

**Town of Sylva  
North Carolina**



**Fire Department**

INVITATION TO BID REQUEST FOR BIDS  
AND PROPOSALS BID NO. FD26-01

**ONE (1) COMMERCIAL PUMPER FIRE TRUCK**

**BID OPENING MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2026  
12:00 PM**

TOWN OF SYLVA  
FIRE DEPARTMENT  
83 ALLEN STREET  
SYLVA, N. C. 28779  
PHONE (828) 734-4815  
MIKE BECK, FIRE CHIEF

ISSUED: January 6, 2026

TOWN OF SYLVA

FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes, Section 143-129 "Procedure for letting of public contracts" as amended, sealed bid proposals, subject to the Specifications, and Terms and Conditions specified herein, are invited for the furnishing of the following equipment. All bids will be received by the Town of Sylva, Fire Department, 83 Allen Street, Sylva, NC until MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2026, 12:00 PM, at which time they will be opened publicly and read.

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**NO BID WILL BE CONSIDERED UNLESS SUBMITTED ON THIS FORM**

Supplemental Information may be attached hereto

NOTICE TO BIDDERS: All tax imposed on any item included in this bid proposal shall be shown as a separate item and shall not be included with the price bid.

Quantity	Description	Unit	
One (1)	<p>One (1) Commercial Pumper Fire Truck Per the attached Specifications and Terms and Conditions</p> <p><b>CHASSIS</b></p> <p>BID: Make/MFG'R _____</p> <p>Model: _____</p> <p>Year: _____</p> <p>Delivery within _____ days after receipt of order</p> <p>Payment Terms: _____</p>	EACH	\$ _____

COMPANY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

FAX NO: \_\_\_\_\_

FEDERAL TAX I.D. NO.: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. All bids and proposals shall be for furnishing equipment, apparatus, supplies, and/or work and services in accordance with the applicable plans and specifications prescribed by The Town of Sylva. From the date of advertisement until the date of opening of the bids or proposals, the plans and specifications applicable to the scope of the bid are and will continue to be on file in the appropriate offices of the Town of Sylva and will be available for public inspection.
2. The Town of Sylva reserves the right to evaluate all bids, especially where there is a wide range in the specification or options proposed, and to reject any and all bids and/or proposals, and further specifically reserves the right to make the aware or awards in the best interest of the Town of Sylva.
3. In case of default of the contractor, the Town may procure the items or services from other sources and hold the contractor responsible for any excess cost resulting thereby.
4. Time, in connection with any discount offered, will be begin after delivery of the equipment, apparatus, supplies, and/or work and services at the listed destination, final Inspection and acceptance are complete, and correct invoice has been delivered to the Town. Maximum price (without discount) must be clearly shown on all bids and proposal.
5. Payment by the Town of Sylva shall be Net 30 from delivery of the equipment, apparatus, supplies, and/or work and services at the listed destination, final inspection and acceptance are complete, and correct invoice has been delivered to the Town, except as may be applicable to any discount for early payment.

BID

In compliance with the above request for bids, and subject to all of the conditions thereof, the undersigned offers and agrees, if this bid is accepted within 30 days for the date of the bid opening, to furnish any or all of the items upon which prices are quoted, at the price set opposite each item, and unless otherwise specified, within days after receipt of a purchase order issued by the Town of Sylva and deliver such equipment, apparatus, supplies, and/or work and services as provided herein.

Bidder: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Authorized to sign bids)

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Bidder to submit a complete and fully executed bid document.
2. If mailed, bid should be sent Certified U. S. Mail. Bids shall be plainly marked on the outside of the envelope **"SEALED BID – FIRE DEPARTMENT COMMERCIAL PUMPER FIRE TRUCK - BID NO. FD26-01"**
3. Bids shipping via carriers which require use of their own freight envelope, (e.g. FedEx) shall be placed in a separate sealed envelope marked **"SEALED BID – FIRE DEPARTMENT COMMERCIAL PUMPER FIRE TRUCK- BID NO. FD26-01"** inside the carrier's envelope to ensure that bids are not opened by mistake prior to the time of bid opening.

