




# INVITATION TO BID NUMBER SEF-1709

**RETURN THIS BID TO THE ISSUING OFFICE AT:**

Department of Transportation and Public Facilities  
HQ State Equipment Fleet  
2200 E. 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue  
Anchorage, AK 99508

**THIS IS NOT AN ORDER**

<b>ITB TITLE: BRUSH CHIPPER</b>	<b>DATE ISSUED: FEBRUARY 9, 2012</b>
<b>BID OPENING: MARCH 1, 2012 @ 2:30 PM</b>	<b>WORKSHOP: NONE</b>
<b>CONTRACTING OFFICER: Catherine Dwyer</b>	<b>SIGNATURE:</b> 
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**SEALED BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE STATE EQUIPMENT FLEET PRIOR TO BID OPENING AT WHICH THEY WILL BE PUBLICLY OPENED.**

IMPORTANT NOTICE: If you received this solicitation from the State's "Online Public Notice" web site, you must register with the Procurement Officer listed on this document to receive subsequent amendments. Failure to contact the Procurement Officer may result in the rejection of your offer.

BIDDER'S NOTICE: By signature on this form, the bidder certifies that:

- (1) the bidder has a valid Alaska business license, submits a bid under the name as appearing on the person's current Alaska business license and has written the license number below or has submitted one of the following forms of evidence of an Alaska business license with the bid:
  - a canceled check for the business license fee;
  - a copy of the business license application with a receipt date stamp from the State's business license office;
  - a receipt from the State's business license office for the license fee;
  - a copy of the bidder's valid business license;
  - a sworn notarized affidavit that the bidder has applied and paid for a business license;
- (2) the price(s) submitted was arrived at independently and without collusion and that the bidder is complying with:
  - the laws of the State of Alaska;
  - the applicable portion of the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964;
  - the Equal Employment Opportunity Act and the regulations issued thereunder by the State and Federal Government;
  - all terms and conditions set out in this Invitation to Bid (ITB).

If a bidder fails to comply with (1) at the time designated in the ITB for opening the State will reject the bid. If a bidder fails to comply with (2) of this paragraph, the State may reject the bid, terminate the contract, or consider the contractor in default. Bids must be submitted under the name as appearing on the person's current Alaska business license in order to be considered responsive.

If a contract award is made by the State of Alaska, the undersigned offers and agrees to furnish materials, equipment and services in compliance with all terms and conditions specified in ITB/Contract. Submittal of this document with authorized signature constitutes full understanding and a promise to comply with all specifications, terms and conditions of ITB/Contract.

<b>TO BE COMPLETED BY BIDDER:</b>		
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COMPANY SUBMITTING BID	ADDRESS	ALASKA BUSINESS LICENSE NO:
_____	_____	_____
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE	CITY, STATE, ZIP	DOES YOUR BUSINESS QUALIFY FOR THE ALASKA BIDDER'S PREFERENCE?
_____	_____	
PRINTED NAME	PHONE/FAX	
_____	_____	
DATE	E-MAIL ADDRESS	[ ] YES [ ] NO
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**SECTION I  
SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

NOTE: This section will be used for Terms and Conditions that are "special" and/or unique to a particular ITB. The paragraphs in this section may change from bid to bid. Accordingly, bidders must review this section to insure compliance.

**1.0 INTENT:** This invitation to bid (ITB) is intended to result in the purchase of one each brush chipper:

- 1.1 Contract Period: Purchase order will be written within 60 days of bid award.
- 1.2 Location of Use: Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport, Anchorage, Alaska.
- 1.3 Warranty locations: Anchorage, Alaska, at a minimum.
- 1.4 In addition to the State of Alaska requirements, the Municipality of Anchorage and other Alaska political subdivisions may cooperatively purchase from the resulting contract.
  - 1.4.1 At no time may the contractor change the terms and conditions, alter the price to another entity, which differs from the contractual price, nor charge undisclosed administrative fees to allow cooperative purchasing.

**2.0 DELIVERY:**

2.1 **Pre-delivery service:** Prior to delivery, each vehicle, piece of equipment or attachment shall be serviced and inspected by the dealer or his agent. Inspection must include the following (as applicable to the type of equipment):

- 2.1.1 Dealer and vehicle identification.
- 2.1.2 Check-off of service and inspection performed including a list of all fluids including type weight and specification that are in the equipment as delivered for all fluid compartments.
- 2.1.3 The vehicle's crankcase, differential and transmission, and other fluid compartments shall be filled to the manufacturer's recommended capacity.
- 2.1.4 Fuel tank shall be filled to at least register a minimum ¼ full on the fuel gauge, unless restricted by the commercial carrier, when the vehicle arrives at the delivery location.
- 2.1.5 The vehicle shall be clean and free from defects when delivered and should be ready for immediate and continued use upon delivery.
- 2.1.6 Units delivered in an incomplete state, or which have deficiencies per the specification, are subject to the damage charges as noted in paragraph 5.0 below.

2.2 **Delivery Receipt:**

- 2.2.1 A delivery receipt will be required. The receipt must be filled out by the vendor, and acknowledged by state receiving personnel by signature and date of actual receipt of equipment. One copy of this delivery receipt is to be given to the state-receiving agency.
- 2.2.2 Vendors are cautioned and advised that such delivery forms or other receiving type documents will not in any way be construed to mean the state has formally and fully accepted unit(s) referenced thereon as complete and meeting every specification set forth. Only the Contracting Officer or designee may sign warranty documentation.

**3.0 LINE SHEETS/BILL OF MATERIALS:**

- 3.1 It is required within 30 days after delivery that the successful bidder provides a comprehensive listing of all components used to assemble the unit.
- 3.2 This includes any components installed by the manufacturer or any subcontractor or the successful bidder.
- 3.3 Information will include at a minimum, when available, make, model serial number on items such as engines, transmissions, axles, tires, bodies, etc. The listings will be specific to each piece of equipment and will be provided on an individual CD for each unit delivered.
- 3.4 A minimum of two (2) CD's per unit are to be provided and marked with the make, model, and last main numbers of the units serial number or State PO number.

#### 4.0 F.O.B. POINT:

- 4.1 The F.O.B. point is as listed in Section IV, Bid Schedule. Ownership of and title will remain with the contractor until delivery is complete to final destination and accepted by the State. Equipment is not to be driven on the Alcan Highway without prior written approval from the contracting officer.

#### 5.0 DAMAGES FOR LATE DELIVERY AND NON-CONFORMING GOODS:

- 5.1 Time is of the essence in this contract. The Bidder is expected to deliver goods that conform in all material respects to the contract specifications on or before the date provided therein, as may be amended by written agreement of the parties.
- 5.2 In the event that the equipment is delivered late or does not conform to the contract specifications, the State shall be entitled to offset against the Contract Price, as liquidated damages and not as a penalty, an amount equal to the cost of renting like equipment, multiplied by the number of calendar days elapsing between the delivery date provided in the bid schedule and the delivery date to the State. In the case of a truck of this class, that daily rental fee is determined to be \$50.00. The number of days for which liquidated damages shall apply shall include, in the case of non-conforming goods, the time reasonably necessary for the State to perform inspection.
- 5.3 These liquidated damages represent a reasonable estimate of amounts necessary to compensate the State for loss of use of the goods during the period in which the goods would have been available to the State if conforming goods had been timely delivered.

