

**ADVERTISEMENT
FOR THE USE AND BENEFIT OF
NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**

The NESHOPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS will receive competitive Reverse Auction Bids to be submitted electronically via the Neshoba County website at www.neshobacounty.net with said Reverse Auction occurring via invitation on a date and during a time to be specified from qualified vendors in response to this solicitation for acquiring the following equipment:

- a. One (1) or more, new, 2024 model or newer, Excavator (Mini-Excavator) for the use and benefit of Neshoba County.
- b. Lease Purchase Financing proposals for the acquisition of the above described equipment.

Detailed specifications for the above described equipment and lease-purchase financing terms and bid forms may be obtained from the Neshoba County Board of Supervisors office at the Neshoba County Courthouse, 401 Beacon Street, Suite 201, Philadelphia, Mississippi 39350, by calling 601-656-6281 or by Neshoba County's website at www.neshobacounty.net. Neshoba County, Mississippi will determine if compliance with the specifications exist before accepting any bid.

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS:

The detailed proposal, less the fixed price to be bid, in response to this solicitation shall be submitted via single file PDF under the correct bid solicitation at www.neshobacounty.net/bids or be placed in a sealed envelope marked "2024 Mini-Excavator Bid" and filed with the Neshoba County Board of Supervisors C/O Chancery Clerk Gidget Stovall Tate, 401 Beacon Street, Suite 107, Philadelphia, Mississippi 39350 by 12:00 noon on Wednesday, February 28, 2024. The proposals submitted for the lease-purchase financing of said equipment must be in compliance with the laws of the State of Mississippi. Neshoba County will not be responsible for opening of bids not properly marked or received after the proposal response date and time.

It shall be incumbent upon each bidder to understand the specifications as listed herein and to obtain clarification when necessary. It is not the intent of these specifications to limit the bidding to any particular make or manufacturer of equipment or provider of services, but rather to select such equipment or services to provide for specific needs and specific tasks. Any reference to name-brand materials or equipment is intended to establish the minimum necessary standards only and bids submitted on materials and equipment thereto, at the sole discretion of Neshoba County, shall be considered.

Bidders may submit bids for the equipment only, the lease-purchasing financing only or both the equipment and lease-purchasing. If only one bid is received for lease purchase financing, the Neshoba County Board of Supervisors reserves the right to solicit and obtain at least one other written competitive bid to be in compliance with the requirements of the laws of the State of Mississippi.

Additionally, for the equipment solicited herein the vendor shall offer a guaranteed buy back provision for said equipment at the end of three (3), four (4) and five (5) year periods which will also be utilized in the determination of the lowest and best bid for said equipment.

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/s/ GIDGET STOVALL TATE
GIDGET STOVALL TATE, CLERK
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

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INVITATION TO SUBMIT COMPETITIVE BIDS

The Neshoba County Board of Supervisors is soliciting competitive, reverse auction bids from qualified vendors for the purchase of One (1) or more new, 2024 model or newer, Mini-Excavator for the use and benefit of Neshoba County and the Neshoba County Road Department. Neshoba County reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids. Neshoba County also reserves the right to accept the bid most advantageous to Neshoba County, Mississippi.

The attached specification defines the MINIMUM specifications for a new, 2024 model year or newer, 10 ton hydraulic mini-excavator. All bids must be equal in performance and quality to the following specifications, which are not intended to exclude any manufacturer. Any reference to manufacturer's make or series of equipment stated are intended only to establish an acceptable standard and are not intended to limit the bidding. It shall be incumbent upon each bidder to understand the specifications as listed herein and to obtain clarification when necessary. It is not the intent of the specifications to limit the bidding process to any particular make or manufacturer, but to set a minimum standard, fill a specific need and to perform a specific task. Any questions or clarifications in regard to this solicitation must be sent to Neshoba County Road Manager Eddie Posey in writing via email, up to 48 hours (two business days) of the Proposal Response Time and Date, by e-mail to eposey@neshobacounty.net.

