR DELAY IN DELIVERY:** Backorders or failure to deliver within the time required may constitute default. Vendor must give written notice to the AHTD, as soon as possible, of the reason for any delay and the expected delivery date. The AHTD has the right to extend delivery if reasons appear valid. If reason or delivery date is not acceptable, vendor is in default.
- 13. **DEFAULT:** All commodities furnished will be subject to inspection and acceptance by AHTD after delivery. Default in promised delivery or failure to meet specifications authorizes the AHTD to cancel award or any portion of same, to reasonably purchase commodities or services elsewhere and to charge full increase, if any, in cost and handling to defaulting vendor. Applicable bonds may be forfeited.
- 14. **ETHICS:** "It shall be a breach of ethical standards for a person to be retained, or to retain a person, to solicit or secure a State contract upon an agreement of understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee, except for retention of bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial selling agencies maintained by the contractor for the purpose of securing business." (Arkansas Code, Annotated, Section 19-11-708).

## ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

## **NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION**

Highway and Transportation The State Arkansas (Department) complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and other federal equal opportunity laws and therefore does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, color, age, national origin, religion or disability, in admission or access to and treatment in Department programs and activities, as well as the Department's hiring or employment practices. Complaints of alleged discrimination and inquiries regarding Department's nondiscrimination policies may be directed to EEO/DBE Section Head (ADA/504/Title VI Coordinator), P. O. Box 2261, Little Rock, AR 72203, (501) 569-2298, (Voice/TTY 711), or the following email address: EEO/DBE\_Section\_Head@ahtd.ar.gov.

This notice is available from the ADA/504/Title VI Coordinator in large print, on audiotape and in Braille.

# ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS EQUIPMENT & PROCUREMENT DIVISION BID SHEET

Bid No. H-12-067R
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1.	1 -	Cab and Chassis, 16,000 lbs. GVWF AHTD Spec. 12-154-020.	R, Diesel, 60" CA, With Service B	ody and Ele	ectric Pow	ered Crane, to	meet		
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		Cab and Chassis proposed to furnish	:						
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		Bid Price (Do not include any Local	, State or Federal Taxes)		Each \$_				
		Total for 1 Vehicle			\$_				
		Guaranteed Delivery Date							
		Additional units may be purchased							

## ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

### SPECIFICATION 12-154-020

**FOR** 

CAB AND CHASSIS
16,000 POUNDS GVWR
DIESEL
WITH SERVICE BODY
AND ELECTRIC POWERED CRANE

#### 1. Chassis:

- A. GVWR: No less than 16,000 pounds.
- B. Wheelbase: Minimum of 128", maximum of 145".
- C. Cab to Axle: 60", nominal.
- D. <u>Engine</u>: Liquid cooled turbocharged diesel with a minimum piston displacement of 6.7 liters developing no less than 300 SAE gross horsepower at rated RPM and no less than 600 lb. ft. SAE gross torque. (The following engines are acceptable: Duramax; Cummins. If an alternate engine is proposed, it must be approved by AHTD prior to bid opening.) Shall be equipped with air cleaner, no less than two (2) maintenance free batteries with a minimum rating each of 750 cold cranking amps at 0° F, full flow oil filter, fuel filter and not less than 130 amp alternator. Engine shall be equipped with a block heater which will operate on 120 volts AC.
- E. <u>Cooling</u>: Heavy duty cooling system with anti-freeze protection to -20° F, or lower.
- F. <u>Transmission</u>: Automatic, with a minimum of six (6) forward speeds. Transmission shall be equipped with PTO provision and include an auxiliary transmission oil cooler.
- G. Steering: Hydraulic actuated power steering as regularly offered by manufacturer.
- H. Front Axle: I-beam or solid type axle. Capacity of front axle and springs shall be as recommended by manufacturer for vehicle to meet or exceed GVWR specified above.
- I. Rear Axle: Hypoid type, full floating, with a ratio of 4.44 or 4.88 to 1. (Alternate ratio may be provided if approved by AHTD prior to delivery.) Capacity of rear axle and springs shall be as recommended by manufacturer for vehicle to meet or exceed GVWR specified above. Rear springs shall consist of both main and auxiliary or overloads.
- J. <u>Brakes</u>: Power front and rear disc with four wheel anti-lock. Parking brake as regularly furnished by manufacturer.
- K. <u>Cab</u>: Conventional Cab complete with insulation and all standard interior trim, dual electric intermittent windshield wipers, right and left sun visors, factory installed electronic AM/FM radio, floor covering consisting of manufacturer's standard materials and colors for model and trim level provided, factory installed fresh air heater defroster unit, key lock on doors, inside rear view mirror, and right and left side trailer tow type exterior mirrors with extended or extendible arms. Mirror heads to measure no less than 6" x 9".
- L. <u>Seating</u>: May consist of a split bench seat with three (3) person seating or a driver's high back bucket seat and two (2) person passenger seat. Upholstery to consist of manufacturer's standard materials and colors for model and trim level provided. Seat belts shall be provided for all seating positions.
- M. Air Conditioning: Shall be equipped with factory installed air conditioning and include tinted glass.
- N. <u>Tilt Steering Column</u>: Factory installed.
- O. Speed Control: Automatic speed control (may be dealer installed, but of same manufacturer as vehicle).
- P. Wheels: Seven (7) 19.5" steel disc with no less than 6.0" rim section. Rear wheels to be dual.
- Q. Tires: Seven (7), no less than 225/70R19.5 F load range, all season tubeless radials (duals on rear).
- R. <u>Fuel Tank(s)</u>: Minimum fuel capacity of 40 gallons. Fuel fill hose assembly furnished with fuel tank(s) shall be a minimum of 36" in length to allow attachment to an aftermarket body.
- S. Front Tow Hooks: Two (2), minimum

