

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS – REMANUFACTURE, CATERPILLAR 836
COMPACTOR**

Three Rivers Solid Waste Authority (Authority) provides solid waste management services for the (nine) counties of Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Calhoun, Edgefield, McCormick, Orangeburg, and Saluda, South Carolina.

The Authority is accepting proposals from qualified vendors to REMANUFACTURE THREE RIVERS SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY’S CATERPILLAR 836 COMPACTOR. Cost proposals should be made on a “Total Delivered” basis. A lower cost proposal and/or better performance guarantee from another contractor which is received after the close of this solicitation will not be cause for revocation of the Agreement with the contractor selected from this solicitation.

A. INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS

1. Complete enclosed Proposal Form, adding any additional information on additional sheets as may be appropriate.
2. Complete enclosed Minimum Specification Checklist, checking the appropriate line to indicate whether your proposal meets, exceeds, or does not meet minimum requirements. If your proposal does not meet minimum requirements, but you still feel that your proposal would be in the best interest of the Authority and its member counties, explain why and how the proposal would still meet the Authority’s objectives.
3. List and explain all warranties and guarantees supplied with service

B. GENERAL PROVISIONS

It is the intent of this solicitation to procure a reliable service contractor to remanufacture the Authority’s Caterpillar 836 Compactor and to provide service after the sale as it relates to warranties and guarantees. The Authority reserves the right to refuse any and all proposals submitted if in the opinion of the Authority the proposal does not meet the intent of the solicitation or the proposal price is unacceptable. The Authority reserves the right to negotiate modifications to proposals it deems acceptable, reject any and all proposals, and to waive minor irregularities in the procedures Potential bidders shall provide evidence of completion for three projects of similar size and scope and evidence of establishment for at least three years preceding this announcement date. Potential bidders shall provide proof of workers compensation and general liability insurance.

C. REJECTION

Ambiguous proposals which are uncertain as to terms, delivery, quantity, or compliance with specifications may be rejected or otherwise disregarded if such action is in the best interest of the Authority. The Authority has the right to make amendments up to 72 hours prior to bid opening. The Authority will maintain the latest bid version on its website, www.trswa.org. It is the potential proposer's responsibility to submit a proposal based on the latest version of the RFP. Failure to have the correct or an incomplete Request for Proposal package could result in proposal rejection.

D. AWARD CRITERIA

Award will be given to the vendor whose proposal meets the requirements and criteria set forth in this Request for Proposals and whose proposal receives the highest number of points when ranked according to the following Ranking Criteria:

The following criteria, in this order, will be considered in ranking the firms by their qualifications to perform the services required:

1. The overall cost to the Authority, including but not limited to cost to remanufacture, and the value of warranties, guarantees, and other costs related to service and operations that may be affected by the vendor's work.
2. The ability of the proposal to meet the objectives of the Authority as stated in "General Provisions"
3. Ability of the vendor to supply the service in a timely manner.
4. The history and reputation of the firm on similar projects, with emphasis on South Carolina projects.
5. Quality of references

E. TERMS OF PROPOSALS

All terms of proposals submitted shall be binding for ninety (90) days from opening of proposals.

F. STARTUP AND PAYMENT

The vendor must guarantee completion and delivery to be no later than November 23, 2010, based on an award no later than May 14, 2010. The vendor may propose an earlier completion date, and earlier dates will improve the score assigned to the vendor by the selection team. The Authority has the right to void the Agreement if startup is not accomplished by June 1, 2010. Equipment will be subjected to an acceptance inspection after delivery, and payment will be made thirty (30) days following the completion of such inspection, as certified by the General Manager. There will be a hold-back from such payment two times the value of the cost of replacing, providing, or repairing any specified deficient item(s). Vendor will be charged liquidated damages at the rate of \$500 per day for each day beyond November 23, 2010, if compactor is not delivered and operable as specified.

