

INVITATION TO BID
Solicitation No. 09-A035

**NEW LOW-BOY TRAILER FOR CARROLL COUNTY
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

I. Overview, General Submission Information and Pre-Bid Conference

Overview:

The Carroll County Board of Commissioners requests bids from interested and qualified firms to provide a NEW LOW-BOY TRAILER, on a one-time basis, to the Carroll County Public Works Department.

Instructions to Bid

A. How to Prepare Bid Proposals: All bid proposals shall be:

1. Bidders should prepare a detailed quote for the NEW LOW-BOY TRAILER, they are willing to provide the County. Specific details are outlined in Section III. Bidders should include a full description, manufacturer and model numbers of the Low-Boy Trailer being offered. All prices should be FOB Destination. Delivery address is provided in Section II. Attachments 1 and 2 will be completed for all models submitted for consideration.
2. Typewritten or completed with pen and ink, signed by the vendor or their authorized representative, with all erasures or corrections initialed and dated by the official signing the proposal. Bidders are encouraged to review carefully all provisions and attachments of this document prior to completion. Each bid constitutes an offer and may not be withdrawn except as provided herein. Also, prices are to remain firm for the period stated herein.

B. How to Submit Bid Proposals: All bid proposals shall be:

1. Submitted in a sealed envelope, plainly marked with **“Sealed Proposal - NEW LOW-BOY TRAILER FOR CARROLL COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, (SOLICITATION 09-A035), MARCH 30, 2009”**
2. Mailed, Express Delivery or delivered as follows in sufficient time to ensure receipt by the Purchasing Manager on/before **3:00 PM, MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2009.**

- (a) Mailing Address: Carroll County Board of Commissioners
P.O. Box 338
Carrollton, GA 30112

Attn: Purchasing Manager

(b) Hand or Express Delivery Address:

Carroll County Board of Commissioners
423 College Street, Room 410
Carrollton, GA 30117
Attn: Purchasing Manager

- (c) No proposals will be received or accepted after 3:00 PM, ET March 30, 2009. Proposals submitted after the designated date and time will be deemed invalid and returned unopened to the proponent. Carroll County is not responsible for lost or misdirected mail. It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure no late bid is submitted. No proposal may be withdrawn within thirty days after the proposal opening and shall remain firm through the period.

- C. **Pre-Bid Conference**: There will be a pre-bid conference on Tuesday, March 24, 2009 at 3:00 pm at the Purchasing Office, 423 College Street, Room 410, Carrollton, GA 30117. All bidders are strongly encouraged to attend.
- D. **How to Submit an Objection**: Objections from bidders to the invitation to bid and/or these specifications should be brought to the attention of the Purchasing Manager in the following manner.
1. Oral objections may be presented at the Pre-Bid Conference or written objections may be submitted at least 2 days prior to the schedule conference
 2. Written objections not addressed at the Pre-Bid Conference should be received at least 5 days prior to the opening of the bids.
 3. Failure to object in accordance with the above procedure shall constitute a waiver on the part of the vendor to protest the solicitation.
- E. **Standards for Acceptance of Bid for Awarded Contract**: Carroll County reserves the right to waive any informality, to reject any and all bids, to evaluate all bids, to accept portions of any bid and to accept any bid which in its opinion may be in the best interest of the County. **The County reserves the right to modify the contract after its award.**
- F. **Compliance with laws**: The bidder shall obtain and maintain all licenses, permits, liability insurance, workman's compensation insurance and comply with any and all other standards or regulations required by federal, state or County statute, ordinances and rules during the performance of any contract between the bidder and the County. Any such requirement specifically set forth in any contract document between the bidder and the County shall be supplementary to this section and not in substitution thereof.

