



Business Department  
School Administration Building  
304 New York Ave  
Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37830  
Phone (865) 425-9003  
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## Request for Proposal

### *Description of items/services requested:*

The Oak Ridge Schools Board of Education is soliciting proposals for a 2016 or 2017 Dodge RAM 2500 Regular Cab Tradesman 4x4 or Equivalent Maintenance Vehicle RFP 18-001.

### *General Requirements:*

Proposals, bids, or responses will be accepted by the Oak Ridge Schools Business Department no later than **2:00 PM EDT, September 8, 2017**. Every document must be enclosed in an envelope clearly marked as a bid document. Two full copies of the proposal must be submitted each with original signatures on both Bid Forms (included in this packet). Any response, bid, or proposal received after the above deadline shall be considered late, and will not be opened or considered. Bid prices must be valid for no less than thirty (30) days from the date of the bid.

All documents shall be submitted to the following address:

Mary Casteel-Waters, Purchasing Specialist  
Re: 2016 or 2017 Dodge RAM 2500  
Regular Cab Tradesman 4x4 or  
Equivalent Maintenance Vehicle  
RFP 18-001  
Oak Ridge Schools  
304 New York Ave  
Oak Ridge, TN 37830

**Specifications:**

- 5.7L Hemi Gas Engine (minimum 325 HP)
- 6-speed Automatic Transmission
- Paint – Bright White Clear Coat
- Heavy Duty Vinyl 40/20/40 Split Bench Seat
- Anti-spin Rear Differential
- Power Black Tow Mirrors
- Transfer Case Skid Plate Shield
- LT275/70/R18E On/Off-Road Tires
- Auxiliary Switches
- Uconnect 5.0
- Power Remote Entry
- Electric Shift On-the-fly
- Pickup Box Deleted
- Up-fit of 8' Service Bed:
- Add / Alternate Up-fit of Lift Gate: 1300 lb capacity
- Add / Alternate Up-fit of Spry-in Bed-liner:

**Warranty and Guarantee**

1. A written warranty from the manufacturer shall be submitted with the final billing.
2. The submitted warranty will include a detailed roster of maintenance and care instructions. The Owner shall follow these instructions for the warranty to remain in force.

**Schedule**

1. Sealed bids will be opened at the School Administration Building, 304 New York Avenue, Oak Ridge TN, 37830, on September 8, 2107, at 2:00 PM.
2. **Delivery must be made within 30 days of order placement.**

## Bidding Procedures

**Location:** All bids must be submitted to the Oak Ridge Schools Business Department at or before the announced deadline.

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**Award of Contract:** The owner (Oak Ridge Schools) further reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any and all informalities and to negotiate contract terms with the successful bidder, and the right to disregard all non-conforming, non-responsive, or conditional bids. Oak Ridge Schools may conduct such investigations, as it deems necessary, to assist in the evaluation of any bid to establish the responsibility, qualifications, and financial ability of the bidder, proposed sub-contractors and other persons and organizations to perform the work in accordance with the contract documents to the bidder who does not pass any such evaluation to the owner's satisfaction. The contract shall be awarded to the bidder, whose evaluation by the owner indicates to the owner that the award will be in the best interest of Oak Ridge Schools. It is also understood that the "apparent low bidder" will be announced at the bid opening; however the "successful bidder," who may or may not be the lowest bidder, will not be announced until all issues, which include, but are not limited to quality, service, conformity to specifications, etc. have been resolved and until a period of review has been completed by the owner. Oak Ridge Schools does not enter into contracts that provide for mediation or arbitration. The owner (Oak Ridge Schools) further reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any and all informalities, and to negotiate contract terms with the successful bidder (e.g., product line-item deletions or adjustments), and the right to disregard all non-conforming, non-responsive, or conditional bids.

**Bid Document:** For certain projects the Owner will supply a bid form to be completed by the bidder. When such forms are issued, only bids returned with the proper forms will be accepted. Envelopes must be sealed and marked as a bid document. Any bid may be withdrawn prior to the date and time as set forth in the "bid invitation."

**Errors in Bids:** When an error is made in extending total prices, the unit bid price will govern. Carelessness in quoting prices or in preparation of bid otherwise, will not relieve the bidder. Erasures or changes to bids must be initialed. Any alteration, erasure, addition to or omission of required information, change of the specifications, or bidding schedule, is made at the risk of the bidder.

**Facsimile transmissions:** Electronic transmissions will not be accepted, except when in the course of the bidding process addendums or other notifications of errors on behalf of the owner places an undue hardship upon prospective bidders. Written notification by the owner must precede the acceptance of Facsimile transmissions.

**Hold Harmless Agreement:** Bidders shall be required to complete the attached Hold Harmless Agreement.

**Laws and Regulations:** The bidder's attention is directed to the fact that all applicable state laws, municipal ordinances, and the rules and regulations of all authorities having jurisdiction over construction of the project shall apply to the contract throughout, and they will be deemed to be included in the contract the same as though herein written out in full.