G. VENDOR'S QUALIFICATIONS

Vendor must, upon request of the Authority, furnish satisfactory evidence of its ability to furnish the services in accordance with the terms and conditions of these specifications. The Authority reserves the right to make final determination as to the Vendor's ability to provide the services requested herein.

H. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, contact:

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All proposals must be sealed and marked "CAT 836 REMAN" and must be received at the above address by 2:00 p.m., May 4, 2010.

SPECIFICATIONS FOR CAT 836 REMAN

- 1.1** Completely disassemble the unit, sandblast, prime, paint, install new decals, safety strips, and handrails.
- 1.2** Rebuild Caterpillar 3408 engine to factory specifications.
- 1.3** Test transmission and torque converter, on a certified dynamometer. Rebuild if Three Rivers Solid Waste Authority agrees that test results warrant such action.
- 1.4** Replace transmission cooler with a new air-cooled unit.
- 1.5** Replace radiator with a new “Mesabi Like” radiator.
- 1.6** Rebuild drive axles completely including brakes.
- 1.7** Rebuild all hydraulic cylinders and hydraulic valves. Add inline pressure filters where necessary.
- 1.8** Replace all hydraulic hoses and steel tubes with new and replace pumps.
- 1.9** Upgrade existing hydraulic filtration system to current CAT 836C upgrade specifications.
- 1.10** Install new hydraulic cooler.
- 1.11** Clean hydraulic tank and refill with new hydraulic oil.
- 1.12** Repair or replace all drive lines.
- 1.13** Upgrade existing steering system to current CAT 836C upgrade specifications.
- 1.14** Clean fuel system.
- 1.15** Rebuild cab with new dash panel, tilt wheel, high back seat, transmission shifter, gauges, swinging doors, cab pressurizer, air-conditioner/heater.
- 1.16** Rebuild or replace the Afex dry type fire suppression system tied to fuel kill and battery disconnect.
- 1.17** Line bore all pivot points that are out of specifications.
- 1.18** Build up hub and wheel bounce rings to close tolerance to prevent wheel flexing.

- 1.19** Rebuild C-frame and blade.
- 1.20** Upgrade parts and service manuals.
- 1.21** Place unit in service with a machine warranty of 3,500 hours of 12 months, whichever comes first.
- 1.22** Delivery of completed unit not to exceed (25) twenty-five weeks from startup date.

MINIMUM SPECIFICATION CHECK LIST

	<u>Meets/Exceeds</u>	<u>Doesn't Meet</u>
Completion and delivery by November 23, 2010	_____	_____
Price guaranteed 90 days	_____	_____
The following specifications as listed in the RFP:		
1.1	_____	_____
1.2	_____	_____
1.3	_____	_____
1.4	_____	_____
1.5	_____	_____
1.6	_____	_____
1.7	_____	_____
1.8	_____	_____
1.9	_____	_____
1.10	_____	_____
1.11	_____	_____
1.12	_____	_____
1.13	_____	_____
1.14	_____	_____
1.15	_____	_____
1.16	_____	_____

MINIMUM SPECIFICATION CHECK LIST (continued)

	<u>Meets/Exceeds</u>	<u>Doesn't Meet</u>
1.17	_____	_____
1.18	_____	_____
1.19	_____	_____
1.20	_____	_____
1.21	_____	_____
1.22	_____	_____

CAT 836 REMAN PROPOSAL FORM

COMPANY NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ FAX: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

TITLE: _____

SHALL FURNISH THE SERVICES ACCORDING TO ATTACHED PROPOSAL AND LISTED SPECIFICATIONS FOR REMUNERATION BASED ON THE FOLLOWING:

<u>Unit Price (Delivered)</u>	<u>Tax</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

OPTIONS FOR WARRANTIES AND GUARANTEES AS FOLLOWS (USE ATTACHMENTS IF NECESSARY) (STATE IF CHARGES ARE INCLUDED IN TOTAL ABOVE): _____

WITNESS:

FOR COMPANY:

Signature

Signature

Print or type name

Print or type name

Title

Title