Mail to: Town of Sylva  
Fire Department  
83 Allen Street  
Sylva, NC 28779

**NOTE: THE SYLVA FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS MORNING MAIL DELIVERY. IF MAIL OR DELIVERY BY ANY OTHER MEANS IS DELAYED BEYOND THE DATE AND TIME SET FOR THE BID OPENING, DELAYED PROPOSALS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

Town of Sylva Fire Department

## **SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR ONE (1) COMMERCIAL PUMPER FIRE TRUCK FOR THE TOWN OF SYLVA FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**A. DETAILED SPECIFICATIONS:**

Detailed specifications are included herein or attached hereto and require doing all that is necessary, proper, or incidental to supplying the equipment identified herein. All things not expressly stated in the specifications or Special Terms and Conditions but involved in carrying them out must be included in bidder's proposal as though they were specifically specified.

**B. NOTICE TO BIDDERS:**

All bids are subject to the provisions of the instruction to bidders, special terms and conditions, the specifications for the equipment, the General Terms and Conditions, and North Carolina General Statutes. Any additional terms and conditions shall not be applicable and of no force and effect.

It shall be the responsibility of the bidder to read this entire document and all specifications and to comply with all requirements specified herein.

The Town of Sylva reserves the right to reject all bids or to postpone bid openings for its own convenience.

**C. ISSUING OFFICE:**

This bid request is issued by the Town of Sylva, Fire Department, 83 Allen Street, Sylva, North Carolina 28779.

**D. TECHNICAL INQUIRIES:**

Questions regarding the specifications shall be directed to Mr. Michael Beck, Fire Chief, Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Telephone 828-734-4815. Inquiries may also be directed to Mr. Keith Buchanan, Assistant Fire Chief, at (828) 734-9292.

**E. MINOR DEVIATIONS OR EXCEPTIONS TO SPECIFICATIONS:**

It is the intention of the Specifications included herein or attached hereto to describe a standard for vehicles, equipment, apparatus, supplies, and/or work and services as has been determined by the Town of Sylva, Fire Department. Where brand names are used, consider the term "or equal" to follow. Other manufacturers' products and equipment will be considered where judged equal by the Town of Sylva. However, all proposed deviations must be clearly explained in detail and will be considered by Town when evaluating bids.

The Fire Department is familiar with the specific components specified herein. Exception to specifications shall in all cases be supported with technical data sufficient to allow the Department to determine its suitability to the specific application and any other requirements of the Department.

**F. COMPLIANCE WITH RULES & REGULATIONS:**

The equipment furnished shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA), the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and the Federal Motor Vehicles Standards of the U. S. Department of Transportation. The equipment furnished shall be capable of passing any and all applicable North Carolina motor vehicle inspections.

G. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

The equipment furnished shall be the current model year production and furnished complete and ready to operate.

The equipment furnished shall be the manufacturer's latest listed and published model, or models which meet all the applicable requirements of these specifications.

All design, materials, and workmanship shall in every respect be in accordance with the best current practices in the industry and all materials used shall be new.

H. NONCONFORMING TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

A bid that includes terms and conditions that do not conform to the terms and conditions in this bid document is subject to rejection as nonresponsive. The Town of Sylva reserves the right to permit the bidder/vendor to withdraw nonconforming terms and conditions for its bid prior to a determination of nonresponsiveness.

I. SUBMITTALS:

Bidders shall furnish all information requested herein including descriptive literature and/or complete specifications for the products offered. Descriptive literature and/or specifications shall be provided for all deviation or exceptions identified in the bid proposal.

J. DELIVERY DATE:

All bid proposals shall state the delivery date of the equipment to the Town of Sylva in ready to operate condition. Delivery time may be considered in the evaluation and award of bid.

K. EQUIPMENT DELIVERY:

Equipment furnished under this contract shall be delivered to Sylva Fire Department, 83 Allen Street, Sylva, North Carolina 28779. Any cost associated with delivery shall be included in the base bid of the equipment.

