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## NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF BID SPECIFICATIONS

### REQUEST FOR BIDS CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA

The County of Charlotte will be receiving sealed bids at the Purchasing Division, Suite 344, Charlotte County Administration Center, 18500 Murdock Circle, Port Charlotte, FL 33948-1094, for:

### **BID NO. 2021000541 VEHICLES – ANNUAL CONTRACT**

It is the intent of Charlotte County to purchase vehicles, on an “as required” basis, from a Ford Motor Company dealer. It is the specific purpose of this bid to establish a conditional contract for the required materials and to secure the cost and availability of the requirements for procurement from a source of supply that will give prompt and convenient service.

**There will not be a Pre-Bid Conference for this project. Please send all questions to my email address below.**

### **BID OPENING: 2:00 p.m., AUGUST 11, 2021 PURCHASING DIVISION CONFERENCE ROOM**

Bid Documents may be obtained by accessing the Charlotte County Purchasing Division’s website at <https://purchasingbids.charlottecountyfl.gov> under “Purchasing Bids Online”, document number 215412. Any questions can be answered by contacting Alisa L. True, CPPB, Senior Contract Specialist at 941.743.1549 or email: [Alisa.True@CharlotteCountyFl.gov](mailto:Alisa.True@CharlotteCountyFl.gov).

Notice of Availability  
Posted: July 23, 2021



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### STATEMENT OF NO BID

If you **do not** intend to bid on this commodity/service, please return this form to the above address immediately. If this statement is not completed and returned, your company may be deleted from the Charlotte County Vendors' list for this commodity/service.

We the undersigned, have declined to bid on requested commodity/service **Bid #2021000541, VEHICLES – ANNUAL CONTRACT**, for the following reason(s):

- \_\_\_\_\_ Specifications too "tight", i.e. geared toward one brand or manufacturer only (explain below).
- \_\_\_\_\_ Insufficient time to respond to the Invitation to Bid.
- \_\_\_\_\_ We do not offer this product or service.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Our schedule would not permit us to perform.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Unable to meet bond/insurance requirements.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Unable to meet specifications.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Specifications are unclear (explain below).
- \_\_\_\_\_ Remove us from your vendors' list for this commodity/service.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below).

Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person (typed or printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** Statement of No Bid may be emailed to [Alisa.True@CharlotteCountyFl.gov](mailto:Alisa.True@CharlotteCountyFl.gov) or faxed in to the Purchasing Division at 941.743.1384.

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS  
VEHICLES – ANNUAL CONTRACT  
BID NO. 2021000541**

**IB-01 QUALIFICATIONS OF BIDDERS:** It is the intent of the County to award this contract to the lowest responsible bidder, qualified by experience and solvency, with proven reliability and the ability to supply all items within a reasonable time frame acceptable to Charlotte County. Bidder may be required to supply information in writing at the request and discretion of the County prior to award of bids, in order to verify above requirements.

**IB-02 GENDER DESIGNATION:** The County and the Contractor are treated throughout these Documents as if each were of the singular number and masculine gender.

**IB-03 EXAMINATION OF DOCUMENTS:**

A. Prior to the submission of a bid form, bidders shall carefully examine the bid package including the Request for Bids, Instructions to Bidders, Technical Specifications & Conditions, Insurance Requirements, and all other related bid documents, including all modifications thereof, incorporated in the bid package.

B. Discrepancies, omissions, or questions about the intent of the documents should be submitted to the Purchasing Division in written form as a request for interpretation no later than five (5) calendar days prior to bid opening (or shall be verbally addressed at the pre-bid conference, if applicable).

C. Interpretations of any of the bid documents made will be in the form of a written addendum to the documents, which will be posted on the purchasing website. Receipt of any addenda by each bidder must be acknowledged on the bid form, indicating the addendum number and date of issue, therein becoming a part of the contract. No oral explanations shall be binding. The County will attempt to notify all prospective bidders of addenda issued to the bidding documents; however, it shall be the responsibility of the bidder, prior to submitting their bid, to determine if addenda were issued, acknowledging and incorporating it into their bid.

**IB-04 PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF BID FORM REQUIREMENTS:**

A. Bids shall be submitted on the bid form supplied by the County, or duplication thereof and attached thereto, or as otherwise specified. Bidders shall indicate the number of calendar days required for delivery and acknowledge receipt of any addenda received during the bid period.

Each bid must give the full business address of the bidder and state whether bidder is an individual, corporation or partnership. Bid Forms by a corporation must be signed in the name of the corporation, followed by the original signature and designation of the officer or other person authorized to bind the corporation.

Bid Forms by partnerships shall show the names of all partners. The partnership title shall be followed by the original signature of each partner.

Any erasures or other corrections in the bid form must be explained or noted over the signature of the bidder. Bid Forms containing any conditions, omissions, unexplained erasures, alterations, or irregularities of any kind may be rejected by the County.

Bid documents and forms shall be submitted sealed, and the envelope/package clearly marked with the Bid Number and the Name and Business Address of the individual/firm submitting the bid. Bids postmarked prior to said time and date but not received shall **not** be considered and will be returned to bidder unopened.

B. Bid Guarantee - The bid form shall be signed where indicated guaranteeing that the bidder will not withdraw his bid for a period of 60 days after the scheduled time of opening of bids.

**IB-05 WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS:** Bids may be withdrawn by request of the bidder prior to the time fixed for opening. Error or negligence on the part of the bidder in preparing the bid confers no right for the withdrawal of the bid after it has been opened.

