

**Charleston Area Regional Transportation Authority
(CARTA)**



INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB# 2017-06)

2017/2018 Full-Size Crew Cab Truck

Due Date: September 15, 2017

Time: 3:00 P.M. EST

Receipt Location:

BCD Council of Governments

Attn: Jason McGarry

1362 McMillan Ave, Suite 100

North Charleston, SC 29405

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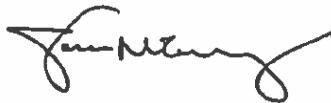
August 31, 2017

Invitation for Bids from qualified companies will be received by the Charleston Area Regional Transportation Authority (CARTA), 1362 McMillan Avenue, Suite 100, North Charleston, SC 29405 **for One (1) 2017/2018 Full-Size Crew Cab Truck**

Bids will be received until **3:00 P.M., local time, September 15, 2017**, after which time will be publicly opened and read.

This solicitation does not commit Charleston Area Regional Transportation Authority (CARTA) to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of bids submitted, or to procure or contract for the services. Charleston Area Regional Transportation Authority (CARTA) reserves the right to accept or reject, any, all, or any part of offers received as a result of this request, or to cancel in part or in its entirety this Invitation for Bids if it is in the best interests of Charleston Area Regional Transportation Authority (CARTA) to do so.

Sincerely,



Jason M. McGarry
Procurement/Contracts Administrator
BCD Council of Governments

*Note: The deadline shown above 3:00 P.M on **Thursday September 15, 2017** is extremely important. The completed bid must have been physically received on or prior to that deadline. If you plan to have your bid delivered other than by personal delivery, please remember that even though the bid may be postmarked prior to the deadline, if it is not received by the deadline time and date, it absolutely cannot be considered.*

DESCRIPTION: 2017/2018 Full-Size Crew Cab Truck

SUBMIT OFFER BY (Opening Date/Time): September 15, 2017 by 3:00 PM (See "Deadline For Submission Of Offer" provision)

QUESTIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY: September 8, 2017 by 3:00 PM (See "Questions From Offerors" provision)

NUMBER OF COPIES TO BE SUBMITTED: One (1) Original and One (1) Copy.

You must submit a signed copy of this form with Your Offer. By signing, You agree to be bound by the terms of the Solicitation. You agree to hold Your Offer open for a minimum of sixty (60) calendar days after the Opening Date. (See "Signing Your Offer" provision.)

<p>NAME OF OFFEROR</p> <p>(full legal name of business submitting the offer)</p>	<p>Any award issued will be issued to, and the contract will be formed with, the entity identified as the Offeror. The entity named as the offeror must be a single and distinct legal entity. Do not use the name of a branch office or a division of a larger entity if the branch or division is not a separate legal entity, i.e., a separate corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, etc.</p>
<p>AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE</p> <p>(Person must be authorized to submit binding offer to contract on behalf of Offeror.)</p>	<p>DATE SIGNED</p>
<p>TITLE</p> <p>(Business title of person signing above)</p>	<p>STATE VENDOR NO.</p> <p>(Register to Obtain S.C. Vendor No. at www.procurement.sc.gov)</p>
<p>PRINTED NAME</p> <p>(Printed name of person signing above)</p>	<p>STATE OF INCORPORATION</p> <p>(If you are a corporation, identify the state of incorporation.)</p>

OFFEROR'S TYPE OF ENTITY: (Check one) (See "Signing Your Offer" provision.)

