

PURCHASE ORDER

VENDOR

**TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT**

Order Date
09/16/2024

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200 Technology Way, Suite 1120, College Station, TX 77845-3424; Phone 979-458-7380, FAX 979-458-7386

Purchase Order No.	(Include this number on all correspondence and packages)
P500120	

VENDOR GUARANTEES MERCHANDISE DELIVERED ON THIS ORDER WILL MEET OR EXCEED SPECIFICATIONS IN THE BID INVITATION.

INVOICE TO:
TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE FRP--ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR 200 TECHNOLOGY WAY, SUITE 1162 COLLEGE STATION TX 77845-3424
SHIP TO:
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VENDOR
12710044650 DMMG ENTERPRISES LLC APEX TRUCK GEAR 130 MAGIC OAKS DR SPRING, TX 77388-6023

ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS SET FORTH IN OUR BID INVITATION BECOME A PART OF THIS ORDER.

ANY EXCEPTIONS TO PRICING OR DESCRIPTION CONTAINED HEREIN MUST BE APPROVED BY THE TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT **PRIOR** TO SHIPPING.

PLEASE NOTE: IF YOUR INVOICE IS NOT ADDRESSED AS INSTRUCTED PAYMENT WILL BE DELAYED.

Item	Description	Quantity	UOM	Unit Price	Ext Price
	USER REF: 000000-DM				
1	Truck bed tri-fold tonneau cover	9	EA	1,954.000	17,586.00
2	Truck bed cargo slide	9	EA	1,875.000	16,875.00
				TOTAL	34,461.00
	<p>***** NET 30 *****</p> <p>NOTE TO VENDOR: "SHIP TO" AND "INVOICE TO" ADDRESSES MAY DIFFER. FAILURE TO SUBMIT INVOICE TO PROPER ADDRESS MAY RESULT IN DELAYED PAYMENT.</p> <p>BY ACCEPTANCE OF THIS PURCHASE ORDER VENDOR AGREES TO ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS (AS APPLICABLE) LISTED ON ATTACHED "TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE PURCHASE ORDER--ATTACHMENT A".</p> <p>*****IFB TERMS AND CONDITIONS***** ALL SPECIFICATIONS, PRICES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS PER INVITATION FOR BID AS REFERENCED HEREIN. *****</p> <p>VENDOR RESPONSE TO IFB-24-036 ATTACHED TERMS, CONDITIONS, AND SPECIFICATIONS OF IFB-24-036 SHALL APPLY TO THIS ORDER STANDARD AGENCY TERMS AND CONDITIONS INCLUDED</p> <p>VENDOR QUOTE: IFB-24-036 VENDOR REF: DALLAS MORRIS #281-288-6828</p>				

CEC

Texas A&M Forest Service cannot accept collect freight shipments.

FOB: DESTINATION FRT INCLUDED

Terms:

FAILURE TO DELIVER - If the vendor fails to deliver these supplies by the promised delivery date or a reasonable time thereafter, without giving acceptable reasons for delay, or if supplies are rejected for failure to meet specifications, the State reserves the right to purchase specified supplies elsewhere, and charge the increase in price and cost of handling, if any, to the vendor. No substitutions nor cancellations permitted without prior approval of Purchasing Department.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR BID, SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT MUST BE PLACED IN THE DEPARTMENT RECEIVING ROOM BY

The State of Texas is exempt from all Federal Excise Taxes.

STATE AND CITY SALES TAX EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE: The undersigned claims an exemption from taxes under Texas Tax Code, Section 151.309 (4), for purchase of tangible personal property described in this numbered order, purchased from contractor and/or shipper listed above, as this property is being secured for the exclusive use of the State of Texas.

The Terms and Conditions of the State of Texas shall prevail.

THIS ORDER IS NOT VALID UNLESS SIGNED BY THE PURCHASING AGENT

Chow E. Gammitt

PURCHASING AGENT FOR

TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE



TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE

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

INVITATION FOR BID

IFB NUMBER
IFB-24-036

Tri-Fold Tonneau Truck Bed Covers and Truck Bed Cargo Slides

BID MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE:
2:00 P.M. CENTRAL TIME (CT) on August 29, 2024

EMAIL bid to bids@fs.tamu.edu (preferred)
FAX TO (979)458-7387
MAIL OR HAND CARRY 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 Texas A&M Forest Service Purchasing Department before the hour and date specified for receipt of bid.