This invitation is extended to all qualified vendors/manufacturers that are specifically in the business of building heavy equipment for use demanding use in road and bridge construction and road and bridge maintenance activities.

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS:

The bid format shall include a complete and detailed proposal from the vendor along with answering the following specifications questionnaire with a positive (YES) or negative (NO) answer which will be included with all bids submitted. If the vendor answers negative or NO to the specification provided, the vendor shall explain in detail why the specification is not met by their proposed equipment and provide an explanation as to why they are proposing an exception to such specification. Vendors who propose a bid taking total or general exceptions will be considered non-responsive and the bid will be rejected at the sole discretion of Neshoba County, Mississippi.

SPECIFICATIONS FOR SOLICITATION

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

PARTY IDENTIFICATION:

AGENCY: "Agency" is hereinafter defined as the customer. The customer is Neshoba County, Mississippi and the Neshoba County Road Department who has been charged with the responsibility of purchasing one or more hydraulic excavators.

Bidder Complies exactly as written YES_____ NO_____

BIDDER: "Bidder" is hereinafter defined as the equipment manufacturer and/or its authorized dealer/representative. The bidder is an assigned representative who is authorized to commit to a contract with the "Agency".

Bidder Complies exactly as written YES_____ NO_____

VENDOR: "Vendor" is synonymous with "Bidder".

Bidder Complies exactly as written YES_____ NO_____

NOTICE TO BIDDERS: Bidders shall thoroughly examine any and all specifications, schedule, instructions and any other documents supplied as part of this invitation to bid.

Bidders shall make all investigations necessary to thoroughly inform themselves regarding the content of the written specifications and instructions supplied herein. No pleas of ignorance by the bidder pertaining to the content of the specifications, schedule or instructions will be considered by the agency once the deadline for proposal submission has occurred. Failure or omission on the part of the bidder to make the necessary examinations and investigations into the content of the specifications AND make all clarifications or explanations of exceptions and conditions that exist or that may exist hereafter shall NOT be accepted as a basis for making variations to the requirements of the agency or compensation to the bidder.

Bidder Complies exactly as written YES_____ NO_____

CLARIFICATIONS: Clarifications shall be written correspondence between the bidder, the agency and all other qualified bidders. A Clarification shall include the paragraph number, page number, the text with unclear content (as written in the specification) and the definition of the clarification requested. Verbal clarifications shall be documented in writing and distributed to all other qualified bidders at least two business days prior to the deadline for bid submission.

Bidder Complies exactly as written YES_____ NO_____

EXPLANATION OF EXCEPTIONS: Bidders may take exceptions to any part of the bid contained herein with a written itemized schedule. The schedule shall include the paragraph number(s), the text that the bidder feels he can not comply with an explanation why the bidder feels that the requirement is not in the best interest of the agency and/or an alternate bidder solution. Alternate bidder solutions may be considered by the agency, if the bidder can show the agency that the alternate solution is, in quality and quantity, equal to OR better than the specified item. This agency will share the exception/alternate solution with all other Qualified Bidders. Explanation of exceptions shall be documented in writing at least two business days prior to the deadline for bid submission.

Bidder Complies exactly as written YES_____ NO_____

CORE DESIGN INTENT: The core design intent of the specifications supplied herein is to purchase heavy equipment with the highest level of engineering excellence. The "Core Design" intent of this vehicle shall be centered on providing specific equipment to the Neshoba County Road Department to perform a specific task under demanding use conditions.

Bidder Complies exactly as written YES_____ NO_____

BID PACKAGES SHALL NOT TAKE TOTAL EXCEPTIONS: Bidders are required under this bid invitation to give, for the consideration of the agency, a proposal that will comply with the written specifications and schedules supplied herein. The specifications supplied represent a compilation of input from all disciplines of users, maintenance and management personnel who are directly affected by the vehicle's performance.