**IB-06 BID TABULATIONS:** In accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 119(1)(b)2: Sealed bids, proposals, or replies received by an agency pursuant to a competitive solicitation are exempt from s. [119.07\(1\)](#) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution until such time as the agency provides notice of an intended decision or until 30 days after opening the bids, proposals, or final replies, whichever is earlier. Those bidders interested in receiving a copy of the results of this bid once they are released may do so by visiting our website at <https://purchasingbids.charlottecountyfl.gov> under "Purchasing Bids Online", Document Number 215414. No information regarding the submittal will be divulged over the telephone.

**IB-07 RESERVED RIGHTS:** The County reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids, to waive irregularities and technicalities, and to request resubmission of bids. Also, the County reserves the right to accept all or any part of the bid and to increase or decrease quantities to meet additional or reduced requirements of the County. Any sole response received the first submission date may be rejected by the County depending on available competition and timely needs of the County.

**IB-08 FORM OF CONTRACT:** The submitted Bid Form signed by the Bidder, together with the complete bid package furnished by the County, shall constitute a binding contract. The Bidder shall be required to perform according to the Bidder's submitted Bid Form and the County's bid package when a purchase order, signed by the Senior Division Manager - Purchasing or his/her designee, is transmitted to the Bidder. The transmitted purchase order shall serve as both a Notice of Acceptance and Notice to Proceed to the Bidder. Failure to comply with the conditions set forth in the purchase order shall be deemed a breach of contract subjecting the Bidder to forfeiture of the bid bond or other posted security and other possible penalties.

**IB-09 NOTICE TO PROCEED/DELIVERY:** After award of bid, a purchase order shall be issued bearing the terms of delivery. Upon receipt of purchase order, successful bidder shall acknowledge receipt of same by either fax or mail, and shall commence prosecution of order so that the agreed upon delivery date will be satisfied.

**IB-10 PAYMENT:** Request for payment must be submitted to the Charlotte County Purchasing Division on a form approved by the County. Price shall be net and all invoices payable according to the Local Government Prompt Payment Act (F.S.218.74).

**IB-11 PERFORMANCE EVALUATION:** At the end of the contract, the receiving department will evaluate the successful bidder's performance. This evaluation will become public record.

**IB-12 ARITHMETIC DISCREPANCIES:**

A. For the purpose of initial evaluation of bids, the following will be utilized in resolving arithmetic discrepancies found on the face of the bid forms as submitted by bidders:

1. Obviously misplaced decimal points will be corrected.
2. In case of discrepancy between unit price and extended price, the unit price will govern. Apparent errors in extension will be corrected.
3. Apparent errors in addition of lump sum and extended prices will be corrected.

B. For the purpose of bid evaluation, the County will proceed on the assumption that the bidder intends his bid be evaluated on the basis of the unit prices, extensions, and totals arrived at by resolution of arithmetic discrepancies as provided above, and the bid will be so reflected on the tabulation of bids.

**IB-13 DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION:** Unless otherwise specifically provided in the specifications, all equipment, materials and articles incorporated in the work covered by the contract are to be new and of the most suitable grade for the purpose intended. Unless otherwise specifically provided in the specifications, reference to any equipment, material, article or patented process, by trade name, make or catalogue number, shall be regarded as establishing a standard of quality and shall not be construed as limiting competition. If the bidder wishes to make a substitution to the specifications, the bidder shall furnish to the County the name of the manufacturer, the model number, and other identifying data and information necessary to aid the County in evaluating the substitution, and such substitution shall be subject to County approval. Substitutions shall be approved only if determined by the County to be equivalent to the specifications. A bid containing a substitution is subject to disqualification if the substitution is not approved by the County.

Specified items bid shall be identified by brand name, number, manufacturer and model, and shall include full descriptive information, brochures, or appropriate attachments.

**IB-14 QUALITY GUARANTEE:** If any product delivered does not meet applicable specifications, or if the product will not produce the effect that the successful bidder represents to the County, the successful bidder shall pick up the product from the County at no expense to the County. Also, the successful bidder shall refund to Charlotte County any money which has been paid for same. The successful bidder will be responsible for reasonable County attorney fees expended to obtain compliance with this provision in the event the successful bidder defaults under this provision.

**IB-15 REGULATIONS:**

A. It shall be the responsibility of each supplier to assure compliance with any OSHA, EPA, and/or other Federal or State of Florida rules, regulations or other requirements, as each may apply.

B. Bidder must be authorized to transact business and be properly licensed in the State of Florida. All applicable laws and regulations of the State of Florida and ordinances and regulations of Charlotte County will apply to any resulting contract.

**IB-16 CODE OF ETHICS:** With respect to this bid, if any bidder violates or is a party to a violation of the State of Florida/Florida Statutes, Chapter 112, Part III, Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, such bidder may be disqualified from furnishing the goods or services for which the bid is submitted and shall be further disqualified from submitting any future bids for goods or services for Charlotte County.

**IB-17 COLLUSION:** By offering a submission to this invitation for bid, the bidder certifies the bidder has not divulged to, discussed or compared his bid with other bidders and has not colluded with any other bidder or parties to this bid whatsoever. Also, bidder certifies, and in the case of a joint bid each party thereto certifies as to his own organization, that in connection with this bid:

- any prices and/or cost data submitted have been arrived at independently, without consultation, communication, or agreement, for the purpose of restricting competition, as to any matter relating to such prices and or cost data, with any other bidder or with any competitor;
- any prices and/or cost data quoted for this bid have not been knowingly disclosed by the bidder and will not knowingly be disclosed by the bidder prior to the scheduled opening directly or indirectly to any other bidder or to any competitor;
- no attempt has been made or will be made by the bidder to induce any other person or firm to submit or not to submit a bid for the purpose of restricting competition;
- the only person or persons interested in this bid, principal or principals is/are named therein and that no person other than therein mentioned has any interest in this bid or in the contract to be entered into; and
- no person or agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure the contract upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee excepting bona fide employees or established commercial agencies maintained by the Purchaser for the purpose of doing business.

