

November 03, 2016

To: All Known Prospective Bidders

**ADDENDUM NUMBER 1:**

Re: Re-Bid Road Department Grapple - Boom type Loader Body: PD 16-17.009

Bidders:

We recently sent you an Invitation to Bid on the above mentioned specification.

This Addendum #1 provides for:

**Response to questions:**

1. Section 10, located on page 9 of your bid indicates that an alternative brand may be offered if all bid specifications and brochures, etc.. are submitted with the bid. However your bid clearly states that the loader and body must meet all of the published specifications for the loader and body. On page 17, there is one specification listed that is available only on ONE SPECIFIC BRAND. This specification states that there must be continuous rotation of the bucket while allowing no hoses below the rotator. In order to achieve that, the bucket must be opened by a single cylinder attached to the bucket, which then interferes with and intrudes into the open are of the bucket, reducing the capacity. This is an archaic design and is only offered by Petersen Industries. ALL other comparable knuckle-boom loaders use a covered twin cylinder system to open and close the clam shell bucket and the hoses are covered by protective material to reduce risk of issues with torn or cut hoses. An advantage to the twin cylinder bucket open/close is that it has a stronger "Bite" and will be able to grab more material as there is no cylinder end intruding into the bucket space. They are in use by municipalities all around the State of Florida and have ZERO issues. If the county insists on the loader meeting this specific option, the entire bid process is then defeated as only one manufacturer will be able to meet all specifications. We are certain that Escambia county has the best interests of its constituents at heart and would not want to circumvent the bid process in this way. Our question is, will you accept a bucket that does not meet that particular specification as long as the proper descriptive bid paperwork is attached?

Response – The County will accept a bucket that incorporates hoses below the 360 degree rotator, as long as hoses/cylinders are protected adequately and notated as such in the bid.

2. Again on page 17, the body must have a scissor hoist to dump. This is a very easy thing to do, however we would like to offer a much more stable twin cylinder lift mounted on the frame. It gives much more stability when dumping the load. Will the county accept a twin cylinder lift for the body if all of the proper bid specifications and paperwork is attached?

Response – The County desires to retain the specification for the scissor lift hoist system.

This Addendum Number 1 is furnished to all known prospective submitters. Please sign and return one copy of this Addendum with your submission as an acknowledgement of your having received same. You may photo copy for your record.

Sincerely,

Eddie H. Wehmeier  
Purchasing Specialist

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_

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