



**REGIONAL DISTRICT
of Fraser-Fort George**

**INVITATION TO TENDER
ES-23-10**

**SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF
ONE 2024 ³/₄ TON 4X4 CREW CAB PICKUP
AND ONE 2024 ALL-WHEEL DRIVE SUV**

Date Issued: March 29, 2023

Closing Location: Regional District Office
3rd Floor, 155 George Street,
Prince George, BC V2L 1P8

Closing Date and Time: **Friday, April 14, 2023**
10:00 am (Pacific Standard Time)
No Public Opening

General Inquiries: Email Bryan Boyes (bboyes@rdffg.bc.ca)

Note: Late submissions will not be considered

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1.0 INVITATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

The Regional District of Fraser-Fort George, hereinafter referred to as the Regional District, invites tenders for the supply and delivery of one 2024 ¾ ton 4x4 pickup and one 2024 All-Wheel Drive (AWD) SUV.

1.1 Tender Documents

Invitation to Tender Documents may be obtained on, or after, Wednesday, March 29, 2023 as follows:

- a) in a PDF (public document format) file format from the Regional District's website at www.rdffg.bc.ca;
- b) on the BC Bid® website at www.bcbid.gov.bc.ca;
- c) in hard copy from the Regional District Service Centre, 155 George Street, Prince George, BC **by appointment only**, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays. The cost for each hard copy tender package is five dollars (\$5) (GST included) and is non-refundable.

All subsequent information regarding this Invitation to Tender (ITT), including amendments, addenda and answers to questions will also be available as above.

It is the sole responsibility of the Tenderer to ascertain that they have received a full set of the ITT documents. Upon submission of their tender document, the Tenderer will be deemed conclusively to have been in possession of a full set of the ITT documents.

Inquiries relating to this ITT must be made in writing by email to:

General Inquiries:

Bryan Boyes
Utilities Leader
Regional District of Fraser-Fort George
155 George Street
Prince George, BC V2L 1P8
Phone: (250) 960-4400
Email: bboyes@rdffg.bc.ca

1.2 Tender Submissions and Closing Date

The Regional District will accept tenders submitted by direct delivery to the Regional District main office. All tenders must be submitted to the Regional District's General Manager of Financial Services by 10:00 a.m. (local time) Friday, April 14, 2023.

Two (2) complete copies of the Tender must be submitted in a sealed envelope with the following information written on the outside of the envelope containing the tender, as well as on the outside of the courier envelope/box (if sending by courier):

- 1. Attention: General Manager of Financial Services
Regional District of Fraser-Fort George
3rd Floor, 155 George Street
Prince George, BC V2L 1P8
- 2. Invitation to Tender, ES-23-10
Supply and Delivery of one 2024 ¾ ton 4x4 pickup and one 2024 AWD SUV
- 3. Responding Tenderer's name and address.

To be considered, tenders must be signed by an authorized signatory of the tenderer. By signing the tender, the tenderer is bound to statements made in response to this ITT. Any tender received by the Regional District that is unsigned will be rejected.

Tenders submitted by fax electronically or not in original Regional District format will **NOT** be accepted. Any tender received after the closing date and time will be considered disqualified and will be returned to the Tenderer.

Tenders not submitted in strict accordance with these instructions or not complying with the requirements in this ITT may be rejected.

The Regional District will not be responsible for any costs incurred by tenderers as a result of the preparation or submission of a tender pertaining to this ITT. The accuracy and completeness of the tender is the tenderer's responsibility. Should errors in a tender be discovered, the tenderer shall be solely responsible for any additional costs incurred by that tenderer in the performance of the work and shall be solely responsible to correct any deficiencies or errors in that tender at their expense.

1.3 Acknowledgement Letter

Upon receipt of this ITT, a potential tenderer is requested to complete and sign the Acknowledgement Letter and mail or email the signed Acknowledgement Letter to Bryan Boyes, at bboyes@rdffg.bc.ca.

A tenderer who signs and returns the Acknowledgement Letter is not obligated to submit a tender.

Any tenderer who does not submit the Acknowledgement Letter will not be sent any amendments, addenda, or answers to questions and their tender may be disqualified if it is incomplete or non-compliant as a result of the tenderer's failure to acknowledge receipt of an addendum in accordance with this ITT, or as a result of the tenderer's failure to comply with the requirements of an amendment or addendum to this ITT.

1.4 Regional District's Right to Reject Tender

The Regional District reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to waive informalities in tenders, reject any and all tenders, or accept the tender deemed most favourable in the interests of the Regional District. The lowest, or any tender, will not necessarily be awarded.

