

# Purchasing Department

116 West Jefferson Street  
Thomasville, Georgia 31799  
229-225-4100



## November 14, 2025 INVITATION TO BID **Wheel Loader**

You are invited to submit a sealed bid for providing the following **Wheel Loader** for the Thomas County Board of Commissioners. Attached are the general conditions, standard instructions, bid specification, and bid form. Variation from the given specifications should be noted on the bid form with an explanation of said variation(s) attached. Bids are to be marked with bidder's name and address and labeled: **Bid for "Wheel Loader"** and mailed or delivered to the following address no later than 1:00 p.m.; local time, Thursday, December 11, 2025.

Deadline for receiving bids:	<u>12/14/2025</u> (date)	<u>1:00 p.m.</u> (time)
Bid opening:	<u>12/14/2025</u> (date)	<u>1:00 p.m.</u> (time)
Committee Review:	<u>01/06/2026</u> (date)	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> (time)
Tentative Award Date:	<u>01/13/2026</u> (date)	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> (time)

Address all bids to:

THOMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
**Bid for "Wheel Loader"**  
ATTN: PURCHASING DEPARTMENT  
P.O. Box 920  
116 West Jefferson Street  
Thomasville, Georgia 31799

Any inquiries concerning this bid should be made to Nisha Thurman, Purchasing Agent, at the above location or at (229) 225-4100. [Nisha.Thurman@thomascountyga.gov](mailto:Nisha.Thurman@thomascountyga.gov)

**UPON RECEIPT OF THIS INVITATION – PLEASE CALL OR E-MAIL CONFIRMATION OF RECEIPT.**

## GENERAL CONDITIONS

No bids received after said time or at any place other than the time and place stated in the notice will be considered.

### WITHDRAWAL OF BID:

A bidder may withdraw his bid before the expiration of the time during which bids may be submitted without prejudice to the bidder, by submitting a written request of withdrawal to the Thomas County Board of Commissioners, Purchasing Department.

### REJECTION OF BID:

Thomas County may reject any and all bids, and must reject a bid of any party who has been delinquent or unfaithful in any formal contract with Thomas County. Also, the right is reserved to waive any irregularities or informalities in any bid in the bidding procedure. Thomas County will be the sole judge which bid is best, and in ascertaining this, will take into consideration the business integrity, financial resources, facilities for performing the work, and experience in similar operation of the various bidders.

### STATEMENT OF EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS:

The bidder may be required, upon request, to prove to the satisfaction of Thomas County that he/she has the skill and experience and the necessary facilities and ample financial resources to perform the contract(s) in a satisfactory manner and within the required time. If the available evidence of competency of any bidder is not satisfactory, the bid of such bid may be rejected, the successful bidder is required to comply with and abide by all applicable federal and state laws in effect at the time the contract is awarded.

### NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT:

By submitting a bid, the bidder represents and warrants that such bid is genuine and not fraudulent or collusive or made in the interest or in behalf of any person not therein named, and that the bidder has not directly or indirectly induced or solicited any other bidder to put in a fraudulent bid, or any other person, firm or corporation to refrain from bidding and that the bidder has not in any manner sought by collusion to secure to that bidder any advantage over any other bidder.

### INTEREST OF:

By submitting a bid, the bidder represents and warrants that neither a commissioner nor Chairman of Thomas County has, in any manner, an interest, directly or indirectly in the bid or in the contract that may be made under it, or in any expected profits to arise therefrom.

### DOCUMENTS DEEMED PART OF THE CONTRACT:

The notice, invitation to bidders, general conditions, and instructions for bidders, special conditions, specifications, bid and addenda, if any, will be deemed part of the contract.

