
REQUEST FOR BID
Half-Ton Crew Cab Pickup
South Dakota Science and Technology Authority
SDSTA Purchase Order # 27944
June 17, 2025

The South Dakota Science and Technology Authority (SDSTA) is inviting rental bids for a half-ton crew cab pickup to be utilized over an 11 month period at the Sanford Underground Research Facility (SURF). Documents included in this Request for Bid include:

- A. This Request for Bid
- B. Draft Purchase Order

1.0 Background

SDSTA is a quasi-governmental agency established by the State of South Dakota to operate and manage SURF at the former Homestake Gold mine in Lead, SD. This facility has been rehabilitated and developed to support a variety of scientific experiments, including physics, biology, geology, and others.

2.0 Scope

SDSTA is seeking rental quotations for a half-ton crew cab pickup, primarily intended for personnel transportation within the site and occasional hauling of tools and parts for approximately 11 months, to be used at the Sanford Underground Research Facility. The general specifications are as follows:

- 2.1 Weight: 4,000 LBS – 6,500 LBS
- 2.2 Engine: Internal Combustion
- 2.3 Transmission: Automatic
- 2.4 Fuel: Gas
- 2.5 Emissions Control Systems
- 2.6 Crew Cab
- 2.7 Seating Capacity: No less than 5 people
- 2.8 4 Wheel Drive
- 2.9 Rearview Camera
- 2.10 Monitored Seatbelt
- 2.11 Standard Truck Bed: No less than 6.5 ft
- 2.12 Payload Capacity: No less than 1,000 LBS

3.0 SDSTA Additional Requirements

- 3.1 Inbound Freight to SURF Lead, SD 57754: July 8th – 15th, 2025
- 3.2 Self-charging hybrid is an option.

4.0 Schedule

The activities noted in the Scope section above should commence following the award of the contract. The schedule for completion of this project is negotiable and flexible to accommodate the contractor's availability. The proposed schedule for the project is:

RFB PostedJune 17, 2025
RFB Responses DueJune 30, 2025
Contract Awarded By (Target)July 2, 2025

5.0 Bid Elements

The bid in response to this RFB must contain the following:

- 5.1 Rental rates per Month
- 5.2 Deviation(s) of Specs
- 5.3 Schedule for Delivery

6.0 Bid Requirements

- 6.1 Proposers should submit an electronic copy (.pdf format) of the bid to:

Eva M. Omdahl
SD Science and Technology Authority
630 East Summit Street
Lead, SD 57754
eomdahl@sanfordlab.org

- 6.2 Questions will be received until June 24, 2025 by email to Eva M. Omdahl. Answers will be emailed on June 26, 2025 to all prospective proposers and posted to the sanfordlab.org website.
- 6.3 The bid period may be extended at the discretion of the SDSTA based on the quantity and/or complexity of questions. Any notices of extension of time to respond will be distributed to all prospective proposers.

- 6.4 All communications regarding this procurement between RFB release and purchase order award shall be directed to Eva M. Omdahl. Communications with other SDSTA staff regarding this procurement in advance of the purchase order award are not allowed.

7.0 Selection Process

The SDSTA will review all submitted bids for adherence to this request's requirements and capabilities and select the firm providing the Lowest Cost – Technically Acceptable bid.

Revision History

Rev	Date	Section	Paragraph	Summary of Change	Authorized by
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