



**Duluth Transit Authority**  
**REQUEST FOR BIDS**  
Tire Changing Equipment

FROM: Duluth Transit Authority  
2402 West Michigan Street  
Duluth, MN 55806

DATE: February 12, 2020

PROJECT: Tire Changing Equipment

You are invited to submit Bids supply tire changing equipment for DTA heavy duty buses and service vehicles.

Bids will be received until **1:00 p.m. on February 27, 2020.**

***Bidding Information:***

1. Duluth Transit Authority (DTA) is seeking a per unit price from qualified vendors to supply and deliver Tire Changing Equipment.
2. Bid form must be signed by an authorized employee of the organization/company.
3. In submitting a Bid, Organization/Company agrees that acceptance of any or all Bids within a thirty (30) day period constitutes a contract.
4. MN DOT is or will be providing assistance for this project in an estimated expected amount of \$24,000; grant number 1033965.
5. When accepted by and signed on behalf of selected Vendor, this pricing form and all relevant portions of Selected Vendor Bid, including any amendments thereto; the Bidder's representations and certifications submitted as part of its Bid; and any other relevant materials submitted by the Bidder as part of, or subsequent to submittal of its Bid shall form a binding contract between Duluth Transit Authority and the Bidder for provision of Tire Changing Equipment pricing as specified therein.
8. Questions regarding this Request for Bids may be directed to [nbrown@duluthtransit.com](mailto:nbrown@duluthtransit.com) or 218-623-0329.
9. The DTA is committed to ensuring that no person is excluded from participation in, or denied the benefits of its programs and services on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, or veteran's status, and encourages the participation of small and disadvantaged business enterprises in the performance of this contract.
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11. Contractor shall review the DTA's Vendor Code of Ethics, Organizational Conflict of Interest, and protest procedures on the DTA website at [www.duluthtransit.com](http://www.duluthtransit.com).
12. All expenses for responding to this RFB shall be borne by the Bidder.
13. Bids are to be submitted to the Duluth Transit Authority on or before the due date and time via email to [nbrown@duluthtransit.com](mailto:nbrown@duluthtransit.com). Bids received after the due date and time will not be considered. Time means local time in Duluth, Minnesota.

## SECTION 6.

## TECHNICAL/SPECIAL SPECIFICATIONS

### A. General

1. The Duluth Transit Authority (DTA) is seeking qualified firms to supply the following:
  - a. A heavy-duty commercial grade tire changing unit for transit buses;
  - b. A tire balancer for heavy duty bus tires is NOT required;
  - c. The DTA presently uses Bridgestone 12R22.5 and 315/80R22.5, and Michelin 305/70R22.5 tires on the heavy duty buses.
  - d. A commercial grade tire changing and a tire balancer for pickup trucks, SUVs and passenger vehicles. A combination unit is acceptable. Light duty tires range from 15-20 inch tires.
2. Equipment supplied under this RFQ must be of sufficient size and durability to meet the demands of DTA Operations and all current federal and Minnesota safety requirements.
3. Tires on the DTA's 78 buses are changed twice a year; the tire changing machine is critical equipment to ensure a reliable fleet.
4. The DTA's current machine is 20-years old and parts are becoming difficult to source. Replacement parts must be available for a minimum of fifteen (15) years after the date of purchase.
5. The heavy-duty transit tire changing machine must be able to service tubeless tires and all types of rims, including steel, aluminum.
6. The DTA reserves the right, at the DTA Project Manager's discretion, to request a demonstration of the proposed unit(s) prior to awarding a bid. Demonstrations shall be at the DTA Operations Center, 2402 West Michigan Street, Duluth, MN 55802, and shall be provided at the Respondent's sole cost and expense.
7. Respondent must be able to supply the equipment within ninety (90) days from %Notice to Proceed+from the DTA Procurement Manager.

## **B. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS**

### **1. Tire Changer, Heavy Duty Buses**

- a. The tire changer must be designed to service tubeless tires for heavy duty buses.
- b. It must be able to change all 15-degree single piece highway rims, including Budd wheels and stand disc wheels.
- c. It must be able to service rim diameters of sixteen and half inches (16.5+) to twenty four and half inches (24.5+), external rim width of up to sixteen inches (16+), and tire diameter of up to forty-four inches (44+) for heavy duty buses, and rim diameters of six inches (6+) to twenty-four inches (24+), rim widths of ten and half inches (10.5+), tire diameter of up to fifty inches (50+) for light duty service trucks and SUVs.
- d. Drive system must be air or electric.

