

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

Bid Number: Contract No. H-15-228P

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: October 21, 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 |
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| 1. | <p>Supply Contract for furnishing to the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department <u>STOP AND SLOW PADDLES</u> according to specifications attached to and made a part of this bid, at pricing set forth for the period beginning January 1, 2015 thru December 31, 2015, with an option to renew as mutually agreed.</p> <p>18" Stop & Slow Paddles</p> <p>Stop & Slow Paddle proposed to furnish: Brand _____ No. _____</p> <p>FOB: Statewide - as per attached locations.</p> <p>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 300 stop and slow paddles will be purchased during the contract period. A typical order would be a minimum of 25 stop and slow paddles, with delivery to be made within 30 days.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Should there be a conflict between conditions printed on page 2 of Bid Invitation and other conditions stated with Bid Information and Specifications, the latter shall prevail.</p> <p>Bid Bond 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.</p> <p>Performance Bond 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>TWO SIGNED COPIES OF BID INVITATION MUST BE SUBMITTED.</p> | ea. | \$ | _____ | |

STANDARD BID CONDITIONS

H-15-228P

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. When a bidder claims and can show clear and convincing evidence that a material mistake was made in the bid and was not the bid intended, the bidder may be permitted to withdraw their bid prior to award without forfeiture of bid bond. 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). These bonds shall not only serve to guarantee the completion of the work, but also to guarantee the excellence of both workmanship and material until the work is finally accepted and the provisions of the Plans, Specifications, and Special Provisions fulfilled. 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 (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. 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.

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SPECIFICATIONS

FOR

STOP AND SLOW PADDLES

The paddle face shall be constructed of Aluminum Alloy (A.S.T.M. Designation B-209. Alloy 5052-H38) and shall be 0.080” thick, and treated by the Alodizing process to uniformly provide a chemically formed light, tight, amorphous coating which becomes an integral part of the Aluminum Alloy. Process is accomplished in accordance with the recommendations of the manufacturer of the coating.

The sheeting shall be Type III High Intensity Reflective Sheeting.

A wooden handle shall be attached to the paddle. The handle shall be 60” in height.

The paddle shall meet the requirement of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices Edition of 2009.

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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> |
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| 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 Rd. Barling, AR 72923 | P.O. Box 11170 Ft. Smith, AR 72917 |
| 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 |