#### 6.0 WARRANTY:

- 6.1 **Standard Warranty Package:** Unless otherwise stipulated by this ITB, the successful bidder will provide a one-year (12-month) warranty.
- 6.1.1 Full (100%) Parts and Labor Warranty Coverage of all components for 12 months (year one), from the date the unit is placed in service at the assigned location.
- 6.1.2 Full (100%) Warranty Coverage includes all cost of labor, parts, freight, lubricants, miscellaneous cost, etc., to place the unit in like-new condition.
- 6.1.3 Should the manufacturer's standard warranty exceed the minimum State warranty requirements, the manufacturer's warranty will run in conjunction with and enhance the State's warranty, then continue for the remainder of its term.
- 6.1.4 For clarification, warranty does not apply to normal wear and tear or maintenance items, accident damages, misuse of equipment or failure to operate or maintain equipment as prescribed by vendor/manufacturer.
- 6.1.5 Warranty on Attachments: Same as Standard Warranty Package.
- 6.1.6 In-Service Date: Warranty on vehicles not placed in service immediately upon receipt because of time lag to construct body components and/or installation of special equipment, or due to seasonal usage or other delay, shall be warranted from the date the vehicle is placed in service. The receiving agency shall notify the vendor/manufacturer in writing of the actual "in service" date. Notification of the requirement for delayed warranty will be provided on delivery orders whenever possible.
- 6.2 **Warranty Claims:**
- 6.2.1 Warranty will be provided at the unit's assigned (in-service) location. Because of the remote location of some equipment it is not always practical to deliver equipment to authorized warranty repair facilities. In these cases, the vendor may perform warranty work at the state's location or, the State of Alaska, at its discretion, reserves the right to perform the warranty work and be reimbursed by the vendor. If travel is required by State personnel to perform the work, actual costs will be used for reimbursement.
- 6.2.2 The State of Alaska has established a warranty procedure whereby the vendor is to be notified via letter, email, or fax, that warranty work needs to be performed. If time is of the essence, a telephone call confirmed by one of the above written procedures may be utilized.
- 6.2.3 The vendor must notify the state within 24 hours of verbal or written notification that it will begin to perform the warranty work at the equipment location.

- 6.2.4 The State may, at its discretion, proceed to make warranty repairs with its own work force in the case of emergency situation or to preclude excessive downtime (greater than 24 hours). The State will require a PO to perform the warranty work.
  - 6.2.5 Failure to notify the State that the vendor intends to begin to perform warranty is considered a contractual breach.
  - 6.2.6 The vendor will be invoiced for required warranty work performed by the state. Warranty work performed by the state will be charged at the current SEF shop labor rate at the time of the repair. Actual repair time will be used.
- 6.3 Warranty Performed by Vendor:**
- 6.3.1 The State will reimburse travel costs not reimbursed by the manufacturer for travel to and from the bidder's closest warranty service center within the State of Alaska to the location of the equipment under warranty. Travel costs will be billed as follows:
    - 6.3.1.1 Mileage Charge: Mileage will only be reimbursed for travel within Alaska at the rate allowable by the IRS.
    - 6.3.1.2 Meals are paid at actual and charges must be accompanied by receipts and are not to exceed the State authorized \$60.00 per day.
    - 6.3.1.3 Transportation, such as airfare, shall be reimbursed at actual and all charges are to be accompanied by a receipt/copy of the coach ticket.
    - 6.3.1.4 Lodging shall be reimbursed at actual and shall not exceed \$150.00 per night unless no other lodging is available. Requests for reimbursement must be accompanied by receipt.
  - 6.3.2 Travel will only be reimbursed for time in Alaska.
  - 6.3.3 After hours, weekend and holiday travel must be approved by the contracting officer to be considered for reimbursement. The State will not pay for weather delays.
- 6.4 Authorized Warranty Dealer (Contractor) and Subcontractor:**
- 6.4.1 The use of a subcontractor does not exclude any provisions as listed in this ITB, as requirements to the contractor.
  - 6.4.2 Contractor must have the capability of providing warranty servicing and repair work within the State of Alaska with a manufacturer authorized warranty repair facility.  
Provide name and address for each Authorized Warranty Dealer for each location.  
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  - 6.4.3 The Contractor must also provide in their bid package, contractual documentation or agreements with the subcontractor insuring the state that the subcontractor will provide complete contract performance on behalf of the contractor as set forth in this ITB and verification that the work provided will maintain manufacturer's warranty requirements.  
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  - 6.4.4 The ultimate responsibility for warranty lies with the contractor (bidder).
  - 6.4.5 The State reserves the right to inspect the warranty facility prior to issuing the Notice of Intent to Award a contract.
- 6.5 Factory Recall:**
- 6.5.1 Nationwide factory recall or product update programs are the responsibility of the vendor and/or manufacturer. The State will attempt to bring affected equipment to an authorized repair facility. However, because of the remoteness of some equipment this is not always practicable or economical. In such cases, factory recall and modification work will be handled the same as warranty work. Factory recall notices sent to the state should, in addition to serial number, include model, year, and dealer.

## 7.0 REPAIR ORDERS AND DOCUMENTATION:

- 7.1 Any work performed by the contractor or approved subcontractor, whether warranty or any other work on a piece of equipment purchased under this ITB, will require a copy of the repair order, any invoices showing parts and commodities including oils and types used.

## 8.0 PUBLICATIONS:

- 8.1 Paper publications are to be received by the State of Alaska no later than 10 days after receipt of the unit. Custom manuals may be delivered no later than 90 days after receipt of the unit. Delivery will not be considered complete until the publications for each unit have been received by the State of Alaska. Note: Publications, when required, will be ordered on the same Purchase Order as the unit itself.

8.1.1 All paper manuals are to be pre-assembled in factory binders prior to delivery.

### 8.2 Service Manuals:

8.2.1 Complete set(s) to include applicable information covering prime unit and attachments:

8.2.2 Body, chassis, and electrical

8.2.3 Engine, transmission, and differential(s) (service and rebuild)

8.2.4 Electrical and vacuum troubleshooting

8.2.5 Wiring diagrams

8.2.6 Service specifications

8.2.7 Engine/emission diagnosis

### 8.3 Parts Manuals:

8.3.1 Complete set(s) including all updates. If updates are not provided during the warranty period, the State may order them from the manufacturer and bill the contractor for the full cost, including shipping.

8.4 **Operator's Manuals:** Complete set(s) to include prime unit and attachments.

8.5 **Quantities:** As per Section IV – Bid Price Schedule.

8.6 **Manuals:** To be delivered to, and receipt signed by person(s) as noted on the Purchase Order.

8.7 **Service Bulletins, Etc.:** The successful bidder must provide appropriate service bulletins, technical support bulletins, service letters, product support bulletins, and/or any other information type notifications that are sent out to the vendor or used by the manufacturer in the maintenance and report of the vehicle, equipment or attachments being provided. The intent of this clause is that the State of Alaska be provided notification of any and all changes or improvements that may affect the maintenance, reliability, longevity, and safety of our equipment. This information will be provided as soon as possible to person(s) as noted on the Purchase Order.

9.0 **STATEMENT OF ORIGIN:** The bidder will be required to furnish a Manufacturer's Statement of Origin for Automotive or Non-Automotive rolling stock for each unit. All such documents shall be forwarded to:

DOT&PF, HQ State Equipment Fleet  
2200 E. 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Room #311  
Anchorage, Alaska 99508

10.0 **WEIGHT VERIFICATION SLIPS:** If required in the Bid Price Schedule, a weight scale ticket of the completed unit will be included with the Statement of Origin.

## 11.0 INSPECTIONS:

11.1 The State's inspection of all materials and equipment upon delivery is for the sole purpose of identification. Such inspection shall not be construed as final or as acceptance of the materials or equipment if materials or equipment do not conform to Contract requirements. If there are any apparent defects in the materials or equipment at the time of delivery, the State will promptly notify the Contractor thereof. Without limiting any other rights of the State, The State at its option, may require the Contractor to:

11.1.1 Repair or replace at Contractor's expense, any or all of the damaged goods,

11.1.2 refund the price of any or all of the damaged goods, or

11.1.3 accept the return of any or all of the damaged goods.

11.2 Costs of remedying all defects, indirect and consequential costs of correcting same, and/or removing or replacing any or all of the defective materials or equipment will be charged against the Bidder.

11.3 The unit must be complete and able to operate at its full capacity prior to travel of state personnel. If the unit is not complete, does not pass inspection, or is not able to operate and be tested to full capacity, the contractor may be required to pay for additional inspection trips until the unit is able to pass a full inspection. It is at the State's discretion to determine if additional inspections are necessary. This may be in addition to Liquidated Damages as stated in 5.0 above.

## 12.0 PRICE:

12.1 **Price Guarantee:** The Contractor is responsible to maintain prices under the contract firm for 180 days after bid opening. All price increases or decreases must remain firm for the following 180 days.

12.2 **NO RETROACTIVE PRICE INCREASES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

13.0 **MANUFACTURER'S REBATE (INCENTIVES):** In any circumstance during or prior to completion of the contract, whereupon the State of Alaska becomes eligible to receive a rebate for any vehicle purchased under this contract, it shall be the BIDDER'S responsibility to inform the Contracting officer in writing and to advise the procedures for obtaining such rebates.

