



Invitation to Bid – Lowboy Trailer
June 25, 2021
Solicitation # 431-0721-02

Sealed bids, subject to the specifications and conditions contained herein and attached hereto, will be received in the City Manager’s Office, City Hall, until, but no later than **2:00 P.M. CT, July 15, 2021**, and then publicly opened and read aloud for the purchase of a Lowboy Trailer.

If you are an individual with a disability and require a reasonable accommodation or have additional questions regarding this invitation, please notify the Purchasing Agent, Kim Dale at (931) 560-1580.

No bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids for sixty (60) calendar days.

Bid Instruction

1. The bid sheet as supplied herein must be signed by an individual with the authority to bind the firm.
2. The bid must be accompanied by a signed Iran Divestment Statement.
3. All documents shall be returned to Purchasing Agent, City Manager’s Office, City Hall, 700 North Garden St., Columbia, TN 38401.
4. Bidders are requested to register as a vendor using a link to Vendor Registry found on the City’s website under the Finance Department/Purchasing page. Bidders may also request a printed vendor application by calling 931-560-1580.
5. Copies of warranty information, other requirements as may be included herein and any additional information pertinent to properly evaluate the bid.

Time is of the essence and any bid received after the announced time and date for submittal, whether by mail or otherwise, will be rejected. The time of receipt shall be determined by the City Manager’s Office. Bidders are responsible for ensuring that their bids are stamped by City Manager’s Office personnel before the deadline indicated. Late bids received will be so noted in the bid file and the bid will be returned unopened. Faxed or E-mailed bids will not be accepted.

Nothing herein is intended to exclude any responsible vendor, his product or service or in any way restrain or restrict competition. On the contrary, all responsible vendors are encouraged to bid and their bids are solicited. The City of Columbia is compliant with Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act and as a result does not discriminate on the bases of race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy), national origin, age (40 or older), disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, genetic information or any other characteristic protected by law. Nor does it exclude from participation in, or denies the benefit of any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

All costs of preparing and delivering a bid shall be the responsibility of the bidder.

SCOPE

The City of Columbia is seeking bids for the purchase of a new 35-Ton Lowboy Trailer to be used by the Public Works Department for heavy equipment transportation. The Trailer must be able to haul up to 35 tons with the GVWR being 84,500 lbs. The specifications and requirements contained herein are intended to describe a trailer suited for hauling various types of heavy equipment.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. **Acceptance of Bids:** The City of Columbia reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informal technicalities or defects, the scope and nature of which it shall be the sole judge, in any bid, insofar as such technicality or defects do not legally, materially or substantially change such bid. The said City, unless otherwise specified by the bidder, reserves the right to accept any item on bid.

If the bidder fails to state the time within which a bid must be accepted, it is understood and agreed that said City shall have ninety (90) days from bid opening date in which to accept bid.

2. **Error in Bid:** In case of error in the extension prices in the bid, the unit price governs. No bid shall be altered, amended or withdraw, unless the acceptance date has expired, after the opening date of bids. Negligence on the part of the bidder in preparing the bid confers no right for withdrawal of the bid after it has been opened.
3. **Discount Period:** Time in connection with discount offered will be computed from the date of delivery, or from the date correct invoices are received, whichever date is later. Discount other than "Time Discounts" shall be shown on the face of the proposal sheet under "Terms".
4. **Sample of Materials:** Samples of items, when requested, must be furnished free of expense to the City, at the time bids are opened or later if such are called for after the bids have been opened, and if such samples are not destroyed in the process of sampling, they will be returned at the bidder's expense.
5. **Signatures on Bids:** Each bid must contain the full name and business address of the bidder. Any person signing a proposal sheet for himself or as agent, employee or officer of another must show his title and, if requested by the City shall furnish proof of his authority to make such proposal.
6. **Alternate Bids:** Alternate bids will be considered providing such items that appear on such bids meet specifications. Where equivalent items are bid upon, said City reserves the sole right in determining whether they meet specifications.
7. **Bid Sheets:** Bidders shall use the bid sheets furnished by the City unless otherwise instructed herein. Failure to submit this sheet as required shall render the proposal invalid. Bid sheets must contain prices on per unit and aggregate basis and the total amount of the bid must be stated on the bid sheet.
8. **Federal or State Sales, Excise or Use Tax:** Every bid shall separately state and set forth, therein the amount of any and all Federal and State sales, excise or use taxes included in the bid prices. If any such taxes are included in the prices bid, the City reserves the right in making the award to deduct any amount of such taxes thereof. Where labor is required, the bidder shall state separately the amount of labor and materials.
9. **Delivery:** The number of calendar days in which delivery will be made after contract is executed and purchase order placed shall be stated in the bid. When the bidder states no time delivery, it is understood and agreed that delivery is to be made within fifteen (15) days after receipt of order, unless otherwise stated in the specifications.
10. **Compliance:** Contractor shall abide by all federal, state and local laws and statues and obtain all permits required in number fifteen (15) of these conditions.
11. **Specifications:** It is understood that reference to attached specifications shall be sufficient to make the terms of such specifications binding on the contractor. In some instances, the name of the manufacturer, a special brand, or make of an item is used in describing the item or items desired; but this does not restrict the bidder to that manufacturer or specific article, this means being used simply to indicate the character or quality of the article or service desired; but the articles or service on which the proposal are submitted must be equal to that specified, and a statement to that effect shall be made a part of the proposal. Where conflict occurs between the requirement or the General Conditions and the specifications, the requirements of the specifications will govern.

