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INVITATION FOR BIDS

OFFICE OF PROCUREMENT SERVICES

1. INSTRUCTIONS FOR BIDDERS

- a. Sealed bids will be received in the Office of Procurement Services, Mississippi State University, for the purchase of the items listed herein.
- b. All bids must be received in the Office of Procurement Services on or before the bid opening time and date listed herein. Delivery of bids must be during normal working hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. CST, except on weekends and holidays when no delivery is possible.
- c. Bidders shall submit their bids either electronically, in Bully Buy, or in a sealed envelope. Bids CANNOT be emailed
 - a. Sealed bids should include the bid number on the face of the envelope as well as the bidders' name and address. Bids should be mailed to : 405 Garrard Road E, Starkville, MS 39759.
- d. All questions regarding this bid should be directed to the Office of Procurement Services at 662-325-2550.

2. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- a. All bids should be bid "FOB Destination"
- b. Bidders must comply with all rules, regulations, and statutes relating to purchasing in the State of Mississippi, in addition to the requirements on this form. General Bid Terms and Conditions can be found here:
https://www.procurement.msstate.edu/procurement/bids/Bid_General_Terms_May_2019_V2.pdf
- c. Any contract resulting from this Invitation for Bid shall be in substantial compliance with Mississippi State University's Standard Contract Addendum:
<https://www.contracts.msstate.edu/resources/standard-forms>

Bid Number: MSU2026105

Opening Date: Wednesday September 16, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.

Description: Heavy-Duty Pickup Truck

Vendor Name: _____

Vendor Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Days the Offer is Firm: _____

Authorized Signature: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Item	Quantity	Description	Unit Price	Total Price
1	1	Heavy-duty pickup Truck		

Mississippi State University's (MSU) Mechanical Engineering seeks proposals for one heavy-duty pickup truck to support statewide deployment of the IDEELab METAL K-12 Mobile Training Unit. The vehicle will serve as the primary tow vehicle for a minimum 49-foot quad-expandable educational trailer (30,000 lbs) that will travel Mississippi providing advanced manufacturing and STEM outreach experiences for K-12 students.

The vehicle will be expected to safely tow the mobile training unit over extended highway distances while operating in urban, suburban, and rural areas throughout all 82 Mississippi counties. The vehicle shall provide sufficient towing capacity, payload capacity, braking performance, stability, and reliability to support continuous operation throughout the project period while ensuring safe transportation of personnel, equipment, and educational assets.

Acceptable vehicles shall be model year 2023 or newer, have fewer than 50,000 miles, possess a clean title and documented maintenance history, and have no outstanding manufacturer safety recalls at the time of delivery. Any applicable recall campaigns shall have been completed by an authorized dealer prior to delivery.

The proposed vehicle shall have/be:

- No salvage, rebuilt, flood, or lemon law history
- Five seat minimum
- No structural or frame damage
- All manufacturer-recommended maintenance completed prior to delivery
- One ton class or greater
- Dual Rear Wheel (DRW) and Four-wheel drive (4WD)
- A turbocharged diesel engine with a minimum 6.6 L displacement, 450 horsepower, 900 lb-ft torque or similar or better specifications.
- Heavy-duty automatic transmission with eight or higher forward speeds or manufacturer equivalent, a tow/haul mode, and integrated exhaust brake
- A minimum conventional towing capacity of 30,000 pounds
- Gross Combined Weight Rating (GCWR) sufficient for the proposed trailer (minimum 40,000 lbs)
- Factory towing package and trailer brake controller
- Trailer sway mitigation
- Hill-start assist
- Trailer backup assistance
- Heavy-duty suspension package
- Heavy-duty rear axle
- Heavy-duty cooling package
- Limited-slip or locking rear differential
- Heavy-duty shocks
- Diesel fuel with a minimum 40-gallon fuel tank
- Heavy-duty alternator
- Dual batteries
- Factory-installed fifth-wheel towing package
- Rear backup camera
- Trailer camera compatibility
- Automatic emergency braking
- Forward collision warning
- Tire pressure monitoring
- LED headlights with fog lamps
- Navigation system capabilities
- Multiple interior USB charging ports
- Full-size spare tire

Proposals will be evaluated based upon compliance with minimum specifications, total purchase price, vehicle condition, mileage, warranty coverage, delivery schedule, service support, and overall value to Mississippi State University.