**IB-18 SOURCE OF SUPPLY AND SUBCONTRACTORS:** Bidders are to complete the attached Source of Supply and Subcontractors form. This form must be completed and included with the bid form. If bidder does not have a source of supply or subcontractor, insert "to be determined". When source or subcontractor is determined, selection will be subject to County approval.

**IB-19 DRUG FREE WORKPLACE FORM:** It is strongly suggested that the attached Drug Free Workplace Form be signed and returned to this office with the bid form. In the event of a tie bid, the presence of a valid and accurate form may be used as a basis for awarding the contract.

**IB-20 PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES:** In accordance with Florida Statutes Sec. 287.133(2)(a), "A person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a bid on a contract to provide any goods/services to a public entity, may not submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to a public entity, may not be awarded or perform work as a Contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017, for Category Two, for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list".

**IB-21 CANCELLATION/TERMINATION OF CONTRACT:** The County shall have the right to cancel, terminate or suspend the contract, in whole or in part, by providing the Contractor 30 days written notice by certified mail.



It is expressly understood by the County and the Contractor that funding for any successive fiscal years of the contract is contingent upon appropriation of monies by the Charlotte County Board of County Commissioners. In the event that funds are not available or are not appropriated, the County reserves the right to terminate the contract. The County will be responsible for payment of any outstanding invoices and work completed by the Contractor prior to such termination.

Pursuant to Section 287.135(3)(a)4 of the Florida Statutes, Charlotte County may, at its sole option, terminate any Agreement valued at \$1,000,000 or more if the Contractor is found to have submitted a false certification, has been placed on the *Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List*, or the *Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List*, or has been engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria or a boycott of Israel.

Pursuant to Section 287.135(3)(b) of the Florida Statutes, Charlotte County may, at its sole option, terminate any Agreement in any amount if the Contractor is found to have been placed on the *Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List*, or is engaged in a boycott of Israel.

**IB-22 INDEMNIFY:** After notification of award, the successful bidder shall indemnify and hold harmless the County, its officers, employees, agents and volunteers, from action, including any court costs or attorneys' fees arising from, or as a result of, any act or omission by bidder, its officers, employees, licensees, invitees, Contractors, agents or assignees, in the performance of the services and/or the delivery of goods for which the resulting agreement was entered into. Bidder agrees that the first ten dollars (\$10.00) of compensation received under the resulting agreement represents specific consideration for the indemnification obligation. Nothing in the award, resulting agreement, contract or Purchase Order shall be deemed to affect the rights, privileges and immunities of the County as set forth in Florida Statute 768.28.

**IB-23 TAXES:** The Contractor shall assume liability for Local, State, or Federal Tax that is applicable to the work.

**IB-24 ASSIGNMENT:** This agreement, or any interest herein, shall not be assigned, transferred or otherwise encumbered, under any circumstances by Contractor without the prior written consent of the County.

**IB-25 EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:** Charlotte County, Florida, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of The Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252) and the Regulations of the Department of Commerce (15 CFR, Part 8) issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this advertisement and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color or national origin in consideration for an award.

All bidders are hereby notified that the successful bidder (Contractor) must and shall comply with the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Florida Civil Rights Act, all as amended. Specifically, Contractor agrees that:

- No person shall, on the grounds of race, color, sex, religion, age, disability, national origin or marital status, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program, activity or service funded through the contract.
- Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, age, disability, national origin or marital status. Contractor agrees to post in a conspicuous place, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth the provisions of this non-discrimination clause.
- Contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements regarding program activities, services provided or applications for employment, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for services or employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, disability, national origin or marital status.
- County may require Contractor to submit reports as may be necessary to indicate non-discrimination. County officials will be permitted access to Contractor's books, records, accounts and other sources of information and its facilities as may be pertinent to ascertain compliance with non-discrimination laws.

It is expressly understood that County shall have the right to terminate the contract upon receipt of evidence of discrimination.

**IB-26 EMPLOYEE BACKGROUND CHECK:** If an owner, except a stockholder in a publicly traded corporation, or an employee of the Contractor has been convicted of any offenses requiring registration as a sexual offender or sexual predator, regardless of the location of conviction, the Contractor shall ensure that the offender's or predator's work on the project is consistent with the terms of his probation and registry requirements.

**IB-27 PUBLIC RECORDS CLAUSE TO CONTRACTORS “ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY”:** Pursuant to Section 119.0701 of the Florida Statutes, Contractors acting on behalf of the County must comply with the public records laws, specifically: a) keep and maintain public records required by the County to perform the contracted services; b) upon request from the County’s custodian of public records, provide the County with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119 of the Florida Statutes or as otherwise provided by law; c) ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the contract term and following completion of the contract; and d) upon completion of the contract, keep and maintain all public records required by the County to perform the service, and meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records.

**IF THE CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE CONTRACTOR’S DUTY TO RETAIN AND PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTACT THE COUNTY’S CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT (941) 743-1441, E-MAIL TO RECORDS@CHARLOTTECOUNTYFL.GOV, 18500 MURDOCK CIRCLE, BLDG. B, Suite 109, PORT CHARLOTTE, FLORIDA 33948.**



**TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS & CONDITIONS  
VEHICLES – ANNUAL CONTRACT  
BID NO. 2021000541**

**TS-01 PURPOSE:** It is the intent of Charlotte County to purchase vehicles, on an “as required” basis, from a Ford Motor Company dealer. It is the specific purpose of this bid to establish a conditional contract for the required materials and to secure the cost and availability of the requirements for procurement from a source of supply that will give prompt and convenient service.

