

Grand Island Fire Department
City Of Grand Island, Grand Island, NE



Request for Proposal
(RFP)
Re-chassis Type III Ambulance

July 3, 2012

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**ADVERTISEMENT
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
FOR
Re-chassis Type III Ambulance
FOR
GRAND ISLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA**

Sealed proposals will be received by the City Clerk, City Hall, 100 East 1st Street, Grand Island, NE 68801 or PO Box 1968, Grand Island, NE 68802 until **2:30 PM** (local time) on **July 26, 2012**, for a re-chassis Type III ambulance for the Grand Island Fire Department. Proposals received after the specified time will be returned unopened to sender. Proposals must be based on the City's Request for Proposals. Contact the Fire Department at (308) 385-5444 ext 229 for further information.

Proposals will be evaluated based upon meeting RFP minimums, cost, and references from owners of proposer's ambulances. Proposals shall remain firm for a period of 90 days after proposal due date. The City of Grand Island reserves the right to refuse any or all proposals and to select the proposal deemed to be in the City's best interest, at its sole discretion.

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

SUBMITTALS

Proposals must be delivered to the Grand Island City Clerk's Office no later than **2:30 P.M.** on the **26th day** of **July 2012**. Please provide three (3) copies of your proposal in a sealed envelope clearly marked on the exterior as containing "Proposal for Re-chassis Type III Ambulance". Submit proposals to RaNae Edwards, City Clerk, City of Grand Island, 100 East First Street, Grand Island, Nebraska 68801. Interested persons should submit their questions to the Grand Island Emergency Medical Services Division Chief Russ Blackburn rblackburn@grand-island.com, 308-385-5444 ext. 229.

Proposals must remain firm for ninety (90) days from the proposal due date. The City of Grand Island reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, waive irregularities, and to select the proposal that is deemed to be in the City's best interest, at its sole discretion.

Price is not the sole selection factor and will be considered together with other factors allowed under Nebraska Law.

Fair Employment Practices

Each bidder agrees that he/she will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of age, race, color, religious creed, ancestry, handicap, sex or political affiliation.

Drug Free Policy Each bidder agrees to maintain a drug free work policy.

Data Privacy Bidder agrees to abide by all applicable Local, State, and Federal laws and regulations concerning the handling and disclosure of private and confidential information concerning individuals and corporations as to inventions, patents and patent rights. The bidder agrees to hold the City harmless from any claims resulting from the bidder's unlawful disclosure or use of private or confidential information.

Independent Price Determination

By signing and submitting bid, the bidder certifies that: the prices in the bid have been arrived at independently, without consultation, communication or agreement, for the purpose of restricting competition, as to any matter relating to such prices with any other bidder or with any competitor.

Clarification of Specification Documents

Vendors shall promptly notify the Purchasing Agent of any ambiguity, inconsistency or error, which they may discover upon examination of the specifications. Interpretations, corrections and changes made to the specifications will be made by written addenda. Oral interpretations or changes to the specifications made in any other manner will not be binding on the City; and bidders shall not rely upon such interpretations or changes.

Demonstration/Samples

If requested, the bidders shall, at bidder's expense, demonstrate and/or furnish samples of the exact item(s) proposed within seven (7) calendar days from receipt of such request from the City.

Bid Evaluation and Award

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days after bid due date. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive technicalities and to accept the bid considered by the Purchaser to be in the City's best interest. The bid will be evaluated based on price, demonstration (if requested), quality, warranty, adherence to specifications, delivery, and adaptability of the particular equipment for the specific use intended.

Gratuities and Kickbacks

City Code states that it is unethical for any person to offer, give, or agree to give any City employee or former City employee, or for any City employee or former City employee to solicit, demand, accept, or agree to accept from another person, a gratuity or an offer of employment in connection with any decision, approval, disapproval, recommendation, or preparation of any part of a program requirement or a purchase request, influencing the content of any specification or procurement standard, rendering of advice, investigation, auditing, or in any other advisory capacity in any proceeding or application, request for ruling, determination, claim or controversy, or other particular matter, pertaining to any program requirement or a contract or subcontract, or to any solicitation or proposal therefore. It shall be unethical for any payment, gratuity, or offer of employment to be made by or on behalf of a subcontractor under a contract to the prime contractor or higher tier subcontractor or any person associated therewith, as an inducement for the award of a subcontract or order.

Federal Immigration Verification System

Every public contractor and his, her or its subcontractors who are awarded a contract by the City for the physical performance of services within the State of Nebraska shall register with and use a federal immigration verification system to determine the work eligibility status of new employees physically performing services within the State of Nebraska.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
Re-chassis Type 3 Ambulance
BY THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA

APPARATUS PROPOSAL

The City of Grand Island, Nebraska, is seeking proposals from qualified dealers to supply one remounted type 3 ambulance to the City of Grand Island.

