



MEMORANDUM

TO: Prospective Bidders

FROM: Becky Smyth, Purchasing Director

RE: Request for Bid - #004-21 Ford Transit Connect XL

DATE: January 26, 2021

Enclosed you will find the necessary information for preparing and submitting your bid for the **Ford Transit Connect XL** for the City of Rome Georgia.

The deadline for submitting your bid is **February 18, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.**

Interested parties may receive a copy of the proposal request by logging on to the City of Rome, Georgia website at www.romefloyd.com. All questions regarding the proposal should be sent to Jackson Abercrombie, jabercrombie@romega.us no later than **February 9, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.** All questions and answers will be posted on the City of Rome website. It is the responsibility of interested parties to visit the site regularly to insure receipt of any new information that may be provided.

If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to call my office at 706-236-4410.

Becky Smyth
Purchasing Director

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR BIDDERS

I. Bids must be received by **February 18, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.**

II. Bids must be delivered to:

City of Rome
601 Broad Street
Rome, Georgia 30161

III. Bids must be sealed and marked:

“Bid # 004-21 Ford Transit Connect XL”

IV. Bids must be complete and include:

- A. Completed Bid Proposal Form
- B. Executed Bidder’s Declaration
- C. Executed Certificate of Non-Discrimination
- D. Executed Affidavit of Non-Collusion
- E. Prompt Payment Affidavit
- F. Request for Taxpayer I.D. Number
- G. Completed Drug-Free Certificate
- H. SAVE Affidavit
- I. E-Verify Affidavit

All bids submitted shall be subject to acceptance or rejection and the City of Rome specifically reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to waive any technicalities and formalities in the bidding.

Bidder shall submit all required forms and information simultaneously with sealed bids, which forms and information become a part of the property of the City of Rome and will not be returned to bidders unless a written request to withdraw is received prior to **February 18, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.**

V. Payment:

When contracts are awarded, payment by the City of Rome will be the normal 30-day cycle. However, the City does make every effort to honor all discounts.

REQUIREMENTS FOR BIDDERS

These items apply to and become a part of the terms and conditions of the bidders bid. Any exceptions must be in writing.

Notice is hereby given that the City of Rome will receive sealed bids from interested parties until **February 18, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.** at its offices located at 601 Broad Street, Rome, Georgia 30161.

Any bids received thereafter will not be considered.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the City of Rome Purchasing Department located at 601 Broad Street on the day and at the hour specified.

The purchaser may consider as non-responsive, any bid in which there is an alteration of, or departure from the bid form hereto attached.

The City of Rome will review and evaluate the RFP responses, and determine the firm that demonstrates the greatest capabilities and relevant experience, proposes a reasonable cost, and is the most advantageous in fulfilling the City's goals for this project. The City of Rome reserves the right to accept, reject, and/or negotiate any or all proposals as determined by them to be in the City's best interest. The bidder to whom award is made will be notified at the earliest possible date. The purchaser reserves the right to reject the bid of a bidder who has previously failed to perform properly or complete on time, contracts of a similar nature, or the bid of a bidder who, in the sole opinion and discretion of the purchaser is not in a position to perform the contract, or whose name appears on the United States Comptroller General's list of ineligible contractors.

Bids may be withdrawn by written or faxed request, provided such withdrawals are received prior to bid opening date.

NOTE: Unless stated on the bid form the bid submitted will assume all specifications will be met. Please note on the bid form all exceptions.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

It is the sole responsibility of the bidder(s) to ensure that proposals reach the Purchasing Department on or before the closing date and time. The City of Rome shall not be held responsible for delays caused by any situation. Offers by telephone, facsimile, or email will not be accepted.

The City of Rome will not be responsible for late deliveries or delayed mail. The proposal opening time shall be strictly observed. Under no circumstances shall proposals delivered after the specified time be considered.

Failure to restrict contacts or discussion regarding this RFP to the City of Rome Purchasing Department will be considered a serious breach of process and may, at the sole discretion of the City of Rome, result in disqualifying the violating party's firm from further consideration in this RFP opportunity. Additionally, any unauthorized contact with members of the City Commission or City employees by a bidder or a bidder's representative concerning this proposal may result in the disqualification of the bidder.

The City of Rome reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals, to waive any irregularity in proposals received, to award the entire proposal to one contractor or to make awards by group or by line item whichever is in the best interest of the City of Rome. Additionally, the City of Rome may unilaterally terminate this contract in whole or in part, for its convenience, availability of unobligated funds, or because of failure of the bidder to fulfill the contract obligations in any respect.

SPECIFICATIONS
Bid 004-21
2021, Ford Transit Connect XL or Equal

The purpose of this specification is to describe a new, current production model, Ford Transit Connect XL or equal. The use of a brand name does not indicate a preference for that brand. It is intended to establish a level of quality, function and reliability. Vehicle should be delivered complete and ready to operate. Please note: The City requests Factory Options when possible.

