

STATE OF ALASKA

INVITATION TO BID (ITB)



HEAVY EQUIPMENT RENTAL

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IMPORTANT NOTICE: If you received this solicitation from the State of Alaska's "Online Public Notice" web site, you must register with the procurement officer listed below if you desire to receive notification of subsequent amendments to the solicitation.

BIDDER'S NOTICE: By signature on this form, the bidder certifies that they comply with the following:

- (1) the bidder has a valid Alaska business license or will obtain one prior to award of any contract resulting from this ITB. If the bidder possesses a valid Alaska business license, the license number must be written below or one the following forms of evidence must be submitted with the bid:
 - a canceled check for the business license fee;
 - a copy of the business license application with a receipt date stamp from the State's business license office;
 - a receipt from the State's business license office for the license fee;
 - a copy of the bidder's valid business license;
 - a sworn notarized affidavit that the bidder has applied and paid for a business license;
- (2) the price(s) submitted was arrived at independently and without collusion, under penalty of perjury, and that the bidder is complying with:
 - the laws of the State of Alaska;
 - the applicable portion of the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964;
 - the Equal Employment Opportunity Act and the regulations issued thereunder by the state and federal government;
 - the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the regulations issued thereunder by the state and federal government;
 - the bid will remain open and valid for at least 90 days;
 - all terms and conditions set out in this Invitation to Bid (ITB).

If a bidder does not hold an Alaska Business License (1) at the time designated in the ITB for opening the state will disallow the Alaska Bidder Preference. Bids must also be submitted under the name as appearing on the bidder's current Alaska business license in order to receive the Alaska Bidder Preference. If a bidder fails to comply with (2) of this paragraph, the state may reject the bid, terminate the contract, or consider the contractor in default.

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SECTION 1. INTRODUCTION & INSTRUCTIONS

SEC. 1.01 PURPOSE OF THE ITB

The Department of Environmental Conservation, Division of Water, Village Safe Water Program (department), is soliciting bids for the rental of various pieces of heavy equipment for a construction project in the Metlakatla Indian Community, Alaska.

SEC. 1.02 BUDGET

Approval or continuation of a contract resulting from this ITB is contingent upon legislative appropriation.

SEC. 1.03 DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF BIDS

Bids must be received no later than 2:00 PM Alaska Time on 3/3/2026, at which time they will be publicly opened. Late bids or amendments will be considered non-responsive and will not be opened or accepted for evaluation.

SEC. 1.04 PRIOR EXPERIENCE

No specific minimums have been set for this ITB.

SEC. 1.05 REQUIRED REVIEW

Bidders shall carefully review this ITB for defects and questionable or objectionable material. Comments concerning defects and questionable or objectionable material in the ITB should be made in writing and received by the procurement officer at least ten days before the deadline for receipt of bids. This will allow time for an amendment to be issued if one is required. It will also help prevent the opening of a defective bid, upon which award cannot be made, and the resultant exposure of bidders' prices.

SEC. 1.06 QUESTIONS PRIOR TO DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF BIDS

All questions must be in writing and directed to the procurement officer. The interested party must confirm telephone conversations in writing. Two types of questions generally arise. One may be answered by directing the questioner to a specific section of the ITB. These questions may be answered over the telephone. Other questions may be more complex and may require a written amendment to the ITB. The procurement officer will make that decision.

SEC. 1.07 SITE INSPECTION

Potential bidders are encouraged to visit the work site so that they can see the conditions under which the work described in this ITB will be performed. The bidder's failure to visit the work site will in no way relieve the bidder of the responsibility of performing the work in strict compliance with the true intent and meaning of the terms, conditions, and specifications of this ITB. The site may be inspected by contacting the procurement officer.

This contact person is only empowered to allow potential bidders to view the work site. The contact person cannot and will not answer potential bidder questions regarding the work to be performed under this ITB or the terms, conditions, and specifications of this ITB. Any questions potential bidders have must be directed to the procurement officer as required in Section 1.05.

SEC. 1.08 RETURN INSTRUCTIONS

Bids shall be submitted via email. The entire bid may be emailed to april.akers@alaska.gov and must contain the ITB number in the subject line of the email. The **maximum** size of a single email (including all text and attachments) that can be received by the state is **20mb (megabytes)**. If the email containing the bid exceeds this size, the bid must be sent in multiple emails that are each less than 20 megabytes and each email must comply with the requirements described above.

Please note that email transmission is not instantaneous. Like sending a hard copy bid, if you are emailing your bid, the state recommends sending it enough ahead of time to ensure the email is delivered by the deadline for receipt of bids.

It is the bidder's responsibility to contact the issuing agency at (907) 334-2638 to confirm that the entire bid has been received. The state is not responsible for unreadable, corrupt, or missing attachments.

SEC. 1.09 ASSISTANCE TO BIDDERS WITH A DISABILITY

The State of Alaska complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Individuals with disabilities who may need auxiliary aids, services, and/or special modifications to submit a bid should contact the Procurement Officer no later than ten days prior to the closing of the bid to make any necessary arrangements.

SEC. 1.10 AMENDMENTS TO BIDS

Amendments to or withdrawals of bids will only be allowed if acceptable requests are received prior to the deadline that is set for receipt of bids, in accordance with 2 AAC 12.140. No amendments or withdrawals will be accepted after the deadline unless the delay is due to an error of the contracting agency, in accordance with 2 AAC 12.160.

SEC. 1.11 AMENDMENTS TO THE ITB

If an amendment is issued before the deadline for receipt of bids, the amendment will be posted on the State of Alaska Online Public Notice (OPN) website. The link to the posting of the amendment will be provided to all who were notified of the ITB and to those who have registered with the procurement officer after receiving the ITB from the OPN.

