

# **INVITATION TO BID HERBICIDES AND ADJUVANTS**

## **NOTICE OF BID OPENING**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Association of County Commissions of Alabama, which administers the Alabama County Joint Bid Program of behalf of Alabama's county governing bodies, shall receive and open bids for the purchase of zero or more herbicides and adjuvants at its office located at 100 North Jackson Street, Montgomery, Alabama, at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, October 3, 2014. There are 17 items available for bid as outlined in the attached bid specifications. Each item will be separately awarded.

**Time is of the essence in submitting bids and only bids received in the Association office by 10:00 a.m. Central Time on October 3, 2014 shall be opened and considered.** Bidders and any other interested individuals are invited to attend the bid opening.

## **THE INVITATION PACKAGE**

The invitation package for herbicides and adjuvants includes: this invitation to bid, the written bid specifications for herbicides and adjuvants, and a Bid Submittal Form to be used in submitting all bids. Bidders should verify that they have received all pages of the invitation package. If there are any omissions, the bidder should contact Brandy Perry in the Association office by mail, fax, or e-mail ([bperry@alabamacounties.org](mailto:bperry@alabamacounties.org)) to request missing pages. It is the responsibility of the bidder to make this request in sufficient time to prepare and submit the bid in time for the bid opening.

Bidders should carefully read and comply with all parts of the invitation package, including all attachments.

## **PREPARING AND SUBMITTING BIDS**

All bids must be typed or hand written in ink on the attached Bid Submittal Form. **The completed Bid Submittal Form shall be placed in front of and separated from all other documents included in the bid packet, such that it will be the first document viewed upon opening the bid packet.**

Bids submitted in pencil and bids not submitted on the Bid Submittal Form will **not** be considered. Only information contained on the attached bid form or herein requested or required will be considered in evaluating bids.

Copies of labels for each item bid shall be included, and if required in the bid specifications, the product must be labeled for right-of-way and/or aquatic use. **Bids submitted without labels will not be considered.**

The Bid Submittal Form and all required documentation shall be forwarded to the Association's office in a sealed envelope with "**BID ITEM –HERBICIDES**" clearly marked on the outside of the envelope. Envelopes containing a "no bid" shall also include the words "NO BID" on the outside of the envelope. Facsimiles and e-mails will not be accepted. Bids submitted by "Express/Overnight" services must be in a

separate inner envelope or package sealed and identified as stated above. All bids must be received in the Association office prior to the bid opening. Bids received after the deadline will be returned unopened.

The County Joint Bid Program reserves the right to require a performance bond from successful bidders as permitted under Alabama law. However, **no bid bond is required for this bid offering.**

All bids should be mailed or hand-delivered to:

**Association of County Commissions of Alabama**  
**Attention: John Hamm**  
**100 North Jackson Street      OR      P.O. Box 5040**  
**Montgomery, Alabama 36104      Montgomery, Alabama 36103**

### **BID SPECIFICATIONS**

The specifications for herbicides and adjuvants are attached hereto. Any use of specific names and/or item numbers in the attached specifications is not intended to restrict the bidder or any seller or manufacturer, but is included solely for the purpose of indicating the type, size, and quality of materials, product services, or equipment considered best adapted to the use of the counties participating in the joint invitation to bid.

### **BIDDER QUALIFICATIONS**

All bidders and program participants must be in compliance with any applicable federal, state, county and municipal laws, regulations, resolutions and ordinances, including but not limited to, licensing, permitting, and taxation requirements. All bidders should be prepared to submit evidence or documentation as proof that they are properly licensed and permitted under any applicable laws upon request. Such evidence or documentation may be submitted with the bid. Additionally, all bidders shall provide proof that they are in compliance with the e-verify requirements of Alabama's Immigration Law (Ala. Code § 31-13-1 et seq., as amended by Act No. 2012-491).

### **BID AWARD**

The Houston County Commission will serve as the awarding authority for all bids and will award all contracts at a regular meeting of the Houston County Commission. Any and all bids submitted in compliance with this invitation to bid shall be considered, and award will be made to the lowest responsible bidder meeting bid specifications as determined by the awarding authority in compliance with Alabama law. All bids will be reviewed and evaluated by a committee created for that purpose, which committee will make comments and recommendations to the awarding authority regarding the award. All factors contained in each invitation package will be evaluated in determining the successful bidder, and any omissions of the stated requirements may be cause for rejection of the bid submitted. The awarding authority reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality in bids, and to accept in whole or in part such bid or bids solely at its discretion.

