



Houston County Commission
Purchasing Department

NOTICE OF INVITATION FOR BIDS

Bid Number JL-0902

Notice is hereby given that the Houston County Commission will receive sealed bids for “**Prisoner Transport Van**”. Bids will be opened publicly at **2:00 PM** on **Tuesday, August 18, 2026** in the Commission Chambers located on the third (3) floor of the Houston County Administration Building, 462 N. Oates Street, Dothan, AL 36303. This bid is scheduled to be awarded on **Monday, August 24, 2026**; however, this date is subject to change.

THERE WILL BE NO PREBID CONFERENCE

All terms and conditions below are part of this request, and no bid will be accepted unless all of the conditions have been complied with. The Houston County Commission reserves the right to waive informalities in any bid; to reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and/or to accept the bid (s) that, in its judgments, is from the lowest responsible and responsive bidder (s). **Please submit two (2) copies of your bid.** All other specifications are enclosed.

In accordance with Alabama State Law Act No. 2011-535, all parties entering into a contract with a state or local government entity, “shall not knowingly employ, hire for employment, or continue to employ an unauthorized alien and shall attest to such, by sworn affidavit signed before a notary.” Additionally, the business entity “shall provide documentation establishing that [it] is enrolled in the E-Verify program” and that during the contract period, it “shall participate in the E-Verify program and shall verify every employee that is required to be verified according to the applicable federal rules and regulations.” Section 26(c) of the Act requires that, on or after January 1, 2012, a business entity or employer shall provide proof that it is enrolled and is participating in the E-Verify program before receiving a contract. Copies of Section 9 and Section 26 of the Act are attached along with an affidavit of compliance.

All bids to be considered must be in the possession of the Houston County Purchasing Department prior to **2:00 PM** on **Tuesday, August 18, 2026**. Bids may be mailed to P.O. Box 6406, Dothan, AL 36302 or delivered to the sixth (6) floor of the Houston County Administration Building, Purchasing Department, in a sealed envelope clearly marked “**Prisoner Transport Van**” with the time and date of the opening. If sending by a shipping firm, **the sealed envelope must be contained within the envelope provided by the shipping firm**, in order to be considered “sealed” and shipped to 462 N. Oates Street, Dothan, AL 36303. If a bid is received unsealed, it will be rejected. Regardless of the method of delivery, each bidder shall be responsible for his bid (s) being delivered on time, as the County assumes no responsibility for the same. Bids offered or received after the time set for bid opening will be rejected and returned unopened to the bidder(s). **The Purchasing Department is open Monday through Thursday from 6:30 A.M. until 5:30 P.M.**

Dated Tuesday, August 04, 2026
D. Brandon Shoupe
Chairman

Enclosures

BID SHEET**BID NUMBER JL-0902**

We do hereby submit the attached as our official bid for “**Prisoner Transport Van**”. We have read, understand, and agree to comply with all terms and conditions of this bid as stated in the *Invitation to Bid*, as well as in the *Specifications*, unless otherwise noted. We understand that this bid serves as our contract with Houston County Commission for the amount of time specified.

Company Name

Authorized Signature and Title

Date

Contact Person's Name

Phone Number

Email Address

Fax NumberInitial



Houston County Commission
Purchasing Department

Date: 8/4/2026

Dear (Contractor):

You may be aware that the Alabama Legislature enacted a new law on immigration during its 2012 Regular Session (Act No. 2012-491). Section 9 of the Act requires that as a condition of an award of a contract with a state or local governmental entity, the business entity “shall not knowingly employ, hire for employment, or continue to employ an unauthorized alien and shall attest to such, by sworn affidavit signed before a notary.” Additionally, the business entity “shall provide documentation establishing that [it] is enrolled in the E-Verify program” and that during the contract period, it “shall participate in the E-Verify program and shall verify every employee that is required to be verified according to the applicable federal rules and regulations.” Section 26(c) of the Act requires that, on or after January 1, 2012, a business entity or employer shall provide proof that it is enrolled and is participating in the E-Verify program before receiving a contract. Copies of Section 9 and Section 26 of the Act are attached.

