



NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

REQUEST FOR SEALED BID BID # NCT-2007-9A PURCHASE OF VEHICLE AUGUST 2, 2007

The North Central Texas Council of Governments is requesting bids on a 2007 model or newer Ford Escape Hybrid with front wheel drive and CAL-LEV emissions rating to be used to demonstrate clean vehicle technology to the general public and fleets in North Texas. This vehicle with a CAL-LEV emissions rating is unavailable in the State of Texas and will have to be obtained from one of the following States: California, Massachusetts, Maine, New York, Vermont, Arizona, Connecticut, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Nevada, Oregon, Pennsylvania, or Rhode Island.

Product names used are to be considered descriptive only and not restrictive as to the type and quality NCTCOG desires to purchase. NCTCOG will provide liability and physical damage insurance on the chosen vehicle. NCTCOG is exempt from all federal excise tax and state sales tax. Government pricing, if available, is requested.

The bid evaluation shall be based on but not limited to the following factors: cost of product and/or equipment, parts and/or product availability, warranty provisions, delivery, local service, experience, financial status of the vendor and NCTCOG's special needs and requirements.

Bidders are required to ensure the vehicle has current state inspection.

Upon payment of vehicle, chosen vendor will provide title to NCTCOG.

NCTCOG reserves the right to accept any qualified bid, or any part of any bid, or to reject any or all bids.

NCTCOG does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age and disability in employment or the provision of services.

Any questions concerning this request shall be submitted in writing no later than **3:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 14** to: mmize@nctcog.org. All responses will be submitted in writing to all potential bidders.

BID SPECIFICATIONS

The following type of vehicle or equivalent is acceptable for this bid:

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	2007 (or newer) Ford Escape Hybrid with the minimum following specifications:

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- a. Front wheel drive
- b. CAL LEV EMISSIONS RATED
- c. Emission rating: AT-PZEV under CAL LEV system, standard is .02 gams/mile
- d. Engine family: 7FMXT02.32ZE
- e. Driving range: up to 500 miles
- f. Transmission: electronically controlled continuously variable transmission (not manual)
- g. Air conditioning
- h. Engine: 2.3 liter, 4V14 Atkinson cycle engine
- i. Electric motor: permanent magnet AC synchronous motor 9f4 horse-power, 70 kilowatt at 5,000 rpm
- j. Battery: 330 volt nickel metal hybrid battery (NHM)
- k. Fuel economy: front wheel drive – 36 city, 31 highway
- l. Brakes: 4-wheel disk brakes with ABS, regenerative breaking
- m. Weight: 4,760 lbs.
- n. Cargo Volume: 65-1/2 cubic feet, 60/40 split folding rear seat
- o. Occupancy: up to 5 people
- p. Color: prefer white, but **CAL-LEV rating is most important feature**

Year, make and model bidding: _____

Warranty: _____

Is pricing provided a corporate or government rate? Yes No

NCTCOG is a tax exempt agency. Please do not include tax in the cost of the vehicle.

Estimated delivery timeframe: _____

Vehicle cost: \$ _____

Less discounts or rebates \$ _____

Shipping, if applicable: \$ _____

Total vehicle cost: \$ _____

BID SUBMISSION

This bid must be returned in a sealed envelope marked **BID #NCT-2007-9A FORD HYBRID** via mail or courier service no later than **3:00 p.m., Thursday, August 23, 2007** to:

North Central Texas Council of Governments
 Attention: Donna Steward
 Procurement and Facilities Coordinator
 616 Six Flags Drive
 Arlington, TX 76011

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NCTCOG assumes no responsibility for late submissions by the U.S. Postal Service or any other courier service.

Late, faxed, or emailed bid submissions will not be accepted or considered for award.

AUTHORIZATION

Authorized signature: _____

Printed name: _____

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____ Website: _____

Date

FOR HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESSES ONLY

Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUBs) are encouraged to participate in the bid process. Representatives from HUB companies should identify themselves and submit a copy of their Certification.

NCTCOG recognizes the certifications of both the State of Texas General Services Commission HUB Program and the North Central Texas Regional Certification Agency. All companies seeking information concerning HUB certification are urged to contact.

State of Texas HUB Program
Texas Building & Procurement Commission
1711 San Jacinto
Austin, TX 78701
(512) 463-5872 or
(888) 863-5881

OR

North Central Texas
Regional Certification Agency
624 Six Flags Drive, #216
Arlington, TX 76011
(817) 640-0606

Bidder must include a copy of its HUB certification documentation as part of this bid request, if applicable.

If your company is already certified, attach a copy of your certification to this form and return with your proposal.

COMPANYNAME: _____

REPRESENTATIVE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE NO. _____ FAX NO.: _____

Indicate all that apply:

- _____ Minority-Owned Business Enterprise
- _____ Women-Owned Business Enterprise
- _____ Disadvantaged Business Enterprise