



# GUAM SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY

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## INVITATION FOR BID GSWA-019-24 24 CUBIC YARD SIDE LOADING REFUSE TRUCK

### Questions and Concerns received from Far East Equipment Co. on October 17, 2024

1. What manufacturer specifications were used to develop the packer body specifications? Are the specifications flexible to allow for competition as each manufacturer has different engineering designs such as hopper size etc.?

**Response:** The initial specifications used in this bid are the same as those utilized in a previous procurement under IFB No. GSWA-004-23 in which an Auto Car Truck ACS64/Curbtender Power Pak had met the requirements. Yes, we are flexible with the specifications to allow for fair competition among various manufacturers.

2. In the Packer body spec, it calls for "Hopper capacity to be a minimum of 4.5 cubic yards capacity with release valve at bottom of hopper for quick evacuation of Fluid build-up in the hopper" our manufacturer offers a 4 cubic yard hopper. Is this acceptable?

**Response:** Yes, see amendment no. 2.

3. In Body Construction specification, floor specification call for 3/16"- 50,000 PSI our manufacturer offers 3/16" hardox 450 rated at 175,000 psi. Is this acceptable?

**Response:** Yes, this is acceptable.

4. In the Packing Mechanism Construction, the specs call for "Total cycle time of 20 seconds minimum: Our manufacturer offers 18-22 seconds at idle and 14 seconds @ 1400 RPM. Is this acceptable?

**Response:** Yes, see amendment no. 2.

5. In the Packing Mechanism Construction, the specs call for " Tailgate latches shall be hydraulically operated working in conjunction with the tailgate lift cylinders or tailgate latches to work independently of the tailgate cylinders. Our manufacturer offers the tailgate lift cylinders or tailgate latches work in conjunctions of the tailgate lift cylinders? Is this acceptable?

**Response:** Yes, see amendment no. 2.

6. In the ejection system specification, it states "The ejector panel shall travel on urethane guide shoes. Rollers are not acceptable." Our manufacturer offers an ejector panel on Guide shoes with followers on rollers. Is this acceptable?

**Response:** Yes, see amendment no. 2.



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7. In the ejection system specification, it states "No portion of the ejector panel can extend beyond the rear body plane." This is a specific design utilized by certain companies. Our Manufacturer offers a Bull nose / cylinder housing that extends beyond the body plane. Is this acceptable?

**Response: Yes, see amendment no. 2.**

8. In the camera system specification, our Manufacturer recommends a camera also by the side loader hopper. Please advise if GSWA will add this requirement.

**Response: Yes, see amendment no. 2.**

9. In the hydraulic specifications it states, "Suction line at reservoir outlet shall incorporate a ball style shut off valve." Our manufacturer offers a butterfly valve. Is this acceptable?

**Response: Yes, see amendment no. 2.**

10. In the hydraulic specifications, it states, "Visual site gauge for monitoring the hydraulic oil level and temperature shall be furnished." Our manufacturer offers a site glass with temperature reading in the control screen. Is this acceptable?

**Response: Yes, see amendment no. 2.**

11. In the hydraulic specifications, it states, "A speed up switch will interface with the engine throttle advance so the recommended engine speed is obtained when the packing mechanism is in engaged mode." Our manufacturer offers control on demand through the refuse system. Is this acceptable?

**Response: Yes, see amendment no. 2.**

12. In the wiring specifications, it states, "A speed-up auxiliary button shall be located at the front tailgate/eject valve location." Our manufacturer states this is not needed as speed up is automated. Is this acceptable?

**Response: Yes, see amendment no. 2.**

13. In the miscellaneous items, it states, "One (1) operator's manual on CD per truck." Our manufacturers offer this on a thumb drive and or through web access. Is this acceptable?

**Response: Yes, see amendment no. 2.**

14. Are all the requested manuals available via web access acceptable?

**Response: Yes, see amendment no. 2.**

15. In the automated lift arm specification, it states, "Arm mechanism max weight is 1,900 pounds." the automated lift arm on our unit weighs 2640 pound as it is rated to lift 2000 lbs. which exceeds



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the 530-pound minimum requested by GSWA. This arm also comes with a 5-year warranty. Is this acceptable?

**Response:** Yes, see amendment no. 2.

16. In the automated lift arm specification, it states, "Lift arm controls are joystick air over hydraulic with feathering ability." Our manufacturer offers an electric proportional control. With the high humidity on Guam, an air over hydraulic system will be a maintenance issue from experience we have had with these systems. Is an electric proportional control acceptable?

**Response:** Yes, see amendment no. 2.

17. What was the purpose of amending the requirement of an Allison 4500RDS transmission? There is a big difference in an Allison 4500 RDS automatic transmission and an automated manual transmission both in performance and price. How will GSWA evaluate this difference. The Allison 4500 RDS is available to all manufacturers and changing the specs the way GSWA has indicated may lead to a Protest. I would recommend that the spec be reverted back to the Allison 4500 RDS transmission to avoid any protest.

**Response:** Allison transmissions, including the Allison 4500 RDS, remain acceptable under the revised specification. The intent of the amendment was to provide flexibility in meeting the transmission requirements, allowing for equivalent alternatives while still adhering to the performance standards.

  
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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT RECEIPT

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