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- T. <u>Lights</u>: Dual beam headlights, parking lights, self canceling directional turn signals with hazard flasher switch, back up lights, front side marker lights and front cab clearance and identification lamps. Rear lights to consist of stop and tail lights in addition to directional signals.
- U. Equipment: Front bumper, front and rear shock absorbers, jack and lug wrench.
- V. Keys: Minimum of three (3) ignition/door keys per vehicle.
- W. <u>Color</u>: Sherwin Williams F8W2030 Frost White Acrylic Enamel, or equal. Front bumper, grill, mirrors and wheels as regularly furnished by manufacturer.
- 2. <u>Service Body</u>: Standard height service body designed to mount on the Cab & Chassis specified above.
  - A. <u>Construction</u>: Electrically welded all steel construction with edges rolled or folded. Body shall have longitudinal members and cross members welded for floor support. Body floor shall be constructed of no less than 12 gauge safety tread plate.
  - B. <u>Dimensions</u>:
    - (1) Body Length: 107" 110".
    - (2) <u>Body Width</u>: 93" 96".
    - (3) Body Height: 39.5", minimum.
    - (4) <u>Body Floor To Compartment Top</u>: 24.75" minimum.
    - (5) Compartment Depth: 18", minimum.
    - (6) Floor Width: 50" 55".
  - C. <u>Compartments</u>: Each side of the body shall have a minimum of one (1) vertical compartment in front of the rear wheels, one (1) horizontal compartment over the rear wheels and a minimum of one (1) vertical compartment behind the rear wheels. Vertical compartments shall be full height and have adjustable shelves. Each horizontal compartment shall have adjustable dividers. All doors shall be protected from weather and have double panels with flush type handles and locks keyed alike. Doors shall have rubber seals to keep out water and dust.
  - D. <u>Crane Reinforcement</u>: Right (curbside) rear corner of body shall be reinforced to allow for installation of a corner mounted service crane with a lifting capacity of 3,200 pounds and a mounting base approximately 12" 16" long x 12" 16" wide.
  - E. Tailgate: Body shall have a hinged tailgate no less than 9" high that opens to floor level with chain or arm support.
  - F. <u>Bumper</u>: Shall have a rear step plate type bumper with recess and ball hitch plate. Bumper brackets shall mount to truck frame.
  - G. Lights: Combination tail and directional lights and backup lights to meet ICC regulations.
  - H. <u>Color</u>: Service Body shall be painted Sherwin Williams F8W2030 Frost White Acrylic Enamel, or equal to match Cab & Chassis specified above.
- 3. <u>Crane</u>: Electric powered crane designed for mounting on the service body specified above. Unit shall have a minimum crane rating of 10,000 ft. lbs. and a lifting capacity of no less than 3,200 pounds at 3' from centerline of rotation. Crane provided shall provide power elevation, power extension and power rotation of the boom.
  - A. <u>Hoisting Unit</u>: Electric powered reversible winch driven by a 12 volt DC motor rated at no less than 1.8 horsepower. Winch shall be equipped with at least 60' of no less than 7/32" aircraft type steel cable with a minimum breaking strength of 5,600 pounds and be complete with swivel block with hook.
  - B. <u>Boom</u>: Shall be designed from seamless steel tubing and mounted on a pedestal type base. Shall provide a minimum horizontal reach from centerline of rotation of 7', when retracted, to a maximum horizontal reach of no less than 15' when fully extended.
    - (1) Rotation: 360° continuous power rotation.
    - (2) <u>Boom Elevation</u>: Power boom elevation ranging from horizontal to no less than 70° above horizontal.