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

REFER ALL INQUIRIES TO:

Charles Cavanaugh
Buyer
Texas A&M Forest Service
Purchasing Department
Phone: 979-458-7380
E-mail:
charles.cavanaugh@fs.tamu.edu

INVITATION FOR BID – RETURN SEALED BIDS TO:

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, 20132(68)

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Dallas Morris
 AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

Dallas Morris 8/16/24
 PRINT OR TYPE NAME DATE

Owner
 TITLE

3-20403-6740-4
 VENDOR ID NUMBER
 (SEE INSTRUCTIONS 1.7 ON LAST PAGE FOR VENDOR ID NUMBER)

Apex Truck Gear
 COMPANY NAME

130 Magic Oaks Dr.
Spring TX 77388
 ADDRESS CITY STATE Zip

281-288-6828 N/A
 PHONE FAX

info@apextruckgear.com
 E-MAIL

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

IF BIDDING EACH BID MUST BE PLACED IN A SEPARATE ENVELOPE WITH BID OPENING DATE AND BID NUMBER ANNOTATED IMMEDIATELY BELOW RETURN ADDRESS ON SEALED BID ENVELOPE.

BIDDER AGREES TO COMPLY WITH ALL CONDITIONS TO THIS IFB.

BID OPENING: August 29, 2024 @ 2:00 p.m. CT

BID NO: IFB-24- 036

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

DESTINATION OF GOODS

Chosen vendors installation facility with return to TFS HQ in College Station, TX 77845.

Item	Description	Quantity	UOM	Unit Price	Ext Price
	<p>Email bids to bids@tfs.tamu.edu only. Include IFB number and opening date in the email title.</p> <p>When mailing in bids, bid number and bid opening date must be indicated on the lower left corner of the envelope.</p> <p>Faxed bids will be accepted only at the number indicated at the top of this form.</p> <hr/> <p align="center">DETERMINATION OF SUBCONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES</p> <p>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 not probable under this contract. Accordingly, a HUB Subcontracting Plan (HSP) is not required.</p> <hr/> <p>GENERAL</p> <p>Charles Cavanaugh may be e-mailed at: charles.cavanaugh@tfs.tamu.edu or telephoned, 979-458-7383 for questions regarding this Invitation For Bid (IFB).</p>				

- Check 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

- Products made of recycled, remanufactured, or environmentally sensitive materials including recycled steel
- Energy efficient products
- Rubberized asphalt paving material
- Recycled motor oil and lubricants
- Products produced at facilities located on formerly contaminated property
- Products and services from economically depressed or blighted areas
- Contractor providing foods of higher nutritional value

Delivery in _____ days Cash Discount _____ % _____ days

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BID OPENING: August 29, 2024 @ 2:00 p.m. CT

BID NO: IFB-24-036

VENDOR: *Apex Truck Gear*

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	<p>No authority is intended or implied that specifications may be changed or amended except as authorized by written addendum from the Texas A&M Forest Service Purchasing Department.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>NOTICE: THE DEADLINE FOR WRITTEN QUESTIONS August 23, 2024, at 5:00 P.M. CENTRAL STANDARD TIME (CST).</p> <p>SHOULD AN ADDENDUM BE REQUIRED, IT WILL BE ISSUED BY August 27, 2024, 5:00 P.M. CENTRAL STANDARD TIME (CST).</p> <p>Class and Item Code: 055-88</p> <p>SCOPE</p> <p>By means of this IFB, it is the intention of the TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE to acquire bids for nine tri-fold tonneau truck bed covers and nine 1500 lb capacity truck bed cargo slides compatible with 2024 Ford F-350 short bed fleet trucks. Truck covers shall be Diamondback brand Switchback model bed cover or equivalent. Truck bed cargo slides shall be Bedslide Pro CG Series or equivalent. Specifications are listed on pages 8 & 9 of this IFB.</p> <p>Vendor shall have facility for providing installation within a 100-mile radius of the TFS headquarters building located at:</p> <p>200 Technology way, College Station, TX 77845</p> <p>TERMS AND CONDITIONS</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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".</p>				

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	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 not otherwise made available, or for any other unforeseen cause that may occur.</p> <p>F. This contract will be done 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>I. 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>K. 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.</p> <p>L. Authorized Relief From Performance (Force Majeure) – The</p>				

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	<p>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.</p> <p>M. 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, 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 https://www.sam.gov/portal/public/SAM/</p> <p>N. Conflict of Interest. By executing this Agreement, Contractor 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.</p> <p>O. 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> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>R. Inter-Agency Agreement -- Successful bidder agrees to extend prices and terms to all entities who have entered or will enter into</p>				

