

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT 200 TECHNOLOGY WAY SUITE 1151 COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS 77845-3424

INVITATION FOR BID

IFB NUMBER IFB-23- 002

Wildland Firefighting-Truck Skid Unit

BID MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE: 2:00 P.M. CENTRAL STANDARD TIME (CST) on October 27, 2022

MAIL, EMAIL, HAND DELIVER, AND /OR FAX (979-458-7387) BID TO:

Texas A&M Forest Service Purchasing Department 200 Technology Way, Suite 1151 College Station, TX 77845-3424

Show IFB Number, Opening Date, and Time on Return Envelope

NOTE: BID must be time stamped at the <u>Texas A&M Forest Service Purchasing Department</u> before the hour and date specified for receipt of bid.

Sealed bids will be received until the date and time established for receipt.

Bids should include a completed and signed IFB and HUB Subcontracting Plan.

REFER ALL INQUIRIES TO:

Terry Smith, C.P.M., CTCD, CTCM Purchasing Department Head Texas A&M Forest Service Purchasing Department Phone: 979-458-7380 E-mail: tsmith@tfs.tamu.edu

BIDDER MUST SIGN BELOW

FAILURE TO SIGN WILL DISQUALIFY BID *By signing this quotation, bidder certifies that if a Texas address is shown as the address of the bidder, bidder qualifies as a Texas Bidder as defined in TAC Rule, Title 34, Part 1, Chapter 20, Sub C, 20.32(68).

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			IMPORTANT NOTICE:
PRINT OR TYPE NAME		DATE	IF BIDDING EACH BID MUST BE PLACED IN A SEPARATE ENVELOPE
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VENDOR ID NUMBER (SEE INSTRUCTIONS 1.	7 ON LAST PAGE FOR VENDO	R ID NUMBER)	BELOW RETURN ADDRESS ON SEALED BID ENVELOPE.
COMPANY NAME			
ADDRESS			BIDDER AGREES TO COMPLY WITH ALL
CITY	STATE	Zip	CONDITIONS TO THIS IFB.
PHONE	FAX		-

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QUOTE F.O.B. DESTINATION, FREIGHT PREPAID AND ALLOWED UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED WITHIN THE SPECIFICATIONS

DESTINATION OF GOODS

Texas A&M Forest Service 10500 State Hwy. 30, Bldg. 300 College Station, TX 77845

E-MAIL

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em	Description	Quantity	UOM	Unit Price	Ext Price
	When mailing in bids, bid number and bid opening date must be indicated on the lower left corner of the envelope.				
	Faxed bids will be accepted only at the number indicated at the top of this form.				
	Class and Item Codes: 830-42, 720-00				
	DETERMINATION OF SUBCONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES				
	The TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE has reviewed this IFB in accordance with Texas Government Code 2161.252 and TAC 111.14(a) and has determined that subcontracting opportunities are probable under this contract. Accordingly, a HUB Subcontracting Plan (HSP) is required.				
	GENERAL				
	General questions and clarification of technical specifications may be made to Terry Smith at tsmith@tfs.tamu.edu or 979-458-7381 regarding this Invitation For Bid (IFB).				
	No authority is intended or implied that specifications may be changed or amended except as authorized by written addendum from the				
	ck below to claim preference under TAC Rule 20.38 Supplies, materials or equipment; produced in TX/offered by TX bidder* Agriculture products produced or grown in TX Agriculture products and services offered by TX bidder USA produced supplies, materials or equipment Products of persons with mental or physical disabilities Vendors that meet or exceed air quality standards Goods produced or offered by service-disabled veterans Manufacturer that has recycle program for computer equipment	sensitive () Energy () Rubberi () Recycle () Product: property () Product:	e materials ind efficient produ zed asphalt pa d motor oil an s produced at / s and services	aving material d lubricants facilities located on fo	merly contaminated
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	Texas A&M Forest Service Purchasing Department.				
	Responses to inquiries, which directly affect an interpretation or change to this IFB, will be issued in writing by addendum. Only inquiries which are replied to by formal written addenda shall be binding. Oral and other interpretations or clarifications will be without legal effect.				
	<u>NOTICE</u> : THE DEADLINE FOR WRITTEN QUESTIONS IS October 21, 2022 at 2:00 P.M. CENTRAL STANDARD TIME (CST).				
	SHOULD AN ADDENDUM BE REQUIRED, IT WILL BE ISSUED BY October 25, 2022 2:00 P.M. CENTRAL STANDARD TIME (CST).				
	SCOPE				
	By means of this IFB, it is the intention of the TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE to acquire bids for the purchase of wildland firefighting, truck skid units as described in the attached specifications. Only units matching the specifications exactly will be considered for award. No substitutions are allowed.				
	TERMS AND CONDITIONS				
	A. A response to this IFB is an offer to contract based on the terms, conditions, and specifications contained herein. Bids do not become contracts until they are accepted through a TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE purchase order. The contract shall be governed, construed, and interpreted under the laws of the State of Texas. The factors listed in Section 51.9335 Texas Education Code shall also be considered in making an award when specified. Any legal actions must be filed in Brazos County, Texas.				
	B. The TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE reserves the right to make an award on the basis of low line item bid, low total of line items, or in any other combination that will serve the best interest of the TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE and to reject any and all bid items at the sole discretion of the TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE. The TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE also reserves the right to accept or reject all or any part of any bid, waive minor technicalities and award the bid to best serve the interest of the TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE. The TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE shall be sole judge of "the best interest of the TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE".				
	C. This IFB does not commit the TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE to award a contract, issue a purchase order, or pay any cost incurred by a vendor in the preparation of a bid in response to this IFB.				
	D. Upon award of bid, this IFB, awarded vendor's response, and subsequent Purchase Order/s will serve as instruments of contract between the awarded vendor and the TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE.				
	E. The TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE reserves the right to cancel this contract at any time, and without penalty, either in whole or in part, if funds are not appropriated by the Texas Legislature, or are				

