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EA CONWAY

LSU Health Sciences Center

BIDS WILL BE PUBLICLY OPENED:

January 14,2010 02:00 PM

VENDOR NO. :
SOLICITATION : **000862**
OPENING DATE : **01/14/2010**

Return Bid in Envelope/Labels Provided to:
Purchasing Department
PO Box 33932
Shreveport LA 71130

BUYER : **Parker, Randall**
BUYER PHONE : **318/675-5291**
DATE ISSUED : **12/21/2009**
REQ. NO :
FISCAL YEAR : **0**

ReBid-Chasis/Ambulance Remount

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

1. READ THE ENTIRE BID, INCLUDING ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS.
2. FILL IN ALL BLANK SPACES.
3. ALL BID PRICES MUST BE TYPED OR WRITTEN IN INK. ANY CORRECTIONS, ERASURES OR OTHER FORMS OF ALTERATION TO UNIT PRICES SHOULD BE INITIALIZED BY THE BIDDER.
4. BID PRICES SHALL INCLUDE DELIVERY OF ALL ITEMS F.O.B. DESTINATION OR AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED. BIDS CONTAINING "PAYMENT IN ADVANCE" OR "C.O.D." REQUIREMENTS MAY BE REJECTED. PAYMENT IS TO BE MADE WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF PROPERLY EXECUTED INVOICE OR DELIVERY, WHICHEVER IS LATER.
5. SPECIFY YOUR PAYMENT TERMS: _____ . CASH DISCOUNTS FOR LESS THAN 30 DAYS OR LESS THAN 1% WILL BE ACCEPTED, BUT WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED IN DETERMINING AWARDS

BY SIGNING THIS BID, THE BIDDER CERTIFIES:

* THAT NEITHER THIS BUSINESS ENTITY NOR ANY OF ITS EMPLOYEES OR SUBCONTRACTORS IS CURRENTLY LISTED AS EXCLUDED OR SANCTIONED BY EITHER THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL (OIG) OR THE GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (GSA).
* THAT IF THIS BUSINESS ENTITY OR ANY OF ITS EMPLOYEES OR SUBCONTRACTORS APPEAR ON EITHER LISTING, MY BID WILL BE REJECTED.
* THAT IF AT ANY TIME DURING THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT AWARDED AS A RESULT OF THIS INVITATION TO BID, THIS ENTITY OR ANY OF ITS EMPLOYEES OR SUBCONTRACTORS APPEARS ON EITHER LISTING, MY COMPANY WILL NOTIFY THE CONTRACTING AGENCY, AND THE CONTRACT WILL BE TERMINATED. THE CONTRACTING AGENCY WILL NOT BE LIABLE FOR ANY DAMAGES RESULTING FROM SAID TERMINATION.

THE BIDDER FURTHER CERTIFIES:

* COMPLIANCE WITH ALL INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS, TERMS, CONDITIONS, AND SPECIFICATIONS.
* THIS BID IS MADE WITHOUT COLLUSION OR FRAUD.
* THAT ALL TAXES DULY ASSESSED BY THE STATE OF LOUISIANA AND IT'S SUBDIVISIONS, INCLUDING FRANCHISE TAXES, PRIVILEGE TAXES, SALES TAXES AND ALL OTHER TAXES FOR WHICH THE FIRM IS LIABLE HAVE BEEN PAID.
* THAT IF MY BID IS ACCEPTED WITHIN _____ DAYS FROM BID CLOSING TIME, MY FIRM WILL FURNISH ANY OR ALL OF THE ITEMS (OR SECTIONS) AT THE PRICE OPPOSITE EACH ITEM (OR SECTION).
* DELIVERY WILL BE MADE WITHIN _____ DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF ORDER.

VENDOR PHONE NUMBER: FAX NUMBER:	TITLE	DATE
SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED BIDDER (MUST BE SIGNED)	NAME OF BIDDER (TYPED OR PRINTED)	