Tenders which contain qualifying conditions or otherwise fail to conform to the instructions contained in this ITT may be disqualified or rejected. The Regional District may, however, in its sole discretion, reject or retain for its consideration tenders which are non-conforming because they do not contain the content or form required by the ITT, or for failure to comply with the process for submission set out in this ITT, whether or not such non-compliance is material.

The Regional District reserves the right to reject a tender based on potential or perceived conflict of interest on the part of a tenderer. Without limitation, the Regional District reserves the discretion to reject any tender where:

- a) one or more of the directors, officers, principals, partners, senior management employees, shareholders or owners of the tenderer, is an officer, employee or director of the Regional District, or is a member of the immediate family of an officer, employee or director of the Regional District; or
- b) in the case of a tender submitted by a tenderer who is an individual person, where that individual is an officer, employee or director of the Regional District, or is a member of the immediate family of an officer, employee or director of the Regional District.

When submitting a tender, the respondent is required to complete, sign, and include with their proposal a Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement (page 15).

The Regional District reserves the right to reject any tender submitted by a tenderer who is, or whose principals are, at the time of tendering, engaged in a lawsuit against the Regional District in relation to work similar to that being tendered.

1.5 Claims for Compensation

No tenderer shall have any claim for compensation of any kind whatsoever as a result of participating in this ITT.

In the event that the previous paragraph is found to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, then this paragraph will apply. By submitting a tender, a tenderer agrees that they will not claim damages in excess of an amount equivalent to the reasonable costs incurred by the Tenderer in preparing their Tender for matters relating to this ITT or in respect of the competitive tender process, and the Tenderer, by submitting a tender, waives any claim for loss of profits if a contract is not entered into with the Tenderer.

1.6 Proof of Ability

A Tenderer will be competent and capable of supplying the product. The Regional District may request proof of ability.

1.7 Discrepancies or Omissions

Tenderers finding discrepancies, errors, or omissions in this ITT, or requiring clarification on the meaning or intent of any part therein, should immediately request in written form by email to Bryan Boyes, bboyes@rdffg.bc.ca. Upon receipt of the written request for clarification, Mr. Boyes will send written instructions or explanations to all parties registered as having returned the Acknowledgement Letter. The Regional District will not accept responsibility for any damages, costs or expenses incurred by a tenderer in reliance on oral instructions. Any work done in preparation of a tender after discovery of discrepancies, errors or omissions in the ITT will be done at the tenderer's risk unless the discrepancy, error or omission is reported to Mr. Boyes in accordance with this provision.

NOTE: The last day that requests for clarification or inquiries may be made is Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at 3pm (local time) in order that addenda, if necessary, are issued in time for all tenderers to complete their submission and have it delivered to the Regional District office prior to the closing time and date of the ITT.

1.8 Examination of Contract Documents

The Tenderer shall be deemed to have satisfied themselves as to the sufficiency of the tender for the product and the prices stated on the Tender Form. These prices shall cover all their obligations under the Tender, and all matters necessary for the proper supply of the product.

2.0 TENDER FORMAT

Tenderers are asked to respond in the manner outlined below and submit **two (2) complete copies** of their tender. The following format and sequence, with all pages consecutively numbered, is to be followed in order to provide consistency in tenders and to ensure each tender receives full and complete consideration.

a. Tenderers will complete pages 9 through 15:

- Tender Form: to be completed, signed, and witnessed

- Specification Sheet to be completed
 - Goods and Services Tax Information
 - Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement
- b. Additional information that the tenderer may choose to provide.
- c. All amendments and addenda, if any, issued for this ITT. Each amendment and addendum must be signed by the tenderer and included with the tender and will form part of the tender and contract documents.

3.0 CONTRACT

3.1 Award of Contract

A contract for ES-23-10 Supply and Delivery of one 2024 ¾ ton 4x4 pickup and one 2024 AWD SUV is anticipated to be awarded on April 20, 2023. All tenderers will be advised, in writing, as to the awarding of the Contract.

The Regional District may, in its sole discretion, delay the date of awarding the Contract if deemed appropriate by the Regional District.

The Regional District intends to award the Contract to a Tenderer who most closely meets the conditions and specifications herein for the lowest price.

The Dealership Service Agreement together with the Tender documents forms the Contract.

The Regional District reserves the right to disqualify any tender that fails to meet any of the requirements or specifications herein.

The Regional District reserves the right not to proceed with the award of any contract resulting from this tender process.