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- (3) <u>Boom Extension</u>: Shall be equipped with hydraulically powered boom extension from 7' minimum to no less than 11'. Boom extension may be manual or hydraulic from 11' minimum to no less than 15'.
- C. <u>Hydraulic System</u>: Shall be a self contained 12 volt DC system powered by the vehicle electrical system.
- D. Mounting: Boom pedestal shall be designed to mount on the reinforced curbside rear corner of service body specified above. Mounting base shall be square or rectangular, approximately 12" 18" long x 12" 16" wide.
- E. <u>Lifting Capacity</u>: No less than 3,200 pounds at 3' radius, no less than 900 pounds at 11' radius and no less than 650 pounds at 15' radius.
- F. <u>Detachable Jack Leg</u>: A quick-detachable outrigger jack leg, for stabilizing vehicle when crane is in operation, shall be furnished. Jack leg furnished shall be suitable for installation on a truck which has a height from top of rear bumper to ground of 25". Jack leg shall be designed and recommended for use with electric powered crane provided under this specification.
- G. <u>Boom Support</u>: A boom support shall be furnished with the service crane to hold and retain the boom during transport. Boom support shall be suitable for installation on a standard height service body with 18" 20" compartment depth.
- H. Additional Equipment: Unit shall be complete with removable remote control unit with no less than 18' of cable.
- 4. <u>Warranty</u>: Units purchased under this specification shall be warranted against defects in material and workmanship for a minimum period of twelve (12) months (365 days) from date unit is placed in operation by AHTD.
  - A. Warranty shall include all parts, labor and transportation costs to the location of equipment.
  - B. If equipment cannot be repaired on location, warranty shall include cost of transport to the facility where the repair work will be done.
  - C. It will be the responsibility of the successful bidder to insure that repairs are completed in a timely manner.
  - D. If any warranty literature submitted with the bid conflicts with AHTD warranty requirements, the conflict(s) shall be specifically noted, corrected and included with the bid or the conflict(s) will be considered an exception to warranty specifications and the bid rejected.
  - E. Recent prior failure to provide warranty-work, parts, replacement parts or service, in a timely manner, for equipment from the same manufacturer or dealer shall be grounds for the rejection of any submitted bid, or for the denial of any otherwise qualified low bidder, whether such failure is attributable to the manufacturer or the dealer of the equipment. For the purposes of this paragraph "timely manner" means a period of time not exceeding thirty (30) calendar days to provide requested warranty-work, parts, replacement parts, or service. For the purposes of this paragraph "manufacturer" means the original manufacturer of the equipment and its successor or successors, regardless of number, and whether acquired by sale, merger, or otherwise. For the purposes of this paragraph "replacement part" means a part redesigned by a manufacturer to correct a design or engineering defect and which replacement part is capable of providing dependable performance in normal operation conditions for its normal service life without failure. Such bid or bids may be rejected by the Department until such failure or failures have been remedied to the satisfaction of the Department and until such manufacturer or dealer is providing such warranty-work, parts, replacement parts, and service in a timely manner.
- 5. <u>Manuals</u>: Successful bidder shall furnish Operator's Manual and Parts Book with each unit delivered. In addition, one (1) copy each of Operator's Manual and Parts Book shall be furnished to Equipment & Procurement Division, P.O. Box 2261, Little Rock, AR 72203 (11302 W. Baseline Road, Little Rock, AR 72209, if shipping UPS, FedEx, etc.).

The successful bidder may provide Parts Manuals on computer media (CD ROM, Floppy Disks, etc.) in lieu of printed manuals.

6. <u>Current Model</u>: Units furnished under this specification shall be the latest improved model in current production, as offered to commercial trade, built for the U.S. market, and shall be of quality workmanship and material. Machines manufactured for foreign markets will not be accepted. All equipment offered under this specification shall be new. Used, reconditioned, shopworn, demonstrator, prototype or discontinued models are not acceptable. Manufacturers of the units supplied must have been in the business of producing operational units for at least two years. The model

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furnished must have been in production for a minimum of one year, or be the latest version of a previous model. Bidder/s may be required to submit documentation substantiating the aforementioned requirements. A list of user references may also be required.

- 7. All accessories and parts necessary for efficient operation of unit shall be furnished whether or not they are specifically mentioned in this specification (including standard equipment as regularly furnished by manufacturer as shown on printed literature and specifications unless specifically excluded by this specification).
- 8. Units purchased under this specification shall be assembled, adjusted and made ready for continuous operation at time of delivery.
- 9. Any unit delivered under this specification is subject to rejection if there is evidence of poor workmanship, by either the vendor or the original manufacturer.
- 10. <u>Parts Inventory & Service Facilities</u>: The successful bidder shall maintain a representative inventory of replacement parts and service facilities for servicing equipment bid on.
- 11. <u>Demonstration</u>: The Arkansas State Highway & Transportation Department reserves the right to require a demonstration, under actual working conditions, of equipment bid under this specification before award is made. The demonstration would be performed (free of any charge) by the bidder or an authorized representative at a mutually acceptable location. If requested, the bidder should be prepared to demonstrate the equipment within thirty (30) days after notification. Failure of the bidder to perform a satisfactory demonstration within the specified time may be grounds for rejection of the bid.
- 12. Any deviations from specifications and requirements herein must be clearly pointed out by bidder. Otherwise it will be considered that equipment offered is in strict compliance with these specifications and requirements, and successful bidder will be held responsible therefor. Deviations must be explained in detail on an attached sheet. However, no implication is made by the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department that deviations will be acceptable.
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