

STANDARD BID CONDITIONS

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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. Annual Bid and Performance Bonds on file with E & P Division must have sufficient unencumbered funds to meet current bonding requirements, or the bid will be rejected, unless the balance is submitted as set forth above, prior to bid opening.
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, LITERATURE, DEMONSTRATIONS:** Samples and technical literature must be provided free of any charge within 14 days of AHTD request, and free demonstrations within 30 days, unless AHTD extends time. Failure to provide as requested within this period may cause bid to be rejected. Samples, literature and demonstrations must be substantially the same as the item(s) being bid, unless otherwise agreed to by AHTD. Samples that are not destroyed will be returned upon request at bidders expense. Samples from successful bidders may 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**

NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION

The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation (Department) complies with all civil rights provisions of federal statutes and related authorities that prohibit discrimination in programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance. Therefore the Department does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, color, age, national origin, religion or disability, in the admission, access to and treatment in the Department's programs and activities, as well as the Department's hiring or employment practices. Complaints of alleged discrimination and inquiries regarding the Department's nondiscrimination policies may be directed to Joanna P. Nelson Section Head - EEO/DBE (ADA/504/Title VI Coordinator), P. O. Box 2261, Little Rock, AR 72203, (501) 569-2298, (Voice/TTY 711), or the following email address:

joanna.nelson@arkansashighways.com.

This notice is available from the ADA/504/Title VI Coordinator in large print, on audiotape and in Braille.

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SPECIFICATION 13-22-227

FOR

TRAILER MOUNTED BRUSH CHIPPER
12" CAPACITY

1. **General**: This specification is intended to cover a trailer mounted 12" capacity brush chipper with drum style cutter and hydraulic feed, powered by a four cycle, liquid cooled diesel engine.
2. **Chipper Cutting System**: Shall be steel with two position safety lock. Drum shall have a minimum of two (2) knives, bolted in place by no less than four (4) bolts per knife. Each knife shall have a minimum measurement of 4.5" x 9" with a minimum thickness of .625" and be constructed of high carbon, high chrome steel. The cutter housing shall be constructed from steel plate and be welded at seams. The housing shall be rubber mounted and isolated from engine and frame for sound and vibration reduction. Drum specifications shall be as follows:
 - A. **Diameter**: No less than 20".
 - B. **Width**: No less than 20".
 - C. **Skin**: No less than .38" thick.
 - D. **Sidewalls**: No less than 1.5".
 - E. **Weight**: No less than 460 pounds.
3. **Feed System**: Shall have two (2) hydraulic driven feed rollers providing feed rate up to no less than 90 feet per minute with full reverse capabilities. Unit design may use either horizontal or vertical feed rollers. Shall have no less than 12" x 12" feed opening for handling up to 12" diameter material. Shall have automatic feed speed governor to monitor engine speed and automatically stop or start the feed rollers to maintain a consistent engine speed. Shall have a folding feed table with sides mounted to the infeed chute. Feed table shall be no less than 45" wide and no less than 20" high. Distance from the center of feed rollers to end of table shall be no less than 60". A shut-off bar shall be located on three (3) sides of the infeed chute opening to allow actuation of the forward/off/reverse functions of the feed rollers.
4. **Discharge Chute**: Shall be capable of no less than 270° swing. Shall be designed so that no tools are required to change direction of chute. Shall also have an adjustable deflector at end of chute. Blower for moving chips out the discharge chute shall be as regularly furnished by manufacturer.
5. **Power Unit**: Liquid cooled diesel engine developing a minimum of 95 gross horsepower at governed RPM. Shall be complete with 12 volt electric system including starter, battery, alternator and charge indicator. Shall be equipped with clutch, hour meter, tachometer, muffler, fuel tank with a capacity for no less than eight (8) hours operation and all necessary gauges or indicators including oil pressure and water temperature. Shall be equipped with an automatic shutdown system which senses low oil pressure or high coolant temperature. Cooling system shall have anti-freeze protection to -20° F., or lower. All drive components to be completely enclosed. Engine shall be protected from weather, vandalism, etc. by a full enclosure with side panels.
6. **Hydraulics**: Hydraulic system shall be live, allowing hydraulic power to be provided without engaging the chipper. Hydraulic pump shall be of adequate size and capacity to deliver necessary volume at required pressure for proper operation of feed rollers and other hydraulic functions. Hydraulic system shall have necessary control valves, relief valves, filters, reservoir, etc. Hydraulic oil reservoir shall have a minimum capacity of 8 gallons.
7. **Mounting**: Shall be mounted on two (2) wheel trailer with torsional rubber suspension having a minimum load carrying capacity of 7,000 pounds. Side rails shall be constructed of no less than 6" steel channel or 2" x 6" rectangular steel tubing and have adequate cross braces. Hubs shall have automotive type bearings. Tires shall be LT235/85R-16 or 245/75R-16, no less than load range "E", mounted on steel disc wheels. A spare tire and wheel shall be provided. Unit shall be equipped with electric brakes and an electronic brake controller shall also be furnished. A six pole round electrical connector, including plug for trailer and

receptacle for towing vehicle, shall be provided. Shall have adjustable 3” towing eye, fenders, lockable tool box, lockable battery box, safety chains with hooks, tongue jack, combination stop, tail and turn signal lights and reflectors per DOT and ICC regulations.

