

**HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
FINANCIAL SERVICES DIVISION  
PURCHASING UNIT  
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FOR  
RFP NO. 27-18 Airboat Purchase As of January 4, 2019 3:00 PM**

**Question #1:** Are we doing a complete  $\frac{3}{4}$  deck or will it just have a 10" walk board down each side?

**Answer #1:** The HCSO is requesting a complete  $\frac{3}{4}$  deck over starting at the bow and extending between the front bench and operator seats, including a 10" walk-around that extends to the transom.

**Question #2:** Specs call for counter rotating propellers, my question is will we be using a century belt drive counter rotating reduction unit or will it be a rotator counter rotating assembly?

**Answer #2:** The HCSO will accept Proposals on either style. Proposers may submit multiple responses if they choose to quote both styles.

**Question #3:** Airboat Construction, v, How many and what size of Bottom Stiffeners in bottom of hull?

.190 Gussets welded on every T-Bar (bottom stiffener) at transom?

**Answer #3:** Per Special Provisions (Part B), Paragraph 9, "Proposers should submit the equipment make and model they believe will offer the best performance and economic value to the HCSO. Manufacturer's specification sheets shall be furnished with your Proposal Response. Justify your choice of equipment with references to the elements you considered in making your recommendation."

**Question #4:** Airboat Construction, vi, Clarify  $\frac{3}{4}$  deck – generally speaking the bow cap is 36" to 40"- and you would not need the 10" walk-around on each side of the hull?

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**Question #5:** Airboat Construction, viii, 10" wide walk-around on each side of the airboat hull would start at the bow cap?

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**Question #6:** Polymer, i, Specify if the  $\frac{3}{8}$ " polymer will be installed with stainless steel counter sink screws, riveted, or nut and bolted?

**Answer #6:** The Polymer shall be riveted to the airboat.

**Question #7:** Polymer, ii, Specify if the  $\frac{1}{4}$ " polymer will be installed with stainless steel counter sink screws, riveted, or nut & bolted?

**Answer #7:** The Polymer shall be riveted to the airboat.

**Question #8:** Seating, vii. Specify if the stainless steel construction will be square or round tubing?

**Answer #8:** Stainless steel construction shall be Round Tubing.

**Question #9:** Grass Rake, Recommend covered nose roll on front of grass rake?

**Answer #9:** Per Special Provisions (Part B), Paragraph 9, "Proposers should submit the equipment make and model they believe will offer the best performance and economic value to the HCSO. Manufacturer's specification sheets shall be furnished with your Proposal Response. Justify your choice of equipment with references to the elements you considered in making your recommendation."

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**Question #10:** Engine, i, EPA regulations require engines be EPA Certified (see attached certification) which would include: Fuel Injection Throttle.

**Answer #10:** Per General Terms and Conditions (Part A), Paragraph 15, "The Proposer is required to be familiar with all federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules, codes and regulations that in any manner affect the Work."

**Question #11:** Propellers, i, Specify type and size of props.

**Answer #11:** Per Special Provisions (Part B), Paragraph 9, "Proposers should submit the equipment make and model they believe will offer the best performance and economic value to the HCSO. Manufacturer's specification sheets shall be furnished with your Proposal Response. Justify your choice of equipment with references to the elements you considered in making your recommendation."

**Question #12:** Trailer, Specify if trailer is aluminum or galvanized.

**Answer #12:** Trailer should be aluminum and meet all specifications identified in Technical Specifications (Part C), Paragraph 3.

**Question #13:** Trailer, US Department of Transportation requires brakes on both axles.

**Answer #13:** Per Technical Specifications (Part C), Paragraph 3i, "Trailer shall meet all US Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration requirements, and must include capacity labels."

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**Question #14:** Oil cooler, ii, Recommend braided oil lines with AN fittings – stainless braided lines will usually show signs of rust.

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