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Subject: Equipment Wheeled Excavator
With Forestry Mulcher
Without an Operator
State WIN: 030007.08, 030497.08 &
030499.08
Location: **Region 4**
Amendment No. 1

Dear Sir/Ms:

The following question has (questions have) been received:

Question: On page 13 on the cost breakdown, it states 30,000 DOL for allowance – parts and materials. Not sure how to complete that line? Is that how much we will cover over the 12 month rental for new carbides for the mulcher?

Response: Please refer to Special Provisions page 28 of the contract bid book.

The allowance is to be included in the total bid price; this will allow the Department to pay for unforeseen work as described in the below section.

“The quantities of Item 815.281 Allowance - Allowable Parts & Materials will be used by the Department to pay for Extra Work such as service calls, fuel charges, parts, materials and damage repair. The Department does not guarantee the use of any or all of the Item 815.281 Allowance - Allowable Parts & Materials”.

Question: Special Provisions Section States: "Each excavator must come with wrist action and a minimum 48" ditching cleanout bucket". Will a 48" hydraulic tilt cleanup bucket be accepted if the wrist action is on the bucket and not the machine coupler?

Response: REMOVE pages 32-33, “SPECIAL PROVISION, Wheeled Excavator with Forestry Mulcher Dated July 2, 2025”, and REPLACE with the attached revised “SPECIAL PROVISION, Wheeled Excavator with Forestry Mulcher, 2 pages, Dated July 18, 2025”.

Revised “Special Provisions, Wheeled Excavator with Forestry Mulcher, Dated July 18, 2025”. Removes requirement for wrist action attached to the required 48” cleanup bucket, excavator may be equipped with or without wrist action. No additional payments will be made for wrist action.

Question: Special Provisions Section States: All excavators shall be equipped with thumbs. No additional payment will be made for thumbs. However, on the Proposal Schedule of Items (Page 12), "Required" does not have a thumb listed. Is a thumb required?

Response: Revised "Special Provisions, Wheeled Excavator with Forestry Mulcher, Dated July 18, 2025". Removes requirement "All Excavators shall be equipped with thumbs. Excavators may be equipped with or without wrist action. No additional payments will be made for thumb.

Consider this change (these changes) and information prior to submitting your bid on **August 6, 2025**.

Sincerely,



George M. A. Macdougall P.E.
Contracts & Specifications Engineer

SPECIAL PROVISION

Wheeled Excavator with Forestry Mulcher 22,000-40,000

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION SHEET

Please complete the checklist for technical specifications set forth below. Each Bidder must indicate whether it can meet the technical specifications by inserting an “X” next to each specification. The “X” will demonstrate that the Bidder’s offering meets the technical specification. If a Bidder cannot meet a technical specification, then the Bidder must give an explanation for each exception and for equipment that is not available or that will be dealer installed. All explanations must be provided in detail on separate pages along with the justification as to why the alternative equipment or deliverables will be as good as the equipment or deliverables described in the detailed specifications for desired items. A copy of the vendor specification proposal must be provided. Following these instructions is essential for proper bid evaluation. If a Bidder fails to provide requested information or if information on a quote is found to be false or misleading, the quote will be rejected as unresponsive.

The following abbreviations must be used by interested Bidders:

- X Meeting Specification**
- N/A Not Available**
- DI Dealer Installed**
- AE Approved equal process**

SPECIAL PROVISIONS

WHEELED EXCAVATOR with FORESTRY MULCHER: 22,000 lbs. – 40,000 lbs.

The excavator with forestry mulcher specifications and terms are as follows:

- ___ Operating weight must be not less than 22,000 pounds and not more than 40,000 pounds.
- ___ Minimum of 36” forestry mulcher with carbide teeth.
- ___ Each excavator must come with 12 replacement teeth for the forestry mulcher.
- ___ Minimum of 24’ reach to include the forestry attachment.
- ___ Excavator must have a minimum of 95 hp.
- ___ Excavator must be no older than (5) five years nor have more than 3000 hours.
- ___ Each excavator must come with a minimum 30” quick change digging bucket with teeth.
- ___ Each excavator must come with a minimum 48” ditching cleanout bucket.
- ___ Brush hog type of mowers will not be accepted.
- ___ Machine working hydraulic horsepower shall be 1.5 times greater than mulcher head requires.
- ___ Shall be able to mulch up to 6-inch trees.

- _____ Each excavator must come with a dozer blade.
- _____ Excavator transport width must not exceed 8'6".
- _____ Excavator must have air conditioning.
- _____ Each excavator must have interior mounted rear-view mirror and two (2) exterior side mirrors.
- _____ Each excavator must have windshield washer.
- _____ Buckets must have an OSHA approved lift hook or lift loop on all buckets.
- _____ Equipment shall have a system to accept a padlock to securely lock a battery disconnect switch in the off position and comply with MaineDOT lock-out/tag-out safety policy.
- _____ Excavator must be equipped with pilot controls and pattern select.
- _____ All factory installed safety equipment shall be in place and operational.
- _____ The Contractor must provide to the Department, a completed Lessor's certificate a minimum of 3 weeks prior to delivery.
- _____ Equipment must have temporary registrations valid until the Department can get the equipment registered.
- _____ Each machine must have a valid State of Maine inspection sticker through the term of the rental.
- _____ Equipment must have 360 degree strobe light with minimum of 1,000,000 candle power, and license plate bracket.

The Department will provide the following:

Registration and Insurance.
Daily fuel, oil and grease.

Bidders should complete and submit these technical specification sheets and vehicle description/specifications with the bid package.