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Purchasing Department

AMBULANCE – TRANSPORT UNIT

INVITATION TO BID Solicitation No. 15-013

The Douglas County Board of Commissioners are seeking bids from qualified firms to deliver a new Ambulance transport unit built upon chassis with a minimum GVW of 14,000 lbs. Unit must meet all requirements of our Invitation to Bid document "Douglas County Fire Department Ambulance Specifications 2015 This unit must meet all Federal, State and local regulations. Time is of the essence. Preference will be given to vendors that can deliver a transport unit within a very compressed time period.

All information for interested bidders may be obtained at the office of the Douglas County Purchasing Director, located on the third floor of the Douglas County Courthouse, 8700 Hospital Drive, Douglasville, Georgia.

Sealed bids in response to this Invitation will be sent to:

Douglas County, Georgia, Board of Commissioners
Purchasing Department
3rd Floor
8700 Hospital Drive
Douglasville, Georgia 30134

Bids may be mailed or hand delivered to the Purchasing Director's Office no later than **10:00 AM ET, September 11, 2015**, so they may be included among those opened and read at the Douglas County Courthouse, Purchasing Department, third floor, 8700 Hospital Drive, Douglasville, GA 30134. Each response should be marked: **"Bid – AMBULANCE – Solicitation No. 15-013, September 11, 2015"**.

Douglas County reserves the right to waive informalities, to reject any and all bids, to evaluate bids, to accept portions of any bid and to accept any bid, which in its opinion, may be in the best interest of the County. The county reserves the right to add to or delete from the contract after the contract has been awarded.

web site: CelebrateDouglasCounty.com

e-mail: bpeacock@co.douglas.ga.us

Persons With Hearing Or Speech Disabilities Who Need To Contact Douglas County May Place Their Call Through The Georgia Relay Center At (800) 255-0056 (Text Telephone) Or (800) 255-0135 (Voice Telephone).

Evidence of Insurance shall also be submitted as a part of the sealed bid, meeting those limits as stated in the bid documents.

A **Pre-Bidders Conference** has been scheduled for this requirement on **Wednesday, September 2 at 10:00 AM**. The conference will be held in the Douglas County Courthouse, Purchasing Dept. Conference Room, third floor, 8700 Hospital Drive, Douglasville, Georgia. All interested firms are encouraged to attend the conference.

A bid bond not less than 5% of the total bid price will be required with your sealed bid. The bid bond shall be in the form of a bond submitted by a surety authorized to conduct business in the State of Georgia, or a certified or cashier's check, made out to the Douglas County Board of Commissioner. Also, payment and performance bonding in an amount not less than 100% of the contract award price will be required of the successful bidder within 15 days of the contract award.

Qualifications of the Bidder will be reviewed before the Award of the Contract. The County may consider Award of the Contract to other than the low Bidder.

No bid will be received or accepted after the above specified date and time of the bid opening.

Bids submitted after the designated date and time will be deemed invalid and returned unopened to the bidder. No bid may be withdrawn within ninety (90) days after the bid opening and all bids shall remain firm during this period.

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Date Issued: August 21, 2015

Solicitation Number 15-013

DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

(Herein referred to as “County”)

8700 Hospital Drive

DOUGLASVILLE, GEORGIA 30134

Bid Closing Date/Time: September 11, 2015 by 10:00 AM Local Time

Bid Awarded/Purchase Order Let: Within 90 days of Bid Closing

BIDDERS’ COMPANY NAME _____

REPRESENTATIVE _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

E-MAIL
ADDRESS _____

1. INTRODUCTION AND GENERAL INFORMATION

This document constitutes an invitation for competitive, sealed bids for the purchase of a new Ambulance transport unit for the Douglas County Fire Department. Time is of the essence. Preference will be given to vendors that can deliver a transport unit within a very compressed time period.

A. Organization – This document, referred to as an Invitation for Bid (IFB), is divided into the following parts:

1. Introduction and General Information
2. Specifications
3. Bid Submission Information
4. Pricing page(s)
5. Terms and Conditions
6. Signature

Section II – Bid Specifications

B. Although an attempt has been made to provide accurate and up-to-date information, County does not warrant or represent that the background information provided herein reflects all existing conditions related to this Invitation for Bid.

C. All bidders are to include in their bid any and all costs associated with this project including but not limited to materials, equipment, freight, delivery, dealer preparation and set-up, and labor.

D. Title: All equipment shall remain the property of the seller until delivered to and accepted by the County. Equipment supplied by the County shall remain the property of the County.

