

**REQUEST FOR BID (RFB)**

Administered by:  
CENTRAL MAINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
1250 TURNER STREET  
AUBURN, MAINE 04240

**(1) 3/4 Ton(min), Standard cab, 4-Wheel  
Drive Pickup Truck with optional plow**

Date: April 16 2024  
**Bid Due On: April 30, 2024 at 1:00 P.M.**

**Inquiries and bids can be sent to:**

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## 1.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

- 1.1 Purpose: Central Maine Community College is seeking bids for the purchase of a new **3/4** ton, **2**-door, 4-wheel drive pickup truck **with optional plow**.

This Request for Bid (RFB) states the instructions for submitting bids, the procedure and criteria by which a vendor may be selected and the contractual terms by which the College intends to govern the relationship between it and the selected vendor.

- 1.2 Definition of Parties: Central Maine Community College will hereinafter be referred to as the "College." Respondents to the RFB shall be referred to as "Bidders." The Bidder to whom the contract is awarded shall be referred to as the "Contractor."
- 1.3 Scope: The selected contractor will supply one (1) **3/4** ton, **2**-door, 4-wheel drive pickup truck. More specifications in the attached document on **pages 6-9**.
- 1.4 Evaluation: Award will be made to the low bidder(s) provided that all other requirements are satisfactorily met. However, consideration will be given to the bidder's qualifications, references, and capabilities to provide the specified service.
- 1.5 Communication with the College: It is the responsibility of the bidder to inquire about any requirement of this RFB that is not understood. Responses to inquiries, if they change or clarify the RFB in a substantial manner, will be forwarded by addenda to all parties that have received a copy of the RFB. The College will not be bound by oral responses to inquiries or written responses other than addenda.
- 1.6 Award: The College reserves the right to conduct any tests it may deem advisable, and to make all evaluations. The College reserves the right to reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and is not necessarily bound to accept the lowest bid if that bid is contrary to the best interests of the College. The College reserves the right to waive minor irregularities. Scholarships, donations, or gifts to the College will not be considered in the evaluation of bids. A bid may be rejected if it is in any way incomplete or irregular. When there are tie bids, there shall be a preference for "in-state bidders". When the bids are either in-state or both out-of-state, the award will be made to the bid that arrives **first** in Central Maine Community College's Business Office.
- 1.7 Award Protest: Bidders may appeal the award decision by submitting a written protest to Central Maine Community College's Dean of Finance and General Services within five (5) business days of the date of the award notice, with a copy to the successful bidder. The protest must contain a statement of the basis for the challenge.
- 1.8 Costs of Preparation: Bidder assumes all costs of preparation of the bid and any presentations necessary to the bidding process.
- 1.9 Debarment: Submission of a signed bid in response to this solicitation is certification that your firm (or any subcontractor) is not currently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any State or Federal department or agency. Submission is also agreement that the College will be notified of any change in this status.
- 1.10 Bid Understanding: By submitting a bid, the bidder agrees and assures that the specifications are adequate, and the bidder accepts the terms and conditions herein. Any exceptions should be noted in your response.
- 1.11 Specification Protest Process and Remedies: If a bidder feels that the specifications are written in a way that limits competition, a specification protest may be sent to Central Maine Community College's Dean of Finance and General Services. Protests will be responded to within five (5) business days of receipt. Determination of protest validity is at the sole discretion of the College. The due date of the bid may be changed if necessary to allow consideration of the protest and issuance of any necessary addenda. Specification protests shall be presented to the College in writing as soon as identified, but no less than five (5) business days prior to the bid opening date and time. No protest against the award due to the specifications shall be considered after this deadline. Protests shall include the reason for the protest and any proposed changes to the

specifications. Protests should be delivered to the Dean of Finance and General Service's Office in sealed envelopes, clearly marked as: Protest: **3/4 Ton(min), Standard cab, 4-Wheel Drive Pickup Truck with optional plow**

1.12 Bid Validity: N/A

1.13 Errors: Bids may be withdrawn or amended by bidders at any time prior to the bid opening. After the bid opening, bids may not be amended. If a significant mistake has been made by an apparent low bidder, the bidder will be given the option of selling at the price given or withdrawing the bid. If an extension error has been made, the unit price will prevail.