**TS-02 BID PRICES/TERMS OF CONTRACT:** Bidders shall bid unit prices, F.O.B., to Charlotte County Fleet Management, 18000 Paulson Drive, Port Charlotte, FL 33954. The prices bid shall include all costs for all transportation, labor, materials and equipment used in supplying and delivering said materials.

Bid prices shall be considered firm from October 1, 2021 through and including September 30, 2022. This bid may be extended/renewed for two (2) additional one (1) year periods, by mutual agreement, provided there are no changes in terms, conditions and prices.

Previous contract prices can be obtained by accessing the Charlotte County Purchasing Division’s website at <https://purchasingbids.charlottecountyfl.gov> under “Purchasing Bids Online”, Historical Catalog. The previous Contract number for this project is **18-509** and is entitled ‘**Vehicles – Annual Contract**’.

**TS-03 DELIVERY:** All bids will indicate the lead time required for the established quantities to be delivered. Successful bidder will be held to delivery dates. Failure to meet delivery or lead time necessitating Charlotte County to make purchases from other sources, shall cause successful bidder to be held liable for the difference of cost between awarded bid price and the cost of the required purchase from another source.

Successful bidder shall notify the Fleet Manager or his designee, at a number to be provided to the awarded Bidder at least 24 hours prior to delivery. All deliveries shall be made between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays, unless otherwise agreed to by the receiving department.

**TS-04 ESTIMATED QUANTITIES:** The exact quantities for this bid cannot be determined at this time. No minimum amount is guaranteed or implied. Purchase orders will be issued on an ‘as required’ basis.

**TS-05 SCOPE:**

**A. GENERAL:** The vehicles to be purchased under this bid are automobiles, sport utility vehicles, passenger vans, light duty vans, light duty trucks, and light duty cab/chassis. Light duty vans, trucks, and cab/chassis cover all models up to and including Class 6 (19,501 to 26,000 lbs. GVW).

Contractors shall bid a percentage discount off of the Ford factory invoice, which shall include the vehicle base price, freight charges, and all factory production options. The invoice submitted will be verified by the County by using Kelley Blue Book’s New Car Pricing. In the event of a discrepancy, the Kelley Blue Book New Car Pricing shall supersede the submitted invoice.

Charlotte County shall participate in all fleet incentives, price incentives, and/or rebates available to the bidder in addition to the percentage discount bid. Each vehicle purchased under this contract shall include as part of the base vehicle price:

- vehicle preparation costs
- delivery
- three (3) complete sets of keys

The percentage discount submitted by Bidder should take these factors into account.

From the date of the purchase order, the bidder shall have 48 hours to place the vehicle(s) order with the Ford Motor Company, and shall provide the order number provided by Ford to Charlotte County along with the expected production time. For those vehicles requiring fabrication, the fabrication schedule shall be coordinated with a Charlotte County Fleet Department representative. The Awarded Contractor shall make every effort to provide Charlotte County with the vehicles ordered in a timely manner and shall keep Charlotte County up to date on all information regarding vehicle delivery including, but not limited to, production and/or fabrication delays.

**B. DEALER INSTALLED OPTIONS:** Dealer installed options may include but are not limited to strobe lights, bedliners, utility bodies, and cranes. See TS-06, Criteria for Award, for the approved list of authorized manufacturers to be used for dealer installed options. Only manufacturers on this list will be accepted. The Fleet Management Division will provide the awarded bidder with updated lists of approved manufacturers for dealer installed options as needed throughout the contract period. All prospective bidders must provide a percentage figure above "actual invoice" for any dealer installed options performed by a sub-contractor. Copies of actual invoices must be provided as backup.

Charlotte County Fleet Management will provide the awarded bidder a list of dealer installed options required for each vehicle as they are ordered. Upon request of these items, the dealer shall provide Fleet Management pricing, excluding markup, within three (3) working days. Responses must be either faxed to 941-575-3671 or electronically mailed to Fleet Management.

**C. VEHICLE CONDITION:** The bidder shall be responsible for delivering vehicles that are new and unused, properly serviced, clean, and in first class operating condition. Pre-delivery service, at a minimum, shall include the following:

1. Complete lubrication and check all fluid levels to assure proper fill
2. Adjustment of engine to proper operating condition
3. Inflate tires to proper pressure
4. Check for proper operation of all accessories, gauges, lights, mechanical and hydraulic features
5. Cleaning of vehicle, if necessary, and removal of all unnecessary items such as tags, stickers and papers. **DO NOT REMOVE WINDOW PRICE STICKER**
6. Overall check for safe operating condition
7. All units must contain no less than 1/2 tank of fuel as indicated by the vehicle's fuel gauge at the time of delivery. If a vehicle is delivered with less than 1/2 tank of fuel as indicated by the vehicle's fuel gauge, the bidder shall be assessed \$40.00 dollars.
8. Vehicles not requiring fabrication shall be delivered with less than 250 miles as indicated by the vehicle's odometer. Allowances will be made for vehicles that require off-site fabrication, but vendor shall make the effort to keep mileage to a minimum. Vehicles with 1,000 miles or more as indicated by the vehicle's odometer may not be accepted without prior approval from Charlotte County.
9. All vehicles shall be delivered with three (3) complete sets of keys. If a vehicle is delivered without three (3) complete sets of keys, the bidder shall be assessed
10. Delivery does not constitute acceptance. Acceptance and authorization of payment will be given only after a thorough inspection indicates that the vehicle meets specifications and conditions listed herein.
11. Vehicles shall be delivered with each of the following documents satisfactorily completed:
  - Temporary license plate and/or county plate
  - Owner and/or operator manual(s).
  - Warranty certifications, including rustproofing, if applicable.
  - Copy of pre-delivery service report.
  - Window price sticker (still affixed).
12. All vehicles shall be equipped with all standard equipment as specified by the manufacturer for this model. All vehicles shall comply with the EPA Emission Standards, and all Motor Vehicle Safety Standards as established by the U.S. Department of Transportation regarding the manufacture of motor vehicles, and OSHA standards CFR 29 1910/1926.

