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DATE: July 7, 2021
TO: Prospective Bidders
FROM: Jolene Coulter, Director of Purchasing
RE: **CITY OF AURORA INVITATION TO BID 21-35 – Addendum #1
PURCHASE OF ONE WHEEL LOADER FOR THE WATER & SEWER
DIVISION**

This notice forms a part of the Invitation to Bid 21-35: Purchase of One Wheel Loader for the Water & Sewer Division. All other information pertaining to this Invitation to Bid shall remain the same.

Bidder must submit an original proposal response, marked as "original" and one (1) complete paper copy and shall have provided all requested information and submitted all appropriate forms, certificates, affidavits and addendum acknowledgements in each copy in order to be considered responsive.

Sealed Bid Proposals will be received at the City of Aurora, Attn: City Clerk's Office, 44 East Downer Place, Aurora, Illinois 60507, until **2:00 pm, CST, Wednesday, July 14, 2021** to determine proposals for the anticipated above named purchase. It is the sole responsibility of the Bidder to see that their Bid Proposal is received by the due date and time. No Late proposals will be accepted.

Bid Proposals will be opened via a non-mandatory teleconferenced live stream at 2:00 pm. Zoom information for this opening will be posted 24-48 hours prior.

Please acknowledge this addendum on your proposal form. Failure to do so may subject Bidder to disqualification.

Response to requests received:

- 1) Cat 926M loader is 168 Gross Hp at 1800 RPM and John Deere 524L is 161 Gross Hp at 1800 RPM.

Answer: 161 Gross Hp at 1,800 RPM as provided by the John Deere 524L is acceptable.

- 2) The bid requires a Cat Fusion front coupler and John Deere's front coupler is different. The Fusion coupler is owned by Cat. Is it OK to bid the factory John Deere Coupler and the 2.75 Yrd Bucket as specified?

Answer: It is acceptable to bid the factory John Deere Coupler with the 2.75 CY bucket. Bids for equipment supplied with couplers that are not compatible with Caterpillar forks must include a new pair of forks compatible with the coupler supplied.

3) I have a question regarding the wheel loader specifications. In Appendix A, Page 4 it states that "Any proposed machine must be compatible with Caterpillar attachments". The spec notes "Quick Coupler, Fusion". This is a patented Caterpillar system that no other manufacturer can supply.

Answer: See answer for question 2 above.

4. To be added to the specifications:

The wheel loader shall be equipped with an on board bucket scale such as the CAT Payload or equal.

End of Addendum #1