

All responses to this Request for an Informal Quotation MUST be submitted on this form and all pages MUST be returned to the Buyer listed above at the District mailing address shown. See attached for conditions and instructions.

CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING

The Bidder must be in compliance with the laws regarding conducting business in the State of Missouri. Within ten (10) business days of notification, the Bidder will need to provide a copy of his/her Missouri Secretary of State’s “Certificate of Good Standing” prior to the issuance of any contract or initial purchase order by the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT). MoDOT reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to extend the date this documentation must be provided. The Bidder’s inability to provide this documentation will result in his/her bid being rejected

RsMO 34.040.6 COMPLIANCE

The bidder must be in compliance with the laws regarding conducting business in the State of Missouri. The Bidder should ensure they are in good standing with the Missouri Department of Revenue. Prior to award MoDOT staff will check with the Missouri Department of Revenue to ensure compliance with the provisions of RsMO 34.040.6. If necessary a “Certificate of No Tax Due” may be requested of the successful Bidder. If such a certificate is requested, the Bidder’s inability to provide this documentation will result in his/her bid being rejected.

VENDOR NOTES

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Missouri Department of Transportation purchase orders must be issued to the invoicing company/address. If the invoicing company/address will be different from that listed in the vendor information section (below), the vendor must specify the “remit to” company/address in the vendor notes section (above).

VENDOR INFORMATION

Vendor Name /Mailing Address	Vendor Contact Information (including area codes):		
	Phone #:		
	Fax #		
	Cellular #		
Printed Name and Title of Responsible Officer or Employee:	Signature:		

Is your company registered/certified with the State of Missouri as a (please circle):				
Is your firm MBE Certified?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is your firm WBE Certified?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Would your company like information on becoming a registered/certified MBE/WBE vendor?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>

List all agencies your firm is currently certified with?	
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MACHINE SPECIFICATION
TEST MARK MODEL CM-2500 SERIES

DESCRIPTION: CM-2500 Series Compression Testing Machine, designed for testing a variety of concrete test specimens.

CAPACITY: 250,000 lbs. Compression.

RANGE: 2,500 to 250,000 lbs.

ACCURACY: \pm .5% of indicated load.

DESIGN: A single unit design incorporates a high strength load frame with a digital control box mounted on the right side of the frame above the hydraulic pump.

COMPRESSION UNIT CONSTRUCTION: The load frame is manufactured from four structural steel members 3 1/2" x 2 1/2" x 1/2" thick, with top and bottom crossheads being 3" thick x 13 1/2" wide x 10" deep steel plate, welded together forming a rigid one piece solid steel load frame that will not deform under repeated use. The hydraulic cylinder assembly is mounted to the top crosshead with testing force being applied in a downward direction. This top loading piston arrangement prevents dirt and debris from entering the hydraulic cylinder assembly, protecting the O-ring sealing system during testing.

- A. INSIDE DIMENSIONS: The compression area of the load frame has a vertical daylight opening of 19.500" and a horizontal opening of 9 1/4" without spherical seated platen installed in the machine.
- B. OUTSIDE DIMENSIONS: The outside load frame dimensions are 34" overall height x 30" overall width x 12" overall depth.

TOP COMPRESSION PLATEN ASSEMBLY: The spherically seated cylinder platen assembly is composed of four main parts, the contact platen, spherical disc, spherical seat and holding stem. The compression platen is 1.5" thick and 6.5" in diameter. Platen is hardened to a Rockwell hardness of 55C or better and is precision ground to maintain a planeness within .0005" in any 6" of direction. Surface is scribed with concentric circles for easy specimen centering and electroplated with industrial hardened nickel for wear and rust resistance. Load capacity is 650,000 lbs. Platen conforms to ASTM C-39 specification.

BOTTOM COMPRESSION PLATEN: The lower platen is 1" thick by 6.5" in diameter, hardened to 55 RC or greater, hard nickel plated for wear and corrosion resistance, and is ground flat to within 0.0005" in any 6" direction. Concentric circles are scribed into the lower platen for easier centering of testing specimens.

