

## NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed quotes will be received via mail or in person from vendors and opened on Wednesday, October 2, 2024 at 3:00 pm in the Commissioners Room upstairs of the Craven County Administration Building at 406 Craven Street, New Bern, NC at which time they will be publicly opened and read. Please mark on front of bid:

Craven County Terrain Bid  
Attn: Craig Wilkie  
406 Craven St  
New Bern, NC 28560

Bids shall be reviewed by the Owner for the furnishing of vehicles for several Craven County departments. Bidders shall be advised of the results.

The quotes shall consist of four (4) GMC Terrains, which will be 2024 new vehicles per the specs listed below.

No bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of bids for a period of 60 days. Any questions regarding the bid must be submitted in writing to Craig Wilkie at [cwilkie@cravencountync.gov](mailto:cwilkie@cravencountync.gov) by 5:00pm, Monday, Sept. 23, 2024 and an addendum will be issued with answers if necessary.

Bidders are encouraged to sign up to receive email/text alerts when bids are posted at <https://www.cravencountync.gov/bids.aspx>

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities. The attached General Provisions are incorporated into the Purchase Order that will be awarded.

OWNER: Craven County  
406 Craven Street  
New Bern, North Carolina 28560

### Qty

4 – 2024 GMC Terrain SLE FWD

- White exterior, black or gray cloth interior
- Standard 9 speed automatic transmission
- Standard front bucket seats
- Standard 17" silver painted aluminum wheels
- Standard 17" all-season black wall tires
- Standard radio
- Standard 1.5 Turbo 4-Cylinder engine
- HD rear vision camera with display

## General Provisions

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I-1. **Definitions:** As used throughout this contract, the following terms shall have the meaning set out below:

- A. "Craven County" refers to the Craven County Government activities and organizations.
- B. "Contract" identifies this contract or any modification thereto.
- C. "Finance Director" means a person authorized in writing to execute and administer the contract on behalf of Craven County or said Finance Director's successor or successors. (Note: Other Craven County and Government Officials, who by virtue or their positions are concerned with the administration and operation of this contract, may take certain administrative actions in behalf of the Finance Director. These Officials may conduct inspections, process and collect contract payments, make administrative decisions and perform other duties of an administrative nature. They may not waive or change contract terms; impose additional contract requirements; issue cure, showing cause, or termination notices; or render final decisions according to Contract terms. (Refer all questions concerning the authority of other Craven County or Government Officials to the Finance Director.)
- D. "Contractor or vendor" means the individual, partnership, corporation, or other entity which is a party to this contract and who is responsible for all actions, performance and work there under, to include that of any subcontractor or vendor.

I-2. **E-Verify:** As a condition of payment for services rendered under this agreement, Vendor or Contractor shall comply with the requirements of Article 2 of Chapter 64 of the General Statutes. Further, if Vendor or Contractor provides the services to the County utilizing a subcontractor, Vendor or Contractor shall require the subcontractor to comply with the requirements of Article 2 of Chapter 64 of the General Statutes as well. Vendor or Contractor shall verify, by affidavit, compliance of the terms of this section upon request by the County.

I-3. **Conflicts of Interests:** Contractor warrants that no person or selling agency has been employed or retained to secure this contract upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee excepting bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial selling agencies retained by contractor or vendor for the purpose of securing business. Contractor warrants that no gratuities (Entertainment, gifts, etc.) were or will be offered or given by the Contractor or any person representing the Contractor to any Craven County Commissioner, employee, or spouse of an employee/Commissioner. For breach of either of the warranties, Craven County may terminate this and all

other Craven County Contracts for default and deduct from amounts due under this or other contracts, or bill contractor or vendor for the total value of any contingent fee or gratuity.

I-4. **Officials Not to Benefit:** No person or Commissioner involved in the purchasing process and/or contracting of this agreement, shall be admitted to any share or part of this contract, or to any benefit that may arise there from; but this provision shall not be construed to extend to this contract if made with a corporation for its general benefit.

I-5. **Oral Representations:** This written Contract includes the entire agreement between the parties. Craven County will not be bound by any oral or written representation not included in the written contract or a change or amendments thereto. Craven County will not be bound by any terms on contractor or vendor forms or letter unless such terms are specifically agreed to and incorporated in the contract and signed by the Finance Director.

I-6. **Non Appropriation:** All funds for payment by County under this Contract are subject to the availability of any annual appropriation for this purpose by the Board of Commissioners. In the event of non-appropriation of funds by the Board of Commissioners under the Contract, County will terminate the Contract, without termination charge or liability, on the last day of the then-current fiscal year or when the appropriation made for then-current year for the services/items covered by this Contract is spent, whichever occurs first. If at any time funds are not appropriated for the continuance of this Contract, cancellation shall be accepted upon three (3) days prior written notice, but failure to give such notice shall be of no effect and County shall not be obligated under this Contract beyond the date of termination.

