

VILLAGE of ALDEN  
FIRE DEPARTMENT  
Bid Specifications for  
1 MTS Power Load System

## NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids will be received by the Village of Alden Board of Trustees, until 12:00 P.M. Eastern Standard Time on Monday, February 24, 2025, for furnishing the following equipment for the Village of Alden Fire Department:

1 MTS Power Load Stretcher System and one 6500 power load comp upgrade kit.

Detailed specifications for this apparatus are available at the office of the Village Clerk, 13336 Broadway, Alden, New York, where they may be obtained during the hours of 9am to 12pm and 1pm to 4pm (EST). Bidders shall answer on a form supplied with the specifications, all questions appearing therein. A non-collusive bidding certification must be furnished with each proposal. Failure to do so shall be sufficient reason for disqualification of the bid.

Certified check, cash, or bid bond, in an amount representing five (5) percent of the net bid shall accompany each proposal. Where alternate proposals are submitted, the deposit shall represent five (5) percent of the largest amount bid. Deposits made by unsuccessful bidders will be returned following the award of a contract or purchase order to the successful bidder. The deposit of the successful bidder will be retained until the apparatus is delivered and accepted by the Village.

The Village of Alden Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to consider the reputation and experience of the manufacturer or bidder in making *its* selection, to waive any informalities or minor deviations from the specifications, and to award the contract to other than the lowest bidder if, in the interest of standardization, or for other good and sufficient reason including experience with similar equipment, it is considered in the best interests of the Village of Alden to do so.

All bids shall be submitted in sealed envelopes, plainly marked "CHEST COMPRESION BID", and addressed to:

VILLAGE CLERK  
Alden Municipal Building  
13336 Broadway  
Alden, New York 14004

Specifications prepared by the Village of Alden Fire Company, Bryce Gossel, Chief.

## **INTENT AND GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS**

It is the intent of these specifications to describe and secure a modern, well made, well equipped MTS Power Load Stretcher System and one 6500 power load comp upgrade kit designed, manufactured and advertised to the general public, specifically for emergency rescue services to the Village of Alden, and to insure that this unit is backed by a thorough and proven service policy for the warranty period.

The MTS Power Load Stretcher System and one 6500 power load comp upgrade kit bid for these specifications must be new. All parts and components not specifically mentioned herein, which are necessary to provide a complete well equipped chest compression system, shall be furnished by the contractor and shall conform in quality, strength, and workmanship to the best engineering and manufacturing standards of the Emergency Medical Services Industry.

The MTS Power Load Stretcher System and one 6500 power load comp upgrade kit and all related equipment must comply with all applicable Federal specifications. Copies of certifications conducted by an independent testing laboratory must be included with this bid.

All bids shall comply with section 103 of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York as it relates to non-collusive bidding.

Each bidder shall furnish satisfactory evidence of his ability to supply the equipment as herein specified and state the location of his factory where the equipment is to be built. The manufacturer must be engaged actively in the business of manufacturing emergency medical service equipment. The manufacturer must have at least five prior years of experience in supplying equipment of this type.

It is the intent of this specification to secure a product with a proven record of durability and dependability. As such, prototype equipment will not be accepted. The methods, materials and quality called for in this specification must be a substantial part of the manufacturers' normal production procedures. Therefore, in addition to the required demonstration of a completed current model, the bidder must also list the name, address, and phone number of at least ten (10) other ambulance or rescue squads within a geographical range of one hundred (100) miles of the Village of Alden, to which this equipment, built by the listed manufacturer and similar to the units proposed, have been delivered and are now operating, thus showing their acceptance and functioning ability.

The intent of this specification is also to ensure that the purchased equipment will be adequately backed up by service provided by the bidder. Therefore, the bidder will include with his bid, a letter, signed by a corporate officer and bearing the corporation seal, certifying the following:

1. The availability and location of the nearest fully equipped and qualified

(factory trained) product service facility.

2. The bidder will act as the agent of the manufacturer in effecting all conversion warranty repairs for twelve (12) months from the date of delivery, at no charge to the purchaser.

In order to judge the effectiveness of the bidder's on-site service, the bidder shall include with his bid, a list of ten other EMS customers, with contact names and telephone numbers, where the above service policy has been in effect.