3.2 Timeline

March 29, 2023	Tender documents available
April 14, 2023	Tender opening and analysis at Regional District
April 14, 2023	Review of tender submissions
April 20, 2023	Award of tender at RDFFG Board meeting
April 21, 2023	Dealership Service Agreement signed with the successful vendor

4.0 OWNERSHIP AND FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

Tenders will be received and held in confidence by the Regional District, subject to the provisions of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and this ITT. Each tender should clearly identify any information that is considered to be confidential or propriety information. Tenderers are responsible to review the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* for further information.

All documents, including tenders, submitted to the Regional District become the property of the Regional District. The Regional District will provide a debriefing for tenderers, upon request by a tenderer, subject to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT LETTER

The undersigned has received a full set of ITT ES-23-10 Supply and Delivery of one 2024 ¾ ton 4x4 pickup and one 2024 AWD SUV.

Authorized Signatory Signature

Name of Tenderer

Name (Please print)

Address

Title

City, Province, Postal Code

Phone Number

Email

Date

I/We presently intend ☐ to provide ☐ not to provide a Tender.

Please return immediately by email to:

Bryan Boyes, Utilities Leader
Regional District of Fraser-Fort George
155 George Street
Prince George, BC V2L 1P8

Fax: 250-562-8676 / Email: bboyes@rdffg.bc.ca

TENDERER CHECKLIST

Before submitting your Tender, check the following points:

- ☐ Have you submitted the Acknowledgement Letter?
- ☐ Has the Tender Form been signed?
- ☐ Has the Goods and Services Tax Information been completed?
- ☐ Has the Specification Sheet been completed?
- ☐ Has the Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement been completed?
- ☐ Are all amendments and/or addenda, if any, included and signed?
- ☐ Have you included two (2) complete copies of your tender submission?
- ☐ Is the submission enclosed in a fully labelled **sealed** envelope?
- ☐ Are the tender submission envelope and the courier envelope both labelled fully?

Note: Your tender may be disqualified if ANY of the applicable foregoing points have not been complied with.

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Regional District of Fraser-Fort George
3rd Floor, 155 George Street
Prince George, BC V2L 1P8
- ☐ Invitation to Tender ES-23-10
Supply and Delivery of one 2024 ¾ ton 4x4 pickup and one 2024 AWD SUV
- ☐ Tenderer's name and address

TENDER FORM

Regional District of Fraser-Fort George
3rd Floor, 155 George Street
Prince George, BC V2L 1P8

ATTENTION: General Manager of Financial Services

The price tendered shall be in Canadian funds and include duties, royalties, handling, levies, transportation, delivery, dealer preparation, overhead, profit and all other charges. The Goods and Services Tax and the Provincial Sales Tax are to be shown separately.

According to the tender specifications, pricing is to be submitted to provide the following F.O.B. Prince George, BC and shall be good for duration of 90 days from date of tender opening:

1. Supply and delivery of one 2024 ¾ ton 4x4 pickup and one 2024 AWD SUV to all terms and conditions outlined in the Specification Section herein.

Price – ¾ Ton Pickup \$ _____

Price – AWD SUV - Gasoline \$ _____

OPTION Price – AWD SUV – Hybrid or EV \$ _____

Environmental Levy (Tire and Battery) \$ _____

GST \$ _____

PST \$ _____

Total Tender Sum \$ _____

State delivery date _____

Signature of Authorized Signatory

Name of Tenderer

Name of Authorized Signatory (Please print)

Address

Title

City, Province, Postal Code

Email

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX INFORMATION

Supplier:

Name

Address

City

Province

Postal Code

Phone Number

Are you a GST Registrant?

Yes _____

No _____

If YES, please indicate your registration number: _____

If NO, Please fill in the following (check appropriate box):

☐ Supplier qualifies as a small supplier under s.148 of the legislation

☐ Other: Specify _____

Signature of Authorized Person

Print Name

Title

Date

SPECIFICATION SHEET

We understand the difficulty of designing a specification sheet that conforms to all of the different manufacturer's specifications. As a result, we have included a column for the Tenderer to confirm compliance with the specification or specify variations. This column **must be completed and submitted** and will be a factor in determining the successful Tenderer.

