



Airport Maintenance – Forklift RFB

The Tri-Cities Airport Authority (TCAA) (Owner) is soliciting bids from qualified dealers to supply one (1) Forklift for the Airport Maintenance department. Bids will be received until 2:00 PM, Local Eastern Time, on May 15, 2026, at the Tri-Cities Airport, Blountville, TN in the Main Terminal Building Board Room 301.

Copies of this Request for Bids (RFB) will be available on the Airport’s website at <https://flytri.com/business/about-tcaa/construction-development/>.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids, to waive any/all informalities and technicalities in the bids received, to the extent permitted by applicable law, and to accept any bids which, in its sole discretion, is in the best interest of the Owner, if permitted by applicable law. All bids must comply with applicable local, state, and federal laws.

Bids are required to remain open for acceptance or rejection for a period of ninety (90) days after bid opening. The Owner will notify the successful bidder with a written, Notice of Award, no later than thirty (30) days after TDOT State Grant approval. If the Owner and apparent successful bidder cannot determine a date to furnish the required equipment, within ten (10) days after the Notice of Award is issued and has been received, the Owner may annul the bid.

Bidding Instructions

Bids must be submitted by email to Ethan Ingram, Assistant Supervisor of Maintenance, at ingram@flytri.com with a subject heading of “Airport Maintenance – Forklift RFB”, or by mail to the address listed below with the vendor name and project title on the exterior of the envelope. A contact name, along with their email and phone number, must be included in each bid.

Bids must be in lump sum amount containing all associated costs, including shipping, and exclude all taxes. In addition to the lump sum amount, bids should also include a detailed cost breakdown of all associated costs. The TCAA is a tax-exempt entity with the selected bidder being provided with a copy of the TCAA State of Tennessee Government Certificate of Exemption.

Please contact Ethan Ingram, Assistant Supervisor of Maintenance, at ingram@flytri.com with any questions.

Mailing Address:

Tri-Cities Airport Authority
Attn: Ethan Ingram
2525 Highway 75, Suite 301
Blountville, TN 37617



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RFB Schedule

The estimated cost will require the TCAA’s board to approve the purchase at the April 25th board meeting. Below is an outline of the anticipated schedule for this RFB.

ACTIVITY	DATE
RFB Issue Date	Thursday, April 30, 2026
Submission Due Date	Friday, May 15, 2026 – by 2:00 PM
Awarded Bidder Notified	Monday, May 18, 2026
TCAA Board Approval	Thursday, June 25, 2026
TDOT State Grant Approval	July 2026
Notice of Award Issued	Following Approval of TDOT State Grant

Note: All times are in Local Eastern Time

Delivery and Acceptance

Delivery shall be made to the mailing address listed in the “Bidding Instructions” section of this RFB. The odometer on the delivered vehicle shall not exceed 100 miles or hours at the time of delivery. A pre-delivery inspection must be conducted and confirmed by the manufacturer or dealership. A representative from the TCAA must be present at the time of delivery and delivery arrangements shall be made prior to delivery.

No vehicle shall be accepted without all supporting documentation having been completed and delivered with the vehicle, which will include completed Tennessee title transfer “Tri-Cities Airport Authority”, registration, Tennessee government license plates, warranty documents, odometer statement (if applicable), owner operating instructions, manuals and invoice.

Specifications

1. All specs are to be like or similar on bids.
2. 8,000 lb lift capacity
3. UL Rating - UL Rated Type LP
4. Brakes - Oil-Cooled Disc Brakes
5. Tires - outdoor solid tires
6. Mast - 3-Stage Full Free Triple Wide View MFH 185" OAL 92" FFH 62"
7. Tilt Cylinders - 8° Forward / 8° Back
8. Side shifter - Integral Side shifting Fork Positioner 51" Wide - Class III
9. Carriage - Included with Integral Attachment
10. Forks - Hook Type - Pallet - 2.4" x 6" x 59"
11. Load Backrest



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11. Overhead Guard - 88" High
12. Hydraulic Lines - 4-Way For Side shifting Fork Positioner
13. Hydraulic Control Valve - 4 Section with 4 Levers
14. Mirrors - Large Rear-View Mirrors
15. Seat - Vinyl Suspension Seat with Hip Restraint
16. Direction Control - Standard - Lever Direction Control
17. Grab Bar - Rear Grab Bar with Horn Button
18. LP Tank Cradle - Standard Mounting
19. Warning Lights - Strobe - Amber - Mounted Below OHG
20. Warning Device - Back-Up Alarm
21. Front Work Lights - (2) Front Flood Lights - LED
22. Rear Work Lights - (1) Rear Flood Light - LED
23. Warranty - Standard 2 Year / 3,000 Hour, Powertrain 3 Year / 6,000 Hour, OCDB 5 Year / 10,000 Hour
24. Heavy Duty Cooling
25. Steering Wheel Knob
26. Speed Control with Auto Shift Controller