



Town of Wales Fire Department
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INFORMATION FOR BIDDERS FOR TANKER/PUMPER

INTENT OF SPECIFICATIONS

It is the intent of these specifications to cover the furnishing to the Town of Wales, Wales, MA a complete fire apparatus equipped as hereinafter specified. With the view of obtaining the best results and the most acceptable apparatus for service in the district; these specifications cover only the general requirements as to the type of construction and tests to which the apparatus must conform, together with certain details to furnish equipment and appliances with which the successful bidder must conform. Minor details of construction and materials, where not otherwise specified, are left to the discretion of the contractor who shall be solely responsible for the design and construction of all features

ONLY THE SPECIFIED FIREFIGHTING SUPPORT EQUIPMENT LISTED IN THESE SPECIFICATIONS SHALL BE PROVIDED.

The apparatus shall conform to all Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

Bids will only be considered from companies that have an established reputation in the field of fire and/or rescue apparatus manufacturing.

Each bidder shall furnish satisfactory evidence of the ability to construct the apparatus specified, and shall state the location of the factory where the chassis and apparatus will be built. They shall also show that they are in a position to render prompt service and to furnish replacement parts for the completed apparatus chassis, body and components.

QUALITY AND WORKMANSHIP

The workmanship must be of the highest quality in its respective field. Special consideration will be given to the following points:

1. Accessibility of the various components which require periodic maintenance or monitoring
2. Ease of vehicle operation (pumping and driving)
3. Visibility of the driver

4. Symmetrical proportions

Construction must be rugged and design must be certified to carry the loads as specified and to meet the road and speed requirements as set forth under "PERFORMANCE TESTS AND REQUIREMENTS" of NFPA Pamphlet #1901 2016 edition.

Welding shall not be employed in the assembly of the apparatus in a manner that will prevent the removal of major components for service and/or repair.

DESIGN

The apparatus shall be of the latest design and type while using the most current industry construction techniques.

The apparatus, assemblies, component parts, etc., shall be designed and constructed with consideration to the nature and distribution of the load to be sustained and to the general character of the service to which the apparatus is to be subjected.

The manufacturer shall meet the minimum requirements of NFPA Pamphlet 1901 2009 edition, and all State and Federal Department of Transportation vehicle regulations at the time of the bid for this apparatus.

ROAD TEST

All road tests will be performed per NFPA Pamphlet #1901 2009 edition requirements.

DELIVERY DATA REQUIRED

The manufacturer shall specify in his bid the number of working days and/or calendar days after acceptance of the formal contract by the purchaser that the apparatus will be completed by the manufacturer. The manufacturer will not be held liable for changes arising from its failure to make or delay in making deliveries because of fire, flood, riot, major component shortage, accidents, acts of God, or any circumstances beyond their control.

INFORMATION REQUIRED AT TIME OF DELIVERY TO BE SUPPLIED BY THE MANUFACTURER:

A. Manufacturer's statement of origin

B. Final build data sheet showing serial numbers for the following:

1. Cab and chassis VIN
2. Engine serial number
3. Transmission serial number
4. Apparatus/Body serial number
5. Fire pump serial number
6. Water tank serial number

C. One copy of a complete operations and general maintenance instructions as delivered,

including but not limited to the chassis, engine, transmission, axles, lubrication charts, fire-pump, fire body and appropriate accessories.

D. The successful bidder shall supply all data required in NFPA Pamphlet #1901 2016 edition.

WARRANTIES

The following warranties are to be included as a minimum standard.

All warranties will be 100% for the term of the respective warranty; apparatus with "pro-rated" warranties will not be considered.

WARRANTY

The manufacturer shall warrant the proposed apparatus manufactured and/or assembled by them, to be free from defects in workmanship and materials under normal use and service for a period of one (1) year from date of delivery to the Fire Department. This warranty shall cover the costs for parts and labor for this period of time. Bidder shall submit with their proposal a copy of the warranty to be furnished.

The warranties of the various components, (i.e., Chassis, Pump, Electrical Equipment etc.) not manufactured by the apparatus builder shall be passed on to the purchaser.

To reduce the problems of "Mixed Responsibilities" the successful Bidder shall coordinate all warranty claims.

POLYPROPYLENE TANK and BODY WARRANTY

The water tank manufacturer is to warrant the tank and body to be free from manufacturing defects in material and workmanship for the service life of the vehicle (vehicle must be actively used in fire suppression). The tank /body must be installed in accordance with tank manufacturer's installation recommendations. A copy of the tank manufacturer's warranty, including terms and limitations must be provided upon delivery of the completed apparatus.

