

March 28, 2006

**INVITATION TO BID**

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Auburn, Alabama, until 10:00 a.m., local time, on May 4, 2006 in the Office of the City Manager, City Hall, Auburn, Alabama, and then publicly opened and read for furnishing the following:

**ANIMAL TRANSPORTATION UNIT WITH L-SHAPED CAGE ASSEMBLY**

Quantities and bid specifications are attached. The City is requiring bid prices on an animal transportation unit with L-shaped cage assembly. Please direct any questions to Ray Pratt, Division Manager, (334) 501-3095.

Bids must be submitted on the attached form within a sealed envelope addressed:

City Manager, City of Auburn  
144 Tichenor Ave. Suite 1  
Auburn, Alabama 36830

Envelope must be plainly marked on the outside as follows:

**BID:** Animal Transportation Unit with L-Shaped Cage Assembly  
**OPENING:** 10:00 a.m., local time  
**DATE:** May 4, 2006

The City 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 or parts thereof, 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 the right to the State of Alabama Contract if the bid price is higher than the contracted amount through the state.

The successful bidder must possess or obtain appropriate license to conduct business in the City of Auburn, if the nature of the transaction requires such license.

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 Broome  
Purchasing Officer

**CITY OF AUBURN, AL  
BID SPECIFICATIONS**

**FOR ANIMAL TRANSPORTATION UNIT WITH L-SHAPED CAGE ASSEMBLY**

It is the intent of these specifications to describe an animal transportation unit with L-shaped cage assembly, and state minimum requirements of this item. Bids submitted on equipment not meeting these minimum capacities and requirements will be subject to rejection.

All bidders must fill in all blanks: YES if meeting or exceeding specification and NO if exception is taken to specification. 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 equipment being bid.

<b>L-SHAPED CAGE ASSEMBLY</b>	<b><u>YES</u></b>	<b><u>NO</u></b>	<b><u>OFFERED</u></b>
1. Lower Rear Stainless Steel Cage Unit: 30"H X 48"W self-draining with center posts and removable center divider panel.	_____	_____	_____
2. Upper Rear Stainless Steel Cage Unit: 17"H X 48"W self-draining with removable center divider panel.	_____	_____	_____
3. Lower Side Stainless Steel Cage Unit: 30"H X 60"W self-draining with removable center divider panel, no center post, which can be used for a stretcher compartment.	_____	_____	_____
4. Upper Side Stainless Steel Cage Unit: 17"H X 60"W self-draining with two removable center divider panels.	_____	_____	_____
5. All cages have sloped floors to facilitate drainage.	_____	_____	_____
6. Cages to be installed in van (sealed to ceiling, bulkhead and floors).	_____	_____	_____
7. All cages, doors, and fasteners to be of type 304 stainless steel.	_____	_____	_____
8. All upper cage compartment divider panels shall be made from 3/16" aluminum material.	_____	_____	_____

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| 9. All lower cage compartment divider panels shall be made from 3/16" aluminum material.  | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 10. All cages to be constructed of type 304 2B 24 gauge stainless steel, satin finish material (minimum).   | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 11. Doors to be constructed of type 304 18-8 stainless material. Perimeter frame of door to be of 3/8" material (minimum), and all vertical rods to be of 1/4" material (1 1/4" spacing maximum). | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 12. All cages shall be fully insulated for sound deadening.   | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 13. Rear drains shall be made from 1-1/2" PVC material (minimum), leak-proof, and drain through floor of van onto ground.   | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 14. The floor of animal section shall be covered with polished aluminum diamond plate material.   | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 15. All seams shall be sealed with an adhesive sealant to prevent leakage.  | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 16. Sidewalls and roof area shall be filled with full thickness fiberglass insulation.  | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 17. Wall lights, interior, 7", flat black.  | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 18. Rear returns, sidewall, and headliner to be covered with .063 aluminum sheet.   | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 19. One 7" diameter light to be mounted on sidewall in the front compartment.   | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 20. Two automotive dome lights mounted on rear door return panels.  | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 21. Solid bulkhead behind driver's seat to seal off animal section.   | _____ | _____ | _____ |