While there are still questions about proper implementation of this new law, it does appear that the documentation required in Section 26 must be provided as a condition of an award of *all* contracts with a state or local governmental entity. Therefore, it will be necessary for your company to provide this information. A sample affidavit containing the information is attached for your convenience. Please complete this form and return the notarized affidavit along with proof that your company is enrolled in the E-Verify Program to Martha Walker at mfwalker@houstoncountyal.gov or PO Box 6406 Dothan, AL 36302.

I apologize for any inconvenience this new requirement may cause. However, under Act No. 2012-491, these new procedures will be required for any contracts your company may have with a state or local governmental agency in Alabama.

Thank you for your cooperation with this matter. Please feel free to contact Martha Walker at 334-677-4773 if you have any questions about these new procedures or would like an electronic version of the affidavit.

Sincerely,

Martha Walker

Attachments

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**AFFIDAVIT OF ALABAMA IMMIGRATION COMPLIANCE BY A
CONTRACTOR OR AGENCY FUNDED BY THE HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSION**

In compliance with SECTIONS 9 (a) and (B) BEASON-HAMMON ALABAMA TAXPAYER AND CITIZEN PROTECTION ACT (the "Act"); CODE OF ALABAMA, SECTIONS 31-13-9 (a) and (b), this Affidavit of Alabama Immigration Compliance is to be completed and signed by an officer or owner or agency head for which the Houston County Commission enters into a contract or provides funding. Contractors and agencies funded are to provide notice to their Subcontractors of their Alabama Immigration Compliance obligations.

Before me, a notary public, personally appeared _____ (print your name) who, is duly authorized by the business entity/employer or agency which appears below, being sworn, says as follows:

As a condition for being a contractor or receiving funding from the Houston County Commission, I hereby attest that in my capacity as _____ (your position) for _____ (name of contractor or agency), said Contractor or Agency does not knowingly employ, hire for employment, or continue to employ an unauthorized alien. Further, Contractor or Grantee affirms that it is providing notice to its subcontractors of their Alabama Immigration Compliance obligations.

I further attest that said Contractor or Grantee is enrolled in the E-Verify program and attached to this Affidavit is our E-Verify Memorandum of Understanding confirming such program enrollment. I have read this affidavit and swear and affirm that it is true and correct.

(Signature of Affiant)

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this _____ day of _____, 2_____. I certify that the affiant is known (or made known) to me to be the identical party he or she claims to be.

(Signature and Seal of Notary Public)

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Ala.Code 1975 § 31-13-9

§ 31-13-9. Verification of employment eligibility by employers seeking economic incentives.

(a) As a condition for the award of any contract, grant, or incentive by the state, any political subdivision thereof, or any state-funded entity to a business entity or employer that employs one or more employees, the business entity or employer shall not knowingly employ, hire for employment, or continue to employ an unauthorized alien within the State of Alabama.

(b) As a condition for the award of any contract, grant, or incentive by the state, any political subdivision thereof, or any state-funded entity to a business entity or employer that employs one or more employees within the State of Alabama, the business entity or employer shall provide documentation establishing that the business entity or employer is enrolled in the E-Verify program. During the performance of the contract, the business entity or employer shall participate in the E-Verify program and shall verify every employee that is required to be verified according to the applicable federal rules and regulations.

(c) Any subcontractor on a project paid for by contract, grant, or incentive by the state, any political subdivision thereof, or any state-funded entity shall not knowingly employ, hire for employment, or continue to employ an unauthorized alien within the State of Alabama and shall also enroll in the E-Verify program prior to performing any work on the project. Furthermore, during the performance of the contract, the subcontractor shall participate in the E-Verify program and shall verify every employee that is required to be verified according to the applicable federal rules and regulations. This subsection shall only apply to subcontractors performing work on a project subject to the provisions of this section and not to collateral persons or business entities hired by the subcontractor.

(d) A contractor of any tier shall not be liable under this section when such contractor contracts with its direct subcontractor who violates subsection (c) unless it is shown that the contractor knew or should have known that the direct subcontractor was in violation of subsection (c).

(e)(1) Upon a finding by a court of competent jurisdiction of a first violation of subsection (a) by any business entity or employer, including a subcontractor:

a. The business entity or employer shall be deemed in breach of contract and the state, political subdivision thereof, or state-funded entity may terminate the contract after providing notice and an opportunity to be heard.

b. The court shall do all of the following:

1. Order the business entity or employer to terminate the employment of every unauthorized alien.

2. Subject the business entity or employer to a three-year probationary period throughout the state. During the probationary period, the business entity or employer shall file quarterly reports with the Department of Labor of each new employee who is hired by the business entity or employer in the state.

