

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 2, 2015. There are 22 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 2, 2015 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) 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: Chase Cobb
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 model 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 other contact with a county official or employee or with the Association initiated by a potential bidder regarding this bid between the date of this invitation and the date of bid award 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 or the specifications should be directed to Brandy Perry at 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 either:

Chase Cobb
Association of County Commissions of Alabama
100 North Jackson Street
Montgomery, Alabama 36104
Fax Number (334) 263-7678
e-mail: ccobb@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, 2016 to Dec. 31, 2016. _____

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

ITEM 1 Request

Proprietary blend of ammonium polyacrylates, hydroxycarboxylates and sulfates.....50%
 Inert Ineffective Ingredients.....50%

BID PRICE: \$ _____/gal

ITEM 2 Sulfomet Extra

Sulfomentron methyl {Methyl 2-[[[(4,6-dimethyl-2-pyrimidinyl)amino]-carbonyl]amino]sulfonyl]benzoate}..... 56.25%
 Metsulfuron methyl {Methyl 2-[[[(4-methoxy-6-methyl-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl)amino]-carbonyl]amino]sulfonyl]benzoate}.....15.00%

BID PRICE: \$ _____/lb

ITEM 3 Capstone

Triisopropanolammonium salt of 2-pyridine
 Carboxylic acid, 4-amino-3, 6-dichloro.....2.22%
 Triethylamine salt of [(3,5,6-trichloro-2-pyridinyl)oxy]acetic acid.....16.22%
 Other ingredients.....81.56%

BID PRICE: \$ _____/gal

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

ITEM 11 Ad-spray 80

Proprietary blend of Alkyl Aryl Polyoxylated Glycols and derivatives thereof.....80%
 Components ineffective as spray adjuvant.....20%

BID PRICE: \$ _____/gal

ITEM 12 Secure Ultra

Polyvinyl Polymer (Polyacrylamide).....34.3%
 Inert Ingredients.....65%
 (Compatible with glyphosate)

BID PRICE: \$ _____/gal

ITEM 14 Tordon 101

Picloram: 4-amino-3,5,6-trichloropicolinic acid, triisopropanolamine salt.....10.2%
 2,4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic acid triisopropanolmine salt.....39.6%
 Inert Ingredients.....50.2%

BID PRICE: \$ _____/gal

ITEM 15 DMA 4 IVM

Dimethylamine salt of 2,4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic acid.....46.3%
 Inert Ingredients.....53.7%

BID PRICE: \$ _____/gal

ITEM 17 Krenite S

Ammonium salt of fosamine [ethyl hydrogen (aminocarbonyl) phosphonate].....41.5%
Inert Ingredients.....58.5%

BID PRICE: \$ _____/gal

ITEM 18 Diuron 4L

3-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)-1, 1-dimethylurea40.0%
Inert Ingredients60.0%

BID PRICE: \$ _____/gal

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

ITEM 21 Plateau

Ammonium salt of imazapic (±)-2-[4,5-dihydro-4-methyl-4-(1-methylethyl)-5-oxo-
1H-imidazol- 2-y1]-5-methyl-3-pyridinecarboxylic acid*.....23.6%
Inert Ingredients.....76.4%

BID PRICE: \$ _____/gal

ITEM 22 Milestone

Triisopropanolammonium salt of 2-pyridineCarboxylic acid, 4-amino-3,6-dichloro-.....40.6%
Inert Ingredients.....59.4%

BID PRICE: \$ _____/gal

ITEM 23 Sahara DG or Mojave 70 E G

Imazapyr (2-[4,5-dihydro-4-methyl-4-(1-methylethyl)-5-oxo-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-3-pyridinecarboxylic
acid).....7.78%
Diuron (3-[3,4-dichlorophenyl]-1,1-dimethylurea).....62.22%
Inert Ingredients.....30.00%

BID PRICE: \$ _____/lb

ITEM 24 Ground Zero

Proprietary Blend of Polyetheneal and Polypropenylamide Co-Polymers, Paraffinic hydrocarbons, and
emulsifiers.....100% per pint

BID PRICE: \$ _____/pt

ITEM 25 Vista XRT

Fluroxypyr 1-methylheptyl ester ((4-amino-3,5-dichloro-6-Fluoro-2-pyridinyl)oxy).....26.2%

Inert Ingredients.....	73.8%
BID PRICE: \$ _____/gal	

ITEM 26 Journey

Imazapic, (+)-2-[4,5-dihydro-4-methyl-4-(1-methylethyl)-5-oxo-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-5-Methyl-3-pyridinecarboxylic acid*.....	8.13%
Glyphosate, N-(phosphonomethyl)glycine, in the form of its isopropylamine salt.....	21.94%
Inert Ingredients.....	69.93%
BID PRICE: \$ _____/gal	

ITEM 27 Hardball

2,4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic Acid.....	19.6%
Inert Ingredients.....	80.4%
BID PRICE: \$ _____/gal	

ITEM 29 Brush-Rhap

3,6-dichloromethoxybenzoic acid.....	18.28%
2,4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic acid.....	24.62%
Inert Ingredients.....	57.10%
BID PRICE: \$ _____/gal	

ITEM 32 Opensight

Potassium salt of 2-pyridine carboxylic acid, 4-amino- 3,6-dichloro-.....	62.13%
Metsulfuron methyl.....	9.45%
Other ingredients.....	28.42%
BID PRICE: \$ _____/lb	

ITEM 35 Sulfomet XP

Sulfometuron methyl{Methyl 2-[[[(4,6-dimethyl-2-pyrimidinyl)amino]-carbonyl]amino]sulfonyl}benzoate}.....	75.0%
Other Ingredients	25.0%
BID PRICE: \$ _____/lb	

ITEM 36 Perspective

Isopropylamine salt of imazpyr: (2-[4,5-dihydro-4-(1-methylethyl) – 5 oxo-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-3-pyridinecarboxylic acid) *.....	27.6%
Other Ingredients.....	72.4%
BID PRICE: \$ _____/gal	