HYDRAULIC RAM: Testing pressure is applied by a 6" diameter power piston. Stability length of the piston is 6" with the working stroke being 2 1/2". Precision ground and polished, the piston is mounted in a polished RMS finish solid steel cylinder with a non-frictional "O"-ring and teflon back-up ring sealing system. A pressure bleeder hole in the piston is used to prevent overextension of the piston.

HYDRAULIC PUMPING SYSTEM: Hydraulic pressure is supplied to the piston by a two-stage pump. The pump features a super-charged first stage that provides low-pressure, high volume delivery for rapid advance of the piston. Once system pressure exceeds 125 p.s.i., stage two automatically takes over to deliver high-pressure, low-volume flow to full machine capacity. The hydraulic pump is directly connected to the electric motor, and runs immersed in oil. The hydraulic pump and flow control valve are mounted on the lower right side of the load frame, with the valve mounted to the front of the pump for easier operation.

DIGITAL INDICATOR: The digital system is located on the upper right hand side of the load frame, with the digital unit vertically mounted for easier reading of displayed load values. For full digital information please see literature attached.

HYDRAULIC CONTROL SYSTEM: A single automatic control valve with multiple loading and unloading functions is used.

- A. **METERED ADVANCE FUNCTION:** Loading is maintained by a pressure compensation valve that maintains a continuous rate of loading. Pressure per minute loading is adjustable from 2,000 to 200,000 pounds per minute or 0 to 0.6" per minute travel. At any time during the testing cycle the rate of loading can be adjusted.
- B. **FULL ADVANCE FUNCTION:** The rapid travel lever setting is used to move the compression platen at the rate of about 2 1/2" travel per minute. This feature permits the rapid advancement of the hydraulic piston prior to making contact with the specimen, as well as pre-loading of specimens.
- C. **HOLD FUNCTION:** Pressure advance can be stopped and held to inspect the alignment of the test sample or stop the test cycle.
- D. **RETRACT FUNCTION:** This function is for the release of pressure and return of the piston to its start position.

ACCURACY: The load readout system can be calibrated to within $\pm .5\%$ of indicated load. Although all testing machines are factory calibrated, field calibration should be performed.

SAFETY FEATURES:

- A. **Fragment guard doors:** Supplied as standard equipment, latch able guard doors are mounted on the front and rear openings of the load frame.
- B. **Maximum Overload Protection:** A hydraulic safety valve prevents the hydraulic circuit from exceeding the maximum capacity of the load frame.

COMPLIANCE: The CM-2500 series testing machines are in strict compliance to ASTM specifications C-39, E-4, and AASHTO T-22.

ELECTRICAL SPECIFICATIONS: The hydraulic pump motor is rated at 115/220 volts. Single phase, 60 Hz current is required.

ACCESSORY SYSTEM: Accessories are held in the compression unit by means of a locking holding stem system. The stem is inserted into the machine piston and held by a locking setscrew.

UNIT WEIGHT: Complete unit shipping weight without accessories is 780 lbs.

SHIPPING: CM-2500 series machines are shipped in an upright position, bolted to a wooden skid and crated. Total shipping weight can vary, depending upon type and number of accessories ordered.

WARRANTY: Test Mark warranties the CM-2500 series testing machines, digital system and load platens for a period of two (2) years.

Note: If any of the Standard Solicitation Provisions” and “General Terms and Conditions” on the following pages conflict with the requirements outlined in this Request For Quotation, the RFQ requirements will supersede those below.

STANDARD SOLICITATION PROVISIONS

- a. The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) reserves the right to reject any or all bids/quotes/proposals, and to accept or reject any items thereon, and to waive technicalities. In case of error in the extension of prices in the bid/quote/proposal, unit prices will govern.
- b. All bids/quotes/proposals must be signed with the firm name and by a responsible officer or employee. Obligations assumed by such signature must be fulfilled.
- c. By virtue of statutory authority, a preference will be given to materials, products, supplies, provisions and all other articles produced, manufactured, made or grown, within the State of Missouri.
- d. Time of delivery is a part of the consideration and, if not otherwise stated in the solicitation documents, must be stated in definite terms by the Bidder/Offeror and must be adhered to. If time varies on different items, the Bidder/Offeror shall so state.
- e. If providing bids/quotes/proposals for commodities, the Bidder/Offeror will state brand or make on each item. If bidding or proposing other than the make, model or brand specified, the manufacturer's name, model number or catalog number must be given.
- f. **For bids/proposals of \$25,000 or more**, no bids/proposals by telephone, telegram or telefax will be accepted. If provided, these bids/proposals should be returned in the MoDOT solicitation return envelope.
- g. If a solicitation return envelope is provided by MoDOT, the bid/quote/proposal should be returned in the envelope provided with the Bid/RFQ/RFP Request Number plainly indicated thereon.
- h. The date specified for the returning of bids/quotes/proposals is a firm deadline and all bids/quotes/proposals must be received at the designated office by that time. The Department does not recognize the U.S. Mail, Railway Express Agency, Air Express, or any other organization, as its agent for purposes of accepting proposals. All proposals arriving at the designated office after the deadline specified will be rejected.