L. PERIOD FOR ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS:

All bid prices shall be made firm for a period no less than thirty (30) days.

M. EXPENSE IN PREPARING BID:

The Town of Sylva accepts no responsibility for any expense by bidders in preparing and presenting bids.

N. CONTRACT:

Pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes, the successful bidder's response to this Request for Bids and Proposals (including any addenda thereto), and the issuance of a Town of Sylva Purchase Order for the proposed equipment shall constitute a binding contract.

O. ASSIGNMENT:

During the performance of the contract, the bidder shall not assign, transfer, sublet, convey, or otherwise dispose of any right or interest herein without the written consent of the Town of Sylva.

P. INDEMNIFICATION:

The bidder covenants to save, defend, keep harmless, and indemnify the Town of Sylva and all of its officers, departments, agencies, and employees from and against all claims, loss, damage, charges. Injury, fines, penalties and costs - including court costs and attorney's fees, charges, liability, and exposure, however caused - resulting from, arising out of, or in any way connected with the bidder's negligent performance or nonperformance of the terms of the contract.

Q. WARRANTY:

Bidder shall submit with their bid all warranty provisions for the equipment being proposed.

R. TAXES

The Town of Sylva is exempt from Federal Excise Tax but is subject to State and Local Sales Tax. Sales tax should NOT be added to the bid prices, but should be added as separate items on all bids and Invoices.

S. DELIVERY/SUBMITTAL OF BIDS:

All bids should be submitted in a sealed envelope, the outside of which shall be marked "**SEALED BID - FIRE DEPARTMENT-COMMERCIAL PUMPER TRUCK- BID NO. FD26-01**". Bids should be mailed or hand delivered to SYLVA TOWN HALL, 83 ALLEN STREET, SYLVA, NORTH CAROLINA 28779. Bids will be received until the time and date as specified.

Separate sealed and marked envelope should be used when shipping via carriers which require use of their own freight envelope, (e.g. FedEx) to insure that bids are not opened by mistake prior to the time of bid opening.

NOTE: The Sylva Fire Department has morning mail delivery. The Town of Sylva shall not be responsible for late mail or carrier delivery.

T. BIDDER QUALIFICATIONS:

By submittal of a bid, the bidder represents that they are fully experienced and qualified to provide the equipment and services specified herein, and that they are properly licensed, equipped, organized and financed to perform such services.

U. FALSE OR MISLEADING STATEMENTS:

If, in the Town of Sylva's opinion, a proposal contains false or misleading statements or references that do not support a function, attribute, capacity, or conditions as represented by the bidder/vendor, the entire proposal may be rejected.

V. PAYMENT OF INVOICES:

Upon delivery and acceptance, the terms of payment for the Town of Sylva are Net 30 days unless a discount is offered for early payment. If a discount is offered, a performance bond would be required listing both the Town of Sylva and the lending agency. Also, the terms of the payment will be recomputed from the date of receipt of a correct invoice after delivery and acceptance.

W. RETAINAGE

The Town of Sylva reserves the right to withhold a portion of the final payment for any item or accessory not furnished with the vehicles, equipment, apparatus at the time of delivery where specifically indicated herein or agreed upon at the time of delivery. This provision is generally applicable to service manuals and spare parts which are specified but may not be available to the successful bidder at the time of delivery. The amount of the retainage will be paid in full upon receipt of the items indicated NET 30 days. The withholding of retainage by the Town of Sylva in no way relieves the successful bidder of their obligation to provide all items specified herein.

X. EVALUATION AND SELECTION OF BIDS

The North Carolina General Statutes provisions controlling purchasing by local governments includes selection standards used in awarding bids. The provision reads, "*All contracts shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, taking into consideration quality, performance, and the time specified in the bids for the performance of the contract*". The evaluation of bids shall center on the match between the stated specification requirements in the final bid request and the bidder's/vendor's proposed equipment. Consideration shall be given to the bidder's/vendor's past performance, service record, distance to authorized servicing facility, and the reliability record of the proposed equipment. Consideration will also be given to items which exceed the minimum specified where, in the sole determination of the Town of Sylva, such items add to the versatility, general usefulness, and longevity of the equipment

The Town of Sylva reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and proposals and further specifically reserves the right to make the award in the best interest of the Town of Sylva. Net payment terms will be used to calculate the best price.

