

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

Contract Number: H-17-218J

BID OPENING LOCATION:	MAIL TO:	DELIVER TO:
AHTD Equipment & Procurement Division 11302 West Baseline Road Little Rock, AR 72209	AHTD Equipment & Procurement Division P.O. Box 2261 Little Rock, AR 72203	AHTD Equipment & Procurement Division 11302 West Baseline Road Little Rock, AR 72209

Bid Opening Date: August 16, 2016 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: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Federal Tax ID or Social Security No.: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Signature: _____

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

Item No.	Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit Price	Amount
	<p>5 Items - <u>Grader Blades, Snowplow Blades & Rubber Snowplow Blades</u> delivered to locations listed as per attached sheet.</p> <p>Contract may be renewed or extended upon mutual agreement of the parties, but shall not exceed limitations allowed by Arkansas State Procurement Law.</p> <p><u>ALL OR NONE BIDS ONLY WILL BE CONSIDERED.</u></p> <p><u>NO FRIDAY DELIVERIES</u></p> <p>Blades proposed to furnish are: Brand _____</p> <p>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. <u>Personal and company checks are not acceptable as Bid Bonds.</u> See Condition 3 on page 2 of this Bid Invitation.</p> <p>Performance Bond in the amount of 5% of total bid price 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 this Bid Invitation.</p> <p>Additional Bonding Requirement: If additional units are purchased from this contract, a separate Performance Bond will be required under the same conditions as stated in this Bid Invitation.</p> <p>The successful bidder will be required to complete delivery within 45 days after award.</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 after award of bid/contract. If you have any questions, call this office at 501-569-2667.</p>				
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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT
GRADER BLADES, SNOWPLOW BLADES & RUBBER SNOWPLOW BLADES

All blades are to be made in two interchangeable square end sections and are to be punched as per State Highway Standard Punching. Cutting edges shall be made from material 6" & 8" wide, 1/2" to 1" thick flat and 5/8" to 3/4" thick curved and beveled on both edges. It is not necessary that the grader blades be ground or lacquered.

(BOLTS AND NUTS ARE NOT TO BE FURNISHED WITH GRADER BLADES).

The material used in the grader blades shall meet the following specifications or analysis:

CARBON	.80 TO 1.00	PHOSPHOROUS	.04 Maximum	SILICON	.30 Maximum
MANGANESE	.60 TO 1.00	SULPHUR	.05 Maximum	BRINNEL HARDNESS	250-325

The successful bidder shall furnish certified mill test to indicate chemical analysis and brinell hardness.

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 the vendor in each case. Prices could be reduced by a vendor for minor alterations in conditions (changing order quantities) as agreed by both parties, but could not be raised above the contract bid price except for any additional freight charges. Vendor 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 vendor. 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 appropriate tax funds.

STANDARD BID CONDITIONSH-17-218J

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 (not applicable as a protected group under the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration Title VI Program), disability, Limited English Proficiency (LEP), or low-income status 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@ahtd.ar.gov

Free language assistance for Limited English Proficient individuals is available upon request.

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

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 LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS
 EQUIPMENT & PROCUREMENT DIVISION
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BIDDER: _____

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UNIT	PRICE	AMOUNT
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Item 1 - FOB: District 2 Headquarters, 4900 Hwy. 65 South
 Pine Bluff, AR 71601 (32-0101).

1.	Blade, Grader, 8"x 7'x 5/8" with 5/8" Holes	200	ea.	\$ _____	\$ _____
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Item 2 - FOB: District 7 Headquarters, 2245 California Ave.
 Camden, AR 71701 (37-0130).

2.	Blade, Grader, 8"x 7'x 5/8" with 5/8" Holes	100	ea.	\$ _____	\$ _____
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Items 3 & 4 – FOB: District 9 Headquarters, 4590 Hwy 65 South
 Harrison, AR 72601 (39-0219).

3.	Blade, Grader, 8"x 7'x 5/8" with 3/4" Holes	30	ea.	\$ _____	\$ _____
4.	Blade, Grader, 8"x 7'x 5/8" with 5/8" Holes	20	ea.	\$ _____	\$ _____

Item 5 - FOB: District 10 Headquarters, 2510 West Kingshighway
 Paragould, AR 72450 (40-0165).

5.	Blade, Steel Snow Plow, 5/8"x 8"x 10' with 5/8" Holes	60	ea.	\$ _____	\$ _____
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BID TOTAL: _____

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