

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Pursuant to G.S. 143-129, The Town of Bostic on behalf of the Bostic Volunteer Fire Department (the "BVFD") invites receipt of bids from all responsible bidders until 6:00 PM EST on October 26, 2023, at the Town Hall of Bostic located at 104 Pearidge Road, Bostic, North Carolina 28018, at which time they will be read aloud and made available for public inspection for the purchase of the following:

Model Year 2025 Fire Truck

Complete specifications and other bidding documents may be obtained from the Town of Bostic's website at: www.townofbostic.com/fire-truck-bid, by contacting the Town Clerk of Bostic at 828-245-5108, or by request via email townofbostic@nctv.com (Note in Subject Line: FIRE TRUCK BID). The BVFD reserves the right to reject any or all bids or award bids to the lowest responsible bidder, considering price, features, support, time and other factors specified in the proposals for the performance of the contract.

No facsimile or electronic submissions will be accepted.

**TOWN OF BOSTIC
PO BOX 158
BOSTIC, NC 28018
828-245-5108**

September 20, 2023

INVITATION FOR SEALED BID

Model Year 2025 Fire Truck

The Town of Bostic on behalf of the Bostic Volunteer Fire Department (the “BVFD”) invites receipt of bids from all responsible bidders for a **Model Year 2025 Fire Truck**. **Bids will be received until 6:00 PM EST on October 26, 2023**, at the Town Hall of Bostic located at 104 Pearidge Road, Bostic, NC 28018. The words “Model Year 2025 Fire Truck Proposal”, the date, and bid opening time shall be stated on the front of the bid envelope.

PUBLIC BID OPENING WILL BE AT 6:00 PM EST ON OCTOBER 26, 2023, at the Town Hall of Bostic located at 104 Pearidge Road, Bostic, NC 28018.

CONTACT FOR COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING THIS INVITATION FOR BID:

Cindy Moore, Town Clerk/Finance Officer

Town of Bostic

Physical Address: 104 Pearidge Road, Bostic, NC 28018

Mailing Address: PO Box 158 Bostic, NC 28018

Telephone: 828-245-5108

Email: townofbostic@nctv.com (Note in Subject Line: FIRE TRUCK BID)

All questions pertaining to this invitation to bid must be submitted in writing to the person designated above no later than October 23, 2023, at 3:00 PM EST. Only written questions will be considered as formal. Answer to any questions the BVFD determines are pertinent to all bidders will be published to all bidders as additional information relevant to this invitation bid.

Copies of the specifications and other bidding documents may be obtained from the Town of Bostic’s website at: www.townofbostic.com/fire-truck-bid, by contacting the Town Clerk of Bostic at 828-245-5108, or by request via email townofbostic@nctv.com (Note in Subject Line: FIRE TRUCK BID). The BVFD, in its discretion, may waive certain listed specifications, please list in your responses if you are unable to conform to any of the listed specifications. Failure to strictly conform to the specifications may not necessarily disqualify your bid, but you must explain such variation.

By signing the Bid Proposal, Bidder hereby proposes to furnish all materials, tools, machinery, equipment, apparatus, labor, and all means necessary to perform all work in connection with the **Model Year 2025 Fire Truck** in accordance with this invitation to bid, and at the prices stated hereinafter.

The undersigned has carefully examined the scope of this work, has informed him/herself fully in respect of the Terms and Conditions and any general or special condition relating thereto.

AWARDING OF CONTRACT

The contract will be awarded to the respondent offering the lowest responsible responsive bid to the BVFD taking into account price, features, support, time and other factors specified herein. The BVFD Fire Chief, Assistant Fire Chief and Bostic Town Clerk will evaluate individual submittals in context of the respondent's overall capabilities and pricing provided in each response. It will be at the BVFD discretion to determine the respondent who has offered the lowest responsible responsive bid. Consideration will be given to only those quotes received from contractors who are properly licensed, bonded, and experienced in assembling the class of fire truck being requested. All the proposals shall include and will be evaluated on the following criteria, listed not necessarily in order of importance:

- Conformance to the supplied specifications
- Features provided
- Price
- Estimated delivery time
- Extent to which resources and equipment designed and build in-house

The BVFD also reserves the right to reject any and all offers to waive informalities or technicalities as it may deem to be in its best interest. *It is estimated that the BVFD Fire District Board will approve recommendation made by the Fire Chief, Assistant Fire Chief and Bostic Town Clerk on Monday, October 30, 2023. BVFD Fire District recommendation will be made to the Town of Bostic Council on Monday, November 6, 2023, to award the contract.*

BID PROPOSAL
MODEL YEAR 2025 FIRE TRUCK

TOTAL BID AMOUNT: _____

PAYMENT TERMS: _____

ESTIMATED DELIVERY DATE: _____

Proposal of _____ (herein called
“**Bidder**”, organized and existing under the laws of the State of _____
doing business as (insert “a corporation”, “a partnership”, or as “an individual” as applicable)
_____ to the **BOSTIC VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**
(Herein after called the “**BVFD**”).

