



**CHIPPEWA COUNTY
REQUEST FOR QUOTATIONS
SHERIFF OFFICE TRACTOR**

ISSUED BY: CHIPPEWA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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CHIPPEWA COUNTY NOTICE OF RECEIVING QUOTATIONS

Chippewa County seeks bids from qualified firms, on a competitive basis, for the following:

2026, 60 HP up to 75 HP, four-wheel drive, diesel tractor.

The tractor must have; a cab, heat, air conditioner, 84-inch front snow-blower with hydraulic chute rotation, 84-inch rear box blade, front loader and 42 inch lifting forks.

Qualified firms may secure a copy of the bid specifications at www.chippewacountymi.gov or from:

Kelly J. Church, Administrator
Chippewa County Courthouse
319 Court Street
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783-2194

All proposals must meet the deadline requirements as stated to be considered. Chippewa County reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted.



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I. INTRODUCTION

Chippewa County is seeking bids from qualified firms, on a competitive basis, for the purchase and delivery of one tractor. The County is looking to have the tractor delivered in immediately. Bidders are requested to provide a single unit price.

A. Quote Submission and Project Representative

To be considered, firms must submit a complete, sealed response to this Request for Quotations (RFQ), using the format provided. Requests for information or interpretation of the intent of the RFQ and any/all other inquiries must be addressed to:

Sheriff Mike Bitnar and/or Undersheriff Ryan Hering
Chippewa County Sheriff's Office
325 Court Street
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783-2194
(906) 635-6355

Contact with any other Chippewa County personnel regarding this RFQ may be considered grounds for elimination from the selection process.

To be considered, proposals must arrive at the Chippewa County Administrator's Office, 319 Court Street, SSM, MI 49783 on or before 12:00 noon on Wednesday, August 5, 2026. Each proposal must be plainly marked on the exterior, "Sheriff's Office Tractor." Proposals must be signed by an official authorized to bind the firm to its provisions. To be considered a valid response to this RFQ, the proposal must remain valid for at least sixty (60) days. Chippewa County is not liable for any cost incurred by the firm prior to the issuance of a contract.

B. Right of Refusal

Chippewa County reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to negotiate separately with any source whatsoever in any manner necessary to attend to the best interests of the County, to waive irregularities in any proposal and to accept the proposal which best meets the needs of the County, irrespective of the bid price.

C. Disclosure of Proposals

Proposals are subject to disclosure under the Michigan Freedom of Information Act (Act 442, P.A. 1976, as amended, being MCL 15.231 through 15.246). After a contract award, a summary of total price information for all proposals will be furnished upon request.

D. Independent Price Determination

By submitting a proposal, you certify, and in the case of a joint proposal, each party certifies as to its own organization, that in connection with this proposal:

1. The prices in its proposal have been determined independently without consultation, communication, or agreement, for the purpose of restricting competition, as to any matter relating to such prices with any other proposing party or with any other competitor;
 2. Unless otherwise required by law, the prices which have been quoted in the proposal have not been knowingly disclosed by the proposing party and will not be knowingly disclosed to any competitor; and
 3. No attempt has been made or will be made by the proposing party to induce any other person or firm to submit or not submit a proposal for the purpose of restricting competition.
- E. Each person signing the proposal certifies that:
1. (S)he is the person within the organization responsible for the decision as to prices being offered in the proposal, and that (s)he has not participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to I.D.1,2 and 3, above; or
 2. (S)he is not the person within the organization responsible for the decision as to the prices being offered in the proposal, but that (s)he has been authorized, in writing, to act as an agent for the persons responsible for such decisions in certifying that such persons have not participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to I.D.1,2 and 3, above; and that (s)he has not participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to I.D.1,2 and 3, above.

II. SPECIFICATIONS

- A. The Tractor offered in response to this RFQ must meet or exceed specifications indicated on the attached Vehicle Bid Submission Form, including make, model and if fleet (government pricing) is being utilized.
- B. Proposals must provide sufficient information to allow a determination that the specified requirements can be met.
- C. Each firm that submits a bid must also indicate any/all delivery charges.
- D. Provide pricing.

III. DETERMINATION OF THE BEST BID.

- A. Any purchase resulting from this RFQ will be made from respondent whose bid is most advantageous to the County. In determining which bid is most advantageous and/or best, the County will consider:
 1. the ability, capacity and skill of the respondent to provide the tractor and follow-up service required.
 2. whether the bidder can fulfill the purchase and provide service promptly without delay or interference.
 3. the character, integrity, reputation, judgment, experience and efficiency of the bidder.

4. the quality of performance of previous engagements with the bidder.
 5. previous and existing compliance by the bidder with applicable laws and ordinances.
 6. the sufficiency of the financial resources and ability of the bidder to provide the requested tractor and follow-up service.
 7. the ability of the bidder to provide future maintenance and service for the use of the tractor.
 8. the number and scope of conditions attached to the bid.
 9. any potential conflicts of interest between bidders and the County governing body and staff.
- B. If all bids received are reasonably equivalent other than with respect to cost, bidders whose business is located within Chippewa County will be given preference. The bid may be awarded to a Chippewa County vendor whose bid does not exceed the lowest bid by more than 3.0%.

IV. BID AWARD

Selection of a firm and awarding of a contract will be based upon evaluation by the County of the criteria listed above.



CHIPPEWA COUNTY VEHICLE BID SUBMISSION FORM

Submission Deadline: 12:00 noon Wednesday, August 5, 2026

Firm Name _____

Address: _____ Phone (____) _____

<u>Description</u> 1 (one) tractor Fleet (Government pricing): Yes or No	Option Price (Specify; mark “x” if standard)
Tractor	
Exterior color	
AM/FM Radio	
Air conditioning	
Heat	
Cab	
Windshield wipers	
Front snow-blower size (with hydraulic chute rotation)	
Front loader	
Four-wheel drive	
Forks size	
Rear box blade size	
TOTAL BID PRICE	\$ _____

A list of any other options, along with price, must accompany the submitted bid.

Estimated tractor delivery date _____

Signature of official authorized to bind the firm to the provisions of the RFQ Date

Typed or printed name and title

Failure to complete this form may be considered grounds for elimination from the selection process.