**Commercial Pumper Fire Truck**

Specifications for ONE (1) Commercial Pumper Fire Truck, to be used by the Town of Sylva, Fire Department. Equipment shall be new and the manufacturer's latest production year model.

INTENT: It is the intent of this specification to describe the standards for firefighting apparatus to be used in performing general firefighting duties and activities.

**Note:** Equipment proposed should meet or exceed these detailed specifications. Bidders should review the specification details below and indicate if the proposed equipment complies (Yes) or (No) with the stated specifications. If the proposed equipment does not comply or alternate specification is proposed, a written description of the exception must be submitted as provided for under MINOR DEVIATIONS OR EXCEPTIONS TO SPECIFICATIONS (see Special Terms and Conditions above).

	<b>SPECIFICATION: One (1) Commercial Pumper Fire Truck</b>	<b>COMPLIES Yes/No</b>	<b>IF NO: DEVIATES AS NOTED</b>
A.	Truck shall be a custom built Freightliner unit constructed out of aluminum.		
B.	Truck shall meet all current NFPA regulations.		
C.	All electronic controls.		
D.	Truck shall have an overall length not exceeding 30 feet.		
E.	Truck shall be equipped with a left side mount stainless steel pump panel and stainless steel access door on right side with a 1500 GPM Hale pump with electronic pressure and throttle controls, all plumbing to be stainless steel with 2 1/2 inch intakes on both sides, all fittings shall be national standard thread with evacuation air horn button on panel.		
F.	Truck shall be equipped with 1150 gallon poly-tank and Class I model ITL-40 water tank level gauge.		
G.	Truck shall be equipped with a minimum 450 H.P. engine with Jacobs engine brake and automatic transmission.		
H.	Truck shall be geared to obtain a top speed of 68 mph at engine redline.		
I.	Truck shall be equipped with cab air conditioning.		
J.	Truck shall be equipped with polished aluminum wheels and have all-season tires.		
K.	Truck shall be equipped with roll-up doors and LED strip lighting on all compartments.		
L.	Truck shall be equipped with remote controlled deluge device capable of flowing 1250 GPM with Akron "Deckmaster" monitor and "Sabermaster" nozzle.		
M.	One 2 1/2 inch discharge on pump panel. One 2 1/2 inch discharge on officer side.		
N.	Truck shall be equipped with two 1 3/4 inch cross lay trays capable of holding 200 feet of double jacketed 1 3/4 inch hose. 1 1/2" inch Hose connections much be at end of hose tray.		
O.	Truck must have 1 1/2 inch discharge on the lower rear side of pump panel and a floating hose tray in the running board that will hold 100 feet of 1 3/4 inch double jacketed hose.		
P.	One 2 1/2 inch cross lay with hose connection holding 200 ft of 3-inch double jacketed hose.		
Q.	Truck must have a mechanical Q2 siren installed in front of 3-piece chrome bumper with driver foot switch and brake button.		