SEC. 1.12 ITB SCHEDULE

The ITB schedule below represents the State of Alaska’s best estimate of the schedule that will be followed. If a component of this schedule, such as the deadline for receipt of bids, is delayed, the rest of the schedule may be shifted accordingly. All times are Alaska Standard Time (AST).

ACTIVITY	TIME	DATE
Issue Date / ITB Released	N/A	2/10/2026
Deadline for Receipt of Bids / Bid Due Date	2:00 PM AST	3/3/2026
Bid Evaluations Complete	N/A	3/5/2026
Notice of Intent to Award	N/A	3/10/2026
Contract Issued	N/A	3/23/2026

This ITB does not, by itself, obligate the state. The state's obligation will commence when the contract is approved by the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation, or the Commissioner's designee. Upon written notice to the contractor, the state may set a different starting date for the contract. The state will not be responsible for any work done by the contractor, even work done in good faith, if it occurs prior to the contract start date set by the state.

SEC. 1.13 PRE-BID Conference/Teleconference

Section not used.

SEC. 1.14 ALTERNATE BIDS

Bidders may only submit one bid for evaluation. In accordance with 2 AAC 12.830 alternate bids (bids that offer something different than what is asked for) will be rejected.

SEC. 1.15 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Provided a bid meets the requirements for a definite, firm, unqualified, and unconditional offer, the state reserves the right to request supplemental information from the bidder, after the bids have been opened, to ensure that the products or services offered completely meet the ITB requirements. The requirement for such supplemental information will be at the reasonable discretion of the state and may include the requirement that a bidder will provide a sample product(s) so that the state can make a first-hand examination and determination.

A bidder's failure to provide this supplemental information or the product sample(s), within the time set by the state, may cause the state to consider the offer non-responsive and reject the bid.

SEC. 1.16 FIRM, UNQUALIFIED, AND UNCONDITIONAL OFFER

To be responsive a bid must constitute a definite, firm, unqualified and unconditional offer to meet all the material terms of the ITB. Material terms are those that could affect the price, quantity, quality, or delivery. Also included as material terms are those which are clearly identified in the ITB, and which must be complied with at risk of bid rejection for non-responsiveness.

SECTION 2. SCOPE OF WORK AND CONTRACT INFORMATION

SEC. 2.01 SCOPE OF WORK

The contractor shall rent the following heavy equipment items or State approved equivalent to the department. The heavy equipment shall not exceed five (5) years old. The department will not sign a rental agreement / contract. The Invitation to Bid (ITB) is the contract. See section 1.06 Questions Prior To Deadline For Receipt Of Bids if there are any questions regarding the ITB terms and conditions such as but not limited to;

- Whether bidder equipment meets the department's State approved equivalent,
- Section 2.02 Equipment Condition, Maintenance and Repairs, and
- Bid Schedule.

The equipment will be operated by the Metlakatla Indian Community (MIC). The contractor is responsible for delivering and removing the heavy equipment from the F.O.B. Point, see section 2.14 F.O.B. Point. These costs shall be included in the contractor's bid.

Item number	Equipment Type	Equipment brand / model or State approved equivalent	Attachments
1	Excavator	John Deere 75 P – Tier	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enclosed cab • Quick coupler for hydraulic boom attachments • Bucket(s), rock bucket and clean up/mud bucket • Bucket thumb • Excavator dozer blade • Rubber tracks are preferred but steel is acceptable
2	Excavator	John Deere 85 P – Tier	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enclosed cab • Quick coupler for hydraulic boom attachments • Bucket(s), rock bucket and clean up/mud bucket • Bucket thumb • Excavator dozer blade

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rubber tracks are preferred but steel is acceptable
3	Excavator	John Deere 130 P – Tier	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enclosed cab Quick coupler for hydraulic boom attachments Rock bucket and clean up/mud bucket Bucket thumb Excavator dozer blade is not required Rubber tracks are preferred but steel is acceptable
4	Front end Loader	John Deere 544	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Smooth bucket Quick attach Front Fork attachment that is attached independent of the bucket. Forks must be adjustable to accommodate different load widths. Forks must be strong enough to carry loads that the equipment can lift.
5	Dump Truck	International Durastar 4300	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5-7 yard Standard dump body for hauling dirt, gravel and rock. A landscaping style dump body is not acceptable.

SEC. 2.02 EQUIPMENT CONDITION, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS

a. Equipment Condition:

Equipment shall be delivered in good working order with a full fuel tank. Contractor shall provide operator manual(s) that include operation, safety and daily maintenance instructions. The department

will return the equipment to the F.O.B. Point in the same working condition, except for normal wear and tear, with a full fuel tank when the rental agreement ends and is ready to be picked up by the contractor.

b. Maintenance and Repairs:

The department will perform daily equipment inspections and fluid checks in accordance with the operator manual(s). The department will immediately contact the contractor if any issues are found during the daily equipment inspection and fluid check, and any other issues. The contractor is responsible for all routine and non-routine maintenance and costs shall be included in the unit bid costs. This includes travel costs to MIC to perform services and maintenance.

SEC. 2.03 CONTRACT TERM

The length of the contract will be from the date of award for approximately 6 months until completion.

SEC. 2.04 CONTRACT TYPE

This contract is a firm fixed price contract.

SEC. 2.05 PAYMENT FOR STATE PURCHASES

No payment will be made until the contract is approved by the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation or the Commissioner's designee. Under no conditions will the state be liable for the payment of any interest charges associated with the cost of the contract. The state is not responsible for and will not pay local, state, or federal taxes. All costs associated with the contract must be stated in U.S. currency.