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	not otherwise made available, or for any other unforeseen cause that may occur.				
F	This contract will be executed in accordance with all specifications, terms and conditions, and requirements of this IFB. The TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE will decide all questions which may arise as to the interpretation of specifications, quality, quantity, and acceptability of goods furnished or work performed. If the contract is for services, TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE will decide the manner of performance and the rate of progress of work and the acceptable fulfillment of the services on the part of the vendor.				
G	This contract is subject to any constitutional or statutory limitations upon the TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE as an agency of the State of Texas.				
H	The TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE is committed to maintaining an alcohol and drug-free workplace. Possession, use, or being under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances by vendor or vendor's employees while in the performance of any service performed for the TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE is prohibited. Violation of this requirement shall constitute grounds for cancellation of the contract.				
1.	In the performance of the specified work awarded vendor shall comply with all applicable Federal and State laws including, but not limited to laws governing labor, equal employment opportunity, safety, environmental protection, and materials used in the work.				
J	Unacceptable vendor performance and/or failure of vendor to comply with specifications, terms and conditions or any other requirements stipulated herein will constitute a breach of contract and will result in the contract becoming subject to cancellation by the TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE. Written notice from the TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE to the vendor of such cancellation will result in the contract becoming voided and canceled immediately thereupon, without penalty to the TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE.				
К	If the vendor defaults on the contract, TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE reserves the right to cancel the contract without notice and either re-solicit or re-award the contract to the next best value bidder originally responding to the IFB. The defaulting vendor will not be considered in the re-solicitation and may not be considered in future solicitations for the same type of work unless the specifications or scope of work is significantly changed.				
L	Authorized Relief From Performance (Force Majeure) The TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE may grant relief from performance of the contract if the vendor is prevented from compliance and performance by the act of war, order of legal authority, act of God, or other unavoidable causes not attributable to the fault or negligence of the contractor. The burden of proof for the need of such relief shall rest upon the vendor. To obtain release based on Force Majeure, the vendor must file a written request to the TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE.				
N	Suspension, Debarment, and Terrorism Bidder certifies that the bidding entity and its principals are eligible to participate in this transaction and have not been subjected to suspension,				

