

TO: Interested Bidders
FROM: Brian Lajoie
RE: Request for a heavy duty dual wheel, four wheel drive pickup truck, cab and chassis.
DATE: June 24 2026

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The Town of Vassalboro is accepting sealed bids for a **HEAVY DUTY DUAL WHEEL, FOUR WHEEL DRIVE PICKUP TRUCK, CAB AND CHASSIS** and the manufacturer's most current production model year. This truck will be used to haul gravel, sand, etc., and will be equipped for snow plowing for the Public Works Department.

Requirements for bid submission are as follows:

1. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope, plainly marked "BID—FOUR WHEEL DRIVE PICKUP TRUCK", and must be received at the Town Office, PO Box 129 , 682 Main Street, North Vassalboro, Maine, 04962, no later than 530pm on Wednesday, July 8 2026
2. All price quotations shall be provided on the enclosed bid sheet, and any variances to the specifications shall be noted on a separate attached sheet.
3. All quotations shall be based on net delivered price F.O.B. Vassalboro, Maine, and must remain firm until delivery. Delivery is desired within 45 days from acceptance of bid.
4. The Town reserves the right to waive any technicalities or informalities in quotation and to accept and/or reject and or all quotations, or to negotiate with any vendor in the best interest of the Town.
5. The bids will be opened and read aloud in public at 630pm on wednesday July 8 2026 at the Town Office. Vendors are invited to be present. Final award may be made at the Selectman's meeting on Wednesday July 8 2026 beginning at 6:30 PM.

**If any questions contact Brian lajoie 207 441 7261 or email public works
@vassalboro . net**

**TOWN OF VASSALBORO
TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION**

Heavy Duty Dual Wheel Four Wheel Drive Pickup Truck, Cab and Chassis.

**Cab and chassis designed to mount a Dump Body, with Ice and
Snow Removal Equipment**

Purpose and Intent

It is the purpose and intent of these specifications to describe a vehicle with a durable construction congruent to practices acceptable to the chassis manufacturer. This vehicle will be used in all months of the year pertaining to highway maintenance activities in a climate related to such as that in the State of Maine, by the Town of Vassalboro public works. During winter maintenance the main purpose of the vehicle will be the removal of ice and snow, sanding and salting which necessitates the installation of a myriad of controls, radios, etc. To accommodate these controls and provide acceptable operator ergonomics and comfort it is imperative that the truck cab provide as much clear interior space as possible while the dash board, heater and other appurtenances must not diminish interior clear space for the installation of controls, radios, etc. The chassis is to be the heaviest duty available with all possible options to make it a heavy-duty vehicle.

It will also be the responsibility of the Bidder and/or Vehicle manufacturer to supply any and all "factory plow truck option packages" necessary to facilitate the assembly of the truck chassis and the related components supplied by others (such as the body and plow vendors) into a completed and fully functional plow truck. This would refer to inclusion of, but not to be limited to special plow truck spring and suspension components, plow truck wiring harnesses, electrical relays, additional electronic speedometer feeds, plow truck light harnesses, etc. The Town of Vassalboro must approve the "factory plow truck option packages," prior to purchase or assembly.

Conformity

All parts not specified shall be manufacturer's best quality and shall conform in materials, design, or workmanship to the best practice known in the automobile industry. All parts shall be new and in no case will used, reconditioned or obsolete parts be accepted.

1. ENGINE
 - 1.1. Automotive diesel
2. TRANSMISSION
 - 2.1. Heavy Duty Automatic
3. GVW
 - 3.1. Minimum 19500 pounds.
4. WHEELBASE
 - 4.1. Cab to axle and wheel base to be coordinated by dealer and Body Company.
5. CAB EXTERIOR
 - 5.1. Deluxe package.
 - 5.2. Paint- any color but green
 - 5.3. Mirrors – heated, manually telescoping.
 - 5.4. Factory running boards.
 - 5.5. Aluminum Wheels.
 - 5.6. Spare tire and aluminum wheel.
 - 5.7. Trailer tow package.
 - 5.8. LED spot lights mounted each side, (like Central Maine Power trucks).
6. CAB INTERIOR
 - 6.1. Deluxe package.
 - 6.2. Air conditioner.
 - 6.3. AM/FM stereo system.
 - 6.4. Vinyl floor covering.
 - 6.5. Two dash mounted power outlets.
 - 6.6. Deluxe cloth buckets seats with seat covers.
 - 6.7. Power windows.
 - 6.8. Floor mats.
 - 6.9. Hands free cell phone port, (blue tooth).
 - 6.10. A minimum of four factory accessory switches.
 - 6.11. Back up camera.
7. OTHER EQUIPMENT
 - 7.1. Heavy duty plow package.
 - 7.2. Heavy duty trailer towing package.
 - 7.3. Firm/heavy duty suspension package.
 - 7.4. Heavy duty cold cranking amps dual batteries.

- 7.5. Heavy duty high output alternator.
- 7.6. Power take off prep.
- 7.7. Ground speed sander control prep.
- 7.8. DOT certified road safety kit.
- 7.9. One parts, maintenance and repair CD or manuals.

8. WARRANTY

- 8.1. Factory standard with maximum extended warranty package with bumper to bumper coverage and no deductibles with warranty contract. Please provide all warranty information.
- 8.2. Loaner vehicle must be provided when service work is being performed.
- 8.3. Dealer will deliver cab and chassis to the body vendor place of business.

BID SHEET

FOUR WHEEL DRIVE PICKUP TRUCK

June 23 2026

The undersigned, having examined the specifications contained herein, on which bids will be received until Wednesday at 530 pm. on July 8 2026

Bid price for a new truck, as specified, with trade-in allowance for a 2020 Dodge Ram 5500 plow truck complete with plow, wing and side dump body sander unit. **The release of the trade in truck would not be completed until the Town takes delivery of a fully operational truck once the body/plow vendor completes their work.**

BID PRICE: _____

The Vassalboro Board of Selectmen reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive all irregularities or informalities in any bid.

The undersigned agrees to supply said truck within a period of _____ days.

Date _____ Signature of bidder _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Any exceptions to the specifications shall be noted in writing on attached page.