8. Weight: Complete unit, including trailer, shall have a minimum weight of 5,000 pounds.
9. Dimensions: Overall length shall be no less than 150”. Overall width shall be no less than 79”.
10. Extra Blades: The successful bidder shall furnish two (2) additional sets of cutting blades.
11. Color: Shall be painted Arkansas State Highway & Transportation Department Omaha Orange (equivalent to Sherwin-Williams F1E 4143 Kem Transport Synthetic Enamel). (Alternate color may be provided if approved by AHTD prior to delivery.)
12. Warranty: Units purchased under this specification shall be warranted against defects in material and workmanship for a minimum period of twelve (12) months (365 days) from date unit is placed in operation by AHTD.
 - A. Warranty shall include all parts, labor and transportation costs to the location of equipment.
 - B. If equipment cannot be repaired on location, warranty shall include cost of transport to the facility where the repair work will be done.
 - C. It will be the responsibility of the successful bidder to insure that repairs are completed in a timely manner.
 - D. If any warranty literature submitted with the bid conflicts with AHTD warranty requirements, the conflict(s) shall be specifically noted, corrected and included with the bid or the conflict(s) will be considered an exception to warranty specifications and the bid rejected.
 - E. Recent prior failure to provide warranty-work, parts, replacement parts or service, in a timely manner, for equipment from the same manufacturer or dealer shall be grounds for the rejection of any submitted bid, or for the denial of any otherwise qualified low bidder, whether such failure is attributable to the manufacturer or the dealer of the equipment. For the purposes of this paragraph “timely manner” means a period of time not exceeding thirty (30) calendar days to provide requested warranty-work, parts, replacement parts, or service. For the purposes of this paragraph “manufacturer” means the original manufacturer of the equipment and its successor or successors, regardless of number, and whether acquired by sale, merger, or otherwise. For the purposes of this paragraph “replacement part” means a part redesigned by a manufacturer to correct a design or engineering defect and which replacement part is capable of providing dependable performance in normal operation conditions for its normal service life without failure. Such bid or bids may be rejected by the Department until such failure or failures have been remedied to the satisfaction of the Department and until such manufacturer or dealer is providing such warranty-work, parts, replacement parts, and service in a timely manner.
13. Current Model: Units furnished under this specification shall be the latest improved model in current production, as offered to commercial trade, built for the U.S. market, and shall be of quality workmanship and material. Machines manufactured for foreign markets will not be accepted. All equipment offered under this specification shall be new. Used, reconditioned, shopworn, demonstrator, prototype or discontinued models are not acceptable. Manufacturers of the units supplied must have been in the business of producing operational units for at least two years and must have recently sold similar units to domestic governmental agencies. The model furnished must have been in production for a minimum of one year, or be the latest version of a previous model. Bidder/s may be required to submit documentation substantiating the aforementioned requirements. A list of user references may also be required.
14. Manuals: The successful bidder shall furnish an Operator’s Instruction Manual with each unit delivered and one (1) copy each of Shop Repair Manual and Parts Book (for engine as well as chipper and related components) to each FOB point. In addition, one (1) copy each of Operator’s Instruction Manual, Shop Repair Manual, and Parts Book (for engine as well as chipper and related components) shall be furnished to

Equipment & Procurement Division, P.O. Box 2261, Little Rock, AR 72203 (11302 W. Baseline Road, Little Rock, AR 72209, if shipping UPS, FedEx, etc.).

The successful bidder may provide Shop Repair Manuals and Parts Manuals on computer media (CD ROM, Floppy Disks, etc.) in lieu of printed manuals.

15. Training: The successful bidder shall furnish qualified personnel to instruct AHTD operators and service technicians on operation and maintenance of units purchased under this specification.
16. Units shall be assembled, adjusted and made ready for continuous operation at time of delivery.

All parts, accessories and tools necessary for satisfactory operation of this unit shall be furnished whether or not they are specifically mentioned in this specification (including standard equipment as regularly furnished by manufacturer as shown on printed literature and specifications - unless specifically excluded by this specification).
17. Parts Inventory & Service Facilities: The successful bidder shall maintain a representative inventory of replacement parts and service facilities for servicing equipment bid on.
18. Demonstration: The Arkansas State Highway & Transportation Department reserves the right to require a demonstration, under actual working conditions, of equipment bid under this specification before award is made. The demonstration would be performed (free of any charge) by the bidder or an authorized representative at a mutually acceptable location. If requested, the bidder should be prepared to demonstrate the equipment within thirty (30) days after notification. Failure of the bidder to perform a satisfactory demonstration within the specified time may be grounds for rejection of the bid.
19. Any deviations from specifications and requirements herein must be clearly pointed out by bidder. Otherwise it will be considered that equipment offered is in strict compliance with these specifications and requirements, and successful bidder will be held responsible therefor. Deviations must be explained in detail on an attached sheet. However, no implication is made by the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department that deviations will be acceptable.
20. Cooperative Purchasing: Other tax-supported entities* in Arkansas (cities, counties, state agencies, school districts, etc.) may purchase from this Contract on an individual basis under the same specifications and conditions, and at the pricing set forth by each vendor, all at the discretion of each vendor in each case. Prices could be reduced by a vendor for minor alterations in conditions (changing order quantities, deleting options, etc.) as agreed by both parties, but could not be raised above the contract bid price except for any additional freight charges. Vendors would not be required to sell to any such entity under this contract, and those entities would not be obligated to purchase from the contract.

Each entity wishing to purchase from the contract must make contact directly with the appropriate vendor(s). The Highway Department shall remain "out of the loop" for such transactions: all contact, orders, invoices, payments, etc. regarding such transactions must take place exclusively between the tax-supported entity and the vendor. The Department shall be held harmless of any and all liability arising from such transactions.

* Tax-supported entities are defined as those receiving more than half of total funding from appropriated tax funds.