

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

BID NO. SC-1511

In accordance with Title 14-22-101 of the Arkansas Code, notice is hereby given that the Sebastian County Judge will receive sealed proposals at the Purchasing Department, 35 South 6th Street, Room 106, Fort Smith, Arkansas 72901, until 2:00 p.m. on the 17th day of August, 2015, at which time proposals will be publicly opened and read at the Purchasing Department. Proposals will be taken for purchase of one (1) Sports Utility Vehicle. Additional details and specifications may be obtained from the Sebastian County Purchasing Department in writing via email at purchasing@co.sebastian.ar.us or by visiting the County Web Site at www.sebastiancountyar.gov. Proposals must in all matters comply with the laws of the State of Arkansas. Small businesses, as well as minority or women's businesses, are encouraged to participate in this process. The County Judge reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, waive any formalities, or to accept any proposal deemed most advantageous to the County.

Charity Gregory
Purchasing/Facilities Administrator
Sebastian County, Arkansas

FOR THE TIMES RECORD:

Legal notice. Publish on August 2, 2015 and August 9, 2015

RETURN PROOF WITH STATEMENT NO LATER THAN August 31, 2015

TO:

David Hudson, County Judge
Purchasing Department
35 South 6th Street, Room 106
Fort Smith, Arkansas 72901

SEBASTIAN COUNTY JUDGE
Purchasing Department
35 South 6th Street, Room 106
Fort Smith, Arkansas 72901
(479) 784-1502 Fax (479) 784-1550

NOTICE TO: Qualified Bidders

SUBJECT: Request for Proposal, Bid Number SC - 1511

Sebastian County is interested in receiving sealed written proposals for furnishing the products/services specified in the attached Request for Proposal (RFP). Complete details regarding the products and/or services required by the County, and instructions for participating in the bid process, are included in the attached bid package.

Bids must be received by the time and date indicated in the RFP. Bids received after the time and date set for opening will not be considered.

Bidders who do not wish to submit bids must submit a "No Bid" to continue to be eligible for retention on the Bid List. The Bid List is periodically reviewed, and bidders who have not responded to proposal requests are deleted.

If you are interested in submitting a bid, please be sure that the requirements of the RFP are completed, since failure to meet the requirements could cause your bid to be rejected.

Any questions regarding the Bid Invitation should be directed to the Purchasing Department in writing via email at purchasing@co.sebastian.ar.us or by mail at 35 South 6th, Street, Room 106, Fort Smith, AR 72901.

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Purchasing/Facilities Administrator
Sebastian County

Attachment: RFP

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Sebastian County, Arkansas

COVER SHEET

SECTION I

BID NUMBER: SC-1511

TITLE: One (1) Sports Utility Vehicle for County Road Department

OPENING: DATE: August 17, 2015
TIME: 2:00 P.M.
PLACE: Purchasing Department
35 South 6th Street, Room 106
Fort Smith, Arkansas

MAIL SEALED PROPOSALS TO: Sebastian County Purchasing Department
35 South 6th Street, Room 106
Fort Smith, Arkansas 72901

ON OUTSIDE OF PROPOSAL SHOW: (1) Return Address
(2) Bid Opening Date
(3) Bid Number and Title

Bidder must complete the following information:

Name of Bidder: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Instructions:

- (1) Unit prices and extensions are required on proposal form
- (2) Return ***three*** copies of ***entire*** Request for Proposal
- (3) Proposals must be signed to be accepted
- (4) Any trade discounts should be deducted and net prices shown
- (5) Bidder must guarantee product(s) offered will meet or exceed specifications contained in this Request for Proposal
- (6) Bidding procedures will be in compliance with Arkansas Laws
- (7) **Quote:** F.O.B. destination
- (8) **Terms:** Net 30 days

PROPOSAL FORM

BID No. SC-1511

SECTION II

We, the undersigned, agree to furnish the products and/or services indicated below in accordance with the specifications and conditions contained herein, at the bid price shown.

It is expressly agreed and understood by and between the parties hereto, and is made a condition precedent to the entering into of any purchase agreement resulting from this invitation to bid, that the County Judge, Sebastian County, shall determine any and all questions or disputes which may arise concerning conformity to the specifications and conditions, and proposals; and the quantity, suitability, and acceptability of all items to be furnished hereunder, and his decision as to such matters shall be final, binding, and conclusive upon the parties hereto.

That this Request for Proposal and proposals submitted hereunder shall be governed by the laws of the State of Arkansas.

We, the undersigned, affirm that this proposal is made on behalf of the undersigned, and is made without collusion on the part of any person, firm or corporation; and that the conditions and other provisions have been carefully examined and are agreed to.

<u>Description</u>	<u>Total Price</u>
One (1) Sports Utility Vehicle	\$ _____
Less Trade-In	\$ _____
Total	\$ _____
Written Amount	\$ _____

Make: _____ Model: _____

Warranty: _____ Delivery: _____

Amounts shall be in both written form and figures. In case of a discrepancy between the written amount and the figures, the written amount will govern.