PAINT WARRANTY

The paint performance guarantee will cover the areas of the vehicle finished with the specified product for a period of Ten (10) years beginning the day the vehicle is delivered to the purchaser.

FIRE PUMP WARRANTY

The fire pump shall carry the pump manufacturer's standard warranty covering defective parts and workmanship. A copy of the pump manufacturer's warranty policy shall be provided with the completed apparatus.

EXCEPTIONS TO SPECIFICATIONS

Each bidder response shall include a returned copy of this RFQ "Request for Quotation" with notation for compliance to specifications.

All exceptions, no matter how minor must be addressed.

Those exceptions shall be listed on a separate sheet and shall refer to specification page number and paragraph. It will be mandatory for any perspective bidder that deviates from the proposed specifications, to give a full description of all deviations.

Failure to follow this method will add a considerable time to the bid review process and may be cause for rejection of the bid.

The purchaser will not consider proposals or demonstrators taking total exception to the bid specifications.

Where bidder's specifications and/or construction differ in any way from the bid specification, a full and complete description in the specification will be required. Drawings will also be required to show alternative construction methods. Partial descriptions or general clarifications covering groups or sections of the specifications will be unacceptable.

CLARIFICATIONS TO SPECIFICATIONS

Clarifications shall refer to specification page number and paragraph. Any such clarification that appears vague or misleading shall be considered an exception. Complete clarifications are required describing the reason for the deviation. Apparatus will be inspected upon delivery for compliance with specifications.

PRODUCT LIABILITY INSURANCE

Each bidder must submit with their bid proposal a Certificate of Insurance listing the proposed manufacturer's product liability insurance coverage, Submitted Certificate shall name the apparatus manufacturer insurance company, policy number, and effective dates of the insurance policy.

The manufacturer shall maintain full insurance coverage on the Purchaser's cab and chassis from time of possession by the manufacturer until the apparatus is accepted by the Purchaser.

NO EXCEPTIONS. Purchaser reserves the right to require proof of insurance from the manufacturer's insurance carrier prior to entering into a contract for the apparatus.

CONTRACT AWARD

The purchaser reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals and purchase the equipment it deems most suitable to its needs. Since all components and materials are commercially available these specifications shall in no way be considered proprietary.

Price shall be based on payment upon receipt of the completed apparatus by the purchaser. All bidders are required to detail any payment terms for the apparatus. These options may or may not be considered at the discretion of the purchaser. All bids shall remain valid for 30 days after opening.

ASSIGNABILITY, TRANSFER OF CONTRACT

The contractor may assign, transfer, or otherwise dispose of this contract or any part thereof only after receiving written authorization of the Fire Department and/or the Administrative office involved in the acquisition.

PAYMENT TERMS

The Purchaser agrees to purchase and pay cash for the apparatus and miscellaneous equipment pursuant to the following terms and conditions:

1. All prices shall be less any taxes.
2. The final payment for the apparatus shall be paid upon delivery and acceptance by the fire department per enclosed payment terms. An invoice shall be presented on or before delivery of the apparatus.
3. The apparatus, without exception, shall not be placed "In Fire Service" prior to full payment of apparatus.

SUBMISSION OF BIDS

Bids shall be submitted in accordance with the following instructions:

1. The bidder's proposed specifications shall be provided in full. Any deviations and clarifications shall be clearly marked.
2. The bidder's proposed specifications detailing their construction methods shall be provided. This is necessary to evaluate each bidder's actual intent of building the equipment as specified herein.
3. The bidder's proposed format shall be the same as these specifications to allow the Fire Department to easily compare the bids; **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
4. Bids are to be submitted in the same order as our specifications; **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
5. Bids shall be returned in a sealed envelope clearly marked "**BID FOR FIRE APPARATUS**".
6. The Fire Department reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids, to waive irregularities and to make the award in any manner deemed to be in the best interest of the Fire Department.

NFPA REQUIRED ITEMS

The purchaser shall be responsible for providing all equipment items required by NFPA pamphlet 1901 that are not otherwise indicated or addressed in these specifications.

Each bid must be accompanied by a set of detailed contractors specifications consisting of a detailed description of the apparatus and equipment proposed. These specifications shall include size, location, type, and model of all component parts being furnished. Detailed information shall be provided on the materials used to construct all facets of the apparatus body. Any bidder who fails to submit detailed construction specifications shall be considered non-responsive and shall render their proposal ineligible for award.