Careful consideration pertaining to safety, configuration, construction, and workmanship are based on working experiences by all the personnel who have direct, working contact with the subject equipment specified herein.

This agency makes no claim that ALL potential issues or improvements are included in the specifications supplied herein. This agency will consider any VALID concern by any bidder and will consider minor specification exceptions or alternates of equal or better performance, provided that the exception(s) are steered toward meeting the "Core design" intent AND the exception(s) are cleared up not less than two days prior to the bid opening date.

Caution:

A bidder who submits a bid that takes "Total Exception" and makes an offering of some "Standard" or "Stock" unit will be viewed by the agency as a bidder who did not make, and is not prepared to make, a valid bid, and is not qualified to manufacture the heavy

equipment as specified herein. Alternate bids will **NOT** be considered. Any bidder desiring to provide a response to this solicitation shall only submit one bid for their best product meeting the specifications herein.

Bidder Complies exactly as written YES_____ NO_____

DEBARMENT STATUS:

By submission of this bid response, the Bidder and/or its authorized representatives, certify under penalty of perjury, that to the best of their knowledge and belief they are not currently debarred from submitting bids or bid on contracts by any agency within the State of Mississippi, nor are they an agent of any person or entity that is currently debarred from submitting bids on contracts by any agency within the State of Mississippi.

WARNING:

This agency will not tolerate Vendors who state compliance to specifications but deliver an incomplete product and/or sub-standard materials and workmanship. Vendors who have made delivery of such equipment without making every reasonable effort to remedy the defects found at the time of delivery or within the warranty period will be notified that they are DEBARRED from submitting bids to this agency in the future. This agency will not waste valuable time (more than once) trying to recover legal costs and deal with lost in-service time of new equipment, working with vendors who are unresponsive to the needs of this agency.

Bidder Complies exactly as written YES_____ NO_____

EQUIPMENT TYPE: The Neshoba County Road Department is seeking a Mini-Excavator that delivers maximum power, performance and versatility to perform in a wide range of applications under demanding use conditions.

STANDARD EQUIPMENT to include: Diesel engine, with minimum net power of 69.5 HP; Auto idle; Automatic Two speed travel; Stick-Steer Mode; Anti-theft security system; Door locks and cap locks; Signaling/warning horn; Rearview Camera; electronic link to monitor machine hours and location; HVAC with Automatic Temperature Control; Cab and Boom work lights; Auxiliary hydraulic valve (one way/two way); Straight line travel; Certified Accumulator; and, towing eye on base frame.

Cab: Openable front windshield with assist device; Removable lower windshield with in cab storage bracket; Windshield wiper and washer; Interior lighting; Coat hook; Radio – Bluetooth, Auxiliary, Microphone, USB (charging only); Antenna; Cup holder; Storage pocket; Hour meter; Retractable seat belt; Hydraulic activation control lever

(lock out) for all controls; Two travel control; Capability to install one additional pedal for auxiliary hydraulic control; Seat with suspension; and, Rearview mirror.

Compliant: Specification:

BASIC SPECIFICATIONS

- Y___ N___ Net horsepower at 2200 rpm shall be at least 70.3 hp according to ISO 9249.
- Y___ N___ Operating weight with the cab option shall be at least 22,447 lb.
- Y___ N___ Lift capacity without bucket fitted, blade down, and long stick shall be no less than 7,442 lb at 14'8" over the front and no less than 5,440 lb at 14'8" over the side.
- Y___ N___ Maximum digging depth with a long stick shall be at least 17' 1".
- Y___ N___ Maximum digging height with a long stick shall be at least 26' 1".
- Y___ N___ Maximum reach with a long stick shall be at least 25' 1".
- Y___ N___ Height to top of cab shall be 8'5".
- Y___ N___ Ground clearance shall be not less than 14".
- Y___ N___ Transport width shall be 9' 5" with 18" tracks.
- Y___ N___ Manufacturer must offer an optional counterweight on the back of the machine for additional stability in extreme applications.

