

# Cherokee Nation

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## REQUEST FOR BIDS

RFB / FULL SIZE SUV



**Bid Due Date: April 18, 2025**

**CHEROKEE NATION**

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The Cherokee Nation is accepting bids from interested parties for an 8 Passenger Vehicle. Interested parties are to provide a 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 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 Friday April 18, 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 **Johnna Riggs** at (918) 458-4493 or (918) 458-7695 or e-mailed to [johnna-riggs@cherokee.org](mailto:johnna-riggs@cherokee.org). It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure delivery of bid by **Friday April 18, 2025 by 5:00 p.m.** Any bids received after the designated date and time will be ineligible for award.

**Interpretation of the Bid Documents:** All questions or requests for interpretation of the bid must be submitted in written format to Cherokee Nation Acquisition Management. Requests may be e-mailed to [johnna-riggs@cherokee.org](mailto:johnna-riggs@cherokee.org). To be given consideration, questions and interpretation requests must be received no later than **Monday 14, 2025, by 3:00pm.**

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 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 **Tuesday, April 15, 2025, by 5:00pm.**

- a) No answers or interpretation of the bid documents will be made to any bidder orally.
- b) 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 Nation Acquisition Management (Attn: **Johnna Riggs**) no later than on or before **Monday April 14, 2025 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 RFB. 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**  
**FULL SIZE SUV**

<b><u>Product Description</u></b>	<b><u>QTY</u></b>	<b><u>UNIT COST</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>
<b>FULL SIZE SUV</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL BID</b>			<b>\$ _____</b>

**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

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

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

# **Product Specifications and Requirements**

## **Provided by:**

### **Cherokee Nation Public Health**

#### **Engine - 5.3L V8 Transmission, 10-speed auto, 4WD seats 7-8 passengers**

- **Factory Emissions, Federal requirements**
- **Standard 10-speed automatic transmission**
  - Electronically controlled with overdrive
  - Includes Traction Select System including tow/haul
- **Standard 220-amp alternator**
- **Standard Mechanical jack with tools**
- **Standard 3.23 rear axle ratio**
- **Standard 4-wheel antilock disc brakes**
  - Help reduce wheel lockup and maintain steering control during hard braking on most slippery surfaces
- **Standard Trailer sway control**
  - Helps prevent trailer sway by monitoring driver steering input and then automatically applying the trailer brakes
- **Factory Integrated trailer brake controller**
  - Helps provide measured brake force signaling to electric-controlled trailer brake systems
  - Trailer gain and output are displayed in the Driver Information Center
  - May require additional optional equipment
- **Standard Automatic Stop/Start disable button**
- **Standard Engine air filtration monitor**
- **Standard Mechanical limited-slip rear differential**
  - When the differential senses a significant difference in wheel speed, it locks to turn both rear wheels in unison for added traction
  - Redistributes power to the drive wheels, providing you with more control
  - Helps your vehicle power through the tough terrain by keeping the rear wheels moving together

- **Standard External engine oil cooler**
  - Heavy-duty air-to-oil cooler
  - Helps the engine generate peak performance efficiently
  - Helps prevent possible engine oil breakdown during high-performance driving or under loads
- **Factory Hitch View**
  - Shows a close-up view of the trailer hitch<sup>1</sup>
  - In Reverse, the view can be used to line up your hitch to your trailer
  - When driving, the view can be used to check your trailer hitch
  - Shifting to Park automatically engages the Electric Parking Brake (if equipped)
  - May require additional optional equipment
- **Standard Autotrac<sup>®</sup> 2-speed transfer case**
  - When in AUTO mode, remains in 2WD mode until the system detects wheel slippage
  - Automatically engages 4WD until traction is regained
  - Allows driver shift-on-the-fly capability from 2WD to 4WD at any speed
  - Provides a neutral position for dinghy/flat towing behind another vehicle
  - May require additional optional equipment
- **Standard External auxiliary transmission oil cooler**
  - Heavy-duty air-to-oil cooler
  - Helps prevent transmission overheating
  - Helps provides optimal transmission performance even when operating under a heavy load or towing a trailer
- **Standard Heavy-duty 730 cold-cranking amps battery**
  - Maintenance-free with rundown protection and retained accessory power
- **Standard Trailering equipment**
  - Trailering hitch platform
  - 2" trailering receiver
  - 7-wire electrical harness and 7-pin connector for connecting your trailer's lights and brakes to your vehicle

