

BID INVITATION

STANDARD CONDITIONS

M-03-172H

1. **ACCEPTANCE AND REJECTION:** The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to accept bids in whole or in part (unless otherwise indicated by bidder), to waive any informalities in bids received, to accept bids on materials or equipment with variations from specifications where efficiency of operation will not be impaired, and to award bids to best serve the interest of the State.
2. **PRICES:** Unless otherwise stated in the Bid Invitation, the following will apply: (1) unit prices shall be bid, (2) prices should be stated in units of quantity specified (feet, each, lbs., etc.), (3) prices must be F.O.B. destination specified in bid, (4) prices must be firm and not subject to escalation, (5) bid must be firm for acceptance for 30 days from bid opening date. In case of errors in extension, unit prices shall govern. Discounts from bid price will not be considered in making awards.
3. **BID BONDS AND PERFORMANCE BONDS:** If required, a **Bid Bond** in the form of a cashier's check, certified check, or surety bond issued by a surety company, in an amount stated in the Bid Invitation, must accompany bid. **Personal and company checks are not acceptable as Bid Bonds.** Failure to submit a Bid Bond as required will cause a bid to be rejected. The Bid Bond will be forfeited as liquidated damages if the successful bidder fails to provide a required Performance Bond within the period stipulated by AHTD or fails to honor their bid. Cashier's checks and certified checks submitted as Bid Bonds will be returned to unsuccessful bidders; surety bonds will be retained. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a **Performance Bond** in an amount stated in the Bid Invitation and in the form of a cashier's check, certified check, or surety bond issued by a surety company, unless otherwise stated in the Bid Invitation, as a guarantee of delivery of goods/services in accordance with the specifications and within the time established in the bid. **Personal and company checks are not acceptable as Performance Bonds.** In some cases, a cashier's check or certified check submitted as a Bid Bond will be held as the Performance Bond of the successful bidder. Cashier's checks or certified checks submitted as Performance Bonds will be refunded shortly after payment has been made to the successful bidder for completion of all terms of the bid; surety bonds will be retained. Surety bonds must be issued by a surety company authorized to do business in Arkansas, and must be signed by a Resident Local Agent licensed by the Arkansas State Insurance Commissioner to represent that surety company. Resident Agent's Power-of-Attorney must accompany the surety bond. Certain bids involving labor will require Performance Bonds in the form of surety bonds only (no checks of any kind allowed). In such cases, the company issuing the surety bond must comply with all stipulations herein and must be named in the U. S. Treasury listing of companies holding Certificates of Authority as acceptable sureties on Federal Bonds and as acceptable reinsuring companies. Any excess between the face amount of the bond and the underwriting limitation of the bonding company shall be protected by reinsurance provided by an acceptable reinsuring company.
4. **TAXES:** The AHTD is not exempt from Arkansas State Sales and Use Taxes, or local option city/county sales taxes, when applicable, and bidders are responsible to the State Revenue Department for such taxes. These taxes should not be included in bid prices, but where required by law, will be paid by the AHTD as an addition thereto, and should be added to the billing to the AHTD. The AHTD is exempt from Federal Excise Taxes on all commodities except motor fuels; and excise taxes should not be included in bid prices except for motor fuels. Where applicable, tax exemption certificates will be furnished by the AHTD.
5. **"ALL OR NONE" BIDS:** Bidders who wish to bid "All or None" on two or more items shall so stipulate on the face of bid sheet; otherwise, bid may be awarded on an individual item basis.
6. **SPECIFICATIONS:** Complete specifications should be attached for any substitution or alternate offered, or where amplification is necessary. Bidder's name must be placed on all attachments to the bid.
7. **EXCEPTIONS TO SPECIFICATIONS:** Any exceptions to the bid specifications must be stated in the bid. Any exceptions to manufacturer's published literature must be stated in the bid, or it will be assumed that bidder is bidding exactly as stated in the literature.
8. **BRAND NAME REFERENCES:** All brand name references in bid specifications refer to that commodity or its equivalent, unless otherwise stated in Bid Invitation. Bidder should state brand or trade name of item being bid, if such name exists.
9. **FREIGHT:** All freight charges should be included in bid price. Any change in common carrier rates authorized by the Interstate Commerce Commission will be adjusted if such change occurs after the bid opening date. Receipted common carrier bills that reflect ICC authorized rate changes must be furnished.
10. **SAMPLES AND LITERATURE:** Samples or technical literature must be provided within 14 days of AHTD request unless AHTD extends time. Failure to provide samples or literature within this period may cause bid to be rejected. When required, samples of items must be furnished free of charge, prior to or after the opening of bids, and, if not destroyed, will be returned upon request at the bidder's expense. Each individual sample must be labeled with bidder's name and item number. Request for return of samples must be made within 10 days following submission of sample. Samples from successful bidders will be retained for comparison with items actually furnished.
11. **GUARANTY:** Unless otherwise indicated in Bid Invitation, it is understood and agreed that any item offered or shipped on this bid shall be newly manufactured, latest model and design, and in first class condition; and that all containers shall be new, suitable for storage or shipment and in compliance with all applicable laws relating to construction, packaging, labeling and registration.
12. **BACKORDERS OR DELAY IN DELIVERY:** Backorders or failure to deliver within the time required may constitute default. Vendor must give written notice to the AHTD, as soon as possible, of the reason for any delay and the expected delivery date. The AHTD has the right to extend delivery if reasons appear valid. If reason or delivery date is not acceptable, vendor is in default.
13. **DEFAULT:** All commodities furnished will be subject to inspection and acceptance by AHTD after delivery. Default in promised delivery or failure to meet specifications authorizes the AHTD to cancel award or any portion of same, to reasonably purchase commodities or services elsewhere and to charge full increase, if any, in cost and handling to defaulting vendor. Applicable bonds may be forfeited.
14. **ETHICS:** *"It shall be a breach of ethical standards for a person to be retained, or to retain a person, to solicit or secure a State contract upon an agreement of understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee, except for retention of bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial selling agencies maintained by the contractor for the purpose of securing business."* (Arkansas Code, Annotated, Section 19-11-708).

ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

SPECIFICATION 03-64-3108

FOR

DUMP BODY AND HOIST
4 CUBIC YARDS CAPACITY

1. **General:** Furnish and install dump bodies and hydraulics on AHTD Trucks. Trucks are to be picked up by Successful Bidder at AHTD Equipment and Procurement Division, 11302 Baseline Rd., Little Rock, Arkansas. After installation is complete trucks are to be delivered by successful bidder to AHTD Equipment and Procurement Division, 11302 Baseline Rd., Little Rock, Arkansas.

If distance from Little Rock, Arkansas to bidder's installation facility exceeds a nominal radius of 200 miles, the vehicles must be transported rather than driven to and from the installation facility. The successful bidder will be responsible for the cost of transporting trucks to bidder's installation facility and back to AHTD Equipment and Procurement Division after installation is complete. Successful Bidder shall furnish proof of insurance that would cover the loss of trucks while in his possession.

2. **Dump Body:** Body to be 96" wide outside and no less than 108" long inside (for installation on single axle truck with 72" CA measurement). Shall be all steel, no less than 4 cubic yards struck measure with not less than 6 cubic yard ends. Sides shall be constructed of no less than 10 USS gauge steel with a minimum tensile strength of 50,000 psi. Floor shall consist of no more than two (2) pieces and be constructed of not less than 8 USS gauge steel, with a minimum tensile strength of 50,000 psi. Floor to side shall have a minimum radius of 2" or a 45° slope. Sides to be braced with vertical V or box type braces with not less than three (3) braces to a side in addition to heavy duty rear brace. Front of body shall have no less than two (2) vertical or horizontal braces. Rear brace is to extend to the bottom of longitudinal members of body and be welded to rear apron. Sides shall be reinforced with longitudinal sloping rub rails and box type top rail. Front and rear corners of body shall be provided with slots or gussets and shall have side extensions of "C" channel or formed steel to extend sides to height of ends. Extensions shall be bolted at each end. Each side of body shall have a walk rail of approximately ¼" x 1 ½" flat steel. Top of walk rail shall be approximately 12" from bottom of body.
3. **Tailgate:** Shall be double acting type with greasable upper hinges of the offset type to assure closing of gate. Lower pivot of tailgate shall pivot in brackets and shall be held in place by tailgate control hooks. The latching mechanism for the tailgate control hooks shall be air operated. Tailgate shall be equipped with chains and hooks (or key hole eyes) for lowering to any position, or for spread control. When tailgate is down in horizontal position the tailgate shall be level with dump body floor with a space of not more than ½" between body and bottom of gate. Tailgate shall have not less than two (2) vertical or horizontal braces.
4. **Body Prop:** Shall have a body prop to protect personnel working under body while raised. Body prop shall be mounted on left side of truck and so designed that when placed in position it will remain in proper position to engage the body without being held in place or guided by the operator or an assistant.
5. **Cab Protector and Shovel Rack:** Cab protector shall be constructed from not less than 10 USS gauge steel and be incorporated as part of front slots or gussets for side extensions. Shall extend no less than 24" over cab and no less than 2" above cab. Shall be full width of bed and have gussets welded on each side for support. Front lip shall be formed from piece of sheet steel that makes protector and extend approximately 2" above top of protector. Sides are to extend above top of protector approximately 2". Shovel rack shall consist of two steel "L's" welded to the cab protector at front of bed of correct size and spacing to hold a square or round point shovel and a handle ring approximately 3" in diameter welded at bottom front of bed.
6. **Understructure:** Cross members shall be no less than 3" channel, 5 pounds per foot steel with a minimum tensile strength of 50,000 psi, or structural shape and size of equal strength, spaced on not more than 12" centers. Longitudinal members to be no less than 5" channel, 9 pounds per foot steel with a minimum tensile strength of 50,000 psi, or structural shape and size of equal strength. Each cross member shall be securely welded to each longitudinal member with triangular gussets. Cross members shall be welded to floor and rub rails. Rear of body is to have full depth and width apron of not less than 8 USS gauge steel with a minimum tensile strength of 50,000 psi not less than 8" deep from floor of body. All structural members shall have adequate bracing. Longitudinals shall be welded at rear to apron.
7. **Subframe:** Steel hoist subframe to act as sills between chassis and body longitudinals to be no less than 8 USS gauge steel with a minimum tensile strength of 50,000 psi. Subframe shall be adequately reinforced.