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	N.	debarment, or similar ineligibility determined by any federal, state or local governmental entity and that bidder is in compliance with the State of Texas Statutes and Rules relating to procurement and that bidder is not listed on the Federal Government's Terrorism Watch List as described in Executive Order 13224. Entities ineligible for federal procurement are listed at <u>https://www.sam.gov/portal/public/SAM/</u> <u>Conflict of Interest.</u> By executing this Agreement, Contractor and each person signing on behalf of Contractor certifies, and in				
		and each person signing on behalf of Contractor certifies, and in the case of a sole proprietorship, partnership or corporation, each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, that to the best of their knowledge and belief, no member of The A&M System or The A&M System Board of Regents, nor any employee, or person, whose salary is payable in whole or in part by The A&M System, has direct or indirect financial interest in the award of this Agreement, or in the services to which this Agreement relates, or in any of the profits, real or potential, thereof.				
	Ο.	Prohibition on Contracts with Companies Boycotting Israel. Prohibition on Contracts with Companies Boycotting Israel. To the extent that Texas Government Code, Chapter 2270 applies to this Agreement, PROVIDER certifies that (a) it does not currently boycott Israel; and (b) it will not boycott Israel during the term of this Agreement. PROVIDER acknowledges this Agreement may be terminated and payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate.				
	P.	Certification Regarding Business with Certain Countries and Organizations. Pursuant to Subchapter F, Chapter 2252, Texas Government Code, Contractor certifies it is not engaged in business with Iran, Sudan, or a foreign terrorist organization. Contractor acknowledges this Agreement may be terminated if this certification is inaccurate.				
	Q.	Additional Quantities The TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE reserves the right to purchase additional quantities of the equipment listed herein. Orders for additional equipment shall be made by TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE Purchase Order and shall be made within sixty (60) days of award of this bid. Bidders shall hold price firm during this period. Additional quantities ordered shall be subject to the same terms, conditions and pricing of the initial bid response.				
	R.	Inter-Agency Agreement Successful bidder agrees to extend prices and terms to all entities who have entered or will enter into joint purchasing inter-agency cooperation agreement(s) with the Texas A&M Forest Service.				
	S.	Bid Submittal Prices Annual Blanket Purchase Order(s) bid submittal prices shall remain firm for <u>12</u> months from bid opening date. Note: This term/condition <u>supersedes</u> TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE "standard" terms and conditions stated in item #1.6 (last bid page), i.e. cancels out "firm for TEXAS A&M FOREST				
	т	SERVICE acceptance for <u>60</u> days from opening date".				
	Ι.	Quality The vehicles or equipment furnished under these				

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	specifications shall be of quality workmanship and material. The bidder represents that all vehicles or equipment offered under these specifications shall be new, current production model. USED, SHOPWORN, DEMONSTRATOR, PROTOTYPE, OR DISCONTINUED MODELS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE.				
U.	Vendor Certification – Vendor hereby certifies that the network hardware or software, <u>as applicable</u> , procured or leased under this contract, has undergone independent certification testing for known and relevant vulnerabilities in accordance with section 2059.060 of the Texas Government Code.				
V.	Renewals Any renewals will be under the same requirements, terms and conditions as those of the original agreement documents. Only changes that are permitted within the scope of the originally awarded agreement may be considered in any renewal.				
W.	Vendor References – <u>If requested</u> , bidder will be required to submit Vendor References for current or past comparable work/service provided in the quality and scope of that specified in this IFB.				
Χ.	Public Disclosure				
	(a) Bidder acknowledges that Texas A&M Forest Service is obligated to strictly comply with the Public Information Act, Chapter 552, <i>Texas Government Code</i> , in responding to any request for public information pertaining to this Agreement, as well as any other disclosure of information required by applicable Texas law.				
	(b) Upon Texas A&M Forest Service's written request, bidder will provide specified public information exchanged or created under this Agreement that is not otherwise excepted from disclosure under chapter 552, Texas Government Code, to Texas A&M Forest Service in a non-proprietary format acceptable to Texas A&M Forest Service. As used in this provision, "public information" has the meaning assigned Section 552.002, <i>Texas Government Code</i> , but only includes information to which Texas A&M Forest Service has a right of access.				
	(c) Bidder acknowledges that Texas A&M Forest Service may be required to post a copy of the fully executed Agreement on its Internet website in compliance with Section 2261.253(a)(1), <i>Texas Government Code</i> .				
	(d) Bidders/businesses are also required to ensure that their employees who have been designated as <i>Not Eligible for Rehire</i> by a TAMU member are not involved in any work for the TAMU system.				
Υ.	HUB – Historically Underutilized Businesses				
	All agencies of the State of Texas are required to make a good faith effort to utilize Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUBs) in procurements for commodities and services. It is the intention of the State of Texas and the Texas A&M Forest Service (TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE), as a good faith effort, to encourage the use of Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUBs) in all prime contracts, subcontracts, and purchasing transactions. TEXAS				

