



## STANDARD BID CONDITIONS

## H-15-299R

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**

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**ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT  
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS  
EQUIPMENT AND PROCUREMENT DIVISION  
BID SHEET**

**Contract No.: H-15-299R**

**BIDDER:** \_\_\_\_\_

1. **1** – Compact Track Loader, 90 Net Horsepower with ¾ CY Bucket, Forestry Mulching Attachment and Water Kit, to meet AHTD Spec. **15-216F-125.**

FOB: **AHTD – District 4 Headquarters, 808 Frontier Road, Barling, AR 72923**

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

Total for **1 Compact Track Loader** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Loader proposed as meeting specifications:**

Make \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_ Warranty \_\_\_\_\_

**Mulching Attachment proposed as meeting specifications:**

Make \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_ Warranty \_\_\_\_\_

Guaranteed Delivery Date \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Units may be purchased at the same pricing and conditions through \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

**BID TOTAL \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT**

**SPECIFICATION 15-216F-125**

**FOR**

**COMPACT TRACK LOADER**

**2,900 POUNDS OPERATING CAPACITY**

**WITH**

**MATERIAL BUCKET AND**

**FORESTRY MULCHING ATTACHMENT**

**A. General Conditions:**

1. **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.
2. **Literature:** Manufacturers literature, verifying adherence of proposed unit to each line item addressed in this specification, shall be submitted with the bid. 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.
3. 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.
4. **Manuals:** The successful bidder shall furnish one (1) Operator's Instruction Manual with each unit delivered and one (1) copy each of Shop Repair Manual and Parts Book to each FOB point.  
  
The successful bidder may provide Shop Repair Manuals and Parts Manuals on computer media (CD, DVD, USB Drive, etc.) in lieu of printed manuals.
5. **Training:** The successful bidder shall furnish qualified personnel to instruct AHTD operators and service technicians on operation and maintenance of machine.  
  
In addition, the successful bidder shall furnish information on any factory service schools which would be available for AHTD service technicians.
6. Shall be assembled, adjusted and made ready for continuous operation at time of delivery.
7. 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).
8. **Parts Inventory & Service Facilities:** The successful bidder shall maintain a representative inventory of replacement parts and service facilities for servicing equipment bid on.
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. **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.

**B. Unit specifications:**

1. **General:** Compact Track Loader design and engineered from the ground up for front-end loading operation. Loader shall have a minimum rated operating load of 2,900 pounds. The rated operating load shall not exceed 50% of the tipping load rating per SAE J818. Tipping load rating shall be in accordance with SAE standards.
2. **Engine:** Rear mounted, liquid cooled diesel with a minimum piston displacement of 3.1 liters developing no less than 95 net horsepower at rated RPM. Shall be equipped with electric starter, battery and alternator. Shall have approved dry type air cleaner, pre-cleaner, lube oil filter, fuel filter(s), muffler and fuel tank with a capacity for no less than ten (10) hours of operation. Cooling system shall have anti-freeze protection to -20° F, or lower.
3. **Engine Compartment:** Shall be equipped with an engine compartment seal kit to protect components and reduce material build up in the compartment when forestry mulcher attachment is in use.
4. **Instruments:** Shall be equipped with ammeter or charge indicator, tachometer, electric hour meter, fuel gauge and all other necessary gauges or indicators, including temperature and oil pressure.
5. **Transmission:** Hydrostatic with joystick controls for steering, speed and direction. Shall have a minimum of two (2) ranges providing infinite travel speeds up to no less than 7 mph.
6. **Brakes:** Operational braking shall be dynamic through the hydrostatic transmission. Parking/emergency brake shall be spring applied, hydraulically released.
7. **Tracks:** Steel imbedded rubber tracks shall be no less than 17.7 inches wide. Shall have a minimum of one (1) carrier roller and five (5) track rollers on each side. Track rollers and front idlers shall be the permanently lubricated type. Track adjustment shall be hydraulic type. Loader ground clearance shall be no less than 8".
8. **Hydraulic System:** Shall consist of reservoir with baffles, oil cooler, hydraulic pump with a minimum output of 32 gpm, control valve/s with a minimum of three (3) spools, necessary relief valves, lift and dump cylinders, auxiliary hydraulic lines (complete with quick couplers) mounted on loader arm for supplying hydraulic oil flow to attachments, and necessary filters with replaceable elements. Boom arm hydraulic lines and quick couplers shall be equipped with guards to protect against falling limbs. Controls shall be convenient to operator.
9. **Cab:** Fully enclosed pressurized cab with side screens meeting the requirements of SAE J1040 and SAE J1043 for Rollover Protective Structure and Falling Object Protective Structure. Cab shall be equipped with laminated polycarbonate windshield and windows per manufacturers recommendations for forestry mulching attachment, air conditioning, heater-defroster unit, front windshield wiper with washer, inside rear view mirror, headliner, floor cover plates, floor mat, adjustable suspension seat equipped with arm rests, and seat belt per SAE J386.
10. **Safety Equipment:** Shall be equipped with an interlock control system which requires the operator to be seated and door closed before loader lift, bucket cylinder or forestry mulcher hydraulic circuits will operate. Shall be equipped with a rear view camera and in-cab mounted screen. A lift arm support device shall also be provided.
11. **Quick Change Attachment System (Bobcat™ Compatible):** Loader shall be equipped with an attachment system which will allow the loader bucket and other attachments to be quickly attached or removed. The quick change attachment system furnished must allow the Bobcat™ attachments currently owned by AHTD to be used with the loader.
12. **Attachments:** The unit shall be complete with the following attachments.
  - A. **Bucket:** Material bucket with a minimum SAE rated heaped capacity of 15 cubic feet complete with bolt-on cutting edge. Bucket width shall be no less than the outside to outside measurement of the tracks. Maximum dumping height with bucket at dump angle shall be no less than 92". Bucket reach forward shall be no less than 26" at maximum dumping height with bucket at dump angle. Bucket shall be designed for use with quick change attachment system specified above.

- B. Forestry Mulcher: Hydraulically driven drum type forestry mulching attachment to be used in lieu of bucket. Shall operate efficiently at a minimum hydraulic flow of 30 gpm and be designed and recommended for use with compact track loader provided. Shall have a minimum cutting width of 58" and be capable of continuous cutting on trees up to five (5) inches in diameter. Cutting drum shall be equipped with a minimum of 30 carbide bits. Unit shall have a minimum weight of 2,400 pounds and be designed for use with quick change attachment system specified above. Shall be complete with skid shoes, multi-position push bar, hydraulic hoses, quick couplers, valves, controls, etc. required for proper operation. Controls shall be mounted in cab convenient to operator.
13. Delivery Requirements: Unit shall be delivered with the forestry mulching attachment specified above completely installed and ready for operation. Pins, couplers or any other items required for proper removal of the forestry mulcher attachment and installation of the bucket shall be furnished.
14. Weight: Operating weight of machine ready for continuous operation with cab, bucket and tracks specified above shall be no less than 11,000 pounds.
15. Additional Equipment: Shall be equipped with backup alarm, vandalism protection, front and rear work lights and four way warning flashers. Lights and flashers shall be protected by guards to prevent damage from falling limbs.
16. Color: Manufacturer's standard color is acceptable.
17. 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.