Exterior

Bidders Response

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| 1. Body side moldings – Black | _____ |
| 2. Bumpers – Black | _____ |
| 3. Door Handles – Black | _____ |
| 4. Doors – Dual sliding side / 180-degree swing-out rear | _____ |
| 5. Grille – 3-bar - Black | _____ |
| 6. Headlamps – Autolamp (On/Off) | _____ |
| 7. Wipers – Rain – Sensing | _____ |

Functional

Bidders Response

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|---|-------|
| 1. Brakes – 4-wheel Disc/ABS | _____ |
| 2. Fordpass Connect 4G wi-fi hotspot telematics modem | _____ |
| 3. Front wheel drive | _____ |
| 4. Fuel Tank – 15.8 Gal | _____ |
| 5. Hill Start Assist | _____ |
| 6. Light – Rear Cargo | _____ |
| 7. Power Steering with Epas | _____ |
| 8. Power Windows and Locks | _____ |
| 9. Pre-Collision Assist with Aeb | _____ |
| 10. Rear View Camera | _____ |

11. Rear Sensing System

12. Remote Keyless Entry

Interior

Bidders Response

1. 6-way Manual Driver Seat

2. 4-way Manual Passenger seat

3. Air Conditioning – Manual-Front

4. Black Vinyl Floor Covering

5. Cargo Tie-Down Hooks

6. Floor Console with Cupholders

7. Overhead Storage Shelf

8. Power Points – 12V (2)

9. Smart Charging USB Port 1

10. Steering – Tilt / Telescopic

11. Sync – Blue Tooth Phone Connectivity

Safety

Bidders Response

1. Advancetrac with RSC

2. Airbags – Dual Stage Front

3. Airbags – Front Seat Mounted Side Impact

4. Airbags – Side Air Curtains

5. Emergency Brake Assist

6. Securilock Pass Anti-Theft

7. Tire Pressure Monitoring System

Optional Equipment

Bidders Response

1. Ladder Rack

****Please submit a picture and description of the proposed ladder rack in your bid package.**

BID FORM

TO: City of Rome – Purchasing Department
601 Broad Street
Rome, Georgia 30161
ATTN: BECKY SMYTH

BID PKG. “004-21 Ford Transit Connect XL”

Ford Transit Connect XL \$ _____

Expected Delivery Date _____

***FOB – Delivered: 200 Vaughn Road, Rome, GA 30161**

All bids submitted shall be subject to acceptance or rejection and the City of Rome specifically reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to waive any technicalities and formalities in the bidding. The City of Rome must approve all materials used in this project.

The undersigned understands that any conditions stated above, clarifications made to the above or information other than that requested should be under separate cover and to be considered only at the discretion of the Purchasing Department.

Name of Individual, Partner
or Corporation

Company

Title

Address

Authorized Signature

City, State, Zip Code

Company phone number

Please Attach Company Contact’s Business Card:

Optional Price

1. Ladder Rack

\$ _____

BIDDERS DECLARATION

The bidder understands, agrees and warrants:

- That the bidder has carefully read and fully understands the full scope of the specifications.
- That the bidder has the capability to successfully undertake and complete the responsibilities and obligations in said specifications.
- That the bidder has liability insurance and a declaration of insurance form is included in the bid package.
- That this bid may be withdrawn by requesting such withdrawal in writing at any time prior to **February 18, 2021 3:00 p.m.** but may not be withdrawn after such date and time.
- That the City of Rome reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to accept that bid which will, in its opinion, best serve the public interest. The City of Rome reserves the right to waive any technicalities and formalities in the bidding.
- That by submission of this bid the bidder acknowledges that the City of Rome has the right to make any inquiry or investigation it deems appropriate to substantiate or supplement information supplied by the bidder.
- If a partnership, a general partner must sign.
- If a corporation, the authorized corporate officer(s) must sign and the corporate seal must be affixed to this bid.

BIDDER:

Name

Title

Name

Title

AFFIX CORPORATE SEAL (If Applicable)

CERTIFICATE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

In connection with the performance of work under this contract, the bidder agrees as follows:

The bidder agrees not to discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, sex, national origin, ancestry or disability. The vendor shall take affirmative action to ensure that employees are treated without regard to their race, creed, color, sex, national origin, ancestry or disability. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, transfer, recruiting or recruitment, advertising, lay-off or termination, rates of pay or other compensation and selection for training, including apprenticeship.

In the event of the bidder's non-compliance with this non-discrimination clause, the contract may be canceled or terminated by the City of Rome. The bidders may be declared, by the City of Rome, ineligible for further contracts with the City of Rome until satisfactory proof of intent to comply shall be made by the vendor.

The bidder agrees to include this non-discrimination clause in any sub-contracts connected with the performance of this agreement.

