

Cherokee Nation

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REQUEST FOR BIDS

ZERO TURN MOWER FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM



Bid Due Date: September 15, 2025

CHEROKEE NATION

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BID REQUEST
Zero Turn Mower

The Cherokee Nation is accepting bids from interested parties for Zero Turn Mower for the Food Distribution Department in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. Interested parties are to provide a bid to furnish products equal to or better than the specifications provided. Interested bidders must follow all directions outlined in this bid packet including the utilization of mandatory bid response sheet to be considered fully responsive.

The lowest most responsive, responsible bid will be the determining factor in awarding this bid taking Indian Preference in accordance with Cherokee Nation Acquisition Management Policy and Procedures. The successful bidder will be issued a purchase order incorporating the bid response.

Bids are due September 15, 2025, by 5:00 p.m.

MANDATORY SUBMITTAL INFORMATION: Bid submittal requirements must be followed. Each bid must be submitted on the prescribed, required form with all areas completed. Bids may be faxed to the attention of Janice Vaughan at (918) 458-4493 or (918) 458-7695 or e-mailed to janice-vaughan@cherokee.org. It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure delivery of bid by September 15, 2025, by 5:00 p.m. Any bids received after the designated date and time will be ineligible for award.

Bid Acceptance: Bids will be accepted from Indian and Non-Indian bidders. Cherokee Nation reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Cherokee Nation reserves the right to determine if a bid meets stated requirements, and to award a purchase order for the bid that is in the best interest of the Cherokee Nation including but not limited to the total cost and capability of the bidder. Bidders are responsible for any and all costs associated with the preparation and submission of bids. To be considered, bids must be received by the specified date and time; any bid received after stipulated date and time will be returned unopened. No bidder may withdraw their bid within 30 days after proposal due date.

TERO Certification: Indian preference will be given only to bidders who provide proof of current certification from the Cherokee Nation Tribal Employments Office (TERO) located in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, telephone number (918) 453-5000. Proof of TERO certification must accompany and be included in bid submittal.

Conflict of Interest and Restrictions: If any contractor, contractor's employee, subcontractor, or any individual working on the proposed contract may have a possible conflict of interest that may affect the objectivity, analysis, and/or performance of the contract, it shall be declared in writing and submitted to Cherokee Acquisition Management (Attn: Janice Vaughan) no later than on or before September 15, 2025 **by 5:00 p.m.** The NATION will determine in writing if the conflict is significant and material and if so, may eliminate the contractor from submitting a proposal.

Verbal Instructions: Interested parties shall not initiate or execute any negotiation, decision, or action arising from any verbal discussion with any Cherokee Nation employee. Only written communications from the designated Contact Person at Cherokee Nation may be considered a duly authorized expression on behalf of the NATION regarding this RFP. Additionally, only written communications from interested parties are recognized as duly authorized expressions on behalf of the vendor. The same instructions shall apply to any subsequent award and agreement communications.

Qualifications of Bidder: The NATION may make such investigations as deemed necessary to determine the ability of the bidder to perform the work, and the bidder shall furnish to the NATION all such information and data for this purpose as the NATION may request. The NATION reserves the right to reject any bid if the evidence submitted by, or investigation of, such bidder fails to satisfy the NATION such bidder is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the contract and to complete the work contemplated therein. Conditional bids will not be accepted.

Method of Award – Lowest Bid That Contains Lowest Most Responsive/Reasonable Offer From Qualified Bidder: After consideration of price and other factors, the purchase order will be awarded to the bidder whose bid is determined to be the lowest most responsive/reasonable offer taking Indian Preference into consideration and in the best interest of the Nation to accept. Award shall be to the lowest, most responsive/reasonable bid in accordance with Cherokee Nation Acquisition Management Policy and Procedures. Indian/TERO Preference will be given only to bidders who provide proof of current TERO certification from the Cherokee Nation Tribal Employments Office (TERO) in accordance with current Cherokee Nation Policy. Proof of TERO certification must accompany and be included in bid submittal.

