

**ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT
EQUIPMENT AND PROCUREMENT DIVISION
BID INVITATION**

Contract Number: **H-14-243P**

BID OPENING LOCATION:
AHTD Equipment and
Procurement Division
11302 West Baseline Road
Little Rock, AR 72209

MAIL TO:
AHTD Equipment and
Procurement Division
P.O. Box 2261
Little Rock, AR 72203

DELIVER TO:
AHTD Equipment and
Procurement Division
11302 West Baseline Road
Little Rock, AR 72209

Bid Opening Date: **July 9, 2013** Time: **11:00 a.m.**

Sealed bids for furnishing the commodities and/or services described below, subject to the Conditions on page 2 of this Bid Invitation will be received at the above-noted mail and delivery locations until the above-noted bid opening date and time, and then publicly opened at the above-noted bid opening location. **Bids must be submitted on this form, with attachments when appropriate, or bids will be rejected. Late bids and unsigned bids will not be considered.**

In compliance with this Bid Invitation and subject to all the Conditions thereof, the undersigned offers and agrees to furnish any and all items upon which prices are quoted, at the price set opposite each item.

Company Name: _____

Name (Type or Print): _____

Address: _____

Title: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail: _____

Federal Tax ID or Social Security No.: _____

Signature: _____

Signature must be legible, original (not photocopied) and in ink.
Unsigned bids will be rejected.

Steel Covers

To meet the requirements of Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department Specifications attached to and made a part of this bid.

FOB: **AHTD Equipment & Procurement, 11302 West Baseline Road, Little Rock, AR 72209**

Contract may be renewed upon mutual agreement of the parties.

If any literature and/or specifications of items conflict with AHTD specifications, the conflict(s) shall be specifically noted, corrected and submitted with the bid.

Bid Bond in the amount of 5% of total bid price required of all bidders at time of bid opening or bid will be rejected. **Personal and company checks are not acceptable as Bid Bonds.** See Condition 3 on page 2.

Performance Bond in the amount of 5% of total bid price will be required of successful bidder prior to providing goods/services. **Personal and company checks are not acceptable as Performance Bonds.** See Condition 3 on page 2.

Delivery: Successful bidder will be required to complete installation on all trucks within **45** days after notification by AHTD of arrival and availability of chassis.

Bids and Specifications are available on-line by going to the AHTD Web Site – www.arkansashighways.com and clicking on “Commodities and Services Bids/Contracts Information”. Tabulations will also be available at this site within 72 hours after bid opening. If you have any questions, call this office at 501-569-2667.

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.

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STANDARD BID CONDITIONS

H-14-243P

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.

ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS
EQUIPMENT & PROCUREMENT DIVISION
FIBERGLASS TONNEAU AND STEEL COVERS
BID SHEET

Contract No. **H-14-243P**
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BIDDER: _____

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1. **11** - Steel Cover with Lift Type Rear Door and Cargo Rack for Dodge Ram 2500 Short Bed Crew Cab Pickup, 4WD,
to meet AHTD Spec. **13-242-D2500SBCC**.

Make _____ Model _____ Warranty _____

Bid Price (Do not include any Local, State or Federal Taxes) Each \$ _____

Total for **11** Covers \$ _____

Additional units may be purchased at this price through _____

2. **3** - Steel Cover with Lift Type Rear Door and Cargo Rack for Ford F250 Short Bed Extended Cab Pickup, 4WD,
to meet AHTD Spec. **13-242-FF250SBEC**

Make _____ Model _____ Warranty _____

Bid Price (Do not include any Local, State or Federal Taxes) Each \$ _____

Total for **3** Covers \$ _____

Additional units may be purchased at this price through _____

3. **10** - Steel Cover with Double Walk-In Rear Doors and Cargo Rack for Ford F250 Short Bed Extended Cab Pickup,
4WD, to meet AHTD Spec. **13-241-FF250SBEC**.

Make _____ Model _____ Warranty _____

Bid Price (Do not include any Local, State or Federal Taxes) Each \$ _____

Total for **10** Covers \$ _____

Additional units may be purchased at this price through _____

ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

SPECIFICATION 13-242-D2500SBCC

FOR

STEEL COVER

WITH LIFT TYPE REAR DOOR AND CARGO RACK
FOR DODGE RAM 2500 SHORT BED CREW CAB PICKUP

1. **General:** Successful bidder shall furnish and install steel covers on eleven (11) 2013 Dodge Ram 2500 Four Wheel Drive Crew Cab Pickups with short, wide beds owned by Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department.
 - A. Trucks are to be picked up by Successful Bidder at AHTD Equipment and Procurement Division, 11302 Baseline Rd., Little Rock, Arkansas. After installation is complete trucks are to be delivered by the successful bidder to AHTD Equipment and Procurement Division, 11302 Baseline Rd., Little Rock, Arkansas.
 - B. If distance from Little Rock, Arkansas to bidder's installation facility exceeds a nominal radius of 200 miles, the vehicles must be transported rather than driven to and from the installation facility. The successful bidder will be responsible for the cost of transporting trucks to bidder's installation facility and back to AHTD Equipment and Procurement Division after installation is complete. Successful Bidder shall furnish proof of insurance that would cover the loss of trucks while in his possession.
2. **Cover:** Cover furnished shall be a heavy duty model recommended by the manufacturer for use as a work cover. Shall be all steel construction with no less than 17 gauge galvanized steel framing and no less than 26 gauge galvanized steel skin. Interior roof shall be insulated with foam insulation, or with a material which has equal insulating quality. Shall have safety tempered glass front window and two (2) lift type side doors approximately 20" high and 60" long (one on each side of cover). Shall have a steel lift type rear door designed to match up with the rear tailgate of the pickup body. Side doors and rear door shall be equipped with fixed safety tempered glass windows and gas struts. All doors shall have flush type latch handles and keyed alike locks. Interior of cover shall have at least one (1) 12 volt DC dome light. Rear of cover shall be equipped with a center high mount stop light meeting current DOT requirements.