3. Order the business entity or employer to file, subject to the penalty of perjury, a signed, sworn affidavit with the Department of Labor within three days after the order is issued by the court stating that the business entity or employer has terminated the employment of every unauthorized alien and the business entity or employer will not knowingly or intentionally employ an unauthorized alien in this state.

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c.1. If the court determines that the business entity or employer has a policy or practice that violates this section, the court shall direct the applicable state, county, or municipal governing bodies to suspend the business licenses or permits of the business entity or employer for a period not to exceed 60 days specific to the location or locations where the unauthorized alien performed work.

2. Before a business license or permit that has been suspended under this paragraph is reinstated, a legal representative of the business entity or employer shall submit to the court a signed, sworn affidavit stating that the business entity or employer is in compliance with the provisions of this subdivision and a copy of the Memorandum of Understanding issued to the business entity or employer at the time of enrollment in E-Verify.

(2) Upon a finding by a court of competent jurisdiction of a second violation of subsection (a) by a business entity or employer, including a subcontractor, awarded a contract by the state, any political subdivision thereof, or any state-funded entity that occurs within ten years of a finding by a court of competent jurisdiction of a first violation by the business entity or employer:

a. The business entity or employer shall be deemed in breach of contract and the state, political subdivision thereof, or state-funded entity shall terminate the contract after providing notice and an opportunity to be heard.

b. The court shall do all of the following:

1. Order the business entity or employer to terminate the employment of every unauthorized alien.

2. Subject the business entity or employer to a five-year probationary period throughout the state. During the probationary period, the business entity or employer shall file quarterly reports with the Department of Labor of each new employee who is hired by the business entity or employer in the state.

3. Order the business entity or employer to file, subject to the penalty of perjury, a signed, sworn affidavit with the Department of Labor within three days after the order is issued by the court stating that the business entity or employer has terminated the employment of every unauthorized alien and the business entity or employer will not knowingly or intentionally employ an unauthorized alien in this state.

c.1. If the court determines that the business entity or employer has a policy or practice that violates this section, the court shall direct the applicable state, county, or municipal governing bodies to suspend the business licenses or permits of the business entity or employer for a period not less than 60 days and not to exceed 120 days specific to the location or locations where the unauthorized alien performed work.

2. Before a business license or permit that has been suspended under this paragraph is reinstated, a legal representative of the business entity or employer shall submit to the court a signed, sworn affidavit stating that the business entity or employer is in compliance with the provisions of this subdivision and a copy of the Memorandum of Understanding issued to the business entity or employer at the time of enrollment in E-Verify.

d. A finding by a court of competent jurisdiction of a second violation of subsection (a) that does not occur within ten years of a first violation shall still be considered a second violation of subsection (a) by the business entity or employer, even though the penalty for the second violation shall be governed by subdivision (1).

(3) Upon a finding by a court of competent jurisdiction of a third violation of subsection (a) by a business entity or employer, including a subcontractor, awarded a contract by the state, any political subdivision thereof, or any state-

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funded entity:

a. The business entity or employer shall be deemed in breach of contract and the state, political subdivision thereof, or state-funded entity shall terminate the contract after providing notice and an opportunity to be heard.

b. The court shall direct the applicable state, county, or municipal governing bodies to permanently revoke all business licenses or permits of the business entity or employer.

(f)(1) This section shall not be construed to deny any procedural mechanisms or legal defenses included in the E-Verify program or any other federal work authorization program.

(2) A business entity or employer that has enrolled in the E-Verify program and has used the program to verify the work authorization of an employee shall not be liable under this section for violations resulting from the hiring of that employee.

(g) The Secretary of State may adopt rules to administer this section and shall report any rules adopted to the Legislature.

(h) Compliance with this section may be verified by the contracting authority or any state or local law enforcement agency at any time to ensure a contractual agreement as provided for in this section is being met.

(i) Anything to the contrary notwithstanding, this section shall not apply to agreements by the state, any political subdivision thereof, or any state-funded entity relating to debt obligations by such entities.