1.14 Bid Envelope: If a special envelope is not furnished, or if return in the special envelope is not possible, the signed bid should be returned in an envelope or package, sealed and identified as follows:

From \_\_\_\_\_ **3/4 Ton(min), Standard cab, 4-Wheel  
Name Due Date Time Drive Pickup Truck with optional plow**

1.15 Submission: A signed original **plus** one (1) copy of the bid must be received at the Business Office, Central Maine Community College, 1250 Turner Street, Auburn, Maine 04210, in a sealed envelope by **1:00 P.M. local time Tuesday, April 30, 2024**. Bidders are strongly encouraged to submit bids in advance of the due date to avoid the possibility of missing the 1:00 deadline due to unforeseen circumstances. Bidders assume the risk of the methods of dispatch chosen. The College assumes no responsibility for delays caused by any package or mail delivery service. A postmark on or before the due date WILL NOT substitute for receipt of bid. Bids must be date and time stamped by the College on time to be considered. In the event that the College is closed due to inclement weather at the time that a bid is due, the bid will be opened at the same time on the next day that the College is open. Bidders may wish to call 207-755-5476 if the weather is bad, to learn if the College is closed. Bids received after the due date and time will be returned unopened. Additional time will not be granted to any single bidder, however, additional time may be granted to all vendors when the College determines that circumstances require it. **BIDS MAY BE SUBMITTED BY MAIL OR ELECTRONICALLY TO [MAUBE@CMCC.EDU](mailto:MAUBE@CMCC.EDU)**.

1.16 Tax Exempt: The College is exempt from the payment of Federal Excise Taxes on articles not for resale and for the Federal Transportation Tax on all shipments. The Contractor and subcontractor shall quote **and shall be reimbursed less these taxes**. Upon application, exemption certificates will be furnished when required. The College is exempt from the payment of Maine State Sales and Uses Taxes.

## 2.0 CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

2.1 Contract Documents: If a separate contract is not written, the contract entered into by the parties shall consist of the Request for Bids, the signed bid submitted by the Contractor, the specifications including all modifications thereof, and a purchase order or letter of agreement requiring signatures of the College and the Contractor, all of which shall be referred to collectively as the Contract Documents.

2.2 Contract Validity: In the event one or more clauses of the contract are declared invalid, void, unenforceable or illegal, that shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the contract.

2.3 Contract Administration: Maureen Aube, Dean of Finance and General Services, shall be the College's authorized representative in all matters pertaining to the administration of this contract, (207) 755-5235.

2.4 Litigation: This Contract and the rights and obligations of the parties hereunder shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Maine. The Contractor agrees that any litigation, action or proceeding arising out of this Contract shall be instituted in a state court located in the State of Maine.

2.5 Assignment: Neither party of the contract shall assign the contract without the prior written consent of the other, nor shall the contractor assign any money due or to become due without the prior written consent of the College.

- 2.6 Equal Opportunity: In the execution of the contract, the Contractor and all subcontractors agree, consistent with College policy, not to discriminate on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, transgender status or gender expression, national origin or citizenship status, age, disability or veteran's status and to provide reasonable accommodations to qualified individuals with disabilities upon request. The College encourages the employment of individuals with disabilities.
- 2.7 Sexual Harassment: The College is committed to providing a positive environment for all students and staff. Sexual harassment, whether intentional or not, undermines the quality of this educational and working climate. The College thus has a legal and ethical responsibility to ensure that all students and employees can learn and work in an environment free of sexual harassment. Consistent with the state and federal law, this right to freedom from sexual harassment was defined as College policy by the Board of Trustees. Failure to comply with this policy could result in termination of this contract without advanced notice. Further information regarding this policy is available from Human Resources, Central Maine Community College, 1250 Turner Street, Auburn, ME 04210, (207) 755-5396 or [humanresources@cmcc.edu](mailto:humanresources@cmcc.edu).
- 2.8 Smoking Policy: Central Maine Community College must comply with the "Work place Smoking Act of 1985" and MRSA title 22, 1541 et seq, "Smoking Prohibited in Public Places." In compliance with this law, Central Maine Community College has prohibited smoking on campus. This rule must also apply to all contractors and workers that are on campus. The Contractor shall be responsible for the implementation and enforcement of this requirement.
- 2.9 Parking Regulations and Use of Walkways: Unregistered vehicles on the College campus are subject to a parking violation ticket and/or towing off campus. Contractors are advised that parking regulations are strictly enforced by City of Auburn police. Towing will be at the Contractor's expense.
- 2.10 Payments: Payment will be upon final acceptance of product and submittal of an invoice to the College, by the Contractor on a net 30 basis unless discount terms are offered.