Cover furnished shall be designed and recommended by the manufacturer to fit trucks specified. When installed, shall have a minimum of overhang or gaps between truck bed and cover.
3. **Cargo Rack:** Cover to be equipped with a cargo rack designed and recommended by the manufacturer for hauling an aluminum flat-bottom boat.
4. **Color:** White.
5. **Warranty:** Units purchased under this specification shall be warranted against defective material and workmanship for a minimum period of twelve (12) months (365 days).
 - A. 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.
 - B. 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.

6. 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.
7. Parts Inventory & Service Facilities: Bidder shall maintain a representative inventory of replacement parts and service facility for servicing equipment bid on.
8. Units shall be assembled, adjusted and made ready for continuous operation at time of delivery.

All hardware and accessories required for proper installation (including seal between cover and truck bed) shall be furnished.

All parts and accessories necessary for efficient operation shall be furnished whether or not they are specifically mentioned in this specification.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.

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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

SPECIFICATION 13-242-FF250SBEC

FOR

STEEL COVER

WITH LIFT TYPE REAR DOOR AND CARGO RACK
FOR FORD F250 SHORT BED EXTENDED CAB PICKUP

1. **General:** Successful bidder shall furnish and install steel covers on three (3) 2013 Ford F250 Four Wheel Drive Extended Cab Pickups with short, wide beds owned by Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department. Trucks are not equipped with tailgate steps.
 - A. Trucks are to be picked up by Successful Bidder at AHTD Equipment and Procurement Division, 11302 Baseline Rd., Little Rock, Arkansas. After installation is complete trucks are to be delivered by the successful bidder to AHTD Equipment and Procurement Division, 11302 Baseline Rd., Little Rock, Arkansas.
 - B. If distance from Little Rock, Arkansas to bidder's installation facility exceeds a nominal radius of 200 miles, the vehicles must be transported rather than driven to and from the installation facility. The successful bidder will be responsible for the cost of transporting trucks to bidder's installation facility and back to AHTD Equipment and Procurement Division after installation is complete. Successful Bidder shall furnish proof of insurance that would cover the loss of trucks while in his possession.
2. **Cover:** Cover furnished shall be a heavy duty model recommended by the manufacturer for use as a work cover. Shall be all steel construction with no less than 17 gauge galvanized steel framing and no less than 26 gauge galvanized steel skin. Interior roof shall be insulated with foam insulation, or with a material which has equal insulating quality. Shall have safety tempered glass front window and two (2) lift type side doors approximately 20" high and 60" long (one on each side of cover). Shall have a steel lift type rear door designed to match up with the rear tailgate of the pickup body. Side doors and rear door shall be equipped with fixed safety tempered glass windows and gas struts. All doors shall have flush type latch handles and keyed alike locks. Interior of cover shall have at least one (1) 12 volt DC dome light. Rear of cover shall be equipped with a center high mount stop light meeting current DOT requirements.

Cover furnished shall be designed and recommended by the manufacturer to fit trucks specified. When installed, shall have a minimum of overhang or gaps between truck bed and cover.
3. **Cargo Rack:** Cover to be equipped with a cargo rack designed and recommended by the manufacturer for hauling an aluminum flat-bottom boat.
4. **Color:** White.
5. **Warranty:** Units purchased under this specification shall be warranted against defective material and workmanship for a minimum period of twelve (12) months (365 days).
 - A. 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.
 - B. 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.

6. 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.
7. Parts Inventory & Service Facilities: Bidder shall maintain a representative inventory of replacement parts and service facility for servicing equipment bid on.
8. Units shall be assembled, adjusted and made ready for continuous operation at time of delivery.

All hardware and accessories required for proper installation (including seal between cover and truck bed) shall be furnished.

All parts and accessories necessary for efficient operation shall be furnished whether or not they are specifically mentioned in this specification.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.

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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

SPECIFICATION 13-241-FF250SBEC

FOR

STEEL COVER

WITH DOUBLE WALK-IN REAR DOORS AND CARGO RACK

FOR FORD F250 SHORT BED EXTENDED CAB PICKUP

1. **General:** Successful bidder shall furnish and install steel covers on ten (10) 2013 Ford F250 Extended Cab Pickups with short, wide beds (4 ea. – 4WD and 6 ea. – 2WD), owned by Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department. Trucks are not equipped with tailgate steps.
 - A. Trucks are to be picked up by Successful Bidder at AHTD Equipment and Procurement Division, 11302 Baseline Rd., Little Rock, Arkansas. After installation is complete trucks are to be delivered by the successful bidder to AHTD Equipment and Procurement Division, 11302 Baseline Rd., Little Rock, Arkansas.
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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.