Payment for agreements under \$500,000 for the undisputed purchase of goods or services provided to a state agency, will be made within 30 days of the receipt of a proper billing or the delivery of the goods or services to the location(s) specified in the agreement, whichever is later. A late payment is subject to 1.5% interest per month on the unpaid balance. Interest will not be paid if there is a dispute or if there is an agreement that establishes a lower interest rate or precludes the charging of interest.

SEC. 2.06 ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS

The State of Alaska prefers vendors receive payment via Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). Bidders may review information concerning the EFT process and access the Electronic Payment Agreement Form for Vendors at the following link: <https://doa.alaska.gov/dof/vendor.html>. Method of payment is not a factor in the State's determination for award.

Any single contract payments of \$1 million or higher must be accepted by the contractor via Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT).

SEC. 2.07 PROMPT PAYMENT FOR STATE PURCHASES

Section not used.

SEC. 2.08 CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION

The administration of this contract is the responsibility of the procurement officer or person appointed by the Department of Environmental Conservation, Division of Administrative Services.

SEC. 2.09 CONTRACT PRICE ADJUSTMENTS

Section not used.

SEC. 2.10 CONTRACT PERFORMANCE LOCATION

The location(s) the work is to be performed, completed, and managed is the MIC.

The state will not provide workspace for the contractor. The contractor must provide its own workspace.

The contractor is responsible for all travel related costs if they need to travel to MIC. Travel to other locations will not be required.

By signature on their bid, the bidder certifies that all services provided under this contract by the contractor and all subcontractors shall be performed in the United States.

If the bidder cannot certify that all work will be performed in the United States, the bidder must contact the procurement officer in writing to request a waiver at least 10 days prior to the deadline for receipt of bids.

The request must include a detailed description of the portion of work that will be performed outside the United States, where, by whom, and the reason the waiver is necessary.

Failure to comply with these requirements may cause the state to reject the bid as non-responsive or cancel the contract.

SEC. 2.11 THIRD-PARTY FINANCING AGREEMENTS NOT ALLOWED

Because of the additional administrative and accounting time required of the state when third party financing agreements are permitted, they will not be allowed under this contract.

SEC. 2.12 SUBCONTRACTORS

Subcontractors will not be allowed.

SEC. 2.13 JOINT VENTURES

Joint ventures will not be allowed.

SEC. 2.14 RIGHT TO INSPECT PLACE OF BUSINESS

At reasonable times, the state may inspect those areas of the contractor's place of business that are related to the performance of a contract. If the state makes such an inspection, the contractor must provide reasonable assistance.

SEC. 2.15 F.O.B. POINT

The F.O.B. point for all items purchased under this contract is the MIC barge landing. Ownership of and title to the rented items remains with the contractor for the contract duration.

The cost of shipping and delivery to MIC is to be included in the unit bid prices. There will be no additional charge for shipping and delivery to or from MIC.

SEC. 2.16 INSPECTION & MODIFICATION - REIMBURSEMENT FOR UNACCEPTABLE DELIVERABLES

The contractor is responsible for providing all products or the completion of all work set out in the contract. All products or work is subject to inspection, evaluation, and approval by the state. The state may employ all reasonable means to ensure that the work is progressing and being performed in compliance with the contract. The state may instruct the contractor to make corrections or modifications if needed in order to accomplish the contract's intent. The contractor will not unreasonably withhold such changes.

Substantial failure of the contractor to perform the contract may cause the state to terminate the contract. In this event, the state may require the contractor to reimburse monies paid (based on the identified portion of unacceptable products or work received) and may seek associated damages.

SEC. 2.17 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

Equipment offered (including for rent or lease) may be subject to inspection and approval by the state prior to the award of the ITB. The equipment and attachments must be in good repair and capable of performing the work for which they were designed.

SEC. 2.18 NEW EQUIPMENT

Section not used.

SEC. 2.19 REMANUFACTURED/RECONDITIONED EQUIPMENT

Section not used.

SEC. 2.20 LEMON CLAUSE

This clause applies to all equipment rented through this contract. The application period is the rental period. This clause takes precedence over any other warranty or service maintenance clauses associated with this contract.

Any equipment that fails (except due to operator error) to operate according to the manufacturer's published performance specifications and/or is subject to recurring related problems must be replaced with the same make and model, or State approved equivalent of the equipment at no cost to the state.

SEC. 2.21 DISCONTINUED ITEMS

Section not used.

SEC. 2.22 LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

Section not used.

SEC. 2.23 SHIPPING DAMAGE

The state will not accept or pay for damaged goods. The contractor must file all claims against the carrier(s) for damages incurred to items in transit from the point of origin to the ultimate destination. The state will provide the contractor with written notice when damaged goods are received. The state will deduct the cost of the damaged goods from the invoice prior to payment. The contractor must file all claims against the carrier(s) for reimbursement of the loss.

SEC. 2.24 CONTRACT CHANGES – UNANTICIPATED AMENDMENTS

During the course of this contract, the contractor may be required to perform additional work. That work will be within the general scope of the initial contract. When additional work is required, the state will provide the contractor a written description of the additional work and request the contractor to submit a firm time schedule for accomplishing the additional work and a firm price for the additional work. Cost and pricing data must be provided to justify the cost of such amendments per AS 36.30.400.

The contractor will not commence additional work until the procurement officer has secured required state approvals necessary and issued a written contract amendment.