R.	Truck shall be equipped with required NFPA warning lights, a minimum of four 4x4 inch LED warning lights visible from the rear and be equipped with an electronic siren with clear lens.		
S.	Truck must have three compartments on each side of hose bed.		
T.	All lights and light bars shall be LED type.		
U.	Truck shall have rear compartment with hose reel with 200 ft of $\frac{3}{4}$ inch booster hose with (1) inch NST couplings and rewind switch at reel.		
V.	Truck shall have roll out trays in right rear, left rear and engineer's compartment along with an adjustable shelf in each of those. All other compartments shall have two adjustable shelves. Hose roll dividers in L1 compartment.		
W.	All compartments shall have roll-up doors.		
X.	Hose bed will have a ladder compartment on right side holding one 24ft, one 14ft roof and one 10 ft folding ladder. Ladder compartment shall also have one 12 ft and one 6 ft pike pole. Top of ladder compartment will have top compartment holding 2 10-ft hard suction. Alco-lite ladders with door.		
Y.	Traffic advisor recessed into rear step.		
Z.	Truck shall be equipped with spare SCBA bottle compartments in front and rear of rear wheels, minimum of four total.		
AA.	Truck shall be equipped with one 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch discharge on left front of body.		
BB.	Truck hose bed shall be equipped with two full length dividers.		
CC.	Truck hose bed should be of sufficient size to hold 1000 feet of 5 inch LDH hose, 300 feet of 3 inch double jacketed fire hose, and 250 feet of 3 inch double jacketed fire hose as a preconnect in left side of hose bed. (8) inch deep intermediate rear step 8" deep x 48" wide.		
DD.	Truck must have shore line for air and electrical power with built-in battery charger.		
EE.	All shore line shall be equipped with an auto eject device.		
FF.	Truck shall be supplied with all NFPA required ladders and pike poles and two 10-foot, 6-inch suction hoses.		
GG.	Ladders and pike poles shall be mounted on the truck's right side of hose bed.		
HH.	Truck shall be so equipped as to turn all rear lighting on when vehicle is placed in reverse.		
II.	Truck shall be equipped with a camera system viewable from drivers' position on rear and right side of vehicle.		
JJ.	Truck shall be painted American LaFrance chrome yellow with white top to match other trucks in our fleet. Lettering must match current fleet. Paint codes white loogew, yellow L4374EW, Imron Elite.		
KK.	Truck shall have gold leaf lettering matching truck 358 in our fleet.		
LL.	All lighting shall be 12-volt LED. Brow lights shall be above windshield. Scene lights on all three sides of hose bed. Hose bed work light with switch on pump panel and switch on panel in cab.		
MM.	Truck shall not be equipped with door locks.		
NN.	Two (2) adjustable shelves.		
OO	A 97 dB(A) back-up alarm, {will/shall} be provided and installed at the rear of the apparatus under the tailboard. The back-up alarm {will/share} activate automatically when the transmission is placed in reverse gear and the ignition is "on".		

COMPANY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

THE UNDERSIGNED AFIRMS THAT THE PROPOSAL HERE-IN IS MADE WITHOUT ANY CONNECTIONS WITH ANY OTHER PERSON, OR PERSONS, MAKING ANY OTHER PROPOSAL FOR THE ABOVE ITEM(S) AND THAT IT IS IN ALL RESPECTS FAIR AND WITHOUT FRAUD OR COLLUSION, AND THAT

THE FIRM, \_\_\_\_\_ IS NOT CONNECTED IN ANY OFFICIAL CAPACITY WITH THE TOWN OF SYLVA, OR ANY OF ITS OFFICIALS, AND THAT

NO PERSON OR PERSONS ACTING IN ANY CAPACITY WITH THE TOWN OF SYLVA ARE DIRECTLY, OR INDIRECTLY, INTERESTED HEREIN OR IN ANY WAY IN RECEIPT OF OR TO BE IN RECEIPT OF ANY PROFIT ARISING OR ANTICIPATED TO ARISE FROM THIS TRANSACTION.

IN MAKING THIS PROPOSAL, IT IS UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED, THAT THE CONDITIONS SET FORTH IN THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS, INSTRUCTION TO BIDDERS, TERMS AND CONDITIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS TOGETHER WITH THE PROPOSAL SHALL FORM A PART OF AND BE CONSTRUED WITH THE CONTRACT MADE UNDER THE SAME.

THE ACCEPTANCE OF THIS PROPOSAL BY THE TOWN OF SYLVA, AS EVIDENCED BY THE ISSUANCE OF A TOWN OF WEAVERVILLE PURCHASE ORDER, SHALL BE HELD TO BE A MUTUAL AGREEMENT AS TO EACH AND EVERY CLAUSE OF THIS PROPOSAL AND TO CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN THE PARTIES HERETO.

FIRM NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_