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

General Performance

- a. This work is to be performed under the general supervision and direction of the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) and, if awarded any portion of the work, the Contractor agrees to furnish at his own expense all labor and equipment required to complete the work, it being expressly understood that this solicitation is for completed work based upon the price(s) specified and is not a solicitation for rental of equipment or employment of labor by MoDOT, and MoDOT is to have no direction or control over the employees used by the Contractor in performance of the work.

Deliveries

- a. Unless otherwise specified on the solicitation documents or purchase order, suppliers shall give at least 24 hours advance notice of each delivery. Delivery will only be received between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Material arriving after 3:00 p.m. will not be unloaded until the following workday. No material will be received on Saturday, Sunday or state holidays.
- b. If the prices bid herein include the delivery cost of the material, the Contractor agrees to pay all transportation charges on the material as FOB - Destination. Freight costs must be included in the unit price bid and not listed as a separate line item.
- c. Any demurrage is to be paid by the Contractor direct to the railroad or carrier.

Nondiscrimination

- a. The Contractor shall comply with the Regulations relative to nondiscrimination in federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation, Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 21, as they may be amended from time to time, (hereinafter referred to as the Regulations), which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this contract.
- b. All solicitations either by competitive bidding or negotiation made by the Contractor for work to be performed under a subcontract, including procurements of materials or leases of the Contractor's obligations under this contract and the Regulations, will be relative to nondiscrimination on the grounds of race, color, or national origin.
 - 1) Sanctions for Noncompliance: In the event of the Contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination provisions of this contract, MoDOT shall impose such contract sanctions as it or the Federal Highway Administration may determine to be appropriate, including, but not limited to:
 - i. withholding of payments to the Contractor under the contract until the Contractor complies, and/or,
 - ii. cancellation, termination or suspension of the contract, in whole or in part.

Contract/Purchase Order

- a. By submitting a bid/quote/proposal, the Bidder/Offeree agrees to furnish any and all equipment, supplies and/or services specified in the solicitation documents, at the prices quoted, pursuant to all requirements and specifications contained therein.
- b. A binding contract shall consist of: (1) the solicitation documents, amendments thereto, and/or Best and Final Offer (BAFO) request(s) with any changes/additions, (2) the Contractor's proposal and/or submitted pricing, and (3) the MHTC's acceptance of the proposal and/or bid by purchase order or post-award contract.
- c. A notice of award does not constitute an authorization for shipment of equipment or supplies or a directive to proceed with services. Before providing equipment, supplies and/or services, the Contractor must receive a properly authorized purchase order and/or notice to proceed.
- d. The contract expresses the complete agreement of the parties and performance shall be governed solely by the specifications and requirements contained therein. Any change, whether by modification and/or supplementation, must be accomplished by a formal contract amendment signed and approved by and between the duly authorized representative of the Contractor and the duly authorized representative of the MHTC, by a modified purchase order prior to the effective date of such modification. The Contractor expressly and explicitly understands and agrees that no other method and/or no other document, including correspondence, acts, and oral communications by or from any person, shall be used or construed as an amendment or modification.