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6. DESIRED DELIVERY: 10 DAYS ARO, UNLESS SPECIFIED ELSEWHERE
7. TO ASSURE CONSIDERATION, ALL BIDS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED IN THE SPECIAL ENVELOPE, OR USE BID LABEL IF FURNISHED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IN THE EVENT YOUR BID CONTAINS BULKY SUBJECT MATERIAL, THE SPECIAL BID ENVELOPE SHOULD BE FIRMLY AFFIXED TO THE MAILING ENVELOPE.
8. BIDS SUBMITTED ARE SUBJECT TO PROVISIONS OF THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO L.R.S. 39:1551-1736; PURCHASING RULES AND REGULATIONS; EXECUTIVE ORDERS; STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS;SPECIAL CONDITIONS; AND SPECIFICATIONS LISTED IN THIS SOLICITATION.
9. IMPORTANT: THIS BID IS TO BE MANUALLY SIGNED IN INK BY A PERSON AUTHORIZED TO BIND THE VENDOR (SEE NO.31).
10. INQUIRIES: ADDRESS ALL INQUIRIES AND CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BUYER AT THE PHONE NUMBER AND ADDRESS SHOWN ABOVE.
11. BID FORMS: ALL WRITTEN BIDS, UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED FOR, SHOULD BE SUBMITTED ON, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH FORMS PROVIDED, PROPERLY SIGNED (SEE #31). BIDS MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE ADDRESS SPECIFIED IN THE SOLICITATION PRIOR TO BID OPENING TIME IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED.
12. STANDARDS OR QUALITY. ANY PRODUCT OR SERVICE BID SHALL CONFORM TO ALL APPLICABLE FEDERAL AND STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS AND THE SPECIFICATIONS CONTAINED IN THE SOLICITATION. UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED IN THE SOLICITATION, ANY MANUFACTURER'S NAME, TRADE NAME, BRAND NAME, OR CATALOG NUMBER USED IN THE SPECIFICATION IS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DESCRIBING THE STANDARD OF QUALITY, PERFORMANCE, AND CHARACTERISTICS DESIRED AND IS NOT INTENDED TO LIMIT OR RESTRICT COMPETITION. BIDDER MUST SPECIFY THE BRAND AND MODEL NUMBER OF THE PRODUCT OFFERED IN HIS/HER BID. BIDS NOT SPECIFYING BRAND AND MODEL NUMBER SHALL BE CONSIDERED AS OFFERING THE EXACT PRODUCTS SPECIFIED IN THE SOLICITATION.
13. DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION. BIDDERS PROPOSING AN EQUIVALENT BRAND OR MODEL SHOULD SUBMIT WITH THE BID, INFORMATION (SUCH AS ILLUSTRATIONS, DESCRIPTIVE LITERATURE, TECHNICAL DATA) SUFFICIENT FOR LSUHSC TO EVALUATE QUALITY, SUITABILITY, AND COMPLIANCE WITH THE SPECIFICATIONS IN THE SOLICITATION. FAILURE TO SUBMIT DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION MAY CAUSE BID TO BE REJECTED. ANY CHANGE MADE TO A MANUFACTURER'S PUBLISHED SPECIFICATION SUBMITTED FOR A PRODUCT SHALL BE VERIFIABLE BY THE MANUFACTURER. IF ITEM(S) BID DO NOT FULLY COMPLY WITH SPECIFICATIONS (INCLUDING BRAND AND/OR PRODUCT NUMBER), BIDDER MUST STATE IN WHAT RESPECT ITEMS(S) DEVIATE. FAILURE TO NOTE EXCEPTIONS ON THE BID FORM WILL NOT RELIEVE THE SUCCESSFU BIDDER(S) FROM SUPPLYING THE ACTUAL PRODUCTS REQUESTED.
14. BID OPENING. BIDDERS MAY ATTEND THE BID OPENING, BUT NO INFORMATION OR OPINIONS CONCERNING THE ULTIMATE CONTRACT AWARD WILL BE GIVEN AT THE BID OPENING OR DURING THE EVALUATION PROCESS. BIDS MAY BE EXAMINED WITHIN 72 HOURS AFTER BID OPENING. INFORMATION PERTAINING TO COMPLETED FILES MAY BE SECURED BY VISITING LSUHSC DURING NORMAL WORKING HOURS. WRITTEN BID TABULATIONS WILL NOT BE FURNISHED.
15. AWARDS. AWARD WILL BE MADE TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE AND RESPONSIVE BIDDER. LSUHSC RESERVES THE RIGHT TO AWARD ITEMS SEPARATELY, GROUP, OR IN TOTAL, AND TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS AND WAIVE ANY INFORMALITIES.
16. PRICES. UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED BY LSUHSC IN THE SOLICITATION, BID PRICES MUST BE COMPLETE, INCLUDING TRANSPORTATION PREPAID BY BIDDER TO DESTINATION AND FIRM FOR ACCEPTANCE FOR A MINIMUM OF 30 DAYS. IF ACCEPTED, PRICES MUST BE FIRM FOR THE CONTRACTUAL PERIOD. BIDS OTHER THAN F.O.B. DESTINATION MAY BE REJECTED. PRICES SHOULD BE QUOTED IN THE UNIT (EACH,

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BOX, CASE, ETC.) AS SPECIFIED IN THE SOLICITATION.

17. DELIVERIES. BIDS MAY BE REJECTED IF THE DELIVERY TIME INDICATED IS LONGER THAN THAT SPECIFIED IN THE SOLICITATION.

18. TAXES. VENDOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR INCLUDING ALL APPLICABLE TAXES IN THE BID PRICE. LSUHSC AGENCIES ARE EXEMPT FROM ALL STATE AND LOCAL SALES AND USE TAXES.

19. NEW PRODUCTS. UNLESS SPECIFICALLY CALLED FOR IN THE SOLICITATION, ALL PRODUCTS FOR PURCHASE MUST BE NEW, NEVER PREVIOUSLY USED, AND THE CURRENT MODEL AND/OR PACKAGING. NO REMANUFACTURED, DEMONSTRATOR, USED OR IRREGULAR PRODUCT WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR PURCHASE UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED IN THE SOLICITATION. THE MANUFACTURER'S STANDARD WARRANTY WILL APPLY UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED IN THE SOLICITATION.

20. CONTRACT CANCELLATION. THE STATE OF LOUISIANA HAS THE RIGHT TO CANCEL ANY CONTRACT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PURCHASING RULES AND REGULATIONS, FOR CAUSE INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING: (1) FAILURE TO DELIVER WITHIN THE TIME SPECIFIED IN THE CONTRACT; (2) FAILURE OF THE PRODUCT OR SERVICE TO MEET SPECIFICATIONS, CONFORM TO SAMPLE QUALITY OR TO BE DELIVERED IN GOOD CONDITION; (3) MISREPRESENTATION BY THE CONTRACTOR; (4) FRAUD, COLLUSION CONSPIRACY OR OTHER UNLAWFUL MEANS OF OBTAINING ANY CONTRACT WITH THE STATE; (5) CONFLICT OF CONTRACT PROVISIONS WITH CONSTITUTIONAL OR STATUTORY PROVISIONS OF STATE OR FEDERAL LAW; (6) ANY OTHER BREACH OF CONTRACT.

21. DEFAULT OF CONTRACT. FAILURE TO DELIVER WITHIN THE TIME SPECIFIED IN THE BID WILL CONSTITUTE A DEFAULT AND MAY CAUSE CANCELLATION OF THE CONTRACT. WHERE THE UNIVERSITY HAS DETERMINED THE CONTRACTOR TO BE IN DEFAULT, THE UNIVERSITY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO PURCHASE AN OR ALL PRODUCTS OR SERVICES COVERED BY THE CONTRACT ON THE OPEN MARKET AND TO CHARGE THE CONTRACTOR WITH COST IN EXCESS OF THE CONTRACT PRICE. UNTIL SUCH ASSESSED CHARGES HAVE BEEN PAID, NO SUBSEQUENT BID FROM THE DEFAULTING CONTRACTOR WILL BE CONSIDERED.