SEC. 2.25 CONTINUING OBLIGATION OF CONTRACTOR

Notwithstanding the expiration date of a contract resulting from this ITB, the contractor is obligated to fulfill its responsibilities until warranty, guarantee, maintenance, and parts availability requirements have completely expired.

SEC. 2.26 BILLING INSTRUCTIONS

All invoices produced by the contractor must contain the following information at a minimum:

1. Invoice number
2. Date
3. Itemized costs
4. Total cost

Invoices must be billed to the ordering agency's address shown on the individual Purchase Order, Contract Award or Delivery Order. The state will make payment after it receives the goods or services and the invoice. Questions concerning payment must be addressed to the ordering agency.

SEC. 2.27 ESTIMATED QUANTITIES

The quantities referenced in this ITB are an estimate of the of the state's initial purchase. The state does not guarantee any minimum or maximum purchase.

SEC. 2.28 WARRANTY

Section not used.

SEC. 2.29 NONDISCLOSURE AND CONFIDENTIALITY

Section not used.

SEC. 2.30 INDEMNIFICATION

The contractor shall indemnify, hold harmless, and defend the contracting agency from and against any claim of, or liability for error, omission or negligent act of the contractor under this agreement. The contractor shall not be required to indemnify the contracting agency for a claim of, or liability for, the independent negligence of the contracting agency. If there is a claim of, or liability for, the joint negligent error or omission of the contractor and the independent negligence of the contracting agency, the indemnification and hold harmless obligation shall be apportioned on a comparative fault basis.

“Contractor” and “contracting agency”, as used within this and the following article, include the employees, agents and other contractors who are directly responsible, respectively, to each. The term “independent negligence” is negligence other than in the contracting agency’s selection, administration, monitoring, or controlling of the contractor and in approving or accepting the contractor’s work.

SEC. 2.31 INSURANCE

Without limiting the contractor's indemnification, it is agreed that the contractor shall purchase at its own expense and maintain in force at all times during the performance of services under this agreement the following policies

of insurance. Where specific limits are shown, it is understood that they shall be the minimum acceptable limits. If the contractor's policy contains higher limits, the state shall be entitled to coverage to the extent of such higher limits.

Certificates of Insurance must be furnished to the procurement officer prior to contract approval and must provide for a notice of cancellation, non-renewal, or material change of conditions in accordance with policy provisions. Failure to furnish satisfactory evidence of insurance or lapse of the policy is a material breach of this contract and shall be grounds for termination of the contractor's services. All insurance policies shall comply with and be issued by insurers licensed to transact the business of insurance under AS 21.

Proof of insurance is required for the following:

- Workers' Compensation Insurance: The contractor shall provide and maintain, for all employees engaged in work under this contract, coverage as required by AS 23.30.045, and where applicable, any other statutory obligations including but not limited to Federal U.S.L. & H. and Jones Act requirements. The policy must waive subrogation against the state.
- Commercial General Liability Insurance: covering all business premises and operations used by the contractor in the performance of services under this agreement with minimum coverage limits of \$300,000 combined single limit per occurrence.
- Commercial Automobile Liability Insurance: covering all vehicles used by the contractor in the performance of services under this agreement with minimum coverage limits of \$300,000 combined single limit per occurrence.

SECTION 3. BID FORMAT AND CONTENT

SEC. 3.01 BID FORMS

Bidders shall use the front page of this ITB, the Bid Submission Cover Sheet, and any other forms identified in this ITB for submitting bids. All bids must be signed by an individual authorized to bind the bidder to the provisions of the ITB.

BIDDER'S CERTIFICATION

By signature on the bid, the bidder certifies that they comply with the following:

- a. the laws of the State of Alaska;
- b. the applicable portion of the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964;
- c. the Equal Employment Opportunity Act and the regulations issued thereunder by the state and federal government;
- d. the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the regulations issued thereunder by the state and federal government and certifies that programs, services, and activities provided to the general public on behalf of the State under a contract resulting from this solicitation comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 28 CFR, Part 35, Subpart B 35.130;
- e. Clean Air Act;
- f. Clean Water Act;
- g. Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act;
- h. Rehabilitation Act of 1973;
- i. Age Discrimination Act of 1976;
- j. Drug Free Workplace Act of 1988;
- k. all terms and conditions set out in this ITB;
- l. the price(s) submitted was arrived at independently arrived and without collusion, under penalty of perjury; and
- m. that the bid will remain open and valid for at least 90 days.

If any bidder fails to comply with [a] through [m] of this paragraph, the state reserves the right to disregard the bid, terminate the contract, or consider the contractor in default.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Each bid shall include a statement indicating whether the company or any individuals working on the contract has a possible conflict of interest (e.g., currently employed by the State of Alaska or formerly employed by the State of Alaska within the past two years) and, if so, the nature of that conflict. The procurement officer reserves the right to **consider a bid non-responsive and reject it** or cancel the award if any interest disclosed from any source could either give the appearance of a conflict or cause speculation as to the objectivity of the contract to be performed by the bidder.

SEC. 3.02 BID BOND – PERFORMANCE BOND – SURETY DEPOSIT

Section not used.

SEC. 3.03 PRICES

The bidder shall state prices in the units of issue on this ITB. Prices quoted in bids must be exclusive of federal, state, and local taxes. If the bidder believes that certain taxes are payable by the state, the bidder may list such taxes separately, directly below the bid price for the affected item.

SECTION 4. EVALUATION AND CONTRACTOR SELECTION

SEC. 4.01 EVALUATION OF BIDS

After bid opening, the procurement officer will evaluate the bids for responsiveness and responsibility. Bids deemed non-responsive or non-responsible will be eliminated from further consideration. An evaluation may not be based on discrimination due the race, religion, color, national origin, sex, age, marital status, pregnancy, parenthood, disability, or political affiliation of the bidder.