2. SPECIFICATIONS

Unless otherwise specified, the unit bid shall be new, current manufacturer model year in undamaged condition delivered to the Douglas County Board of Commissioners, 8700 Hospital Drive, Douglasville, Georgia 30134 and shall meet the following minimum specifications:

See section II

3. BID SUBMISSION INFORMATION

The County welcomes all interested parties to participate in its competitive bid process. Bidders will be expected to submit bids that are in compliance with the terms and conditions as outlined below:

A. All awards are subject to final approval by the Douglas County Board of Commissioners

B. Bids must be sealed and delivered to the Purchasing Department on or before the time and date stipulated in the Invitation for Bid document. All late bids will be rejected.

C. Vendors may submit more than one bid proposal. No penalty or credit will be given for submitting multiple proposals.

D. Bidders are responsible for reviewing their proposals prior to submission to be certain they can honor all price, terms and conditions offered in bid. Bidders may submit written amendments or withdraw their bid proposals up until the date and time of the scheduled bid closing. Once bids have been opened, all bidders will be expected to honor all prices and terms offered in total. Unit price will prevail in cases of extension errors. Bid default will result in either temporary or permanent removal from the County's list of vendors in good standing.

E. State of Georgia Sales Taxes are not applicable to sales made to Douglas County Board of Commissioners and must be excluded.

F. The County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids received and to purchase from any or all vendors.

G. Qualifications of Bidder: Each bidder must submit with the bid written evidence of qualifications to furnish the equipment and a list of previous customers of the type of units, equipment, or services bid. Bidders may be required to submit evidence that they have adequate financial and technical ability to furnish and service the equipment, maintain spare parts for maintenance and repair of the equipment, and have an acceptable service record on equipment previously supplied to others.

H. A complete set of specifications of the units, descriptive literature, date of delivery and warranty information (including copies of the actual warranties and disclaimer to be issued) shall be included with the bid submittal.

I. All questions about the meaning or intent of the Contract Documents or requirements are to be submitted in writing to Purchasing Department prior to the date of bid opening. Questions thus submitted will be answered by written addenda issued to all prospective bidders. Oral or other interpretations or clarifications will be void, and do not bind the County. Any changes in specifications will be sent to all bidders in the form of a written addendum. All addenda become a part of the Invitation for Bid.

J. Withdrawal of Bids: Bids may be withdrawn by notice in writing only if received by the County prior to bid opening. After bid opening, bids may not be withdrawn and shall remain open for 90 days after bid opening.

K. Bid Closes: Bids must be submitted **by 10:00 AM Local Time on September 11, 2015**. One original and two copies are requested. No facsimile transmissions will be accepted. Bids must be placed in a sealed envelope, and plainly marked **“Ambulance – Transport Unit Bid Solicitation Number 15-013”** and must be delivered or mailed to:

Purchasing Department
Douglas County Board of Commissioners
8700 Hospital Drive
Douglasville, Georgia 30134

BIDS RECEIVED AFTER THIS DATE AND TIME WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

L. Offer: All bids offered shall be firm for a minimum of ninety (90) calendar days after bid closing date.

M. Determination: Douglas County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to be the sole determining party as to which bids meet specifications. Any item, which, in the opinion of the management of the County, does not produce satisfactory results or services, may be returned to the successful bidder as not meeting specifications.

N. Inquiries: All inquiries should be directed to:

Bill Peacock
Director – Purchasing
Douglas County Board of Commissioners
8700 Hospital Drive
Douglasville, Georgia 30134
bpeacock@co.douglas.ga.us

O. Signature: All bids must be signed by a duly authorized representative of the person, partnership or corporation offering the bid. Failure to sign the Invitation for Bid document will result in automatic disqualification of that bid. The County reserves the right to request written confirmations of persons authorized to sign all bids on behalf of a company.

4. PRICING

Based on the information and specifications given, bidders are to indicate pricing:

\$ _____ Total Costs

List any other additional costs associated with this project:

5. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

A. Contract Terms: The performance of this Contract shall be governed solely by the terms and conditions set forth in the Contract notwithstanding any language contained in any invoice, shipping order, bill of lading or other document furnished by the Seller at any time. The Acceptance by the County of any goods furnished hereunder accompanied by any such document shall not be construed as an acceptance by the County of any terms or conditions contained in such document which are inconsistent with the terms and conditions set forth in this Contract. Any different or additional terms, other than those contained in the Contract, which are contained in any acceptance, acknowledgment, invoice or other document transmitted by Seller to the County are hereby objected to.

B. Compliance with Specifications: No payment will be rendered for items delivered that fail to meet specifications as offered in bid and all items delivered below specifications must be completely corrected or award will be forfeited to the next lowest bidder meeting specifications.