22. ORDER OF PRIORITY. IN THE EVENT THERE IS A CONFLICT BETWEEN THE INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS OR STANDARD CONDITIONS AND THE SPEICAL CONDITIONS, THE SPECIAL CONDITIONS SHALL GOVERN.

23. APPLICABLE LAW. ALL CONTRACTS SHALL BE CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AND GOVERNED BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA.

24. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY. BY SUBMITTING AND SIGNING THIS BID, BIDDER AGREES THAT HE/SHE WILL NOT DISCRIMINATE IN THE RENDERING OF SERVICES TO AND/OR EMPLOYMENT OF INDIVIDUALS BECAUSE OF RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, SEX, AGE, NATIONAL ORIGIN, HANDICAP, DISABILITY, VETERAN STATUS, OR A OTHER NON-MERIT FACTOR.

25. SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS. ANY "QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL WITH DISABILITY" AS DEFINED BY THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT WHO HAS SUBMITTED A BID AND DESIRES TO ATTEND THE BID OPENING, MUST NOTIFY THIS OFFICE IN WRITING NOT LATER THAN SEVEN DAYS PRIOR TO THE BID OPENING DATE OF THEIR NEED FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS. IF THE REQUEST CANNOT BE REASONABLY PROVIDED, THE INDIVIDUAL WILL BE INFORMED PRIOR TO THE BID OPENING.

26. IDEMNITY. CONTRACTOR AGREES, UPON RECEIPT OF WRITTEN NOTICE OF A CLAIM OR ACTION, TO DEFEND THE CLAIM OR ACTION, OR TAKE OTHER APPROPRIATE MEASURE, TO IDEMNIFY, AND HOLD HARMLESS, LSUHSC, ITS OFFICERS, ITS AGENTS AND ITS EMPLOYEES FROM AND AGAINST ALL CLAIMS AND ACTIONS FOR BODILY INJURY, DEATH OR PROPERTY DAMAGES CAUSED BY THE FAULT OF THE CONTRACTOR,

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OFFICERS, ITS AGENTS, OR ITS EMPLOYEES. CONTRACTOR IS OBLIGATED TO INDEMNIFY ONLY TO THE EXTENT OF THE FAULT OF THE CONTRACTOR, ITS OFFICERS, ITS AGENTS, OR ITS EMPLOYEES. HOWEVER, THE CONTRACTOR SHALL HAVE NO OBLIGATION AS SET FORTH ABOVE WITH RESPECT TO ANY CLAIM OR ACTION FROM BODILY INJURY, DEATH OR PROPERTY DAMAGES ARISING OUT OF THE FAULT OF THE UNIVERSITY, ITS OFFICERS, ITS AGENTS OR ITS EMPLOYEES.

27. INTERPRETATION OF DOCUMENT: ANY INTERPRETATION OF THE BID OR QUOTATION DOCUMENT WILL ONLY BE MADE BY AN ADDENDUM ISSUED IN WRITING BY THE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT. SUCH ADDENDUM WILL BE MAILED OR DELIVERED TO EACH PERSON RECEIVING A SET OF THE ORIGINAL BID OR QUOTATION DOCUMENTS. LSUHSC WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY OTHER EXPLANATION OR INTERPRETATION OF THE DOCUMENTS.

28. ACCEPTANCE OF BID: ONLY THE ISSUANCE OF A PURCHASE ORDER OR A SIGNED CONTRACT CONSTITUTES ACCEPTANCE ON THE PART OF LSUHSC.

29. ADHERENCE TO JCAHO STANDARDS: WHERE APPLICABLE, LSUHSC IS ACCREDITED BY THE JOINT COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION OF HEALTHCARE ORGANIZATIONS AND AS SUCH ALL CONTRACTORS, SUBCONTRACTORS, AND VENDORS AGREE TO ADHERE TO THE APPLICABLE STANDARDS PROMULGATED BY THE COMMISSION.

30. PREFERENCE: IN ACCORDANCE WITH LOUISIANA REVISED STATUTES 39:1595, A PREFERENCE MAY BE ALLOWED FOR PRODUCTS MANUFACTURED, PRODUCED, GROWN, OR ASSEMBLED IN LOUISIANA OF EQUAL QUALITY. DO YOU CLAIM THIS PREFERENCE? YES _____ NO_____

SPECIFY THE LINE NUMBER (S) _____

SPECIFY LOCATION WITHIN LOUISIANA WHERE THIS PRODUCT IS MANUFACTURED, PRODUCED, GROWN OR ASSEMBLED _____

(NOTE: IF MORE SPACE IS REQUIRED, INCLUDE ON SEPARATE SHEET.)

DO YOU HAVE A LOUISIANA BUSNIESS WORK FORCE? YES _____ NO _____

IF SO, DO YOU CERTIFY THAT AT LEAST FIFTY PERCENT (50%) OF YOUR LOUISIANA WORKFORCE IS COMPRISED OF LOUISIANA RESIDENTS?

YES_____ NO_____

FAILURE TO SPECIFY ABOVE INFORMATION MAY CAUSE ELIMINATION FROM PREFERENCES.

PREFERENCES SHALL NOT APPLY TO SERVICE CONTRACTS.

31. SIGNATURE AUTHORITY. IN ACCORDANCE WITH L.R.S. 39:1594 (ACT 121), THE PERSON SIGNING THE BID MUST BE:

31.1. A CURRENT CORPORATE OFFICER, PARTNERSHIP MEMBER OR OTHER INDIVIDUAL SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT A BID AS REFLECTED IN THE APPROPRIATE RECORDS ON FILE WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE; OR

31.2. AN INDIVIDUAL AUTHORIZED TO BIND THE VENDOR AS REFLECTED BY AN ACCOMPANYING CORPORATE RESOLUTION, CERTIFICATE OR AFFIDAVIT; OR

31.3. AN INDIVIDUAL LISTED ON THE STATE OF LOUISIANA BIDDER'S APPLICATION AS AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE BIDS. BY SIGNING THE BID, THE BIDDER CERTIFIES COMPLIANCE WITH THE ABOVE.

