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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM
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REQUEST FOR BIDS

TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCK WITH PLOW
University of Maine

RFB # 20-10

ISSUE DATE:
February 25, 2010

BIDS MUST BE RECEIVED BY:
Thursday, March 18, 2010, 2:00 pm

DELIVER BIDS TO:

University of Maine System
Office of Strategic Procurement
Attn: Hal Wells
16 Central Street
Bangor, ME 04401

SECTION ONE

1.0 GENERAL INFORMATION:

- 1.1 Purpose: The University of Maine System, acting through the University of Maine is seeking bids for one new 2010 or 2011, Tandem Axle Dump Truck with Plow designed to meet or exceed industry standards associated with heavy-duty equipment.

The University has a 2000 International 2574 truck with plow and sanding equipment for trade-in or cash purchase. The University reserves the right to accept or reject any or all trade or cash offers

- 1.2 Definition of Parties: The University of Maine System will hereinafter be referred to as the "University." Respondents to this Request for Bids (RFB) shall be referred to as "Bidder(s)" or "bidder(s)". The Bidder to whom the contract is awarded shall be referred to as the "Contractor."

- 1.3 Evaluation Criteria: Award will be made to the low bidder provided that all other requirements are satisfactorily met, to include requested delivery date (see section 3.5).

- 1.4 Award: The University reserves the right to conduct any tests it may deem advisable and to make all evaluations. The University reserves the right to reject any or all bids, in whole or in part and is not necessarily bound to accept the lowest bid if that bid is contrary to the best interests of the University. The University reserves the right to waive minor irregularities. Scholarships, donations, or gifts to the University will not be considered in the evaluation of bids. A bid may be rejected if it is in any way incomplete or irregular. When there are tie bids, there shall be a preference for "in-state bidders". When tie bids are both in-state or both out-of-state, the award will be made to the bid that arrives **first** at the Office of Strategic Procurement.

- 1.5 Award Protest: Bidders may appeal the award decision by submitting a written protest to the University of Maine System's Director of Strategic Procurement within five (5) business days of the date of the award notice, with a copy of the protest to the successful bidder. The protest must contain a statement of the basis for the challenge.

- 1.6 Communication with the University: It is the responsibility of the bidder to inquire about any requirement of this RFB that is not understood. Responses to inquiries, if they change or clarify the RFB in a substantial manner, will be forwarded by addenda to all parties that have received a copy of the RFB. Addenda will also be posted on our web site, www.maine.edu/strategic/upcoming_bids.php. The University will not be bound by oral responses to inquiries or written responses other than addenda.

Inquiries must be made to: Hal Wells
Office of Strategic Procurement
University of Maine System
16 Central Street
Bangor, Maine 04401
(207) 973-3302
hcwells@maine.edu

- 1.7 Submission: A **SIGNED** original and five (5) copies of the bid must be received at the Office of Strategic Procurement, University of Maine System, 16 Central Street, Bangor, Maine 04401, in a sealed envelope no later than **2:00 P.M. local time, Thursday, March 18, 2010**, for a public opening. The bid must be date/time stamped by the Office of Strategic

Procurement in order to be considered. Bidders are strongly encouraged to submit bids in advance of the due date/time to avoid the possibility of missing the 2:00 deadline due to unforeseen circumstances. Bidders assume the risk of the methods of dispatch chosen. The University assumes no responsibility for delays caused by any package or mail delivery service. A postmark on or before the due date WILL NOT substitute for receipt of bid. In the event of suspended University operations, the bid opening will be rescheduled for the next business day at the same time and location. Bidders may wish to call (207) 973-3298 to determine if University operations have been suspended. Bids received after the due date and time will be returned unopened. Additional time will not be granted to any single bidder, however, additional time may be granted to all bidders when the University determines that circumstances require it. **FAXED OR E-MAIL BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

Where possible, all materials submitted should be fully recyclable. Submissions shall be on standard 8.5 x 11, letter-sized paper and be clipped together without binding.

- 1.8 Bid Envelope: The signed bid should be returned in an envelope or package, sealed and identified as follows:

From _____	March 18, 2010	2:00 p.m.	RFB #20-10
Name	Due Date	Time	Bid No.

