

RP 020193/SA 002166/BI 005129  
Crew Cab with Maintenance Body

I have received and reviewed nine (9) bids from six (6) vendors. The apparent low bid was White-Allen Chevrolet at \$ 90,000.00. On their bid sheet they quoted \$88,900.00, but in the specification review they notated to add \$400.00 for item 3.13.1 to increase engine size to meet horse power specified. They had bid 15 horse power under the minimum. They also added \$700.00 for item 3.18.5 to add air condition that was not a part of their bid. Air conditioning was to be “factory installed”. Thus, their total was the \$88,900.00 plus \$400.00, plus \$700.00, for a total of \$90,000.00

White-Allen does not meet the specifications on two major areas. First, item 3.18.5 states: “Factory installed air conditioning with type R134A refrigerant”. Although the Air conditioning would be installed by the dealer, it is not “factory installed”. Secondly, item 3.21 states: “Unit shall be painted Dupont Imron 6000-5248A or Sherwin Williams Genesis is referenced as a quality standard”. Dupont Imron 6000-5248A is a yellow paint as required by the City of Columbus on this size GVW vehicle. White-Allen bid “White G.M.”, which is not acceptable.

The number two (2), three (3) and four (4) low bids were submitted by Byers Chevrolet (\$94,882.00); Bob McDorman Chevrolet (\$95,769.00); and Center City International (\$96,333.00) respectively. Each of these bids include a “Stahl MD132VVD-54 medium duty body”. The body bid on item 3.23 was a “General service body Knapheide 6133HC or equal”. The “H” in the 6133HC references the unit as heavy duty. The medium duty does not meet specifications. Item 3.29.2 “... All hinge components are to be constructed of Stainless steel”. This is to prevent rusting. White-Allen took exception and bid “zinc alloy” which rusts. Also, item 3.30.7 states “Superstructure: 14 gauge”. White-Allen took exception and bid “16 and 18” gauge which is an inferior product.

The fifth low bid was Byers Chevrolet with a Knapheide body (\$98,905.00). I recommend the bid be awarded Byers Chevrolet, 555 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. They are a local vendor and are the lowest responsible responsive bidder.

Other bidders were:

\$99,669.00 - Bob McDorman Chevrolet  
\$100,231.00 – Center City International  
\$101,352.00 – FYDA Freightliner  
\$106,236.00 – Graham Ford