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UNLESS SPECIFIED ELSEWHERE SHIP TO:

Line No.	Description			Unit Price	Extended Amount
1	Vendor to replace medical vehicle chasis of existing Ambulance Medical #1; according to attached specifications: Specify brand, model bid(if applicable) _____	1.00	EA	_____	_____
2	Vendor to remount and refurbish current ambulance #1 including equipment devices, accessories and electronics to be attached to chasis requested in item #1; according to attached specifications: Specify brand, model bid(if applicable) _____	1.00	EA	_____	_____

E.A. CONWAY MEDICAL CENTER

MONROE, L.A.

REMOUNT AMBULANCE SPECIFICATION

EMERGENCY MEDICAL VEHICLE
TYPE I CLASS 1 (4X2) DRW

TYPE III REMOUNT

1.0 Scope, Purpose and Classification

1.1 Scope: This specification covers the remounting and refurbishment of a commercially produced, surface medical care vehicle, hereinafter referred to as ambulance or vehicle. A vehicle in compliance with this specification shall be defined as a standard ambulance. This vehicle shall be in accordance with the Ambulance Design Criteria of the National Highway Traffic Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, Washington D.C.

1.2 Purpose: The purpose of this document is to provide minimum specifications and test parameters for the remounting and refurbishment of an emergency medical care vehicle that meets the needs and desires of this agency. It establishes essential criteria for the design, performance, equipment and appearance of the vehicle. The object is to provide a vehicle that is in accordance with nationally recognized guidelines. It is the intent to return the unit to a new or like new condition per the specification.

1.3 Classifications: This specification calls for the following type of vehicle. It is in accordance with KKK-A-1822F.

Type I - Integral Cab Chassis with modular ambulance body.
Class 2 - Two rear wheel driven (4x2)
Configuration A (ALS) - Elevating cot and squad bench (3.1.5.1)

1.4 General: This is an engineer, design, construct and deliver type specification and it is not the intention of this agency to write out vendors of similar or equal equipment of the types specified. It should be noted, however, that this specification is written around specific needs of this agency. With the intent to standardize certain components, therefore, in numerous places we have named specific brands of components. This has been done to establish a certain standard of quality. Other brands will only be accepted providing the vendor provides documentation in the bid that the particular brand offered meets or exceeds the quality of the actual brand called for in the specification.

1.5 Materials: The emergency medical care vehicle, chassis, ambulance body, equipment, devices, medical accessories and electronic equipment to be delivered under this contract shall be standard commercial products, which meet or exceed the requirements of this specification. The ambulance shall comply with all Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS), the Federal regulations applicable or specified for the year of manufacture. The chassis, components and optional items shall be as represented in the manufacturer's current technical data. Materials used in the construction shall be new and not less than the quality conforming to current engineering and manufacturing practices. Materials shall be free of defects and suitable for service intended.

1.6 Manufacturing Ability: It is the intent of these specifications that the Remounter of these vehicles has the ability to remount and refurbish a complete ambulance within their plant facility, except for the chassis. The Ambulance Remounter must have significant experience in the remounting and refurbishment of modular ambulance bodies as established by their submitted list of references.

1.7 References and History: This agency wishes to do business with an experienced remounter. Remounter must show proof of being in business for five (5) consecutive years as said business. As further evidence of remounter's ability to perform, the contractor shall submit a list of twenty (20) customers with similar type remounts. The references shall also include name of service, address, contact and phone number. Further, the references listing shall include the names and contact numbers of all remounts performed by the bidding party for the last six (6) months. These customers shall be easily identified in the references listing as recent remounts.

1.8 Prices and Payments: All bid prices shall be complete and include warranty and delivery of the completed vehicle to this agency.

Payment shall be made in accordance with these specifications and the Bid Proposal submitted by the Bidder. Payment will be made upon acceptance of the vehicle(s) and equipment specified under these specifications.

All bid prices and conditions must be specified on the Bid Proposal Form. Bid prices shall be valid for at least 30 days from the date of the Bid Opening, or as otherwise specified on the Bid Proposal form.

Full payment will be made when unit is received, inspected and found to comply with procurement specifications, free of damage and properly invoiced.

Successful vendor shall, at delivery, supply E.A. CONWAY MEDICAL CENTER with a manufacturer's certificate of origin.

1.9 Warranty: The successful bidder shall provide remounter's warranty coverage for the ambulance or rescue vehicle conversion, which coverage shall, at a minimum include:

(A) A Limited Warranty shall be provided on the ambulance remount conversion. The remounter shall warrant to the original retail purchaser that, for a period of thirty six (36) months or fifty-thousand (50,000) miles from the point of delivery, whichever first occurs, the ambulance remount shall be free of substantial defects in remount materials and remount workmanship, which are attributable

to Warrantor remount work and which arise during the course of normal use and service. **There shall be a copy of the Warranty statement included with the bid documents.**

(B) There shall be a five-(5) year/100,000 mile warranty on the Ambulance Remount electrical wiring system effective starting the date this agency accepts delivery of the completed vehicle. It is the intent of this requirement that items not manufactured or installed by the ambulance remounter be excluded. **There shall be a copy of the Warranty statement included as part of the bid documents.**

(C) There shall be a five (5) year unlimited mileage paint warranty covering the ambulance conversion and any painting done to the chassis. **There shall be a copy of the Warranty statement included with the bid.**

(D) Warranty on the chassis portion of the completed ambulance or rescue vehicle shall be the responsibility of the chassis manufacturer. The terms of such warranty are set forth in the manufacturer's literature included in the owner's manual. The successful manufacturer's sole responsibility with regard to the chassis shall be to provide reasonable assistance to the purchaser in obtaining warranty from the chassis manufacturer or its authorized service center. Bidders failing to meet these requirements shall be considered non-responsive.

