# NORTH CHARLESTON SEWER DISTRICT INVITATION FOR BID

**TITLE:** FRONT-END LOADER PROJECT #200900

**BID CLOSING DATE:** Sealed Bids shall be accepted no later than May 27, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at the North Charleston Sewer District administrative offices, 7225 Stall Road, North Charleston, SC 29419

**DIRECT INQUIRIES TO:** KIMBERLY J CAVER, Purchasing Manager  
purchasing@ncsd.sc.gov

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1.0 INFORMATION & CONDITIONS

INTENT: The North Charleston Sewer District has budgeted funds to replace their existing front-end loader with a new wheel loader. The decision to replace the existing tractor with the wheel loader style equipment is to gain extra functionality and lower tire replacement costs. This specification includes the wheel loader and attachments for the loader.

VEHICLE CODES:

Vehicle furnished under this bid proposal must be new, unused, current year production model, contain all items considered standard in accordance with manufacturer's specifications, meet all applicable OSHA, EPA, and all Motor Vehicle Safety Standards as established by the US Department of Transportation regarding the manufacture of vehicles.

DESCRIPTIVE MATERIALS

Your bid proposal package should include complete description and specifications of equipment you propose to furnish, including, but not limited to descriptive literature, and any other pertinent information.

2.0 DELIVERY

Vehicle shall be delivered in complete running order and include all options, gauges, accessory equipment, proper colors, cleaned, winterized, etc.

DELIVERY SITE:
North Charleston Sewer District, Felix C. Davis Wastewater Treatment Plant, 1000 Herbert Street, North Charleston, SC 29405
3.0 WARRANTY, SERVICE, ETC.

Manufacturer shall warrant to the North Charleston Sewer District that each apparatus furnished is free from defects in material and workmanship under normal use and service and placement in service for a period of 1yr/1000hr after acceptance of said vehicle by North Charleston Sewer District.

SERVICING: Bidder to indicate nearest service center(s) to North Charleston Sewer District for parts and service.

4.0 MINIMUM SPECIFICATIONS

Wheel loader –
   o bucket lift height (hinge pin height) – 137 inches (11.41 feet)
   o Hydrostatic transmission, drive
   o handling capacity – 4100 pounds
   o 55 HP diesel engine with Tier 4 final emission compliance w/o the use of DEF or DPF
   o 2” ball hitch trailer coupling with towing pin
   o 380/55 – 17” all-terrain tires
   o Open cab ROPS with 2,400 lumen work lights
   o Cab accessible hydraulic attachment coupling plate

Attachments –
   o Minimum 70” wide, 31 cu. ft. capacity bucket
   o Minimum 43” long, 2,600 lb. rated pallet forks w/ side shift capability

5.0 SUPPLEMENTAL GENERAL CONDITIONS

Miscellaneous: Vehicles to be furnished shall conform to all applicable Federal and Motor Vehicle Safety standards. To be standard proven model of manufacture’s latest current production and include all standard equipment as advertised with additional optional equipment as above. All components, unless otherwise required by these specifications, shall be the standard or optional equipment specifically advertised and installed by the manufacturer.

AWARD CRITERIA

The award will be made to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder whose proposal conforming to the invitation will be most advantageous to the North Charleston Sewer District, price and other factors considered such as completion time, fiscal stability of the bidder, prior experience in the type of work called-for in the invitation, management resources, owned equipment, quality, operating and maintenance cost, service resale value, etc.

North Charleston Sewer District reserves the right to reject any or all offers and to waive informalities and minor irregularities in offers received.

Cooperative contracts may be considered as bids.
BID PREPARATION

Bid proposals must be written in ink or typewritten and shall be submitted on the forms issued. Unsigned bids will not be accepted. No bid may be considered if received after the time shown on Title Page. Vendors are expected to examine all instructions, specifications, drawings, installations, etc. Failure to do so will be at the Vendor's risk. Erasures or other changes must be initialed by the person signing the bid.

Envelopes containing bids must be sealed and should be marked in the lower left-hand corner “IFB Front-End Loader Project #200900”.