The bidder understands that the bid covers a complete, fully operative unit, as specified by the purchase order and enclosures, including the mounting of all attachments and connections to the chassis.

**D. TITLE, REGISTRATION, AND PLATES:** All vehicles delivered under this contract shall be titled and registered by the successful bidder in accordance with Florida Statutes Chapters 319 and 320. Awarded bidder shall send any necessary form(s), which must be signed by an authorized representative of the Charlotte County Board of County Commissioners, with the vehicle upon delivery. Awarded bidder shall obtain necessary signature(s) and complete the title and registration process for the County, provide a 30-day temporary tag, and return a County license plate within twenty-five days of the delivery of each vehicle.

The County shall reimburse the Contractor for the actual fees involved in the title application, registration, and obtaining of new license plates as charged by the State of Florida. The cost shall be listed as a separate line item on the invoice presented for payment on each vehicle. Separate invoicing for this reimbursement will not be accepted.

NOTE: Charlotte County is self-insured; therefore, a "Proof of Insurance" form is not required.

**TS-06 CRITERIA FOR AWARD:** The award of this bid will be made to the lowest, responsive, responsible Bidder, who meets or exceeds the requirements of these specifications.

The County reserves the right to reject the bid proposal of any bidder who has previously failed to perform properly, or on time, contracts of similar nature; or who is not in a position to satisfactorily perform the contract. If, after bid opening, the lowest bidder is deemed non-responsible by the County, such bidder shall receive written notice from the County of this determination. The bidder shall have five (5) business days from the date of this notice to dispute the determination and to provide to the County any additional information it deems relevant regarding the bidder's responsibility. The County shall make a final determination regarding the bidder's responsibility at the time of award of the contract.

**LIST OF AUTHORIZED MANUFACTURERS TO BE USED FOR DEALER INSTALLED OPTIONS includes, but is not limited to:**

EFFECTIVE 10/01/2021

1. EMERGENCY AND WARNING LIGHTS:
  - A. STROBE - NORTH AMERICAN SIGNAL COMPANY
  - B. LIGHT BARS & MOUNTING BRACKETS - WHELEN
  - C. CORNER INTERCEPT – NOVA ELECTRONICS
2. BEDLINERS:
  - A. DURALINER
  - B. RHINO LININGS
  - C. LINEX SPRAY IN
3. TOOL BOXES:
  - A. DELTA
  - B. DAYTON
4. TRAILER HITCHES:
  - A. DRAW-TITE
  - B. REESE
5. LIFT GATES:
  - A. TOMMY GATE
6. ALUMINUM DUMP BODY INSERTS:
  - A. TRUCK CRAFT
  - B. EZ DUMPER
7. UTILITY AND STAKE BODIES:
  - A. KNAPHEIDE
  - B. READING
  - C. ROYAL
8. CRANES:
  - A. AUTO-CRANE
  - B. LIFT MOORE
9. DUMP AND FLAT BED DUMP HOISTS:
  - A. VENCO CONVERSION HOISTS
  - B. RUGBY
10. TRUCK AND VAN ACCESSORIES:
  - A. SILVER SHIELD SYSTEMS
  - B. TAILGATERS
  - C. MASTERACK
  - D. AMERICAN VANS
11. SERVICE & PARTS MANUALS (CD OR HARD COPY):
  - A. HELMS PUBLISHING
12. LAP TOP MOUNTS
  - A. KODIAK MOBILE CF31 IDOCK
  - B. JOTTO DESK
13. REAR MOUNTED CAMERA
  - A. ZONE DEFENSE

<p><b>INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS</b>  <b>VEHICLES – ANNUAL CONTRACT</b>  <b>BID NO. 2021000541</b></p>
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Contractor and subcontractors shall procure and maintain until all of their obligations have been discharged, including any warranty periods under this Contract are satisfied, insurance against claims for injury to persons or damage to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder by the Contractor, his agents, representatives, employees or subcontractors.

The insurance requirements herein are minimum requirements for this Contract and in no way limit the indemnity covenants contained in this Contract. The County in no way warrants that the minimum limits contained herein are sufficient to protect the Contractor from liabilities that might arise out of the performance of the work under this Contract by the Contractor, his agents, representatives, employees, or subcontractors. Contractor is free to purchase such additional insurance as may be determined necessary.

**A. MINIMUM SCOPE AND LIMITS OF INSURANCE** - Contractor shall provide coverage with limits of liability not less than those stated below. An excess liability policy or umbrella liability policy may be used to meet the minimum liability requirements provided that the coverage is written on a "following form" basis.

**1. Commercial General Liability – Occurrence Form (CG 00 01)**

Policy shall include bodily injury, property damage, broad form contractual liability and Explosion, Collapse and Underground (XCU) coverage. The general aggregate limit shall apply separately to this project/location or the general aggregate limit shall be twice the required occurrence limit.

**Minimum Requirements:**

- General Aggregate \$ 500,000
- Each Occurrence \$ 500,000

- a. The policy shall be endorsed to include the following additional insured language: "Charlotte County a political subdivision of the state of Florida and its officers, employees, agents and volunteers" shall be named as an additional insured with respect to liability arising out of the activities performed by, or on behalf of the Contractor.
- b. Contractor's subcontractors shall be subject to the same minimum requirements identified above.
- c. Policy shall be endorsed for a waiver of subrogation against the Charlotte County.

