

INVITATION TO BID HEAVY EQUIPMENT

NOTICE OF BID OPENING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Association of County Commissions of Alabama, which administers the Alabama County Joint Bid Program on behalf of Alabama's county governing bodies, shall receive and open bids for the purchase of zero (0) or more items of heavy road equipment at its office located at 100 North Jackson Street, Montgomery, Alabama, at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, October 12, 2012. Bid specifications are available for each of the following items:

Asphalt Milling Attachment- Option A	25 Cubic Yard Garbage Truck -Option B
Asphalt Milling Attachment- Option B	Motorgrader- Option A
Asphalt Milling Attachment- Option D	Motorgrader- Option C
Trailer Mounted Patcher	Motorgrader- Option D
Light Duty Backhoe	One Man Pothole Patcher- Option A
Medium Duty Backhoe	One Man Pothole Patcher – Option B
Heavy Duty Backhoe	95 HP Heavy Duty Hydrostatic
Heavy Duty Dump Chassis- Option B	95 HP Medium Duty Hydrostatic
Heavy Duty Dump Chassis-Option C	105 HP Hydrostatic Bulldozer
Heavy Duty Dump Chassis-Option D	110 HP Hydrostatic Bulldozer
Low Boy Tractor Option B	130 HP Crawler Bulldozer
TrackMount Excavator -Option A	7.5 Single Drum Vibratory Roller
Track Mount Excavator- Option B	Skid Steer Loaderw/Mulcher
Track Mount Excavator- Option C	Skid Steer Loader w/Attachments
Truck Mount Excavator -Option A	28' Half Round End Dump
Truck Mount Excavator- Option B	35 Ton Lowboy Trailer
Wheeled Excavator	55 Ton Lowboy Trailer
6ft Road Widener	3 CY Wheel Loader
8ft Road Widener	3.65 CY Wheel Loader
25 Cubic Yard Garbage Truck	5.50 CY Wheel Loader

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 12, 2012 will be opened and considered. Bidders and any other interested individuals are invited to attend the bid opening.

THE INVITATION PACKAGE

The invitation package for each item to be bid includes: this invitation to bid, the written bid specifications for the particular item of heavy road equipment, and a Bid Submittal Form to be used in submitting a bid for that particular item. 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. All bids shall include a current catalog or model specification document for the equipment model number being offered for consideration. Bids submitted without such documentation will *not* be considered. Only information contained on the attached bid form and in the model specification document will be considered in evaluating bids.

Each separate requirement in the bid specification includes a block for indicating whether or not the item bid meets the specification. The bidder shall indicate compliance with each requirement by checking "Yes" or "No" in the block to the right of each bid specification. In addition, the bidder shall indicate the page number in the supplied manufacturer's equipment literature on which compliance with the specification can be verified. Failure to complete this portion of the bid form may result in the subject bid not being considered. Additionally, all bidders are required to submit a factory build/order sheet showing all of the standard and option items for each piece of equipment bid in order to assist the bid review committee in assuring that each bid is in conformance with the required bid specifications.

Each bid for one of the heavy equipment items included in the bid package must be submitted on the Bid Submittal Form for that item and forwarded in a separate envelope with the bid item and item number clearly identified 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
Montgomery, Alabama 36104**

BID SPECIFICATIONS

Please note that each piece of heavy equipment available for bid may include several different sizes and categories of machines. You should read each set of specifications very carefully as the differences vary depending upon the piece and size of equipment.

Where applicable, each bid submission shall include the separate cost of each item listed in the "Options" section of the bid specifications. However, all bids will be awarded on the basis of the **total cost of the machine with all options included**. Therefore, the "Bid Price" stated on the Bid Submittal Form must be the total cost, including the cost of all options.

Once the bids have been awarded, any county participant purchasing under this program may, at its discretion, deduct one or more of the options set out in the bid specifications, and in such event, the cost of the option as stated on the bid shall be deducted from the total cost of the machine. There shall be no other deductions and no additions made to the machine by the purchasing county or by the vendor.