1.10 Anti-Collusion Statement: By executing and submitting this bid, the Bidder certifies that his Bid is made without reference to any other bid and without any agreement, understanding, collusion or combination with any other person in reference to such bidding.

1.11 Service and Warranty Repair: Successful vendor must have a comprehensive ambulance service and repair facility to administrate warranty repair as needed. Vendor must have authorized factory trained service specialists and carry necessary inventory levels to allow for prompt repair. Vendor shall have mobile service capabilities and provide them at no additional cost when practical and convenient.

1.12 Ambulance Bids and Alternate Bids: Considerable time and effort has been invested to design these specifications to the specific needs of E.A. CONWAY MEDICAL CENTER Therefore, alternate bids not exactly to specifications will not be considered.

1.13 License: A copy of the vendor's Louisiana Motor Vehicle Dealer's license that allows that entity to operate and or submit bid proposals within the State of Louisiana will be required as a component of the overall bid package documentation.

1.14 Warranty Surety:

To ensure quality, service, and full compliance to the above warranties the vehicle, with the exception of the chassis, must be constructed by the ambulance remounter. Additional elements constructed and installed "in house" are required to ensure service and parts availability. Subcontractors or lease/rental agreements to outside agencies will fail to meet this requirement. Requirements include:

- the ambulance remounter will serve as the prime contractor to apply paint.

- interior cabinets will be constructed and installed by the ambulance remounter as the prime contractor.

- wiring harnesses, circuit boards, and O_2 systems will be assembled, installed and tested by the ambulance remounter as the prime contractor.

- upholstery for seat cushions, head pads, and backrests will be assembled and installed by the ambulance remounter as the prime contractor.

1.15 Delivery:

Since delivery proposals by the bidder will weigh heavily in the determination of the bid award, the delivery schedules that are submitted by the bidders shall automatically become binding upon the successful bidder. Delivery delays due to component supply problems or chassis delivery problems to the manufacturer shall not penalize either the dealer or the manufacturer. Delivery must be within ninety (90) to one hundred and twenty (120) days from award of the bid.

Bidders must list below their service facility and parts department profile to the purchaser.

FACILITY NAME: _____

ADDRESS:_____

_____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

CONTACT NAME:_____

APPROX. MILES FROM PURCHASER: _____

YRS OF EXPERIENCE IN AMBULANCE REPAIR BUSINESS:_____

SQUARE FT. OF FACILITY:_____

NO. OF SERVICE BAYS:_____

NO. OF EMPLOYEES: _____

NO. OF FULL TIME AMBULANCE TECHNICIANS:_____

ARE TECHNICIANS FACTORY TRAINED?_____

TOTAL YEARS SHOP REPAIR EXPERIENCE:_____

VALUE OF SERVICE AND PARTS INVENTORY:_____

24-HR TURN AROUND TIME ON WARRANTY AND SERVICE?____

NUMBER OF LIFT AREAS FOR SERVICE:_____

CAN SERVICE FACILITY PERFORM REMOUNTS?_____

CAN SERVICE FACILITY PERFORM ALUMINUM MODULE REPAIR?__

FACILITY IS AN AUTHORIZED COMMERCIAL FLEET PAINT CENTER AND REPAIR FACILITY. _____

SERVICE FACILITY WILL PERFORM SCOTCHLITE & LETTERING.____

1.16 Documentation of Remount Facilities: This agency is very concerned with making bid award to the most qualified remounter. In order to aid our decision, each bidder shall submit with their bid the following documentation:

1. Photographs of physical plant including:
   a. All bays & interior of remount facilities
   b. Paint shop
   c. Paint booth, bead blasting booth, spray facilities, and mixing room.
   d. Hydraulic lifts
   e. Frame machine
   f. Stocks of remount inventory and remount chassis.
2. Documentation of adequate Workman's Compensation insurance, Product Liability Insurance, and Garage Keepers Liability Insurance.

1.17 Loaner ambulance: During the remount process E.A. CONWAY MEDICAL CENTER may request a type III loaner ambulance at no additional cost. Bidders are required to furnish a list with contact names and phone numbers of customers who have been furnished a loaner ambulance within the last 6 months.

1.18 E.A. CONWAY MEDICAL CENTER requires that the ambulance remounter provide "in house" repairs for structural repairs from any outside accidents, as well as warranty items that may arise as the result of the remount work.

This agency will not tolerate Vendors who state compliance to specifications but deliver an incomplete product and/or sub-standard materials and workmanship. Vendors who have made delivery of such an ambulance remount without making every reasonable effort to remedy the defects found at the time of delivery or within the warranty period will be notified that they are DEBARRED from submitting bids to this agency in the future. This agency will not waste valuable time (more than once) trying to recover legal costs and deal with lost in-service time of new apparatus, working with vendors who are unresponsive to the needs of this agency.

2.0 TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS - CHASSIS

Minimum technical specifications for the removal of E.A. CONWAY MEDICAL CENTER Type III Ambulance Module and subsequent remount to a Ford E-450 XL DRW RV Cutaway chassis or equivalent. Vehicle must comply with Federal and State laws and regulations and all safety regulations as applicable on date of delivery concerning automotive equipment and conditions and will be complete with standard equipment and all extra equipment as specified.

2.1 Manufacturer and Model Year: The chassis requirement for this specification is a 2009.

2.2 Model Type: The model type required is an E-450 4X2 Dual Wheel Cutaway chassis or equivalent.

Trim Level: Trim level shall be Ford "XL" Preferred Equipment Package or equivalent.

2.3 Ambulance Prep Package: The chassis shall be equipped with the ambulance builder's prep package 47A, light and convenience group and handling package

2.5 GVWR: The gross vehicle weight rating shall be 14,050 lb.

2.6 Electrical: The vehicle shall be supplied with dual 12-volt batteries. They shall be standard OEM Heavy Duty Batteries with total capacity of 1700 CCA.

2.8 Electrical Generating System: The ambulance shall be equipped with an OEM dual 130 Amp Motorcraft Alternators or equivalent with internal voltage regulators.