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	and core suppliers to achieve these ends through race, ethnic, an gender-neutral means. All procurements exceeding \$100,000 for either goods and/or services must include a completed State Texas HUB Subcontracting Plan (HSP) submitted b vendor/contractor.	or			
<u> </u>	EDERAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS				
A	Federal Laws and Regulations – By submitting a signed respons to this IFB, the vendor certifies that vendor is fully informed about and in full compliance with vendor's obligations under existing applicable laws and regulations including, but not limited to:	ut			
E	. Title VI of the Civil Act of 1964, as amended (42 USC 2000 (D));				
C	. Civil Rights Act of 1991;				
C	. Executive Order 11246, as amended (41 CFR 60-1 and 60-2);				
E	. Vietnam Era Veterans Readjustment Act of 1974, as amende (41CFR 60-250);	ed			
F	. Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (41CFR 60-741);				
C	 Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 USC 6101et seq.); 				
F	Non-segregated Facilities (41CFR 60-1);				
1.	Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 (PL 100-690);				
J	 Federal Procurement or Non-procurement Programs (Executiv Order 12549 and 12689); 	/e			
k	. Bryd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 USC 1352);				
L	Clean Air Act of 1970 (42 USC 7401 et seq.);				
Ν	I. Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 USC 1251 et seq.);				
	. Omnibus Reconciliation Provision, Section 952;				
C	 Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, Sections 6, 7 and 12 a amended; 	as			
F	. Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 USC 12101 et seq.);				
C	. Immigrations Reform and Control Act of 1986;				
F	 Utilization of Small Business Concerns and Small Business Concerns Owned and Controlled by Socially and Economical Disadvantage Individuals (PL 96-507); 				
S	. Federal Occupational Safety and Health Law (PL 91-598 including its regulations in effect or proposed as of the date of th agreement; and				
Т	. All other laws and regulations and executive orders as an applicable.	re			
L	OSHA Statement – Vendor represents and warrants that a articles and services covered by this document meet or excee the safety standards established and promulgated under Feder Occupational Safety and Health Law (Public Law 91:596) and i regulations in effect or proposed as of the date of this document.	ed al			
N	. Certification of Non-segregated Facilities of Equal Employment Opportunities Compliance – If this transaction exceeds \$10,000 if the seller anticipates or has a history of exceeding \$10,000 sales to the Texas A&M Forest Service within any continuous twelve (12) month period, the acceptance of this document w	or in JS			

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signify their compliance with the provisions of Section 202 of Executive Order no. 11246 pertaining to Equal Employment Opportunities effective September 24, 1965 and its amendment Executive Order no. 11375 effective October 13, 1967 insofar as Section 202 is affected by changing the word "creed" to "religion" and by adding the word "sex". The signing will also service as written affirmation of the following Certification of Non-segregated Facilities. By the acceptance of this document, the bidder, offeror, applicant or subcontractor certifies that they do not maintain or provide for their employees any segregated facilities at any of their establishments, and that they do not permit their employees to perform their services at any location under their control, where segregated facilities are maintained. They certify further that they will not maintain or provide for their employees any segregated facilities at any of their establishments, and that they will not permit their employees to perform services at any location under their control where segregated facilities are maintained. The bidder, offeror, applicant or subcontractor agrees that a breach of this certification is a violation of the Equal Opportunity clause in this contract. As used in this certification the term "segregated facilities" means any waiting room, work area, rest rooms and wash rooms, restaurants and other eating areas, time clocks, locker rooms and other storage or dressing areas, parking lots, drinking fountains, recreation or entertainment areas, transportation and housing facilities provided for employees which are segregated by explicit directive or are in fact segregated on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin, because of habit, local custom, or otherwise. They further agree that (except where they have obtained identical certifications from proposed subcontractors for specific time periods) they will obtain identical certifications from proposed subcontractors prior to the award of subcontracts exceeding \$10				
Notice to Prospective Subcontractors of Requirement for Certification of Non-segregated Facilities: A Certification of Non- segregated Facilities must be submitted prior to the award of a subcontract exceeding \$10,000 which is not exempt from the provisions of the Equal Opportunity clause. The certification may be submitted either for each subcontract or all subcontracts during a period (i.e., quarterly, semiannually, or annually).				
Note: The penalty for making false statements in offers is prescribed in 18 U/S.C. 1001.				
W. Affirmative Action Compliance – In addition to the above certification, if this transaction exceeds \$50,000 the seller must have included as part of the bid a copy of their written Civil Rights "Affirmative Action Compliance Program". If the bidder is not required to have such a written program, they must have so stated on the bid form indicating the reason it is not required. Paragraph 60.741.4 of Title 41 of Part 60-741 Affirmative Action Obligations of Contracts and Subcontracts for Handicapped Workers is incorporated by reference for all				