The Bid Submittal Form contains a space for a Tier 3 and Tier 4 machine. For all applicable items, bidders that are still allowed by EPA to market Tier 3 machines shall include a price for a Tier 3 and a Tier 4 model. Awards will be made to the lowest responsible bidder in each category, meaning that different bidders may be awarded the Tier 3 and Tier 4 models.

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 bid program.

BIDDER QUALIFICATIONS

All bidders and all 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:

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

BID SUBMITTAL FORM
Alabama County Joint Bidding Program
BID ITEM – Light Duty Backhoe

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 equipment model number identified below meets the bid specs for this bid item	_____
That the bid price will be honored for all counties for the period from Jan. 1, 2013 to Dec. 31, 2013	_____
That the equipment 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 contact person for purchasing this bid item under the joint bid program	_____
That the bid is accompanied by a current catalog or model specification document for the Model number identified below	_____
That the bid is accompanied by a copy of the manufacturer's standard warranty as required in the bid specifications	_____
That the bid includes the e-verify documentation required by Alabama law	_____
That, if awarded the bid, a performance bond will be provided upon request	_____
That an option sheet with individual pricing is attached	_____

Total Bid Price including options: Tier 3 _____ Tier 4 _____

Equipment Model #: _____

Description: _____

Signature of company representative submitting bid: _____

Title: _____

OPTION COST SHEET FOR LIGHT DUTY BACKHOE

<u>Option</u>	<u>Option Price</u>
Enclosed ROPS cab as in bid specifications.	\$ _____
Heavy duty 4 in 1 front loader bucket.	\$ _____
Heavy duty rock backhoe bucket.	\$ _____
Mechanical front wheel drive.	\$ _____
Extendable dipper stick with all necessary hydraulics and controls.	\$ _____
Extended warranty	\$ _____
Additional 2 years filters	\$ _____

NOTE: Award will be made on the basis of the total cost of the machine with all options included. However, a county may, at its discretion, deduct one or more of the above-referenced options from the machine, and in such event, the cost of the option as stated on the bid shall be deducted from the total cost of the machine. There shall be no other deductions and no additions made to the machine by the purchasing county or by the vendor.

Equipment Model #: _____

Description: _____

Signature of company representative submitting bid: _____

Title: _____

BID SPECIFICATIONS LIGHT DUTY BACKHOE

GENERAL

These specifications shall be construed as the minimum acceptable standards for a light duty loader/backhoe. Should the manufacturer's current published data or specifications exceed these standards, the manufacturer's standards shall be considered minimum and shall be furnished. All integral parts not specifically mentioned in the scope of these specifications that are necessary to provide a complete working unit shall be furnished. Additionally, the machine offered for bid shall include all standard manufacturer's equipment. The light duty loader/backhoe must be a new current production model and shall meet all EPA and other applicable standards at the time of manufacture.

The use of specific names and numbers in the specifications is not intended to restrict the bidder or any seller or manufacturer, but is intended solely for the purpose of indicating the type, size, and quality of equipment considered best adapted to the uses of counties participating in this joint bid.

BID SUBMITTAL FORM

Each bidder must submit his or her bid on the Bid Submittal Form included in the invitation to bid package. All written warranties to be submitted shall be attached to the Bid Submittal Form.

BID PRICE

The bid price shall include all destination charges, delivery charges, title fees, rebates and all other applicable cost and refunds.

MANUALS

Each unit will be provided with one (1) copy of the operator's manual(s) and one (1) copy of the current parts manual(s). Units will not be accepted for delivery until the manuals as outlined above are received by the purchaser.

REPLACEMENT PARTS AVAILABILITY

Parts must be available for five (5) years or 7,500 hours for the piece of equipment bid. If replacement parts are not delivered within three (3) working days of an order being placed, the bidder will deliver an equivalent machine for the county to use at no cost to the county until such time as the parts are delivered to the county so that it can affect repairs to its machine.

FILTERS

The cost of all filters required to perform scheduled maintenance as outlined in the manufacturer's service schedule and to meet warranty requirements shall be included in the base bid price of the machine for the period of three years or 3600 hours. The filters shall be furnished with each machine purchased or at the option of the purchasing county may be picked up at the dealership as needed. Assume 1200 hours of annual use to determine filter requirements.