Sole Proprietorship
 Partnership
 Other _____

Corporate entity (not tax-exempt)
 Corporation (tax-exempt)
 Government entity (federal, state, or local)

<p>HOME OFFICE ADDRESS (Address for offeror's home office / principal place of business)</p>	<p>NOTICE ADDRESS (Address to which all procurement and contract related notices should be sent.) (See "Notice" clause)</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Area Code - Number - Extension Facsimile</p> <p>_____</p> <p>E-mail Address</p>
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<p>PAYMENT ADDRESS (Address to which payments will be sent.) (See "Payment" clause)</p> <p>_____ Payment Address same as Home Office Address</p> <p>_____ Payment Address same as Notice Address (check only one)</p>	<p>ORDER ADDRESS (Address to which purchase orders will be sent.) (See "Purchase Orders and "Contract Documents" clauses)</p> <p>_____ Order Address same as Home Office Address</p> <p>_____ Order Address same as Notice Address (check only one)</p>
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ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ADDENDUM

Offerors acknowledge receipt of addendums by indicating addendum number and its date of issue.

Addendum No.	Addendum Issue Date	Addendum No.	Addendum Issue Date	Addendum No.	Addendum Issue Date	Addendum No.	Addendum Issue Date

INTRODUCTION

The Charleston Area Regional Transportation Authority (CARTA) is seeking qualified companies to submit bids to purchase one (1) 2017/2018 Full-Size Crew Cab Truck with the specifications outlined in Section D. This truck will be used by Charleston Area Regional Transportation Authority (CARTA) for performance of day to day duties.

BACKGROUND

CARTA was created in 1997 by adoption of a mutual agreement by the following jurisdictions: Charleston County, The City of Charleston, The City of Hanahan, and The City of Isle of Palms, The City of North Charleston, The Town of Kiawah Island, The Town of Mt. Pleasant, and The Town of Sullivan’s Island.

CARTA provides public transportation services within the member jurisdictions, with the authority to determine scope (routes, equipment, and facilities) and standards of the service to be provided. CARTA is subject to the regulations of the US Department of Transportation (DOT), Federal Transit Authority (FTA), South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT), and federal, state and local laws.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

A. BID SUBMITTAL DEADLINE:

Bids will be received until **3:00 P.M. EST, September 15, 2017**, after which time will be publicly opened and read. Bidders are invited to attend the opening of this Bid at the time stated above.

B. TIME/TERM OF AGREEMENT:

A purchase order will be awarded to the Bidder whose bid will be most advantageous; price and other factors including fuel economy considered. With the consideration of fuel economy, bidders may submit multiple vehicle configurations. Each vehicle configuration should be submitted on an individual “Bidders Response Sheet” and include as a single Bid submittal.

Bidder warrants and represents that they must adhere to the regulations of the US Department of Transportation (DOT), Federal Transit Authority (FTA), South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT), and federal, state and local laws.

C. DELIVERY:

Delivery shall be made on or before thirty (30) days from the date of the Purchase Order to the Charleston Area Regional Transportation Authority located at 3664 Leeds Ave, North Charleston, SC 29405

The vehicle and any and all associated equipment and/or accessories shall be shipped/delivered via the best means so as to arrive at CARTA on time. CARTA or its employees shall not be liable for any damages to the vehicle or any and all associated equipment resulting from packaging or transportation.

D. SCOPE OF SERVICES

1.0 GENERAL OVERVIEW

It is the intent of this specification to describe a truck in sufficient detail to secure bids on comparable equipment. All parts not specially mentioned, which are necessary to provide a complete vehicle, shall be included in the bid and shall confirm in strength and quality of material workmanship to what is usually provided to the trade in general. The vehicle shall be new, currently advertised, full-sized crew cab standard production unit with all of the standard equipment.

2.0 SCOPE OF SERVICES

This bid specification covers a new commercially produced full-size crew cab truck.

A. EXCEPTIONS TO SPECIFICATIONS

Any exceptions to these specifications indicated herein must be clearly noted, in writing; otherwise it will be considered that the items offered are in strict compliance with these specifications and the successful bidder will be held responsible for delivering a vehicle meeting these specifications. Any exceptions taken shall be listed by number and noted on the exception section of the Bidders Response Form”.