## 14.0 REPLACEMENT PARTS:

14.1 The State of Alaska shall expect the dealer or manufacturer to provide replacement wear parts at their authorized warranty facilities for the entire warranty period within seven (7) days of order. All other parts must be available within ten (10) working days.

14.2 Back order procedures: Back orders are acceptable; however, the ordering shop shall be appraised at time of original orders as to the expected delay in delivery.

14.3 Warranty: All products supplied by the contractor shall be warranted against defects in materials and workmanship for a minimum of 90 days, commencing at the time of installation as long as the installation is within 12 months of purchase. The cost of any defective product and the labor required to replace the defective product shall be the obligation of the contractor.

14.3.1 If the manufacturer's warranty exceeds the stated warranty then manufacturer's warranty supersedes.

14.3.2 Parts Return: Within 12 months of the invoice date, the State is to be allowed to return new parts with full refund, less actual shipping charges. **Cores returned within 12 months of original invoice date will receive full core credit.** Returned parts will be in new, resellable condition. Refund will be in the form of a credit/invoice credited to the SOA account with the vendor.

14.3.3 Invoicing: Full description of item is required on all invoices, packing lists and billings.

**SECTION II**  
**STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

- 1.0 ACCESSORIES:** When accessories are supplied, they must be certified to be compatible with the rest of the equipment. Certification will be written evidence satisfactory to the State that the accessories are compatible. The bidder's failure to supply this evidence within the time required by the State will cause the State to consider the bid non-responsive and reject the bid.
- 2.0 ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS:** The State reserves the right to add or delete items, agencies or locations as determined to be in the best interest of the State. Added items, agencies or locations will be related to those on contract and will not represent a significant increase or decrease in size or scope of the contract. Such additions or deletions will be documented via mutual agreement, will be at prices consistent with the original bid price margins, and will be evidenced by issuance of a written contract change notice from the Contracting officer.
- 3.0 ALASKAN BIDDER'S PREFERENCE:** Award will be made to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder after an Alaskan bidder's preference of five percent (5%) has been applied. The preference will be given to a person who: (1) holds a current Alaska business license; (2) submits a bid for goods or services under the name on the Alaska business license; (3) has maintained a place of business within the state staffed by the bidder, or an employee of the bidder, for a period of six months immediately preceding the date of the bid; (4) is incorporated or qualified to do business under the laws of the state, is a sole proprietorship and the proprietor is a resident of the state, is a limited liability company organized under AS 10.50 and all members are residents of the state, or is a partnership under AS 32.05 or AS 32.11 and all partners are residents of the state; and, (5) if a joint venture, is composed entirely of venturers that qualify under (1) - (4) of this subsection. AS 36.30.170(b).
- 4.0 ALASKA BUSINESS LICENSE AND OTHER REQUIRED LICENSES:** At the time the bids are opened, all bidders must hold a valid Alaska business license and any necessary applicable professional licenses required by Alaska Statute. Bids must be submitted under the name as appearing on the person's current Alaska business license in order to be considered responsive. Bidders should contact the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, Division of Corporations, Business, and Professional Licensing, P. O. Box 110806, Juneau, Alaska 99811-0806, for information on these licenses. Bidders must submit evidence of a valid Alaska business license with the bid.

You are not required to hold a valid Alaska business license at the time bids are opened if you possess one of the following licenses and are offering services or supplies under that specific line of business:

- fisheries business licenses issued by Alaska Department of Revenue or Alaska Department of Fish and Game,
  - liquor licenses issued by Alaska Department of Revenue for alcohol sales only,
  - insurance licenses issued by Alaska Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, Division of Insurance, or
  - Mining licenses issued by Alaska Department of Revenue
- 5.0 ALASKA PRODUCT PREFERENCE:** A bidder that designates the use of an Alaska Product which meets the requirements of the ITB specification and is designated as a Class I, Class II or Class III Alaska Product by the Department of Community & Economic Development shall receive a preference in the bid evaluation in accordance with AS 36.30.332 and 3 AAC 92.010.
- 6.0 ALASKA VETERANS' PREFERENCE:** Notwithstanding a provision in AS 36.30.170 to the contrary, if a bidder qualifies under AS 36.30.170(b) as an Alaska bidder and is a qualifying entity, a five percent bid preference shall be applied to the bid price. The preference may not exceed \$5,000. In this subsection, "qualifying entity" means a:
- sole proprietorship owned by an Alaska veteran;
  - partnership under AS 32.06 or AS 32.11 if a majority of the partners are Alaska veterans;
  - limited liability company organized under AS 10.50 if a majority of the members are Alaska veterans; or
  - corporation that is wholly owned by individuals and a majority of the individuals are Alaska veterans.

A preference under this section is in addition to any other preference for which the bidder qualifies. To qualify for a preference under this section, a bidder must add value by the bidder itself actually

performing, controlling, managing and supervising a significant part of the services provided, or the bidder must have sold supplies of the general nature solicited to other state agencies, governments, or the general public.

In this section, "Alaska veteran" means an individual who is a:

- resident of this state; and
- veteran; in this paragraph, "veteran" means an individual who served in the
  - armed forces of the United States, including a reserve unit of the United States armed forces; or
  - Alaska Territorial Guard, the Alaska Army National Guard, the Alaska Air National Guard, or the Alaska Naval Militia; and
  - was separated from service under a condition that was not dishonorable.

**7.0 ALASKANS WITH DISABILITIES PREFERENCE:** If a bidder qualifies for the Alaskan bidder's preference, under AS 36.30.170(b), is a qualifying entity as defined in AS 36.30.170(e) and (j), and is the lowest responsive and responsible bidder with a bid that is no more than ten percent (10%) higher than the lowest bid, the procurement officer will make the award to that bidder, in accordance with AS 36.30.170(e).

**8.0 ALTERATIONS:** The contractor must obtain the written approval from the contracting officer prior to making any alterations to the specifications contained in this ITB. The State will not pay for alterations that are not approved in advance and in writing by the contracting officer.

**9.0 AMENDMENTS:** Contract terms shall not be waived, altered, modified, supplemented or amended without prior written approval of the Contracting officer.

**10.0 ASSIGNMENT(S):** Assignment of rights, duties, or payments under a contract resulting from this ITB is not permitted unless authorized in writing by the State of Alaska, Department of Administration, Division of General Services. Bids that are conditioned upon the State's approval of an assignment will be rejected as nonresponsive.

**11.0 AUTHORITY:** This solicitation is written in accordance with Alaska statutes AS 36.30 and 2 AAC 12.

**12.0 BILLING INSTRUCTIONS:** Invoices must be billed to the ordering agency's address shown on the individual Purchase Order, Contract Award or Delivery Order, not to the Division of General Services. The ordering agency will make payment after it receives the merchandise or service and the invoice. Questions concerning payment must be addressed to the ordering agency.

**13.0 BID FORMS:** Bidders shall use this bid and attached forms when submitting bids.

13.1 Bids, once submitted, may be modified in writing before the time and date set for bid opening. Any modifications shall be prepared on company letterhead, signed by an authorized representative, and state that the new document supersedes or modifies the prior bid. Modification must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Bid Modification" and identifying the bid number and closing date and time. Bidders may not modify bids after bid opening time.

13.2 Amendments may be faxed if they are not price related.

**14.0 BID FORMAT:**

14.1 Bid submitted must contain, as a minimum:

14.1.1 Cover Page

14.1.2 Bid Price Schedule

14.1.3 Asterisked (\*) item pages only (and/or) Letter of Clarification addressing asterisked (\*) items

14.1.4 All pertinent amendments

14.2 Failure to return all of the pages listed above will cause your bid to be rejected.

14.3 Bids must conform to the requirements of the Invitation to Bid or Request for Proposal. All necessary attachments (bid bonds, references, descriptive literature, etc.) must be submitted with the bid and in the required format. Failure to comply with all requirements shall result in a non-responsive bid.