SEC. 4.02 MBE / WBE PREFERENCE

A Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) or Women's Business Enterprise (WBE) preference of 5% will be applied to the total bid price. To receive the points, the qualified MBE / WBE bidder must provide evidence of certification and the work that they shall perform.

This procurement is funded in part or fully through federal grants or cooperative agreements. It is a national policy to award a fair share of contracts to Minority Firms and Women's Business Enterprises through affirmative action. This solicitation incorporates a five-point preference for all qualified minority firms and women's business enterprises.

In order to be deemed a bona fide MBE / WBE a firm must be an independent business concern which is at least fifty-one percent (51%) owned and controlled by minority group members or women.

SEC. 4.03 MBE / WBE CERTIFICATION

In order to qualify for the Women's Business Enterprises (WBE) or Minority Business Enterprises (MBE), the business must obtain certification from any of the following organizations:

- United States Small Business Administration,
- United States Department of Transportation,
- Indian Tribal Governments,
- State/local Governments,
- Independent private organizations.

To qualify for the federal Environmental Protection Association, Disadvantaged Business Enterprises program, an entity must be certified, and such certification must meet the criteria as stipulated in 40 CFR §33.202 and/or §33.203.

Offerors may provide their MBE/WBE certification number on the proposal form. If a certification number is not available, then the offeror must provide a letter from the certifying agency verifying the offerors certification status.

SEC. 4.04 APPLICATION OF PREFERENCES

Section not used per AS 36.30.890 Federal funds or assistance.

SEC. 4.05 ALASKA BIDDER PREFERENCE

Section not used.

SEC. 4.06 ALASKA VETERAN PREFERENCE

Section not used.

SEC. 4.07 ALASKA MILITARY SKILLS PROGRAM PREFERENCE

Section not used.

SEC. 4.08 USE OF LOCAL FOREST PRODUCTS

Section not used.

SEC. 4.09 LOCAL AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES PRODUCT PREFERENCE

Section not used.

SEC. 4.10 ALASKA PRODUCT PREFERENCE

Section not used.

SEC. 4.11 EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM PREFERENCE

Section not used.

SEC. 4.12 ALASKANS WITH DISABILITIES PREFERENCE

Section not used.

SEC. 4.13 PREFERENCE QUALIFICATION LETTER

Section not used.

SEC. 4.14 EXTENSION OF PRICES

In case of error in the extension of prices in the bid, the unit prices will govern; in a lot bid, the lot prices will govern.

SEC. 4.15 METHOD OF AWARD

Award will be made to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. To be considered responsive, bidders must bid on all items.

SEC. 4.16 CONTRACTOR SELECTION PROCESS

Once the contracts are established this selection process will be used. When the state needs to order the product or service, the lowest priced contractor for that location will be contacted first. If, for any reason, the lowest contractor is not available to perform the needed service, the state will contact the next lowest priced contractor for that location. This process will continue until a contractor who can perform the service is located. The location of the contractor initially contacted will be determined by the starting location of the call-out. For example, if there was a need to transport a person from Anchorage to Fairbanks and then guard the person for two days in Fairbanks, the agency would contact Anchorage contractors, even though a substantial portion of the actual service would be performed in Fairbanks.

SEC. 4.17 NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD

After the responses to this ITB have been opened and evaluated, a tabulation of the bids will be prepared. This tabulation, called a Notice of Intent to Award, serves two purposes. It lists the name of each company or person that offered a bid and the price they bid. It also provides notice of the state's intent to award a contract(s) to the bidder(s) indicated. A copy of the Notice of Intent will be sent to each company or person who responded to the ITB. Bidders identified as the apparent low responsive bidders are instructed not to proceed until a Purchase Order, Contract Award, Lease, or some other form of written notice is given by the procurement officer. A company or person who proceeds prior to receiving a Purchase Order, Contract Award, Lease, or some other form of written notice from the procurement officer does so without a contract and at their own risk.

SECTION 5. GENERAL PROCESS AND LEGAL INFORMATION

SEC. 5.01 INFORMAL DEBRIEFING

When the contract is completed, an informal debriefing may be performed at the discretion of the procurement officer. If performed, the scope of the debriefing will be limited to the products provided or work performed by the contractor.

SEC. 5.02 ALASKA BUSINESS LICENSE AND OTHER REQUIRED LICENSES

Prior to the award of a contract, a bidder must hold a valid Alaska business license. However, to receive the Alaska Bidder Preference and other related preferences, such as the Alaska Veteran Preference and Alaskans with Disabilities Preference, a bidder must hold a valid Alaska business license prior to the deadline for receipt of bids. Bidders should contact the **Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, Division of Corporations, Business, and Professional Licensing, PO Box 110806, Juneau, Alaska 99811-0806**, for information on these licenses. Acceptable evidence that the bidder possesses a valid Alaska business license may consist of any one of the following:

- copy of an Alaska business license,
- certification on the bid that the bidder has a valid Alaska business license and has included the license number in the bid,
- a canceled check for the Alaska business license fee,
- a copy of the Alaska business license application with a receipt stamp from the state's occupational licensing office, or
- a sworn and notarized statement that the bidder has applied and paid for the Alaska business license.

You are not required to hold a valid Alaska business license at the time bids are opened if you possess one of the following licenses and are offering services or supplies under that specific line of business:

- fisheries business licenses issued by Alaska Department of Revenue or Alaska Department of Fish and Game,
- liquor licenses issued by Alaska Department of Revenue for alcohol sales only,
- insurance licenses issued by Alaska Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, Division of Insurance, or
- Mining licenses issued by Alaska Department of Revenue.

