



Whitehouse

Type 1 Ambulance

Whitehouse Fire Department

Date April 22, 2026

Village of Whitehouse
6925 Providence Street
Whitehouse, Ohio 43571

Date: April 22, 2026

Subject: Invitation for Bids – Type I Ambulance

Dear Prospective Bidders,

The Village of Whitehouse is soliciting competitive sealed bids for the purchase of one (1) Type I Ambulance.

Bidders shall provide and hand deliver a complete proposal that includes the total cost of the unit, including all associated expenses such as vehicle purchase, decals/graphics, pre-wiring, delivery, and any other applicable charges necessary to provide a fully operational ambulance in accordance with the specifications.

Bid Submission Details

Submission Deadline: May 6, 2026 @ 1:00 p.m. EST.

Submission Address:

Village of Whitehouse Municipal Building
6925 Providence Street
Whitehouse, Ohio 43571

Bid Opening

Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud as follows:

Date and Time: May 6, 2026 @ 1:00 p.m. EST.

Location:

Village of Whitehouse Municipal Building
6925 Providence Street
Whitehouse, Ohio 43571

The Village encourages all qualified vendors to submit bids in accordance with the specifications and requirements outlined in this bid package.

Questions regarding this bid may be directed to:

Jason Francis

Fire Chief

Phone: (419) 877-0363

Email: jfrancis@whitehouseoh.gov

Thank you for your interest in supporting the Village of Whitehouse and its emergency medical services operations.

Sincerely,

Jason Francis

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Introduction:

The Village of Whitehouse is requesting proposals from qualified vendors for the purchase of one (1) **Type I Ambulance**.

This unit will support a fire-based EMS system responding to approximately 750 EMS calls annually, including approximately 550 ALS and BLS transports. The department seeks a durable, safety-focused ambulance with enhanced ride quality, long service life, and optimized ergonomics for both patient care and provider safety.

Intent of Specifications:

Village of Whitehouse is seeking bids for the purchase of the following:

2026 or newer Type 1 Ambulance

Bid Format:

Bids must be typewritten or clearly printed in ink. All bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope and hand delivered in accordance with the Village of Whitehouse bidding procedures.

Signature on Bids:

Bids must be signed in ink by an authorized representative of the bidder. A signature on a submitted bid certifies that the bidder has read and fully understands all specifications, terms, and conditions.

Bid Withdrawals:

Bids may be withdrawn in writing on company letterhead signed by an authorized representative. A letter of withdrawal must be received by the Village of Whitehouse prior to the bid deadline. Bids may also be withdrawn in person prior to the bid closing time upon presentation of appropriate identification.

Exceptions:

These specifications are based on design and performance criteria established by the Fire Chief through research and operational analysis.

All bids shall include a complete set of detailed manufacturer's specifications.

All required bid forms and information must be completed and submitted with the proposal. Failure to do so may result in the bid being deemed non-responsive.

All deviations from these specifications, no matter how minor, must be clearly identified. Each deviation shall reference the applicable specification page and be submitted with the bid.

The Village reserves the right to reject any bid containing deviations that are determined to be material or that do not meet the intent of these specifications.

Proposals found to contain unlisted deviations may be rejected.

Any model or accessory proposed shall meet or exceed all applicable National Fire Protection Association NFPA 1900 and Society of Automotive Engineers standards in effect at the time of bid submission.

Any attempt by the bidder to misrepresent, conceal, or provide misleading information regarding the equipment proposed may result in rejection of the bid.

Late Bids:

Any bid received after the specified closing time will not be opened or considered and will be returned to the bidder unopened.

Ambulance Bid Specifications:**Standards Compliance:**

The ambulance shall meet or exceed all applicable standards:

- National Fire Protection Association NFPA 1900 (current edition), including all sections applicable to mobile patient care units (ambulances)
- Applicable Society of Automotive Engineers standards

Vehicle Type and Chassis:

- Type: Type I (truck-based modular ambulance)
- Chassis: Ford F-550 (or equivalent medium-duty chassis meeting or exceeding these specifications)
- Diesel engine
- 4x4 drivetrain
- Minimum GVWR: 19,500 lbs (higher preferred consistent with F-550 platform)
- High-output alternator

Suspension and Ride Quality:

- Ambulance shall be equipped with a full liquid or adaptive suspension system on the rear axle
- Suspension system must:
 - Improve ride stability
 - Reduce vibration and road shock
 - Enhance patient comfort
 - Reduce crew fatigue and injury risk

- Systems comparable to Liquid Spring Smart Suspension are considered acceptable
- Traditional spring suspension systems without adaptive or liquid enhancement will be considered non-compliant with these specifications.

Module Construction:

The module shall be designed for durability and long-term structural integrity:

- All-aluminum construction (no wood structural components)
- Fully welded body construction
- Integrated structural design to reduce flex and long-term fatigue
- Seamless or near-seamless exterior skin
- Interior height minimum 72 inches
- Smooth, antimicrobial interior surfaces

Structural Integrity & Warranty:

- Lifetime structural warranty strongly preferred. Proposals offering less than a 30-year structural warranty may be considered non-responsive.
- Reinforced module-to-chassis mounting system
- Design minimizing stress points and long-term body separation

Safety & Occupant Protection:

- Advanced occupant protection system
- NFPA-compliant seating and restraints
- Electronic Stability Control
- ABS braking system
- Backup camera system
- Enhanced side-impact protection

Patient Compartment:

- Squad bench, Airway, and CPR seat
- Cot mounting system compatible with:
 - Stryker Power-LOAD
- Onboard Oxygen system
- Onboard suction
- LED lighting (multi-mode)
- HVAC system capable of maintaining consistent temperature in extreme conditions
- Antimicrobial, non-porous surfaces