8. Body Hinge: Shall be heavy duty steel welded to longitudinals, or attached with Grade 8 bolts. Lower hinge to be incorporated in hoist subframe. Hinge shaft shall have a minimum diameter of 1 3/4" and be retained in such a way that the shaft does not rotate during operation of the body. Hinge assembly shall be greasable.
9. Hydraulic Hoist: Shall be underbody type (twin arm or combination twin arm and scissor) with single-acting cylinder. Shall be Class 40 or better with a minimum capacity of 13.5 tons, as rated by NTEA. Hoist shall be capable of raising the body to an angle of no less than 50 degrees with a 12" overhang and shall control the position of the body throughout the entire dumping cycle. The hoist shall stop automatically when the body reaches the maximum dumping angle and retain its position until released.
10. Hydraulic Pump and Valve: Hydraulic pump shall be a gear type with a capacity at 1,200 RPM of no less than 24 gpm at approximately 2,000 psi. The pump shall be designed to compensate for end thrust and the shafts shall turn on anti-friction roller or needle bearings. Pump furnished shall be direct mounted to PTO with not less than a 3/8" 13 tooth splined input shaft. Hydraulic control valve shall be equipped with metering air control valve which allows full "feathering" control of dump body.
11. Hydraulic Reservoir: Shall be mounted on side of frame and have a minimum capacity of 20 gallons.
12. Power Take-Off: Shall be a two (2) gear type with flange bracket for direct mounting to hydraulic pump and be equipped with air shifter. Bearings shall be a high grade needle or roller bearings. Power take-off shall operate at not less than 85% or more than 125% of engine speed. Power take-off provided shall be for mounting on right side of Allison MD-3560P automatic transmission with five (5) speed programming in 33,000 lbs. GVWR Freightliner FL70 single axle trucks with regular cab and 72" CA. If right side mounting is not possible, left side mounting will be acceptable.
13. Controls: Control for hydraulic valve shall be a metering air valve unit with raise, lower and neutral/hold positions. Control shall be suitable for a full "feathering" air control valve used with a single-acting hoist cylinder. PTO shall be controlled by an air valve toggle unit with on and off positions. Shall have a pilot light to indicate when PTO is engaged. PTO and hoist control units shall be installed in a console mounted in cab of truck in a location convenient to operator. Control for air operated tail gate latch shall also be located in cab of truck, mounted in console with PTO and hoist controls, or separately, but in a location convenient to operator. PTO, hoist and tailgate controls shall each be clearly labeled as to function. Holes cut in cab floor or firewall shall be properly sealed and/or insulated.
14. Additional Equipment: All necessary bolts, washers, nuts, hydraulic hoses, air lines, etc. for mounting bodies on trucks with 72" CA measurement shall be furnished. Shall have mud flaps no less than 24" wide and 1/4" thick, without advertising, mounted behind rear wheels.
15. Lights and Reflectors: Side marker and clearance lights shall be bolt on, armored type. Reflectors shall be bolt on type. (Recessed, rubber mounted, snap-in lights with reflector type lens and plug-in connectors may be used in lieu of armored lights and bolt on reflectors.) Lights, including center mounted three light cluster, and reflectors shall comply with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard FMVSS108. Stop, tail and turn signal lights that are furnished with truck shall be left in place unless relocation is required to mount body. An additional recessed and rubber mounted stop, tail and turn signal light with approximate dimensions of 2" wide x 6" high shall be mounted in each rear corner post. Lights to be located from slightly below to slightly above center point of corner posts.
