

Invitation to Bid #12PSX0343

Rental of Various Types of Equipment without Operators for the Department of Transportation

Contract Specialist: **Lynn Peccerillo-Hills**

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Due Date: **November 15, 2012**

Department of Administrative Services



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Invitation to Bid

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Scope

This Invitation to Bid is for rental by ConnDOT of various types of equipment as described herein.

On September 25, 2012, the Connecticut Department of Transportation (ConnDOT) began planning this bid for rental of various types of equipment as described herein and to be operated by State forces. The resulting contract will replace contract 10PSX0225.

Instructions to Bidders

I. Bid Schedule

RELEASE OF ITB:

Date: October 25, 2012

RECEIPT OF QUESTIONS:

Date: November 1, 2012, by noon Eastern Time

Answers to Questions will be posted as Addendum

BID DUE DATE:

Date: November 15, 2012 at 2:00 PM Eastern Time

During the period from your organization's receipt of this Invitation to Bid, and until a contract is awarded, your organization shall not contact any employee of the State of Connecticut for additional information, except in writing, directed to the Department of Administrative Services, Attn.: Lynn Peccerillo-Hills, Procurement Services, 165 Capitol Avenue, 5th Floor South, Hartford, CT 06106.

III. Questions

Questions for the purpose of clarifying this bid must be emailed to: lynn.peccerillo@ct.gov and must be received by the Contract Specialist no later than the date and time specified.

IV. Solicitation Submission

Solicitations shall be submitted online by the bid due date and time only. Bidders must upload their solicitation submission to their BizNet Account. Any material that is not submitted online with your company's solicitation submission shall not be accepted under any circumstances. No documentation shall be submitted by hard copy, fax or email.

The following are helpful links to guide the bidder through the on-line submittal process:

Solicitation Document Upload Guide: Click on the following link for a guide on how to upload and submit solicitation responses: <http://das.ct.gov/images/1090/SDUG.pdf>

Online Instructional Videos: Click on the following link for instructional videos on how to create a BizNet account; upload Ethics and Non-Discrimination Forms; upload DAS Solicitation Documents and fill in a Price Schedule online: <http://das.ct.gov/cr1.aspx?page=371>

V. Public Bid Opening

Please note that the public bid openings are now conducted online. Since solicitations are now uploaded to the bidder's BizNet account, solicitation results will be available online from all bidders that submitted a solicitation. The pricing results are only available for 24 hours after the bid opening date and time.

How to View Bid Results:

- Go to the DAS/Procurement website: das.ct.gov/Portal
- Click on the heading "Current Solicitations"
- Click radio button "Under Evaluation"
- Search for the bid
- Click on "Public Opening" under the bid due date and time

Bid / Contract Requirements

I. **Mandatory Extension to State Entities**

Bidders are required to offer and extend this contract (including pricing, terms and conditions) to Political Sub-Divisions of the State (Towns and Municipalities), Schools, and Not-For-Profit Organizations.

When a Political Sub-Division, School, and/or Not-For-Profit Organization utilize this contract, all references to the "State" are hereby replaced with the Name of the Using Sub-Division, School, or the name of the Not-For-Profit Organization.

II. **Set Aside Participation**

It is the intention of the state to award 10 % of this contract to only Connecticut Small Business Enterprises (SBE) and Minority Business Enterprises (MBE) certified by the State of Connecticut's Department of Administrative Services/Supplier Diversity Program, pursuant to Connecticut General Statute 4a-60g. SBE and MBE bidders are required to be certified at the time of the bid opening and are requested to upload a copy of their company's current certification certificate with their bid.

Further information about the Supplier Diversity Program can be found at the following link:

<http://www.das.state.ct.us/cr1.aspx?page=34>

III. **Motor Carrier Safety Review.**

If the performance of the Contract requires the use and operation of any commercial motor vehicle, as defined in section 14-1 of the Connecticut General Statutes, or other motor vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of 18,000 pounds or more, each bidder will be the subject of an evaluation, conducted by the Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles (CTDMV) of its motor carrier safety fitness. The primary factor in the evaluation is the current SAFESTAT score, calculated by the U.S. Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) in accordance with the provisions of Title 49, Section 385.1, et seq., of the Code of Federal Regulations.

To be deemed qualified, the bidder must have an overall SAFESTAT category rating of "D" or better, on the date of evaluation. In addition, the bidder's driver and vehicle out-of-service rates will be consulted. The rates are determined by the number of out-of-service violations cited to the motor carrier in the course of all official, reported vehicle and/or driver inspections conducted during the preceding thirty (30) months. To be deemed qualified, the bidder must not have either a vehicle or driver out-of-service rate, by percentage of out-of-service violations per the total number of inspections reported, that is more than twice the national average. In addition, the bidder must have a current federal safety management practices rating of "Satisfactory," as defined in 49 CFR section 385.3, as amended.

