REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
TRUCK DRIVER TRAINING TRACTOR LEASING
FOR
ILLINOIS VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT No. 513
PROPOSAL #RFP2023-P04

INTRODUCTION

Illinois Valley Community College (IVCC) is seeking proposals for Truck Driver Training Tractor Leasing. The College requests delivery by January 2023 if possible.

INSTRUCTION TO BIDDERS

One (1) original and two (2) copies of the signed proposal must be submitted to:
Illinois Valley Community College District No. 513
Purchasing Department – Room C-343
815 North Orlando Smith Road
Oglesby, Illinois 61348

ALL PROPOSALS MUST BE IN A SEALED ENVELOPE MARKED “PROPOSAL FOR TRUCK DRIVER TRAINING TRACTOR LEASING” AND DELIVERED NO LATER THAN 10:00 A.M., FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2022.

Late proposals will not be considered.

Questions should be directed to Michelle Carboni, Director of Purchasing, at (815) 224-0417 or michelle_carboni@ivcc.edu

The College reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals received or any parts thereof, or to negotiate separately with any vendors whatsoever if no acceptable proposals are submitted in order to best serve the interest of the College. The submission of a proposal indicates acceptance by the vendor of the conditions contained in this request for proposal (RFP), unless clearly and specifically otherwise noted in the submitted proposal and confirmed in the contract between the College and the vendor selected. The RFP is made for information and planning purposes only and does not obligate or bind the College contractually to accept any proposals submitted.
RFP Timeline

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Please note: IVCC retains the right to change any dates and times.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ADDENDA:
Signature of a company official on an original document shall be construed as acknowledgement of receipt of any and all addenda pertaining to this specific proposal. Identification by number of addenda and date issued should be noted on all proposals submitted. FAILURE TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF ADDENDA ON PROPOSAL SUBMITTED MAY RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION OF PROPOSAL.

PROPOSAL PROCEDURES:
No proposal shall be modified, withdrawn, or canceled for ninety days after the proposal opening date without the consent of the College's Board of Trustees.

Pricing on this RFP must be firm and remain open for a period of not less than 180 days from the proposal due date. Any attempt to manipulate the format of the document, attach caveats to pricing, or submit pricing that deviates from the current format will put the proposal at risk.

Changes or corrections may be made in the proposal documents after they have been issued and before proposals are opened. In such cases, the College will issue a written addendum describing the change or correction to all bidders of record. Such addendum shall take precedence over that portion of the documents concerned and shall become part of the proposal documents. Except in unusual cases, addendum will be issued to reach the vendors at least five (5) days prior to the date established for receipt of proposals.

Each vendor shall carefully examine all proposal documents and all addenda thereto and shall thoroughly familiarize themselves with the detailed requirements thereof prior to submitting a proposal. Should a vendor find discrepancies or omissions from documents, or should there be doubt as to their meaning, they shall, at once, and in any event not later than ten (10) days prior to proposal due date, notify the Director of Purchasing who will, if necessary, send a written addendum to all bidders. The College will not be responsible for any oral instructions. All inquiries shall be directed to the Director of Purchasing. After proposals are received, no allowance will be made for an oversight by the bidder.
SIGNATURE ON PROPOSALS:
The College requires the signature on proposal documents to be that of an authorized representative of said company. Each bidder, by making her/his proposal, represents that she/he has read and understands the proposal documents and that these instructions to vendors are a part of the specifications.

TAX EXEMPTION:
The College is exempt from paying Illinois Use Tax, Illinois Retailers Occupation Tax, Federal Excise Tax, and Municipal Retailer’s Occupation Tax (Tax Exemption ID # E9995-5253-06)

INVESTIGATION OF BIDDERS:
The College will make any necessary investigation to determine the ability of the bidder to fulfill the proposal requirements. The College reserves the right to reject any proposal if it is determined that the bidder is not properly qualified to carry out the obligation of the contract.

INCURRED COSTS:
Illinois Valley Community College will not be liable in any way for any costs incurred by respondents in replying to this RFP.

PROPOSAL AWARD:
Award shall be made by the Illinois Valley Community College Board of Trustees to the responsible respondent whose proposal is determined to be the most advantageous to the College, taking into consideration price and the evaluation criteria set forth herein below. IVCC reserves the right to accept the RFP response as a whole or for any component thereof if it appears to be in the best interest of the College.

PROPOSED AGREEMENT:
Submit a sample of your company’s agreement with your proposal.

CERTIFICATION FORM:
Bidders must sign the enclosed Certification Form that refers to the Criminal Code of 1961 and to the Illinois Human Right Act dealing with Sexual Harassment. The signed Certification must be submitted with your proposal. Failure to do so may result in the rejection of your proposal.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYMENT:
Respondent shall comply with the Illinois Human Rights Act, 775 ILCS 5/1-101 et seq., as amended, and any rules and regulations promulgated in accordance therewith, including, but not limited to, the Equal Opportunity Clause, Illinois Administrative Code, Title 44, Part 750 (Appendix A), which is incorporated herein by reference. In addition, the respondent shall comply with the Public Works Employment Discrimination Act, 775 ILCS 10/0.01 et seq., as amended. Furthermore, the respondent shall comply with Public Act 98-107, which requires nearly any party that contracts with a community college to post employment vacancies with the state’s job board: IllinoisJobLink.com.
LAW GOVERNING:
Any contract resulting from this RFP shall be governed by and construed according to the laws of the State of Illinois, without regard to conflict of law principles.