Subcontracting

- a. It is specifically understood that no portion of the material or any interest in the contract, shall be subcontracted, transferred, assigned or otherwise disposed of, except with the written consent of MoDOT. Request for permission to subcontract or otherwise dispose of any part of the work shall be in writing to MoDOT and accompanied by documentation showing that the organization which will perform the work is particularly experienced and equipped for such work.
- b. Consent to subcontract or otherwise dispose of any portion of the work shall not be construed to relieve the Contractor of any responsibility for the production and delivery of the contracted work and the completion of the work within the specified time.
- c. All payments for work performed by a subcontractor shall be made to the Contractor to whom the contract was awarded and the purchase order issued.

Invoicing and Payment

- a. MoDOT is exempt from paying Missouri Sales Tax, Missouri Use Tax and Federal Excise Tax. However, the Contractor may themselves be responsible for the payment of taxes on materials they purchase to fulfill the contract. A Federal Excise Tax Exemption Certificate will be furnished to the successful Bidder/Offeree upon request.
- b. Each invoice should be itemized in accordance with items listed on the purchase order and/or contract. The statewide financial management system has been designed to capture certain receipt and payment information. Therefore, each invoice submitted must reference the purchase order number and must be itemized in accordance with items listed on the purchase order. Failure to comply with this requirement may delay processing of invoices for payment.
- c. Unless otherwise provided for in the solicitation documents, payment for all equipment, supplies, and/or services required herein shall be made in arrears. The Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission (MHTC) shall not make any advance deposits.
- d. The MHTC assumes no obligation for equipment, supplies, and/or services shipped or provided in excess of the quantity ordered. Any authorized quantity is subject to the MHTC's rejection and shall be returned at the Contractor's expense.
- e. The MHTC reserves the right to purchase goods and services using the state-purchasing card.

Applicable Laws and Regulations

- a. The contract shall be construed according to the laws of the State of Missouri. The Contractor shall comply with all local, state, and federal laws and regulations related to the performance of the contract.
- b. The Contractor must be registered and maintain good standing with the Secretary of State of the State of Missouri and other regulatory agencies, as may be required by law or regulations. Prior to the issuance of a purchase order and/or notice to proceed, the Contractor may be required to submit to MoDOT a copy of their current Authority Certificate from the Secretary of State of the State of Missouri.
 - 1) Prior to the issuance of a purchase order and/or notice to proceed, all **out-of-state** Contractors **providing services** within the state of Missouri must submit to MoDOT a copy of their current Transient Employer Certificate from the Department of Revenue, in addition to a copy of their current Authority Certificate from the Secretary of State of the State of Missouri.
- c. The contractor shall only utilize personnel authorized to work in the United States in accordance with applicable federal and state laws and Executive Order 07-13 for work performed in the United States.
- d. The exclusive venue for any legal proceeding relating to or arising, out of the contract shall be in the Circuit Court of Cole County,

Missouri.

Preferences

- a. In the evaluation of bids/quotes/proposals, preferences shall be applied in accordance with Chapter 34 RSMo. Contractors should apply the same preferences in selecting subcontractors.
- b. By virtue of statutory authority, RSMo. 34.076 and 34.350 to 34.359, a preference will be given to materials, products, supplies, provisions and all other articles produced, manufactured, made or grown within the State of Missouri. Such preference shall be given when quality is equal or better and delivered price is the same or less.
 - 1) If attached, the document entitled "**PREFERENCE IN PURCHASING PRODUCTS**" should be completed and returned with the solicitation documents.
 - 2) If attached, the document entitled "**MISSOURI DOMESTIC PRODUCTS PROCUREMENT ACT**" should be completed and returned with the solicitation documents. **Applies if bid is Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) or more.**
- c. In the event of a tie of low bids, the MHTC reserves the right to establish the method to be used in determining the award

Remedies and Rights

- a. No provision in the contract shall be construed, expressly or implied, as a waiver by the MHTC of any existing or future right and/or remedy available by law in the event of any claim by the MHTC of the Contractor's default or breach of contract.
- b. The Contractor agrees and understands that the contract shall constitute an assignment by the Contractor to the MHTC of all rights, title and interest in and to all causes of action that the Contractor may have under the antitrust laws of the United States or State of Missouri for which causes of action have accrued or will accrue as the result of or in relation to the particular equipment, supplies, and/or services purchased or produced by the Contractor in the fulfillment of the contract with the MHTC.
- c. In the event a Contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or supplier as a result of such direction, the Contractor may request MoDOT to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the MHTC, and, in addition, the Contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

Cancellation of Contract

- a. The MHTC may cancel the contract at any time for a material breach of contractual obligations or for convenience by providing the Contractor with written notice of cancellation. Should the MHTC exercise its right to cancel the contract for such reasons, cancellation will become effective upon the date specified in the notice of cancellation sent to the Contractor.
- b. If the MHTC cancels the contract for breach, the MHTC reserves the right to obtain the equipment, supplies, and/or services to be provided pursuant to the contract from other sources and upon such terms and in such manner as the MHTC deems appropriate and charge the Contractor for any additional costs incurred thereby.