**2. Automobile Liability**

Bodily injury and property damage for any owned, hired, and non-owned vehicles used in the performance of this Contract. Automobile liability must be written on a standard ISO form (CA 00 01) covering any auto (Code 1), or if Contractor has no owned autos, hired (Code 8) and non-owned (Code 9) autos.

Combined Single Limit (CSL) \$ 500,000

- a. The policy shall be endorsed to include the following additional insured language: "Charlotte County a political subdivision of the state of Florida and its officers, employees, agents and volunteers" shall be named as an additional insured with respect to liability arising out of the activities performed by, or on behalf of the Contractor, including automobiles owned, leased, hired or borrowed by the Contractor".
- b. Contractor's sub-contractors shall be subject to the same minimum requirements identified in this section.
- c. Policy shall contain a waiver of subrogation against the Charlotte County.

**3. Worker's Compensation and Employers' Liability**

Workers' Compensation  
Employers' Liability

Each Accident, bodily injury or disease \$ 500,000

- a. Policy shall contain a waiver of subrogation against the Charlotte County.
- b. Projects on or along navigable waters an endorsement for US Longshoremen and Harbor Workers and Jones Act is required.

- c. Contractor's sub-contractors shall be subject to the same minimum requirements identified in this section.
- d. If the Contractor has no employees the Contractor must submit to the County the Workers Compensation Exemption from the State of Florida.

**Additional Insured** – All policies, **except** for the Workers Compensation shall contain endorsements naming the County its officers, employees, agents and volunteers as additional insured with respect to liabilities arising out of the performance of services contained herein. The additional insured endorsements' shall not limit the scope of coverage for the County to vicarious liability but shall allow coverage for the County to full extent provided by the policy, even if those limits exceed those required by this contract. Such additional insured coverage shall be at least as broad as Additional Insured(Form B) endorsement form ISO, CG 20 10 11 85 or both CG 20 10 and CG 20 37 if later revisions used.

**Waiver of Subrogation Rights** – The Contractor shall require the carriers of required coverage's to waive all rights of subrogation against the County, its officers, employees, agents and volunteers. Contractor agrees to obtain any endorsement that may be necessary to affect this waiver of subrogation. All general or auto liability insurance coverage provided shall not prohibit the Contractor and Contractor's employees or agents from waiving the right of subrogation prior to a loss or claim. The Contractor hereby waives all rights of subrogation against the County.

**Policies Primary and Non-Contributory** – For any claims related to this contract, the Contractor's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects the County, its officers, employees, agents and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the County, its officers, employees, agents or volunteers shall be excess of the Contractor's insurance and shall not contribute with it.

**Severability of Interests** – The Contractor agrees to ensure that coverage provided to meet these requirements is applicable separately to each insured and there will be no cross liability exclusions that preclude coverage for suits between the Contractor and the County or between the County and any other insured or additional insured under the policy.

**Proof of Coverage** - Prior to the commencement of performance of services the Contractor shall furnish to the County Purchasing Division Certificates of Insurance and amendatory endorsements or copies of the applicable policies. These certificates shall provide that such insurance shall not be terminated or expire without notice thereof in accordance with the policy provisions and Contractor shall maintain such insurance from the time the Contractor commences performance of services until completion of such services.

**Acceptability of insurance carrier** – Unless otherwise approved by Risk Management, Insurance shall be written by insurers authorized to do business in the State of Florida and with a minimum Best Insurance Guide rating of "A- VII".

**Deductibles and Self-Insured Retention** – Any and all deductibles or self-insured retentions in excess of \$10,000 shall be declared to and approved by Risk Management. The County may require the Contractor to purchase coverage with a lower deductible or retention or provide proof of ability to pay losses and related investigations, claim administration and defense expenses within the deductible or retention.

**Failure to Procure Coverage** – In the event that any policy of insurance required under this contract does not comply with the requirements, is not procured or is cancelled and not replaced, the County has the right but not the obligation or duty to terminate the contract or obtain insurance if it deems necessary and any premiums paid by the County will be promptly reimbursed by the Contractor or County payments to the Contractor will be reduced to pay for County purchased insurance.

**Insurance Review** – Insurance requirements are subject to periodic review by the County. The Risk Manager or designee is authorized, but not required, to reduce, waive, or suspend any insurance requirements whenever Risk Management determines that any of the required insurance is not available, is unreasonably priced or is not needed to protect the interests of the County. In addition, if Risk Management determines that heretofore, unreasonably or unavailable types of insurance coverage or coverage limits become reasonably priced or available, the Risk Manager or designee is authorized, but not required, to change the above insurance requirements to require additional types of insurance coverage or higher coverage limits, provided that any such change is reasonable in light of past claims against the County, inflation, or any other item reasonably related to the County's risk. Any change requiring additional types of insurance coverage or higher coverage limits must be made by amendment to this contract. Contractor agrees to execute any such amendment within thirty (30) days of receipt.

Any failure, actual, or alleged, on part of the County to monitor or enforce compliance with any of the insurance and indemnification requirements will not be deemed as a waiver of any rights on the par to the County.



**SAFETY AND HEALTH REQUIREMENTS  
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**SH-01 HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN:** It shall be the responsibility of the Contractor to comply with OSHA, EPA, DOT and other applicable Federal and State of Florida laws, rules, regulations or other requirements. This includes, but is not limited to, 29 CFR 1926 (Safety and Health Regulations for Construction) and 1910 (Safety and Health Regulations for General Industry). Contractors are required to have a written Health and Safety Program that is jobsite specific. The elements of this written program shall be in accordance with OSHA 1926 and 1910. A list of program elements can be obtained from Charlotte County Risk Management.