II. General Terms and Conditions

- A. Specifications: Any obvious error or omission in specifications shall not inure to the benefit of the bidder but shall put the bidder on notice to inquire of or identify the same from the County. Whenever mention is made of any article, material, or workmanship to be in accordance with laws, ordinances, building codes, underwriter's codes, A.S.T.M. regulations or similar expressions, the requirements of these laws, ordinances, etc., shall be construed to be the minimum requirements of these specifications.
- B. Delivery Point: All items shall be quoted and delivered F.O.B. Destination to the Carroll County Public Works Department, 502 Old Newnan Road, Carrollton, GA 30117. Delivery cost and charges (if any) will be included in bid price.
- C. Delivery Time: Estimated delivery dates should be stated on the bids. Delivery time may be considered by the County when selecting most responsive and responsible bidder.
- D. Bids for All or Part: Unless otherwise specified by the County or by the bidder, **CARROLL COUNTY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE AWARD ON ALL ITEMS, OR ON ANY OF THE ITEMS ACCORDING TO THE BEST INTEREST OF THE COUNTY.** Bidder may restrict his bid consideration in the aggregate by so stating, but must name a unit price on each item bid upon.
- F. Prices to be Firm: Bidder warrants that bid prices, terms and conditions quoted in their bid will be firm for acceptance for a period of sixty (60) days from opening date.
- G. Description of Equipment: Proposals for equipment should be accompanied by copies of detailed factory specifications, ratings, technical data, including accurate descriptions of the exact LOW-BOY TRAILER and associated equipment on which bids are made.
- H. Completeness: All information required by Invitation to Bid must be completed and submitted to constitute a proper bid.
- I. Quality: All materials used for the manufacture or construction of the Low-Boy Trailer and associated equipment covered by this bid shall be new, of the best quality and highest grade workmanship. Low-Boy Trailer and associated equipment shall be equipped with such necessary equipment complying with the Georgia State Law, but not including licensing. Also, materials must comply with all applicable Federal and State OSHA requirements in affect at the time of bid.
- J. Acceptance of Material: The material delivered under this proposal shall remain the property of the seller until a physical inspection and inventory is made and therefore accepted to the satisfaction of the County.

K. Guarantee/Warranty: The bidder shall state the warranty on their proposal. Warranty will be considered when selecting a bidder.

All warranty repairs and adjustments shall be made only at such time as will be least detrimental to the operation of County business.

L. Manufacture or Dealer Advertisement: No manufacturer or dealer advertising attachments shall appear on products delivered to the County without prior approval by Carroll County

M. Brand Name: If and whenever brand names, makes, name of manufacturers, trade names, vendor catalogs or model numbers are stated, they are for the purpose of establishing a grade or quality of material.

N. “OR EQUAL” Interpretation: It is the vendor’s responsibility to prove to the County that each bid item is equal to the grade or quality of material specified.

O. Award of Contract: The contract, if awarded, will be awarded to the most responsive and responsible bidder whose bid will be most advantageous to the County, price, estimated delivery, warranty and other factors considered. The County will make the determination.

P. Qualified Vendor: A “Qualified Vendor” is defined for this purpose as one who meets, or by the date of bid acceptance can meet, all requirements for licensing, insurance and service contained within these specifications.

Q. Compliance with Specifications – Terms and Conditions: The Invitation to Bid, Legal Advertisement, General Conditions and Instructions to Bidder, Specifications, Special Conditions, Vendor’s Bid, Addendum, and/or any other pertinent documents form a part of this proposal and by reference are made a part hereof.

R. Signed Bid Considered Offer: The signed bid shall be considered an offer on the part of the bidder, which offer shall be deemed accepted upon approval by the Carroll County Board of Commissioners. In case of a default on the part of the bidder after such acceptance, Carroll County Board of Commissioners may take such actions as it deems appropriate including legal action for damages or specific performance.

S. Invoices – Invoices should be mailed to the following address:

Carroll County Board of Commissioners
P.O. Box 338
Carrollton, GA 30112
Attn: Accounts Receivable

T. Payment Terms- Net 30 Days.

U. Point of Contact - Russ Benedict, Purchasing Manager (770) 830-5868.

V. Previous model year equipment (new, never titled) are acceptable if available.

W. Bids will be accepted from dealerships only. No bids from equipment brokers will be considered.

X. All Low-Boy Trailer and equipment must be accompanied by a factory recommended preventative maintenance schedule including procedures, mileage/hour intervals, pre- placement part numbers and fluid specifications.