14.4 Faxed, scanned or e-mail transmitted bids ARE NOT ACCEPTED. (See 13.2 above)

## 15.0 BID MODIFICATION:

- 15.1 Modifications or erasures made before bid submission should be initialed in ink by the person signing the bid. A bid may be rejected if it contains a material alteration or erasure, which is not initialed by the signer of the bid and the intent of the bidder, is not reasonably ascertainable from the bid as submitted.
- 15.2 Bids, once submitted, may be modified in writing before the time and date set for bid opening. Any modifications shall be prepared on company letterhead, signed by an authorized representative, and state that the new document supersedes or modifies the prior bid. Modification must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Bid Modification" and identifying the bid number and closing date and time. Bidders may not modify bids after bid opening time.

**16.0 BID PREPARATION COSTS:** The State is not responsible for any costs incurred by the bidder in preparation of his bid.

**17.0 BID WITHDRAWALS:** Bids may be withdrawn in writing on company letterhead signed by an authorized representative and received by the Procurement Office prior to bid closing time. Bids may also be withdrawn in person before bid opening time upon presentation of appropriate identification.

**18.0 BRAND AND MODEL OFFERED:** Unless otherwise specified, when brand names and model numbers are used to specify the type and quality of the goods desired, bidders must clearly indicate the brand names and model numbers they intend to provide. The bidder's failure to identify the brand and model offered will cause the State to consider the offer non-responsive and reject the bid.

## 19.0 CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH AMERICAN'S WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990:

- 19.1 By signature of their bid/proposal the bidder/proposer certifies that they comply with the American's with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the regulations issued there under by the federal government.
- 19.2 Services or activities furnished to the general public on behalf of the State must be fully accessible. This is intended to ensure that agencies are in accordance with 28 CFR Part 35 Section 35.130 and that services, programs or activities furnished to the public through a contract do not subject qualified individuals with a disability to discrimination based on the disability.

## 20.0 CLARIFICATION OF OFFER:

- 20.1 A letter of clarification is required to explain any deviations from terms, conditions, or specifications of this ITB. Offers exceeding ITB specifications are regarded as deviations and should be clarified.
- 20.2 In order to prevent technical errors, following each asterisked is space that shall be used to address all of the asterisked items. It is **mandatory** that a letter of clarification or the space behind the asterisked items be used to supply the required information.
- 20.3 When using a letter of clarification, or the space provided within the ITB, to address an asterisked (\*) item, the statement must indicate specifically what is being provided. Do not include statements such as "Complies to Spec", or "Meets or Exceeds Specifications". This will be considered a non-responsive response.
- 20.4 Letters of Clarification are to be on company (Bidder's) letterhead and be signed. The only information in the Letters of Clarification should be the explanation(s) of deviation(s) and/or responses to asterisked (\*) items. Asterisked (\*) item explanations should refer to that particular specification item number.
- 20.5 Letters of disclosure and clarification must be made part of the sealed bid.

**21.0 COMPLIANCE WITH ALL GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS:** The bidder must comply with all applicable federal, state, and borough regulations, codes, and laws, and pay all applicable federal, state, and borough taxes, and is liable for all required insurance, licenses, permits, and bonds. Failure to comply with such requirements shall constitute a breach of contract and shall be grounds for contract cancellation. Damages or costs resulting from noncompliance shall be the sole responsibility of the bidder.

**22.0 CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** An officer or employee of the State of Alaska may not seek to acquire, be a party to, or possess a financial interest in, this contract if (1) the officer or employee is an employee of the administrative unit that supervises the award of this contract; or (2) the officer or employee has the power to take or withhold official action so as to affect the award or execution of the contract.

- 23.0 CONSOLIDATION OF AWARDS:** Due to high administrative costs associated with processing of purchase orders, a single low bid of \$50 or less may, at the discretion of the State, be awarded to the next low bidder receiving other awards for consolidation purposes. This paragraph is not subject to the protest terms enumerated in "INSTRUCTION TO BIDDERS", "FILING A PROTEST" above.
- 24.0 CONSUMER ELECTRICAL PRODUCT:** AS 45.45.910 requires that "...a person may not sell, offer to sell, or otherwise transfer in the course of the person's business a consumer electrical product that is manufactured after August 14, 1990, unless the product is clearly marked as being listed by an approved third party certification program." Electrical consumer products manufactured before August 14, 1990, must either be clearly marked as being third party certified or be marked with a warning label that complies with AS 45.45.910(e). Even exempted electrical products must be marked with the warning label. By signature on this bid the bidder certifies that the product offered is in compliance with the law. A list of approved third party certifiers, warning labels and additional information is available from: Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Labor Standards & Safety Division, Mechanical Inspection Section, P.O. Box 107020, Anchorage, Alaska 99510-7020, (907)269-4925.
- 25.0 CONTINUING OBLIGATION OF CONTRACTOR:** Notwithstanding the expiration date of a contract resulting from this ITB, the contractor is obligated to fulfill its responsibilities until warranty, guarantee, maintenance and parts availability requirements have completely expired.
- 26.0 CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION:** The administration of this contract, including any/all changes, is the responsibility of the Contracting Officer, HQ State Equipment Fleet.
- 27.0 CONTRACT EXTENSION:** Unless otherwise provided in this ITB, the State and the successful bidder/contractor agree: (1) that any holding over of the contract excluding any exercised renewal options, will be considered as a month-to-month extension, and all other terms and conditions shall remain in full force and effect and (2) to provide written notice to the other party of the intent to cancel such month-to-month extension at least thirty (30) days before the desired date of cancellation.
- 28.0 CONTRACT FUNDING:** Bidders are advised that funds are available for the initial purchase and/or the first term of the contract. Payment and performance obligations for succeeding purchases and/or additional terms of the contract are subject to the availability and appropriation of funds.
- 29.0 DEFAULT:** In case of bidder default, the State may procure the goods or services from another source and hold the bidder responsible for any resulting excess costs and may seek other remedies under law or equity. Alaska Statutes and Regulations provide for suspension and disbarment of non-responsible bidders.
- 30.0 DELIVERY:** All deliveries shall be F.O.B. final destination point with all transportation and handling charges paid by bidder. Responsibility and liability for loss or damage shall remain with bidder until final inspection and acceptance when responsibility shall pass to the State except as to latent defects, fraud and bidder's warranty obligations.
- 31.0 DISCONTINUED ITEMS:** In the event an item is discontinued by the manufacturer during the life of the contract, another item may be substituted, provided that the contracting officer makes a written determination that it is equal or better than the discontinued item and provided that it is sold at the same price or less than the discontinued item.
- 32.0 DISPUTES:** Any dispute arising out of this agreement shall be resolved under the laws of Alaska. Any appeal of an administrative order or any original action to enforce any provision of this agreement or to obtain any relief from or remedy in connection with this agreement may be brought only in the superior court for the State of Alaska.
- 33.0 EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM PREFERENCE:** If a bidder qualifies for the Alaskan bidder's preference, under AS 36.30.170(b), and is offering goods or services through an employment program, as defined under 36.30.990(10), and is the lowest responsive and responsible bidder with a bid that is no more than fifteen percent (15%) higher than the lowest bid, the procurement officer will make the award to that bidder, in accordance with AS 36.30.170(c) and 2 AAC 12.050.
- 34.0 EMPLOYERS OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES PREFERENCE:** If a bidder qualifies for the Alaskan bidder's preference, under AS 36.30.170(b), and, at the time the bid is submitted, employs a staff that is made up of fifty percent (50%) or more people with disabilities, as defined in AS 36.30.170(j), and submits a responsive and responsible bid that is no more than ten percent (10%) higher than the lowest responsive and responsible bid, the procurement officer will make the award to that bidder, in accordance with AS 36.30.170(f).
- 35.0 EXTENSION OF PRICES:** In case of error in the extension of prices in the bid, the unit prices will govern; in a lot bid, the lot prices will govern.

**36.0 FILING A PROTEST:** A bidder may protest the award of a contract or the proposed award of a contract for supplies, services, or professional services. The protest must be filed in writing and include the following information: (1) the name, address, and telephone number of the protester; (2) the signature of the protester or the protester's representative; (3) identification of the contracting agency and the solicitation or contract at issue; (4) a detailed statement of the legal and factual grounds of the protest, including copies of relevant documents; and (5) the form of relief requested. Protests will be treated in accordance with Alaska Statutes (AS)36.30.560-36.30.610.