- 1.9 Bid Understanding: By submitting a bid, the bidder agrees and assures that the specifications are adequate, and the bidder accepts the terms and conditions herein. Any exceptions should be noted in your response.
- 1.10 Costs of Preparation: Bidder assumes all costs of preparation of the bid and any presentations necessary to the bidding process.
- 1.11 Debarment: Submission of a signed bid in response to this solicitation is certification that your firm (or any subcontractor) is not currently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any State or Federal department or agency. Submission is also agreement that the University will be notified of any change in this status.
- 1.12 Errors: Bids may be withdrawn or amended by bidders at any time prior to the bid opening. After the bid opening, bids may not be amended. If a significant mistake has been made by an apparent low bidder, the bidder will be given the option of selling at the price given or withdrawing the bid. If an extension error has been made, the unit price will prevail.
- 1.13 Specification Protest Process and Remedies: If a bidder feels that the specifications are written in a way that limits competition, a specification protest may be sent to the Office of Strategic Procurement. Specification Protests will be responded to within five (5) business days of receipt. Determination of protest validity is at the sole discretion of the University. The due date of the bid may be changed if necessary to allow consideration of the protest and issuance of any necessary addenda. Specification protests shall be presented to the University in writing as soon as identified, but no less than five (5) business days prior to the bid opening date and time. No protest against the award due to the specifications shall be considered after this deadline. Protests shall include the reason for the protest and any proposed changes to the specifications. Protests should be delivered to the Office of Strategic Procurement in sealed envelopes, clearly marked as follows:

SPECIFICATION PROTEST, RFB #20-10

- 1.14 Alternates: Unless otherwise provided for in this solicitation, the name of a certain brand, make or manufacturer does not restrict bidders to the specific brand, make or manufacturer

named; but conveys the general style, type, character, and quality of the article desired. Any article which the University, in its sole discretion, determines to be the equal of that specified, considering quality, workmanship, economy of operation, and suitability for the purpose intended, shall be accepted. It is the bidder's responsibility to clearly and specifically indicate the product being offered and to provide sufficient descriptive literature, catalog cuts and technical detail to enable the University to determine if the product offered meets the requirements of the solicitation. Failure to furnish adequate data for evaluation purposes may result in declaring a bid non-responsive. Unless the bidder clearly indicates in its bid that the product offered is an "equal" product, such bid will be considered to offer the brand name products referenced in the solicitation.

END SECTION ONE

SECTION TWO

2.0 GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- 2.1 Delivery Location: The University of Maine, University Garage, Rangley Road, Orono, ME 04469.
- 2.2 Delivery Notification: he Contractor shall Notify Michael Hambrock at the University of Maine, Telephone (207) 581-2645, at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to delivery to confirm receiving hours.
- 2.3 Litigation: This Contract and the rights and obligations of the parties hereunder shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Maine without reference to its conflicts of laws principles. The Contractor agrees that any litigation, action or proceeding arising out of this Contract, shall be instituted in a state court located in the State of Maine.
- 2.4 Transportation Charges: Quotations must include F.O.B. Destination. Prices quoted will be considered to include all charges for transportation, packaging, crates, containers, insurance, duty and brokerage charges, etc. necessary to complete delivery on an F.O.B. Destination basis.
- 2.5 Payment: Payment will be upon submittal of an invoice to the address provided on the purchase order, by the Contractor on a Net 30 basis unless discount terms are offered with the bid document. Invoice must include the purchase order number.
- 2.6 Application for Title: Application for Title and manufacturer's Statement of Origin must be provided to the University at the time of delivery.

The owner of record on the title application shall be: The University of Maine System, 16 Central Street, Bangor, Maine 04401. The legal residence on the vehicle registration shall be the University of Maine, Orono, Maine 04469.