Debarment, Suspension, Proposed Debarment, and Other Responsibility Matters: The responding party certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief that the person, the firm, or any of its principals are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible for the award of contracts by any Federal agency or Indian tribe. The bidder will also certify they have not, within a three-year period preceding this Request for Proposal, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for: commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, Local or Tribal) contract or subcontract; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes relating to the submission of offers; or commissions of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsifications or destruction of records, making false statements, and are not presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity with, commission of any of the offenses enumerated in this provision. The responding party certifies they have not, within a three-year period preceding this Request for Proposal, had one or more contracts terminated for default by a Federal, State, Local or Tribal agency. The responding party shall provide immediate written notice to the Cherokee Nation if, at any time prior to contract award, the person learns its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

General Information: Cherokee Nation reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any and all bids. Award of purchase order will be to the lowest most responsible responsive bidder and will be subject to availability of funds. All sums due to any suppliers utilized by successful bidders must be paid or will be paid within ten (10) days of receipt of any money received from the Cherokee Nation under any purchase order. Indian preference will be given to Contractors certified as an Indian-Owned firm by the Cherokee Nation Tribal Employment Rights Office (T.E.R.O.). Proof of certification must accompany all bids. No bidder may withdraw their bid within thirty (30) days after bid opening date.

A prospective contractor seeking to receive Indian Preference under this contract must be certified as an Indian-owned firm by the Cherokee Nation Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) and submit proof of that certification with their bid.

MANDATORY BID RESPONSE SHEET
Zero Turn Mower

<u>Product</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
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Zero Turn Mower	\$ _____
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GRAND TOTAL BID	\$ _____
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LEAD TIME ARO: _____

ALL SPECIFICATIONS ARE FULLY MET: _____ **YES** _____ **NO**

PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS INCLUDED: _____ **YES** _____ **NO**

****Cherokee Nation will consider bids for product equal to or better. If not bidding exact product, complete details and specifications for product must be submitted with bid.****

NOTE TO BIDDERS REGARDING INDIAN PREFERENCE:

TERO Certified Contractor: _____ **Yes** _____ **No**
(Proof of certification must accompany all bids)

SUBMITTED:

Company Name

Company Address

Phone Number

Authorized Signature

Print Name & Title

Product Specifications and Requirements

Provided by: Food Distribution Department

**ZERO TURN MOWER
AT LEAST 30HP MOTOR
60" WELDED DECK**

ELECTRIC START:

Hydraulically dampened twin levers adjustable both fore and aft.
Cast steel caster fork.

FRONT CASTER TIRES: 13 x 6.5-6, smooth tread, pneumatic.
Sealed Taper Roller Bearings.

DRIVE TIRES: 24 x 12-12 K3012

TRACTOR FRAME: Unibody, welded, heavy-duty 2" X 3"
rectangular tubular steel.

BLADE SPINDLES: No maintenance sealed and non-greaseable
spindles; 7.75"- diameter cutter housing with 25mm (.98")
diameter spindle shaft and splined blade driver.

ELECTRICAL: 12-volt battery with 15-amp alternator.

FEATURES: Engine hour meter, cup holder, tow hitch and jack
Receiver

SEAT: Deluxe suspension (adjustable spring suspension) seat with
high back, molded foam flip-up armrests, and integral safety
switch

DECK: Floating Deck, Side discharge standard, with molded

discharge chute and option to bag or mulch. 10-gauge high strength alloy top that is formed and continuously seam welded, with 7-gauge side skirt.

CUTTING HEIGHTS: 1.5" to 5.0" in 0.25" increments

3 BLADES

TRANSMISSION BRAND: Hydro-Gear

TRANSMISSION SPEEDS: Infinitely Variable
ENGINE SERIES: V-Twin

FUEL SYSTEM:
Carbureted

TRANSMISSION:
Hydrostatic

DRIVE:
Hydro-Drive

ENGINE SPEED:
3,820 rpm
7 GL FUEL TANK single tank

AIR FILTER: Heavy-duty canister air filtration system

DRIVE DESCRIPTION: Hydrostatic transmission with charge pumps, relief valves and independent, replaceable filters

FUEL TYPE: Gas Carbureted

DRIVE SYSTEM: Hydro-Drive

DECK LIFT: Standard; foot-controlled deck lift changes cutting

height and lifts the deck to maneuver around obstacles, or place in transport position.

ROPS: 2-post foldable ROPS standard with seat belt and latch