12. **Inspection:** Final inspection and acceptance or rejection will be made at the time of delivery, but all products and workmanship shall be subject to inspection and test at all times and places. The right is reserved to reject articles that contain defective material and workmanship. Rejected materials shall be removed by and at the expense of the contractor promptly after notification of rejection. The City shall not be obligated to pay the full price for any items that do not meet specifications; however, payment may be made at a proper reduction in price.
13. **Bid Opening:** Bids may be mailed or delivered to the Purchasing Agent of the City of Columbia, Tennessee. All bids will be opened and publicly read at a time specified within this invitation. Bids received after the specified time for opening, as shown on the invitation to bid, will not be accepted.
14. **Cancellation:** The City reserves the right to cancel an accepted bid or contract in whole or in part due to nonperformance or defective products.
15. **Permit Requirements:** Successful bidder will be responsible for securing any necessary permits for complying with all required inspections whether local state or federal.
16. **Multi-Year Contracts:** The City reserves the right to enter into multi –year contracts and further has the right to terminate multi year contracts due to non-appropriation of funds.
17. **Financial Statements:** Financial statements will be submitted upon request.
18. **Term of Payment:** Payment will be made in full after the satisfactory receipt of goods, materials, supplies, and equipment. Payment will be made in full upon satisfactory completion of all contractual services, public improvements and/or construction. Executed contracts must specifically state if there is any partial payment or other deviation from this method of payment.
19. **Complaints:** Vendors shall have the right to present a complaint, dispute or grievance concerning unfair treatment, contracts, deliveries, payments, restrictions, and other incidents. The following steps are intended to provide uniform procedures for a vendor to express a problem and obtain remedy.
 - a. Step One - Vendor must file a grievance with the Purchasing Agent no later than seven (7) calendar days after the occurrence of the dispute or incident. The complaint must be in writing and include all supporting data and desired solution or remedy. The Purchasing Agent will forward a copy of the complaint with the user department who shall provide a written reply within thirty (30) days to the Purchasing Agent who will review the response and if agreement forward the decision to the vendor.
 - b. Step Two – If the vendor is not satisfied with the Purchasing Agent’s response, the vendor may appeal in writing to the City Manager within 10 day from the date of the Purchasing Agent’s response, who shall with the advice of the Purchasing Agent and/or City Attorney, make a written determination to all parties involved. The City Manager’s decision shall be final.

INSURANCE

The awarded vendor shall purchase and maintain in force, at his own expense, such insurance as will protect him and the City from claims which may arise out of or result from the Vendor’s execution of the work, whether such execution be by himself, his employees, agents, subcontractors, or by anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable. The insurance coverage shall be such as to fully protect the Owner, the City and the general public from any and all claims for injury and damage resulting by any actions on the part of the vendor or his forces as enumerated above. The vendor shall furnish, a copy of an original Certificate of Insurance, naming City of Columbia as an additional insured. Should any of the policies be cancelled before the expiration date, the issuing company will mail 30 days written notice to the certificate holder. The vendor shall furnish insurance in satisfactory limits, and on forms and of companies that are acceptable to the City of Columbia and shall require and show evidence of insurance coverage on behalf of any subcontractors (if

applicable), before entering into any agreement to sublet any part of the work to be done as a result of awarding this bid.

The following insurance requirements are the minimum that will be acceptable:

1. Worker's Compensation Insurance – State statutory limits.
2. Commercial General Liability - Including products and completed operations coverage and contractual liability on the amount of \$500,000 CSL (combined single limit).
3. Automobile Insurance - Commercial Automobile Liability including owned, non-owned and hired car in the amount of \$100,000 CSL.

LAWS, TAXES AND INDEMNIFICATION

The successful vendor shall comply with all applicable local, State and Federal laws. The vendor is further responsible for all taxes associated with providing services under this contract to include all employment related taxes. The vendor agrees to hold harmless and indemnify the City for any and all losses the City may sustain as a result of the actions of the vendor, his employees, or any subcontractors hired as a result of or performing work as a result of an awarded bid.

TIME OF THE ESSENCE

Time is of the essence in the performance of a resulting contract. Repeated delays shall be interpreted as failure to meet obligations and shall be cause for cancellation of any purchase order, agreement or contract executed as a result of the bid award.