### **2. Tire Changer and Wheel Balancer, Light Duty Vehicles**

- a. The DTA maintains light duty trucks, SUVs, and passenger support vehicles. The Tire Changer and Wheel Balancer for these vehicles must have the flexibility and capacity to service tires for these vehicles.
- b. The units must be able to service rim diameters of eight inches (8+) to thirty inches (30+), tire diameter of forty four inches (44+).
- c. The DTA currently does not have a tire balancing machine. The balancer must be automated to ensure tires are balanced in accordance with the tire manufacturer's recommendations using a laser to set the balance and automatically enter data for print out and retention in DTA maintenance records.
- d. The units may be separate or as a combination unit.

**Section 3 Bid Form and Certificate**

NOTE: All Bids must be written, signed and transmitted via email in a .pdf attachment to nbrown@duluthtransit.com. **Return one copy of the Quote with Descriptive Literature**

ALL fees, delivery, and installation must be included. TAX: Federal Excise Tax Exemption Account No. 41740056K; The DTA is State and City Tax Exempted.

All-inclusive price to supply and deliver Tire Changing Equipment for heavy duty buses in accordance with the specifications herein:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

All-inclusive price to supply and deliver Tire Changing Equipment and Wheel Balancer for light duty vehicles in accordance with the specifications herein:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total all units: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Contractor must separately submit all details of proposed equipment, including materials, warranty, information, and timeline for delivery.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email (required): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Section 4 Federal Transit Administration Contract Clauses

### **1) ACCESS TO RECORDS** 49 U.S.C. § 5325(g).

- a. Records Retention. The Contractor will retain, and will requires its subcontractors of all tiers to retain, complete and readily accessible records related in whole or in part to the contract; including, but not limited to, data, documents, reports, statistics, sub-agreements, leases, subcontracts, arrangements, other third-party agreements of any type, and supporting materials related to those records.
- b. Retention Period. The Contractor agrees to comply with the record retention requirements in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.333. The Contractor shall maintain all books, records, accounts and reports required under this Contract for a period of not less than three (3) years after the date of termination or expiration of this Contract, except in the event of litigation or settlement of claims arising from the performance of this Contract, in which case records shall be maintained until the disposition of all such litigation claims or exceptions related thereto.
- c. Access to Records. The Contractor agrees to provide sufficient access to FTA and its contractors to inspect and audit records and information related to performance of this contract as reasonably may be required.
- d. Access to the Sites of Performance. The Contractor agrees to permit FTA and its contractors access to the sites of performance under this Contract as reasonably may be required.

### **2) CIVIL RIGHTS LAWS AND REGULATIONS**

The Duluth Transit Authority is an Equal Opportunity Employer. As such, the Duluth Transit Authority agrees to comply with all applicable Federal civil rights laws and implementing regulations. Apart from inconsistent requirements imposed by Federal laws or regulations, the Duluth Transit Authority agrees to comply with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. §5323(h) (3) by not using any Federal assistance awarded by FTA to support procurements using exclusionary or discriminatory specifications.

Under this Agreement, the Contractor shall at all times comply with the following requirements and shall include these requirements in each subcontract entered into as part thereof.

1. **Nondiscrimination.** In accordance with Federal transit law at 49 U.S.C. §5332, the Contractor agrees that it will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, or age. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with applicable Federal implementing regulations and other implementing requirements FTA may issue.
2. **Race, Color, Religion, National Origin, Sex.** In accordance with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §5332, the Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable equal employment opportunity requirements of U.S. Department of Labor (U.S. DOL) regulations, %Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor,%41 C.F.R. Chapter 60, and Executive Order No. 11246, %Equal Employment Opportunity in Federal Employment+, September 24, 1965, 42 U.S.C. §2000e note, as amended by any later Executive Order that amends or supersedes it, referenced in 42 U.S.C. §2000e note. The Contractor agrees to take affirmative action to ensure that applicants re employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, national origin, or sex (including sexual orientation and gender identity). Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, promotion, demotion or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.
3. **Age.** In accordance with the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, 29 U.S.C. §§ 621-634, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (U.S. EEOC) regulations, %Age Discrimination in Employment Act,+ 29 C.F.R. Part 1625, the Age Discrimination Act if 1975, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §6101 *et. Seq.*, U.S. Health and Human Services regulations, %Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Age in Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance,+45 C.F.R. Part 90, and Federal transit law at 49 U.S.C. §5332, the Contractor agrees to refrain from discrimination against present and prospective employees for the

reason of age. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.

4. **Disabilities.** In accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, 29 U.S.C. §794, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §12101 *et. Seq.*, the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §4151 *et. Seq.*, and Federal transit law at 49 U.S.C. §4332, the Contractor agrees that it will not discriminate against individuals on the basis of disability. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.

