REQUEST FOR BIDS #20-10
TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCK WITH PLOW
FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE
ADDENDUM #1

Responding to vendor inquiries the University has issued this addendum:

SECTION FOUR
BID FORM

Item #1-3
Q. Calls for Henderson 46K suspension tandem axle. Is that meant to be Hendrickson?

A. That was a typo. It is a Hendrickson suspension.

Q. Do you have a preference between Hendrickson spring, and their rubber block suspension?

A. Spring.

Q. Would you consider an alternate suspension of equal or superior performance?

A. No.

Item #A-9
Q. Calls for a double frame. Would you be open to a heavy single frame?

A. No.

Item #A-15
Q. Says fully capable of hauling an Interstate model 40DLA trailer with no modifications or additions. I am assuming this is grossed out to the 47,600lbs it is rated for. The reason I ask comes into play when you get to your transmission.

A. We specified this trailer for dimensional reasons only for the placement of the pintle hitch. This trailer will very seldom be used and when it is used, it will be on campus only at a top speed of 25 mph for 2 miles. We do not need a heavier transmission that a continuous duty application would require.

Item #A-16
Q. Calls for locking differentials. I am assuming you want four way lockers for a plow truck application.

A. We want 4-way locking to lock all four rear wheels together.
Item #C-1
Q. Calls for an Allison automatic 5-speed transmission with magnetic oil drain plug and oil cooler system. Do you have a transmission model in mind? I would recommend a 4500RDS (Rugged Duty Series).

A. We currently have two Allison 3000 units in service with no problems. We would like to have the 3000 quoted in the base price, but feel free to quote the heavier transmission as an optional upgrade.

Q. How do you want your hydraulics powered?

A. Run off the end of the crankshaft.

Q. You also call for a delivery date between July 5, and July 31, 2010. Is this a firm time frame?

A. The time frame is firm.

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