By: _____ (Signature)

Name: _____

Title: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Date: _____

**ACCEPTED BY THE TOWN OF BOSTIC
ON BEHALF OF THE
BOSTIC VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Total Amount Accepted by Owner: \$ _____

By: _____ Title: _____

Date: _____

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. **General.** Bids are to be submitted in accordance with the enclosed specifications and these Terms and Conditions, both of which require doing all that is necessary, proper, or incidental to the furnishing of the equipment and materials identified herein. All things not expressly stated in the attached specifications or Terms and Conditions but necessary in carrying them out must be included in the bidder's proposal as though they were specifically stated. The Town of Bostic on behalf of the Bostic Volunteer Fire Department (the "BVFD") objects to and will not evaluate or consider any additional terms and conditions submitted with a Bidder response. This applies to any response appearing in or attached to the proposal as part of the Bidder's response. **DO NOT ATTACH ANY ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.** By execution and delivery of a proposal, the Bidder agrees that any additional terms and conditions, whether submitted purposely or inadvertently, shall have no force or effect. It shall be the Bidder's responsibility to read this entire document, review all enclosures and attachments, and comply with all requirements specified herein.
2. **Signature on Bid.** Every bid must be signed by an individual with actual authority to bind the bidding party. Failure to sign a bid may result in the bid being deemed non-responsive, and being rejected.
3. **Bid Opening.** Bids will be received until 6:00 PM EST on October 26, 2023, at the Town Hall of Bostic located at 104 Pearidge Road, Bostic, NC 28018, at which time they will be read aloud and made available for public inspection. The BVFD reserves the right to postpone bid openings for its own convenience.
4. **Amendment/ Alteration.** Any and all amendments, alterations or other revisions to these Terms and Conditions or the Specifications that follow shall be made only by written addendum from the BVFD. Therefore, no oral statements by any person shall modify or otherwise affect the terms, conditions, or specifications stated in this invitation for bids. The Bidder is cautioned that the requirements of this bid can be altered only by written addendum and that verbal communications from whatever source are of no effect.
5. **Minor Deviations/Exceptions to Specifications.** Minor deviations from the provisions of these specifications may be considered to permit manufacturers to follow their standard manufacturing processes; however, all such proposed deviations or alterations must be explained in detail and submitted Bidder's proposal by the time of bid opening.
6. **Bidder's Expenses.** The BVFD accepts no responsibility for any expense incurred by the Bidder in the preparation and presentation of a bid. Such expenses shall be borne exclusively by the Bidder.
7. **Acceptance and Rejection.** The BVFD reserves the right to reject any and all bids, in whole or in part, by deeming the same unsatisfactory as to quality or quantity, delivery, price or service offered, non-compliance with the specified requirements, error(s) in specifications or indications that revision would be advantageous to the BVFD,

cancellation or other changes in the intended project or any other determination that the proposed requirement is no longer needed, limitation or lack of available funds, circumstances that prevent determination of the best offer, or any other determination that rejection would be in the best interest of the BVFD. The BVFD further reserves the right to waive any informality in bids and, unless otherwise specified by the Bidder, to accept any item in the bid. If either a unit price or an extended price is obviously in error and the other is obviously correct, the incorrect price will be disregarded.