2.9 Engine: Engine size shall be a 6.0 liter Turbo-charged Diesel V-8 engine with heavy-duty engine oil cooler.

2.10 Engine Block Heater: The chassis shall have an OEM engine block heater. This heater shall be wired to the 110V shoreline input on the modular body.

2.11 Engine High-Idle Speed Control, Automatic: The vehicle shall be equipped with an OEM Auxiliary Powertrain Control (APC) Module. It shall be preprogrammed in Charge Protection mode, the engine idle will be electronically adjusted (up or down) to maintain electrical system voltage. The device shall operate only when the transmission is in "Neutral" or "Park", and

the parking brake has been engaged. The device shall disengage when the operator depresses the service brake pedal, the transmission is placed in gear, or parking brake is disengaged and automatically re-engages when the service brake is released, when the transmission is placed in neutral or park, and the parking brake is re-engaged. Maximum charge rate is achieved at 1747 RPM.

2.12 Fuel Tank: The vehicle shall be equipped with a single fuel tank, having a capacity of at least 35 gallons

2.13 Tires and Rims: The vehicle shall be equipped with (7) LT225/75x16E Radial black sidewall tires. The OEM manufacturer's standard steel vented rims will be provided. The four exposed wheels shall be covered with full wheel covers to protect the wheel and provide an easy to clean exterior surface. Spare tire, wheel and tire changing tools will also be provided.

2.14 Transmission: The vehicle to be supplied with a 5-speed automatic w/overdrive and heavy-duty transmission oil cooler.

2.15 Air Conditioning and Heater: The vehicle shall be equipped with factory air conditioning with heavy-duty cooling package and heavy-duty radiator. The heater shall be the manufacturer's standard with cut-off valves accessible.

2.16 Auxiliary Heater-A/C Connector Package: The chassis shall be equipped with the Ford Auxiliary Heater-A/C connector package #57L or equivalent.

2.17 Glass: The chassis shall be equipped with the chassis manufacturer's standard tinted glass supplied as part of their Air Conditioning Cooling Package. The glass provided shall meet all the requirements of KKK-A-1822 and those of the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards.

2.18 Horns: The OEM manufacturer's dual electric horns shall be provided.

2.19 Mirrors: The vehicle's exterior mirrors shall be black, sail-type, OEM mirrors with built-in convex mirrors.

2.20 Radio: The chassis manufacturer's standard AM/FM Stereo/CD shall be included with a built-in clock.

2.21 Seats: The Chassis shall be equipped with Ford OEM Dual Cloth Captain's Chairs or equivalent with lap and shoulder belts and fold-up armrests for driver and passenger.

2.22 Speed Control and Steering Wheel: Cruise speed control and tilt steering

to be supplied.

2.23 XL Package: Chassis shall include power door locks and power windows, interval select windshield wipers and chrome front bumpers

2.24 Running Boards: Install new flared highly polished aluminum running boards.

2.25 Wheel liners: Install Phoenix stainless steel wheel covers with braided chrome fill tubes.

2.26 **Mac lift**: ambulance is equipped with a Mac lift mounted to the rear chassis frame. This lift is to be removed from the existing chassis and mounted to the new chassis. Lift is to be in proper working condition at time of delivery.

2.27 Suspension: Suspension shall be modified as necessary to insure proper loading height.

2.28 Floor Mats: New chassis to be equipped with insulated, rubber floor mats in cab. Carpeting is not desired by this agency.

2.29 Mud Flaps: New chassis to be equipped with rubber mud flaps for dual rear wheel Type III ambulance.

3.0 REMOVAL AND TRANSFER OF MODULAR AMBULANCE BODY

3.1 Dismount: Disconnect all sub systems between chassis and module. Lift module to allow full inspection of understructure.

3.2 Module Inspection: Inspect all exposed structure and framing for cracks, warpage, excessive wear and corrosion. Any questionable areas shall be treated with dye penetrate material to expose cracks. Professionally repair as needed.

3.3 Type Changeover: Transfer Module from Type III to another Type III. Modify suspension and bottom of module as necessary.

3.4 Module Remount: Mount down module squarely on chassis. Remounter to use only approved rubber isolators and mounting bolts.

3.5 Cab Seal: Install a non-electrolytic rubber seal between module and cab. Seal interface to eliminate air and water leaks. New stainless steel bolts will be used to fasten seal to cab and module body.

4.0 NEW CHASSIS PREPARATION

4.1 Springs: As necessary, level each side of modular body to insure proper handling and performance.

4.2 Exhaust Modification: Extend tailpipe to match module width.

4.3 Fuel Tank: Modify gas tank filler necks to fit module - Install new fuel filler hoses and copper plumbing.

5.0 EXTERIOR BODY TRIM

5.1 Fuel Fill: Provide and install new Cast Products fuel fill plate.

5.2 Diamond Plate: Install all new diamond plate complete on module body. To include rub rails, entry door liners, compartment door liners, stone guards, and stepwell.

5.3 Rear Step: Refurbish rear step assembly, including new rear kickplate, grip struts, and bumper tips.

5.4 Fenderettes: Provide and install new rolled stainless steel fenderettes.

6.0 MODULE EXTERIOR PAINT FINISH AND LETTERING

6.1 Preparation: Prior to any paint and bodywork remove all hardware, hinges, handles and emergency lighting.

6.2 Surface Refinished: **Complete and total removal of all initial paint, oils, and contaminants from module surface in an industry standard professional manner.**

6.3 Electrolysis Inspection: **Module will be inspected 100% for evidence of electrolysis. Such areas will be specially treated to prevent any further damage and remove visible damage.**

6.4 Damage Repair: **All minor body damage will be repaired in an industry standard professional manner to like new condition.**

6.5 Paint Process: **The module body shall be repainted in an industry standard professional manner to like new condition.**

6.7 Paint Stripe Package: **The chassis and module body shall be striped.**

Design to match current vehicles in E.A. CONWAY MEDICAL CENTER fleet. NO EXCEPTIONS.

