

Bid Title	Laser Cutter
Bid #	RFP#03142025
Question	<p>Looking to Chat with someone who can assist me with this Bid I am looking to bid on. I am not sure if we can get on a call as I have a few questions on the forms I am filling out.</p> <p>We are not a BEP company, and we do not work with any sub-contractors. We manufacture equipment and will setup a truck and then it's the customers responsibility to offload the machine and have their electrician hook it to power.</p> <p>I want to make sure I know how to proceed with this since those forms from page 8-16 will not have anything to do with us manufacturing the machine.</p> <p>If I can get a call from someone my number is XXX-XXX-XXXX.</p>
Answer	<p>This is something that the State requires me to add for bids. It is a program that companies need to apply to and get certification for. Ideally, it would be better for us to have all vendor be BEP Certified, but being so rural, very few vendors actually certify. We are more likely to find vendors closer to Chicago. Not to mention the process is cumbersome. Below is a blurb regarding BEP.</p> <p>A "BEP Certified Vendor" refers to a business that has been certified by the "Business Enterprise Program" (BEP) in the state of Illinois, meaning it is primarily owned and controlled by individuals who identify as minorities, women, or people with disabilities, allowing them to participate in government contracts aimed at promoting diversity in procurement.</p> <p>Tom</p>
Question	<p>We offer three types of fully enclosed laser cutters:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Single-table with side access – The table moves out from the left side for loading, then moves back in. (Floor space: 14 (l) x 13 (w) ft) 2. Single-table with front access – Allows loading parts through the front door. (Floor space: 14 x 7 ft) 3. Dual-table shuttle system – One table remains inside during operation while the other is outside at the back for preparation. (Floor space: 24 x 7 ft) <p>Please let us know which option you prefer so we can send you the appropriate quote. Note: We recommend Option #1 in general.</p>
Answer	<p>Option 1 please</p> <p>Thanks for asking!</p> <p>Tom</p>
Question	<p>This is to request some information on this solicitation as you have mentioned no substitutions accepted and there is no specific brand/model mentioned in the document. Please guide me on this so we can quote you accordingly.</p>

Answer	<p>Thank you for your inquiry regarding the bid for the Laser Cutter. The bid requirements does not provide a specific brand or model requirement. It does provide a list of specifications and accessories that must be met.</p> <p>Laser Cutter includes standard equipment of the following requirements: (place a checkmark in the column to the left of each item that meets requirements)</p> <p>Must also include these accessories:</p> <p>2kw Fiber Laser 5 x 10 Process Area Fully Enclosed Cutting Area 3000 Inch Per Minute Minimum Rapid Traverse Speed +/- .002" Repeatability Minimum U.S. Based Technical Support 208 Single or 3 Phase Power Other: Please Describe</p> <p>I hope that this answers your question.</p> <p>Tom</p>
Question	<p>Please describe no substitution accepted. Do you mean the bid forms?</p> <p>Should we offer an equal CNC Press Brake and a Laser Cutter?</p>
Answer	<p>The posting for these items' states "No Substitutions Accepted." For items that have that statement, it means that only bids for the specific brand, model, part number, and/or with the other requirements listed will be considered. We are not considering similar or equivalent products.</p>
Question	<p>Will rigging services be needed as part of the delivery of the machine?</p> <p>Most of our college and university partners do not request rigging; yet I do like to confirm</p>
Answer	<p>We do have a rigging company that we do business with. If you would like to include rigging, please have it be as a separate line item. You can also say that rigging is the responsibility of McHenry County College.</p>