I-7. **Representations:** The Contractor will not represent itself to be an agent or representative of Craven County or any other agency or instrumentality of the US Government.

I-8. **Advertisements:** The Contractor will not represent in any manner, expressly or by implication, those items or services purchased or sold under this contract are approved or endorsed by any element of Craven County Government. Any advertisement, including cents off coupons, by the Contractor which refers to Craven County activity will contain a statement that the advertisement was neither paid for nor sponsored, in whole or in part, by the particular activity.

I-9. **Subcontracting:** Contractor shall not subcontract any part of the work to be performed without the prior written consent of the Finance Director. Any subcontractor or vendor used in connection with this contract is the agent of the Finance Director.

I-10. **Assignment:** Contractor may not assign its rights or delegate its obligations under this contract without the prior written consent of the Finance Director.

I-11. **Iran Divestment Act:** Seller certifies that: (i) Seller is not listed on the Iran Divestment List created by the State Treasurer pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 147-86.58 (the "Final Divestment List"), and (ii) Seller will not utilize any subcontractor performing work under this Purchase Order which is listed on the Final Divestment List. The Final Divestment List can be found on the State Treasurer's website at the address [www.nctreasurer.com/Iran](http://www.nctreasurer.com/Iran) and should be updated every 180 days.

I-12. **Permits and Licenses:** Contractor will, at his own expense, obtain all necessary permits, give all notices, pay all license fees and comply with all laws, rules, ordinances, and regulations relating to the preservation of the public health or applicable to the services or business carried on under this contract. The burden of determining applicability of licensing requirements, laws, ordinances, and regulations for Contractor and his employees rests with the Contractor.

I-13. **Non-Waiver or Defaults:** Any failure by Craven County at any time to enforce or require strict performance of any terms or conditions of this contract will not constitute waiver thereof and will not affect or impair such terms and conditions in any way or Craven County's right at any time to avail itself of such remedies as it may have for breach or breaches of such terms and conditions.

I-14. **Indemnity:**

- A. Contractor shall indemnify, hold harmless and defend Craven County, their agents, representatives, employees and customers from any and all suits, judgments and claims, including those established by or pursuant to court decisions, to international agreements, or duly promulgated regulations of the United States Government, and all charges and expenses incident thereto which arise out of or in connection with:
  - 1. The alleged or established violation or infringement of any patent, copyright or trademark rights asserted by any third party with regard to items or services provided by Contractor:
  - 2. Loss, death, damage or injury alleged or established to have arisen out of or in connection with products, services, or equipment provided by Contractor, unless such loss, death, damage, or injury was caused by Craven County, its representatives, or employees.
  - 3. Any loss, death, damage, or injury alleged or established to have arisen out of or in connection with any other acts or omissions of the Contractor, the Contractor's subcontractor or vendors, representatives, agents, or employees.
- B. Craven County will give Contractor notice and an opportunity to defend.

I-15. **Insurance:** During the term of the Contract, the Contractor or vendor at its sole cost and expense shall provide commercial insurance of such type and with such terms and limits as may be reasonably associated with the contract. As a minimum, the Contractor or vendor shall provide and maintain the following coverage and limits.

- A. **Worker's Compensation** – The Contractor or vendor shall provide and maintain worker's compensation insurance, as required by the laws of North Carolina, as well as employer's liability coverage with minimum limits of \$150,000, covering all of Contractor or vendor's employees who are engaged in any work under the contract. If any work is sublet, the Contractor or vendor shall require the subcontractor to provide the same coverage for any of his employees engaged in any work under the contract.
- B. **Commercial General Liability** – General Liability Coverage, on a Comprehensive Broad Form on an occurrence basis in the minimum amount of \$500,000.00 combined single limit (Defense cost shall be in excess of the limit of liability).
- C. **Automobile** – Automobile Liability Insurance, to include liability coverage, covering all owned, hired and non-owned vehicles used in connection with the contract. The minimum combined single limit shall be \$150,000.00 bodily injury and property damage; \$150,000.00 uninsured/under-insured motorist; and \$1,000.00 medical payment.

I-16. **Warranty:** Contractor warrants that:

- A. The items furnished shall be merchantable, and fit and sufficient for the use intended and are not "seconds" as the term is normally understood in the trade. This warranty shall survive acceptance by Craven County of the items and is in addition to other warranties of additional scope given by the Contractor to Craven County.
- B. The items or services furnished under this contract are covered by the most favorable warranties the Contractor gives to any customer for such items or services and that the rights and remedies

provided in the Contractor's warranties are in addition to and do not limit any rights afforded to Craven County by any other clause of this contract.

