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 2 North Jackson Street, Montgomery, Alabama, at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, November 30, 2026. Bid specifications are available at http://www.alabamacounties.org/heavy-equipment/ for each of the following items:

Backhoes, Bulldozers, Dump Bodies, Dump Chassis, Excavators (Compact Excavators, Highway Speed Truck Excavators, Track Mount Excavators, Wheeled Excavators), Half Round End Dump, Lowboy Tractors, Lowboy Trailers, Motor Graders, Patchers (One-man Pothole Patchers, Trailer Mount Mastic Patcher/Crack Sealer, Trailer Mounted Patcher – Diesel, Trailer Mounted Patcher – Air Compressor/Tools), Rubber Tire Roller, Skid Steer Loader and Attachments, and Wheel Loaders.

Time is of the essence in submitting bids and only bids received in the Association office by 10:00 a.m. Central Time on Monday, November 30, 2026 will be opened and considered. Bidders and any other interested individuals are invited to attend the bid opening.

NOTICE OF BID OPENING PROCEDURES

All bids for Heavy Equipment will be opened and the name(s) of the bidders read aloud on the morning of the bid opening on Monday, November 30, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at 2 North Jackson Street, Montgomery, AL. The specifics of each bid submitted will be compiled by the Association staff thereafter and will be available, upon written or emailed request, one week after the bid opening. Requests should be emailed to jointbid@alabamacounties.org.

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 Kenya Howard in the Association office by mail, fax, or e-mail (jointbid@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 and/or any addendum.

PREPARING AND SUBMITTING BIDS

All bids must be typed or handwritten 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 Submittal 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.

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:

ATTN: Alabama County Joint Bid Program
Association of County Commissions of Alabama or ACCA
2 North Jackson Street, FL 7, Montgomery, Alabama 36104 (Physical Address)

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.

The award will be based on the total cost of the Standard Machine bid by the lowest responsible bidder. Each Bid shall include a Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price Sheet (MSRP) for each machine bid. The percent difference between the Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) for the standard machine as specified by these bid specifications and the actual price bid by the vendor will be calculated and that percentage discount shall be applied to any options an individual county may choose to add to the machine.

Once the bids have been awarded, any county participant purchasing under this program may, at its discretion, add any of the vendor's available options at the same discount off the Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price Sheet as was applied to the Standard Machine Price Bid.

The vendor must agree to provide all Alabama counties purchasing through the County Joint Bid Program the lowest purchase price made available to any Alabama county during the contract term, and to fully disclose to the Program Administrator (ACCA) all dealer discounts, manufacturer incentives, fleet

incentives, cooperative purchasing discounts, rebates, promotional programs, and other pricing concessions. There shall be no alterations from the bid specifications to receive these pricing concessions.

The vendor must also agree to honor the bid price throughout the entire contract period. If the vendor sells to any county at an amount lower than the bid price, the vendor shall refund to each county that purchased under the awarded bid price the difference between the awarded bid price and the lower price provided to the subsequent county purchaser.

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.

ACQUISITION AND FINANCING OPTIONS

The awarded Vendor will provide the equipment, including any options required by the purchaser, at the awarded price as contracted through the Joint Bid Program. The purchaser may secure its own financing to acquire the equipment or execute any financial options available under Alabama law with the awarded Vendor in order to acquire the equipment.

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*.). All bidders shall also affirm that they are in compliance with, and will comply with, Alabama's anti-boycott law (Ala. Code § 41-16-5) and anti-economic boycott law (Ala. Code § 41-16-160 *et seq*.).

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 six (6) months with an option to renew each six (6) months not to exceed a period of three (3) years under the 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 60 days prior to the expiration of the existing contract.

CONTACT REGARDING BIDS AND INVITATION

Contact initiated by a potential bidder with any 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 or the County Joint Bid Program shall be directed to Association staff in writing under the procedures set out in this Invitation to Bid. 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 Kenya Howard at jointbid@alabamacounties.org or 334-263-7594.

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

ATTN: Patrick McDougald
Association of County Commissions of Alabama
2 North Jackson Street, FL 7
Montgomery, Alabama 36104

OR

Patrick McDougald
Email: pattymackdaddy@gmail.com

BID SUBMITTAL FORM
Alabama County Joint Bid Program
Heavy Equipment – Bid Items: 3.65 CY Wheel Loader - Option A

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

_____

Bid Submitted By: _____
(Name of Company Representative)

Title: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

By submitting this bid, we agree:	Initials
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 January 1, 2027 to June 30, 2027	_____
The equipment will be delivered at the bid price to all counties participating in the joint bid program	_____
The company acknowledges the freight preparation and delivery price is to be included in the total bid price for the standard machine	_____
The company representative listed above will be the contact person for purchasing this bid item under the joint bid program	_____
The bid is accompanied by a current catalog or model specification document for the model number identified below	_____
The bid is accompanied by a copy of the manufacturer's standard warranty as required in the bid specifications	_____
The bid includes the E-Verify documentation required by Alabama law	_____
We comply with, and if awarded the contract, we will comply with, the requirements of Section 41-16-50 and Sections 41-16-160 to -166, Code of Alabama 1975	_____
If awarded the bid, a performance bond will be provided upon request	_____
The bid documents include the Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price Sheet (MSRP) for the Standard Machine	_____