BIDDER

SIGNATURE

TITLE

NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

The following affidavit is to accompany the bid:

STATE OF

COUNTY OF

Owner, Partner or Officer of Firm

Company Name, Address, City and State

Being of lawful age, being first duly sworn, on oath says that he/she is the agent authorized by the bidder to submit the attached bid. Affidavit further states as bidder, that they have not been a party to any collusion among bidders in restraint of competition by agreement to bid at a fixed price or to refrain from bidding; or with any office of the City of Rome or any of their employees as to quantity, quality or price in the prospective contract; or any discussion between bidders and any official of the City of Rome or any of their employees concerning exchange of money or other things of value for special consideration in submitting a sealed bid for:

FIRM NAME _____

SIGNATURE _____

TITLE _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____ 20_____

NOTARY PUBLIC

STATE OF GEORGIA PROMPT PAY ACT AFFIDAVIT

THIS AFFIDAVIT IS TO ACCOMPANY THE BID

GEORGIA PROMPT PAY ACT: The Georgia Prompt Pay Act was enacted by the General Assembly in 1994 and took effect January 1, 1995. This act requires owners to pay contractors within 15 days of receipt of a pay request by the owner or the owner's representative. If payment is not made the owner shall pay the contractor 1% per month interest on the delayed payment. Additionally, the contractor must pay subcontractors within 15 days of receipt of payment from the owner.

This Act is Code Section 13-11-1 (Georgia Laws of 1994, p. 1398 par. 4)

Firm Name: _____

Signature: _____

Title: _____

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 20 _____

Notary Public

CITY OF ROME

DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE CERTIFICATE

By signature on this certificate, the Bidder certifies that the provisions of O.C.G.A. Section 50-24-1 through 50-24-6 related to the "Drug-Free Workplace Act" will be complied with in full. The Bidder further certifies that:

1. A drug-free workplace will be provided for the Bidder's employees during the performance of the contract; and
2. Each contractor who hires a subcontractor to work in a drug-free workplace shall secure from that subcontractor the following written certification: "As part of the subcontracting agreement with (contractor's name), (subcontractor's name) certifies to the contractor that a drug-free workplace will be provided for the subcontractor's employees during the performance of this contract pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 50-24-3(b)(7)."

By signature on this certificate, the Bidder further certifies that it will not engage in the unlawful manufacture, sale, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance or marijuana during the performance of the contract.

Bidder: _____

By: _____

Name Printed: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

CITY OF ROME, GEORGIA
E-VERIFY COMPLIANCE AFFIDAVIT

By executing this affidavit, the undersigned contractor verifies its compliance with O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91, stating affirmatively that the individual, firm or corporation which is engaged in the physical performance of services on behalf of the City of Rome, Georgia has registered with, is authorized to use and uses the federal work authorization program commonly known as E-Verify, or any subsequent replacement program, in accordance with the applicable provisions and deadlines established in O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91. Furthermore, the undersigned contractor will continue to use the federal work authorization program throughout the contract period and the undersigned contractor will contract for the physical performance of services in satisfaction of such contract only with subcontractors who present an affidavit to the contractor with the information required by O.C.G.A, § 13-10-91 (b). Contractor hereby attests that its federal work authorization user identification number and date of authorization are as follows:

Federal Work Authorization User Identification number
(Not Required if Less than 10 Employees)

Signature (if less than 10 employees)

Date of Authorization

Name of Contractor

Name of Project

Name of Public Employer

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on _____, _____, 20____ in _____(city) _____ (state).

Signature of Authorized Officer or Agent

Printed Name and Title of Authorized Officer or Agent

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME
ON THIS THE _____ DAY OF _____, 20_____

NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires:

CITY OF ROME, GEORGIA

SAVE COMPLIANCE AFFIDAVIT

O.C.G.A § 50-36-1(e) (2) Affidavit

By executing this affidavit under oath, as an applicant for a (n) Contract or Services, as referenced O.C.G.A. C. § 50-36-1, from the City of Rome, Georgia, the undersigned applicant verifies one of the following with respect to my application for a public benefit:

- 1) _____ I am a United State citizen.
- 2) _____ I am a legal permanent resident of the United States
- 3) _____ I am a qualified alien or non-immigrant under the Federal Immigration and Nationality Act with an alien number issued by the Department of Homeland Security or other federal immigration agency.
My alien number issued by the Department of Homeland Security or other federal immigration agency is: _____.

The undersigned applicant also hereby verifies that he or she is 18 years of age or older and has provided at least one secure and verifiable document, as required by O.C.G.A. § 50-36-1(e) (1), with this affidavit. The secure and verifiable document provided with this affidavit can best be classified as:

_____.

In making the above representation under oath, I understand that any person who knowingly and willfully makes a false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation in an affidavit shall be guilty of a violation of O.C.G.A. § 16-10-20, and face criminal penalties as allowed by such criminal statute.

Executed in _____ (city), _____ (state).

Signature of Applicant

Name of Applicant Printed

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN

BEFORE ME ON THIS THE

_____ DAY OF _____, 20_____

NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires:

Shade Structure Example