END SECTION TWO

SECTION THREE

3.0 SPECIFICATIONS AND BID FORM INSTRUCTIONS

SPECIFICATIONS

- 3.1 New Equipment: The equipment offered shall be a new 2010 or 2011, standard production model of the latest design in current production. No demonstration units will be accepted.
- 3.2 Manuals: The Contractor shall supply one (1) Operators Manual, one (1) maintenance/repair manual, one (1) Line Chart, and one (1) Parts Manual.
- 3.3 Warranty: The Contractor shall provide a detailed warranty statement for full unit.
- 3.4 Safety: All electronic/electrical devices shall be de-energized when the key switch is turned to the OFF position.
- 3.5 Delivery: The University requests that the unit **be delivered AFTER July 5, 2010 and BEFORE July 31, 2010.**
- 3.6 Acceptance Tests: Acceptance tests required to demonstrate that performance specifications can be met must be carried out in exacting accordance with the capabilities as described in the user and technical documentation/operators manual(s) delivered with the equipment or submitted with the bid response. Failure to satisfy this acceptance test may result in rejection of the equipment with no financial obligation incurred by the University.
- 3.7 Delivery Setup: Unit, Plow, and Dump Body shall be delivered fully serviced, tuned up, wheels balanced, ready for work. All steps to assemble the vehicle with the items listed on the bid form are the responsibility of the bidder.
- 3.8 Additional Detailed Minimum Specifications are found in the bid form below.

BID FORM INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.9 Bid Form: Bidders shall provide bid information on the following form (Section Four) and note exceptions to the specifications in the column labeled "Description or Exceptions". Any additional information including exceptions or alternate specifications may be provided on a separate sheet and shall be marked with the corresponding item letter and/or number.
- 3.10 Literature: Bidders shall submit the latest printed specifications and advertising literature on for the equipment offered.
- 3.11 Trade-in: 2000 International 2574 Truck with Plow and Sanding Equipment. Photos are available on request. On-site viewing may be available at the discretion of the University Grounds Department. To request a possible viewing vendors shall contact Harold Dall at 207-581-2646. If the University accepts the offer of a trade or cash purchase, the Contractor shall be responsible for removal of the equipment. Unit details:
 - Truck mileage: 140,078
 - Tires are in fair condition
 - Side dump, ground speed oriented sander
 - Front Plow: highway plow
 - Front plow and wing blade have bolt on cutting edges

END SECTION THREE

**SECTION FOUR
BID FORM**

BIDDER'S (COMPANY) NAME: _____

NOTE: IF offering more than one (1) truck (alternates), make copies of this section. All information must be completed for each truck being offered.

ITEM #	MINIMUM SPECIFICATIONS	COMPLIES		DESCRIPTION OR EXCEPTIONS
		Yes	No	
A	Tandem Axle Dump / Plow Truck			
1	Truck to be painted red and wheel rims to be painted white			
2	Minimum GVWR 58,000 pounds			
3	Henderson 46K suspension tandem axle			
4	Front tires to be standard radials			
5	Rear tires must be mud and snow rated			
6	Wheel base must sufficient to accept 12 - 13 yard side dump, left discharge spreader body			
7	Chassis must accommodate plow rigging			
8	Minimum 50 gallon fuel tank			
9	Double frame			
10	Frame primed and painted black			
11	Frame must be clean of components from the cab back			
12	Semi-trailer connections			
13	Breakaway valve mounted on rear cross member (not to interfere with lights or license plate)			
14	Separate fused 7-way semi-trailer socket mounted on rear cross member			
15	Fully compatible and capable of hauling an Interstate model 40DLA trailer with no further modifications or additions			
16	Locking differential			
17	Rear axle magnetic drain plugs			
18	Heavy-duty power steering suitable for snow plowing service			
19	Air brakes			
20	Air dryer with heater			
21	12-volt electrical system with minimum 135 amp charging system			
22	Backup lights on chassis			
23	OEM front bumper provided with delivery of truck			
24	Air drain valves shall be equipped with remote pull cables			
25	Right side front axle to be equipped with dash activated air bag canister to assist with wing blade loading			

26	Hood to tilt forward with factory installed side access panel. Panel must be located on the oil fill side of the engine			
B	Operator's Cab			
1	Standard cab marker lights			
2	Exterior mirrors, heated and power adjustable			
3	Air conditioning			
4	2-speed delay windshield wipers			
5	Cab grab handles for cab entry			
6	Floor mats			
7	Air suspension high back seat with adjustable lumbar			
8	Tachometer			
9	Speedometer			
10	Oil temperature gauge			
11	Oil pressure gauge			
12	Water temperature gauge			
13	Volt meter gauge			
14	Amp meter gauge			
15	Fuel gauge			
16	Air gauge			
17	Brake warning light			
18	Low air pressure alarm			
19	Engine hour meter			
20	Cab mounted, cable operated controls (adjustable for different size operators)			
21	Backup alarm			
22	AM/FM radio with speaker(s) installed			
23	Air and electric horn			
24	Defroster / heater			
25	Hand control trolley valve shall be mounted on the steering column or dashboard			
26	Trailer air supply valve mounted on dashboard			
27	Switches to be illuminated rocker 6-pack type			
28	Tilt steering wheel (PREFERRED)			
29	3-point lap/shoulder seat belts			
30	Fire extinguisher excluded from bid			
C	Transmission			
ITEM #	MINIMUM SPECIFICATIONS	COMPLIES		DESCRIPTION OR EXCEPTIONS
		Yes	No	
1	Allison automatic 5-speed transmission with magnetic oil drain plug and oil cooler system			
D	Manuals			
1	One (1) operator manual			
2	One (1) maintenance / repair manual			
3	One (1) line chart			
4	One (1) parts manual			
E	Hydraulic System			
1	Operate sander, dump body, plow and wing systems			
2	Tank mounted on truck frame and have level sight gauge and shut-off valve			
F	Power Train			
1	Engine: diesel			