**NOTICE TO VENDORS AND BIDDERS:  
STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL MCCS CONTRACTS**

The following standard contracting terms and conditions are incorporated and shall become a part of any final contract that will be awarded by any college or other operating unit of the Maine Community College System (collectively "MCCS"). These terms and conditions derive from the public nature and limited resources of the MCCS. **MCCS DOES NOT AGREE TO:**

1. Provide any defense, hold harmless or indemnity;
2. Waive any statutory or constitutional immunity;
3. Apply the law of a state other than Maine;
4. Procure types or amounts of insurance beyond those MCCS already maintains or waive any rights of subrogation;
5. Add any entity as an additional insured to MCCS policies of insurance;
6. Pay attorneys' fees; costs, including collection costs; expenses or liquidated damages;
7. Promise confidentiality in a manner contrary to Maine's Freedom of Access Act;
8. Permit an entity to change unilaterally any term or condition once the contract is signed;
9. Automatic renewals for term(s) greater than month-to-month;
10. Limitations on MCCS' recovery of lawful damages incurred as a result of breach of the contract;
11. Limitation of the time period under which claims can be made or actions brought arising from the contract;
12. Vendor's terms prevailing over MCCS' standard terms and conditions, including addenda; and
13. Unilateral modifications to the contract by the vendor.

**BY SUBMITTING A RESPONSE TO A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL, BID OR OTHER OFFER TO DO BUSINESS WITH MCCS, YOUR ENTITY UNDERSTANDS AND AGREES THAT:**

1. The above standard terms and conditions are thereby incorporated into any agreement entered into between MCCS and your entity; that such terms and condition shall control in the event of any conflict with such agreement; and that your entity will not propose or demand any contrary terms;
2. The above standard terms and conditions will govern the interpretation of such agreement notwithstanding the expression of any other term and/or condition to the contrary;
3. Your entity will not propose to any college or other operating unit of the MCCS any contractual documents of any kind that are not in at least 11-point black font on a white background and completely contained in one Word or PDF document, and that any references to terms and conditions, privacy policies or any other conditions referenced outside of the contract will not apply; and
4. Your entity will identify at the time of submission which, if any, portion or your submitted materials are entitled to "trade secret" exemption from disclosure under Maine's Freedom of Access Act; that failure to so identify will authorize MCCS to conclude that no portions are so exempt; and that your entity will defend, indemnify and hold harmless MCCS in any and all legal actions that seek to compel MCCS to disclose under Maine's Freedom of Access Act some or all of your submitted materials and/or contract, if any, executed between MCCS and your entity.

**ATTACHMENT - THIS FORM MUST BE FILLED OUT AND SIGNED  
BID SUBMITTAL FORM**

**SCOPE FOR THE purchase of one(1) 3/4-ton(min) 4x4 pickup truck for CMCC Maintenance Dept.**

Y' (Yes) or 'N' (No)

\* Dealer will be responsible for the delivery, first start up, and training of one CMCC employee on the truck operation. \_\_\_\_\_

\* All specifications listed on attached sheet must be covered. If not, please include a separate sheet with a description of the discrepancies. \_\_\_\_\_

\* Truck must be a General Motors product \_\_\_\_\_

\* State contract pricing eligible. \_\_\_\_\_

\* Delivery must be taken by **June 30th, 2024** \_\_\_\_\_

\* Dealer must provide warranty information with bid. \_\_\_\_\_

\* Please include optional price to add Fisher HD2 8ft, steel, straight blade, plow setup. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Specify estimated date of delivery \_\_\_\_\_

Net Amount

\$
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**\*All fields must be complete with bid submission to be considered.**

**Thank you for your time concerning this bid, please contact Dan Graham at [dgraham@cmcc.edu](mailto:dgraham@cmcc.edu) with any questions.**

**Acceptance of Terms and Conditions:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Date**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Name of Authorized Official for Bidder (Print)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Signature of Authorized Official for Bidder**

# TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR 4-WHEEL DRIVE , 3/4 TON TRUCK(min)

## PART 1: GENERAL

SCOPE : The following specifications are for a new 3/4 ton or larger, minimum 2 door pickup truck with an 8ft pickup bed.

### APPLICABLE REGULATIONS

SAFETY: Vehicle must meet all appropriate State and Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards, including standards for impact, roll-over, brakes, windshield, windows and lights.

POLLUTION: Vehicle must meet Federal noise level and exhaust emission standards.

### WARRANTY AND MAINTENANCE

REQUIREMENTS: The manufacturer's standard warranty must be provided for the basic vehicle. Warranties to be effective the day the buyer receives and signs delivery acceptance.