**Legal Issues:** Contracts with Oak Ridge Schools will be subject to the laws of Tennessee. Disputes will be tried in the State of Tennessee and in the Court of Anderson County. Bids will be denied if these provisions are not included in the contract.

**Non-Collusion Affidavit:** Bidder shall be required to complete the attached Non-Collusion Affidavit.

**Payments:** Invoices that are submitted by the awarded bidder are required to provide accurate and current addresses. Payment terms shall be specified in the bid response, including any discounts for early payment. The Oak Ridge Schools Business Department discourages the practice of picking up checks in person, unless there is an emergency situation.

**Sub-contracts:** The Bidder is specifically advised that any person, firm, or other party to whom it is proposed to award a sub-contract under this contract must be acceptable to the Owner.

**Subcontractors and employees:** If work is to be performed during regular school hours when children are present, the BOE reserves the right to require background checks, dress codes, and certain ethical standards of all employees on school property.

**Taxes:** Oak Ridge Schools is tax exempt.

**Tie Bids:** If two or more bidders submit identical bids and is equally qualified; selection shall be made at the discretion of the owner.

**Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964:** All interested parties, without regard of race, color, or national origin, shall be afforded the opportunity to bid and shall receive equal consideration. Title VI states “No person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program activity receiving Federal financial assistance.” Oak Ridge Schools strives to protect individuals’ civil rights through active compliance with the requirements of Title VI.

**Vendor Indemnify:** Oak Ridge Schools will indemnify vendor to the extent Tennessee law allows.

**Warranty:** The vendor shall provide warranty information on the equipment, components and items bid with the bid submittal.

## Bid Form

Owner: Oak Ridge Schools Board of Education  
Mary Casteel-Waters, Purchasing Specialist  
RE: 2016 or 2017 Dodge RAM 2500 Regular Cab Tradesman 4x4 or Equivalent  
Maintenance Vehicle RFP 18-001  
School Administration Building  
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Project: 2016-2017 Dodge RAM 2500 Regular Cab  
Tradesman 4x4 or Equivalent Maintenance  
Vehicle RFP 18-001

Bid Opening: September 8, 2017, 2:00PM EDT

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Main Bid: ***This Price is to be for the complete package, materials, licenses and labor to complete this project.***

Bid Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ USD.

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach detailed specifications.

**HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT**

This Hold Harmless Agreement is between \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Contractor

(hereinafter Contractor), and Oak Ridge Schools named in this bid.

Contractor agrees that as a condition precedent to "Contractor" being awarded a contract from Oak Ridge Schools, "Contractor" agrees to indemnify, protect, defend, and hold harmless Oak Ridge Schools, its Board Members, agents, and employees from all judgments, claims, demands for payment, suits or actions of every nature and description brought against Oak Ridge Schools, its Board Members, agents, and employees alleging injuries or damages sustained by any person arising out of or in the course of "Contractor's" providing goods or services to Oak Ridge Schools.

Name of Contractor: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**STATE OF TENNESSEE**

County of Anderson

\_\_\_\_\_ personally appeared before me, the undersigned, with whom I am personally acquainted and who, upon oath, acknowledged that he/she/it executed the within instrument for the purposes therein contained, and who further acknowledge that he/she/it is authorized to execute this interment on behalf of

\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Witness by hand and Notaries seal at office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, year of \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

**NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT**

NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT TO BE EXECUTED  
BY DESIGN-BUILDER

State of \_\_\_\_\_

County of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he or she is of the party making the foregoing bid is not made in the interest of, or on behalf of, any undisclosed person, partnership, company, association, organization, or corporation; that the bid is genuine and not collusive or sham; that the bidder neither possesses a business relationship with any employee of the District which may be involved in the award or administration of the project nor has received or solicited either directly or indirectly any inside information from an employee of the District which would give the bidder an advantage over any other bidder; that the bidder has not directly or indirectly induced or solicited any other bidder to put in a false or sham bid, and has not directly or indirectly colluded, conspired, connived, or agreed with any bidder or anyone else to put in a sham bid, or that anyone shall refrain from bidding; that the bidder has not in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement, communication, or conference with anyone to fix the bid price of the bidder or any other bidder, or to fix any overhead, profit, or cost element of the bid price, or of that of any other bidder, or to secure any advantage against the public body awarding the contract or any interested in the proposed contract; that all statements contained in the bid are true; and, further, that the bidder has not, directly or indirectly, submitted his or her bid price of any breakdown thereof, or the contents thereof, or divulged information or data relative thereto, or paid, and will not pay, any fee to any corporation, partnership, company, association, organization, bid depository, or to any member or agent thereof to effectuate a collusive or sham bid.

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Officer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Typed Name of Officer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Office

**WARNING! PROPOSALS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED UNLESS THIS AFFIDAVIT IS COMPLETED AND EXECUTED, INCLUDING THE AFFIDAVIT OF THE NOTARY AND THE NOTORIAL SEAL.**