## STANDARD INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

1. The written specifications contained in this bid will not be changed or superseded except by written addendum from Thomas County. Failure to comply with the written specifications for this bid may result in disqualification by Thomas County.
2. All goods and materials will be F.O.B. Thomas County Board of Commissioners – Public Works, 78 Joiner Road, Thomasville, Georgia 31757, in Thomas County and no freight or postage charges will be paid by Thomas County unless such charges are included in the bid price.
3. All bids must be sealed, received and in-hand at bid due date and time. Each bidder assumes the responsibility for having his/her bid received at the designated time and place without consideration, regardless of the postmark. Thomas County accepts no responsibility for mail delivery.
4. Each bid form submitted must include the name of the business, mailing address, the name, title and signature of the person submitting the bid. When submitting a bid package to Thomas County, the first page of your bid package should be the Bid Form listing price, delivery, etc. unless the bid form is requested to be in a separate sealed envelope.
5. No bids received after said time or at any place other than the time and place stated in the notice will be considered.
6. Thomas County may reject any and all bids, and must reject a bid of any party who has been delinquent or unfaithful in any formal contract with Thomas County. Also, the right is reserved to waive any irregularities or informalities in any bid in the bidding procedure. Thomas County will be the sole judge as to which bid is best, and in ascertaining this, will take into consideration the business integrity, financial resources, facilities for performing the work, and experience in similar operation of the various bidders.
7. Telephone bids will not be accepted unless stated in invitation.
8. No sales tax will be charged on any orders. Thomas County is exempt as outlined by Georgia State Law.
9. Bidders will state delivery time after receiving order.
10. Unless otherwise stated, all bids submitted will be valid and may not be withdrawn for a period of 180 days from the due date of the bid.
11. Any bidder who wishes to receive a bid tabulation is required to enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope. The results will be mailed after tabulation is complete. Results of the bids will not be available orally.
12. All responses must be submitted on the provided bid format. Exception from this format will not be accepted. Any offeror who believes that the bid format is unclear shall submit all questions upon receipt.

# MINIMUM SPECIFICATIONS

## WHEEL LOADER

This wheel loader shall be new, unused, and a currently advertised standard production model. It shall be completely and properly serviced and ready for immediate use upon receipt.

Acceptable new models are, or an equivalent thereto:

1. CAT 926
2. John Deere 54

Specification	Meets/Exceeds
<b>1. Engine – Diesel; must meet all current emission standards</b>	
<b>2. Horsepower – 168</b>	
<b>3. Operating Weight – 27,000 lbs.</b>	
<b>4. 2.75 CY bucket with replaceable cutting edge</b>	
<b>5. Tires – Radial 20.5 R25</b>	
<b>6. Enclosed cab with heat and air conditioning</b>	
<b>7. Radio with Bluetooth</b>	
<b>8. Working lights</b>	
<b>9. Strobe light on top of cab and slow-moving vehicle emblem</b>	
<b>10. Auxiliary hydraulic flow (third function) at bucket for grapple option</b>	
<b>11. Steering and implement pumps shall be separate</b>	
<b>12. Auto-lube grease system for all greaseable ports with recommended settings based on application; settings integrated into machine cab display</b>	
<b>13. ISO coupler with in-cab controls for quick-attach bucket disconnect</b>	
<b>14. Machine shall provide preventive maintenance reminders based upon hours of operation</b>	
<b>15. Machine shall have 12-volt charging ports or USB ports in cab</b>	
<b>16. Warranty</b>	
<b>State standard warranty:</b>	

# BID PROPOSAL FORM

## NEW WHEEL LOADER

**TO:**  
**Thomas County Board of Commissioners**

I have completed the attached specifications and submitted the following proposal:

### A. PURCHASE PRICE

One (1) wheel loader — state year, make, and model:

**Total Purchase Price: A. \$** \_\_\_\_\_

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### B. 5-Year / 5,000-Hour Full Machine Warranty

Cost: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Delivery time after purchase order is issued:**

It is agreed by the undersigned offeror that the signature and submission of this proposal represent the bidder’s acceptance of all terms, conditions, and requirements of the bid specifications. If awarded, this proposal will represent an agreement between the parties, and the person signing the bid is an authorized agent of the company.

**Company Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City/State/Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone No.:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fax No.:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signed (in ink):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name Printed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

Give Form to the requester. Do not send to the IRS.

Print or type See Specific Instructions on page 2.	Name (as shown on your income tax return)	
	Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above	
	Check appropriate box for federal tax classification (required): <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor <input type="checkbox"/> C Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> S Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Trust/estate <input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=partnership) > _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt payee <input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) > _____	
	Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.)	Requester's name and address (optional)
	City, state, and ZIP code	
List account number(s) here (optional)		

### Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on the "Name" line to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I instructions on page 3. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN* on page 3.

Social security number									

Note. If the account is in more than one name, see the chart on page 4 for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Employer identification number									

### Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below).

**Certification instructions.** You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions on page 4.

**Sign Here**

Signature of U.S. person >

Date >

### General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

#### Purpose of Form

A person who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) to report, for example, income paid to you, real estate transactions, mortgage interest you paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, or contributions you made to an IRA.

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN to the person requesting it (the requester) and, when applicable, to:

1. Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),
2. Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
3. Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income.

Note. If a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

**Definition of a U.S. person.** For federal tax purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are:

- An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien,
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States,
- An estate (other than a foreign estate), or
- A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

**Special rules for partnerships.** Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax on any foreign partners' share of income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, a partnership is required to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid withholding on your share of partnership income.