



Airport Maintenance – Service Van RFB

The Tri-Cities Airport Authority (TCAA) (Owner) is soliciting bids from qualified dealers to supply one (1) Service van for the Airport Maintenance department. Bids will be received until 2:00 PM, Local Eastern Time, on August 14, 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 eingram@flytri.com with a subject heading of "Airport Maintenance – Service Van 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 eingram@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 estimate cost will require the TCAA’s board to approve the purchase at the August 27th board meeting. Below is an outline of the anticipated schedule for this RFB.

ACTIVITY	DATE
RFB Issue Date	Monday, July 6, 2026
Submission Due Date	Friday, August 14, 2026 – by 2:00 PM
Awarded Bidder Notified	Monday, August 17, 2026
TCAA Board Approval	Thursday, August 27, 2026
TDOT State Grant Approval	October 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 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

General Requirements

1. All specs following general requirements are to be like or similar on bids.
2. Three (3) sets of keys and fobs

Van Model Options

1. 2026 Express 3500 cutaway
2. 6.6L V8 Engine
3. 8-speed automatic transmission
4. 139” wheelbase

5. Exterior Color: Summit white
6. Interior Color: Medium pewter
7. Seats: Front bucket with Custom Cloth trim, head restraints and inboard armrests
8. Remote keyless entry
9. GVWR: 9,900 LBS
10. Vinyl sunshade
11. Rear axle ratio – 3.42
12. Fully automatic rear locking differential
13. Heavy duty battery
14. Outside temperature display
15. Trailering wire harness
16. Bluetooth / AM /FM radio
17. Power windows
18. Power locks
19. Cruise control
20. Steering column tilt
21. Chrome grill
22. Chrome bumper
23. Mid-stance sail panel mounted mirrors
24. Additional 3-gallon fuel
25. Rear multi leaf suspension

Service Bed Options

1. KUV129SL or equivalent
2. Automotive style rivet-less rotary latches
3. Automotive door seals
4. Galvanneal corrugated steel floor
5. Standard shelving package
6. ABS cab partition with sliding door and window
7. Rear access door, both rear end panels
8. Underlap rear door inside release handle
9. Galva-grip bumper with step well and liner
10. Master locking system
11. LED surface mount lights with rear strobe lights
12. Solid rear doors
13. Grab handle at right rear
14. Two dome lights switched at rear
15. Backup camera
16. Corrosion coat protection
17. Body undercoat



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18. Exterior and interior color white
19. Class V receiver hitch with 2.5" tube
20. 7- and 4-way trailer plug
21. LED compartment lights
22. Double drop-down ladder rack stowed in cargo area
23. Power locks
24. Upper side doors with 3-point twist latch
25. Rear doors with glass & guards
26. 3,000-watt inverter kit
27. Vise bracket on rear bumper
28. Combination 6" jaw vise
29. Drawer unit
30. E-track low and high
31. Spray line cargo area back and floor
32. Shelf divider for all vertical and horizontal pull-out shelves