Prior the deadline for receipt of bids, all bidders must hold any other necessary applicable professional licenses required by Alaska Statute.

SEC. 5.03 AUTHORITY

This ITB is written in accordance with AS 36.30 and 2 AAC 12.

SEC. 5.04 COMPLIANCE

In the performance of a contract that results from this ITB, the contractor must comply with all applicable federal, state, and borough regulations, codes, and laws; be liable for all required insurance, licenses, permits and bonds; and pay all applicable federal, state, and borough taxes.

SEC. 5.05 SUITABLE MATERIALS, ETC.

Unless otherwise specified in this ITB, all materials, supplies or equipment offered by a bidder shall be new, unused, and of the latest edition, version, model, or crop and of recent manufacture.

SEC. 5.06 SPECIFICATIONS

Unless otherwise specified in this ITB, product brand names or model numbers specified in this ITB are examples of the type and quality of product required and are not statements of preference. If the specifications describing an item conflict with a brand name or model number describing the item, the specifications govern. Reference to brand name or number does not preclude an offer of a comparable or better product, if full specifications and descriptive literature are provided for the product. Failure to provide such specifications and descriptive literature may be cause for rejection of the offer.

SEC. 5.07 BRAND SPECIFIC

Certain items may be designated brand specific. When an item is designated no substitutions for the brand and model specified will be allowed.

SEC. 5.08 ITEM UPGRADES

The state reserves the right to accept upgrades to models on the basic contract when the upgrades improve the way the equipment operates or improve the accuracy of the equipment. Such upgraded items must be at the same price as the items in the basic contract.

SEC. 5.09 WORKMANSHIP AND MATERIALS

All work must be performed in a thorough and workmanlike manner and in accordance with current industry practices. The contractor will be held responsible for the quality of the service, maintenance, and inspections. Service, maintenance, and inspections that are improperly done will be redone, by the contractor, at the contractor's risk and expense.

SEC. 5.10 CONTRACTOR SITE INSPECTION

The state may conduct on-site visits to evaluate the bidder's capacity to perform the contract. A bidder must agree, at risk of being found non-responsive and having its bid rejected, to provide the state reasonable access to relevant portions of its work sites. Individuals designated by the procurement officer at the state's expense will make site inspection.

SEC. 5.11 ORDER DOCUMENTS

Except as specifically allowed under this ITB, an ordering agency will not sign any vendor contract. The state is not bound by a vendor contract signed by a person who is not specifically authorized to sign for the state under this ITB. Unless otherwise specified in this ITB, the State of Alaska Purchase Order, Contract Award and Delivery Order are the only order documents that may be used to place orders against the contract(s) resulting from this ITB.

SEC. 5.12 HUMAN TRAFFICKING

By signature on their bid, the bidder certifies that the bidder is not established and headquartered or incorporated and headquartered in a country recognized as Tier 3 in the most recent United States Department of State's Trafficking in Persons Report.

The most recent United States Department of State's Trafficking in Persons Report can be found at the following website: <http://www.state.gov/j/tip/>

Failure to comply with this requirement will cause the state to reject the bid as non-responsive or cancel the contract.

SEC. 5.13 RIGHT OF REJECTION

Bidders must comply with all the terms of the ITB, the State Procurement Code (AS 36.30), and all applicable local, state, and federal laws, codes, and regulations. The procurement officer may reject any bid that does not comply with all the material and substantial terms, conditions, and performance requirements of the ITB.

Bidders may not qualify the bid nor restrict the rights of the state. If a bidder does so, the procurement officer may determine the bid to be a non-responsive counteroffer and the bid may be rejected.

Minor informalities that:

- do not affect responsiveness,
- are merely a matter of form or format,
- do not change the relative standing or otherwise prejudice other bidders,
- do not change the meaning or scope of the ITB,
- are trivial, negligible, or immaterial in nature,

- do not reflect a material change in the work, or
- do not constitute a substantial reservation against a requirement or provision,

may be waived by the procurement officer.

The state reserves the right to refrain from making an award if it is determined to be in the state's best interest.
A bid from a debarred or suspended bidder shall be rejected.

SEC. 5.14 STATE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR PREPARATION COSTS

The state will not pay any cost associated with the preparation, submittal, presentation, or evaluation of any bid.

SEC. 5.15 DISCLOSURE OF BID CONTENTS

This section governs the ownership, return, and disclosure of any offer or other record a bidder submits in response to this invitation to bid. (Herein, any reference to "Record" includes all such records and the offer; any reference to "Law" includes any federal or State of Alaska (State) law, including any court or administrative order or rule.)

1. All Records belong to the State.
2. The State has sole discretion regarding whether to return any Record. In exercising this discretion, the State will comply with all Laws.
3. Unless a notice of intent to award is issued, the State will, to the extent permitted by Law, consider all Records confidential and not subject to the Alaska Public Records Act (APRA).
4. If, and when a notice of intent to award is issued, the State will consider nonconfidential any Record unless, at the time of submission, the bidder undertook the following protective measures:
 - a. marked information confidential;
 - b. for any information marked confidential, identified the authority that makes that specific information confidential; and
 - c. committed, in writing, to explain in detail, including with affidavits and briefs, why each authority applies in any court or administrative proceeding in which any nondisclosure is challenged.
5. If the bidder did not undertake each protective measure, the State will not consider any information in a Record confidential: the State will disclose the entire Record without any redaction in response to an APRA or other request or, if it chooses, in the absence of a request and the State will disclose the entire Record without notifying the bidder.
6. If the bidder undertook each protective measure, the State will withhold the information marked confidential to the following extent:
 - a. the State agrees that the Law protects the information; and

- b. if the nondisclosure is challenged, the bidder fulfills its commitment to explain, including with affidavits and briefs, how each authority applies to the information marked confidential.
7. The State will only notify a bidder of a request for the Record and of a planned release if the bidder undertook each protective measure, but the State disagrees that the marked information is protected. If there is such a disagreement, then before releasing the Record, the State will, to the extent permitted by Law and practicable, notify the bidder that it will disclose the information unless the bidder convinces the State not to or obtains an order prohibiting disclosure.