The Contractor will designate a responsible member of his organization whose duty shall be the prevention of accidents at the site. This person shall be the Contractor's superintendent unless otherwise designated in writing by the Contractor to the Project Manager.

A copy of the Contractor's Health and Safety Plan will be submitted to Charlotte County at least 10 days prior to commencement of work. Contractor shall provide documentation that his employees and subcontractors received training (been informed of) on the Contractor's Health and Safety Plan. The Contractor will be responsible for conducting a site safety briefing for all visitors to the site. Documentation of these site safety briefings are to be maintained by the Contractor and made available to Charlotte County upon request.

Contractor will post, where appropriate, all necessary job-site Health and Safety notices. The Loss Control Coordinator will conduct unannounced job-site inspections during the course of the project. Minor safety violations may be addressed immediately with the onsite supervisor and Project Manager. Major safety violations will result in written notification to the Contractor and Charlotte County Department Director under which the project is being performed. Hazardous conditions that are considered by the Loss Control Coordinator to be immediately dangerous to life or limb will result in immediate stoppage of work until the hazardous conditions are corrected.

**SH-02 ACCIDENTAL SPILLS:** In the event of an accidental release or spill of chemicals or other hazardous materials the Contractor shall:

- Immediately take action as appropriate to contain the spill if this action can be taken without jeopardizing the health or safety of employees,
- Notify the Fire/EMS, or other entities as needed or required,
- Contact the Project Manager/Coordinator, and
- Contact Charlotte County Risk Management and Loss Control Coordinator.

The following phone numbers may be used in the event of an emergency:

Risk Management	941.764.4191
Environmental Health and Safety Manager	941.743.1381 (or Cell 941.223.5535)

**SH-03 CONTROL OF FUGITIVE EMISSIONS:** The Contractor shall take all reasonable precautions necessary to control fugitive emissions from the job site. Fugitive emissions include, but are not limited to: nuisance dust, chemical odors/vapors/gases, hazardous materials such as lead or asbestos, and noise. Where the product(s) or material(s) to be used by the Contractor has a permissible exposure limit (PEL) established by OSHA the Contractor shall take all reasonable steps to maintain emissions of the product(s) or materials below the OSHA PEL. To verify that emissions are maintained below the OSHA PEL, the Contractor shall monitor, or shall contract to have monitored, work area exposure conditions. Monitoring shall occur, at a minimum, during the start of work and whenever there is a change in procedure, process, or chemical or material used. If it is deemed not practical to maintain exposures below the PEL, the Contractor shall restrict access to all areas where exposures exceed the PEL to authorized personnel only.

**A. ASBESTOS AND SUSPECT ASBESTOS CONTAINING BUILDING MATERIALS:** Contractors shall, under no circumstances, damage or disturb suspect or known asbestos containing material (ACM) unless they are a licensed Florida Asbestos Abatement Contractor and have been specifically employed to perform asbestos repair or removal. It is the responsibility of the Contractor to provide his or her own asbestos awareness program in accordance with 29 CFR 1926.1101. Where required by Federal and State regulations, the Contractor is required to have asbestos surveys performed prior to any work that includes, but is not limited to, renovation, and demolition. The asbestos survey must be performed by a firm that is licensed in the State of Florida to perform such surveys. A copy of the asbestos survey shall be submitted to the County's project manager. Asbestos materials may not be used or installed in any Charlotte County facilities.

**B. LEAD-CONTAINING BUILDING MATERIALS:** Contractors that will disturb lead-containing building materials during the course of work shall take all necessary precautions to protect Charlotte County employees and the public from exposure to lead dust or contamination. These measures shall conform, at a minimum, to the OSHA requirements detailed in 29 CFR 1926.62 and applicable local, state and federal regulations. Where the Contractor is engaged in work in child-occupied facilities, such work shall be performed in accordance with 40 CFR 745, and clearance testing shall be performed by the Loss Control Coordinator or a licensed consultant at the conclusion of the project in accordance with the requirements of this regulation.

**C. SAMPLING AND MONITORING RESULTS:** The results of all personal and area monitoring and or other samples collected for health and safety compliance required by OSHA or any other state or federal regulatory agency shall be provided to Charlotte County.



**BID FORM  
VEHICLES – ANNUAL CONTRACT  
BID NO. 2021000541**

TO: Senior Division Manager - Purchasing  
Board of County Commissioners  
Charlotte County Administration Center  
18500 Murdock Circle  
Port Charlotte, Fl. 33948-1094

The undersigned, as bidder, does hereby declare that he has read the Request for Bids, Instructions to Bidders, Technical Specifications & Conditions, Insurance, Safety & Health Requirements, Bid Form, and any other documentation for

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and further agrees to furnish all items listed on the attached Bid Form in accordance with the unit price(s) submitted. The above specified documents are herein incorporated into the Bid Form and shall be defined as the contract documents.