6.8 Pinstriping: Install 3M® Brand or equivalent reflective, pin-striping.

6.9 Exterior Compartments: Paint interior of exterior compartments not covered with diamond plate with grey/white Zolotone or equivalent splatter paint.

6.10 Lettering: Provide and install Scotchlite lettering, D.O.T. Star-of-Life and "ambulance" decal package to match E.A. CONWAY MEDICAL CENTER current fleet.

7.0 ELECTRICAL SYSTEM:

7.1 Switch Panels: Provide and install new PSAI Euro style front switch panels with black switches, ammeter, and voltmeter. Provide and install rear Euro style switch panel.

7.2 Power Panel: Upgrade electrical system. Replace all current breaker, relays and solenoids on power distribution panel. Check for 100% complete operation.

7.3 Wiring Installation: All new power wiring provided shall be copper and conform to all the SAE J1292 requirements and shall have GXL or SXL high temperature thermoplastic or better insulation rated to 125 degrees centigrade and conforming to SAE J1127 and J1128

7.4 Wiring Labeling: All wiring shall be permanently color-coded and labeled for easy troubleshooting.

7.5 Wiring Loom: The engine wiring shall be routed in conduit or high temperature looms with a rating of 300 degrees Fahrenheit. All added wiring shall be in protective loom, located in accessible, enclosed and protected locations, and kept at least six inches away from the exhaust system components. Wiring and components shall not terminate in the oxygen storage compartment except for the compartment light and door switch plunger. Wiring necessarily passing through an oxygen compartment shall be routed in metal conduit. All conduits, looms and wiring shall be secured to the body or frame with insulated metal straps in order to prevent sagging and movement which results in chafing, pinching, snagging, or any other damage. All apertures on the vehicle shall be properly grommeted for passing wiring and conform to SAE 1292.

7.6 Battery Switch: Install new Cole Hersee switch #2484 module disconnect switch.

7.7 Cab Wiring: Install new power distribution harness and battery cables.

7.8 Tail Lights: Install new LED brake/tail, turn, and reverse lights.

7.9 Warning Lights and scene/load lights: install all new module exterior light lenses. Inspect light housings and bulbs and replace as needed.

7.10 Intersection Lights: Provide and install two (2) Whelen 700 Series or equivalent intersection light lenses with chrome flange.

7.11 Grille Lights: Provide and install two (2) new Whelen 700 Series or equivalent grille light lenses.

7.12 Speakers: Provide and install new Cast Products, # SH-4020-2, 100-watt siren speakers mounted in the OEM bumper tips.

7.13 Cab Console: Install low profile dark gray, birch plywood, Formica covered floor mounted console to house switch panel, siren and gauges. The console face also will provide areas for drink holders, clip board and radio head installation. Design to be worked out with E.A. CONWAY MEDICAL CENTER upon bid award.

7.14 Door Switches: Replace all door switches with new door switches to meet or exceed existing switches.

7.15Dome Lights: Replace all dome light lenses. replace bulbs as needed

7.16 Back-up Alarms: Install new Preco or equivalent back-up alarm with minimum 97 db.

7.17 Shoreline: inspect existing shorelines and repair as needed

7.18 Light Bar: Refurbish existing light bar. Install all new lenses.

7.19 Inverter: inverter shall be inspected and repaired or replaced if needed

7.20 Antenna Coax: Install four (2) antenna coax. Run from module ceiling to behind driver's seat base.

8.0 EXTERIOR COMPARTMENTS

8.1 Weather-stripping: Replace all exterior rubber door weather-stripping with original or equivalent seal.

8.2 Compartment Door: Compartment doors are to be closely inspected for condition and repaired as necessary.

a. Checked and trued for alignment and closure
b. All hold opens checked for operation and defective closures replaced
c. Lubricate all door latches and locks for proper operation
d. Replace any defective latches or locks to insure 100% operation
e. All patient entry door windows removed prior to painting
f. Any damaged windows replaced with like OEM windows from OEM manufacturer

8.3 Compartment Floor Treatment: **All compartment floors to have black Kendall Dri-Deck.**

9.0 PATIENT COMPARTMENT CABINETRY AND FIXTUR

9.1 Upholstery: All upholstery in module shall be inspected. Any defected upholstery will be replaced with seamless 36 ounce Naugahyde including Captains chair attendant seat.

9.2 Cabinetry: Cabinets will be checked for sharp edges, defective areas, and professionally repaired including the following items:

a. Manually check cabinet mounting bolts to insure stability and strength
b. Check all shelves for security and make rattle proof
c. Check all seatbelts and replace all defective ones
d. Replace any damaged or missing trim
e. Replace any rusty or discolored screws or trim
f. Provide high quality clean up and sanitation to all cabinetry, compartments, headliner, etc.
g. Inspect all Plexiglass and tracks for proper operation and replace as needed.

10.0 HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING

10.1 Heat/Cool Unit: ambulance is equipped with a 110v/12v pure air filteration sysyem with external condenser.existing system is to be reworked to like new with new expansion valves and hoses.

10.2 Heat/Cool Testing: System shall be extensively tested for peak performance and readings shall be provided to customer.

10.3 Power Vent: Shall be tested and repaired or replaced to meet original equipment performance.

11.0 OXYGEN AND VACUUM SYSTEMS

11.1 Oxygen and compressed air system: Perform 4-hour nitrogen leak test. Repair any leaks noted and re-test and tag system with certification.

11.2 Suction System: Test vacuum lines, outlets for proper operation and repair or replace as necessary.

BID FORM

NAME OF BIDDER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

PERSON TO CONTACT: _____

We herewith submit and bid as follows:

CHASSIS/MAKE: _____

MODEL/TYPE: _____

AMBULANCE BRAND: _____

F.O.B. POINT: _____

DELIVERY – CALENDAR DAYS: _____

NET PRICE COMPLETE, AS SPECIFIED $_____

BID IS:___ AS PER SPECIFICATION, TAKING NO EXCEPTIONS

_____ TAKING ONLY THOSE SPECIFICATION EXCEPTIONS LISTED, ATTACHED AND REFERENCED TO PARAGRAPH NUMBER SPECIFIED

It is agreed by the undersigned bidder that the signature and submission of this bid represents the bidders acceptance of all terms, conditions, and requirements of bid specifications and, if awarded, the bid will represent the agreement between the two parties.

