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. 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:

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.

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 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.

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 – LOWBOY TRACTOR - OPTION B

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 January 1, 2027 to June 30, 2027	_____
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	_____
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	_____
That, if awarded the bid, a performance bond will be provided upon request	_____
That an option sheet with individual pricing is attached	_____

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. _____

2027 Truck

Total Bid Price including options: $_____

Equipment Model #: _____

Description: _____

Signature of company representative submitting bid: _____

Title: _____

2028 Truck

Total Bid Price including options: $_____

Equipment Model #: _____

Description: _____

Signature of company representative submitting bid: _____

Title: _____

OPTION COST SHEET FOR LOWBOY TRACTOR
OPTION B

Options	Option Price
Dual purpose wet line kit	$_____
Aluminum cab guard	$_____
60” Long Light bar	$_____
15L engine in place of 13L engine	$_____
(18) Speed Automated Manual Transmission with torque input capacity of 1850 Ft LBs in place of standard 18 Speed Manual Transmission.	$_____

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

Equipment Model #: _____

Description: _____

Signature of company representative submitting bid: _____

Title: _____

BID SPECIFICATIONS
FOR
HEAVY DUTY LOWBOY TRACTOR-OPTION B

GENERAL

These specifications shall be construed as the minimum acceptable standards for a heavy duty Low Boy tractor. 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 manufacturers' equipment.

The use of specific names or 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.

Note all units offered for bid must be of manufacturer's current production model and must be fully compliant with 2021 EPA standards without the use of EPA engine credits. Chassis should be equipped with the appropriate diesel particulate filter and SCR after treatment system.

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

REPLACEMENT PARTS AVAILABILITY

Parts must be available for 5 years or 500,000 miles of use for the piece of equipment bid.

ASSEMBLY AND DELIVERY

The selling Low Boy Tractor dealer shall be responsible for delivery of the completed unit to the purchasing county with all requested options.

DOT INSPECTION AND SAFETY EQUIPMENT

Prior to delivery each unit shall be DOT inspected and include the appropriate documentation and decal. In addition, each unit shall be equipped with the required fire extinguisher and reflective triangle kit.

WARRANTY

Bidders shall submit a copy of the manufacturer's standard warranty along with a complete explanation of the warranty with their bid. Warranty must be transferable. Warranty must include the following minimum coverage:

Basic Vehicle: 1 Year or 100,000 miles

Diesel Engine: 2 year or 250,000 miles. However, counties will have the option to purchase additional coverage (an extended warranty) if negotiated between the purchasing county and successful bidder within the first 9 months of truck purchase.

Transmission: 3 Year or 300,000 miles
Rear Carriers: 3 Year or 300,000 miles

Yes___ No ___
Page #_____
or
Attachment____

ENGINE AND RELATED COMPONENTS

Shall be an in line 6 design 13 liter minimum, turbo charged diesel engine capable of developing 500HP minimum with a governed engine speed of 1800RPM or more. Torque rating to be a minimum of 1,850FT Lbs.	Yes ___ No ___ Page #_____
Engine shall have full wet replaceable cylinder liners. Fuel injection system to be equipped with a unit pump or unit injector style with CARB idle reduction.	Yes ___ No ___ Page #_____
Air intake system shall have a minimum of 1 filter elements in with a restriction indicator. Air cleaner element/elements mounted either under or outside of the hood.	Yes ___ No ___ Page #_____
Engine cooling system to have a minimum 1,240 square inches of frontal area, aluminum core radiator with silicone hoses throughout and coolant protection to -34 degrees F.	Yes ___ No ___ Page #_____
Fan drive to be Horton two speed type	Yes ___ No ___ Page #_____
Exhaust to be DUAL vertical with turnouts. Heat shields and stacks to be bright finish.	Yes ___ No ___ Page #_____
Diesel Particulate Filter and SCR catalyst to be mounted under passenger door with aluminum cover.	Yes ___ No ___ Page #_____
Factory installed integral Engine Brake.	Yes ___ No ___ Page #_____

STARTING AND ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

12-Volt system fuse/circuit breaker protected	Yes ___ No ___ Page #_____
12V gear reduction starter, 12V 160 amp alternator	Yes ___ No ___ Page #_____

Unit should be equipped with a backup alarm — Yes ___ No ___ Page #_____

(3) 12V maintenance free group 31 batteries with 700 cold cranking amps each. Batteries to be mounted in a single steel box with polished aluminum cover LH side under cab. — Yes ___ No ___ Page #_____

