

NOTICE INVITING PROPOSALS

NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN, that in accordance with Title 7, Chapter 5, Part 23 M.C.A. 2009 and all acts supplementary and amendatory thereto, that sealed proposals will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana until 1:30 PM, MST, August 12, 2010. Proposals are for the purchase of two (2) 2011 full-size, 4X4, SUV's with police packages as per specifications.

Specifications and bid procedures for this purchase can be obtained at:

Sanders County Clerk and Recorder,

P.O. Box 519

1111 Main St.

Thompson Falls, Montana 59873 or

http://www.sanderscounty.mt.gov/home_page/bids.html

The Board of County Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana reserves the right to reject any or all bids without cause.

Proposals shall be sealed and marked "Proposal for Sheriff's Vehicles" and addressed to:

Sanders County Clerk and Recorder,

P.O. Box 519

Thompson Falls, Montana 59873

Any questions regarding the interpretation of these specifications or bidding procedures should be addressed to Kimberly Bates at (406) 827-6966 or kbates@sanderscounty.mt.gov

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Sanders County, Montana

ATTEST:

Jennine Robbins, Clerk and Recorder

(Please publish in a legal ad on July 22nd and July 29th 2010)(First page only)

Solicitation Instructions and Conditions

General: Bidders must carefully study and conform to this set of “instructions and conditions” so that their proposals will be regular, complete and acceptable. Variations from the specifications may be acceptable depending on value and availability.

Acceptance or Rejection of Proposals: The Board of Commissioners will consider the time element in awarding the contract, and will accept the bid in their estimation will best serve the interest of the Sanders County Sheriff’s Office and the public. The Board of Commissioners reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, any proposal, which is incomplete, obscure, or irregular, may be rejected. Any evidence of collusion between bidders or of the firm having interest in more than one proposal may constitute a cause for rejection of any bids so affected. Sanders County Board of Commissioners may accept any items or group of items of any offer, unless the bidder qualifies the offer by specific limitations.

Taxes: Taxes, whether state or federal, shall not be included in the bid price.

Payments: Sanders County shall pay for the vehicles upon acceptance, which shall be upon delivery. Proposals which require progressive or any payment prior to the acceptance will not be considered unless the bidder gives pre-payment discount.

Bid Proposals: All bid proposals must remain firm for (90) days and must be signed by a duly authorized representative of the company.

Additions: Any additions to the specifications shall be listed on a separate page entitled “Additions”. This will include items not listed that might be included in package type options.

Exceptions: It is the intent of these specifications to obtain maximum efficiency of the vehicles and equipment delivered, with the emphasis on personnel safety, ease of operation, resistance to corrosion, and the availability of service and parts. Certain major components and features have been specified in support of this, and exceptions in these areas will not be accepted. Each bidder will list all exceptions or substitutions proposed, however minor, on a separate page entitled “Exceptions” and shall furnish adequate supportive data to allow the Sanders County Board of Commissioners to determine acceptability.

Dealer Specification Sheet: The dealer will include a specification sheet with the bid proposal for the vehicle he is proposing. The specifications sheets shall include all specifications, accessories and options as proposed.

Trade In: Not applicable to this Invitation for Proposals.

**F.O.B. SANDERS COUNTY
P.O. BOX 519
THOMPSON FALLS, MT 59873**

**TWO (2) UTILITY VEHICLES – 4WD
LARGE FOUR DOOR UTILITY VEHICLES - 119” WB
(Minimum Requirements)**

Manufacturer’s 2011 model four door, large utility vehicle. Standard equipment.
General Specifications, with the following additions:

Engine: 5.4L-V8
Torque: 365 lb-ft. Torque
Horsepower: 310 H.P.
Drive: 4X4
Clutch: NA
Transmission: 6 speed automatic
4-Wheel Anti-Lock Braking System
Wheel Base: 119.0 INCH
Front Stabilizer Bar
Trailer Towing Package needed for wiring at rear of truck
Power locks/Power windows
Tilt Wheel
Air Conditioning
Seats: Front–Cloth or Vinyl
Rear –Vinyl only
Front-Bucket
Rear-Bench
Radio: AM/FM W/CD
Color: Silver
Cruise Control
Mudflaps (4)
Rubber Floor Mat throughout
Keyless Entry
Defroster- Rear Window
Must Include Special Service Police Package or Equivalent,