ENGINE

- Y___ N___ Engine shall be US EPA Tier 4 Final compliant.
- Y___ N___ Engine bore shall be 3.7" (94 mm) and stroke shall be 4.7".
- Y___ N___ Engine displacement shall not be less than 203 cubic inches (3.33L).
- Y___ N___ Engine shall have automatic engine idle that automatically lowers engine revolutions when machine is not in use to save fuel.
- Y___ N___ Electrical system voltage shall be 12 volt.
- Y___ N___ Machine shall be equipped with battery disconnect standard.
- Y___ N___ Machine shall have a 900 CCA maintenance free battery.
- Y___ N___ Alternator shall not be rated at less than 60 amps.
- Y___ N___ Water separator in fuel line shall be factory installed standard equipment.

POWERTRAIN/TRANSMISSION

- Y___ N___ Travel speed shall be at least 1.6 mph in low and 3.1 mph in high.
- Y___ N___ Machine shall have 2 speed, auto shifting capability
- Y___ N___ Traction force shall be at least 19,064 lbf in low and 6,497 lbf in high.

HYDRAULIC SYSTEM

- Y___ N___ Machine shall have one variable displacement piston pump with an output of 62 gal/m (233 L/m) at 2400 rpm.
- Y___ N___ Equipment operating pressure shall be at least 4,134 psi (285 bar).
- Y___ N___ Travel operating pressure shall be at least 4,134 psi (285 bar).
- Y___ N___ Operating swing pressure shall be at least 3,336 psi (230 bar).
- Y___ N___ Primary auxiliary circuit shall have an output of at least 35 gal/min (131 LPM).
- Y___ N___ Secondary auxiliary circuit shall have an output of at least 9 gal/min (33 LPM).
- Y___ N___ Factory installed hydraulics to operate a hydraulic quick coupler shall be available.
- Y___ N___ Machine shall have a load sensing, flow sharing, variable margin displacement piston pump system.
- Y___ N___ Auxiliary hydraulic valve shall be standard with standard hydraulic quick disconnects on the stick.

UNDERCARRIAGE

- Y___ N___ Track length shall be 10' 5".
- Y___ N___ Machine shall have 18" triple grouser shoes with additional holes that allow mounting of rubber street pads.
- Y___ N___ Track shoe width shall be 18" Steel Track with Rubber Pads.

OPERATORS STATION

- Y___ N___ A color LCD monitor system which includes...As standard - Fuel level and coolant temperature gauges, maintenance and machine monitoring, performance and machine adjustments, numeric security code, camera ready, hour meter with wake up switch, and jog dial control with interface.
- Y___ N___ The cab shall be sealed and pressurized to maximize operator comfort.

- Y___ N___ An integrated rear camera shall be installed as standard equipment and display on the color LCD monitor system.

- Y___ N___ Machine must have adjustable auxiliary flow control for better controllability of attachments.
- Y___ N___ Pump flow shall decrease (auto-idle) when controls are in neutral for reduced fuel consumption and sound.
- Y___ N___ A pattern control changer between ISO and SAE shall be standard within LCD monitor.
- Y___ N___ Proportional auxiliary control and proportional boom swing control shall be on the joystick.
- Y___ N___ Joystick mounted controls give fine control at the operators fingertips and eliminate foot pedals from the floor that gives greater operator legroom.
- Y___ N___ The throttle shall be easily adjustable by means of a dial.
- Y___ N___ The rear window shall be able to be removed for escape in case of emergency.
- Y___ N___ Lower front window shall be able to be removed and secured within the cab.
- Y___ N___ The cab door will be a hinged door design. The door has a mechanism that will lock the door in the open position.
- Y___ N___ The cab shall have a polycarbonate skylight for visibility when loading at height.
- Y___ N___ A four-way adjustable air suspension seat shall be standard.
- Y___ N___ Operator sound pressure level shall be 72 dB(A) for cab when measured per ISO 6396 (dynamic).
- Y___ N___ Travel alarm shall be standard.
- Y___ N___ Heat and Air conditioning shall be standard with variable temperature control settings with sealed and pressurized cab.
- Y___ N___ Factory installed AM/FM stereo radio shall be standard includes use of Bluetooth®, USB, auxiliary, and microphone devices.
- Y___ N___ Machine shall not be capable of being started with the hydraulic lock lever in the "live" or "run" position.
- Y___ N___ Machine shall have a 3" wide florescent retractable seat belt as standard.
- Y___ N___ A 12-volt, 5-amp power supply with one cigar lighter type outlet shall be available for use of cell phones and two-way radios.