**37.0 FIRM OFFER:** For the purpose of award, offers made in accordance with this ITB must be good and firm for a period of ninety (90) days from the date of bid opening.

**38.0 FIRM, UNQUALIFIED AND UNCONDITIONAL OFFER:** Bidders must provide enough information with their bid to constitute a definite, firm, unqualified and unconditional offer. To be responsive a bid must constitute a definite, firm, unqualified and unconditional offer to meet all of the material terms of the ITB. Material terms are those, which could affect price, quantity, quality, or delivery. Also included, as material terms are those, which are clearly identified in the ITB and which, for reasons of policy, must be complied with at risk of bid rejection for non-responsiveness.

**39.0 FORCE MAJEURE (Impossibility to perform):** Neither party to this contract shall be held responsible for delay or default caused by acts of God and/or war, which is beyond that party's reasonable control. The State may terminate this contract upon written notice after determining such delay or default will reasonably prevent successful performance of the contract.

**40.0 FORMAL WORKSHOP:**

The Formal Workshop (Pre-Bid) is to discuss with prospective bidders the "draft" Invitation to Bid (ITB). The formal workshop is the only opportunity for prospective bidders, manufacturers and other interested parties, in a conference setting, to discuss Standard Terms and Conditions, Special Terms and Conditions, Specifications, and to provide clarification as needed for this ITB.

Formal workshops are for information only. Any statements made at formal workshops will not be official until verified in the "final" ITB. Participation by teleconference may be possible by making arrangements with the SEF Contracting Office in advance.

**41.0 HUMAN TRAFFICKING:**

41.1 By signature on this contract, the offeror certifies that:

41.1.1 the offeror is not established and headquartered or incorporated and headquartered, in a country recognized as Tier 3 in the most recent United States Department of State's Trafficking in Persons Report; or

41.2 The most recent United States Department of State's Trafficking in Persons Report can be found at the following website: [www.state.gov/g/tip/](http://www.state.gov/g/tip/)

41.3 Failure to comply with this requirement will cause the state to reject the bid or proposal as non-responsive, or cancel the contract.

41.4 This pertains to goods and services above \$50,000.00.

**42.0 INDEMNIFICATION:** The Contractor shall indemnify, hold harmless, and defend the contracting agency from and against any claim of, or liability for error, omission or negligent act of the Contractor under this agreement. The Contractor shall not be required to indemnify the contracting agency for a claim of, or liability for, the independent negligence of the contracting agency. If there is a claim of, or liability for, the joint negligent error or omission of the Contractor and the independent negligence of the Contracting agency, the indemnification and hold harmless obligation shall be apportioned on a comparative fault basis. "Contractor" and "Contracting agency", as used within this and the following article, include the employees, agents and other contractors who are directly responsible, respectively, to each. The term "independent negligence" is negligence other than in the Contracting agency's selection, administration, monitoring, or controlling of the Contractor and in approving or accepting the Contractor's work.

**43.0 INSPECTIONS:** Goods furnished under this contract are subject to inspection and test by the State at times and places determined by the State. If the State finds goods furnished to be incomplete or not in compliance with bid specifications, the State may reject the goods and require bidder to either correct them without charge or deliver them at a reduced price, which is equitable under the circumstances. If bidder is unable or refuses to correct such goods within a time deemed reasonable by the State, the State may cancel the order in whole or in part. Nothing in this paragraph shall adversely affect the State's rights as buyer, including all remedies and rights granted by Alaska statutes.

**44.0 INSURANCE:**

44.1 Without limiting Contractor's indemnification, it is agreed that Contractor shall purchase at its own expense and maintain in force at all times during the performance of services under this agreement the following policies of insurance. Where specific limits are shown, it is understood that they shall be the minimum acceptable limits. If the Contractor's policy contains higher limits, the state shall be entitled to coverage to the extent of such higher limits. Certificates of Insurance must be furnished to the contracting officer prior to beginning work and must provide for a notice of cancellation, non-renewal, or material change of conditions in accordance with policy provisions. Failure to furnish satisfactory evidence of insurance or lapse of the policy is a material breach of this contract and shall be grounds for termination of the Contractor's services. All insurance policies shall comply with, and be issued by insurers licensed to transact the business of insurance under AS 21.

44.2 Proof of insurance is required for the following:

44.2.1 Workers' Compensation Insurance: The Contractor shall provide and maintain, for all employees engaged in work under this contract, coverage as required by AS 23.30.045, and; where applicable, any other statutory obligations including but not limited to Federal U.S.L. & H. and Jones Act requirements. The policy must waive subrogation against the State.

44.2.2 Commercial General Liability Insurance: covering all business premises and operations used by the Contractor in the performance of services under this agreement with minimum coverage limits of \$300,000 combined single limit per occurrence.

44.2.3 Commercial Automobile Liability Insurance: covering all vehicles used by the Contractor in the performance of services under this agreement with minimum coverage limits of \$300,000 combined single limit per occurrence.

44.3 Failure to supply satisfactory proof of insurance within the time required will cause the State to declare the bidder nonresponsive and to reject the bid.

**45.0 INVITATION TO BID (ITB) REVIEW:** Bidders shall carefully review this ITB for defects and questionable or objectionable material. Bidders' comments concerning defects and questionable or objectionable material in the ITB must be made in writing and received by the purchasing authority at least ten (10) days before the bid opening date. This will allow time for an amendment to be issued if one is required. It will also help prevent the opening of a defective bid, upon which award cannot be made, and the resultant exposure of bidders' prices. Bidders' original comments should be sent to the purchasing authority listed on the front of this ITB.

**46.0 ITEM UPGRADES:** The State reserves the right to accept upgrades to models on the basic contract when the upgrades improve the way the equipment operates or improve the accuracy of the equipment. Such upgraded items must be at the same price as the items in the basic contract.

**47.0 LOCAL AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES PRODUCTS PREFERENCE:** When agricultural, dairy, timber, lumber, or fisheries products are purchased using state money, only those products harvested in Alaska, or in the case of fisheries products harvested or processed within the jurisdiction of Alaska, will be purchased, provided they are available, of comparable quality, and priced no more than seven percent (7%) higher than products harvested outside the state, or in the case of fisheries products harvested or processed outside the jurisdiction of the state, in accordance with AS 36.15.050.

**48.0 METHOD OF AWARD:**

48.1 DOT/PF is required by law to award "to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder whose bid conforms in all MATERIAL respects to the requirements and criteria set out in the invitation to bid." AS 36.30.170.

48.2 All specifications in this ITB are important and bidders should carefully address each item. Deviation from a specification MAY result in rejection of a bid at the discretion of the Contracting Officer if the deviation is material. A material deviation is one that is significantly different from an essential aspect of a specification.

- 48.3 The Contracting Officer may be justified in accepting a non-material deviation - it will be determined upon the facts, circumstances, and the proposal in the bid. If a bid deviation has a negligible effect on price, quality, performance, delivery or contract conditions, it is not material and may be waived or corrected by the Contracting Officer. The State reserves the right to waive minor informalities or technical defects, which are not material, when such waiver is in the best interest of the State.
- 48.4 Nothing in this section shall be construed as depriving the State of its discretion in the matter of determining the lowest responsible bidder.
- 48.5 A Notice of Intent to Award (ITA) will be issued for all solicitations in accordance with regulations. The notice of intent to award does not constitute a formal award of a contract. Formal award is achieved through execution of the "Offer and Contract Award" section of the Invitation to Bid.

**49.0 NEW EQUIPMENT:** Equipment offered in response to this ITB must be new equipment. New equipment means equipment that is currently in production by the manufacturer and is still the latest model, edition or version generally offered. The equipment must be warranted as new by the manufacturer and may not have been used for any purpose, other than display (not demonstration), prior to its sale to the State. The State will not accept remanufactured, used or reconditioned equipment, including used or reconditioned components or parts of. It is the contractor's responsibility to ensure that each piece of equipment delivered to the State complies with this requirement. A contract's failure to comply with this requirement will cause the State to seek remedies under breach of contract.