- C. Where applicable, the items furnished under this contract have been manufactured in accordance with Underwriter's Laboratories, Inc. (UL) standard, or if manufactured overseas, the overseas equivalent of UL and the applicable item and/or component items carry the appropriate UL or overseas equivalent seal of approval.
- D. Items, packing, and packaging provided will comply with all contract terms and with all laws, rules, and regulations applicable to delivery for domestic resale. Contractor shall comply with the Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act on all sales to Craven County.

I-17. **Item Substitution and Variation in Quantity:** No substitution or variation in the quantity of any item called for by this contract will be accepted unless authorized by the Finance Director.

I-18. **Inspection and Acceptance:** the government per the following shall make inspection and acceptance:

- A. The Contractor shall maintain an in process and end-item quantity control program to ensure shipments to Craven County activities do not include defective/non-conforming items.
- B. Inspection and acceptance shall not be conclusive with respect to latent defects or fraud, or with respect to Craven County rights under the warranty provisions contained herein.
- C. In case any supplies or services are defective in material or workmanship, or are otherwise not in conformity with the requirements of this contract, the Craven County shall have the right to reject such supplies or services, or to require replacement or correction. Rejected supplies shall be removed by and at the expense of the Contractor promptly after notice. When such rejection, correction or replacement requires transportation of the supplies or part thereof, all shipping and administrative costs to and from the Contractor's plant shall also be borne by the Contractor.
- D. In case of refund, the Contractor shall be liable to the Craven County for the additional costs of re-procurement (if any). In no event will the liability of Contractor for cost and losses, and for re-procurement exceed an amount equal to the original purchase price of the defective item.
- E. The provisions of this clause do not affect the rights or obligations of either party, as they may be provided for in other portions of this contract or otherwise under applicable law.

I-19. **Availability of Funds:** Any and all payments to the Contractor or vendor are dependent upon and subject to the availability of funds to the County for the purposes set forth in this agreement.

I-20. **Invoice and Payment:**

A. Invoicing Instructions. In order to be considered proper invoices, invoices must be submitted as follows:

1. Contractor must prepare a separate numbered invoice for each order or part of an order. Do not consolidate multiple purchase orders on one invoice. Additionally, when partial shipments are authorized, use a separate invoice. Do not duplicate an invoice number used for prior billings:

2. Invoices must be issued by the company whose name is on the contract/order (unless otherwise authorized by Finance Director) and must contain the following minimum information to enable timely payment:

(a) Name of Contractor.

(b) Invoice Date. This cannot be a date earlier than the ship date required by the contract or purchase/deliver order. In the event that the invoice date is a date earlier than the required ship date, Craven County retains the right either to return the improper invoice to the Contractor for correction or to change the invoice date to be the required ship date. In the event that an improper invoice is returned to a Contractor because the date on the invoice is earlier than the required ship date or because the invoice is improper for any other reason, the invoice date, will be considered to be the date of receipt of the corrected, proper invoice.

(c) Contract/Order Number.

(d) Item Description and Quantity Shipped/Delivered.

- (e) Contract/Order Line Item Cost and Total
- (f) Any applicable sales tax
- (g) Shipping and Discount Terms, and special allowance(s) if included in the contract. Special allowances must be shown on the invoice using percentage figures only. Do not deduct any of these from the item cost or from the invoice total.
- (h) "Ship To" address as shown on order or contract.
- (i) Freight charges (on FOB origin shipments).
- (j) Name, title and phone number of Contractor's contact person.
- (k) Complete "Remit To" mailing address on the invoice to indicate where Contractor's payment is to be sent. This address must be the same address as on the contract unless otherwise communicated from the Accounts Payable office

3. Correcting invoices and credit memos must be marked as such and must cross-reference the corrected invoice.

**B. Payment.**

1. A proper invoice is an invoice which contains all of the information/documentation, specified in paragraph A. (2) above, and is sent to the address specified in the contract or purchase/delivery order for the designated Craven County paying office. Improper invoices may be returned without payment to the Contractor.

2. The next payment date for Craven County Contracts is established at 30 days after receipt of a proper invoice.

3. Payment is made:

(a) The date a check for payment is dated.

(b) The date an electronic fund transfer is submitted to the financial institution, regardless of the date the financial institution posts the transfer.

(c) The date a withholding authorized by the contract is initiated by Craven County.

4. Any questions or inquiries concerning invoice payments should be directed to the Craven County Finance Account Payable department designated on the contract or purchase/deliver order.

I-21. **Withholding:** Craven County may withhold payment for amounts due or creditable to Craven County under this contract, E.G., returns, damage.

