

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

Bid Number: Contract No. H-15-205P

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: June 3, 2014 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 Address: _____

Federal Tax ID or Social Security No.: _____

Signature: _____

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

Item No.	Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit Price	Amount
	Supply Contract for furnishing to the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department <u>SIGN AND/OR DELINEATOR POSTS</u> according to specifications attached to and made a part of this bid, at pricing set forth for the period beginning July 1, 2014 thru December 31, 2014, with an option to renew for six month periods as mutually agreed.				
1.	12' Sign Post (3 lbs. per ft.)		Ea.	\$ _____	
2.	6' Delineator Post (2 lbs. per ft.)		Ea.	\$ _____	
All or None bids <u>only</u> will be considered.					
FOB: Statewide - as per attached locations.					
The Department is not obligated to purchase any specific quantity or make purchases at any specific time during the contract period. It is estimated that approximately 20,000 – 12' Sign Posts and 10,000 – 6' Delineator Posts will be purchased during the contract period. A typical order would be a minimum of 1200 – 12' Sign Posts, 3600 – 6' Delineator Posts, or a combination of the two items so that the minimum shipping weight of the order would be between 40,000 lbs. and 45,000 lbs. to approximate a full truckload. Orders larger than the minimum will also be calculated to correspond to full truckloads. Delivery of any order shall be made within 60 days.					
The Bid Invitation, Bid Form and Specifications are parts of the contract and by this reference are incorporated herein as fully and effectively as if set forth in detail herein.					
It shall be understood that by submission of bid that bidder agrees to the conditions herein specified and, if bid is found acceptable by the Department either in whole or in part, shall consider this bid a contract agreement bound under these conditions. The parties hereto agree that this contract in all things shall be governed by the Laws of the State of Arkansas. Should there be a conflict between conditions printed on page 2 of Invitation to Bid and other conditions stated with Bid Information and Specifications, the latter shall prevail.					
<u>Bid Bond</u> in the amount of \$500.00 required of all bidders at time of bid opening or bid will be rejected. <u>Personal and company checks are not acceptable as Bid Bonds.</u> See Condition 3 on page 2 of Bid Invitation. <u>Performance Bond</u> in an amount to be determined by the Department, not to exceed \$5,000.00, will be required of successful bidder prior to providing goods/services. <u>Personal and company checks are not acceptable as Performance Bonds.</u> See Condition 3 on page 2 of Bid Invitation.					
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.					
TWO SIGNED COPIES OF BID INVITATION MUST BE SUBMITTED.					
12-06				TOTAL BID	

STANDARD BID CONDITIONS

H-15-205P

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 the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and other federal equal opportunity laws and therefore does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, color, age, national origin, religion or disability, in admission or access to and treatment in Department 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. McFadden, 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.Mcfadden@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
SPECIFICATION FOR
SIGN AND/OR DELINEATOR POSTS**

DESCRIPTION: Sign and delineator posts, as designated herein, are steel posts with galvanized finish as specified in the bid forms and intended to be used as supports for signs.

MATERIAL: Sign and delineator posts shall be made of rerolled rail steel or an equivalent steel and shall conform to the mechanical requirements of the current ASTM A-499, Grade 60, and the chemical requirements of the current ASTM A-1 for rails having nominal weights of 90 pounds or heavier per yard. These chemical requirements shall include the following modified limitations:

Carbon	0.67-0.89 percent
Manganese	0.70-1.00 percent
Silicon	0.10-0.25 percent

The supplier shall submit to the Materials Engineer mill test reports showing chemical analysis and physical tests.

SECTION: Sign and delineator posts shall be of a uniform, modified, flanged, U-section channel, such that the area of contact between the post and sign or delineator is symmetrical about the vertical axis of both sign and post. The dimensions of the posts shall be as shown on attached sketch.

WEIGHT: The weight of each post, before holes are punched, shall be 2.00, 2.25, 2.50, 3.00, or 4.00 pounds per foot as specified. The weight tolerance is plus or minus 5%.

LENGTH: The length shall be as specified with a tolerance of plus or minus one inch. Variations in length shall be in even feet, or increments of six inches.

PUNCHING: Sign and delineator posts shall be punched with continuous holes located on the centerline, spaced on one inch centers beginning one inch from the top.