The contract period will be one year with an option to renew for a second and third year under identical price, terms, and conditions upon the mutual consent of the vendor and the awarding authority. Any renewal contract shall be approved in writing by the vendor and the awarding authority no later than 90 days prior to the expiration of the existing contract.

## **CONTACT REGARDING BIDS AND INVITATION**

Contact initiated by a potential bidder with a county official, county employee, or member of the Association staff shall only be as specifically set out in this Invitation to Bid. Any questions related to the bid shall be directed to Association staff under the procedures set out below. Additionally, a bidder may contact the Association in writing to request an appointment to review bid specifications following the bid opening.

**However, there shall be no communication with any county official or county employee regarding this bid between the date of this invitation and the date of bid award.** Any contact other than as set out here shall be deemed as an attempt to unduly influence the bid award, and shall be grounds for rejection of the bid submitted by the bidder initiating such other contact.

Any questions or problems related to downloading or obtaining copies of this Invitation to Bid should be directed to Brandy Perry at [bperry@alabamacounties.org](mailto:bperry@alabamacounties.org) or 334-263-7594.

Any other questions or requests for additional information regarding this invitation or the specifications shall be submitted **in writing** no later than five (5) days prior to bid opening to:

John Hamm  
Association of County Commissions of Alabama  
100 North Jackson Street  
Montgomery, Alabama 36104  
Fax Number (334) 263-7678  
E-mail: [jhamm@alabamacounties.org](mailto:jhamm@alabamacounties.org)

**BID SUBMITTAL FORM**  
**Alabama County Joint Bid Program**  
**BID ITEM: HERBICIDES AND ADJUVANTS**

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Bid Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of company representative)

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

By submitting this bid, we agree:  
Initials

That the product bid meets the bid specifications for that bid item \_\_\_\_\_

That the bid price will be honored for all counties participating in the joint bid program for the period from Jan. 1, 2015 to Dec. 31, 2015. \_\_\_\_\_

That items will be delivered at the bid price to all counties participating in the joint bid program. \_\_\_\_\_

That the company representative listed above will be the source of contact for the county wishing to purchase this bid item under the joint bid program. \_\_\_\_\_

That each item will be separately awarded to the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications as provided in the bid request. \_\_\_\_\_

That a copy of the label(s) for all items bid is included as required in the bid specifications and/or invitation to bid. \_\_\_\_\_

That the bid includes the e-verify documentation required by Alabama law \_\_\_\_\_

That we will provide a performance bond upon request. \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of company representative submitting bid: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

## **BID SPECIFICATIONS Herbicides and Adjuvants**

All herbicides and adjuvants shall meet or exceed specifications as outlined in the Invitation to Bid and as set out below, and shall comply with each of the following:

- A copy of label(s) shall be included for each item bid, and when requested in the specification, shall be labeled for right-of-way and/or aquatic use. ***Bids submitted without labels will not be considered.***
- As a part of the bid, the successful bidder shall provide a qualified representative to provide assistance and training in regards to herbicide application. Representative must be experienced in the field of herbicides and right-of-way application. Representative must be available to assist counties via phone and/or on-site in the determination of appropriate products, timing and rates.
- Representative must be available to assist counties in handling of complaints, if necessary.
- All bidders shall name qualified representative and list experience in developing other brush control programs with county road departments and attach this information to bid.
- Bidder must identify any equivalency in specification by circling said item specification (i.e., percentage, unit, trade name, etc.) and indicating said equivalency for that description.
- Bidder must provide documentation that any equivalency meets all state and federal regulations regarding proper and available uses for the items bid. Failure to provide evidence that the equivalent item can be used for the same purposes as the item stated in the specification may result in disqualification on that bid item.
- Bidders are not required to bid on all items.
- Each item will be awarded separately based on lowest responsible bid.
- Bid price shall include delivery.
- All deliveries shall be made within one (1) calendar week of order to location(s) specified by county making purchase. All herbicides and adjuvants not delivered in this time period will be reduced in price by 10%.