Proposers will provide access to inspect vehicle at Grand Island Fire Station 1 or reimburse travel expenses to the location of the apparatus for the purpose of a physical inspection and delivery. The purpose of this inspection will be to determine the quality of workmanship and the actual compatibility of the apparatus to meet our needs. Expenses covered will include mileage or airfare, meals and lodging for two. Expenses will be paid by the winning proposal only.

Minimum Specifications

Section 1: General

- a. Remounted type III, class I ambulance on new chassis.
- b. Bidders shall include all warranty documents with bid proposal.
- c. All warranties shall not be pro-rated.
- d. A limited warranty shall be provided on the ambulance remounted conversion. At a minimum the remounter shall warrant to the original retail purchaser that, for a period of thirty-six (36) months or 36,000 miles from the point of delivery, the remount shall be free of substantial defects in remount materials and remount workmanship which is attributable to the warrantor remount work and which arises during the course of normal use and service. There shall be a copy of the warranty statement included in the bid document.
- e. There shall be at least a five year 50,000 mile warranty on the ambulance remount electrical wiring system which will have an effective starting date of when the customer accepts delivery. It is the intent of this requirement that items not manufactured or installed by the ambulance remounter is excluded. There shall be a copy of the warranty statement included as part of the bid document.
- f. There shall be at least a four (4) year unlimited mileage paint warranty covering the ambulance conversion and any paint done to the chassis. There shall be a copy of the warranty statement included with the bid document.
- g. Warranty on the chassis portion of the completed ambulance shall be the responsibility of the chassis manufacturer.
- h. Chassis manufacturer must maintain a service center within Hall County, NE capable of servicing and repairing the chassis.
- i. Bidder is responsible to explain all exceptions to bid specifications in writing.
- j. Inspection and delivery of ambulance must occur at the manufacturer within 6 (six) months from the award date.

- k. Dealer demonstration models that meet or exceed these specifications, with no more than 6,000 miles, with a discount on the bid price for those miles, are acceptable for this bid.
- l. Items not listed in this request shall not be construed to be omitted from the manufacturer's ambulance model bid.
- m. By submitting bid, bidder authorizes the City of Grand Island to make such inquiries of third parties as may be necessary to confirm the accuracy of the statements made herein.

Section 2: Chassis

- a. 2012 or newer 4500 or 450 Cutaway Chassis.
- b. 6.6 L diesel engine or equivalent diesel engine.
- c. Heavy-duty anti-sway bar or equivalent – rear.
- d. Rubber cab floor matting.
- e. Audible/ visual parking brake alarm.
- f. Audible/ visual door and compartment alarm – Whelen red LED or equal.
- g. Polished stainless steel wheel simulators with valve extenders on rear dual tires.

Section 3: Module Exterior

- a. Recessed into cab a minimum of 6”.
- b. Minimum 160” long, 96” wide.
- c. Minimum 72” headroom.
- d. Side walls – minimum .125” thickness aluminum – single sheet.
- e. Roof – minimum .090” thickness aluminum – single sheet.
- f. Oxygen tank mount for ‘M’ and large tank regulator.
- g. Structural vertical frames placed at a minimum of 14” on center.
- h. Lift –up rear step bumper.
- i. Diamond plate cab running boards with grip insert welded into center section, with mud flaps attached.
- j. All windows shall contain “privacy” tinting.
- k. Minimum 5 (five) exterior compartments.

Module compartments:

- a. Curbside / passenger side.
 - i. Front: inside / outside – minimum of (2) adjustable shelves, (1) equipment drawer accessible from the inside only – preferred to be mid height in compartment.
 - ii. Battery compartment.
 - iii. Rear: ¾ to full height.
- b. Street-side / driver side
 - i. Front: main O2 bottle, (2) backboards, and (1) scoop stretcher.
 - ii. Intermediate: storage of miscellaneous equipment.
 - iii. Rear: ¾ to full height - storage of miscellaneous equipment.
- c. Doors and shelves

- i. Additional (5) adjustable shelves installed.
- ii. Any double doors shall contain (2) handles.

Section 4: Module Interior

- a. Hinged, sliding doors with gas shocks on all upper cabinets.
- b. Switching system (lighting, O2, etc.): 1 located in or near action area.
- c. Climate control system – thermostat controlled.
- d. Minimum of (1) locking cabinet.
- e. 2 (two) ceiling grab rails of stainless steel.
- f. Stryker cot mount – single, center position.
- g. On-board suction system located at street / driver's side action area.
- h. Countertops.
- i. Minimum 3 (three) oxygen quick connect outlets: 1 to be ceiling mounted or near ceiling.
- j. Flat, seamless upholstery.
- k. Commercial grade anti-skid, anti-bacterial flooring.
- l. Soundproof floor.
- m. (2) Portable O2 brackets recessed – located at or near curbside entry door.
- n. Seating – curbside: bench seat with back and head protection – minimum of 50" in length.
- o. Street side: CPR seat with back and head protection.
- p. Head of Stretcher: 1 pedestal / swivel captain style chair with integrated child safety seat (5-80 lbs.)
- q. Integrated safety:
 - i. All medical equipment storage shall be designed to be within the reach of the attendant to minimize the occurrences of personnel from leaving their designated seated location.

