

SPALDING COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT REQUEST FOR BIDS
4WD TRACTOR, FRONT END LOADER, BACKHOE AND SNOW BLOWER
BID DUE DATE FEBRUARY 29, 2012

Specifications for Tractor package, minimum requirements:

CRITERIA DESCRIPTION:

Tractor will be a compact diesel tractor with 4wd and a full cab with heat and air conditioning. It will have a front end loader and a backhoe, three-point, front mount snow blower, and be capable of utilizing a mid-mount mower.

Engine:

- Engine shall be a 3-cylinder naturally aspirated diesel of not less than 101.4 cubic inches and not less than 36 engine HP at maximum of 2600 rpm. Engine shall be built by the tractor manufacturer.

Exhaust:

- Shall consist of an underhood muffler with an exit that will not collect rain.

Weight:

- Bare tractor weight shall be not less than 3000 lbs, not including the loader, backhoe or other attachments.

Transmission:

- Shall be an 8 forward and 8 reverse shuttle shift two range transmission with synchronized shuttle.
- Alternately, transmission shall be a three-range hydrostatic drive.

Clutch:

- Shall be a dry single plate

Steering:

- Shall be hydrostatic power with a dedicated steering pump of no less than 3.4 gallons per minute flow at 2600 rpm.

Brakes:

- Shall be wet disc.

Hydraulic system:

- Shall have a twin hydraulic pump, one that operates the power-steering, the other for the balance of the hydraulic needs.
- Minimum combined pump flow of 11 gallons per minute at 2600 rpm.

Instrumentation:

- Shall have fuel, oil and temperature gauges, as well as a tachometer and hour meter.

Lighting:

- Shall have front headlights, rear tail and flasher lights, as well as forward and back mounted work lights mounted high on the cab.

Power Take-Off:

- Shall have rear PTO that operates independently of ground travel.
- Shall have a mid-mounted under tractor PTO system to operate the snow blower or an optional mid-mount-mower.

Cabin:

- Cab shall have clear nearly 360 degree view, work lights, cup holder, wide operating doors on both sides, entry exit handles and side mirrors.
- Cab shall be factory installed. Tractor shall have tilt steering column and cloth seat with arm rests.
- Must be equipped with air conditioning and heater with defroster on windshield.

Loader:

- Shall lift a minimum of 96", with a minimum of 80" clearance with the bucket dumped. Maximum dump angle shall be no less than 40 degrees. Lift capacity to full height measured at lift pins shall be no less than 1640 lbs. Bucket shall be a universal quick attach style mount with a 60" bucket.

Backhoe:

- Backhoe must be a 4-point sub-frame mount that is quick connect without any tools. Backhoe shall be the unit recommended by the manufacturer for the tractor.

Snow Blower:

- Shall be the recommended unit by the manufacturer. It shall be front mounted and lift hydraulically, with an option of hydraulic shoot rotation. It shall be a minimum of 66" in width and be built to withstand heavy use. It shall use an aggressive saw tooth auger.
- The three-point and rear PTO shall be unencumbered while the snow blower is in use so that an implement could be operated off the back of the tractor simultaneously.

- The skid shoes and wear edges must be high quality and easily replaced. The wear edges must be reversible to provide longer lift. The snow blower sub-frame shall be compatible with a blade or broom to keep that option open in the future.

GENERAL PROPOSAL CONDITIONS

A.1. Evaluation and Award Criteria: The basis for evaluation and award will be to identify the one proposal that best fulfills the needs of the District to accomplish its needs for its District Wastewater Operations and other District departments. The District is seeking a multi-use 4WD tractor which can meet the needs of its employees and be offered at a competitive price.

A.2. Submission Requirements: Each proposal shall contain information sufficient to permit the District to properly evaluate the offer. A written submission shall be provided covering each of the concerns expressed in this Request for Proposals.

A.3. Request for Supplemental Information: The District reserves the right to require the submission of additional information which supplements or explains proposal material.

A.4. Off-Site Demonstrations: The District may wish to evaluate the proposed tractor at a demonstration site. The vendor should identify at least three locations where District personnel can evaluate the proposed equipment.

A.5. Required Proposal Format: Each vendor shall submit their proposal in the following format:

- 1. Required Parameters - Sheets 1;**
- 2. Cover Letter Introducing the Company;**
- 3. Overview Section Explaining Vendor's Proposal;**
- 4. Proposed Cost and Options;**
- 5. Proposed Warranty;**
- 6. Proposed Annual Maintenance Plan;**
- 7. Demonstration Site, References and Other Information;**
- 8. Additional Information.**

A.6. District Reserved Rights: The RFP does not commit the District to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of a proposal in response to this request, or to procure or contract for services or supplies. The District reserves the right to accept or reject, in part or in its entirety, any proposal received as a result of the RFP, if it is considered by the District to be in its best interests to do so.

The District disclaims all liability for any costs incurred by a Vendor prior to the issuance of a valid executed agreement, contract or purchase order covering the products specified herein. Proposals received by the District in response to this RFP will not be returned.

A.7. Rejection of Proposals: If no acceptable proposals are received, the District reserves

the right to negotiate separately with any source whatsoever. This Request for Proposal is made for information and /or planning purpose only and does not bind the District contractually to accept any proposal. Proposals **MAY** be rejected for one or more of the following reasons:

1. Failure to submit the proposal on or before the deadline established.
2. Failure to completely meet any of the mandatory requirements as described in this RFP.
3. The presence or lack of any information which indicates that it would be in the best interest of the District to reject the proposal.

Sealed bids must be submitted to the **Spalding Community Services District, Attn: Tractor Bid, 502-907 Mahogany Way, Susanville, 96130 by 2p.m. on February 28, 2012.** Bid opening will be at 3 p.m. February 28, 2012. The bidder that meets the above listed specification and has the lowest overall price (including tax and shipping) will be awarded the bid by the Board of Directors on March 14, 2012.

Official Proposal Sheet 1

All equipment supplied under this solicitation shall be new, current model equipment and shall meet manufacturer's performance standards for new equipment. In addition, the Vendor shall be a certified manufacturer's repair facility and use only factory trained and certified service personnel to provide installation, training, maintenance and repairs of equipment stated in the Request for Proposal.

PROPOSAL **4WD TRACTOR, FRONT END LOADER, BACKHOE AND SNOW BLOWER**

COMPANY _____ PRINCIPAL _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY/STATE _____

TELEPHONE _____ FAX NO. _____

E-MAIL _____ DATE _____

OFFICER SIGNATURE _____

MANUFACTURER _____ MODEL _____

WARRANTY _____

UNIT SALE PRICE _____

ANNUAL MAINTENANCE PLAN _____

TOTAL Including Tax and Delivery/Shipping _____

REFERENCES (List three references, with equipment similar to this proposal, who have had installation a minimum of one year.)

Company _____

Contact _____

Phone _____

Equipment _____

Length of Time _____