

INVITATION TO BID

The City of Rochester, New Hampshire is accepting sealed bids for Police Vehicle. Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope plainly marked:

“Sealed Bid, POLICE SPORT UTILITY VEHICLE”

Bid # 08-25

City of Rochester
31 Wakefield Street
Rochester, NH 03867
Attn: Purchasing Agent

All bids must be received no later than 01/10/08 at 3:00p.m. No late bids, faxed, e-mailed or telephone bids will be accepted. Bid proposals and specifications may be obtained by visiting www.rochesternh.net, or emailing purchasing@rochesternh.net, or by contacting the Purchasing Agent at City Hall, 31 Wakefield Street, Rochester, NH 03867, (603) 335-7602. All bid questions must be submitted in writing (email preferred) to the Purchasing Agent. All bid proposals must be made on the bid proposal forms supplied, and the bid proposal forms must be fully completed when submitted.

BID SPECIFICATIONS

The Rochester Police Department is seeking to obtain proposals for a Lease/Purchase of a Police Sport Utility Vehicle. Award and continuation of this bid is contingent upon annual funding appropriated by the Rochester City Council:

NOTES:

The contract shall include a \$1.00 buy out option for the city at the completion of the lease period.

Vendor will deliver vehicles within 60 calendar days of receipt of a city purchase order.

Minimum 3 year/36,000 mile bumper to bumper warranty

MINIMUM SPECIFICATIONS

1. NEW 2007 OR 2008 FORD EXPEDITION EL OR CHEVROLET SUBURBAN 4WD ½ TON LS. FACTORY HEAVY DUTY POLICE SERVICE PACKAGE. EQUIVALENT VEHICLES FROM OTHER MANUFACTURERS WILL BE CONSIDERED.
2. LEASE TO OWN VEHICLE TO BE PAID WITH FOUR EQUAL ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS. FIRST PAYMENT TO BE MADE UPON INITIAL DELIVERY.
3. TWO TONE BLACK AND WHITE EXTERIOR COLOR SCHEME PAINT -BLACK HOOD, FRONT FENDERS AND REAR QUARTER PANELS AND 5TH DOOR (REAR), WHITE ROOF, ROOF PILLARS, 4 DOORS (EXCEPT REAR 5TH DOOR OF VEHICLE) AND ROCKER PANELS.
4. MINIMUM REQUIREMENT: V-8 ENGINE WITH HEAVY DUTY COOLING SYSTEM
5. INTERIOR COLOR- BLACK, GRAY OR TAN
6. AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION INCLUDING OVERDRIVE, COLUMN SHIFTER, HEAVY DUTY AUXILIARY COOLER.
7. DRIVER CONTROLLED 4 WHEEL DRIVE.
8. ROLL STABILITY CONTROL EQUIPPED
9. HEAVY DUTY CHARGING SYSTEM WITH A MINIMUM 150 AMP ALTERNATOR.
10. 4-WHEEL DISK BRAKE WITH 4 WHEEL ANTILOCK BRAKING SYSTEM.
11. AIR CONDITIONING.
12. REAR NON-LIMITED SLIP DIFFERENTIAL.
13. VINYL FLOOR COVERING.
14. FOG LAMPS.

15. FRONT TOW HOOKS.
16. INDEPENDENT REAR SUSPENSION.
17. POWER HEATED SIDEVIEW MIRRORS.
18. POWER DOOR LOCKS.
19. POWER WINDOWS.
20. PRIVACY GLASS- ALL EXCEPT DRIVER ROW SEATING.
21. REAR AC AND HEAT CONTROLS
22. SECOND ROW MAP LIGHTS.
23. FIRST ROW CLOTH CAPTAINS CHAIRS WITH POWER ADJUSTABLE DRIVER'S SEAT.
24. SECOND ROW SPLIT VINYL BENCH SEAT.
25. SKID PLATES ON FRONT, TRANSFER CASE AND FUEL TANK.
26. TILT STEERING WHEEL, ADAPTIVE STEERING COLUMN AND CRUISE CONTROL.
27. ON/OFF ROAD TIRES.
28. POWER VARIABLE ASSIST RACK AND PINION STEERING.
29. INTERMITTENT WIPERS FRONT AND REAR INTERMITTENT WASHER/ WIPER/
DEFOGGER
30. FLOOR CONSOLE, FLOOR MATS,
31. SIDE INTRUSION DOOR BEAMS.
32. FRONT- DUAL STAGE AIR BAGS.
33. SIDE AIRBAGS FOR ALL OUTBOARD PASSENGERS.
34. DUAL FRONT SPOTLIGHTS.