Y. Firms submitting bids must ensure all property taxes owed Carroll County are current prior to award of purchase order or contract.

III. EQUIPMENT REQUIRED BY THE COUNTY WITH SPECIFIC SPECIFICATIONS

A. The County requires one (1) each of a Low-Boy Trailer to haul construction equipment throughout the County. This trailer shall be capable and have the correct clearances/slope to load a Asphalt Paver (Blaw Knox Model 3172). We are requesting a “Paver Special” Low-Boy Trailer.

B. Specifications:

<i>55 Ton Low-Boy (Paver Special) Trailer</i>	
General	
55 Ton Low-Boy Trailer	Paver Special
Non-Ground Bearing	Yes
Ratio	3 to 1 Slope
3 Axle	Yes
Goose Neck Type	Hydraulic Removable
Goose Neck Controls	Mounted on Drivers Side
Dimensions	
Length (In Well)	25 ft
Width	8 ft 6 in
Goose Neck	
Type	Hydraulic Removable
Controls	Driver Side Mounted
Adjustable	Yes
Trailer	
Decking	Wood
Covered Wheel Wells	Yes - Wood
Boom Well (Trough)	Yes

Deck Height LD	20 in
Outriggers	Yes
Ramps	
Length (Capable of Loading Paver Model 3172)	Approx 41 in
Adjustable Width	Yes
Ramps- Material	Wood Filled
Axles	
Weight Capacity	22,500 lb
3 rd Axle	Air Lift Capable
Axle Centers	55 in
Hydraulic Power	
Source	From Tractor Wet-Kit
Tires	
Size	255 70R 22.5
Rims	Steel Disc
Color	Standard
Lights	Meets DOT Requirements
Top Flange Reinforcement	Outside main beams

IV. Bid Acceptance

Bids shall be reviewed and evaluated by the Carroll County Board of Commissioners. An award, if made, will be made to the responsible bidder whose proposal is most advantageous to the County while meeting or exceeding the above specifications and delivery.

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Purchasing Manager
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Attachment 1

Bidder shall check (√) appropriate column for their specification. The actual specification should be annotated in the “Actual Column”. Specification which do not meet or exceed should be explained in Attachment 2.

55 Ton Low-Boy (Paver Special) Trailer					
County’s Minimum Specifications		Bidder’s Match to Specifications			
		Vendor’s Model # -			
		Meet	Exceed	Not Meet	Actual
General					
55 Ton Low-Boy Trailer	Paver Special				
Non-Ground Bearing	Yes				
Ratio	3 to 1 Slope				
3 Axle	Yes				
Goose Neck Type	Hydraulic Removable				
Goose Neck Controls	Mounted on Drivers Side				
Dimensions					
Length (In Well)	25 ft				
Width	8 ft 6 in				
Goose Neck					
Type	Hydraulic Removable				
Controls	Driver Side Mounted				
Adjustable	Yes				
Trailer					
Decking	Wood				
Covered Wheel Wells	Yes - Wood				
Boom Well (Trough)	Yes				
Deck Height LD	20 in				
Outriggers	Yes				
Ramps					
Length (Capable of Loading Paver Model 3172)	Approx 41 in				
Adjustable Width	Yes				
Ramps- Material	Wood Filled				
Axles					
Weight Capacity	22,500 lb				
3 rd Axle	Air Lift Capable				

Axle Centers	55 in				
Hydraulic Power					
Source	From Tractor Wet-Kit				
Tires					
Size	255 70R 22.5				
Rims	Steel Disc				
Color	Standard				
Lights	Meets DOT Requirements				
Top Flange Reinforcement	Outside main beams				

