

## INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Auburn, until 10:00 a.m. local time, on March 9, 2006 in the Office of the City Manager, 144 Tichenor Avenue, Auburn, Alabama, and then publicly opened and read for furnishing the following:

2006 Eleven (11') Foot Grooming Mower

Bid specifications are attached. The City is requiring bid prices on one (1) 2006 Eleven (11') Foot Grooming Mower. Please direct any questions to Ray Pratt (334) 501-3095. Bids must be submitted on the attached form within a sealed envelope addressed:

City Manager, City of Auburn  
144 Tichenor Avenue, Suite 1  
Auburn, Alabama 36830

Envelope must be plainly marked on the outside as follows:

BID: One (1) 2006 Eleven (11') Foot Grooming Mower  
OPENING: 10:00 a.m., local time  
DATE: March 9, 2006

The City of Auburn reserves the right, as the best interest of the city may require, to award the purchase contract from any of the bids, to reject any or all bids, and to waive any informalities in bids received. Bid will be good for ninety (90) days after being opened by the City of Auburn, Alabama. The City reserves the right to revert to the State of Alabama Contract if the bid price is higher than the contracted amount through the State.

The successful bidder will note that the City pays by invoice on each Thursday of the month. Invoices must be received by accounts payable at least seven working days before the scheduled check write. If you have any questions concerning billing, contact our accounts payable office at (334) 501-7237.

CITY OF AUBURN

Karen S. Broome  
Purchasing Office

CITY OF AUBURN  
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MINIMUM BID SPECIFICATIONS  
2006 Eleven (11') Foot Grooming Mower

It is the intent of these specifications to describe a 2006 Eleven (11') Foot Grooming Mower. These specifications describe and state minimum requirements of this equipment. Bids submitted on equipment not meeting these minimum requirements will be subject to rejection.

The following are intended as guidelines, all equivalent or comparable units will be considered.

All bidders must fill in all blanks: **YES** if meeting or exceeding specifications and **NO** if exceptions are taken. Any exceptions taken must be explained in written detail on bidder's letterhead and attached to the bid submitted. Bidder must attach a copy of factory warranty for 2006 Eleven (11') Foot Grooming Mower.

		<b><u>YES</u></b>	<b><u>NO</u></b>	<b><u>OFFERED</u></b>
<b>A.</b>	<b>GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS:</b>			
1.	1" to 5 1/2" cutting height, in 1/2" increments	_____	_____	_____
2.	Minimum 6" deck overlap	_____	_____	_____
3.	Front-center and rear-outside deck corner anti-scalp rollers	_____	_____	_____
4.	B-section drive belt, with spring loaded idler tension	_____	_____	_____
5.	Minimum three blades per deck	_____	_____	_____
6.	Minimum 1/4" x 2 1/2" x 16 7/8" medium-lift blades with 1 3/16" overlap	_____	_____	_____
7.	Minimum 3,628 RPM blade spindle speed; 16,020 FPM blade tip speed	_____	_____	_____
8.	Dual acting deck cylinders	_____	_____	_____
9.	Requires one set of hydraulic outlets	_____	_____	_____
10.	Minimum 23° left to right wing flex; 22° front to back wing flex; 13° front to back center deck flex	_____	_____	_____
11.	Automatic transport wing locks with pull rope release	_____	_____	_____
12.	Zero turning radius	_____	_____	_____

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13. Mowing capacity: 2 MPH = 2.68 acres/hour, 4 MPH = 5.37 acres/hour, 6 MPH = 8.10 acres/hour	_____	_____	_____
14. Pull type hitch with adjustable clevis, or equivalent and safety tow chain	_____	_____	_____
15. 2,200 lb capacity screw-jack tongue support	_____	_____	_____
16. Rear discharge	_____	_____	_____
17. ¼" wall square tubing gauge wheel arms	_____	_____	_____
<b>B. DIMENSIONS</b>			
1. Minimum 11' – 1" cutting width, 11' – 3 ½" overall width	_____	_____	_____
2. Minimum 6'-5" transport height, 5'6" transport width, at mid-cutting height	_____	_____	_____
3. Minimum 10'-11" overall length, in transport position	_____	_____	_____
4. Minimum 2,040 lbs machine weight	_____	_____	_____
<b>C. MECHANICAL</b>			
1. Minimum necessary tractor horsepower – 30HP	_____	_____	_____
2. Minimum 540 RPM gearboxes (1 splitter gearbox, 3 wing gearboxes)	_____	_____	_____
3. Category III constant velocity main driveline, with slip clutch	_____	_____	_____
4. Three category II wing drivelines with slip clutch	_____	_____	_____
<b>D. TIRES</b>			
1. Transport tires – 2 each, 18" x 9.5", sealant with tapered roller bearings, or equivalent	_____	_____	_____

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2. Deck tires – 10 each (air), 13” x 5”, sealant with tapered roller bearings, or equivalent	_____	_____	_____

**E. OTHER GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS**

1. Standard equipment not mentioned is to be included.
2. Successful bidder must be capable of performing own warranty work in his maintenance department.
3. Vehicle other than new, unless specified, will not meet specifications.
4. Include one copy of repair/maintenance manual.

**F. DELIVERY**

1. Unit to be delivered to the following address:  
 356 North Donahue Drive  
 Auburn, Alabama 36832
2. Bid price will F.O.B. Auburn and includes title application.
3. **The city must be sent a copy of the confirmation order within 24 hours after receipt of order.**

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TO: City of Auburn

We, the undersigned, propose to furnish the items listed below and guarantee that if we are awarded the bid, we will furnish these goods in accordance with the attached specifications. **THIS FORM MAY BE COPIED IF YOU WISH TO BID ALTERNATE MODEL EQUIPMENT.**

**YOU MUST SPECIFY THE EXACT EQUIPMENT BEING BID**  
(Enclose brochures/description documents if needed)

MAKE BID: \_\_\_\_\_

MODEL BID: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL BID: \_\_\_\_\_

ESTIMATED DELIVERY DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

DELIVERY DATE IS IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION

Exceptions: \_\_\_\_\_

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BID PRICE IS GUARANTEED FOR NINETY (90) DAYS AFTER BEING OPENED BY THE CITY OF AUBURN

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Firm

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Signee

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone/Fax No.

NOTE THAT THERE IS THE POSSIBILITY THAT HIS EQUIPMENT WILL BE ON A LEASE PURCHASE PLAN THROUGH OUR OWN FINANCIAL SOURCE AND IT WILL BE IN THEIR NAME UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE LEASE IS PAID OFF.