Preference for:

- Radius cabinetry
- Reduced sharp edges

- Ergonomic workflow design

Electrical System:

- Minimum 1,000W inverter
- Shoreline auto-eject system
- Battery management system
- LED lighting throughout
- Multiple charging outlets (120V and 12V)

Storage & Ergonomics:

- Optional Dual-side exterior access compartments
- Optional Slide-out trays for heavy equipment
- Organized interior storage

Preference for layouts that:

- Minimize lifting strain
- Improve efficiency during patient care
- Reduce unnecessary movement

Communications & Technology:

- Pre-wired for radios and MDT
- Antenna mounts installed
- Prewired for Knox Med Vault

Warranty & Service:

- Minimum 3-year module warranty
- Structural warranty (lifetime preferred)
- Chassis warranty per manufacturer
- Vendor must provide service support accessible to Northwest Ohio

Delivery Requirements:

- Vendors must provide estimated delivery timeline
- Target delivery: Within 24 months of date of order
- All deliveries shall be F.O.B. destination, with all transportation and handling charges prepaid by the Contractor.
- Responsibility and liability for loss or damage shall remain with the Contractor until final inspection and acceptance by the Whitehouse Fire Department.
- Upon final inspection and formal acceptance, responsibility shall transfer to the Department, except in cases of latent defects, fraud, or warranty obligations, which shall remain the responsibility of the Contractor.

Warranties:

Unless otherwise stated, the vehicle chassis shall be new, current production and shall carry all standard manufacturer warranties. The patient module shall be new, current production and shall carry a minimum thirty (30) year structural warranty, with lifetime structural warranty strongly preferred.

The contractor warrants that all equipment and materials provided under this contract shall be free from defects in workmanship, materials, and manufacture, and shall conform to the specifications outlined in this bid.

All warranty documentation shall be included with the bid submission.

Service and Warranty Support:

To ensure adequate post-delivery support, the bidder must be capable of providing factory-authorized service.

The bidder shall:

- Identify the location of the authorized service center
- Confirm that the service center employs factory-trained personnel
- Provide a detailed description of how warranty and service work will be performed, including expected turnaround times
- Identify any mobile service capabilities, if available

Preference may be given to vendors with service capabilities located within a reasonable distance of Northwest Ohio.

Submission Requirements:

Bidders shall provide the following:

- Detailed specifications
- Itemized pricing
- Build timeline
- Warranty documentation
- Service support plan

Pricing shall be provided on the attached Bid Form. The proposal shall include unit pricing for all requested items. Any additional costs shall be clearly identified.

All pricing shall include delivery and shipping costs.

Bid prices shall remain valid for a minimum of six (6) months from the bid opening date.

Non-Responsive Bids:

The Village of Whitehouse reserves the right to deem any bid non-responsive if it fails to meet the material requirements of these specifications, including but not limited to:

- Failure to meet chassis requirements
- Failure to provide required suspension system
- Failure to meet structural construction requirements
- Failure to disclose deviations
- Incomplete or missing required documentation

The Village reserves the right to reject any bid that, in its sole judgment, does not meet the intent of these specifications.

Method of Award:

These specifications are intended to describe the minimum requirements of the Village of Whitehouse and are not intended to restrict competition.

The Village of Whitehouse reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informalities or irregularities in any bid, and to accept the bid deemed to be the lowest and best in accordance with applicable Ohio law.

The Village does not intend to award the contract solely on the basis of the lowest price. In evaluating bids, consideration will be given to the overall value of the proposal, including operational safety, quality of construction, and long-term life cycle costs.

Selection of the successful bidder will be based upon, but not limited to, an evaluation of the following criteria (listed in no particular order):

1. Compliance with specifications
2. Ride quality and suspension system
3. Structural design and durability
4. Cost and long-term value
5. Safety and ergonomics
6. Vendor reputation and service support
7. Delivery timeline

Optional Equipment:

Optional equipment shall be clearly identified and priced separately from the base bid. The Village reserves the right to accept or reject any optional equipment as part of the final award.

BID FORM – TYPE I AMBULANCE PROCUREMENT

**THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED FOR THE BID TO BE ACCEPTED.
IF NOT COMPLETED, THE BID WILL BE CONSIDERED NON-RESPONSIVE AND
NOT CONSIDERED.**

MANUFACTURER / BUILDER:

TOTAL BASE BID PRICE (TYPE I AMBULANCE):

\$ _____

CHASSIS INFORMATION

- Manufacturer (e.g., Ford): _____
 - Model (F-550 or equivalent): _____
 - Engine Type (Diesel): _____
 - Drivetrain (4x4): Yes / No
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SUSPENSION SYSTEM

- Suspension Type (Liquid/Adaptive): _____
 - Manufacturer: _____
 - Model/System Name: _____
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MODULE CONSTRUCTION

- Construction Type (e.g., welded aluminum): _____
 - Structural Warranty Term: _____
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DELIVERY

- Estimated Delivery Time (Months): _____
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OPTION PRICING (Total)

(All optional equipment must be listed separately)

Description	Price
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Optional Equipment #1 \$ _____	
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Optional Equipment #2 \$ _____	
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Optional Equipment #3 \$ _____	
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(Attach additional pages if necessary)

EXCEPTIONS

(Any deviations from specifications must be listed below. If none, state "None.")

SERVICE SUPPORT

- Authorized Service Center Location: _____
- Distance from Whitehouse, Ohio: _____

BIDDER INFORMATION

Bidder's Name: _____

Person Submitting Bid: _____

Signature: _____

Bidder's Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____