Bankruptcy or Insolvency

- a. Upon filing for any bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding by or against the Contractor, whether voluntary or involuntary, or upon the appointment of a receiver, trustee, or assigned the benefit or creditors, the Contractor must notify MoDOT immediately. Upon learning of any such actions, the MHTC reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to either cancel the contract or affirm the contract and hold the Contractor responsible for damages.

Inventions, Patents, and Copyrights

- a. The Contractor shall defend, protect, and hold harmless the MHTC, its officers, agents, and employees against all suits of law or in equity resulting from patent and copyright infringement concerning the Contractor's performance or products produced under the terms of the contract.

Inspection and Acceptance

- a. No equipment, supplies, and/or services received by MoDOT pursuant to a contract shall be deemed accepted until MoDOT has had reasonable opportunity to inspect said equipment, supplies, and/or services.
- b. All equipment, supplies, and/or services which do not comply with the specifications and/or requirements or which are otherwise unacceptable or defective may be rejected. In addition, all equipment, supplies, and/or services which are discovered to be defective or which do not conform to any warranty of the Contractor upon inspection (or at any later time if the defects contained were not reasonably ascertainable upon the initial inspection) may be rejected.
- c. The MHTC reserves the right to return any such rejected shipment at the Contractor's expense for full credit or replacement and to specify a reasonable date by which replacements must be received.
- d. The MHTC's right to reject any unacceptable equipment, supplies, and/or services shall not exclude any other legal, equitable or contractual remedies the MHTC may have.

Warranty

- a. The Contractor expressly warrants that all equipment, supplies, and/or services provided shall: (1) conform to each and every specification, drawing, sample or other description which was furnished to or adopted by MoDOT, (2) be fit and sufficient for the purpose expressed in the solicitation documents, (3) be merchantable, (4) be of good materials and workmanship, and (5) be free from defect.
- b. Such warranty shall survive delivery and shall not be deemed waived either by reason of the MHTC's acceptance of or payment for said equipment, supplies, and/or services.

Status of Independent Contractor

- a. The Contractor represents itself to be an independent Contractor offering such services to the general public and shall not represent itself or its employees to be an employee of the MHTC. Therefore, the Contractor shall assume all legal and financial responsibility for taxes, FICA, employee fringe benefits, workers' compensation, employee insurance, minimum wage requirements, overtime, etc., and agrees to indemnify, save and hold the MHTC, its officers, agents and employees harmless from and against any and all losses (including attorney fees) and damage of any kind related to such matters.

Indemnification

- a. The Offeror shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Commission, including its members and department employees, from any claim or liability whether based on a claim for damages to real or personal property or to a person for any matter relating to or arising out of the Offeror's performance of its obligations under this Agreement.

PREFERENCE IN PURCHASING PRODUCTS

DATE: _____

The bidders attention is directed to Section 34.076 RsMO 1986 which gives preference to Missouri corporations, firms, and individuals when letting contracts or purchasing products.

Bids/Quotations received will be evaluated on the basis of this legislation.

All vendors submitting a bid/quotation must furnish ALL information requested below.

FOR CORPORATIONS:

State in which incorporated: _____

FOR OTHERS:

State of domicile: _____

FOR ALL VENDORS:

List address of Missouri offices or places of business:

THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED:

FIRM NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

BY (signature required): _____

Federal Tax I.D. #: _____ **if no Federal Tax I.D. # - list Social Security #:** _____

NOTE: For bid/quotation to be considered, the "Preference in Purchasing Products" form must be on file in the General Services (Procurement) Division and must be dated in the current calendar year.