Any deviation from the materials, construction, or design called for in this specification must be specifically marked by the bidder as: EXCEPTION. This denotes anything other than 100% compliance with this specification. In any section where "EXCEPTION" is placed, a complete word for word comparison must be written by the bidder on pages entitled: EXCEPTIONS TO SPECIFICATIONS. It is in the best interest of the bidder to be thorough. Any bids which do not comply with these procedures will be automatically rejected.

The mention in the specification of apparatus, equipment or material by brand name or by such specified description of same as is thereby made, is intended to convey, to the bidder's understanding, the degree of excellence required. Any article, equipment or material which will conform to the standards of excellence so established, and is of equal merit, strength, durability, and appearance to perform the desired function is deemed eligible for offer as a substitute. However, all such substitutions must be noted as above and set forth, as they will be judged by the purchaser as acceptable or not acceptable.

Complete electronic schematics are to be supplied by the bidder at the time of delivery.

Bidder will furnish free of charge, upon request, technical information, graphs, charts, engineering diagrams, instruction guides, or other documentation as required to show that the equipment offered fully complies with these specifications.

Each bidder will state the completed apparatus delivery time based on the number of calendar days, starting from the date the sales contract is signed and accepted by the apparatus manufacturer.

Bids will be addressed and submitted in accordance with the advertised "Bid Notice". The words "MTS Power Load Stretcher System BID", the date, and the bid opening time must be stated on the face of the bid envelope. It is the bidder's responsibility to see that their proposals arrive on time. Late proposals, electronic submissions, telegram, facsimile or telephone bids will not be considered.

## **BOND REQUIREMENTS**

1. Any bonds or sureties (bid, performance, or other) required by the Purchasing Organization will be as specified below or as requested in the advertised "bid notice".

2. A bid bond shall be submitted with the bidder's proposal. The bond will be for an amount equal to 5% of the proposed bid price. Failure to provide an acceptable, valid bid bond with the proposal shall result in the immediate rejection of the bidder's proposal.
3. A performance bond shall be supplied by the successful bidder/manufacturer upon acceptance of the signed sales contract for the apparatus. The performance bond shall be for an amount equal to the full contract price (i.e., 100% bond)
4. All bonds must be provided by the equipment manufacturer; bonds provided by a sales representative, dealer, distributor, or agent of the equipment manufacturer will not be acceptable.
5. With respect to the qualifications of the proposed bonds or sureties, the bidder's bonding company must meet the following requirements:
  - a. An acceptable surety as outlined by the department of treasury on their Most recent federal registers at a limit of at least \$10,000,000;
  - b. A.M. Best rating of "A" or better with a financial rating of at least "VIII"; and
  - c. Licensed as a surety in the state where the sale is to be made.

## **PRICES AND PAYMENT**

The bid price will be F. O. B. Destination, on a delivered and accepted basis at the Village of Alden Fire Dept. Total price on bidder's proposal sheet must include all items listed in these specifications. Listing any items contained in the specification as an extra cost item, unless specifically requested to do so in these specifications, will automatically be cause for rejection.

Payment shall be made within 10 days of acceptance of equipment by the Village of Alden Board of Trustees and the Fire Department.

## **NON-COLLUSIVE BIDDING CERTIFICATION**

By the submission of this bid, each bidder and each person signing on behalf of any bidder certifies, and in the case of a joint bid each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, under penalty of perjury that to the best of his know-ledge and belief: (1) The amounts of this bid have been arrived at independently without collusion, consultation, communication or agreement for the purpose of restricting competition as to any matter relating to such amounts with any other bidder or any other competitor; (2) Unless otherwise required by law, the amounts which have been quoted in this bid have not been knowingly disclosed by the bidder and will not knowingly be disclosed by the bidder prior to opening, either directly

or indirectly, to any other bidder or any competitor; and (3) No attempt has been made or will be made by the bidder to induce any other person, partnership or corporation to submit or not to submit a bid for the purpose of restricting competition or for any other reason.

This non-collusive statement is required pursuant to the provisions of General Municipal Law Section 103-D.

The person signing this bid or proposal certifies that they have fully informed themselves regarding the accuracy of the statements contained in this certification and under the penalties of perjury, affirm the truth thereof, such penalties being applicable to the bidder as well as to the person signing on its behalf.