BOOM AND STICK

- Y___ N___ Machine shall come standard with a fixed boom.
- Y___ N___ Digging force with a long stick shall be at least 11,060 lb.
- Y___ N___ Bucket digging force shall be at least 17,459 lb.
- Y___ N___ Bucket rotation angle shall be 180 degrees.
- Y___ N___ This stick will be fitted with a dedicated, 11,023 lb rated lifting eye for safe craning.
- Y___ N___ A dual lock coupler shall be standard for hydraulic quick couplers for added safety.
- Y___ N___ Machine shall come with a machine specific and fitted hydraulic thumb installed.
- Y___ N___ Machine shall have one piece boom 169.3".

BLADE

- Y___ N___ Factory installed blade with Hydraulics.
- Y___ N___ Dozer float shall be standard to give easy and fast site clear up and leveling.
- Y___ N___ Blade width shall be at least 97" for standard track machine.
- Y___ N___ Blade shall come standard with bolt-on reversible wear edge.

SWING SYSTEM

- Y___ N___ Swing speed shall be 10.6 rpm

WORK TOOL OPTIONS

- Y___ N___ A quick coupler system shall be available (hydraulic), which will pick up the 'direct mounted' work tools.
- Y___ N___ The hydraulic quick coupler option shall have the lines available to be installed from the factory.
- Y___ N___ Machine should include 60" smooth ditching bucket.
- Y___ N___ Machine should include 36" general-purpose bucket with teeth and sidecutters.

SERVICEABILITY

- Y___ N___ All daily maintenance areas shall be situated where they can be easily reached from ground level.
- Y___ N___ Track rollers and carrier rollers shall be lifetime lubricated for increased service life.
- Y___ N___ Radial seal air filter with double layered filter core shall be provided for better filtration.
- Y___ N___ One maintenance-free battery of the previous specification shall be provided.
- Y___ N___ Hydraulic system pressure taps shall be included for quick, easy, efficient, system diagnostics.
- Y___ N___ The engine fan guard shall fully enclose (360°) the engine fan.
- Y___ N___ An electronic priming fuel pump shall be standard.
- Y___ N___ Machine shall come standard with an onboard remote monitoring and management system that supplies data including but not limited to hours of use, idle time, fuel consumption, load factors, GPS coordinates of location, and allows remote diagnostics and maintenance reviews to be performed.

MINIMUM SERVICE FILL CAPACITIES

- Y___ N___ Fuel tank capacity shall not be less than 38 gal.
- Y___ N___ Engine oil shall not hold less than 3.0 gal.
- Y___ N___ The hydraulic oil tank shall have a capacity of no less than 14 gal.
- Y___ N___ Hydraulic system shall not hold less than 37 gal.