- **Standard Automatic Stop/Start**
  - At complete stops, when drivers keep their foot on the brake pedal, and under certain conditions, the engine shuts off
  - When drivers remove their foot from the brake, the engine automatically restarts
  - Includes disable button with each engine cycle
- **Factory Enhanced Cooling Radiator**
  - Helps maintain optimal performance
  - May require additional optional equipment
- **Standard 7,700 lbs. GVWR**
  - When properly equipped; includes weight of vehicle, passengers, cargo and equipment
- **Standard Hill Descent Control**
  - Uses antilock braking to help provide a smooth, controlled descent
  - Helps driver maintain control of the vehicle without depressing the brake pedal
  - Activates by pushing a button on the switch bank to the left of the steering wheel
- **Standard 5.3L V8 engine**
  - 355 hp @ 5600 rpm
  - 383 lb-ft of torque @ 4100 rpm
  - Dynamic Fuel Management technology
  - Aluminum block
  - Direct injection
  - Variable Valve Timing
  - Paired with a 10-speed automatic transmission
- **Standard Keyless Start**
  - Uses an integrated key fob sensor instead of a traditional key
  - Keep your keys in your purse or pocket to start your vehicle
  - With the vehicle in Park or Neutral, press the brake pedal and then press the engine start/stop button to start the engine; the green indicator on the button will illuminate
  - Shift to Park and press the engine start/stop button to turn off the engine



- **Standard Dual-outlet exhaust**
  - Dual system with dual twin polished stainless-steel tips
  - Standard with gas engines only
  - May require additional optional equipment
- **Standard Magnetic Ride Control**
  - Monitors each wheel independently during your drive, adjusting vertical suspension every millisecond to maintain a smooth ride
  - Enhanced ride and handling in a variety of road surface conditions
  - Uses electro-magnetism to change the damper fluid's properties (no moving valves)
  - Enhances traction and allows more precise steering
  - May require additional optional equipment
- **Standard Hitch Guidance**
  - Uses the Rear Vision Camera display to provide you with a guideline to help align your vehicle with a trailer<sup>1</sup>
  - Provides a camera view to briefly check the trailer when driving
- **Interior**
- **Standard Electronic Precision Shift**
  - An advanced button and switch based transmission interface
- **Factory Adaptive Cruise Control**
  - Automatically follows a detected vehicle ahead at a driver-selected following gap<sup>1</sup>
  - If no vehicle is detected in your path, works like regular cruise control
  - You can always override the feature and take control.
- **Standard Assist handles**
  - Front passenger A-pillar and second row outboard B-pillar
- **Standard 120-volt power outlets**
  - Two outlets, located in the rear of the center console and cargo area
- **Standard Carpeted floor covering**
  - Color-keyed
- **Factory Console-Mounted Safe**
  - Lockable storage compartment located within center console

- Protects and hides your valuables
  - May require additional optional equipment
- **Standard USB data ports**
  - Includes 2 USB ports<sup>1</sup> (one type-A and one type-C) and located in the lower bin of instrument panel
- **Standard Steering column lock**
  - Helps prevent theft by allowing the steering wheel to operate only with the proper key fob
- **Standard Rear air conditioning**
- **Standard Front bucket seats**
- **Standard Interior lighting**
  - Driver- and passenger-side door switch with delayed entry feature
  - Dome light
  - Map lights in front and second row seat positions
  - Cargo light, door handle or Remote Keyless Entry-activated illuminated entry
- **Standard 12-way power driver and front passenger seats**
  - Includes 8-way power driver and front passenger seats
- **Standard Driver and front passenger visors with illuminated mirrors**
  - Include covered mirrors
- **Standard Heated driver and front passenger seats**
  - At the touch of a button you can warm the cushions and seatbacks with multilevel temperature control
  - Individually controlled
- **Standard 12" diagonal color Driver Information Center**
  - Includes driver personalization, warning messages and vehicle information
  - Allows drivers to personalize vehicle features, including warning messages and vehicle information
- **Standard Heated and ventilated driver and front passenger seats**
  - Keep cool in summer and warm in winter with these heated and ventilated seat cushions and seatbacks
  - Separate buttons allow you to choose from 3 levels of warmth or cool

- **Standard Remote Start**
  - Start your vehicle remotely and step into a comfortably warmed or cooled vehicle, depending on the weather and your preset preferences
  - Locks doors and turns on parking lamps while the engine is running
  - If equipped, the heated seats may also be activated, depending on certain weather conditions
- **Standard Power windows with rear express-down**
  - Quickly lowers the window with the touch of a button
  - If an obstruction is detected, the anti-pinch feature will auto-reverse
- **Standard 12-volt power outlet**
  - Located in the center stack of the instrument panel
- **Standard Power windows with front passenger express-down**
  - Quickly lowers the window with the touch of a button
  - If an obstruction is detected, the anti-pinch feature will auto-reverse
- **Standard Power windows with driver express-up/down**
  - Quickly raises the window or lowers it with the touch of a button
  - If an obstruction is detected, the anti-pinch feature will auto-reverse
- **Standard Heated second row outboard seats**
  - At the touch of a button you can warm the cushions and seatbacks
  - Provide comfort in cold weather for passengers in the second row outboard seating positions
  - Passengers have their own controls to set the perfect temperature
  - May require additional optional equipment
- **Standard Rear Seat Reminder**
  - Helps to remind the driver to check the back seat(s) before leaving the vehicle
  - Activates when rear doors are opened and closed up to 10 minutes before or anytime while your vehicle is on
  - Under certain conditions, once the vehicle is switched off, designed to sound audible chimes and display a visual message within the Driver Information Center
  - Activates only once each time the vehicle is turned on and off, and would require re-activation on a second trip