BUSINESS ENTERPRISE FOR MINORITIES, FEMALES, AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES ACT COMPLIANCE:
The College recognizes the importance of increasing the participation of businesses owned by minorities, females and persons with disabilities in public contracts. It is the policy of the College to promote the economic development of disadvantaged business enterprises by setting aspirational goals to award contracts to businesses owned by minorities, females, and persons with disabilities for certain services, to the extent provided by the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Females and Persons with Disabilities Act (“Act”), 30 ILCS 575/0.01 et seq. and the Business Enterprise Council for Minorities, Females, and Persons with Disabilities (“Council”) which serves to implement, monitor and enforce the goals of the Act.

W-9 FORM:
Please complete the enclosed W-9 form and return with your proposal. The following criteria will be used by the College to evaluate the proposals and to make a recommendation.
GENERAL INFORMATION

**The successful lease bidder will be responsible for the following:**

1. The trucking company will provide two (2) tractors to Illinois Valley Community College.

2. The trucking company will provide general maintenance to vehicles which includes, but is not limited to, oil changes, tire replacement and repairs, grease, and lubrication.

3. The trucking company will replace light bulbs when needed.

4. The trucking company will perform brake adjustments.

5. The trucking company will provide towing, roadside service, and jump-starting of vehicles.

6. The trucking company will provide a loaner vehicle if a tractor is out of service for more than 24 hours.

7. The trucking company will pay all license and taxes for all vehicles (trucks & trailers), including, but not limited to, state licenses, sales tax, property tax, and federal use tax where applicable.

**The College will be responsible for the following:**

1. The College will furnish the necessary administration for the Truck Driver Training Program at the Truck Driver Training Center. Administrative tasks associated with the College will be coordinated by the Director of the Truck Driver Training Center.

2. The College will purchase liability insurance on each tractor to include a certificate of insurance naming the trucking company as an additional insured.

3. The College will pay a monthly rental fee for the tractors.
4. The College will notify trucking company of any unsafe issues associated with vehicles.

5. The College will use the vehicles only for instructional and promotional purposes and will park the vehicles on the truck driver training skill course when not in use and off the skill course for promotional purposes.

6. The College will notify trucking company before leaving the State of Illinois.

7. The College will be responsible for all physical damage to vehicles and comprehensive insurance, including deductibles.
VEHICLE SPECIFICATIONS

1. The tractors must be 2022 or newer, Class 7 crew cab tandem axel or Class 8 sleeper tandem axel equipped with Eaton 10-speed transmission. The standard walk-in sleeper must have seating to accommodate 3 adults with seat belts. The crew cab must have rear seating to accommodate 3 adults with seat belts. The driver and passenger seat must be equipped with an air-ride seat.

2. The lease must include a maintenance clause that covers routine maintenance and any equipment failure or breakdowns occurring on the College training skill course or on the road for normal business hours.

3. All equipment must meet DOT standards and will be subject to periodic DOT inspections.

4. Tractors must be equipped with standard operating equipment, air conditioning, cruise control, dual heated exterior mirrors, power steering, engine brake, engines governed at 65 mph, sliding fifth wheel, Johnson bar for trailer brakes, and S Cam brakes on drive axels.

5. Tractors must also be equipped with block heaters, hood mirrors on both sides, Cat Walk – platform and steps and Glad Hands – hand extension handles with rubber air lines with a pogo stick. We do not want “wind reflector” plastic around the fuel tanks or down the side of the trucks.

6. Outside wheels must be all aluminum on the tractors.

7. If tractor has the lane sensors, forward collision system and adaptive cruise control they need to be able to be manually turned off or disabled.

Average Yearly Mileage:

IVCC has experienced an average yearly mileage of 25,000 per vehicle.
Having read and understand the specifications and requirements of Tractor Lease – Proposal # RFP2023-P04, I submit the following:

### Base Proposal: 36 Months 60 Months

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### Alternate Proposal #1:

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Attach additional vehicle information, if any, to this form.

*NOTE* If submitting more than one offer, please make copies of this Bid Form.

Submit one (1) offer per Bid Form
CERTIFICATION FORM

TO:       ILLINOIS VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 513
           OGLESBY, IL  61348

         Pertaining to the bid titled: Truck Driver Training Tractor Leasing – Proposal # RFP2023-P04

I/We, as the Bidder certify that I/we have not been barred from bidding on this project as a result of a conviction for either bid-rigging or bid-rotating under Article 33E of the “Criminal Code of 1961”

We also do hereby certify that we have a written sexual harassment policy in place in full compliance with Section2–105 of the Illinois Human Rights Act and will, upon request, be able to provide such written policy to the Department of Human Rights.

________________________
NAME OF CONTRACTOR/BIDDER

________________________
TITLE

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DATE

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