C. Sellers Warranties: Seller expressly warrants that all articles, material and work covered by this contract will conform to each and every specification, drawing, sample or other description, which is furnished to or is adopted by the County and that they will be fit and sufficient for the purpose intended, merchantable, of good material and workmanship and free from defect. Such warranty shall survive delivery and shall not be deemed waived either by reason of the County's acceptance of said material or goods, or by payment for them.

D. Bankruptcy or Insolvency: In the event of any proceedings by or against either party, voluntary or involuntary, in bankruptcy or insolvency, or for the appointment of a receiver or trustee or an assignee for the benefit of creditors, of the property of Seller, the County may cancel this Contract or affirm the Contract and hold Seller responsible in damages.

E. Other: All bids received by the bid closing date and time will be considered, however, the County reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities in the bidding process.

6. SIGNATURE PAGE

I have read and understand this invitation for bid and certify that I am a duly authorized representative of the person, partnership, or corporation offering this bid:

Company _____

Company Address _____

City State Zip Code _____

Telephone Number FAX Number _____

E-Mail address _____

Federal Tax Identification Number _____

Signature & Title _____

Section II

BID SPECIFICATIONS

1. SCOPE, PURPOSE, and CLASSIFICATION

1.1. Scope: This specification covers the manufacture and delivery of a commercially produced, ground medical care transport unit, hereinafter referred to as ambulance or vehicle. A vehicle in compliance with this specification shall be defined as a standard ambulance. This vehicle shall be in accordance with the Ambulance Design Criteria of the National Highway Traffic Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, Washington D.C. This bid specification is based on the Federal Ambulance Specification KKK-A-1822-F.

1.2. Purpose: The purpose of this document is to provide minimum specifications and test parameters for the delivery of an ambulance that meets the needs and desires of the County. It establishes essential criteria for the design, performance, equipment and appearance of the vehicle. The object is to provide a vehicle that is in accordance with nationally recognized guidelines.

1.3. Classification: This specification calls for the following type vehicle.

Chassis with a minimum GVW of 14,000 lbs.

1.4. General: This is an engineer, design, construct, and delivery type specification and is not the intention of this agency to write out vendors of similar or equal equipment of the types specified. It should be noted, however, that this specification is written around specific needs of this agency. With the intent to standardize certain components, therefore, in numerous places we have named specific brands of component. This has been done to establish a certain standard of quality. Other brands will only be accepted providing the vendor provides documentation in the bid that the particular brand offered meets or exceeds the quality of the actual brand called for in the specification.

1.5. Materials: The chassis, to be delivered under this contract, shall be standard commercial product, which meet or exceed the requirements of this specification. The vehicle shall comply with all Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS), the Federal regulations applicable or specified for the year of manufacture. The chassis, components and optional items shall be as represented in the manufacturer's current technical data. Materials used in the construction shall be new and not less than the quality conforming to current engineering and manufacturing practices. Materials shall be free of defects and suitable for service intended.

1.6. Exceptions to Specifications: Any exceptions to these specifications indicated must be clearly pointed out. Otherwise, it will be considered that items offered are in strict compliance with these specifications and the successful bidder will be held responsible for delivering a vehicle meeting these specifications. Any exception must reference by item number and be explained in detail on a separate sheet marked "Exceptions."

1.7. Price and Payment:

1.7.1. All bid prices shall be complete and include warranty and delivery of the completed vehicle.

1.7.2. Payment shall be made in accordance with these specifications and the Bid Proposal submitted by the Bidder. Payment will be made upon acceptance of the vehicle and equipment specified under these specifications.

1.7.3. All bid price and conditions must be specified on the Bid Proposal Form. Bid prices shall be valid for at least 90 days from the date of bid opening, or as otherwise specified on the Bid Proposal Form.

1.7.4. Full payment will be made when unit is received, inspected and found to comply with procurement specifications, free of damage and properly invoiced.

1.8. Warranty: The successful bidder shall provide manufacturer's warranty coverage for the ambulance chassis. This warranty will begin from the time and mileage of delivery and acceptance of the completed vehicle.

1.9. Insurance: All bidders shall have in place product liability insurance. Copy of insurance certification to be provided with bid.

1.10. Delivery: The delivery schedule that is submitted by the bidder and agreed upon by the County shall automatically become binding upon the successful bidder.

2. VEHICLE SPECIFICATIONS

2.1. Chassis – 14,000 lbs. GVW minimum 4X2

2.2. Type I or III with a minimum box size of 169" L X 96" W X 72" H

2.3. Front Wall walk thru if Type III

2.4. If Type I, with a crawl thru opening shall be closed with a sliding lexan window with positive latches holding window open and closed with latches on the cab side.

2.5. Mount Down – a ten point mount down with grade 8 bolts with rubber insulating spacers to provide noise insulation and easy removal from chassis.