(j) Any business entity or employer found in violation of this section that has had their business license or permit suspended shall not, for the duration of the suspension, be allowed, directly or indirectly, to procure or execute a license or permit similar to those that have been suspended.

(k) All contracts or agreements to which the state, a political subdivision, or state-funded entity are a party shall include the following clause: "By signing this contract, the contracting parties affirm, for the duration of the agreement, that they will not violate federal immigration law or knowingly employ, hire for employment, or continue to employ an unauthorized alien within the State of Alabama. Furthermore, a contracting party found to be in violation of this provision shall be deemed in breach of the agreement and shall be responsible for all damages resulting therefrom."

(l) For purposes of this section, "contract" shall mean a contract awarded by the state, any political subdivision thereof, or any state-funded entity that was competitively bid or would, if entered into by the state or an agency thereof, be required to be submitted to the Contract Review Permanent Legislative Oversight Committee.

(m) All actions brought under this section shall be brought in circuit court.

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ACT NO. 2011-535
Section 26

(a)(1) The Alabama Department of Homeland Security shall establish and maintain an E-Verify employer agent service for any business entity or employer in this state with 25 or fewer employees to use the E-Verify program to verify an employee's employment eligibility on behalf of the business entity or employer. The Alabama Department of Homeland Security shall establish an E-Verify employer agent account with the United States Department of Homeland Security, shall enroll a participating business entity or employer in the E-Verify program on its behalf, and shall conform to all federal statutes and regulations governing E-Verify employer agents. The Alabama Department of Homeland Security shall not charge a fee to a participating business entity or employer for this service.

(2) The Alabama Department of Homeland Security E-Verify employer agent service shall be in place within 90 days after the effective date of this act. The service shall accommodate a business entity or employer who wishes to communicate with the Alabama Department of Homeland Security by internet, by electronic mail, by facsimile machine, by telephone, or in person, provided that such communication is consistent with federal statutes and regulations governing E-Verify employer agents.

(b) On or after January 1, 2012, before receiving any contract, grant, or incentive by the state, any political subdivision thereof, or any state-funded entity, a business entity or employer shall provide proof to the state, political subdivision thereof, or state-funded entity that the business entity or employer is enrolled and is participating in the E-Verify program, either independently or through the Alabama Department of Homeland Security E-Verify employer agent service.

(c) Every three months, the Alabama Department of Homeland Security shall request from the United States Department of Homeland Security a list of every business entity or employer in this state that is enrolled in the E-Verify program. On receipt of the list, the Alabama Department of Homeland Security shall make the list available on its website.

(d) A business entity or employer that is enrolled in the E-Verify program and that verifies the employment eligibility of an employee in good faith pursuant to this section, and acts in conformity with all applicable federal statutes and regulations is immune from liability under Alabama law for any action by an employee for wrongful discharge or retaliation based on a notification from the E-Verify program that the employee is an unauthorized alien.

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Prisoner Transport Van Specifications

Vehicle Chassis

Transit 148" Wheelbase, Long (Not Extended), Medium Roof, RWD Van

Capacities / Dimensions

- Wheelbase: 148"
- GVWR: Minimum 9,500 lbs.
- Payload: 3,500 lbs.
- Cargo Height: Approximately 72" interior
- Fuel Tank Capacity: Minimum 25 gallons
- Fuel Type: Gasoline
- Engine: V6 — Manufacturer's Standard
- Transmission: Automatic
- Power-assisted steering with tilt steering wheel
- 148" wheelbase cargo design with standard height roof
- AM/FM stereo, factory installed
- Manufacturer's standard gauge and instrument cluster
- Dual outside rear-view mirrors
- Side cargo door: Sliding (no windows)
- Rear cargo doors: Double opening (no windows)
- High-back bucket seats, heavy-duty cloth or vinyl covered, gray color
- Manufacturer's standard interior lighting in front cab area
- Manufacturer's standard paint; interior color powder-coated white or black
- Four (4) sets of keys per unit

Air Conditioning / Heater

- Aftermarket ceiling-mounted evaporator, 35,000 BTU minimum
- Heating and cooling capability
- Plumbed to vehicle compressor
- Mounted above rear cargo doors