B. INFORMATION AND DESCRIPTIVE LITERATURE

Bidders must furnish all information requested and in the space provided on the bid form. In addition, the bidders shall supply one (1) complete set of descriptive literature and complete specifications covering the products offered.

C. WARRANTY

Manufacturer’s warranty shall be a minimum of three (3) years or thirty-six thousand (36,000) miles Bumper to Bumper and a minimum of five (5) years fifty thousand (50,000) miles powertrain warranty.

3.0 SPECIFICATIONS

A. ENGINE

- V6, using regular unleaded gasoline

B. TRANSMISSION

- Electronic 6-speed with tow/haul mode

C. DRIVETRAIN

- 4x2 wheel drive

D. CAB

- Crew cab with seating capacity of a minimum of 4 adults
- Cloth Seating, Dark Interior

- All-Weather Rubber Floor Mats

E. BED

- Standard Length
- Bedliner – drop in
- Tonneau Cover - Hard

F. PAINT

- Neutral Color

G. BRAKES

- 4-Wheel ABS

H. STEERING

- Power

I. TIRES

- All-season, All-terrain

J. OTHER

- AM/FM Radio
- Air Conditioning/ Heat
- Power Windows
- Power Locks
- Keyless Entry
- Tilt Steering
- Trailer Hitch
- Tow Package/ Trailer Hitch
- Rearview Camera

BIDDER'S RESPONSE SHEET
 (To Be Completed By Bidder)
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Bidder Name: _____

The undersigned hereby offers to furnish all materials, supplies, equipment, and labor necessary to deliver One (1) 2017/2018 Full-Size Crew Cab Truck to Charleston Area Regional Transportation Authority (CARTA). Please note CARTA SC Sales Tax Exempt Certificate # 2005644-000.

BID PRICES:

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1	2017/2018 Crew Cab Truck (Per Specification) Model Year _____ Mfr, Make and Model Bid: _____ Delivery Date: _____ days after receipt of PO.	\$ _____
1	Tonneau Cover	\$ _____

Respectfully submitted this _____ day of _____ 2017.

Company Name _____

Authorized Signature _____

Name and Title (type or print) _____

FEDERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS

A. NO GOVERNMENT OBLIGATION TO THIRD PARTIES

1. The Purchaser and Contractor acknowledge and agree that, notwithstanding any concurrence by the Federal Government in or approval of the solicitation or award of the underlying contract, absent the express written consent by the Federal Government, the Federal Government is not a party to this contract and shall not be subject to any obligations or liabilities to the Purchaser, Contractor, or any other party (whether or not a party to that contract) pertaining to any matter resulting from the underlying contract.
2. The Contractor agrees to include the above clause in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA. It is further agreed that the clause shall not be modified, except to identify the subcontractor who will be subject to its provisions.

B. PROGRAM FRAUD AND FALSE OR FRAUDULANT STATEMENTS AND RELATED ACTS

1. The Contractor acknowledges that the provisions of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986, as amended, 31 U.S.C. § 3801 et seq and U.S. DOT regulations, "Program Fraud Civil Remedies," 49 C.F.R. Part 31, apply to its actions pertaining to this Project. Upon execution of the underlying contract, the Contractor certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of any statement it has made, it makes, it may make, or causes to be made, pertaining to the underlying contract or the FTA assisted project for which this contract work is being performed. In addition to other penalties that may be applicable, the Contractor further acknowledges that if it makes, or causes to be made, a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, or certification, the Federal Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986 on the Contractor to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.
2. The Contractor also acknowledges that if it makes, or causes to be made, a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, or certification to the Federal Government under a contract connected with a project that is financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance originally awarded by FTA under the authority of 49 U.S.C. § 5307, the Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and 49 U.S.C. § 5307(n)(1) on the Contractor, to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.
3. The Contractor agrees to include the above two clauses in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA. It is further agreed that the clauses shall not be modified, except to identify the subcontractor who will be subject to the provisions.