To provide all Alabama counties purchasing through the County Joint Bid Program the lowest purchase price made available to any Alabama county during the Contract Term, and that all dealer discounts, manufacturer incentives, fleet incentives, cooperative purchasing discounts, rebates, promotional programs, and other pricing concessions will be fully disclosed to the Program Administrator (ACCA) _____

Vendor further agrees to honor the bid price throughout the entire contract period. In the event Vendor sells to any county at an amount lower than the bid price, Vendor shall refund to each county that purchased under the awarded bid price the difference between the awarded bid price and the lower price provided to the subsequent county purchaser. _____

Total Bid Price for Standard Machine: $ _____
(Total Bid Price for Standard Machine Includes Freight Preparation, Delivery and Standard Warranty Costs) *

Freight Preparation and Delivery: $_____
(Included in Standard Machine Bid Price)

Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price for Standard Machine: $ _____

Equipment Model #: _____

Description: _____

Signature of company representative submitting bid: _____

Title: _____

*NOTE: Award will be made based on the total cost of the Standard Machine. The total cost of the standard machine is to include the freight preparation, delivery and standard warranty cost. Freight preparation, delivery will be excluded from the total bid price of the standard machine in determining the percentage discount for any available options.

BID SUBMITTAL FORM: OPTION COST SHEET

By submitting this bid, we agree:

To offer any available options at the percent difference between the Manufacturers' Suggested Retail Price Sheet and the actual bid price on the Standard Machine* _____

The bid documents include the Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price Sheet (MSRP) for the Standard Machine _____

Equipment Model #: _____

Description: _____

Signature of company representative submitting bid: _____

Title: _____

*NOTE: The percent difference between the Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price Sheet (MSRP) for the standard machine as specified by these Bid Specifications and the actual price bid by the vendor will be calculated to determine the percentage discount to be applied to any available options. The bid price of the freight preparation, delivery cost shall be excluded in determining the percentage discount to be applied to available options. Any individual county may choose to add any available option to the standard machine at the percentage discount at the time of purchase.

BID SPECIFICATIONS
FOR
3.65 CY WHEEL LOADER – OPTION A

GENERAL

These specifications shall be construed as the minimum acceptable standards for a 3.65-yard wheel loader. 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 wheel loader 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 specification 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 costs and refunds.

MANUALS

Each unit shall be provided with one (1) copy of the operator's manual, one (1) copy of the repair manual and one (1) copy of the current parts manual. 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 5 years or 7,500 hours of use 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 it can affect repairs on its machine.

WARRANTY

Bidders shall submit a copy of the manufacturer's standard warranty.
Warranty shall include service response time of maximum of 36
hours within notification by county.

Yes___ No___
Page#_____
or
Attachment____

DUMP CLEARANCE

The wheel loader dump clearance shall be no less than 9' 3" at full height and 45-degree dump angle. Yes ___ No ___
Page #_____

GENERAL OPERATING SPECIFICATIONS AND DIMENSIONS

Straight static tipping load shall be at least 25,800 lbs. and the Full turn static tipping load shall be at least 21,900 lbs. with machine equipped with ROPS cab and a minimum 3.65 cubic yard General Purpose bucket. Yes ___ No ___
Page #_____

Breakout force shall not be less than 25,000 lbs. with the minimum 3.65 cubic yard General Purpose bucket. Yes ___ No ___
Page #_____

Machine ground clearance shall not be less than 1' 3". Yes ___ No ___
Page #_____

BRAKES

-Machine shall have oil cooled multiple disc-type, adjustment-free service brakes, which are outboard mounted and sealed. Yes ___ No ___
Page #_____

STEERING/HITCH

Machine shall have center-point articulation with an articulation angle of at least ±40°. Yes ___ No ___
Page #_____

OIL SAMPLES

Oil sample analysis shall be provided, at no cost to the county, through the standard periods. Oil sample kits are to be provided and are to include a sample gun. Oil sampling ports shall be standard for quick and clean access to various machine oils (such as hydraulic, engine oil, transmission). Yes ___ No ___
Page #_____

FRONT AND REAR FRAMES/STRUCTURES

Machine shall be equipped with a rear towing and retrieval connection. Yes ___ No ___
Page #_____

Machine shall have lifting/tie down eyes for transportation. Yes ___ No ___
Page #_____

Machine shall be equipped with outside toolbox. Yes ___ No ___
Page #_____

ENGINE AND RELATED COMPONENTS

Engine shall be fully equipped, six cylinder, four stroke diesel type with all necessary operating accessories. Yes ___ No ___
Page#_____