I-22. **Contractor Liability:**

- A. Except as set out specifically elsewhere in the contract, Contractor shall be liable for cost to Craven County associated with termination for default, rejection of items, and breach of warranty, in addition to reimbursement of payment of the purchase price and re-procurement costs.
- B. Contractor will not be liable for damages if the failure to perform arises out of causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor. Such causes may include, but are not restricted to, Acts of God or the public enemy, Acts of the Government in its sovereign or contractual capacity, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, freight embargoes, and unusually severe weather.

I-23. **Termination:**

- A. Mutual Termination. This contract may be terminated at any time upon the mutual agreement of both parties.
- B. Termination for Convenience. Craven County by written notice may terminate this contract in whole or in part when it is in the best interest of the Craven County. To the extent that this contract is for services and is so terminated, Craven County shall be liable for payment as set forth in the payment provisions of the contract for services rendered prior to the effective date of termination

- C. **Termination for Default.** Craven County by written notice may terminate this contract in whole or in part for failure of the Contractor to perform any of the provisions hereof. In such event, the Contractor shall be liable for damages including the excess costs of re-procuring similar supplies and services provided that if
1. the Contractor was not in default; or
  2. the Contractor's failure to perform is without his/her or his/her Subcontractor or vendor's control or negligence; then the termination shall be deemed a "Termination for Convenience."
- D. The rights and remedies of Craven County provided in this clause are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under other clauses of this contract.

I-24. **Request for Monetary or Other Relief:** No request for monetary or other relief by Contractor shall be considered unless submitted in writing to the Finance Director within 90 days after termination or termination of performance under the contract, whichever comes first. This clause shall not extend any period for filing, which is further limited by another clause of the contract.

I-25. **Notification of Debarment or Suspension Status:** The Contractor or Vendor shall provide immediate notice to the Finance Director in the event of being suspended, debarred or declared ineligible by any state of NC or federal department or agency, or upon receipt of a notice of proposed debarment from another agency, during the performance of this contract.

I-26. **Equal Employment Opportunity:** The contractor will take affirmative action in complying with all Federal and State requirements concerning fair employment and employment of people with disabilities, and concerning the treatment of all employees without regard to discrimination by reason of race, color, religion, sex, national origin or disability.

I-27. **Drug-Free Work Place:** The contractor or vendor agrees to make a good faith effort to establish and maintain a drug-free work place in connection with the performance of this contract. Consistent with the size and organization of its work force, contractor or vendor may wish to consider taking the following or other appropriate actions in establishing a drug-free work place: Publicizing a drug-free work place policy; initiating an employee drug awareness program or encouraging participation in existing community programs; informing employees of the general availability of drug counseling programs; etc.

I-28. **Accident Prevention, Fire Protection, and Sanitation:** If this contract is performed in whole or in part on premises owned or under the control of the Craven County Government, the contractor or vendor shall conform to all safety regulations and requirements concerning such premises in effect any time during contract performance to prevent accidents. Any violations of safety regulations, unless immediately corrected as directed by the Finance Director, shall be grounds for termination of the contract under the "Termination for Default" Clause.

I-29. **Standards:** All manufactured items and/or fabricated assemblies subject to operation under pressure, operation by connection to an electric source, or operation involving a connection to a manufactured, natural, or LP gas source shall be constructed and approved in a manner acceptable to the appropriate state inspector which customarily requires the label or re-examination listing or identification marking of the appropriate safety standard organization; such as the American Society of Mechanical Engineers for pressure vessels;

The Underwriters Laboratories and/or National Electrical Manufacturers' Association for electrically operated assemblies; or the American Gas Association for gas operated assemblies, where such approvals of listings have been established for the type of device offered and furnished. Further, all items furnished shall meet all requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA), and state and federal requirements relating to clean air and water pollution.

All Codes, standards, and specifications such as the National Electrical Code, North Carolina State Building Code, ASTM specifications, etc. referred to in the project specification shall be the issue in effect on the date of the invitation for bid, request for quote, and/or award.

I-30. **Force Majeure:** Neither party shall be deemed to be in default of its obligations hereunder if and so long as it is prevented from performing such obligations by any act of war, hostile foreign action, nuclear explosion, riot, strikes, civil insurrection, earthquake, hurricane, tornado, or other catastrophic natural event or act of God.

I-31. **Federal Funds:** If the source of funds for this Agreement is federal funds, the following federal provisions apply pursuant to 2 C.F.R. § 200.326 and 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II (as may be applicable):

- A. Equal Employment Opportunity (41 C.F.R. Part 60);
- B. Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141-3148);
- C. Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (40 U.S.C. 3145);
- D. Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3701-3708);
- E. Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387);
- F. Debarment and Suspension (Executive Orders 12549 and 12689);
- G. Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352);
- H. Procurement of Recovered Materials (2 C.F.R. § 200.322); and
- I. Record Retention Requirements (2 CFR § 200.324)