C. Incorporation of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Terms FTA Circular 4220.1D

1. This Agreement includes, in part, certain Standard Terms and Conditions required by DOT, whether or not expressly set forth in this Agreement. All contractual provisions required by DOT, as set forth in FTA Circular 4220.1D, dated April 15, 1996, are hereby incorporated by reference. Anything to the contrary herein notwithstanding, all FTA mandated terms shall be deemed to control in the event of a conflict with other provisions contained in this Agreement. Contractor shall not perform any act, fail to perform any act, or refuse to comply with any CARTA requests which would cause CARTA to be in violation of the FTA terms and conditions.

D. Suspension and Debarment

1. If this Contract is in excess of \$100,000 the terms of the Department of Transportation regulations, "Suspension and Debarment of Participants in DOT Financial Assistance Programs", 49 C.F.R. Part 29 are applicable to this Project. No firms or persons ineligible there under shall be

utilized in the project. The Contractor shall comply, and assure compliance by each of its subcontractors at any tier, with the provisions of Executive Orders Nos. 12549 and 12689, Debarment and Suspension, 31 U.S.C. sect 6101 note, and U.S. DOT regulations on Debarment and Suspension at 49 C.F.R. Part 29.

E. Preference for United States Products and Services

To the extent applicable, the Contractor shall comply with the following U.S. preference requirements:

- Buy America. The Contractor shall comply with 49 USCA sect. 5323(j), FTA regulations Buy America Requirements, 49 CFR Part 661, and any implementing guidance FTA may issue.

F. No Government Obligation to Third Parties

CARTA and the Contractor acknowledge and agree that, notwithstanding any concurrence by the Federal Government in or approval of the solicitation or award of the underlying contract, absent the express written consent by the Federal Government, the Federal Government is not a party to this Contract and shall not be subject to any obligation or liabilities to the Authority, the Contractor, or any other party (whether or not a party to that contract) pertaining to any matter resulting from the underlying contract.

G. Civil Rights

- a. Non-discrimination Requirement. The Offeror shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, age, gender, sexual orientation, veteran status, disability and/or any other protected class under the law in the performance of this RFP.
- b. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The Offeror agrees to comply with all requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d, USDOT regulations, "Nondiscrimination in Federally-Assisted Programs of the USDOT", 49 CFR Part 21.
- c. Equal Employment Opportunity. The Offeror may not discriminate against any employee or prospective for employment because of race, color, religion, national origin, age, gender, sexual orientation, veteran status, disability and/or any other protected classes under the law. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The Offeror shall insert the foregoing provision (modified only to show the particular contractual relationship) in all of its third party contracts associated with the Bus Shelter Contract resulting from this RFP, except contracts for standard commercial supplies or raw materials and construction contracts. Further, the Offeror shall require all such subcontractors to insert a similar provision in all subcontracts, except contracts for standard commercial supplies or raw materials, except contracts for standard commercial supplies or raw materials and construction contracts.
- d. Access Requirements for Individuals with Disabilities. Offeror must comply with all applicable requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101 et seq. and 49 U.S.C. § 322; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, 29 U.S.C. § 794; Section 16 of the Federal Transit Act, as amended, 49 U.S.C. app. § 1612; and other applicable federal and state statutes, rules and regulations.

H. Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)

The Contractor shall take the following measures to facilitate participation by disadvantaged business enterprises (DBE) in the Project:

(a) The Contractor shall comply with current U.S. DOT regulations on DBE participation in U.S. DOT financial assistance programs, at 49 C.F.R. Part 26, and any requirements or guidance U.S. DOT or FTA may issue.

(b) The Contractor agrees that is will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the award and performance of any third party contract financed with Federal assistance derived from the U.S. DOT. The Contractor agrees to take all necessary and reasonable steps under 49 C.F.R. Part 26 to ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of all third party contracts and subcontracts supported with Federal assistance derived from U.S. DOT.