PAYMENTS - Payment will be made in full after all following conditions have been met:

- Deliver of the equipment as prescribed and acceptance of the equipment by the Director of Public Works Department for the City of Columbia or applicable department director as evidenced by their signature on the invoice or bill of sale.
- Within 14 days of the receipt of an invoice by the Director of Public Works for the City of Columbia.

WARRANTIES

A copy of all warranty information shall be supplied with the bid.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

- Bid must include delivery costs to City of Columbia, Public Works Department, 110 Santa Fe Pike, Columbia, Tennessee.
- The award will consider price, delivery date, warranty and past performance of similar equipment in use by the City.

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SPECIFICATIONS & REQUIREMENTS

The following specifications are intended to describe a trailer suited for hauling various types of heavy equipment weighting up to 35 tons. You may exceed specifications without further comment. If you are unable to meet the minimum specification listed, you must submit a written explanation of all exceptions taken. Additional information may be supplied on a separate attachment to the bid if needed.

	Specification / Requirement	Meets Minimum Specifications		Vendor Comment
		Yes	No	
1	Capacity – 35 Ton GVWR 84,500			
2	Overall Length 45'			
3	Overall Width 8'6"			
4	Deck Length 27'			
5	Deck Height 33" (loaded)			
6	Apitong 2" covering Entire Deck			
7	Main beams 16" Fabricated I-Beam Positive Camber			
8	Side Rails 12" Fabricated I-Beam Positive Camber			
9	Gooseneck Flat Deck Wood w/17 degree slope – Steel & Traction Bars			
10	King Pin Setting 18"			
11	King Pin Plate 5/16 Plate			
12	King Pin Swing Radius 84"			
13	King Pin Height 48"			
14	Dovetail 4' Steel w/check plate & traction bars			
15	Wheel Well covered w/steel check plate			
16	Loading Ramp Hydraulic 96"x36"			
17	Landing Gear Two Speed 50,000 lbs			
18	D Ring 16			
19	Tool Box in Gooseneck			
20	Axle (2) 25,000 lb Capacity w/49" Axle spacing, auto slack, ABS			
21	Suspension – 3 point, 4 spring 56,000 lb Capacity			
22	Wheels Disc-Hub Piloted – All Steel			
23	Tires 235/75R 17.5			
24	Parking Brakes Type 30/30 Spring Brakes – 2 axle			
25	Wiring DOT sealed Wiring Harness			
26	Lights – LED Pkg Sealed Lights Rubber Mounted			
27	Paint – Black			

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Item Description	Make / Model	Total Bid
35-Ton Lowboy Trailer		

Number of days to delivery after receipt of purchase order _____

Are you taking exception to minimum specifications? _____

Have you attached explanation of exceptions taken? _____

In compliance with this Invitation to Bid and subject to all conditions thereof, the undersigned offers and agrees to furnish any or all items and/or services at the price as quoted above together with any exceptions taken and separately disclosed.

My signature certifies that the accompanying bid is not the result of or affected by, any act of collusion with another person or company engaged in the same line of business or commerce, or any act of fraud punishable under the Laws of the State of Tennessee or the United States. Furthermore, I understand that fraudulent and collusive bidding is a crime and can result in fines, prison sentences, and civil damage awards. I hereby certify that I am authorized to sign this bid for the bidder.

Vendor Name: _____

Signature: _____ Title: _____

Date: _____

IRAN DIVESTMENT ACT

A person engages in investment activities in Iran if:

- (1) The person provides goods or services of twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) or more in the energy sector of Iran, including a person that provides oil or liquefied natural gas tankers, or products used to construct or maintain pipelines used to transport oil or liquefied natural gas, for the energy sector of Iran; or
- (2) The person is a financial institution that extends twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) or more in credit to another person, for forty-five (45) days or more, if that person will use the credit to provide goods or services in the energy sector in Iran and is identified on a list, created pursuant to § 12-12-106, as a person engaging in investment activities in Iran as described in this section.

By submission of this bid, each bidder and each person signing on behalf of any bidder certifies, and in the case of a joint bid each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of its knowledge and belief that each bidder is not on the list created pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated § 12-12-106."

Vendor Name: _____

Vendor Signature: _____ Date: _____

The City of Columbia is subject to certain governmental recordkeeping and reporting requirements for the administration of state and federal funded projects, bids and proposals. In order to comply with these laws, the City invites vendors, consultants, contractors, etc. to voluntarily self-identify their race or ethnicity, if they are a disadvantaged business enterprise, or a women owned business.

Submission of this information is voluntary and refusal to provide it will not subject you to any adverse treatment. The information obtained may only be used in accordance with the provisions of applicable laws, executive orders, and regulations, including those that require the information to be summarized and reported to the state or federal government. When reported, data will not identify any specific individual.

White _____ African American _____ American Indian/Alaskan Native _____

Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander _____ Asian _____ Hispanic _____ Women Owned _____

Certified DBE _____