ITEM	SPECIFICATION	SUPPLIED (or variation) Indicate Yes or No or Specify Variation
Model	New 2024, Four-Wheel Drive One-Ton Crew Cab Pickup	
Doors	4 doors with power locks	
Engine	Gas	
Transmission	Automatic	
Tires	All Terrain, 10 ply with Tri Peak Snowflake, ie: General Grabber A/TX	
4WD	Electric or Manual shift, locking hubs	
Steering	Power	
Brakes	ABS	
Block Heater - List	Cold Climate Package	
Seats	Cloth Fully adjustable driver's seat	
Instrument Panel Gauges	Voltmeter, tachometer, engine temp, oil pressure	
Wipers-Windshield	Variable Intermittent Tinted Glass	
Cab Climate Control	Air conditioning/high output heater	
Coverings	Heavy duty black vinyl or carpet	
Battery	Minimum 720 CCA	
Engine Cooling System	Anti-freeze to -45 °C	
Engine Speed Control	Vehicle cruise speed	

ITEM	SPECIFICATION	SUPPLIED (or variation) Indicate Yes or No or Specify Variation
Finish	Exterior - White Interior – Dark cloth	
Undercoat/Rust Proofing	Required	
Warranty	State Warranty	
GVWR	Minimum 4,500 kg	
Payload	Minimum 4,491 kg	
Trailer Towing Capacity	Minimum 5,534 kg	
Differential	3.73 or 4.10 ratio; locking	
Tow Hooks	Two on front	
Radio/Bluetooth	Minimum AM/FM - Hands-free capabilities, Back-up Camera	
Outside Mirrors	Folding, power adjustable tow mirrors	
Towing Package	Integrated brake controller, receiver hitch to match tow capacity	
Skid Plates	State	
Seats	40/console/40 front cloth, rear bench cloth	
Box Length	8 feet	
Wheelbase	Minimum 4,200 mm	
Required Additional Items:	1 – Front & Rear seat covers 2 – Husky floor mats (front & rear) 3 – Spray in bedliner 4 – Tinted crew cab windows 5 – Keyless entry	
Delivery Date:	State	

ITEM	SPECIFICATION	SUPPLIED (or variation) Indicate Yes or No or Specify Variation
Model	New 2024 Four-Wheel Drive or All-Wheel Drive SUV	
Doors	4 doors with power locks, supply 4 keys	
Engine	Gas -or- Hybrid/EV	
Transmission	Automatic	
Tires	All Terrain	
4WD	Electric or Manual shift, locking hubs	
Steering	Power – Adjustable tilt & telescoping steering column	
Brakes	ABS	
Block Heater - List	Cold Climate Package - List	
Seats	Cloth Fully electric adjustable driver's seat	
Instrument Panel Gauges	Voltmeter, tachometer, engine temp, oil pressure	
Wipers-Windshield	Variable Intermittent Tinted Glass	
Cab Climate Control	Air conditioning/high output heater	
Coverings	Heavy duty black vinyl mats for floors (See additional items)	
Battery	Minimum 600 CCA	
Engine Cooling System	Anti-freeze to -45 °C	
Engine Speed Control	Vehicle cruise speed	

ITEM	SPECIFICATION	SUPPLIED (or variation) Indicate Yes or No or Specify Variation
Finish	Exterior - White Interior – Black	
Undercoat/Rust Proofing	Required – List Undercoating - Rust Proofing -	
Warranty	State Warranty -	
Trailer Towing Capacity	Minimum 2000 kg	
Radio/Bluetooth	Minimum AM/FM - Hands-free capabilities, Back-up Camera	
Outside Mirrors	Heated, Adjustable	
Towing Package	N/A	
Skid Plates/Ground Clearance	State	
Cargo Area	Minimum 697 Litres Seats Up	
Seats	Front Buckets	
Wheelbase	Minimum 2,600 mm	
Required Additional Items:	1 - Supply four studded winter tires (ex. Hankook i-Pikes) on Rims on Rims 2 – Front Seat Covers 3 – Fog/Driving Lights 4 – Husky Floor Mats (front/rear/ cargo area)	
Delivery Date:	State	

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

**ES-23-10 Supply and Delivery
of one 2024 ¾ ton 4x4 pickup and one 2024 AWD SUV**

Bidder Name: _____

The Bidder, including its officers, employees, and any person or other entity working on behalf of or in conjunction with, the Bidder on this Procurement Process:

- ☐ is free of any conflict of interest that could be perceived to improperly influence the outcome of this procurement process.
- ☐ has not, and will not, participate in any improper procurement practices that can provide the Bidder with an unfair competitive advantage including obtaining and using insider type information to prepare a solicitation offer or participating in bid rigging.
- ☐ has an actual, perceived or potential conflict of interest regarding this procurement process as a result of:

State reason(s) for Conflict of Interest:

By signing below, I certify that all statements made on this form are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Print Name of Person Signing Disclosure

Signature of Person Making Disclosure

Date Signed