WARRANTY

Bidders shall submit a copy of the manufacturer's standard warranty and a 3-year, 3600 hour power train warranty along with a complete explanation of the warranty with their bid. Warranty shall include service response time of maximum of 36 hours within notification by county.

Yes___ No___

Page#_____

or

Attachment_____

ENGINE

Four (4) cylinder: four (4) stroke cycle, minimum 244 cubic inch diesel engine, capable of developing a minimum of 74 NET flywheel horsepower.

Yes ___ No ___
Page # _____

STARTING SYSTEM

Shall be equipped with a 12 volt electrical system, heavy duty starting motor.

Yes ___ No ___
Page # _____

TRANSMISSION

Power shuttle transmission.

Yes ___ No ___
Page # _____

Minimum of four (4) speeds forward and two (2) reverse speeds.

Yes ___ No ___
Page # _____

Rear wheel drive with or without limited slip differential. Minimum travel speed: 20 mph.

Yes ___ No ___
Page # _____

CONTROLS AND HYDRAULICS

Full hydraulic two (2) lever controls with hydraulic load sensing system.

Yes ___ No ___
Page # _____

FRONT END LOADER

Loader Bucket -- 1.12 min. cu. yd. heavy duty 4 in 1 bucket

Yes ___ No ___
Page # _____

Loader breakout force (lbs.) -- 8,500 lbs.

Yes ___ No ___
Page # _____

Loader lift capacity max. height (lbs.) -- 5,200 lbs

Yes ___ No ___
Page # _____

BACKHOE – TWO LEVER CONTROL SYSTEM (FIXED LENGTH DIPPER STICK)

Backhoe Bucket -- 24 in. heavy-duty rock bucket (4 teeth)

Yes ___ No ___
Page # _____

Bucket breakout force (lbs.) -- 11,000 lbs.

Yes ___ No ___
Page # _____

Backhoe stick digging force -- 7,000 lbs.

Yes ___ No ___
Page # _____

Backhoe maximum digging depth -- 14 ft. 2 in.

Yes ___ No ___
Page # _____

Boom Lift @ 12 ft. -- 2,700 lbs.

Yes ___ No ___
Page # _____

BRAKES

Service brakes – hydraulic wet disk

Yes ___ No ___
Page # _____

Parking brake

Yes ___ No ___
Page # _____

TIRES AND OUTRIGGERS

Reversible type for use on both paved and non-paved surfaces

Yes ___ No ___
Page # _____

Minimum 19.5L – 24/10 PR rear tires and wheels

Yes ___ No ___
Page # _____

Minimum 12L – 16/8 PR front tires and wheels

Yes ___ No ___
Page # _____

OIL ANALYSIS

To be included at no cost of the duration of the warranty period selected at intervals recommended by the manufacturer’s warranty and maintenance schedule.

Yes ___ No ___
Page # _____

WEIGHT (STANDARD OPERATING)

The factory specified operating weight only. No additional weights may be added for the purpose of meeting these specifications. Minimum 13,500 lbs. SAE standard equipped with 2 wheel drive and ROPS Canopy.

Yes ___ No ___
Page # _____

OPTIONS

Bid must include the cost for each of the following options, itemized separately on the bid:

Enclosed ROPS cab (low profile), sound suppressed with factory installed air conditioner/heater, AM/FM stereo radio and vandalism protection.

Yes ___ No ___
Page # _____

Heavy duty 4 in 1 front loader bucket. (Counties have the option of purchasing a heavy duty general purpose bucket in place of the heavy duty 4 in1 bucket.)

Yes ___ No ___
Page # _____

Heavy duty rock backhoe bucket. (Counties have the option of purchasing a heavy duty general purpose bucket in place of heavy duty rock bucket.)

Yes ___ No ___
Page # _____

Mechanical front wheel drive

Yes ___ No ___
Page # _____

Extendable dipper Stick with all necessary hydraulics and controls

Yes ___ No ___
Page # _____

Additional 2 years of filters based on 1200 hours per year use

Yes ___ No ___
Page # _____

An extended power train warranty that covers an additional two (2) years
or an additional 2400 hours, whichever occurs first.

Yes ___ No ___
Page # _____

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