SERVICE: Bidder must be able to provide warranty and maintenance service for the vehicle in the area in which the vehicle is to be used (Central Maine). Bidders located outside this area must be able to arrange maintenance and warranty service agreement with a certified distributor located within the area. This requirement is not meant to restrict bidding but rather to insure the availability of maintenance and warranty service.

Prior to delivery, each vehicle shall be completely serviced. This servicing shall include all inspections and tests normally performed on a new vehicle. Parts of this servicing may be performed at the manufacturer's assembly plant if proper verification can be made of performance.

SPARE PARTS: Bidder must be able to provide or assure access to spare or replacement parts.

### CERTIFICATIONS

GENERAL: Bidder must provide certification that they are fully authorized distributor of the vehicle being bid; that they are prepared to perform maintenance and warranty service, or have arranged for said service with a certified distributor in Central Maine(must specify who); and that they can provide spare replacement parts, or can assure access to said parts (must specify source).

SAFETY: Bidder must certify that the vehicle meets Federal and Maine State Safety Standards (see applicable regulations, page 1).

POLLUTION: Bidder must certify that the vehicle meets Federal noise level and exhaust emission standards (see applicable regulations, page 1).

SPECIFICATIONS: Bidder must certify that the vehicle meets or exceeds these specifications or have requested exceptions to these specifications prior to submitting bid.

## PART II: PRODUCT

### 3/4 TON Chassis - minimum

1. Engine: **Gas** powered 6.0L minimum; spin-on throwaway type oil filter; disposable dry air cleaner.
2. Transmission: Heaviest duty (for listed truck) electronic automatic, interlocked with ignition to prevent starting unless in park or neutral gear.
3. Skid Plates: Skid plate package for transfer case and fuel tank.
4. GVWR: Standard 3/4 ton truck load rating, at a minimum.
5. Steering: Power steering; manufacturer's standard; tilt steering wheel; steering damper to be included.
6. Brakes: Power assisted; front /rear disk; trailer brake control, and parking brake.
7. Axle/spring Capacity: Standard rating
8. Tires/ Wheels: Tires to be 17 inch minimum all season rated, Load range E.
9. Shocks: Heavy Duty.
10. Battery: 12 volt
11. Alternator: 12 volt; standard amperage
12. Radiator: Manufacturer's standard with permanent anti-freeze protected to - 30 degrees Fahrenheit.
13. Fuel Capacity: 20 gallons minimum.

### BODY EXTERIOR

1. Sides/roof: Fully enclosed manufacturer's standard cab truck with minimum 8ft standard bed
2. Exterior Manufacturer's standard daytime running lights.
3. Driver/Pass Manufacturer's standard; power door locks and key locking.
4. Bumpers: Manufacturer's standard front /rear bumper; rear frame mounted receiver capability of accepting tow package.
5. Hitch: Trailer tow package w/7/4-Pin combination wiring connector; heavy duty, frame mounted receiver hitch, class 4 minimum.



6. Windows/Glass: All around; openable where possible; power windows on driver and front passenger doors. Must meet Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards.
7. Bed: Manufacturer's standard 8ft bed **with spray in bed liner installed.**
8. Mirrors: Power/heated glass and integrated clearance lights and turn signals. (left + right) Exterior paint
9. Paint: scheme is to be a solid color. (Summit white preferred, red as 2nd, black as 3rd options)
10. Rust Proofing: Manufacturer's standard five year minimum warranty rustproofing.

### INTERIOR

1. Dimensions: Manufacturer's standard width and headroom.
2. Walls/Ceilings: Manufacturer's fully lined interior, including full roof and sides.  
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3. Floor Coverings: All weather floor liners.
4. Front Seat: Fully padded, shock absorbing seat of heavy duty resistant construction; fully adjustable seat; equipped with retractable lap and shoulder safety restraint.
5. Heaters: Front, manufacturer's highest output heater and defroster.
6. Lighting: Door activated dome lights; switch on dash to activate lights when doors are closed. Lights shall be of a type that will not be hazardous to occupants.
7. Instrument Panel: Manufacturer's standard lighted panel to include the following gauges:
  - a. Ammeter-Full Range
  - b. Fuel Level
  - c. Oil Pressure
  - d. Temperature
  - e. Speedometer-Odometer
8. Miscellaneous Items:
  - a. Manufacturer's standard AM-FM radio
  - b. Dual sun visors
  - c. Interior standard rear view mirror
  - d. Wheel wrench and jack
  - e. Owner's manual
  - f. Up-fitter switches preferred for future accessories (such as a light bar)