Per Statute 26-52-410 of the Arkansas Code, "No tax shall be levied or collected upon gross receipts derived from the sale of motor vehicles to municipalities and counties or to state-supported colleges and universities or to public school districts in this state".

Exceptions to specifications: NO _____ YES _____ (Attach itemized list)

From: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____ Title: _____

General Conditions

1. Bids must be received no later than the date and time set for bid opening. **Bids must be sealed.** Bids may be withdrawn, modified or corrected by the bidder after it has been submitted, provided a written request to do so is filed with the County Judge prior to the time set for opening the bid. Telegrams or letters received prior to the time set for opening the bids will be accepted and attached to the unopened bid, and the bid will be considered withdrawn, modified, corrected, or otherwise changed accordingly. **No bid may be withdrawn, modified, corrected, or otherwise changed after the time set for opening the bids.**
2. Specifications are designed to describe the type and quality of the product/services desired by the County. They are not intended to restrict bidding on any like product/service of equal or higher quality. Any exceptions to the specifications must be noted on a separate sheet by reference to the item number in the specifications where the exception is taken. If no exceptions are submitted with the Proposal, and accepted by the County, bidders will be expected to comply with the specifications. Products and/or services will be inspected for compliance prior to acceptance.
3. Prices quoted will be considered net prices, unless otherwise stated by the bidder in the proposal. Bid prices must remain firm for 60 days, unless otherwise stated in the specifications.
4. It shall be understood and agreed that any material or product purchased under this bid shall be new and in first class condition unless otherwise stated in or required by the bid invitation.
5. Bid bonds are not required, unless specifically required by law or specified in the bid invitation.
6. **Bids must be signed to be accepted.** Signature must be that of the individual authorized to obligate the bidder whom is submitting the bid or proposal.
7. The County is exempt from Federal Excise Taxes and such taxes shall not be included in the bid price. An exemption certificate will be furnished where required.
8. State and Local Sales Taxes shall be stated as a separate item and shall not be included in the bid price of the product/services being proposed. If no taxes are so stated, the County will assume that any taxes due have been included in the price quoted and no additional taxes will subsequently be added to the bid price. The County is Sales Tax Exempt on motor vehicle purchases.
9. **Bids will be evaluated based upon compliance with the specifications, bid price, applicability, and suitability of the product/services being offered. Product and vendor reliability, warranty, delivery time, and such other factors deemed appropriate will be considered to assure the County receives a quality product most advantageous vendor to the county.** Assignment of any part or all of payments accruing under contracts or purchase agreements resulting from this Invitation to Bid will not be authorized. Payment shall only be made to the Contractor or vendor with whom the order is placed.
10. All questions or requests for clarification shall be submitted in writing via email at purchasing@co.sebastian.ar.us or mail at 35 South 6th Street Room 106, Fort Smith, AR 72901, ATTN: Purchasing Department.
11. The County reserves the right to accept part or all of any specific bid or bids and to accept any bid or bids with or without trade-in, whichever is most advantageous to the County.
12. The Sebastian County Judge reserves the right to reject any or all bids/proposals, to accept any deemed most advantageous to the County, and to waive any formalities.

Vehicle Specifications

1. All vehicles furnished to Sebastian County shall be new and delivered as specified in the Request for Proposal. Vehicles shall be furnished with all interior, exterior trim, and appointments listed by the manufacturer in printed specifications and literature as standard equipment. Vehicles shall also be equipped with any and all safety equipment required by the State and applicable Federal Regulations. Any upgrades and/or additional equipment necessitated, by selection of any listed option by the ordering entity, shall be included in the prices bid, and no additional charge shall be made by the vendor.
2. It is the intent of these specifications to describe a SUV in sufficient detail to secure bids on comparable vehicles. All parts not specifically mentioned, which are necessary to provide a complete SUV, shall be included in the bid and shall conform in strength and quality of material and workmanship to what is usually provided to the trade in general. The SUV shall be a current model under standard production by the manufacturer.
3. Any units not conforming to these specifications will be rejected, and it will be the responsibility of the manufacturer to conform to the requirements, unless deviations have been specifically cited by the bidder and acceptance made on the basis of the exception.
4. Warranty - From date of delivery, each vehicle shall be accompanied by a warranty for a minimum of thirty-six (36) months or thirty-six thousand (36,000) miles, whichever comes first. Warranty shall certify that the vehicle is of good material and workmanship and that the replacement of any part or parts that fail under normal use within the designated period, free of negligence or accident, will be promptly repaired or replaced at No cost to the County.
5. Responsibility for Inspection - Unless otherwise specified, the successful bidder will be responsible for performing all inspections required herein. The County reserves the right to make any and all inspections deemed necessary to ensure compliance with this specification.
6. Each vehicle shall be completely serviced, cleaned, and thoroughly inspected by the successful bidder just prior to delivery to the County. No dealer advertisement shall be on any vehicle purchased by the County.