### **3) DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) 49 CFR Part 26**

It is the policy of the Duluth Transit Authority and the United States Department of Transportation (DOT) that Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs), as defined herein and in the Federal regulations published at 49 C.F.R. Part 26, shall have an equal opportunity to participate in DOT-assisted contracts. It is also the policy of the Duluth Transit Authority to:

1. ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts;
2. Create a level playing field on which DBEs can compete fairly for DOT-assisted contracts;
3. Ensure that the DBE program is narrowly tailored in accordance with applicable law;
4. Ensure that only firms that fully meet 49 C.F.R. Part 26 eligibility standards are permitted to participate as DBEs;
5. Help remove barriers to the participation of DBEs in DOT assisted contracts;
6. To promote the use of DBEs in all types of federally assisted contracts and procurement activities; and
7. Assist in the development of firms that can compete successfully in the marketplace outside the DBE program.

This contract is subject to the requirements of Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 26. Therefore, the Contractor must satisfy the requirements for DBE participation as set forth herein. These requirements are in addition to all other equal opportunity employment requirements of this Contract. The Duluth Transit Authority shall make all determinations with regard to whether or not a Bidder/Offeror is in compliance with the requirements stated herein. In assessing compliance, the Duluth Transit Authority may consider during its review of the Bidder/Offeror's submission package, the Bidder/Offeror/s documented history of non-compliance with DBE requirements on previous contracts with the Duluth Transit Authority.

#### **Contractor Assurance**

The contractor, subrecipient or subcontractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this Contract. The contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts. Failure by the contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract, which may result in the termination of this contract or such other remedy as Duluth Transit Authority deems appropriate, which may include, but is not limited to:

1. Withholding monthly progress payments
2. Assessing sanctions;
3. Liquidated damages; and/or
4. Disqualifying the contractor from future bidding as non-responsible. 49 C.F.R. §26.13(b).

#### **DBE Participation**

For purposes of this Contract, the Duluth Transit Authority will only accept DBEs who are:

1. Certified at the time of the bid opening or proposal evaluation by the Unified Certification Program; or
2. An out of state firm who has been certified by either a local government, state government or Federal government entity authorized to certify DBE status or an agency whose DBE certification process has received FTA approval; or
3. Certified by another agency approved by the Duluth Transit Authority.

#### **DBE Participation Goal**

There is no DBE participation goal for this Contract.

The contractor is required to pay its subcontractors performing work related to this contract for satisfactory performance of that work no later than 30 days after the contractor's receipt of payment for that work from the Duluth Transit Authority or in accordance with state statutes, whichever if more restrictive. In addition, the

contractor is required to return any retainage payments to those subcontractors within 30 days (or in accordance with state law, whichever is more restrictive) after the subcontractors' work related to this contract is satisfactorily completed.

The contractor must promptly notify Duluth Transit Authority, whenever a DBE subcontractor performing work related to this contract is terminated or fails to complete its work, and must make good faith efforts to engage another DBE subcontractor to perform at least the same amount of work. The contractor may not terminate any DBE subcontractor and perform that work through its own forces or those of an affiliate without prior written consent of Duluth Transit Authority.

**4) EMPLOYEE PROTECTIONS** 49 U.S.C. §5333(a), 40 U.S.C. §§3141-3148; 29 C.F.R. Part 5, 18 U.S.C. §874; 29 C.F.R. Part 3, 40 U.S.C. §§3701-3708, 29 C.F.R. Part 1926

**Prevailing Wage and Anti-Kickback**

For all prime construction, alteration or repair contracts in excess of \$2,000 awarded by FTA, the Contractor shall comply with the Davis-Bacon Act and the Copeland Anti-Kickback Act. Under 49 U.S.C. § 5333(a), prevailing wage protections apply to laborers and mechanics employed on FTA assisted construction, alteration, or repair projects. The Contractor will comply with the Davis-Bacon Act, 40 U.S.C. §§ 3141-3144, and 3146-3148 as supplemented by DOL regulations at 29 C.F.R. part 5, Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Governing Federally Financed and Assisted Construction. In accordance with the statute, the Contractor shall pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, the Contractor agrees to pay wages not less than once a week. The Contractor shall also comply with the Copeland Anti-Kickback Act (40 U.S.C. § 3145), as supplemented by DOL regulations at 29 C.F.R. part 3, Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in part by Loans or Grants from the United States. The Contractor is prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled.