Bidder must provide the company's Federal DOT ID number where specified in Exhibit B. Failure to provide this information may result in the rejection of your bid.

Further information concerning the motor carrier safety evaluation, to which a bidder is subject, may be obtained from CTDMV, at <http://www.ct.gov/dmv/cwp/view.asp?a=798&q=413206&dmvPNavCtr=#49068>. All official inspection and rating data that is used in the performance of each evaluation is available to any motor carrier through the federal SAFESTAT website, at <http://www.ai.volpe.dot.gov/>.

IV. Description of Equipment

- A. Bidder shall identify equipment by Manufacturer and model (brand); or by reference to capacities, i.e. horse power, etc.
- B. Bidders should specify the exact number of units available.
- C. Reference to quantities with descriptions "as required" or "as necessary" shall not be accepted.
- D. Prices quoted shall be per district.
- E. Price breakdowns within districts shall not be accepted.
- F. Bidders may submit descriptive literature, or list equipment specifications if they feel it clarifies capacities of items being bid.

V. Pricing:

- A. Pricing submitted shall be based on an hourly basis.
- B. Line Items 1-12 shall be picked up and returned by the Client Agency.
- C. Bidders shall submit pricing for Line Items 13–27 for pick-up (P/U) and a round trip (R/T) delivery to the job site as required.
- D. In accordance with the work schedule in use by ConnDOT, pricing submitted shall be for rental rates based on a seven and one half (7.5 Hour work day) (8:00 a.m., to 12:00 Noon; 12:30 P.M. to 4:00 p.m.).

VI. Quantities and/or Usages

These are estimated quantities and/or usages only and in no way represent a commitment and/or intent to purchase. Actual quantities may vary and will be identified on individual purchase orders issued by the requesting state entity.

VII. Contract Separately / Additional Savings Opportunities

The State reserves the right to either seek additional discounts from the contractor(s) or to contract separately for a single purchase, if in the judgment of DAS/Procurement Services, the quantity required is sufficiently large, to enable the State to realize a cost savings, over and above the published contract prices, whether or not such a savings actually occurs.

VIII. Brand Name Specifications and/or References

The use of the name of a manufacturer or of any particular make, model or brand in describing an item does not restrict bidders to that manufacturer or specific article unless limited by the term "no substitute". However, the article being offered must be of such character and quality so that it will serve the purpose for which it is to be used equally as well as that specified, and the bidder shall warrant to the State that it is fit for that purpose. Bids on comparable items must clearly state the exact article being offered including any and all applicable options and the bidder shall furnish such other information concerning the article being offered as will be helpful in evaluating its acceptability for the purpose intended. If the bidder does not indicate that the article offered is other than as specified, it will be understood that the bidder is offering the article exactly as specified. Bidders must submit complete documentation on the specifications and quality levels of the proposed products. Bids submitted that do not contain this documentation are subject to rejection.

IX. Contract Award

The State reserves the right to award this Contract in a manner deemed to be in the best interest of the State and may include, but not be limited to:

- A. by item, group of items, or in it's entirety
- B. geographic location to adequately service the entire State of Connecticut in the best possible manner
- C. Multiple Contractor Award

X. Micro Business Preference

This contract shall be awarded to the lowest responsible qualified bidder. The qualities of articles to be supplied, their conformity with the specifications, their suitability to the requirements of the state government and the delivery terms will be taken into consideration, and the life-cycle costs and trade-in or resale value of the articles may be considered where it appears to be in the best interest of the state. In determining the lowest responsible qualified bidder, a price preference of up to ten percent (10%) may be given for the purchase of the goods or services from micro businesses. Micro business means a business with gross revenues not exceeding three million dollars (\$3,000,000) in the most recently completed fiscal year. To be considered for this ten percent (10%) price preference, bidders shall provide a copy of their Federal Internal Revenue tax return form, with their bid, for the most recent fiscal year, confirming their gross revenues of less than three million dollars (\$3,000,000). Failure to provide such tax return with the bid shall deny bidder consideration for price preference. For companies who have not yet filed their tax return for the most recently completed fiscal year, in lieu of a tax return, a letter from a Certified Public Accountant attesting to the company's gross estimated revenues for the most recently completed fiscal year will be accepted.

XI. Subcontractors

DAS must approve any and all subcontractors utilized by the successful bidder prior to any such subcontractor commencing any work. Bidders acknowledge by the act of submitting a bid that any work provided under the contract is work conducted on behalf of the State and that the Commissioner of DAS or his/her designee may communicate directly with any subcontractor as the State deems to be necessary or appropriate. It is also understood that the successful bidder shall be responsible for all payment of fees charged by the subcontractor(s). A performance evaluation of any subcontractor shall be provided promptly by the successful bidder to DAS upon request. The successful bidder must provide the majority of services described in the specifications.

Index of Abbreviations

Abbreviations:

- DAS Department of Administrative Services
- ITB Invitation to Bid
- ConnDOT Connecticut Department of Transportation