BIDDER ELIGIBILITY

Bids will only be accepted from manufacturers, authorized distributors or dealers, who are actively engaged in the sale, manufacture, or type of construction of the item(s) called for in the bid. No proposal will be accepted from or contract awarded to any person, firm, or corporation that is in arrears or is in default to North Charleston Sewer District upon any debt or contract, or that is a defaulter, as surety or otherwise, upon any obligation to North Charleston Sewer District or had failed to perform faithfully any previous contract with North Charleston Sewer District

BIDS BINDING 60 DAYS

Unless otherwise specified all formal bids submitted shall be binding for sixty (60) calendar days following bid-opening date.

INTERPRETATION

If any person contemplating the submission of a bid on this invitation is in doubt as to the true meaning of any part of the plans, specifications, or other documents, he should submit a written request for an interpretation thereof to the Purchasing Manager prior to May 20, 2020 at 10:00am. An interpretation of the bid invitation document will be made only by written addendum. NORTH CHARLESTON SEWER DISTRICT WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR EXPLANATIONS OR INTERPRETATIONS OF BID INVITATION DOCUMENTS EXCEPT AS ISSUED IN ACCORDANCE HEREWITH.

OBSERVANCE OF LAWS

The Contractor at all times shall observe and comply with all Federal, State, and City laws, bylaws, ordinances and regulations in any manner affecting the conduct of the work or applying to employees on the project, as well as all orders or decrees which have been promulgated or enacted, by any legal bodies or tribunals having authority or jurisdiction over the work, materials, employees, or contract.

PATENTS

The Contractor agrees to indemnify and save harmless North Charleston Sewer District, and all personnel from all suits and actions of every nature and description brought against them or any of them, for or on account of the use of patented appliances, products, or processes, and he shall pay all royalties and charges which are legal and equitable. Evidence of such payment or satisfaction
shall be submitted upon request of North Charleston Sewer District as a necessary requirement in connection with the final execution of any contract in which such patented appliances, products, or processes are used.

PRICES

All prices are based on delivery to the destination designated in the invitation including packing charges. Machines, equipment and vehicles shall be fully assembled, serviced, and ready for use. Temporary tags and title requirements shall be provided by the Contractor at time of delivery. Construction and service prices shall include all labor, material, and tools to complete or perform the required work. Any discounts for payment (Invoicing Terms) should be entered on the proposal page and will be considered in the evaluation.

Unless lump sum is specifically requested, unit and extended prices should be given. Failure to do so may cause bid to be rejected. In all cases, the unit price shall govern.

SAFETY

All practices, materials, and equipment shall comply with the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Act, as well as any pertinent Federal, State and/or local Safety or Environmental Codes.

SPECIFICATIONS AND PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

When brand names, model numbers, trade names, catalog numbers, or cuts are listed, they are, unless otherwise specified, included for the purpose of furnishing bidders with information concerning the style, type or kind or article designed and a bidder may offer an article which he certifies to be equal in quality, performance, and other essential characteristics. Any available printed material or literature which describes the product being offered for sale shall be included with the bid. North Charleston Sewer District shall be the sole judge of suitability of substitutes offered. When a formal numbered specification is referred to in this invitation, no deviation will be permitted, and the bidder will be required to furnish articles in conformity with that specification.

TAXES

North Charleston Sewer District is not exempt from payment of State Sales and Use Tax on all tangible personal property purchased or leased for its use or consumption.
PP1 BID PROPOSAL AND REQUIRED SUBMITTAL PAGES

In compliance with Invitation for Bid FRONT-END LOADER PROJECT #200900 and subject to all conditions thereof and attached hereto, the undersigned offers and agrees if this bid be accepted for furnish any and all of the items or services for the sum of:

ADDENDA: Bidder acknowledges receipt of the following Addenda:

Addendum No.__________Date_________
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Brand/Model of Item(s) Bid

Required Delivery Date: 180 ARO Indicate delivery date ________________

Early payment discount terms are % days. (If this blank is not filled in, it is understood to be Net 30 days.) Time allowed for cash discounts will be figured from date received of properly executed invoice forms or date of delivery, whichever is later.

My signature certifies that the accompanying bid in all respects is legal and fair, submitted in good faith, without collusion or fraud. I hereby certify that I am authorized to sign this bid for the BIDDER.

COMPANY NAME
ADDRESS

________________________________________________________

SIGNATURE DATE
SIGNATURE (Printed)
TITLE
PHONE EMAIL