**50.0 NON-RESPONSIVE BIDS:**

- 50.1 Bids will be considered non-responsive and shall be rejected for the following:
- 50.1.1 Failure to sign the bid.
  - 50.1.2 Failure to submit the bid at the place and time required in the solicitation.
  - 50.1.3 Failure to have a valid Alaska Business License at the time of bid opening.
  - 50.1.4 Failure to acknowledge amendments requiring signature.
  - 50.1.5 Failure to provide product literature, brochures, or a letter of clarification, when specifically required by the Invitation to Bid.
  - 50.1.6 Bids which specify "Offered Delivery Time" in excess of "Required Delivery" number of calendar days after the receipt of an order.

**51.0 ORDER DOCUMENTS:** Except as specifically allowed under this ITB, an ordering agency will not sign any vendor contract. The State is not bound by a vendor contract signed by a person who is not specifically authorized to sign for the State under this ITB. The State of Alaska Purchase Order, Contract Award and Delivery Order are the only order documents that may be used to place orders against the contract(s) resulting from this ITB.

**52.0 PAYMENT:** Payment for agreements under \$500,000 for the undisputed purchase of goods or services provided to a State agency will be made within 30 days of the receipt of a proper billing or the delivery of the goods or services to the location(s) specified in the agreement, whichever is later. A late payment is subject to 1.5% interest per month on the unpaid balance. Interest will not be paid if there is a dispute or if there is an agreement, which establishes a lower interest rate or precludes the charging of interest.

**53.0 PREFERENCE QUALIFICATION LETTER:** Regarding preferences 5, 6, and 7 above, the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation in the Department of Labor and Workforce Development maintains lists of Alaskan; [1] employment programs that qualify for preference, [2] individuals who qualify for preference as Alaskan's with disabilities, and, [3] employers who qualify for preference as employers of people with disabilities. In accordance with AS 36.30.170(j), in order to qualify for one of these preferences, a bidder must add value by actually performing, controlling, managing, and supervising the services provided, or for supplies, a bidder must have sold supplies of the general nature solicited to other state agencies, governments, or the general public.

As evidence of an individual's or a business' right to a certain preference, the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation will issue a certification letter. To take advantage of the preferences 5, 6, or 7 above, an individual or business must be on the appropriate Division of Vocational Rehabilitation list, at the time the bid is opened, and must provide the procurement officer a copy of their certification letter. Bidders must attach a copy of their certification letter to their bid. The bidder's failure to provide the certification letter mentioned above, with their bid, will cause the State to disallow the preference.

**54.0 PRICE EXTENSION:** In case of error in the extension of prices in the bid, the unit prices will govern.

- 55.0 PRICES:** The bidder shall state prices according to the requirements of this ITB. Prices quoted for commodities or services must be in U.S. funds and include applicable federal duty, brokerage fees, packaging, and transportation cost to the FOB point so that upon transfer of title the commodity or service can be utilized without further cost.
- 56.0 PRODUCT EQUIVALENT SUBSTITUTION:** Bidders may submit bids for substantially equivalent products unless the Invitation to Bid provides that a specific brand is necessary because of compatibility requirements. In those instances where the ITB specifies "a name brand or State approved equivalent", bidders must request approval of a product equivalent substitution NO LATER THAN 10 days prior to the bid opening date. A written response will be provided by the Contracting Officer.
- 57.0 PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION:** Bidders must clearly identify all products bid. Brand name and model or number must be shown for the prime unit as well as attachments where applicable. The State reserves the right to reject any bid when the product information submitted with the bid is incomplete and/or is not easily ascertainable from the bid documents or through independent verification.
- 58.0 PRODUCT LITERATURE:**
- 58.1 **ANNOTATED LITERATURE:** Bidders must annotate their product literature to identify for the State the location of the supporting information regarding each product specification set out in this ITB. A bidder's failure to comply with this clause, within the time set by the State, will cause the State to consider the offer non-responsive and reject the bid.
- 58.2 Product brochures, descriptive literature and other supporting documentation may be required in some solicitations. Descriptive literature is for the purpose of providing a reference to the product offered. While it is not practicable to require documentation to support every single item of a specification, it is sometimes necessary to require the bidder to provide product literature that will help the Contracting officer to determine the bidder's compliance with important specifications.
- 58.3 Requirements for product literature will vary from bid to bid. Certain specification items may be marked with an asterisk (\*) indicating that descriptive literature or supporting documentation (such as a letter of clarification) will be required.
- 58.4 When product literature is required by the ITB, please provide a minimum of one (1) complete set to aid in bid review and evaluation.
- 58.5 Failure to provide product literature or brochures when required WILL result in your bid being deemed non-responsive.
- 58.6 A bidder's signature on the contract offer and award is taken as a promise to comply with the ITB specifications. In case of a difference between the literature and the specifications, the specifications will govern.
- 58.7 The State does not honor disclaimer statements often evident in manufacturer's published specification sheets or brochures. Such disclaimers will not release the successful bidder from providing the specified item, at the time of acceptance by the State.
- 59.0 PROPRIETARY INFORMATION AND STATEMENTS OF CONFIDENTIALITY:**
- 59.1 Except as set forth in this provision, all information in all bids will be made public under AS 36.30.530 not later than the time of issuance of a notice of intent to award.
- 59.2 If the offeror submits information considered by it to constitute a trade secret or proprietary data, such information may be expressly designated as such, and must be accompanied by the offeror's certification that (1) the information has consistently been maintained by its owner as a trade secret or as proprietary information, (2) the owner of the information has taken due care to protect it from release to non-privileged persons, and (3) to the best knowledge of the offeror, the information has not lost its status as trade secret or proprietary information, whether by lack of diligent protection, release to any non-privileged person or otherwise.
- 59.3 **Absence of such certification, any claim of confidentiality will be ignored, and the bidder may not hold any reasonable expectation of confidentiality.**
- 59.4 Any information so certified will be held confidential so long as the contracting officer concurs that it constitutes a trade secret or proprietary data, and deems it not critical to determination of the price, quantity, or delivery terms bid, or the responsiveness of the bid.

- 59.5 By submission of a bid, the offeror consents to the contracting officer's exercise of reasonable judgment as to concurrence with any assertion of confidentiality, and waives any and all claims for release of information that the contracting officer reasonably deems not confidential notwithstanding a certified assertion of confidentiality.
- 59.6 A certified assertion of confidentiality in which the contracting officer concurs, with respect to information the contracting officer deems critical to determination of the price, quantity, or delivery terms bid, or the responsiveness of the bid, will cause the bid to be rejected as a non-responsive bid.
- 60.0 PROTESTS:** A bidder may protest the Intent to Award a contract pursuant to this Invitation to Bid in accordance with provisions in Alaska Statute AS 36.30.560. The protest must be filed in writing within ten (10) days of the notice of Intent to Award, and must include the following information: (1) the name, address, and telephone number of the protester; (2) the signature of the protester or the protester's representative; (3) identification of the contracting agency and the solicitation or contract at issue; (4) a detailed statement of the legal and factual grounds of the protest, including copies of relevant documents; and (5) the form of relief requested. Protests must be filed with: Contracting officer, State Equipment Fleet Purchasing, 2200 East 42nd Ave, Room #311, Anchorage, AK 99508. Protests and any subsequent appeal will be processed per AS 36.30.
- 61.0 QUANTITIES:** The State reserves the right to reduce or increase the quantity of items ordered under any contract resulting from this Invitation to Bid.
- 62.0 REJECTION OF BIDS:** All bids or proposals may be rejected prior to award for the following reasons:
- 62.1 the supplies or services being procured are no longer required;
  - 62.2 ambiguous or otherwise inadequate specifications were part of the solicitation;
  - 62.3 the solicitation did not provide for consideration of all factors of significance to the State;
  - 62.4 prices exceed available money and it would not be appropriate to adjust quantities to accommodate available money;
  - 62.5 all otherwise acceptable bids or proposals received are at unacceptable prices;
  - 62.6 there is reason to believe that the bids or proposals may not have been independently arrived at in open competition, may have been collusive, or may have been submitted in bad faith; or
  - 62.7 the award is not in the best interests of the State.
- 63.0 SEVERABILITY:** If any provision of the contract is declared by a court to be illegal or in conflict with any law, the validity of the remaining terms and provisions will not be affected; and, the rights and obligations of the parties will be construed and enforced as if the contract did not contain the particular provision held to be invalid.
- 64.0 SHIPPING DAMAGE:** The State will not accept or pay for damaged goods. The contractor must file all claims against the carrier(s) for damages incurred to items in transit from the point of origin to the ultimate destination. The State will provide the contractor with written notice when damaged goods are received.
- 65.0 SIGNATURE ON BID:** BIDS MUST BE SIGNED IN INK BY AN OFFICIAL OF THE BIDDING ORGANIZATION authorized to bind the bidder to its provisions. Signature certifies, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States, that the price(s) submitted was/were independently arrived at without collusion, and that neither bidder nor bidder's firm, association or corporation of which bidder is a member, has either directly or indirectly, entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with this bid per 2AAC12.800.
- 66.0 STANDARD AND SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:** The terms and conditions of this section are standard to State of Alaska, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, Statewide Equipment Fleet contracts for the purchase of goods. There may also be other special terms and conditions in an Invitation to Bid or Request for Proposal which apply only to this contract. In the event of a conflict between the standard and special terms and conditions, the Special Terms and Conditions take precedence.
- 67.0 SUBCONTRACTOR(S):** Within five (5) working days of notice, the apparent low bidder must submit a list of the subcontractors that will be used in the performance of the contract. The list must include the name of each subcontractor and the location of the place of business for each subcontractor and evidence of each subcontractor's valid Alaska business license. Subcontractors can only be changed per AS 36.30.115 (b).