Insulation

- One (1) inch polyurethane foam insulation sprayed on:
Complete underside of wheel wells
Rear interior cargo area
- Floor excluded from insulation
- i-Support ribs left exposed for interior lining installation
- Polyurethane foam applied in a smooth, even layer

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Partitions / Seats / Lining / Floor

Partition Requirements

Front Partition

- Extends floor to roof and wall to wall
- Bottom section: 14-gauge steel
- Vertical supports every 14 1/2"
- Upper section: Expanded metal

Center Partition

- Extends floor to roof and wall to wall
- Bottom section: 28" high with supports every 14 1/2"
- Two escape doors:
22" x 24"

Center-mounted

Hinged at center

Deadbolt locks

Opens in either direction

Rear Area Center Divider Partition

- Floor to roof installation
- Connected to front, center and rear partitions
- Vertical supports every 14"
- Expanded metal welded to entire frame

Rear Door Partition

- Floor to roof and wall to wall installation
- Two (2) doors
- Centered vertical and horizontal supports
- Hinged at center
- Three-point latch mechanism with 24" spread
- Padlock latch

Construction Standards

- Maintenance items (A/C, heater, lights, etc.) must remain easily accessible
- Removable access panels provided where necessary
- Partitions designed for bolt-together assembly
- Removable filler panels fitted to van wall contours
- Full-penetration welds at all framework joints
- Expanded metal fully welded at contact surfaces
- Front partition lower section covered with 14-gauge steel
- Heavy-duty steel hinges welded in place
- Self-locking nuts used on all bolted connections

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- Silicone sealant applied at contact points
- Waterproof silicone seal at left side of front partition

Front Compartment Benches

- 14" wide x 44" long
- Fold-down design
- One bench installed parallel to front partition
- One bench installed parallel to center partition
- Must not interfere with wheelchair restraint system

Rear Compartment Benches

- Two (2) benches
- Dimensions: 14" wide x 64" long
- One installed in each compartment
- Positioned parallel to outside wall behind center partition

Bench Construction

- Full-penetration welds at all joints
- Non-skid seating surface
- Anchored to floor

Interior Lining

- Complete rear roof and side walls lined with minimum .050" aluminum sheet metal
- All joints sealed with silicone
- Completely waterproof for wash-down cleaning

Floor Coating

- Black polyurethane coating
- Minimum thickness: 1/16"
- Covers entire rear floor area
- Extends over bench tops and front partition
- Fully sealed to prevent liquid entrapment

Side and Rear Door Padlock Brackets

- Installed on each side and rear door
- Provides padlock capability

Interior Lights

- Type: 4" heavy-duty or equivalent

Lighting Locations

- One light installed in each side and rear door
- Positioned in lower center portion of doors
- Automatically activates when door opens
- Rear dome light equipped with prisoner-safe protective screen

Exterior Flood Lights

- One mounted at each door

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Wheelchair Lift & Restraint System

- Meets ADA requirements
- Electric-over-hydraulic operation
- Push-button controls
- Commercial ADA-approved lift
- 32" x 44" usable platform
- Installed at right-side door opening

Wheelchair Restraint System

- Q'Straint Max or equivalent
- Complete system for one wheelchair and occupant
- Four-point wheelchair tie-down system
- Includes lap belt and shoulder restraint
- Floor slide and click-puck anchoring system
- Installed directly behind front partition and in front of center partition

General Electrical Requirements

- Wiring shall follow vehicle manufacturer's standards
 - Color-coded wiring
 - Conduit, nylon ties, and sealed grommets used where required
 - Cab openings sealed against fumes
 - Wiring not routed across engine or major components
 - Circuit breakers or sealed ATO fuse holders provided
- Power obtained from manufacturer accessory terminals

Included Equipment

- Four (4) camera system with DVR for prisoner transport monitoring
- Prisoner seatbelts
- Emergency light and siren package
- Side and rear access steps available
- Full-penetration welds on all step assemblies
- Reinforced bracing from step to vehicle structure

**BID PRICE MUST INCLUDE DELIVERY TO THE HOUSTON COUNTY
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING '**

**PHYSICALLY LOCATED AT 462 NORTH OATES STREET, DOTHAN, ALABAMA 36303
DELIVERY WITHIN 7 DAYS OF BID OPENING AND PO ISSUED.**

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