TRANSMISSION AND DRIVELINE

A manual eighteen (18) speed overdrive design, with over all gear ratio coverage of 19.73 and a minimum first gear reduction of 14.4 to 1 and a torque input capacity of 1850 FT. — Yes ___ No ___ Page #_____

Transmission should have oil cooler with dash mounted temperature gauge, left and right-side PTO access gears with appropriate clearance. — Yes ___ No ___ Page #_____

Main drivelines Spicer 1810HD or Equivalent with coated splines/ inter axle 1810 with coated splines. — Yes ___ No ___ Page #_____

CAB EXTERIOR

Cab to be Class 8 design for construction and vocational applications. Aluminum and composite construction for corrosion resistance. Huck bolted or Hen rob fastened construction. Minimum width 1.9 meters. — Yes ___ No ___ Page #_____

Drop style side windows for improved driver's downward visibility. — Yes ___ No ___ Page #_____

Stainless steel piano type door hinges. No automotive type hinges allowed. — Yes ___ No ___ Page #_____

Rear of engine may not extend into cab. No doghouse in firewall is allowed. — Yes ___ No ___ Page #_____

Both doors should have power windows and power mirrors. — Yes ___ No ___ Page #_____

One piece curved windshield. No bonded in windshield allowed. — Yes ___ No ___ Page #_____

Cab mounting should be air suspended at rear on at least 1 air bags. — Yes ___ No ___ Page #_____

Cab should feature:

Dual air horns in addition to the standard electric signal horn — Yes ___ No ___ Page #_____

LED marker lights — Yes ___ No ___ Page #_____

Cab mounted heated mirrors with convex mirrors mounted directly below heated mirrors — Yes ___ No ___ Page #_____
Stainless Steel exterior sun visor

Hood is to be a full tilting composite design. — Yes ___ No ___ Page #_____
Includes bright finished grill and grill surround.

Cab and hood paint color to be selected from manufacturer's standard non-metallic paint chart. — Yes ___ No ___ Page #_____

CAB INTERIOR

Cab interior to include the following:

Cab interior is to be Midgrade level fully groomed with with headliner, back wall and door panels. — Yes ___ No ___ Page #_____

AM/FM/WB and Bluetooth radio with clock and six gauges for engine oil temperature, transmission oil temperature, turbo boost pressure, air suspension pressure, & dual rear axle oil temperature. — Yes ___ No ___ Page #_____

Cab should have interior sun visors on both sides of cab. — Yes ___ No ___ Page #_____

- Black appearance with chrome gauge surrounds — Yes ___ No ___ Page #_____
- Center mount console with cup holders — Yes ___ No ___ Page #_____
- Full adjusting tilt and telescopic steering column — Yes ___ No ___ Page #_____

Multifunction Driver Display to include the following: — Yes ___ No ___ Page #_____
- Average and real time fuel economy
- RPM display
- Ignition timer
- Trip information
- Truck information
- Onboard diagnostics
- Gear display (automated manual only)

Cab seats should be:
- Driver High Back air ride design with dual arm rests — Yes ___ No ___ Page #_____

Passenger High Back air ride design with dual arm rests	Yes ___ No ___ Page #_____
Both seats to have fabric and/or vinyl covering with required lap and shoulder belts.	Yes ___ No ___ Page #_____
Factory installed integral heater/air conditioning (HVAC) with R134A refrigerant and rotary type air conditioner compressor. HVAC unit to be firewall mounted to allow for easier access to components.	Yes ___ No ___ Page #_____
Two- way radio power leads with mounting plate installed in overhead console with dual mirror mounted antennas.	Yes ___ No ___ Page #_____
One additional dash mounted power outlet to be furnished.	Yes ___ No ___ Page #_____
Windshield wipers to be two (2) speed electric with washer and intermittent feature. Wiper motor and linkage to be mounted external of the cab on firewall for easier access.	Yes ___ No ___ Page #_____
Power door locks.	Yes ___ No ___ Page #_____
<u>AIR BRAKES</u> Brake system to be full dual antilock Bendix with 6S/6M Road Stability System to include ABS/ATC/ESP with YAW control.	Yes ___ No ___ Page #_____
Air compressor should have a minimum 18.7CFM capacity and Bendix heated air dryer with extended purge.	Yes ___ No ___ Page #_____
<u>FRAME/BUMPER/FUEL TANKS</u> Steel 120,000 PSI steel frame rails 10.6875" x 3.50" x 0.50" with a section modulus of 22.35 and a RBM per rail of 2,683,000.	Yes ___ No ___ Page #_____
Minimum 205" wheelbase with a 134" cab to axle.	Yes ___ No ___ Page #_____
Heavy-duty 3 piece cross members. Huck bolt fasteners Throughout where possible.	Yes ___ No ___ Page #_____
Front bumper Bright Finish steel tapered with two removable tow pins.	Yes ___ No ___ Page #_____
Dual fuel tank(s) to be aluminum with a minimum of 100-gallon capacity on RH side and 75-gallon capacity on LH side. 7" wide heavy duty fuel tank straps.	Yes ___ No ___ Page #_____