8. ed. Regardless of error or omission a Vendor shall not be permitted to increase its pricing after the deadline for submitting bids.
9. **Firm Offer.** All bids shall constitute a firm offer. By execution and delivery of a bid in response to a solicitation document, Bidder agrees that any additional or modified terms and conditions, whether submitted purposefully or inadvertently, shall have no force or effect, and will be disregarded. Any bid that contains language that indicates the bid is non-binding or subject to further negotiation before a contractual document may be signed may be rejected outright.
10. **Negotiations When All Bids Exceed Funds Available.** Notwithstanding the foregoing, the formal bidding statute allows negotiation with bidders when all bids are in excess of the funds available for the purchase. Value engineering is permissible only if all bid prices are over the amount of funds budgeted for the project. G.S. 143-129(b) (“In the event the lowest responsible bids are in excess of the funds available for the project or purchase, the responsible board or governing body is authorized to enter into negotiations with the lowest responsible bidder. making reasonable changes in the plans and specifications as may be necessary to bring the contract price within the funds available.”). In this case, the BVFD may elect to negotiate with the lowest responsive Bidder and make reasonable changes in the scope and specifications as necessary to bring the contract price within the funds available.
11. **Inspection of Bidder’s Site.** The BVFD reserves the right to inspect, at a reasonable time, and at the BVFD own cost, the equipment, item, plant or other facilities of a prospective Bidder prior to contract award, and during the contract term as necessary for the BVFD’s determination that such equipment, item, plant or other facilities conform with the specifications/requirements and are adequate and suitable for the proper and effective performance of the contract.
12. **Authority to Transact Business in North Carolina.** As a condition of contract award, each out-of-state Bidder that is a corporation, limited-liability company or limited liability partnership warrants that at the time of contracting and throughout the term of the contract, it has obtained appropriate authority to transact business in North Carolina from the North Carolina Secretary of State, as required by North Carolina law. Upon request each such Bidder will produce proof of authority. A contract requiring only an isolated transaction that may be completed within a period of six months, and not in the course of a number of repeated transactions of like nature, shall not be considered as transacting business in North Carolina and shall not such authorization.

13. **Historically Underutilized Businesses.** The BVFD is committed to supporting bidders with diverse and historically underrepresented backgrounds, and it invites and encourages participation in the bidding process by businesses owned by minorities, women, disabled, disabled business enterprises and nonprofit work centers for the blind and severely disabled. In particular, the BVFD encourages participation by bidders certified by the State Office of Historically Underutilized Businesses, as well as the use of HUB-certified vendors as subcontractors where appropriate.
14. **Ineligible Bidders.** As provided in G.S. 147-86.59 and G.S. 147-86.82, certain companies are ineligible to contract with the State of North Carolina or any political subdivision of the State, as follows: (a) any company identified as engaging in investment activities in Iran, as determined by appearing on the Final Divestment List created by the State Treasurer pursuant to G.S. 147-86.58, and (b) any company identified as engaged in a boycott of Israel as determined by appearing on the List of restricted companies created by the State Treasurer pursuant to G.S. 147-86.81. All individuals signing this bid on behalf of a Bidder certify that the company they are signing for is not a company identified in (a) or (b) above.
15. **Confidential Information in Bids.** To the extent permitted by applicable statutes and rules, the BVFD will maintain as confidential trade secrets in its bid that the Bidder does not wish disclosed. As a condition to confidential treatment, each page containing trade secret information shall be identified in boldface at the top and bottom as “CONFIDENTIAL” by the Bidder, with specific trade secret information enclosed in boxes, marked in a distinctive color or by similar indication. Cost information shall not be deemed confidential under any circumstances. Regardless of what a Bidder may label as a trade secret, the determination whether it is or is not entitled to protection will be determined in accordance with G.S. 132- 1.2. Any material labeled as confidential constitutes a representation by Bidder that it has made a reasonable effort in good faith to determine that such material is, in fact, a trade secret under G.S. 132-1.2. Bidders are urged and cautioned to limit the marking of information as a trade secret or as confidential so far as is possible. If a legal action is brought to require the disclosure of any material so marked as confidential, the BVFD will notify Bidder of such action and allow Bidder to defend the confidential status of its information.
16. **Firm Offer.** All bids shall constitute a firm offer. By execution and delivery of a bid in response to a solicitation document, Bidder agrees that any additional or modified terms and conditions, whether submitted purposefully or inadvertently, shall have no force or effect, and will be disregarded. Any bid that contains language that indicates the bid is non-binding or subject to further negotiation before a contractual document may be signed shall be rejected.
17. **Indemnification.** Bidder covenants to save, defend, keep harmless and indemnify the BVFD and all of its officers, departments, agencies, agents and employees from and against all claims, loss, damage, injury, fines, penalties, and cost-including court costs and attorney’s fees, charges, liability and exposure, however caused resulting from,

arising out of, or in any way connected with Bidder's negligent performance or nonperformance of the terms of the contract.

18. **Non-Assignment.** During the performance of the contract, the Bidder shall not assign, transfer, convey, sublet, or otherwise dispose of any award of or any or all of its rights, title, or interest therein, without the prior written consent of the BVFD.