Further Instructions to Bidders:

1. The above described machinery must be in New (2024 model or newer) and unused condition.
2. Any exceptions to the above specifications must be listed in the bidder’s response and proposal, with justification. Failure to do so will disqualify the bid.
3. All bids must state delivery time (which will be a factor used in determining the lowest and best bid), and bid price must include delivery to Neshoba County.
4. All bids must state warranty, which will be a factor used in determining the lowest and best bid. A minimum of (5) years or 3,500 hours warranty must be included in the bid price.
5. The offer of a guaranteed buy back provision at the end of three (3), four (4) and five (5) years will be used in determining the lowest and best bid. The County will not be responsible for maintaining any maintenance records for the purpose of this agreement nor shall the county sign any agreement based on the servicing or maintenance of said equipment. The county shall service this equipment in accordance with the Manufactures’ recommendations of servicing the said equipment.

The county shall return this machine to the dealer with normal wear and tear for hours of use should they elect to do so. **All bidders must list any conditions and or limitations to buy back, if any, prominently in the response to this solicitation.** All Bidders must list any and all non performing buy backs in the last 10 years to any City or County in the State of Mississippi and the reason for such.

Conditions for Lease Purchase Financing

Bids for Lease purchase financing will be accepted at the same time and place, and may be from the vendor of the equipment or from a third party source. If only one bid is received for lease purchase financing, the Neshoba County Board of Supervisors reserves the right to solicit and obtain at least one other written competitive bid in order to be in compliance with the requirements of section 31-7-13 (e) Mississippi Code of 1972, Amended.

1. All bids will state the annual rate of interest which may not be greater than the overall maximum interest rate to maturity on general obligation indebtedness permitted under section 75-17-101 of the code (11%).
2. The term of such lease purchase financing should contain lease options for thirty-six (36), forty-eight (48), and sixty (60) months, and shall not exceed the useful life of the machinery per said section 31-7-13 (e). An amortization schedule showing payments for the various terms should be provided.
3. The lease agreement shall contain the following annual allocation dependency clause or an annual allocation dependency clause which is substantially equivalent thereto: "The continuation of each equipment schedule to this agreement is contingent in whole or in part upon the appropriation of funds by the Neshoba County Board of Supervisors to make lease purchase payments required under such equipment schedule". If the Neshoba County Board of Supervisors fail to appropriate sufficient funds to provide for the continuation of the lease purchase payments under any such equipment schedule, then the obligation of the lessee to make such lease purchase payments and the corresponding provisions of any such equipment schedule to this agreement shall terminate on the last day of the fiscal year for which appropriations were made.
4. The County will assume responsibility for expense of day to day parts and components such as oil, filters, grease, fuel, antifreeze, electrical components, glass, hydraulic and air hoses or lines, fan belts, tires and normal wear items.
5. The County will be responsible for liability insurance and physical damage insurance.

NESHOBA COUNTY BID FORM

2024 Mini-Excavator Reverse Auction Bid Date: _____

We are pleased to submit the following bid for:

Name of Bidder: _____

Address of Bidder: _____

Make of Unit: _____ Model of Unit: _____

Selling Price of New Unit: \$_____

36 month lease payment: \$_____/month

48 month lease payment: \$_____/month

60 month lease payment: \$_____/month

Guaranteed buy back @ 36 months or 3,000 hours: \$_____

Guaranteed buy back @ 48 months or 4,000 hours: \$_____

Guaranteed buy back @ 60 months or 5,000 hours: \$_____

Interest Rate(APR) - 36 mo. @ ____%; 48 mo. @ ____%; 60 mo. @ ____%

5 Year / 5,000 hour maintenance contract - \$_____ per hour.

5 Year / 5,000 hour maintenance and repair contract - \$_____ per hour.

Delivery Date: _____

Warranty – Enclose Copy of Equipment Warranty with Response

BID IS: _____ as per specifications, taking no exceptions.

_____ taking only those specifications exceptions listed by letter attached and referenced to page numbers specified (no alternate bids accepted).

The undersigned bidder agrees that the signature submission of this bid represents the bidder’s acceptance of all terms, conditions, and requirements of bid specifications and, if awarded, the bid will represent the agreement between the parties.

SIGNED: (sign manually, in ink) _____

NAME PRINTED: _____ TITLE: _____