Minimum 20.7-gallon capacity DEF tank mounted on LH side with polished cover

Yes ___ No ___
Page #_____

Chassis to be equipped with frame mounted bright finish quarter fenders mounted ahead of front pull axle and rear mud flaps mounted at end of frame on heavy duty spring loaded brackets.

Yes ___ No ___
Page #_____

FIFTH WHEEL

Tractor to be equipped with a Holland 24" air slide fifth wheel. Fifth wheel should have pinning feature for dump trailer use. Pins should be removable type for Multi-purpose use.

Yes ___ No ___
Page #_____

FRONT AXLE

Dana Spicer E-1462W or Equivalent 14.6K axle with 16,000# multi leaf suspension and shock absorbers. Threaded spring hanger pins and bushings replacing rubber bushings. Wide track front axle for improved wheel cut.

Yes ___ No ___
Page #_____

13,200# integral power steering.

Yes ___ No ___
Page #_____

Minimum of 24.5" spring centers.

Yes ___ No ___
Page #_____

Unitized sealed (maintenance free) front wheel hubs.

Yes ___ No ___
Page #_____

Sealed tapered kingpins and bearings.

Yes ___ No ___
Page #_____

Meritor "S" cam design (or equivalent) Federal Reduced Stopping Distance Compliant Brakes.

Yes ___ No ___
Page #_____

Front wheels to be polished aluminum ten (10) hole bud style, hub piloted 24.5" x 8.25".

Yes ___ No ___
Page #_____

Front tires to be 16 ply 11R24.5 radials Bridgestone, Goodyear, Yokohama, Michelin.

Yes ___ No ___
Page #_____

REAR AXLE

Dual Meritor RT46-164PEH or Equivalent 46K tandem rear axle with heavy wall housing and integral lube pump (4.10 ratio). 46,000# air ride suspension with shock absorbers, torque and tracking rods, and dump valve.
In cab Power divider lock out valve with warning light and buzzer.

Yes ___ No ___
Page #_____

Driver controlled inter wheel differential locks for both rear axles with manual valve and warning light.	Yes ___No ___ Page #_____
Meritor "S" cam design (or equivalent) Federal Reduced Stopping Distance Compliant Brakes.	Yes ___ No ___ Page #_____
Brake chambers shall be (4) 30/30 Long Stroke for Federal Reduced Stopping Distance Compliant style chambers	Yes ___ No ___ Page #_____
Polished aluminum ten- (10) hole bud style, hub piloted 24.5 x 8.25 rear wheels.	Yes ___ No ___ Page #_____
Rear tires to be 14 ply 11R 24.5 traction radials Bridgestone, Goodyear, Yokohama, or Michelin.	Yes ___ No ___ Page #_____

OPTIONS

In addition the bid must also include the cost for each of the following options, itemized separately on the bid:

Dual-purpose wet line system for use with a dump trailer or a detachable neck low boy trailer.	Yes ___ No ___ Page #_____
Aluminum Cab Guard with window	Yes ___ No ___ Page #_____
60-Inch Long Light bar with Two Power Supplies and Eight Strobes (4 Front/4 Rear) -Shall include built-in, rear facing stop/tail/turn signals and Rear Facing work Lights	Yes ___ No ___ Page #_____
-Light bar shall be mounted on the Aluminum Cab Guard with controls mounted inside the cab.	Yes ___ No ___ Page #_____
(18) Speed Automated Manual Transmission with torque input capacity of 1850 Ft LBs in place of standard 18 Speed Manual.	Yes___No____ Page#_____
15L engine in place of 13L engine	Yes___No____ Page#_____

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