19. **Insurance Requirements.** In the interest of insuring the apparatus and assuming general liability through delivery to the BVFD, Bidder shall maintain at its own expense:

- a. Commercial General Liability Insurance in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence for bodily injury or property damage; Bostic Volunteer Fire Department, 181 N Main Street, Bostic, NC 28018 shall be named as additional insured.
- b. Professional Liability Insurance in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence-if providing professional services.
- c. Workers Compensation Insurance as required by the general statutes of the State of North Carolina and Employer's Liability Insurance not less than \$500,000 each accident for bodily injury by accident, \$500,000 each employee for bodily injury by disease, and \$500,000 policy limit.
- d. Commercial Automobile Insurance applicable to bodily injury and property damage, covering all owned, non-owned, and hired vehicles, in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence as applicable.

Certificates of Insurance, as applicable, shall be furnished prior to the commencement of Services.

SEPCIFICATION FOR MODEL YEAR 2025 FIRE TRUCK

It is the intent of this specification to secure for the Bostic Volunteer Fire Department a Model Year 2025 Fire Truck. Specifications for this fire truck follow and should be considered to be minimum requirements. All parts not specifically mentioned which are necessary in operations shall be furnished by the successful bidder.

It will be the Bidder's responsibility to carefully examine each item listed in the specification. Failure to respond to each section of the technical specification may cause the proposal to be rejected without review as "non-responsive". A check mark in the "Yes" column immediately following each specification shall indicate minimum requirements are met. A specification that cannot be met fully should be indicated with a check mark in the "No" column and the bid accompanied by an additional page explaining of why the specification should not be met and any alternatives proposed for consideration.

Bid will be awarded on the basis of price, features, support, time and other factors specified on the following pages. The BVFD reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

DELIVERY: The completed fire truck shall be delivered by the successful bidder to the Bostic Volunteer Fire Department located at 181 N Main Street, Bostic, NC 28018.

Specification for: BOSTIC VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT MODEL YEAR 2025 FIRE TRUCK

Intent of Specifications

It is the intent of these specifications to clearly describe the furnishing and delivery to the Purchaser, a complete apparatus equipped as specified. The primary objective of these specifications is to obtain the most acceptable apparatus for service for the Bostic Volunteer Fire Department. These specifications cover specific requirements as to the type of construction and tests the apparatus must conform, together with certain details as to finish, material preferences, equipment and appliances with which the successful bidder must conform.

The design of the apparatus must embody the latest approved automotive design practices. The workmanship must be of the highest quality in its respective field. Special consideration shall be given to service access to areas needing periodic maintenance, ease of operation, and symmetrical proportions. Construction must be heavy-duty and ample safety factors must be provided to carry loads as specified. The construction method employed will be in such a manner as to allow ready removal of any component for service or repair.

The apparatus shall conform to the National Fire Protection Association Standard for Automotive Fire Apparatus, number 1901, in its most recent edition, unless otherwise specified in this document. Only the specified firefighting support equipment listed in these specifications shall be provided.

The apparatus shall further conform to all Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards. No exception.

Each bidder shall furnish satisfactory evidence of their ability to design, engineer, and construct the apparatus specified and shall state the location of the factory producing the apparatus. They shall also substantiate they are in a position to render prompt and proper service and to furnish replacement parts for the apparatus.

Each bid must be accompanied by a set of detailed contractor's specifications consisting of a detailed description of the apparatus and equipment proposed. All bid proposal specifications must be in the same sequence as the advertised specification for ease of comparison. These specifications shall include size, location, type, and model of all component parts being furnished. Detailed information shall be provided on the materials used to construct all facets of the apparatus body. Any bidder who fails to submit detailed construction specifications, or who photocopies and submits these specifications as their own construction details will be considered non-responsive and shall render their proposal ineligible for award. No exception.

Bids will be addressed and submitted in accordance with the instructions provided on the coversheet. The words "Model Year 2025 Fire Truck Proposal", the date, and bid opening time shall be stated on the front of the bid envelope.

It shall be the responsibility of the bidder to assure that their proposal arrives at the location and time indicated. Late proposals, telegrams, facsimile, telephone or email bids will not be considered. No exception.

All bidders are required to detail the payment terms for apparatus on the bidder's proposal page. Any required prepayments or progress payments must be explained in detail. **The BVFD strongly prefers, and will give appropriate consideration, to bids that indicate a single payment be made upon delivery of a completed fire truck.**