SEC. 5.16 ASSIGNMENTS

Per 2 AAC 12.480, the contractor may not transfer or assign any portion of the contract without prior written approval from the procurement officer. Bids that are conditioned upon the state's approval of an assignment will be rejected as non-responsive.

SEC. 5.17 FORCE MAJEURE (IMPOSSIBILITY TO PERFORM)

The parties to a contract resulting from this ITB are not liable for the consequences of any failure to perform, or default in performing, any of its obligations under the contract, if that failure or default is caused by any unforeseeable Force Majeure, beyond the control of, and without the fault or negligence of, the respective party.

For the purposes of this ITB, Force Majeure will mean war (whether declared or not); revolution; invasion; insurrection; riot; civil commotion; sabotage; military or usurped power; lightning; explosion; fire; storm; drought; flood; earthquake; epidemic; quarantine; strikes; acts or restraints of governmental authorities affecting the project or directly or indirectly prohibiting or restricting the furnishing or use of materials or labor required; inability to secure materials, machinery, equipment or labor because of priority, allocation or other regulations of any governmental authorities.

SEC. 5.18 DEFAULT

In case of default by the contractor, for any reason whatsoever, the state may procure the goods or services from another source and hold the contractor responsible for any resulting excess cost and may seek other remedies under law or equity.

SEC. 5.19 DISPUTES

If the contractor has a claim arising in connection with the contract that it cannot resolve with the state by mutual agreement, it shall pursue the claim, if at all, in accordance with the provisions of AS 36.30.620 – AS 36.30.632.

SEC. 5.20 SEVERABILITY

If any provision of the contract or agreement is found to be invalid or declared by a court to be illegal or in conflict with any law, the validity of the remaining terms and provisions will not be affected; and the rights and obligations

of the parties will be construed and enforced as if the contract did not contain the particular provision held to be invalid.

SEC. 5.21 CONTRACT CANCELLATION

- 1) The state reserves the right to cancel the contract at its convenience upon **30** calendar days written notice to the contractor. The state is only liable for payment in accordance with the payment provisions of this contract for supplies or services provide before the effective date termination.
- 2) By signature on their bid, the bidder certifies that they will not support or participate in a boycott of the State of Israel. Failure to comply with this requirement may cause the state to reject the bid as non-responsive or cancel the contract.

SEC. 5.22 GOVERNING LAW; FORUM SELECTION

A contract resulting from this ITB is governed by the laws of the State of Alaska. To the extent not otherwise governed by Section 5.15 of this ITB, any claim concerning the contract shall be brought only in the Superior Court of the State of Alaska and not elsewhere.

SEC. 5.23 QUALIFIED BIDDERS

Per 2 AAC 12.875, unless provided for otherwise in the ITB, to qualify as a bidder for award of a contract issued under AS 36.30, the bidder must:

- 1) Add value in the contract by actually performing, controlling, managing, or supervising the services to be provided; or
- 2) Be in the business of selling and have actually sold on a regular basis the supplies that are the subject of the ITB.

If the bidder leases services or supplies or acts as a broker or agency in providing the services or supplies to meet these requirements, the procurement officer may not accept the bidder as a qualified bidder under AS 36.30.

SEC. 5.24 FEDERALLY IMPOSED TARIFFS

Changes in price (increase or decrease) resulting directly from a new or updated federal tariff, excise tax, or duty, imposed after contract award may be adjusted during the contract period or before delivery into the United States via contract amendment.

- **Notification of Changes:** The contractor must promptly notify the procurement officer in writing of any new, increased, or decreased federal excise tax or duty that may result in either an increase or decrease in the contact price and shall take appropriate action as directed by the procurement officer.
- **After-imposed or Increased Taxes and Duties:** Any federal excise tax or duty for goods or services covered by this contract that was exempted or excluded on the contract award date but later imposed on the

contractor during the contract period, as the result of legislative, judicial, or administrative action may result in a price increase provided:

- a) The tax or duty takes effect after the contract award date and isn't otherwise addressed by the contract.
 - b) The contractor warrants, in writing, that no amount of the newly imposed federal excise tax or duty or rate increase was included in the contract price, as a contingency or otherwise.
- **After-relieved or Decreased Taxes and Duties:** The contract price shall be decreased by the amount of any decrease in federal excise tax or duty for goods or services under the contract, except social security or other employment [taxes](#), that the contractor is required to pay or bear, or does not obtain a refund of, through the contractor's fault, negligence, or failure to follow instructions of the procurement officer.
 - **State's Ability to Make Changes:** The state reserves the right to request verification of federal excise tax or duty amounts on goods or services covered by this contract and increase or decrease the contract price accordingly.
 - **Price Change Threshold:** No adjustment shall be made in the contract price under this clause unless the amount of the adjustment exceeds \$250.