# BID ITEMS

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**ITEM 4      Outrider**

Sulfosulfuron.....75%  
Other Ingredients.....25%

**BID PRICE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ /dry oz – 20 Oz bottles**

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**ITEM 5      Element 3A**

Triclopyr: 3,5,6-trichloro-2-pyridinyloxyacetic acid, as the triethylamine salt.....44.4%  
Inert Ingredients.....55.6%

**BID PRICE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ /gal**

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**ITEM 6      Accord or Equivalent**

Glyphosate, N-(phosphonomethyl)glycine, in the form of its isopropylamine salt.....53.8%  
Inert Ineffective Ingredients.....46.2%  
(Aquatic approved by EPA, aquatic toxicity study test)

**BID PRICE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ /gal**

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**ITEM 7      Red River GP90**

Proprietary blend of Alkyl Aryl Polyoxylkane ether free fatty acids.....90%  
Inert Ineffective Ingredients.....10%  
**(Aquatic Toxicity Study Package Results Must Be Included)**

**BID PRICE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ /gal**

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**ITEM 8      MSMA Plus**

Monosodium Acid Methane Arsonate.....47.6%  
Inert Ineffective Ingredients.....52.4%  
(Surfactant included)

**BID PRICE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ /gal**

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**ITEM 9      Red River 1% Solution**

Principal Functioning Agent: Polyvinylpolymer.....1%  
Inert Ineffective.....99%

**BID PRICE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ /gal**

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**ITEM 10      Red River GP-90**

Proprietary blend of Alkyl Aryl Polyoxylated Glycols and derivatives thereof.....90%  
Components ineffective as spray adjuvant.....10%

**BID PRICE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ /gal**

**BID PRICE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ /gal**

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**ITEM 12      Secure Ultra**

Polyvinyl Polymer (Polyacrylamide).....34.3%  
Inert Ingredients.....65%

(Compatible with glyphosate)

BID PRICE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_/gal

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**ITEM 13 Gly Star Pro/ Glyphos Extra**

Glyphosate, N-(phosphonomethyl)glycine, in the form of its isopropylamine salt.....41.0%  
Inert Ingredients.....59.0%

**(Surfactant included, EPA label for right-of-way)**

BID PRICE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_/gal

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**ITEM 16 Imazapyr 2 SL**

Isopropylamine salt of Imazapyr (2-[4,5-dihydro-4-methyl- 4-(1-methylethyl)-  
5-oxo-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-3-pyridinecarboxylic acid).....28.7%  
Inert Ingredients.....71.3%

BID PRICE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_/gal

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**ITEM 19 Landmark XP**

Sulfometuron methyl {Methyl 2-[[[(4,6-dimethyl-2-pyrimidinyl)amino]-carbonyl]  
amino]sulfonyl]benzoate}.....50%  
Chlorsulfuron {2-Chloro-N-[(4-methoxy-6-methyl-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl)aminocarbonyl]  
Benzenesulfonamide}.....25%  
Inert Ingredients.....25%

BID PRICE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_/gal

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**ITEM 20 Roundup Pro/ Accord XRT**

Glyphosate, N-(phosphonomethyl)glycine, in the form of its isopropylamine salt.....50.2%  
Other ingredients: .....49.8%

BID PRICE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_/gal

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**ITEM 28 AccuQuest or Equivalent**

Proprietary blend of ammonium polyacrylates, hydroxy carboxylates, sulfates and polymeric deposition agents ...  
.....45.0%  
Components ineffective as an adjuvant .....55.0%

BID PRICE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_/gal

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**ITEM 30 Showdown**

Glyphosate, N-(phosphonomethyl)glycine, in the form of its isopropylamine salt.....37.54%  
Glyphosate, N-(phosphonomethyl)glycine, in the form of its monoammonium salt.....3.42%  
Inert Ingredients.....59.04%

BID PRICE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_/gal

**ITEM 31**      **Barrage HF or Equivalent**

2- Ethylhexyl Ester of 2,4- Dichlorophenoxyacetic Acid.....78.1 %  
Inert Ingredients.....21.9%

**BID PRICE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_/gal**

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**ITEM 33**      **Trycera or Equivalent**

Triclopyr: 3,5,6-trichloro-2-pyridinyloxyacetic acid.....29.4%  
Inert Ingredients.....70.6%

**BID PRICE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_lb/gal**

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**ITEM 34**      **Dyne-A-Pak or Equivalent**

Proprietary blend of Alkanolamides, alkanoates, trisiloxane and carbamides.....76.00%  
Formulation Aids.....24.00%

**BID PRICE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_/gal**

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