Specification for: BOSTIC VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT MODEL YEAR 2025 FIRE TRUCK	BIDDER COMPLIES	
	YES	NO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed truck to be no more than 33ft in length 9ft. 8” tall. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Custom chassis four door, four man custom cab with 10” raised roof with Driver seat and Officers SCBA seat with two rear front facing SCBA seats. ○ Single color Red, Gray interior w/ AC-Heat and defrost. ○ Air Filtration system in cab. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Min. 18,000lb Front axle. ▪ Min. 27,000lb Rear axle. ○ Min. 450 HP Cummins Engine with min 270 amp alternator. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Engine compression brake with VG Turbo. ▪ Allison EVS Transmission. ▪ Vehicle top speed- 65mph. ▪ Michelin Tires- Front highway type. Rear all weather mud and snow type with tire pressure indicator system. ▪ ABS/ATC/ESC Single axle air brake system. ▪ Two emergency air horns through the front bumper with air horn pressure tank. ▪ Stainless Steel front bumper 12”. ▪ 6” front bumper extension with apron. ▪ Electronic siren with 100w speaker in bumper. Whelen#295HFS2. ▪ Q-siren mounted on front bumper with foot controls on both sides. ▪ Four LED headlights with headlight flasher system. ▪ LED turn signals front and rear LED brake lights LED back up lights. ▪ 72” Whelen LED Freedom Lightbar. 		

Specification for: BOSTIC VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT MODEL YEAR 2025 FIRE TRUCK	BIDDER COMPLIES	
	YES	NO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Two Whelen 900 LED side cab scene lights. ▪ Four Whelen 600 LED intersection warning lights-red. ▪ Back up alarm. ▪ Rear backup camera with display monitor. ▪ Data Recording system and occupant readout system and lead manager. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Min. 50gal Fuel Tank. ○ Min 6gal DEF Tank. ▪ Battery charger and conditioner system with auto eject. ▪ Front brakes to be disc type. ▪ Rear brakes to be drum type. ▪ Automatic air eject system. ○ Hale/Class 1 Q-series top mount pump module. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1250 GPM with three cross lays two 2” and one 2-1/2” with a 3” deluge gun piping with two 2-1/2 discharge driver’s side, one 2-1/2 discharge passenger side, one LDH discharge passenger side, one front bumper 2” discharge, two 2-1/2 suction one driver’s side and one passenger side. ○ UPF 1000 gal. water tank square style. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ With rear direct tank fill ○ With integrated hose bed. • All Aluminum body compartment 3/16” thick. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rescue style compartments both sides 27” deep lower section 14” deep upper section with rollup doors, painted finish with LED lights. 		

Specification for: BOSTIC VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT MODEL YEAR 2025 FIRE TRUCK	BIDDER COMPLIES	
	YES	NO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There will be three compartments on driver's side and three compartments on the passenger's side. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Two full height and one over wheel each side. ▪ One rear compartment for three ladder storage beside of tank driver's side. Supply 24ft two section, 14ft roof ladder, and 10ft folding ladder to be stored in rear compartment beside of truck. ▪ Three pike pole storage beside of tank passenger side. Supply one 10ft pike pole, one 8ft pike pole, one 6ft pike pole. Supply and install one 6" x 10' suction to be stored above driver's side compartment in a tray. ○ ATP catwalk covers on both tops of compartments driver's and passenger side. ○ Nine LED lighted folding steps, six on rear of body. Three each side. Three on driver's side front of body. ○ ATP crossover step rear of body with two lights above. ○ Two grab bars each side of body rear and one grab bar horizontal at rear. One grab bar front driver's side of body. ○ All compartments to have aluminum tracks for adjustable trays. Front and rear compartment vertical over wheel compartment. Horizontal on driver's side and vertical on passenger side. ○ Stainless steel fenderettes on body and cab. <p>Adjustable trays</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four ½ depth adjustable trays two driver's side and two passenger side. • Four pullout floor mount trays two driver's side and two passenger side. • One ½ adjustable tray passenger side only center compartment. • Two hose bed adjustable dividers. • Rear DOT lights LED. 		

Specification for: BOSTIC VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT MODEL YEAR 2025 FIRE TRUCK	BIDDER COMPLIES	
	YES	NO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Underbody LED ground lights. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Three driver's side. ○ Three passenger's side. ○ One rear. • Three LED hose bed lights. • Vinyl hose bed cover and cross lay end covers. • Four tank water level gauges. One top panel area, one each side, one rear. • Six LED scene lights on body. Two driver's side, Two passenger's side, Two Rear. • Five SCBA bottle storage in wheel wells. Three driver's side front and Two driver's side rear. • Passenger side wheel well, one front and one rear, storage for Fire Ext. supply one 2-1/2 gal PW and supply one 20lb. ABC. • All warning lights to be Whelen LED 600 Red. Three driver's side and three passenger side four on rear of body. • Two Whelen LED rotating upper rear LEDs. One red and one amber. • Red and yellow chevron stripes on rear of body. • Two mudflaps behind rear wheels. • Add price for Striping and lettering to be determined by fire department. <p>Warranty</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sheet attached regarding warranty. 		