2.6. Provide a stamped louvered area in the exterior oxygen compartment to dissipate any leaking oxygen gas.

2.7. Compartments:

L-1 Main O2 compartment set up for an "M" oxygen cylinder

L-2 Exterior compartment forward of rear wheels double hinged doors with 1 adjustable shelf

L-3 Rear compartment behind rear wheels with 1 adjustable shelf

R-1 Forward compartment of curbside door ALS hinged door with 2 adjustable shelves with inside /outside access

Curbside patient access door to have pneumatic style door hold opener installed

Door Opening 78"H x 32"W

Curbside door shall be automatically lite when side or rear doors are open

R-4 Rear back board door shall be 80.5”H x28.5” W x21” deep full height door with 1 full vertical divider

2 or 3 adjustable shelves

2 bucket style straps to secure back boards

Emergency release latches on rear and curbside doors with red handles and permanent labels on each door

All exterior doors shall be equipped with gas shocks

Turtle tile and or Scorpion liner spray in all compartments

Storage for 2 portable O2 tanks

2 Recessed glove holders in rear doors

Counter tops in patient compartment to be hard surface

Attendant seat with integrated child safety seat on swivel base

Cot Fastener system shall be CN8 compliant with option for a Ferno or Stryker mounting system and stretcher that is compatible.

4- I V Hangers

Suction Aspirator

Vacuum Pump with Vacuum Outlet

Oxygen set up requirements

Zinco or equivalent bracket for an “M” cylinder

3 Oxygen outlets (2 on the action wall 1 at the Squad bench side)

2.8. A/C and Heating:

Prefer Duct style system 12 volt DC

Digital Thermostat

Exhaust fan and vent

12 volt Electrical system meeting the most current standard

Battery system 12 volt with 1500 CCA batteries and a dual alternator system

High Idle engine control

All lighting compartment, Scene and Emergency shall be LED

30 Amp Auto Eject shoreline mounted street side

Module Disconnect switch

2.9. Siren

Prefer a Whelen full hands free with (2) 100 watt speakers

2.10. Axles: Front axle 6,500 lbs. minimum. Rear axle 12,000-lbs. minimum Dana axle with 4:10 gear ratio.

2.11. Springs: Front coil springs rated at 7000 lbs.

2.12. Rear Suspension: Kellerman air ride with manual dump.

2.13. Stabilizers: Front stabilizer bar shall be 1-inch diameter. Rear stabilizer bar shall be 1.125-inch diameter.

2.14. Shocks: Gas-Filled Heavy-duty, front and rear.

2.15. Steering: Shall be full power type with tilt wheel.

2.16. Tires: Vehicle shall be equipped with dual rear wheels and a spare for a total of seven tires.

2.17. Brakes: Front and rear shall be power, self-adjusting, dual hydraulic disc brakes with hydro-boost brake booster.

2.18. Engine: Gas or Diesel

2.19. Air cleaner: Shall be dry disposable type.

2.20. Oil filter: Shall be full flow, disposable type.

2.21. Gauges: Shall have factory installed oil pressure, fuel, volts, and water temperature gauges. Additional warning lights shall be installed for oil and water temperature.

2.22. Cooling: Shall be equipped with the largest cooling capacity radiator available with the ambulance prep package.

2.23. Charging: Shall be equipped with factory installed dual alternator system supplied with ambulance prep package.

2.24. Transmission: Shall be five-speed automatic overdrive with factory installed auxiliary transmission oil cooler.

2.25. Fuel tank: Shall be a minimum 40 gallon mounted aft of rear axle.

2.26. Heater/AC: Shall be factory installed, high output heat and AC unit for cab area. Compressor and condenser shall be factory installed and warranted. Vehicle shall be equipped with auxiliary heater- AC connector package.

- 2.27. Paint: Modular paint to be Red and White to match existing Douglas County Fire/EM S paint scheme and graphics.
- 2.28. Trim: Shall be equipped with appearance upgrade package. Delete carpet. Substitute heavy duty, black rubber mat. Vehicle shall be equipped with preferred equipment package.
- 2.29. Windows: Shall be full power, tinted safety glass.
- 2.30. Locks: Shall be full power locks on both cab doors.
- 2.31. Wipers: Shall be factory installed, dual speed with intermittent option and washers.
- 2.32. Cruise: Shall be factory installed electronic cruise control with resume function.
- 2.33. Radio: Shall be factory installed AM/FM/CD radio with clock.
- 2.34. Air Bags: Shall be factory installed driver and passenger side air bags.
- 2.35. Seats: Shall be cloth covered, high back captain chairs equipped the federally approved lap/shoulder harness restraint.
- 2.36. Lighting: Shall be equipped with Lighting/convenience package.