**68.0 SUBMITTING BIDS:** Envelopes containing bids must be sealed, marked, and addressed as shown in the example below. Do not put the ITB number and opening date on the envelope of a request for bid information. Envelopes with ITB numbers annotated on the outside will not be opened until the scheduled bid opening.

<b>Bidder's Return Address</b>	<b>STAMP</b>
<b>Department of Transportation &amp; Public Facilities HQ State Equipment Fleet 2200 E. 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Room #311 Anchorage, AK 99508</b>	
<b>Bid No.: SEF- _____</b>	
<b>Opening Date: _____</b>	

**69.0 SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST:** This contract shall be binding upon successors and assigns.

**70.0 SUITABLE MATERIALS:** All materials, supplies or equipment offered by a bidder shall be new, unused, of recent manufacture, and suitable for the manufacturer's intended purpose unless the specifications allow for used, rebuilt or remanufactured equipment.

**71.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION:**

71.1 The State strongly desires that bidders submit all required technical, specification, and other supporting information with their bid, so that a detailed analysis and determination can be made, by the contracting officer that the product offered meets the ITB specifications and that other requirements of the ITB have been met. However, provided a bid meets the requirements for a definite, firm, unqualified, and unconditional offer, the State reserves the right to request supplemental information from the bidder, after the bids have been opened, to ensure that the products offered completely meet the ITB requirements. The requirement for such supplemental information will be at the reasonable discretion of the State and may include the requirement that a bidder will provide a sample product(s) so that the State can make a first-hand examination and determination.

71.2 A bidder's failure to provide this supplemental information or the product sample(s), within the time set by the State, will cause the State to consider the offer non-responsive and reject the bid.

**72.0 TAXES:** Prices quoted in bids must be exclusive of federal, state, and local taxes. If the bidder believes that certain taxes are payable by the State, the bidder may list such taxes separately, directly below the bid price for the affected item. The State is exempt from Federal Excise Tax because articles purchased are for the exclusive use of the State of Alaska.

**73.0 TIMELINESS OF BID:** Sealed bids must be received and time-stamped by the Procurement Office prior to the time set for receipt of bids. Bids received after bid-closing time will not be considered. Bidders must ensure that their bid and any amendments requiring signature are delivered prior to the scheduled bid opening time. **LATE BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

**74.0 USE OF LOCAL FOREST PRODUCTS:** In a project financed by state money in which the use of timber, lumber and manufactured lumber is required, only timber, lumber and manufactured lumber products originating in this state shall be used unless the use of those products has been determined to be impractical, in accordance with AS 36.15.010.

**75.0 WARRANTY:** Unless otherwise stated, all equipment shall be new and current model and shall carry full factory warranties. Bidder warrants all goods delivered to be free from defects in labor, material and manufacture and to be in compliance with bid specifications. All implied or expressed warranty provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code apply. All warranties shall be for and benefit the State.

## SECTION III – SPECIFICATIONS

### SPECIFICATION #839

Brush Chipper

January 05, 2012

#### GENERAL SPECIFICATION:

It is the purpose of this specification to describe a new, and of the manufacturer's latest current model and design, diesel powered, brush cutter. Unit shall be a trailer mounted hydraulically fed drum chipper in the 19 inch capacity class.

Unit shall include all standard equipment and accessories as advertised in manufacturer's specification sheet of the model being offered, unless specified otherwise.

#### APPLICATION:

General brush chipping application.

#### DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED:

A basic manufacturer's product brochure(s) describing the unit being bid is to be provided with the bid package. In addition, specifications marked with an asterisk (\*) require supporting documentation, which indicates specifically what the bidder intends to supply in regard to said items and/or how specifications will be met.

**In order to help prevent technical errors, following each asterisked is space that may be used to address all of the asterisked items. It is required that a letter of clarification or the space behind the asterisked items be used to supply the required information. You may use the area behind the asterisked item to refer to a product brochure, manufacturer's technical data sheet, or letter of clarification, which indicates specifically what you, the bidder, intend to supply in regard to said items and/or how specifications will be met.**

#### TYPICAL UNITS:

VERMEER Model BC 1800XL, or equivalent, provided all of the following minimum specifications are met.

#### 1.0 POWER TRAIN:

##### 1.1 Engine:

- 1.1.1 (\*) Diesel, water cooled, 4.5 liter displacement, developing minimum 170 HP and minimum 460 pound foot of torque, CUMMINS four (4) cylinder turbo diesel, or equivalent.
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##### 1.1.2 Air Intake System:

- 1.1.2.1 Air cleaner system to be two (2) stage, dual element type.
- 1.1.2.2 Pre-cleaner: To be SURECO Turbo II or similar.

- 1.1.2.3 Air filter restriction indicator, clearly visible from operator's station.
  - 1.1.3 Exhaust System: Exhaust system to include muffler and forestry approved spark arrester.
  - 1.1.4 Engine Cooling System: Coolant to be permanent type antifreeze, affording protection to minus 40 degrees Fahrenheit. To be DELO Extended Life coolant (red), or compatible.
  - 1.1.5 Oil and fuel filters to be spin-on type.
  - 1.1.6 (\*) Fuel Tank: 35 gallon capacity minimum.
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## 2.0 FEED SYSTEM:

### 2.1 Feed Rollers:

- 2.1.1 To be vertical and be hydraulically driven.
  - 2.1.2 (\*) Minimum of 2 (two).
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- 2.1.3 (\*) Minimum diameter 18 inches.
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- 2.1.4 (\*) Minimum height to be 23.5 inches.
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- 2.1.5 (\*) Clamp load to be minimum 380 pounds and be spring type.
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- 2.1.6 (\*) Number of feed roller motors to be a minimum of two (2) with a minimum displacement of 28.4 cubic inches each.
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- 2.1.7 (\*) Number of knives to be a minimum of eight (8) and be in a helical pattern.
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### 2.2 Feed Speed: To be adjustable with a maximum feed speed of 117 feet per minute.

- 2.3 In-feed Table:
- 2.1.1 Width of in-feed opening to be 20 inches.
  - 2.1.2 (\*) Length to be a minimum 62 inches from the feed roller nip to the end of the table.
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- 2.2 (\*) In-feed opening: Minimum opening to be 20 x 24 inches.
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- 2.3 Feed Sensor:
- 2.3.1 (\*) To be equipped with a system to detect a loss of engine RPM and stops the feed system until the RPM of the engine recovers.
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- 2.3.2 To be equipped with an engine speed monitoring system.
  - 2.3.3 Sensor will automatically control the feed of material into the cutting system depending on the engine speed.
  - 2.3.4 System will have three selectable settings optimized for small, medium, and large material.
  - 2.3.5 System will automatically reverse and restart the feed of material without operator interface once the engine RPM recovers.
- 2.4 Bottom Feed Stop Bar:
- 2.4.1 To be equipped with a bottom feed stop bar located on the leading edge of the feed table.
  - 2.4.2 To be located in a manner where it can be tripped by the operator either intentionally or automatically to shut off the feed system in an emergency.
  - 2.4.3 To be equipped with an override button to allow the operator to override the bottom feed stop bar for a maximum of 30 seconds. Button to be located within the operator's reach.
  - 2.4.4 To be painted Red.
- 2.5 Upper Feed Control Bar: To be equipped with a four position control bar to control the rotational direction of the feed rollers. (Forward, Reverse, and Two Neutral Stop Positions) To be painted Red.