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| <p>22. Driver's side of bulkhead to be carpeted for appearance and to reduce noise transmission.</p>  | <p>___</p> | <p>___</p> | <p>_____</p> |
| <p>23. Front bulkhead to have a plexi-glass window for rear vision (dimensions: ¼" thick, 12" high and 18" wide).</p>   | <p>___</p> | <p>___</p> | <p>_____</p> |
| <p>24. Rear bulkhead/cage return to have a stainless steel grill installed in the rear Rear wall of the upper cage unit for rear vision (dimensions: 10" high and 16" wide).</p>  | <p>___</p> | <p>___</p> | <p>_____</p> |
| <p>25. Rear view mirror to be mounted 12" off center for rear vision.</p>   | <p>___</p> | <p>___</p> | <p>_____</p> |
| <p>26. Thermometer is to be mounted so that the temperature in the animal section can be monitored.</p>   | <p>___</p> | <p>___</p> | <p>_____</p> |
| <p>27. High capacity blower system ducted into each main cage unit.</p>   | <p>___</p> | <p>___</p> | <p>_____</p> |
| <p>28. One equipment storage box approximately 25" High X 11" Wide X 64" deep, shall be located behind the driver and passenger seats. It shall be divided into three compartments designed to accommodate a stretcher, catch poles, jack, and tire tools. The access door shall be equipped with a locking device for security purposes.</p>   | <p>___</p> | <p>___</p> | <p>_____</p> |
| <p>29. One desk/file cabinet module shall be installed between the driver and passenger seats. This cabinet shall be designed to accommodate standard size hanging file folders. The Formica covered lid shall be hinged along the rear for access to the file compartment. The exterior surface of the cabinet shall be carpeted to match the bulkhead material. A switch panel will be installed on the front of the cabinet to operate all add-on electrical components.</p> | <p>___</p> | <p>___</p> | <p>_____</p> |
| <p>30. One master cut-off switch to control all of the add-on circuitry shall be located on the right side of the driver's seat base. All connections under the seat shall be protected by a removable shield attached to the front side of the seat base. All circuits will be fused.</p>  | <p>___</p> | <p>___</p> | <p>_____</p> |

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31. A loading ramp made of .100" thick aluminum tread-plate shall be Provided. The ramp shall be 18 ½" wide by 48" long and have an attached folding leg that holds the ramp off the ground approximately 12". The "walking" surface of the ramp shall be lightly sand blasted for better better traction. The design of the ramp shall allow it to be hooked onto the rear bumper and attached to the step well of the side cargo door. \_\_\_\_\_
32. A storage compartment approximately 20" wide by 50" high by 27" deep shall be placed between the 60" and 48" cage banks. The compartment shall be in-line with the 60" cage bank. Aluminum .090" thick shall be used in the construction. This compartment must accommodate a full-body "bite-suit" and the folding ramp. This compartment must have a door with locking capability. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
33. PVC inserts above cage, from rear for insertion of catch poles etc. \_\_\_\_\_
34. Floor grills, punched aluminum (set of 9). \_\_\_\_\_

**OTHER GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS**

1. Any other standard equipment not mentioned to be included.
2. Equipment other than new, unless specified, will not meet specifications.
3. Price will include installation of cage unit in vehicle provided.
4. Vehicle will be drop shipped by dealer receiving vehicle bid.



## **BID LIST**

Truck Equipment  
P.O. Box 1987  
Dothan, Al 36302

Mavron, Inc.  
Attn: Carl Lozier  
152 South Zimmer Road  
Warsaw, IN 46580

Animal Care Equipment & Services, Inc.  
P.O. Box 3275  
Crestline, CA