- **Factory Head-Up Display**
  - Projects vehicle information onto the windshield low in the driver's line of sight to help you keep your eyes on the road
  - Multi-color 15" Diagonal Head-Up Display
  - Can select key vehicle information to display
  - Full-color, reconfigurable
  - May require additional optional equipment
- **Factory Smart Trailer Integration Indicator**
  - Monitor and control a range of smart trailering features
  - May require additional optional equipment
- **Factory Front center console**
  - Keep valuables and smaller items secure
  - Storage area, cup holders and auxiliary power outlet
  - Removable organizer tray
  - USB ports<sup>1</sup>
- **Standard Cargo Management System**
  - Organizes the items in the rear cargo hold to help keep it neat
  - Allows you to secure cargo to help prevent items from shifting while you're driving
  - Includes movable dividers that adjust the size of the storage areas
- **Standard Power-release second row bucket seats**
  - Include a power release that lets you conveniently fold and tumble the seats at the press of a button
  - May require additional optional equipment
- **Factory Rear Camera Mirror with washer**
  - Uses a camera to provide you with the option of using a wide and less obstructed view behind your vehicle while driving instead of a traditional rearview mirror<sup>1</sup>
  - The feature also allows brightness, vertical tilt and zoom adjustments
  - Traditional rearview mirror is auto-dimming
  - May require additional optional equipment

- **Standard Power 60/40 split-folding third row bench seat**
  - Split-folding feature allows each side to fold flat independently
  - Operate power from the overhead console or the cargo area
  - May require additional optional equipment
- **Standard Bright sill plates**
  - Front and rear doors
- **Factory First, second and third row all-weather floor liners**
  - Help protect your interior from road debris and the elements
  - Contoured to fit all three rows
  - Feature a custom pattern that collects rain, mud, snow and other debris
- **Standard Tri-zone automatic climate control**
  - Automatically maintains the selected temperatures for the driver, front passenger and rear seat passengers
- **Standard Power door locks**
  - Programmable
  - Allows you to lock and unlock doors easily whether it's from the driver or front passenger seat or from outside using the key fob
  - Lockout protection helps you avoid locking your key fob in the vehicle
- **Standard Memory settings**
  - Recalls 2 driver presets for 8-way power driver seat, outside rearview mirrors and power and tilt and telescopic steering column
  - Press memory button 1 or 2 to program and recall preferences
- **Standard Wireless Charging**
  - Uses induction technology for portable electronic devices<sup>1</sup>
  - Convenient charging location within lower bin directly beneath the Infotainment screen
- **Standard Rear window defogger**
  - Helps to keep your rear view clear of fog or frost
  - Utilizes a warming grid to help remove fog or frost from the rear window

- **Standard Keyless Open**
  - With the key fob in your possession, locks and unlocks your vehicle's doors without having to use the key fob, increasing convenience
  - Lockout protection helps you avoid locking keys in the vehicle
- **Standard Power tilt and telescoping steering column**
  - Allows the driver to adjust the steering wheel up or down, and the steering column forward or back
  - Use the driver memory to save and recall memory settings
  - Provides extra comfort when entering or exiting the vehicle
- **Standard Overhead assist handles**
  - Driver and front passenger, located in headliner
- **Standard Wrapped steering wheel**
- **Standard Steering-wheel mounted controls**
  - Allow the driver to easily operate the Driver Information Center, cruise control, Forward Collision Alert<sup>1</sup> following gap button and heated steering wheel (when equipped)
- **Standard Heated steering wheel**
  - Can turn on/off manually by pressing the button on the steering wheel
  - May require additional optional equipment
- **Standard Electrical theft-deterrent system**
  - Helps deter unauthorized entry, helping to protect your vehicle and its contents
  - Immobilizes the engine to help prevent theft
  - Sounds the horn and flashes the turn signals when someone attempts to open the vehicle without the proper key or remote transmitter
- **Warranty**
  - **Corrosion**
    - 3 Years/36,000 Miles
    - Rust-Through
    - 6 Years/100,000 Miles

- **Roadside Assistance**
  - 5 Years/60,000 Miles
  - 3.0L & 6.0L Duramax® Turbo-Diesel engines, and certain commercial, government, and qualified fleet vehicles: 5 years/100,000 miles
- **Drivetrain**
  - 5 Years/60,000 Miles
  - 3.0L & 6.0L Duramax® Turbo-Diesel engines, and certain commercial, government, and qualified fleet vehicles: 5 years/100,000 miles
- **Basic**
  - 3 Years/36,000 Miles
- **Maintenance**
  - First Visit: 12 Months/12,000 Miles