SEC. 5.25 BYRD ANTI-LOBBYING AMENDMENT

The contractor certifies, by submitting a bid, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

No federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the contractor, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employees of any Federal agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative Agreement, and at the extension, continuation, renewal, Amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative Agreement.

If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any Federal agency, a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative Agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities, in accordance with its instructions. Any person who fails to file the required disclosure shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code.

The contractor also agrees by executing this Agreement that the contractor shall require that the language of this certification be included in all lower tier subcontracts, which exceed \$100,000 and that all such subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

SEC. 5.26 FEDERAL DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION

The bidder/offeree certifies, by submission of this bid or acceptance of this contract, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency. It further agrees by submitting this bid that it will include this clause without modification in all lower tier transactions, solicitations, proposals, contracts, and subcontracts. Where the bidder/offeree/contractor or any lower tier participant is unable to certify to this statement, it shall attach an explanation to this solicitation/bid.

SEC. 5.27 PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN TELECOMMUNICATION AND VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SERVICES OR EQUIPMENT

On projects using federal funds, the Contractor shall comply with the requirements of 2 CFR 200.216, as amended effective August 13, 2020, Federal Register, Vol. 85, No. 157, 49506 - 49582, Prohibition on certain telecommunication and video surveillance services or equipment.

By signature of the bid, proposal, contract or contract amendment the Contractor certifies the Contractor and subcontractors have not entered into a contract nor extended or renewed a contract to procure or obtain equipment, services, or systems that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system produced by:

- a. Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).
- b. Hera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).
- c. Any entity that the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of the National Intelligence or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reasonably believes to be an entity owned or controlled by, or otherwise connected to, the government of a covered foreign country.

The Contractor shall further certify that it has complied the requirements of 2 CFR 200.216, as amended effective August 13, 2020, Federal Register, Vol. 85, No. 157, 49506- 49582 and that it will continue to do so throughout the term of the Contract.

SEC. 5.28 PROTEST

AS 36.30.560 provides that an interested party may protest the content of the ITB.

An interested party is defined in 2 AAC 12.990(a) (7) as "an actual or prospective bidder or bidder whose economic interest might be affected substantially and directly by the issuance of a contract solicitation, the award of a contract, or the failure to award a contract."

If an interested party wishes to protest the content of a solicitation, the protest must be received, in writing, by the procurement officer at least ten days prior to the deadline for receipt of bids.

AS 36.30.560 also provides that an interested party may protest the award of a contract or the proposed award of a contract.

If a bidder wishes to protest the award of a contract or the proposed award of a contract, the protest must be received, in writing, by the procurement officer within ten days after the date the Notice of Intent to Award the contract is issued.

A protester must have submitted a bid to have sufficient standing to protest the proposed award of a contract. Protests must include the following information:

- the name, address, and telephone number of the protester,
- the signature of the protester or the protester's representative,
- identification of the contracting agency and the solicitation or contract at issue,
- a detailed statement of the legal and factual grounds of the protest including copies of relevant documents, and
- the form of relief requested.

Protests filed by telex or telegram are not acceptable because they do not contain a signature. Fax copies containing a signature are acceptable.

The procurement officer will issue a written response to the protest. The response will set out the procurement officer's decision and contain the basis of the decision within the statutory time limit in AS 36.30.580. A copy of the decision will be furnished to the protester by certified mail, fax or another method that provides evidence of receipt.

All bidders will be notified of any protest. The review of protests, decisions of the procurement officer, appeals, and hearings, will be conducted in accordance with the State Procurement Code (AS 36.30), Article 8 "Legal and Contractual Remedies."

SECTION 6. ATTACHMENTS

SEC. 6.01 ATTACHMENTS

Attachments:

- 1) Bid Schedule

Bid Schedule

Bidders must complete and submit this form. Do not modify this form or provide additional information, asterisks or notes other than requested in the form. See section 1.06 Questions Prior to Deadline for Receipt of Bids if there are any questions about the bid schedule.

If offering a make and model different than specified below and in section 2.01 Scope of Work then bidder must enter the make and model in the space provided for each bid item. If offering the same Make and model as specified then check the box “Yes” for each bid item in the space provided below.

Item Number	Make / Model	Monthly Rate	Unit Amount (in months)	Extended Cost
1	John Deere 75 P – Tier	\$	6	\$
Make / Model as specified: Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>	Enter Make / Model if not as specified in blank space to the right:			

Item Number	Make / Model	Monthly Rate	Unit Amount (in months)	Extended Cost
2	John Deere 85 P – Tier	\$	6	\$
Make / Model as specified: Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>	Enter Make / Model if not as specified in blank space to the right:			

Item Number	Make / Model	Monthly Rate	Unit Amount (in months)	Extended Cost
3	John Deere 130 P – Tier	\$	6	\$
Make / Model as specified: Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>	Enter Make / Model if not as specified in blank space to the right:			

Item Number	Make / Model	Monthly Rate	Unit Amount (in months)	Extended Cost
4	John Deere 544 G – Tier or P – Tier	\$	6	\$
Make / Model as specified: Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>	Enter Make / Model if not as specified in blank space to the right:			

Item Number	Make / Model	Monthly Rate	Unit Amount (in months)	Extended Cost
5	International Durastar 4300	\$	6	\$
Make / Model as specified: Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>	Enter Make / Model if not as specified in blank space to the right:			

Subtotal Amount of extended cost items (1 through 5 = subtotal Amount):	\$
MBE / WBE 5% Preference, if applicable (5% of above subtotal amount)	\$
Total Cost for evaluation purposes (subtotal amount minus MBE / WBE amount (if applicable) = Total Cost)	\$