Engine Shall be designed and manufactured by the machine manufacturer Yes ___ No ___
Page #_____

Engine shall meet or exceed current U.S. EPA Tier IV emissions levels. Yes ___ No ___
Page #_____

Engine shall have a total displacement of not less than 425 cubic inches Yes ___ No ___
Page #_____

Engine shall develop at least 182 net HP at no more than 1800 RPM. Standard engine equipment for rating shall include fan, air cleaner, water pump, lubrication oil pump, fuel pump, muffler and alternator. Yes ___ No ___
Page #_____

Engine shall develop at least 628 lb. - ft. maximum net torque at no less than 1400 RPM. Yes ___ No ___
Page #_____

The cooling fan for the engine coolant, A/C system, hydraulic oil, and inlet air shall be hydraulically driven, electronically controlled, and temperature sensing. It shall also compensate for horsepower draw and adjust engine fuel setting to result in a constant net horsepower. Yes ___ No ___
Page #_____

The coolant level shall be able to be checked via a ground-level sight gauge. Yes ___ No ___
Page #_____

Machine shall be equipped with 24V electric system for starting and operating, with a minimum 65-amp alternator. Yes ___ No ___
Page #_____

GENERAL MACHINE CONFIGURATION

Machine basic operating weight shall not be less than 36,000 lbs. Comparably equipped weight includes lubricants, coolant, full fuel tank, operator, General Purpose bucket with bolt-on cutting edge, 20.5-R25 tires and ROPS cab. Yes ___ No ___ Page #_____

Machine shall be equipped with a minimum 3.65 cubic yard ISO/SAE heaped General Purpose bucket with bolt-on cutting edge. Yes ___ No ___ Page #_____

Machine shall have 20.5 R25 L3 XHA traction-type tires. Yes ___ No ___ Page #_____

Machine shall have four front and two rear working lights and two rear stop and taillights. Yes ___ No ___ Page #_____

Machine shall have front fenders and rear platform extensions. Yes ___ No ___ Page #_____

Machine shall have a back-up alarm Yes ___ No ___ Page #_____

OPERATOR'S STATION

Integral ROPS and sound suppressed cab shall be standard and shall meet both current OSHA and MSHA standards for operator and spectator sound. Yes ___ No ___ Page #_____

Machine shall be equipped with a multilevel warning system, which will signal machine and component malfunctions. System should differentiate between major and minor malfunctions. Warning system shall record occurrences of periodic malfunctions. Yes ___ No ___ Page #_____

Instrument gauges shall include digital gear range indicator, engine coolant temperature, fuel level, hydraulic oil temperature, speedometer, and transmission oil temperature. Yes ___ No ___ Page #_____

Operator's seat shall be air suspension-type with adjustments for height, weight, fore/aft and suspension dampening, and adjustable armrests on left and right. Yes ___ No ___ Page #_____

Cab shall have internally and externally-mounted rearview mirrors. Yes ___ No ___
Page #_____

Cab shall have air conditioner, heater . Yes ___ No ___
Page #_____

Machine shall be equipped with a Fire Extinguisher Yes ___ No ___
Page #_____

Machine shall be equipped with retractable 3" seat belt. Yes ___ No ___
Page #_____

TRANSMISSION/POWERTRAIN

Transmission and other major power train components, such as the axles, shall be designed and manufactured by the equipment manufacturer. Yes ___ No ___
Page #_____

Automatic transmission shall be of countershaft power shift design. Yes ___ No ___
Page #_____

Transmission shall be electronically controlled for smooth clutch modulation. Yes ___ No ___
Page #_____

Transmission shall automatically select gears above first. The operator shall be able to select the highest gear to which the transmission will automatically shift. Yes ___ No ___
Page #_____

Transmission shall offer full manual shifting option as well as auto shifting. Yes ___ No ___
Page #_____

Machine shall be have a minimum of 4-forward and 4-reverse gears and be able to achieve a speed of at least 25 mph in both forward and reverse. Yes ___ No ___
Page #_____

Rear axle shall not have more than 20° total oscillation. Yes ___ No ___
Page #_____

Wheel loader shall be equipped with a crankcase guard. Yes ___ No ___
Page #_____

HYDRAULICS

Hydraulic pressure taps shall be provided for checking pressure in the hydraulic implements and steering systems.

Yes ___ No ___
Page #_____

Steering hydraulic system shall have a dedicated pump and be independent of the implement hydraulics.

Yes ___ No ___
Page #_____

Hydraulic total cycle time shall be no more than 11 seconds, measured with a rated bucket load.

Yes ___ No ___
Page #_____

Machine shall have a ground-level hydraulic sight gauge showing hydraulic fluid level.

Yes ___ No ___
Page #_____

Shall have a minimum flow of 50 gallons/minute.

Yes ___ No ___
Page #_____