
REQUEST FOR BID
Work Truck Pick-up Purchase

South Dakota Science and Technology Authority

SDSTA Purchase Order # 29650
February 27, 2026

The South Dakota Science and Technology Authority (SDSTA) is seeking bids for three (3) new passenger vehicles to serve as work pick-up trucks at the Sanford Underground Research Facility (SURF). Documents included in this Request for Bid include:

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

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 full-size base model vehicles. The general criterion for these work trucks shall include:

2.1 Unit 1:

- A. New
- B. $\frac{3}{4}$ -Ton (GVWR of 8,501 – 10,000 lbs)
- C. 4 Wheel Drive
- D. V8
- E. Fuel Type - Gasoline
- F. Engine Block Heater
- G. Limited Slip Rear Differential
- H. 10-Ply Tires
- I. Regular Cab
- J. Service Body
- K. Medium Duty Lift Gas (Appx 1,250 – 3,000 lbs)
- L. Towing Capacity – 15,000 – 20,000 lbs

2.2 Units 2 & 3:

- A. New
- B. $\frac{3}{4}$ -Ton (GVWR of 8,501 – 10,000 lbs)
- C. 4 Wheel Drive
- D. V8
- E. Fuel Type - Gasoline
- F. Engine Block Heater
- G. Limited Slip Rear Differential
- H. 10-Ply Tires

- I. Regular Cab
- J. Flat Bed
- K. Medium Duty Lift Gate (Appx 1,250 – 3,000 lbs)
- L. Towing Capacity – 15,000 – 20,000 lbs

3.0 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 Posted.....	02/27/2026
RFB Responses Due 4:00pm MT.....	03/20/2026
Purchase Awarded By (Target).....	03/27/2026

4.0 Bid Elements

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

- A. Submit separate bid for each vehicle to include the full purchase price.
- B. Include discount for the purchase of 2 or 3 of the vehicles.
- C. Ability to include digital manual for lift gate (at time of purchase).
- D. Include warranty details.
- E. Include delivery time frame for each vehicle.
- F. Include optional cost for a receive hitch for each vehicle.

5.0 Bid Requirements

- A. Proposers should submit an electronic copy (.PDF format) to Shelly Nisly at mnisly@sanfordlab.org.
- B. Prior to issuance of Purchase Order Agreement, vendor(s) shall be registered with the System for Award Management (SAM.gov).
- C. **ALL** questions must be sent in writing by email to Shelly Nisly at mnisly@sanfordlab.org.
- D. 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.
- E. Communications with other SDSTA staff regarding this procurement in advance of the contract award are not allowed.

6.0 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. SDSTA reserves the right to make multiple awards.

Revision History

Rev	Date	Section	Paragraph	Summary of Change	Authorized by
02	12/1/2022	NA	NA	Change document number from OC	CCR 655

				to COM	
03	11/5/2025	NA	NA	Updated document due to change to the document numbering of controlled documents due to the change from DocuShare system to SharePoint system	CCR 1182