SIGNED:_____ DATE:_____

NAME PRINTED:_____

TITLE:_____

EXCEPTIONS / CLARIFICATIONS

Each bidder may copy this form, as necessary to sufficiently list all exceptions and variations from specifications (Please list as shown, by page, item number, and check if vendor chooses not to supply, or is unavailable, or describe deviation or substitution in detail, if furnished). Purchaser will be the sole judge of proposed substitution equivalency.

VENDOR NAME: _____

BIDDING: _____

EXCEPTION PAGE: _____ **OF** _____

**** EXHIBIT A ****

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTRACTORS

Contractor shall procure and maintain for the duration of the contract insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder by the Contractor, his agents, representatives, employees or subcontractors. The cost of such insurance shall be included in the Contractor's bid.

A. MINIMUM SCOPE OF INSURANCE

Coverage shall be at least as broad as:

1. Insurance Services Office Commercial General Liability "occurrence" coverage form CG 00 01 (current form approved for use in Louisiana). **"Claims Made" form is unacceptable.**

2. Insurance Services Office form number CA 00 01 (current form approved for use in Louisiana). The policy shall provide coverage for owned, hired, and non-owned coverage. If an automobile is to be utilized in the execution of this contract, and the vendor/contractor does not own a vehicle, then proof of hired and non-owned coverage is sufficient.

3. Workers' Compensation insurance as required by the Labor Code of the State of Louisiana, including Employers Liability insurance.

B. MINIMUM LIMITS OF INSURANCE

Contractor shall maintain limits no less than:

1. Commercial General Liability: $1,000,000 combined single limit per occurrence for bodily injury, personal injury and property damage.

2. Automobile Liability: $1,000,000 combined single limit per accident, for bodily injury and property damage.

3. Workers Compensation and Employers Liability: Workers' Compensation limits as required by the Labor Code of the State of Louisiana and Employers Liability coverage. Exception: Employers liability limit is to be $1,000,000 when work is to be over water and involves maritime exposure.

C. DEDUCTIBLES AND SELF-INSURED RETENTIONS

Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by the Agency. The Contractor shall be responsible for all deductibles and self-insured retentions. At the option of the Agency, the Contractor shall procure a bond guaranteeing payment of losses and related investigations, claim administration and defense expenses.

D. OTHER INSURANCE PROVISIONS

The policies are to contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provisions:

1. General Liability and Automobile Liability Coverages

   a. The Agency, its officers, officials, employees, Boards and Commissions and volunteers are to be added as "additional insureds" as respects liability arising out of activities performed by or on behalf of the Contractor; products and completed operations of the Contractor, premises owned, occupied or used by the Contractor. The coverage shall contain no special limitations on the scope of protection afforded to the Agency, its officers, officials, employees or volunteers.

b. The Contractor's insurance shall be primary insurance as respects the Agency, its officers, officials, employees, Boards and Commissions or volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the Agency shall be excess and non-contributory of the Contractor's insurance.

b. Any failure to comply with reporting provisions of the policy shall not affect coverage provided to the Agency, its officers, officials, employees, Boards and Commissions or volunteers.

c. The Contractor's insurance shall apply separately to each insured against whom claim is made or suit is brought, except with respect to the limits of the insurer's liability.

2. Workers' Compensation and Employers Liability Coverage

The insurer shall agree to waive all rights of subrogation against the Agency, its officers, officials, employees and volunteers for losses arising from work performed by the Contractor for the Agency.

3. All Coverages

Each insurance policy required by this clause shall be endorsed to state that coverage shall not be suspended, voided, canceled by either party, or reduced in coverage or in limits except after thirty (30) days' prior written notice has been given to the Agency.

E. ACCEPTABILITY OF INSURERS

Insurance is to be placed with insurers with a Best's rating of **A-:VI or higher**. This rating requirement may be waived for workers' compensation coverage only.

F. VERIFICATION OF COVERAGE

Contractor shall furnish the Agency with certificates of insurance affecting coverage required by this clause. The certificates for each insurance policy are to be signed by a person authorized by that insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. The certificates are to be received and approved by the Agency before work commences. The Agency reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, at any time.

G. SUBCONTRACTORS

Contractor shall include all subcontractors as insureds under its policies OR shall furnish separate certificates for each subcontractor. All coverages for subcontractors shall be subject to all of the requirements stated herein.

INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

The _____ agrees to protect, defend, indemnify, save and hold
Contractor/Subcontractor
harmless the University, State of Louisiana, all State Departments, Boards and Commissions, its officers, agents, servants and employees, including volunteers, from and against any and all claims, demands, expense and liability arising out of injury or death to any person or the damage, loss or destruction of any property which may occur or in any way grow out of any act or omission of _____, its agents, servants, and _____
_____ employees or any and all costs,
Contractor/Subcontractor
expense and/or attorney fees incurred by_____, as a result of any
Contractor/Subcontractor
claims demands and/or causes of action except of those claims, demands, and/or causes of action arising out of the negligence of the University, State of Louisiana, all State Departments, Boards, Commissions, its agents, representatives, and/or employees.
_____ agrees to investigate, handle, respond to,
Contractor/Subcontractor
provide defense for and defend any such claims, demand, or suit at its sole expense and agrees to bear all other costs and expenses related thereto, even if it (claims, etc.) is groundless, false or fraudulent.

Accepted by _____
Company Name

Signature _____

Title _____

Date Accepted _____

Is Certificate of Insurance Attached ____Yes____No

Contract No._____for_____

Louisiana State University & A & M College

PURPOSE OF CONTRACT: _____