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	<p>joint purchasing inter-agency cooperation agreement(s) with the Texas A&M Forest Service.</p> <p>S. Bid Submittal Prices -- Annual Blanket Purchase Order(s) bid submittal prices shall remain firm for <u>12</u> months from bid opening date.</p> <p>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 SERVICE acceptance for <u>60</u> days from opening date".</p> <p>T. Quality -- The vehicles or equipment furnished under these 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>X. Public Disclosure</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(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, <i>Texas Government Code</i>, 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.</p> <p>(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>.</p> <p>(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</p>				

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	<p>system.</p> <p>X. HUB – Historically Underutilized Businesses</p> <p>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 A&M FOREST SERVICE initiatives are to our prime contractors and core suppliers to achieve these ends through race, ethnic, and gender-neutral means. All procurements exceeding \$100,000 for either goods and/or services must include a completed State of Texas HUB Subcontracting Plan (HSP) submitted by vendor/contractor.</p> <p><u>RIGHT TO AUDIT</u></p> <p>At any time during the term of this contract and for a period of four (4) years thereafter the Texas A&M Forest Service, the State of Texas, the Comptroller of the United States, the federal agency awarding a grant to the Texas A&M Forest Service which funds this procurement in whole or in part, or duly authorized audit representatives of these entities, at their own expense and at reasonable times, reserves the right to have access to, and to incrementally audit, awarded vendor's records that are related to this contract. In the event such an audit by one or more of these entities reveals any errors and/or overpayments by Texas A&M Forest Service, awarded vendor shall refund Texas A&M Forest Service the full amount of such overpayments within thirty (30) days of such audit findings, or Texas A&M Forest Service at its option, reserves the right to deduct such amounts owed to Texas A&M Forest Service from any payments due to awarded vendor.</p> <p><u>BASIS OF AWARD</u></p> <p>A. Award Criteria – The evaluation of bid responses will include but is not limited to pricing, delivery, the extent of which the goods or services meet the needs of the TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE and any other factors the TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE deems relevant.</p> <p>The TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE must be confident that the bidder's response will meet needs of the TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE. TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE will evaluate and make the award to the bid that is determined to be the best value to the agency based on the criteria listed below.</p> <p>Evaluation Criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Pricing -Delivery -Vendor's ability, capacity, and skill -Vendor's previous experience and past relationship with TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE 				

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	<p>-Any other factors TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE deems relevant</p> <p>B. If bidder submits product or service literature and specifications TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE reserves the right to decide if items offered are equivalent to those specified. TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE alone shall determine "best value" to the agency and TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE' judgment in this regard shall be considered final.</p> <p>C. The TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE reserves the right to reject any and all bids, waive any technicalities.</p> <p>D. By submitting a bid in response to this IFB, bidder agrees to this evaluation and award process and further accepts TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE' judgment and decision of award.</p> <p><u>TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Truck bed tri-fold tonneau cover- Diamondback Switchback or equivalent. Compatible with 2024 Ford F-350 short bed trucks. (black in color) • Truck bed cargo slide- Bedslide Pro CG Series or Equivalent: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 1500 Pound Capacity; 78 Inch Length x 48 Inch Width/ 8 Inch Side Rail Height; Steel; Rubberized Non-Skid Deck; Bolts to truck bed o Compatible with 2024 Ford F-350 short bed trucks • Price shall include installation cost as part of unit bid pricing. 				

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1	Truck bed tri-fold tonneau cover - Diamondback Switchback or equivalent. Must be compatible with 2024 Ford F-350 short bed trucks. Black in color. Price includes installation	9	EA	\$1954	\$17,586
2	Truck Bed Cargo Slide- Bedside Pro CG Series or Equivalent - 1500 Pound Capacity; 78 Inch Length x 48 Inch Width/ 8 Inch Side Rail Height; Steel; Rubberized Non-Skid Deck; Bolts to truck bed. Must be compatible with 2024 Ford F-350 short bed trucks. Price includes installation.	9	EA	\$1875	\$16,875
GRAND TOTAL \$					\$34,461

TERMS AND CONDITIONS: FOLLOWING ITEMS APPLY TO AND BECOME A PART OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF QUOTATION ANY EXCEPTIONS THERETO MUST BE IN WRITING

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – Texas A&M Forest Service Terms & Conditions, 2-pages

Notice: Bidders are cautioned to carefully read all parts of this bid invitation and to ensure all requested bidder information is completed.

TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. BIDDING REQUIREMENTS

- 1.1 Bidders must comply with all rules, regulations and statutes relating to purchasing in the State of Texas in addition to the requirements of this form.
- 1.2 Bidders must price per unit shown. Unit prices shall govern in the event of extension errors.
- 1.3 Bids should be submitted on this form. Any alternations to the original format and content of this form will result in the disqualification of bid.
- 1.4 Late and/or unsigned bids will not be considered under any circumstances. Person signing bid must have the authority to bind the firm in a contract.
- 1.5 Quote F.O.B. destination, freight prepaid and allowed unless otherwise stated within the specifications.
- 1.6 Bid prices are requested to be firm for TFS acceptance for 60 days from opening date. Cash discounts are not considered in determining an award. Cash discounts offered will be taken if earned.
- 1.7 Bids should give Payee ID Number, full firm name and address of bidder on the face of this form. Enter in the space provided, if not shown. The Payee ID Number is the taxpayer number assigned and used by the Comptroller of Public Accounts of Texas.
- 1.8 Bid cannot be altered or amended after opening time. Any alterations made before opening time should be initiated by bidder or his authorized agent. No bid can be withdrawn after opening time without approval by TFS Purchasing Office based on a written acceptable reason.
- 1.9 Purchases made for TFS are exempt from the State Sales tax and Federal Excise tax. Do not include tax in quotation. Excise Tax Exemption Certificate will be furnished by TFS upon request.
- 1.10 TFS 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 interests of the TFS.
- 1.11 The telephone number for FAX submission of bid is (979) 458-7387. This is the only number that will be used for the receipt of bids. TFS shall not be responsible for failure of electronic equipment or operator error. Late, illegible, incomplete, or otherwise non-responsive bids will not be considered.

2. SPECIFICATIONS

- 2.1 Catalogs, brand names or manufacture's references are descriptive only, and indicate type and quality desired. Bids on brands of like nature and quality will be considered, unless advertised as a Proprietary Purchase in accordance with TAMU Procurement Code Section 1 (b) and TFS Purchasing Procedures, Section 4.13. If bidding on other than references, bid should show manufacturer, brand or trade name, and other description of product offered. If other than brand(s) specified is offered, illustrations and complete description of product offered is requested to be made part of the bid. Failure to take exception to specifications/reference data will require bidder to furnish specified brand names, numbers, etc.
 - 2.2 Unless otherwise specified, items shall be new and unused and of current production.
 - 2.3 All electrical items must meet all applicable OSHA standards and regulations, and bear the appropriate listing from UL, FMRC or NEMA.
 - 2.4 Samples, when requested, must be furnished free of expense to TFS. If not destroyed in examination, they will be returned to the bidder, upon request, at bidder's expense. Each sample should be marked with bidder's name and address, and Purchase Order number. Do not enclose in or attach bid to sample.
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- 10.3 Neither the bidder nor the firm, corporation, partnership or institution represented by the bidder, or anyone acting for such firm, corporation or institution has violated the antitrust laws of this State, or the Federal Antitrust Laws, (see Section 9 above) nor communicated directly or indirectly the bid made to any competitor or any other person engaged in such line of business.
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(1) The submission, processing, and resolution of the contractor's claim is governed by the published rules adopted by the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Texas pursuant to Chapter 2260, as currently effective, hereafter enacted or subsequently amended. These rules are found under Title 1, Part 3, Chapter 68 of the TAC.

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TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE

Purchasing Department

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ADDENDUM NO. 001

TO: ALL BIDDERS

FROM: Charles Cavanaugh

DATE: 8/27/2024

RE: **Invitation for Bid #IFB-24-036**
(Tri-fold Truck Covers and Truck Cargo Bedslides)

The following additions, corrections and/or deletions are made to the above referenced Invitation For Bid:

Questions and Answers:

Question#1: The bedslide list in your bid request has 75% extension, bedslide offers a 100% extension. Are you only interested in the 75% extension?

Answer #1: We are only interested in the 75% extension.

Question#2: Do you have a preference on the color for the cargo bedslide?

Answer #2: We have no preference on the bedslides color.

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Answer #3: Factory build will suffice. No need for custom fabrication.

In addition to submitting a completed IFB, responding bidders must return signed/dated addendum by either including the addendum with the IFB submittal, or by fax at 979-458-7387. Failure to submit signed/dated addendum *may* result in disqualification of your bid.

Note: It is the responsibility of the bidder to ensure completed addendum is received in full by the Purchasing Office.

Dallas Morris

8-28-24

Authorized Signature

Date

Dallas Morris

Apex Truck Gear

Printed Name

Company Name

ATTACHMENT A

TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE

PURCHASE ORDER

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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