16. Tarping System: A dump body covering system (Aero Industries Model 400, or approved equal) shall be furnished and completely installed on the dump body. System shall consist of a roll-up bar with ground-level operated crank assembly, a wind deflector, spring loaded arms and a tarp. Length shall be adequate to properly cover the dump body. The crank assembly must utilize a ratchet and pawl as a positive locking device, as well as a friction brake to control the arm speed while covering the load. The locking device must automatically re-engage if the operator's hand is removed from the crank handle. The crank assembly shall use no less than #40 roller chain to drive the roll-up bar. All chains, sprockets, etc. shall be covered by a protective guard. The tarp furnished with the system shall be constructed of a light weight material suitable for covering asphalt. All parts and accessories necessary for proper operation of the dump body tarping system shall be furnished.
17. Serial Number: Each unit shall be provided with a manufacturer's serial number, unique to each unit, permanently attached by plate or engraving. This shall be placed in a discreet location. No additional dealer's or manufacturer's advertisement shall be placed on the body without prior approval of AHTD.
18. Color: Body shall be primed and painted Sherwin Williams F1B-4009 Gloss Black Enamel, or equal. The inside bottom of the body does not have to be finish painted, however a minimum of one (1) coat of primer is required.

19. Warranty: Units purchased under this specification shall be warranted against defects in material and workmanship for a minimum period of one (1) year (365 days) from date placed in service by AHTD. Warranty shall include parts, labor and transportation cost to location of equipment. If equipment cannot be repaired on location, warranty shall include cost of transport to the facility where the repair work will be done. It will be the responsibility of the successful bidder to insure that repairs are completed in a timely manner.
 20. Successful bidder shall furnish one copy of Parts Book and Service Instructions with each body. In addition, one (1) copy of Parts Book and Service Instructions shall be furnished to Equipment and Procurement Division, P.O. Box 2261, Little Rock, AR 72203 (11302 W. Baseline Road, Little Rock, AR 72209 if shipping UPS).

The successful bidder may provide Parts Manuals on computer media (CD ROM, Floppy Disks, etc.) in lieu of printed manuals.
 21. Units shall be assembled, adjusted and made ready for continuous operation at time of delivery.
 22. The AHTD reserves the right to inspect bodies during manufacture or prior to their installation for compliance with specifications and to inspect hydraulics installation during work in progress. Location of hoists on truck chassis shall be approved by AHTD prior to installation. All workmanship shall be first class (no welding on truck frame to install dump body hoist). Any unit delivered under this specification is subject to rejection if there is evidence of poor workmanship, by either the vendor or the original manufacturer.
 23. Due to the nature of work performed by AHTD, any body-hoist combination furnished under this specification may be subject to use under adverse conditions such as dumping on road shoulders at a slight angle and spot dumping of loads. The design and strength characteristics of the entire dump unit shall be such that the unit structural members and the hoisting system shall suffer no deformation, damage or structural failure resulting from raising a full payload under these conditions.
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