In Witness Whereof, said bidders and purchasers have caused these present to be executed and attested by its authorized representative on this \_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2025.

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Name of Purchaser

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Title of Officer Executing

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Name of Officer Executing

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Signature of Officer Executing

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS**

To be considered, all proposals must be made in accordance with these “instructions to Bidders”. Each bidder is required to provide in the proposal to the VILLAGE OF ALDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT a complete and accurate description of the equipment. THE PURCHASER RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE PURCHASER. THE PURCHASER ALSO RESERVES THE RIGHT TO PURCHASE THE EQUIPMENT WHICH, IN ITS OPINION, IS BEST SUITED FOR ITS NEEDS, AND NOT NECESSARILY THE LOWEST BIDDER

**INTENT**

It is the intent of these specifications to provide for the MINIMUM requirements for the manufacturing of the MTS Power Load Stretcher System and one 6500 power load comp upgrade kit that will be accepted by the VILLAGE OF ALDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT. These specifications are not intended to restrict bidder, but only to portray as clearly as possible the minimum requirements that will be considered.

Does your bid comply? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

The equipment shall be new. The equipment shall be built using the latest in fabrication techniques and practices to provide the most dependable, trouble free service and performance. The \_\_\_\_\_ and all major components included shall be manufactured in the United States. Subletting any part of the fabrication, painting, or finishing will not be acceptable.

Does your bid comply? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

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Structural integrity shall be guaranteed for the life of the unit, as long as the original purchaser shall own it. Should the unit get sold, the warranty on structural integrity is transferable once.

Does your bid comply? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

Where a brand name component is specified, an “OR EQUAL” product may be substituted.

Brand name items mentioned in these specifications are used to establish the level of quality required. The purchasing committee shall be the judge as to whether or not the substitution qualifies as "OR EQUAL".

Does your bid comply? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

It is the bidder's responsibility to EXPLAIN ALL EXCEPTIONS IN DETAIL on a separate sheet, indicating the paragraph in the purchaser's specification where he is taking exception and his reason for it. The purchasing committee shall be the judge as to whether or not the exception is, in fact, acceptable. Any deviations not explained on a separate sheet will be cause for rejection of the total bid.

Does your bid comply? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

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Bidders must submit complete detailed specifications covering products offered for the equipment as proposed. A general statement or letter stating that the bidder meets all specifications will not be sufficient evidence of bidder intention, nor will a Photostat copy of these specifications be acceptable. Bidders not meeting these requirements will not be considered.

Does your bid comply? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

Bidders must include statements of warranty policies with the bid.



Does your bid comply? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

**QUALIFICATIONS**

These qualifications are established as minimum performance criteria to protect the purchaser for service after the sale, in addition to the necessary qualifications for the manufacturer and their ability to build, service and repair a quality product.

Bidder must provide information on a factory or dealer owned service center in New York with on-site service capabilities within 50 miles of the purchaser.

Does your bid comply? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

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**CERTIFICATIONS**

The following certifications must be provided with the bid.

Manufacturer must comply with MTS Power Load Stretcher System and one 6500 power load comp upgrade kit requirements.

Does your bid comply? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

Manufacturer must provide proof of product liability insurance, including any excess policies, in a form acceptable to the Village of Alden, in the amount of \$5,000,000.00.

Does your bid comply? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

## POWER LOAD SYSTEM SPECIFICATIONS

### Independent Qualification

The system shall have the following independent certifications:

IPX6

IEC 60601-1 and IEC 60601-1-2

KKK-A-1822

### Crash Standards

The system shall meet the following dynamic crash test standards:

EN 1789:2007 *Medical vehicles and their equipment – Road ambulances*<sup>1</sup>

AS/NZS 4535:1999 *Ambulance restraint systems*<sup>2</sup>

### Ease of Use

The system shall be capable of lifting patients weighing up to 700lbs.

The system shall support the patient and cot throughout the loading and unloading process.

The system shall provide a linear guide for cot through the loading and unloading process.

The system shall be equipped with LED indicators which communicate system status to the operator.

The system shall have wireless communication capabilities.

The system shall provide a method of inductive charging for associated batteries without the use of cables or connectors.

The system shall provide a method of operation for powered ambulance cots and non-powered ambulance cots.

The system shall provide a method of operation in the event that the system loses power or experiences an error.