Section 5: Electrical System

- a. 20 amp shore line with heavy duty cover.
- b. Minimum 2 (two) 110 volt interior illuminated outlets.
- c. Minimum 2 (two) 12 volt battery electrical system wired to chassis ignition.
- d. 12 volt main power distribution panel – plug in modular system.
- e. 12 volt switches – euro style.
- f. Automatic 5-minute shutdown with ignition off.
- g. 3 way switching for all domes and heat / A/C systems located in the cab.
- h. 12 volt battery conditioner.
- i. Inverter.
- j. 2 (two) antenna leads, installed and mounted.
- k. Full-time load manager / sequencer for emergency lighting system.

Section 6: Emergency Warning / Lighting

- a. All emergency lighting shall be Whelen Super LED or equal.
- b. Front light bar: Whelen 900 series light heads or equal.

- c. Rear light bar: Whelen 900 series light heads or equal.
- d. Rear: minimum 2 Whelen 900 series LED lights or equal.
- e. All required DOT / FMVSS lighting shall be LED.
- f. Whelen WS 295HFS electronic siren with Whelen Longhorn speaker system or equivalent.
- g. (4) Whelen model 900 halogen load / scene lights – (2) per side or equal.
- h. (2) Whelen model 900 halogen load / scene lights – installed on rear or equal.
- i. Exterior LED ground lights: waterproof- 3 each side: operate when any exterior door opened, vehicle is in reverse, or by switch in cab.
- j. Interior compartment lighting shall be LED except for a minimum of (4) ceiling mounted fluorescent lights, which are controlled by three-way switching from patient compartment or cab.
- k. A 15-minute spring wound timer installed on the curbside interior wired to the ceiling mounted fluorescent lights; wired directly to battery.
- l. Brake, tail, and turn signals shall be Whelen 600 series LED or equal.

Section 7: Paint

- a. Chassis and module exterior to be painted a two-tone color of red upper and white lower. The roof shall be painted white. The paint shall match the existing units owned by Grand Island Fire Department.

Scoring

Proposals will be evaluated and scored based on the following criteria:

- 1. Following directions of RFP.
- 2. Price (including purchase price and pick-up costs).
- 3. Proposed delivery date
- 4. Year and manufacturer of chassis
- 5. Motor and transmission
- 6. Current mileage
- 7. Year and manufacturer of patient compartment
- 8. Patient compartment capacity and configuration
- 9. Patient compartment warranty
- 10. Electrical warranty
- 11. Paint warranty
- 12. Chassis warranty
- 13. Availability of chassis service
- 14. Exceptions from minimum specifications
- 15. Three reference's opinions of quality and worth of remounted ambulance.

AMBULANCE PROPOSAL CONTENT

The proposal packet for the apparatus should include the following referenced by number and letter where applicable:

1. Total price all expenses included
2. Exceptions to minimum specifications.
3. Name, address and telephone number of the proposer and the names, addresses and telephone numbers of individuals authorized to speak on behalf of the proposer.
4. If apparatus is not completed, state the completion date and location of assembly plant.
5. A detailed description of the unit that includes the following information:
 - a. Year and manufacturer of the chassis
 - i. Vehicle identification number.
 - ii. Description of motor.
 - b. Current mileage.
 - c. Year and manufacturer of the patient compartment.
 - d. A detailed description of the interior and exterior storage compartments including inside measurements and location of each compartment.
 - i. Photos, if available, showing front, rear, left side, right side, and top of apparatus, inside of compartments, and inside of cab with four different views (one from each doorway). Photos may be printed, but it is preferred they be digital and included on a CD in a .jpg or .pdf file format.
 - e. Warranty information.
 - i. Patient compartment
 - ii. Electrical
 - iii. Paint
 - iv. Chassis
 - f. Nearest chassis repair center.
 - g. Complete set of specification for entire apparatus, including any auxiliary equipment.
 - h. Any other relevant information related to the configuration of the unit (radio mounting equipment, emergency lighting and sirens, etc.)
6. Provide a list of references with which you have done business (at least three).
7. Provide a list of references that have purchased a remounted ambulance from your business, and currently using that remounted ambulance (at least three).
8. Provide a statement of any business, financial or other relationship with any member of the City Council or Grand Island City Administration.
9. The City may request additional information at any time that is deemed necessary.

CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

An evaluation committee will rank the proposals according to the selection criteria and interviews may be scheduled accordingly. The City will attempt to negotiate an agreement with the highest ranked proposer subject to the approval of the governing body.