**5) ENERGY CONSERVATION REQUIREMENTS** 42 U.S.C. 6321 et seq. 49 CFR Part 622, Subpart C **Energy Conservation** . The contractor agrees to comply with mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act.

**6) GOVERNMENT-WIDE DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION** 2 C.F.R. Part 180, 2 C.F.R. Part 1200, 2 C.F.R. §200.213; 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II (I); Executive Order 12549, Executive Order 12689

The Contractor shall comply and facilitate compliance with U.S. DOT regulations, Nonprocurement Suspension and Debarment, 2 C.F.R. part 1200, which adopts and supplements the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (U.S. OMB) Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement), 2 C.F.R. part 180. These provisions apply to each contract at any tier of \$25,000 or more, and to each contract at any tier for a federally required audit (irrespective of the contract amount), and to each contract at any tier that must be approved by an FTA official irrespective of the contract amount. As such, the Contractor shall verify that its principals, affiliates, and subcontractors are eligible to participate in this federally funded contract and are not presently declared by any Federal department or agency to be:

- a) Debarred from participation in any federally assisted Award;
- b) Suspended from participation in any federally assisted Award;
- c) Proposed for debarment from participation in any federally assisted Award;
- d) Declared ineligible to participate in any federally assisted Award;
- e) Voluntarily excluded from participation in any federally assisted Award; or
- f) Disqualified from participation in any federally assisted Award.

By signing and submitting its bid or proposal, the bidder or proposer certifies as follows:

The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact relied upon by the Duluth Transit Authority. If it is later determined by the Duluth Transit Authority that the bidder or proposer knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to remedies available to the Duluth Transit Authority, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment. The bidder or proposer agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. part 180, subpart C, as supplemented by 2 C.F.R. part 1200, while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any contract that may arise from this offer.

The bidder or proposer further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

#### **7) NO GOVERNMENT OBLIGATION TO THIRD PARTIES**

The DTA 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 Recipient, Contractor or any other party (whether or not a party to that contract) pertaining to any matter resulting from the underlying Contract. The Contractor agrees to include the above clause in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by the FTA. It is further agreed that the clause shall not be modified, except to identify the subcontractor who will be subject to its provisions.

#### **8) PROGRAM FRAUD AND FALSE OR FRAUDULENT STATEMENTS AND RELATED ACTS 49 U.S.C. § 5323(l) (1), 31 U.S.C. §§ 3801-3812; 18 U.S.C. § 1001, 49 C.F.R. part 31**

##### **Program Fraud and False or Fraudulent Statements or Related Acts**

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. 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. chapter 53, the Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and 49 U.S.C. § 5323(l) on the Contractor, to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.

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.

#### **9) RECYCLED PRODUCTS 42 U.S.C. § 6962, 40 C.F.R. part 247; 2 C.F.R. part § 200.322**

##### **Recovered Materials**

The Contractor agrees to provide a preference for those products and services that conserve natural resources, protect the environment, and are energy efficient by complying with and facilitating compliance with Section 6002 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 6962, and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), Comprehensive Procurement Guideline for Products Containing Recovered Materials, 40 C.F.R. part 247.

#### **10) TERMINATION 2 C.F.R. § 200.339, 2 C.F.R. part 200, Appendix II (B)**

##### **Termination for Convenience (General Provision)**

The Duluth Transit Authority may terminate this contract, in whole or in part, at any time by written notice to the Contractor when it is in the Duluth Transit Authority's best interest. The Contractor shall be paid its costs,



including contract close-out costs, and profit on work performed up to the time of termination. The Contractor shall promptly submit its termination claim to the Duluth Transit Authority to be paid the Contractor. If the Contractor has any property in its possession belonging to the Duluth Transit Authority, the Contractor will account for the same, and dispose of it in the manner the Duluth Transit Authority directs.

**Termination for Default [Breach or Cause] (General Provision)**

If the Contractor does not deliver supplies in accordance with the contract delivery schedule, or if the contract is for services, the Contractor fails to perform in the manner called for in the contract, or if the Contractor fails to comply with any other provisions of the contract, the Duluth Transit Authority may terminate this contract for default. Termination shall be effected by serving a Notice of Termination on the Contractor setting forth the manner in which the Contractor is in default. The Contractor will be paid only the contract price for supplies delivered and accepted, or services performed in accordance with the manner of performance set forth in the contract.

If it is later determined by the Duluth Transit Authority that the Contractor had an excusable reason for not performing, such as a strike, fire, or flood, events which are not the fault of or are beyond the control of the Contractor, the Duluth Transit Authority, after setting up a new delivery of performance schedule, may allow the Contractor to continue work, or treat the termination as a Termination for Convenience.