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 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
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 Manufacturer's 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
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.

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____

ENGINE

Four (4) cylinder: four (4) stroke cycle, minimum 220 cubic inch diesel engine, capable of developing a minimum of 86 NET flywheel horsepower. Engine shall be designed and manufactured by the machine manufacturer

Yes ___ No ___
Page #_____

STARTING SYSTEM

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

Yes ___ No ___
Page #_____

TRANSMISSION

Power shuttle/shift transmission.

Yes ___ No ___
Page #_____

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

Yes ___ No ___
Page #_____

Rear wheel drive with or without limited slip differential. Minimum travel speed: 23 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 bucket

Yes ___ No ___
Page #_____

Loader breakout force (lbs.) -- 9,300 lbs.

Yes ___ No ___
Page #_____

Loader lift capacity max. height (lbs.) -- 6,005 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.) – 12,500 lbs.

Yes ___ No ___
Page #_____

Backhoe stick digging force – 7,200 lbs.

Yes ___ No ___
Page #_____

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

Yes ___ No ___
Page #_____

Boom Lift @ 12 ft. -- 2,200 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 15,800 lbs. SAE standard equipped with 2 wheel drive and ROPS Canopy. Yes ___ No ___
Page #_____

SAFETY DEVICES

Include a fire extinguisher that meets current minimum OSHA requirements complete with Mounting hardware installed on the machine. Yes ___ No ___
Page #_____

Include a rotating or flashing safety beacon installed on top of the cab. Yes ___ No ___
Page #_____