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BIG SANDY FIRE DEPARTMENT

SPECIFICATIONS FOR A TRIPLE COMBINATION PUMPER

Sealed bids will be received by Big Sandy Fire Dept. for the furnishing of all necessary labor, equipment and material for the Fire Apparatus and other equipment as outlined in the following specifications.

INTENT OF SPECIFICATIONS

It shall be the intent of these specifications to cover the furnishing and delivery of a complete fire apparatus. These detailed specifications cover the requirements as to the type of construction, finish, equipment and tests to which the fire apparatus shall conform. Minor details of construction and materials, which are not otherwise specified, are left to the discretion of the contractor.

Images and illustrative material in this specification are as accurate as known at the time of publication, but are subject to change without notice. Images and illustrative material is for reference only, and may include optional equipment and accessories and may not include all standard equipment.

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

The purchaser's standards for bidding automotive fire apparatus must be strictly adhered to, and all bid forms and questions must be complete and submitted with the bid. **Omissions and variations shall result in immediate rejection of the bid.**

Bids shall only be considered from companies that have an established reputation in the field of fire apparatus construction and have been in business for a minimum of 20 years. Furthermore, in order to insure fair, ethical, and legal competition, neither the original equipment manufacturer (O.E.M.) nor parent company of the O.E.M. shall have ever been fined or convicted of price fixing, bid rigging, or collusion in any domestic or international fire apparatus market (no exception).

If a bidder represents more than one fire apparatus company or brands of apparatus, they must only bid the top of the line that meets specification.

Each bidder shall furnish satisfactory evidence of their ability to construct the apparatus specified.

Any apparatus manufacturer or their parent company who has had a performance bond called in the last 10 years, shall not be eligible to bid. Any bids from these manufactures shall be immediately rejected (no exception).

Each bid shall be accompanied by a set of manufacturer's set of specifications consisting of a detailed description of the apparatus, construction methods, and equipment proposed to which

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the apparatus furnished under contract shall conform. These specifications shall indicate size, type, model and make of all components parts and equipment, providing proof of compliance with each and every item in the departments advertised specifications. A letter only, even though written on company letterhead, shall not be sufficient. **An exception to this requirement shall not be acceptable.**

In accordance with the current edition of NFPA 1901 standards, the proposal shall specify whether the fire department or apparatus dealership shall provide required loose equipment.

The purchaser will utilize this advertised specification to compare all submitted bid proposals. To facilitate comparison, all bid proposal specifications shall be submitted in the same sequence as the advertised specification. Any bidder who fails to submit a set of bid proposal specifications, or who photo copies and submits these specifications as their own construction details will be considered non responsive. This shall render such proposal ineligible for award.

The purchaser's specification shall, in all cases, govern the construction of the apparatus, unless a properly documented exception or deviation was approved. Any bid indicating that the manufacturer's proposal shall supersede the purchaser's specification will be considered a complete substitute and immediately rejected.

THE PURCHASER HAS THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY BIDS WHICH DOES NOT MEET THESE SPECIFICATIONS AND IS THE SOLE DECIDER TO DEEM WHICH BID IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE PURCHASER.

EXCEPTIONS

These specifications are based upon design and performance criteria which have been developed by the fire department as a result of extensive research and careful analysis. Subsequently these specifications reflect the only type of fire apparatus that is acceptable at this time and all specifications herein contained are considered as minimum. Therefore exceptions to the specifications may not be accepted.

Bidders shall indicate in the "yes/no" column if their bid complies on each item (paragraph) specified.

If a product brand name is specified and is commercially available to all bidders, an exception to such items is not acceptable and such bid may be rejected.

Exceptions shall be allowed if they are equal to or superior to that specified and provided they are listed and fully explained on a separate page. All deviations, no matter how slight, shall be clearly explained on a separate sheet, in the bid sequence, citing the page and paragraph number(s) of the specifications, how the proposal deviation is different, how the deviation meets or exceeds the specifications and why it is necessary, and entitled "EXCEPTIONS TO SPECIFICATIONS". The buyer reserves the right to require a bidder to provide proof in each case that a substituted item is equal to that specified. The buyer shall be the sole judge in determination of acceptable substitutes.