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	X.	This contract for goods and/or services incorporates by refet the equal employment opportunity clause provisions of Exe Order no. 11246, as amended; Section 503 of the Rehabil Act of 1973, as amended; and the Vietnam Era Vet Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, as amended; an regulations and relevant orders of the U.S. Secretary of Labo	cutive itation erans nd all				
	Y.	Awarded vendor shall comply with any applicable federal, and local laws and regulations in performing its operations any awarded contract.					
	Z.	Signing this IFB with a false statement is a breach of contract shall void the submitted bid or any resulting award.	ct and				
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	yea the gra in v ent righ rec one by A& (30 opt	any time during the term of this contract and for a period of for irs thereafter the Texas A&M Forest Service, the State of T Comptroller of the United States, the federal agency award int to the Texas A&M Forest Service which funds this procure whole or in part, or duly authorized audit representatives of ities, at their own expense and at reasonable times, reservent to have access to, and to incrementally audit, awarded ver ords that are related to this contract. In the event such an au or more of these entities reveals any errors and/or overpay Texas A&M Forest Service, awarded vendor shall refund M Forest Service the full amount of such overpayments within) days of such audit findings, or Texas A&M Forest Service ion, reserves the right to deduct such amounts owed to Texas est Service from any payments due to awarded vendor.	exas, ling a ement these es the ndor's idit by ments Texas thirty at its				
	BA	SIS OF AWARD					
	A.	Award Criteria – The evaluation of bid responses will include not limited to pricing, delivery, the extent of which the god services meet the needs of the TEXAS A&M FOREST SEF and any other factors the TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE of relevant.	ods or RVICE				
		The TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE must be confident th bidder's response will meet needs of the TEXAS A&M FO SERVICE. TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE will evaluate make the award to the bid that is determined to be the best to the agency based on the criteria listed below.	REST e and				
		Evaluation Criteria:					
		Pricing					
		Delivery					
		Vendor's ability, capacity, and skill					
		Vendor's previous experience and past relationship with T A&M FOREST SERVICE	EXAS				
		Any other factors TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE or relevant	leems				
	В.	If bidder submits product or service literature and specific TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE reserves the right to der					

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		XAS A&M FOREST SERVICE reserves the right to reject all bids, waive any technicalities.				
	evaluatio FORES	nitting a bid in response to this IFB, bidder agrees to this on and award process and further accepts TEXAS A&M T SERVICE' judgment and decision of award.				
	See attache	d FY23 Truck Skid Specifications, 12-pages				

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BECC	S AND CONDITIONS: THE FOLLOWING ITEMS APPLY TO AND ME A PART OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF QUOTATION EXCEPTIONS THERETO MUST BE IN WRITING				
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Attach Attach	<u>CHMENTS</u> ment A - Texas A&M Forest Service, Terms and Conditions, 2-pages ment B - FY23 Truck Skid Specifications, 12-pages ment C - HUB Subcontracting Plan (HSP), 9-pages				
<u>Notice</u> invita	e: Bidders are cautioned to carefully read all parts of this bid tion and to ensure all requested bidder information is completed.				