

# Cherokee Nation

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## REQUEST FOR SEALED BIDS

**THREE (3) PICKUP TRUCKS  
NATURAL RESOURCES  
WILDLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT**



**Bid Due Date: February 26, 2026**

**CHEROKEE NATION**

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## **CHEROKEE NATION REQUEST FOR SEALED BIDS THREE (3) PICKUP TRUCKS**

The Cherokee Nation is accepting sealed bids from interested parties for three (3) Pickup Trucks for the Natural Resources Wildland Fire department. The specifications are included in this bid packet.

Interested parties are to provide a sealed bid to furnish product 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 into consideration in accordance with Cherokee Nation Policy & Procedures. The successful bidder will be issued a purchase order incorporating the bid response.

**Sealed Bids are due February 26, 2026 by 3:00 p.m.**

The Cherokee Nation invites bids on the form attached hereto, all blanks of which must be appropriately filled in. Bids will be received by the NATION at the **Purchasing Department until February 26, 2026 at 3:00 p.m.** “The envelopes containing the bids must be sealed, addressed to Cherokee Nation, Attn: Janice Vaughan, Purchasing Department. Sealed bids should be sent by carrier services or hand-delivered to Cherokee Nation Purchasing Department, Attn: Janice Vaughan, 17665 S. Muskogee Avenue, Tahlequah, Oklahoma 74464. **BIDS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE TO BE CONSIDERED. BIDS MUST BE SEALED AND CLEARLY MARKED “SEALED BID, DO NOT OPEN, SOLICITATION: “THREE PICKUP TRUCKS-NATURAL RESOURCES”. A PUBLIC BID OPENING WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 26, 2026 AT 3:00PM IN THE LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM LOCATED IN THE FINANCIAL RESOURCES BUILDING at 17665 S. Muskogee Ave. TAHLEQUAH, OKLAHOMA.**

**Interpretation of the Bid Documents:** All questions or requests for interpretation of the bid must be submitted in written format to Cherokee Nation Purchasing. Requests may be e-mailed to [janice-vaughan@cherokee.org](mailto:janice-vaughan@cherokee.org).

- a) To be given consideration, questions and interpretation requests must be received no later than February 18, 2026, by 5:00 p.m.
- b) Any and all such answers and interpretations and any supplemental instructions will be in the form of written addenda to the bid which, if issued, will be communicated in written format to all prospective bidders not later than via a posting on the NATION’S website, [www.cherokeebids.org](http://www.cherokeebids.org) with bid announcement. Due date for interpretations for this bid shall be February 20, by 5:00 p.m.
- c) No answers or interpretation of the bid documents will be made to any bidder orally.
- d) Failure of any bidder to receive any such addendum or interpretation shall not relieve such bidder from any obligation under his bid as submitted. All addenda so issued shall become part of the contract documents.

**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 Purchasing (Attn: Janice Vaughan) no later than February 26, 2026 **by 3:00 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.

**Buy American – Recovery Act provisions:** The buy American provisions direct that all of the iron, steel, and manufactured goods used in the project are produced or manufactured in the United States for a project for the construction, alteration, maintenance or repair of a public building or public work. This Buy American provision is applicable only to iron, steel, and manufactured good brought to the construction site for incorporation into a public building or public work. Products that do not fit the definition of manufactured goods are not covered.

**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 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 sealed 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

## THREE (3) PICKUP TRUCKS

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QTY</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
PICKUP TRUCKS	3	\$ _____
DELIVERY FEES		\$ _____
GRAND TOTAL BID		\$ _____

**LEAD TIME ARO:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ALL SPECIFICATIONS ARE FULLY MET:** \_\_\_\_\_ **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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name & Title

Product Specifications and Requirements  
Provided by: NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

Description of Use for Equipment the Pickup Trucks will support the wildfire Coffee grant for use throughout the Cherokee Nation Reservation. The vehicle will be used year-round in a variety of weather, vegetation, and ground conditions.

### DESIRED SPECIFICATION OF EQUIPMENT

The desired vehicle for the above tasks shall meet the standards set forth below. This type of vehicle is desired so that they can carry multiple personnel to project sites. The required specifications for the proposed Pickup Trucks are as follows:

#### Primary (Base) Features

¾ ton Truck (examples include Ram 2500, Ford F-250, Chevrolet 2500)

Crew Cab

Exterior Color: White

Interior Color: No preference

Minimum 6.7L, Diesel Engine

6-Speed Automatic Transmission

4x4 Wheel Drive 19,500 LB Towing Capacity

#### **Safety Features:**

Advanced Multistage Front Air Bags

Supplemental Front Seat—Mounted Side Air Bags

Supplemental Side—Curtain Front and Rear Air Bags

Rear Back-up Camera

3.73 Axle Ratio

Manual Shift-On-The Fly Transfer Case

Electronic Stability Control

Electronic Roll Mitigation

Hill- Start Assist

Traction Control  
Trailer Sway Damping  
Anti-Lock 4-Wheel Disc Brakes  
730-Amp Maintenance Free Battery  
Power Front Windows with I-Touch Up/Down  
Theft Deterrent System Speed- Sensitive Power- Locks  
Push- Button Start Power Accessory Delay  
Tire Pressure Monitoring Display  
Tire-Fill Alert  
31-Gallon Fuel Tank  
5-inch Touch Screen Display  
Full Function Media Hub with 2-USB Plugs Aux Port 40/20/40  
Split Bench Seat  
12-Volt Auxiliary Power Outlet  
Tilt Steering Column  
Cluster 3.5-inch TFT Color Display  
Rear Dome Lamp  
Driver/Passenger Assist Handles  
Front Height Adjustable Shoulder Belts  
Air Conditioner with Dual Zone Controls  
Front and Rear Floor Mats  
Exterior Features  
Manual Folding Telescoping Black Mirrors  
Black Headlamp Bezels  
LT275/70R18E All Season Tires  
18-inch x 8.0-inch steel wheels  
8-inch steel spare wheel  
Locking Tailgate  
LED Hitch Lamp in Tailgate Handle  
Tow Hooks Trailer Brake Controller 5<sup>th</sup> Wheel Gooseneck Towing  
Capability  
B& W Gooseneck Hitch  
Transfer Case Skid Plate Shield  
Power adjustable Mirrors with Manual Fold/telescope  
Exterior Mirrors with Supplemental Signals