#### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Hendricks County, Indiana will receive sealed bids for:

## ONE (1) SELF-PROPELLED ROAD WIDENER

Bids will be received at the following location, no later than the times shown:

Office of the Board of Commissioners of Hendricks County
1st Floor of the Hendricks County Government Center
355 South Washington Street
Danville, IN 46112
9:00 a.m. local time on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024

At the time and date shown for the Office of the Board of Commissioners, all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the presence of those concerned. Any bids received after the hour stated above will be returned unopened.

Specifications are attached. Bidders may contact County Highway Superintendent Curt Higginbotham at chigginbotham@co.hendricks.in.us with any questions regarding the above item(s).

All bids shall be properly and completely executed on the forms as required by the Contract documents and will include the Non-Collusion Affidavit as required by the statutes of the State of Indiana.

Each bid shall be accompanied by the deposit of an acceptable certified check or cashier's check payable to the Board of Commissioners of Hendricks County. Indiana or a satisfactory bid bond executed by the bidder and an approved surety company in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the total amount of the bid.

No bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of sixty (60) days after the opening of the bids. The Board of Commissioners of Hendricks County reserves the right to reject any/or all of the bids and/or waive any formalities or irregularities in the bidding.

# **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRICKS COUNTY**

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#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

for

#### SELF-PROPELLED ROAD WIDENER

### **GENERAL**

It is the intent of these specifications to describe a new self-propelled road widener in sufficient detail to secure bids on comparable equipment. All parts not specifically mentioned, which are necessary to provide a complete unit, shall be included in the bid and shall conform in strength and quality of material and workmanship to what is usually provided to the trade in general. The self-propelled road widener shall be a current model under standard production by the manufacturer.

Unit shall be manufactured and assembled with conformance to the best known engineering standards of the trade, relative to design, strength, quality, durability and workmanship. Every item assembled upon this unit must meet the latest Federal Safety Standards.

Any units not in substantial compliance with these specifications may be rejected. It will be the responsibility of the Bidder to conform with the requirements <u>unless deviations have been specifically cited by the Bidder and acceptance made on the basis of the exception.</u>

Special attention is particularly called to the requirements of the Indiana State Board of Accounts and the local agency in regard to submitting proposals.

All bids are to be submitted on State Form No 95, with Non-Collusion Affidavit and Bid Bond equal to 5% of the bid price. The Bidder shall specifically mention those items where the unit being bid does not meet the Owners minimum requirements. It is brought to the attention of the Bidder that not meeting the Owner's minimum requirements does not necessarily mean that the bid will be rejected. The degree to which the unit conforms to the specifications will be considered in the Owners's evaluation of the bids.

Bidders shall also attach literature or brochure of the model being offered with his bid. The Bid shall include the cost for and delivery of a Parts Book and a Service Manual for the model being bid.

The successful Bidder shall indemnify and save harmless the local agency from any and all suits, costs and penalties or claims for infringements by reason of use of any patented designs, devices, or materials or any trademark or copyright in connection with the specific unit furnished under this proposal at any time during manufacture and after purchase of the specified unit(s).

Where the term "or equal" is used in these specifications and Bidder deviates from the specified item, he shall file (with his bid) a letter fully explaining and justifying his proposed article or equal.

Acceptance of Unit Payment for the above unit(s) shall be made after delivery of same and after a properly authorized representative of the "local agency" has given his approval of satisfactory delivery and operation of said unit(s).

A certificate of origin shall be furnished with each unit as it is delivered.

Bidder to provide description of all warranties and component warranties available.

Bidder shall provide warranty from date of delivery of completed unit(s).

Parts, Service and Operators Manual to be included.

Highest consideration will be given to those Bidders whose warranty facility is located nearest the Owner's base of operations, which is located at 930 East Main Street, Danville, Indiana.

### **EOUIPMENT DESCRIPTION**

The successful bidder will be responsible for supplying a road widener with specifications equal to or exceeding those of a Midland SPR-6, including delivery, installation, training, and ongoing support.

# **Specifications**

The road widener must meet or exceed the following specifications:

- Engine: Diesel-powered, minimum 62 HP
- Width Adjustment: Adjustable widening width from 1 to 4 feet
- Material Placement: Capable of handling various materials including gravel, asphalt, and soil
- Operating Speed: operational speed of 0-150 feet per minute (0-10mph)
- **Hopper Capacity**: Minimum capacity of 2 cubic yards
- Hydraulic System: High-efficiency hydraulic system for smooth operation
- Control System: Intuitive control panel with safety features and emergency stop functions
- Mobility: Rubber tires or tracks for all-terrain capability
- **Dimensions**: Comparable to the Midland SPR-6 to ensure compatibility with existing equipment and transportation constraints
- Environmental Compliance: Meets all relevant environmental and emissions standards

Where the proposed equipment doesn't meet these minimum specifications, the bidder shall submit a written explanation and justification.

## **Evaluation Criteria**

Bids will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Compliance with Specifications: Extent to which the proposed equipment meets or exceeds the specified requirements
- Cost: Total cost of ownership including purchase price, installation, training, and support
- Vendor Experience: Vendor's track record and experience with similar projects
- Delivery Schedule: Ability to meet the desired delivery timeline