Pre-Delivery Requirements

- Complete lubrication
- Fill crankcase with oil
- Adjustment of engine to proper operating conditions
- Inflate tires to proper pressure
- Careful check to assure perfect operation of all mechanical features
- Front end alignment and wheel balance
- Cleaning of vehicle, if necessary, and removal of all unnecessary tags, stickers, papers, etc. Window price sticker shall not be removed.
- No dealer's insignia shall be affixed to vehicle
- A minimum of five (5) gallons of fuel in vehicle
- Delivery shall be during normal working hours, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday thru Friday

Vehicle Specifications

- a. The intent of this bid is to secure one (1) Chevrolet Tahoe LS, GMC Yukon SLE, Ford Explorer XLT, or approved equivalent
- b. Assist handles, all seats
- c. Audio System, AM/FM stereo with CD player and auxiliary input jack, including 2 USB ports and 1 SD card reader
- d. Audio system feature, 6 – speaker system
- e. Audio system feature, single-slot CD/MP3 player
- f. Automatic Occupant Sensing System, sensor indicator inflatable restraint, front passenger/child presence detector
- g. Bluetooth for phone, personal cell phone connectivity to vehicle audio system
- h. Climate control, tri-zone automatic, with individual climate settings for driver, right-front passenger and rear passengers
- i. Conversation mirror
- j. Cargo management system
- k. Cruise control, electronic with set and resume speed
- l. Defogger, rear-window electric
- m. Display, driver information enhanced, multi-color
- n. Door locks, power programmable with lockout protection
- o. Floor covering, color-keyed carpeting
- p. Floor mats, color-keyed carpeted first and second row, removable
- q. LATCH system (Lower Anchors and Top tethers for Children), or equivalent, for child safety seats, lower anchors and top tethers located in all second row seating positions, top tethers located in third row seating positions.
- r. Power outlet, 110 – volt
- s. Remote vehicle start
- t. Rear vision camera
- u. Safety belts, 3 – point, driver and right - front passenger
- v. Steering column, manual tilt and telescoping
- w. Steering wheel, leather-wrapped
- x. Steering wheel controls, mounted audio and cruise controls, includes Driver Information Center controls
- y. Theft-deterrent system, electrical, unauthorized entry
- z. Tire Pressure Monitor System, air pressure sensors in each tire with pressure display in Driver Information Center (does not apply to spare tire)
- aa. Warning tones, headlamp on, key-in-ignition, driver and right-front passenger safety belt unfasten and turn signal on
- bb. Windows, power, all express down, front express up
- cc. Assist steps, Black
- dd. Daytime Running Lamps, with automatic exterior lamp control
- ee. Fascia, rear color-keyed
- ff. Fascia, front body-color
- gg. Headlamps, high intensity discharge
- hh. Liftgate, rear manual
- ii. Luggage rack side rails, roof-mounted, Black
- jj. Mirrors, outside heated power – adjustable, manual – folding and color keyed, driver mirror includes spotter mirror
- kk. Tire, spare P265/70R17 all-season, blackwall
- ll. Tires, P265/65R18 all-season, blackwall
- mm. Tire carrier, lockable outside spare, winch-type mounted under frame at rear
- nn. Wheel, full-size spare, 17” (43.2 cm) steel

- oo. Wipers, front intermittent, Rainsense or equivalent
- pp. Wiper, rear intermittent with washer
- qq. Alternator, 150 amps
- rr. Battery, 660 cold cranking amps with 80 amp hour rating
- ss. Brakes, 4-wheel antilock, 4-wheel disc, VAC power
- tt. Cooling, external engine oil cooler, heavy-duty air-to-oil, integral to driver side of radiator
- uu. Differential, heavy-duty locking rear
- vv. Engine. 5.3L EcoTec3 V8, or equivalent, with Active Fuel Management, or equivalent, Direct Injection and Variable Valve Timing, or equivalent, includes aluminum block construction (355 hp [265 kW] @ 5600 rpm, 383 lb-ft of torque [518 N-m] @ 4100 rpm)
- ww. GVWR, 7100 lbs. (3221 kg)
- xx. Rear axle, 3.08 ratio
- yy. StabiliTrak, or equivalent, stability control system with brake assist, includes traction control.
- zz. Steering, power
- aaa. Suspension, front coil-over-shock with stabilizer bar
- bbb. Suspension, rear multi-link with coil springs
- ccc. Trailering equipment, includes trailering hitch platform, 7-wire harness with independent fused trailering circuits mated to a 7-way sealed connector and 2" trailering receiver
- ddd. Transmission, 6-speed automatic, electronically controlled with overdrive and tow/haul mode

Trade-In

2003 Chevrolet Tahoe with 142,279 miles. Appointments to see the Tahoe must be scheduled by phone at 479-784-1502.