### 3.0 DRUM AND DISK CUTTING SYSTEM:

3.1 (\*) Cutting system shall be drum style with a minimum drum size of 36 inches in diameter and 26½ (26.5) inches in width.

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3.2 The drum shall have a 4 position safety lock.

3.3 (\*) The drum shall weight a minimum of 850 pounds including shaft.

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3.4 The drum shall have four (4) knives, bolted in place with a minimum of five (5) bolts per knife.

3.5 The knife size shall be 5.5 x 10 inches with a minimum knife thickness of 5/8 (0.625) inches.

3.6 The knives shall be double sided.

3.6.1 Knives shall be constructed of A8 chipper steel.

### 4.0 TRAILER:

4.1 (\*) Suspension shall be a rubber torsion type with a minimum 10,000 pound rating.

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4.2 Trailer frame shall be constructed of C Channel, C6 x 8.2 minimum.

4.3 Wheels shall be 17.5 x 6.75 inches minimum with 8 bolts on a 6.5 inch circle.

4.4 Tires shall be LT235/75R 17.5, load range J, or equivalent.

4.5 Hitch to adjust up and down a minimum of eight (8) inches, to include 2-5/16" ball.

4.6 To be equipped with electric brakes.

4.7 Trailer lights to be high mounted LED lights and be protected by guards to reduce damage.

4.8 To be equipped with two (2) towing safety chains with safety hooks.

4.9 To be equipped with a tongue jack with a minimum capacity of 5,000 pounds.

### 5.0 ELECTRICAL SYSTEM:

5.1 12 volt system.

5.2 (\*) Alternator: Minimum 55 amp.

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5.3 Battery(s): 12 volt with minimum 950 CCA.

- 5.4 To include a master electrical switch to cut off all power source from battery(s) to ground and remainder of electrical system. To be located where accessible, but not ordinarily visible to persons not familiar with the machine.

## **6.0 WINCH:**

- 6.1 The unit shall be equipped with a hydraulically powered winch with synthetic rope line and capable of lifting material onto the feed table of the chipper.
  - 6.2 The winch shall have a maximum line speed of 150 FPM (feet per minute).
  - 6.3 (\*) The line pull rating to be at least 2,000 pounds on the first layer of the rope and a minimum of 1,200 pounds on the last layer with a rope with a manufacturer rated pull of 10,200 pounds.
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- 6.4 The winch is to be capable of holding 150 feet of 7/16 (0.4375) inch diameter synthetic rope.

## **7.0 INSTRUMENTATION AND CONTROLS:**

- 7.1 Any and all gauges that show pressures, temperatures, etc., are to be in USA measurements such as PSI, Fahrenheit, etc.
- 7.2 To include as a minimum on LCD display: Permissible to toggle between readings.
  - 7.2.1 Hour meter.
  - 7.2.2 Oil pressure gauge or indicator light
  - 7.2.3 Tachometer gauge light.
  - 7.2.4 Exhaust filter gauge or indicator light.
  - 7.2.5 Water temperature gauge or indicator light.
  - 7.2.6 Engine fault codes.
- 7.3 Engine shall be equipped with an automatic high water temperature/low oil pressure shut down system.
- 7.4 Instrument Cover: To be lockable.
- 7.5 Discharge Chute: To be a minimum of 100 inches high.
  - 7.5.1 Rotation to be limited to 270 degrees.
  - 7.5.2 Control to be provided by a hand crank driven worm gear offering infinite chute positions.

## 8.0 WEIGHTS AND DIMENSIONS:

8.1 (\*) Operating Weight: Maximum 9,300 pounds.

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8.2 (\*) Overall Width: Maximum of 80 inches.

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8.3 (\*) Overall Length: Maximum of 231 inches (Table down).

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8.4 (\*) Overall Height: Maximum of 110 inches.

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## 9.0 HYDRAULIC SYSTEM:

9.1 The unit shall be equipped with live-type hydraulics. Hydraulic pump will run directly from the engine. The system shall be open center with a return type filtration system.

9.1.1 (\*) Pump Capacity: Minimum 7.8 GPM at maximum RPM with a relief pressure switch of 2,500 PSI.

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9.1.2 Hydraulic Tank: Minimum 12 gallon.

9.1.3 Filter: Three (3) micron return, 100 micron suction.

## 10.0 TRAINING:

10.1 (\*) Bidder is to provide a qualified factory instructor, after delivery and acceptance by the State for a minimum of four (4) hours mechanical and four (4) hours of operator training at the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport Airfield Maintenance facility in ANCHORAGE.

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10.2 To include a minimum of four (4) hours of operator training including the following, as a minimum applicable agenda:

10.2.1 Operating procedures per operating manual.

10.2.2 Break-in procedures.

10.2.3 Equipment limitations.

10.2.4 Operator maintenance.

- 10.2.5 Before operations checks and lubrication.
- 10.2.6 Safety.
- 10.2.7 Cold weather operations.
- 10.2.8 Jump starting.
- 10.2.9 Welding on equipment.
- 10.2.10 Towing or transporting equipment.
- 10.2.11 Instruments and controls, including gauge interpretation.
- 10.2.12 Equipment and attachment operation, Do's and Don'ts.
- 10.3 To include a minimum of four (4) hours of mechanics (Journeyman level) training including the following theory, trouble shooting and test procedures for, as a minimum applicable agenda:
  - 10.3.1 Electronics, including engine and transmission.
  - 10.3.2 Electrical.
  - 10.3.3 Hydraulics.
  - 10.3.4 Air system.
  - 10.3.5 Drive train.

**11.0 MISCELLANEOUS:**

- 11.1 Warranty: To be a minimum one (1) year full warranty on the carrier. The engine is to be a two (2) year full warranty.
- 11.2 Winterization: Entire unit shall be winterized to provide satisfactory performance in temperatures to as low as zero degrees Fahrenheit. Coolant protection to as low as minus 40 degrees Fahrenheit.
- 11.3 Publications: Service, parts, and operator's manuals to be delivered at the time the unit is delivered to the FOB point.
- 11.4 Manuals: To include a cabled operator's manual printed on water resistant paper placed in a weather tight box near the control panel.
- 11.5 The unit shall be equipped with a lockable tool box, battery box, and engine compartment.
- 11.6 Paint: Manufacturer's standard color with appropriate primer.
- 11.7 Inspection: For compliance to specifications will be conducted at the FOB point.

**END OF SPECIFICATION**

## **BID PRICE SCHEDULE**

### **BID SCHEDULE INSTRUCTIONS:**

All bids must include both unit pricing and extensions and be otherwise complete in the format requested.

DELIVERY: Indicate, in the space(s) provided, the time required to make delivery after the receipt of an order (ARO). Failure to make an entry in the space(s) provided will be construed as an offer to deliver within "Required Delivery" NUMBER of calendar days ARO. Bids which specify deliveries in excess of "Required Delivery" NUMBER of calendar days ARO will be considered non-responsive and the bid(s) will be rejected.

The materials, equipment or services bid will conform to and meet the requirements of the Contract Bid Documents and are hereby incorporated into this document:

Complete the attached bid price sheets and return with other bid documents as required in Section II – Standard Terms and Conditions, paragraph 13.

**BID SCHEDULE**

Item #	Unit	Description	Total Amount
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Year, Make & Model Offered:

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**Total Price** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

The actual F.O.B. point for equipment purchased under this contract is the final destination. Ownership of and title to the ordered item remains with the contractor until delivered to final destination and accepted by the State.

FOB: TED STEVENS ANCHORAGE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, ANCHORAGE, ALASKA. Your price is to include all costs of shipping equipment to this final destination.

Required Delivery: Maximum **180 days** after receipt of order (ARO).

Offered Delivered Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Days ARO.

Publications: One (1) set, per Section I, paragraph 8.0.

**END OF BID PACKAGE**