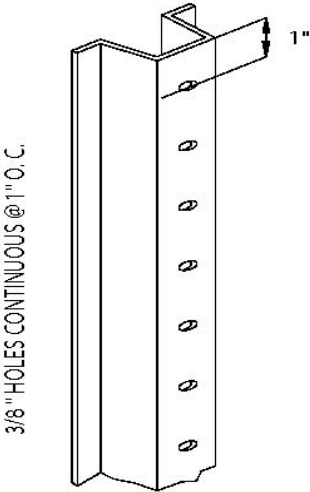
FABRICATION: The finished posts shall be machine straightened and have a smooth uniform finish, free from injurious defects affecting their strength, durability, or appearance. Bolt holes of the diameter specified shall be carefully spaced vertically and horizontally so that holes will register for back-to-back application. All holes and sheared ends shall be commercially free from burrs.

FINISH: Sign posts and delineator posts shall be galvanized after all the fabrication has been finished.

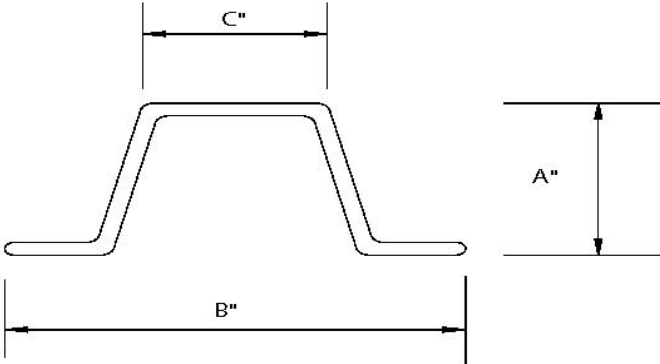
PACKAGING: The posts shall be nested and fastened in such a manner that they will not slip. **Round bundles will not be accepted.** Care must be taken in shipping to minimize the rubbing of the posts against each other with resulting damage. Excessive damage to the finish in shipping will be cause for rejection of the damage posts.

DRAWING

STEEL SIGN AND DELINEATOR POST DETAILS



3/8" HOLES CONTINUOUS @ 1" O. C.



	A"	B"	C"
2	1.5	3.0	1.3
3	1.9	3.4	1.3
4	2.0	3.4	1.3

* ALL DIMENSIONS ARE NOMINAL

ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

CONTRACT NO. H-15-205P

Cooperative Purchasing. Other tax-supported entities* in Arkansas (cities, counties, state agencies, school districts, etc.) may purchase commodities covered in 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 minimum order quantities, etc.) as agreed by both parties, but could not be raised above the contract bid price under any circumstances. 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 would make contact directly with the appropriate vendor(s). The Highway Department would 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 would 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.

AHTD F.O.B. LOCATIONS

	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>INVOICING ADDRESS</u>
District 1 Headquarters	2701 Hwy. 64 West Wynne, AR 72396	P.O. Box 278 Wynne, AR 72396
District 2 Headquarters	4900 Hwy. 65 South Pine Bluff, AR 71611	P.O. Box 6836 Pine Bluff, AR 71611
District 3 Headquarters	2911 Hwy. 29 North Hope, AR 71801	P.O. Box 490 Hope, AR 71802-0490
District 4 Headquarters	808 Frontier Road Barling, AR 72923	P.O. Box 11170 Ft. Smith, AR 72917-1170
District 5 Headquarters	1673 Batesville Pike Batesville, AR 73501	P.O. Box 2376 Batesville, AR 72503
District 6 Headquarters	8900 Mabelvale Pike Little Rock, AR 72209	P.O. Box 190296 Little Rock, AR 72219
District 7 Headquarters	2245 California Ave. Camden, AR 71701	P.O. Box 897 Camden, AR 71711
District 8 Headquarters	370 Aspen Drive Russellville, AR 72801	P.O. Box 70 Russellville, AR 72811
District 9 Headquarters	4590 Hwy. 65 South Harrison, AR 72601	P.O. Box 610 Harrison, AR 72602
District 10 Headquarters	2510 West Kingshighway Paragould, AR 72450	P.O. Box 98 Paragould, AR 72451
Maintenance Division, Sign Shop	11300 W. Baseline Rd. Little Rock, AR 72209	P.O. Box 2261 Little Rock, AR 72203