**Please Note: For bid evaluation purposes, award will be based on the lowest total of the following vehicle and dealer installed option purchases, calculated at the percentage discount (for vehicles) and percentage mark-up (for dealer installed options) submitted by each bidder. These quantities and descriptions are not actual and may vary considerably. They are only given as a means of determining / calculating the lowest responsive, responsible bidder.**

**PERCENTAGE DISCOUNT OFF OF FORD FACTORY INVOICE (NEW VEHICLE PURCHASES)**      4.27 %

**PERCENTAGE MARK-UP ON DEALER INSTALLED OPTIONS**      0.00 %

**Reminder: From the date of the purchase order, the bidder shall have ninety (90) days to deliver (including acceptance) normal production vehicles and one hundred twenty (120) days to deliver (including acceptance) vehicles with dealer installed options.**

**NOTE:** In accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 119.071(1)(b)2: Sealed bids, proposals, or replies received by an agency pursuant to a competitive solicitation are exempt from s. 119.071(1)(b)2 and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution, except as provided by Florida Statutes 255.0518, until such time as the agency provides notice of an intended decision or until 30 days after opening the bids, proposals, or final replies, whichever is earlier. Upon release of the intended decision, if you wish to obtain the quote results, you may do so by visiting our Website at <http://purchasingbids.charlottecountyfl.gov/> under "Purchasing Bids Online", document number 215414. No information regarding the submittal will be divulged over the telephone.

**Name of Bidder:** Bartow Ford Co

(This form to be returned)

If notified of the acceptance of this bid form, the undersigned agrees to execute a Contract for the stated compensation in the form as prescribed by the County, within the time constraints outlined in Instructions to Bidders.

The signature below is a guarantee that the Bidder will not withdraw his/her bid for a period of sixty (60) days after the scheduled time for opening the bids.

In accordance with section 287.135, Florida Statutes, the undersigned certifies that the company is not on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, and does not have business operations in Cuba or Syria (if applicable) or the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, or is not participating in a boycott of Israel.

**All contract documents (i.e.; performance and payment bond, cashier's check, bid bond) shall be in the name of "Charlotte County".**

The undersigned acknowledges receipt of the following addenda, and the cost, if any, of such revisions has been included in the price bid.

Addendum No. 1, Dated 7/28/2021 Addendum No. \_\_\_\_\_, Dated \_\_\_\_\_; Addendum No. \_\_\_\_\_, Dated \_\_\_\_\_

Addendum No. \_\_\_\_\_, Dated \_\_\_\_\_; Addendum No. \_\_\_\_\_, Dated \_\_\_\_\_; Addendum No. \_\_\_\_\_, Dated \_\_\_\_\_

**HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT:** The bidding firm as indicated below, through the signing of this document by any authorized party or agent, indemnify, hold harmless and defend Charlotte County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, its officers, agents, employees, and volunteers from all suits and actions, including attorney's fees and all costs of litigation and judgment of every name and description brought against the County as a result of loss, damage or injury to person or property by reason of any act or failure to act by the bidding firm, its agents, servants or employees.

Type of Organization (Please Check One): Individual Ownership \_\_\_\_\_ Joint Venture \_\_\_\_\_  
Partnership \_\_\_\_\_ Corporation X

Name of Bidding Firm Bartow Ford Co

Mailing Address 2800 US Hwy 98 North

Location Address 2800 US Hwy 98 North

City & State Bartow FL ZIP 33830

Telephone: 813-477-0052 Fax Number: 863-535-1038 E-mail: thefordtruckguy@gmail.com

Signature of person authorized to bind the Company: Richard Weissinger

Print Name/Title of person authorized to bind the Company: Commercial Fleet Sales

Date: 08/10/2021

(This form to be returned)

**SOURCE OF SUPPLY AND SUBCONTRACTORS**

The following sources of supply and subcontractors shall be used for the **VEHICLES – ANNUAL CONTRACT** project. If bidder does not have a source of supply or subcontractor, insert "to be determined". When a source or subcontractor is determined, selection will be subject to County approval. (If not applicable, state N/A).

Source of Supply	Subcontractor(s)
1. <u>EMERGENCY &amp; WARNING LIGHTING</u> BEDLINERS	1. <u>WHELEN / SOUNDOFF / FED SIG / NOVA / STAR</u> FORD / DURA LINER / RHINO LININGS / LINEX
2. <u>TRAILER HITCH</u> UTILITY & STAKE BODIES	2. <u>FORD / DRAW TIGHT / REESE</u> KNAPHEIDE / READING / PREMIER
3. <u>CRANES</u> DUMP BODIES	3. <u>VENTURO / AUTO CRANE / LIFT MOORE</u> KNAPHEIDE / RUGBY / VENCO / GODWIN
4. <u>LIFTGATES</u> TRUCK & VAN ACCESSORIES	4. <u>TOMMY GATE / WALTCO</u> MASTER RACK / RANGER / ARDIEN STEEL
5. <u>LAP TOP MOUNTS</u> SERVICE & PARTS MANUALS REAR MOUNTED CAMERA	5. <u>HAVIS / JOTTO / GAMBER</u> HELM PUBLISHING THIS IS NOW A FACTORY INSTALLED ITEM

**DRUG FREE WORKPLACE FORM**

The undersigned vendor in accordance with Florida Statute 287.087 hereby certifies that Bartow Ford Co  
(name of business) does:

- Publish a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition.
- Inform employees about the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace, the business's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace, any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs, and the penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations.
- Give each employee engaged in providing the commodities or contractual services that are under bid a copy of the statement specified in subsection (1).
- In the statement specified in subsection (1), notify the employees that, as a condition of working on the commodities or contractual services that are under bid, the employee will abide by the terms of the statement and will notify the employer of any conviction of, or plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, any violation of Chapter 893 or of any controlled substance law of the United States or any state, for a violation occurring in the workplace no later than five (5) days after such conviction.
- Impose a sanction on, or require the satisfactory participation in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program if such is available in the employee's community, by any employee who is so convicted.
- Make a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of this section.

As the person authorized to sign the statement, I certify that this firm complies fully with the above requirements.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Dated 08/10/2021

Name of Bidder: Bartow Ford Co

(This form to be returned)