2	350 HP minimum			
3	Glow plug			
4	Magnetic oil drain plug			
5	Screw-on type filters			
6	Electronic governor			
7	Minimum 1500 watt, 110 volt engine block heater with spring operated lid mounted on the front of the truck			
G	Dump Body			
1	Side dump combination dump and sander with front spreader with standard controls			
2	Double acting telescopic lift cylinders on sander body			
3	Heavy duty bed chain with grease chain adjusters			
4	Centrally located lubrication system to service all required lube points on rear of truck including sander floor and body hinge			
5	Sander lights			
6	Standard spreader controls (i.e. knob and lever, not computer controls)			
7	12 - 13 yard capacity			
8	Ladder with fold down extension on driver's side			
9	Cab shield headboard			
10	Air tailgate			
11	Mud flaps			
12	Four (4) LED strobe lights mounted in the rear of the dump body (upper left, lower left, upper right, lower right)			
13	LED stop and turning lights in the rear post			
14	Primed and painted black			
15	Two (2) LED strobe lights mounted on cab shield utilizing buyers product single oval cabinet model LB383 (exact mounting location specified post award)			
16	Bed floor indicator light to indicate raised bed			
17	Safety kick out cable (if applicable)			
18	Donovan Bullet 7000 electric load cover			
19	Calcium system mounted on frame			
	Minimum 100-gallon poly tank with shutoff valve			
	Mounted with filler port on passenger side			
	In cab activated			
	Minimum 150 PSI working pressure on spray system			
H	Plows			
1	Power tilt front plow hitch with headlights and blinkers			
2	High lift patrol wing system with full trip arms, trip block and safety chain			
3	Front wing post not to exceed 72" in height			
4	Front post to be 8" I-beam and rear post to be 10" I-beam			

5	12' steel wing with 11' bolt on carbide cutting sand curb shoe			
6	11' reversible steel plow with bolt on carbide cutting edge with curb shoes on either side			
7	Push frame to be heavy duty hydraulic double ram with cushion valve			
8	Plows to be primed and painted black			
9	Tandem gear hydraulic pump			
10	Wing light			
I	Pintle Hook System			
1	¾" pintle plate with 30 ton swivel style pintle hitch with D rings			
2	Pintle mounted 29" above ground level			
J	Warranty			
1	Provide warranty statement			
	Year 1: full factory warranty (provide details if longer than 1 year)			
	Years 2 – 5: No deductable parts, service call, labor and towing (provide pricing for options below)			
K	Delivery			
1	Delivery after July 5, 2010 and before July 31, 2010			

Make and model of equipment: _____

Model year of equipment: _____
(Must be new and model year 2010 or 2011)

Warranty:

Option 1: All years 2 – 5 included,
Purchased at the end of the factory
warranty: \$ _____

Option 2: Cost per year

Year 1: \$ _____ NO CHARGE _____

Year 2: \$ _____

Year 3: \$ _____

Year 4: \$ _____

Year 5: \$ _____

Price FOB delivered without trade-in: \$ _____

Less Trade-In 2000 International 2574: \$ _____
The University reserves the right to accept or reject any or all trade or cash offers.

Final cost FOB delivered, with trade-in: \$ _____

Delivery Date: _____
Must be after July 5, 2010 and before July 31, 2010

END SECTION FOUR

SIGNATURE PAGE

COMPANY NAME: _____

By: _____
(Signature)

(Print Name)

(Title)

(Phone)

(Cell Phone)

(E-mail Address)

(Date)