

Invitation to Bid

Helena Fire Department Dodge Ram Chassis

The City of Helena is seeking bids to purchase a 2016 Dodge Ram Chassis.

Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "2016 Dodge Ram Chassis for Helena Fire Department-Bid Opening January 27 at 2:00 P.M." and should be addressed to City of Helena PO Box 262 Helena, Alabama 35080, Attention Amanda Traywick City Clerk. Bids may be hand delivered to Helena City Hall at 816 Hwy 52 East Helena, Alabama 35080.

Bids will be opened and recorded by the City Clerk on the 27th day of January 2016 at 10:00 A.M. The City of Helena reserves the right to refuse any and all bids.

The attached specifications are being provided to potential bidders as guidelines, which describe the type of equipment the City of Helena Fire Department is seeking to purchase. The bidder must indicate compliance or list exceptions to each specific item for consideration. Failure to comply with this provision could be cause for rejection of the bid. **No bidder shall take total exception to these specifications and have their bid considered for review.**

It will be assumed that all bids are based upon the specifications unless the bidder stipulates to the contrary on the proposal form; in which case, the bidder having items, which do not meet specifications, may offer the same on an optional basis.

All bids shall be typewritten or printed in ink. Bids prepared in pencil will not be accepted. Bids shall be submitted on the Bid Proposal Form attached. An authorized agent of the company submitting a bid must sign the bid. Any bids submitted without being signed will be rejected.

The City of Helena is exempt from state and federal taxes. The city will assume no transportation or handling charges other than specified in this bid.

The City of Helena reserves the right to alter or change specifications and to reject and or all bids received or waiver any informality in the bidding process.

Withdrawal of Bids

At any time up to the hour and dates set for the opening of the bids as indicated above, a bidder may withdraw his/her bid. Such withdrawal must be in writing and sent to the mailing address listed above or the withdrawal may be delivered in person to the Helena City Hall and the address listed above. Such withdrawal shall be effective only upon receipt by the City of Helena and will not preclude the submission of another bid by such bidder prior to the hour and date set for the opening of bids. After the scheduled time for opening of bids, no bidder will be

permitted to withdraw his/her bid, and each bidder hereby agrees that his/her bid shall remain firm until accepted or rejected.

Clarification of Instructions

Should a perspective bidder find a discrepancy in, or omission in, any of this instructions or required specifications, or should be in doubt as to the meaning of any term contained therein, he/she shall notify the City of Helena in writing who will then clarify any discrepancies by sending written clarification to all bidders. The envelope containing written request for clarification should be clearly marked with the word "Clarification" along with the bid name and sent via mail to the address listed above or hand delivered to the Helena City Hall at the address listed above.

Exceptions

As stated above, **No bidder shall take total exception to these specifications and have their bid considered for review.** Any exception shall be noted on the Y/N tab on each section and a written explanation of all exceptions shall be attached with the bid.

Guarantee

The vendor guarantees that all articles as bid, including all components thereof, are of first quality throughout and comply in all respect, or are fully equal, to standards called for in the bid: that they are new and unused and they include, as a minimum, all that is shown on the latest manufacturers' literature.

All expenses pertaining to return repair or replacement of defective and/or new components of the bid item shall be covered by the manufacturer. The manufacturer shall correct any and all defects and shall not delay or withhold such action pending determination or decision from his/her supplier of such defective bid items or components, nor refer the City of Helena or member of the City of Helena Fire Department to any other manufacturer, supplier or dealer for settlement of such defective item(s).

Warranty

All bidders shall submit with their bid a signed copy of their standard warranty. The manufacturer shall warrant the vehicle against defects in material and workmanship provided the equipment is used in a normal and reasonable manner.

Non-Collusive Bid Certification

By the submission of this bid response, the Bidder and/or Bidder's authorized representative(s), certify under penalty of perjury, to the best of their knowledge and belief the following:

- A. The prices in this bid response have been arrived at independently without collusion, consultation and communication or agreement for the purpose of restricting

competition, as to any matter relating to such prices with any other Bidder or with and competitor, and;

- B. Unless otherwise required by law, the prices which have been quoted in the bid response have not knowingly been disclosed by the Bidder, prior to the public opening, either directly or indirectly to any competitor, and;
- C. No attempt has been made or will be made by the Bidder, for the purpose of restricting competition, to include any person, partnership or corporation not to submit a bid response.

Notification of Award of Contract

The City of Helena will evaluate all bids which are received in accordance with the instructions set forth in this bid package and shall award the contract and notify the winning bidder of the contract within thirty (30) days of the date set forth for the opening of the bids. Such notice shall be in writing and mailed to the address furnished by the winning bidder

Product Liability Insurance

A certificate of current liability insurance, with a Ten Million Dollar minimum shall be supplied with the bid submission. The certificate of insurance shall bear the insurance carriers name, address and phone number. The certificate shall also bear the name and address of the insured. The document shall contain the coverage schedule, explaining the type of insurance, the policy number, the effective date of coverage, and the individual term limits.

Delivery Date – Delivery date shall be as soon as possible.

Delivery Location – To be determined.

Helena Fire Department Dodge Ram Chassis Specifications

2016 Dodge Ram 5500 SLT 4X4 2-Door Regular Cab 192.5" WB/108 CA Chassis equipped with the standard features along with the following optional features shall be installed.

- 6.7-Liter I6 Cummins® Turbo Diesel Engine
- Dual Alternators Rated at 440-Amps
- AISIN Heavy Duty 6-Speed Automatic Transmission
- Electric Shift-on-the-Fly Transfer Case
- 4.88 Rear Axle Ratio
- GVW Rating - 19,500 Pounds
- Heavy Duty Front Suspension Group
- Premium Cloth Bucket Seats
- Flame Red Clear Coat Exterior Paint
- Black / Diesel Gray Interior Colors
- Cold Weather Group
- Max Tow Package
- Comfort Group
- Ambulance Prep Group
- Luxury Group
- 19.5-Inch x 6-Inch Forged Aluminum Polished Wheels
- 225/70R19.5G All Traction Tires
- Low Beam Daytime Running Headlamps
- Transfer Case Skid Plate
- Chrome Body Side Molding
- Fog Lamps
- Trailer Brake Control
- Uconnect® 8.4