OPTIONAL ITEMS

1. REKEYING OF VEHICLE TO MATCH REST OF FLEET
2. SILICONE HOSES

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS**I. Preparation of Bid Proposal**

- A. The Bidder shall submit her/his proposal upon the forms furnished by the City (attached). The Bidder shall specify the unit price or lump sum bid, both in words and figures for each pay item listed. All words and figures shall be in ink or typed.
- B. If an amount entered by the bidder on the proposal form is to be altered it should be crossed out with ink, the new unit price or lump sum bid entered above or below it, and initialed by the bidder, also with ink. In a case of discrepancy between the prices written in words and those written in figures, the prices written in words shall govern.
- C. The Bidder's proposal must be signed with ink by the individual, by one or more members of the partnership, by one or more members or officers of each firm representing a joint venture, by one or more officers of a corporation, or by an agent of the contractor legally qualified and acceptable to the owner. If the proposal is made by an individual, his name and post office address must be shown; as a joint venture, the name and post office address of each must be shown; by a corporation, the name of the corporation and its business address must be shown, together with the name of the state in which it is incorporated, and the names, titles, and business address of the President, Secretary, Treasurer.
- D. All questions shall be submitted in writing to the Purchasing Agent. The Purchasing Agent will then forward both the question and the City's response to the question to all prospective bidders.

II. Irregular Proposals

Bid proposals will be considered irregular and may be rejected for any of the following reasons:

- A. If the proposal is on a form other than furnished by the Owner, or if the form is altered or any thereof is detached.
- B. If there are unauthorized additions, conditional or alternated bids, or irregularities of any kind which may tend to make the proposal incomplete, indefinite, or ambiguous as to its meaning.
- C. If the bidder adds any provisions reserving the right to accept or reject an award, or to enter into a contract pursuant to an award.

- D. If the proposal does not contain a unit price for each pay item listed, except in the case of authorized alter pay items.

III. Interpretations

No oral interpretations will be made to any vendor as to the meaning of the specifications or terms and conditions of this sealed proposal invitation.

IV. Withdrawal of Bid Proposals

A bidder will be permitted to withdraw his proposal unopened after it has been deposited if such request is received in writing prior to the time specified for opening the proposals.

No bid may be withdrawn, for a period of (60) sixty days subsequent to the opening of bids, without express written consent of the City of Rochester, NH.

V. Public Opening of Proposals

Proposals will be opened and read publicly at the time and place indicated in the invitation for bids. Bidders, their authorized agents, and other interested parties are invited to be present.

VI. Disqualification of Bidders

Either of the following reason may be considered as being sufficient for the disqualification of a bidder and the rejection of his proposal of proposals:

- A. Evidence of collusion among bidders.
- B. Failure to supply complete information as requested by bid specifications.

AWARD AND EXECUTION OF CONTRACT

I. Consideration of Proposals

- A. Bids will be made public at the time of opening and may be reviewed only after they have been properly recorded. In case of discrepancy between the prices written in words and those written figures, the written in words shall govern. In case of discrepancy between the total shown in the proposal and that obtained by adding the products of the quantities of items and bid prices, the latter shall govern.
- B. The right is reserved to reject any or all proposals, to waive technicalities or to advertise for new proposals, if in the judgment of the City, the best interest of the City of Rochester will be promoted thereby.

II. Award of Contract

If a contract is to be awarded, the award will be made to the lowest responsible and qualified bidder whose proposal complies with all the requirements prescribed as soon as practical after the bid opening. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of (60) sixty days subsequent to the opening of bids, without the consent of the city of Rochester. The successful bidder will be notified, by the form being mailed to the address on his proposal, that his bid has been accepted and that he has been awarded the contract.

III. Cancellation of Award

The City reserves the right to cancel the award of any contract at any time before the execution of such contract by all parties without any liability against the City.

BID EVALUATION

In addition to the bid amount, additional factors will be considered as an integral part of the bid evaluation process including, but not limited to:

- A. The bidder's ability, capacity, and skill to perform within specified time limits.
- B. The bidder's experience, reputation, efficiency, judgment, and integrity.
- C. The quality, availability and adaptability of the supplies and materials sold.
- D. Bidder's last performance.
- E. Sufficiency of bidder's financial resources to fulfill the contract.
- F. Bidder's ability to provide future maintenance and/or services.
- G. Other applicable factors as the City determines necessary or appropriate (such as compatibility with existing equipment).

Vehicle Bid Form

Vendor Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Signature _____

Title _____

Date _____

Vehicle Year _____

Vehicle Make _____

Vehicle Model _____

Yearly Lease/Purchase Rate (with options) _____
(in figures) (in words)

Yearly Lease/Purchase Rate (without options) _____
(in figures) (in words)

All Bids are to be submitted on this form and in a sealed envelope, plainly marked on the outside with the Bidder's name and address and the Project name as it appears at the top of the Proposal Form