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TOWN OF HOWLAND

July 30, 2026

The Town of Howland is requesting bids for the purchase of a new front-end loader for the public works department. The machine will be the most recent model at the time of bid. No used or demo units will be accepted as per the bid.

Bids are to be enclosed in a sealed envelope and distinctly marked **"2026 Loader Bid"**. The deadline for receipt of any bids is **Thursday August 27, 2026 at 4:00 PM at the Howland Town Office**. The bids will be opened August 27th at 4:15 p.m. All bidders are welcome to attend. Any bids received after the August 27th 4pm deadline will not be considered. Bidders may hand deliver or mail their bids, but the envelope must clearly be marked **"2026 Loader Bid"**. The Town of Howland will post a bid tabulation upon Town Selectmen action. The Howland Selectmen reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities that may arise.

For further information, please contact David Lloyd, Town Manager, at 471-6400 or manager@howlandmaine.org. The mailing address is contained in the letterhead above. Thank you for your interest.

David Lloyd

Town Manager
Town of Howland

THIS IS NOT AN ORDER

DATE ISSUED: 08/3/2026

1 (ONE) 3 YARD 4-WHEEL DRIVE LOADER FOR PUBLIC WORKS

SEALED BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE TOWN MANAGERS OFFICE AND MUST BE Received prior to AUGUST 27, 2026 @ 4PM. THE BID OPENING Will BE ON August 27th AT 4:15 PM. AT THE HOWLAND TOWN OFFICE LOCATED AT 10 BRIDGE ROAD HOWLAND Maine 04448.

THIS WILL BE A PUBLIC BID OPENING.

EMAILED AND/OR FAXED BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

LATE BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

ALL QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BID SHOULD BE DIRECTED IN WRITING TO DAVID LLOYD, TOWN MANAGER AT 207-471-6400 OR EMAIL manager@howlandmaine.com

THE PREFERRED METHOD IS VIA EMAIL.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: IF YOU RECEIVED THIS SOLICITATION FROM THE TOWN'S WEBSITE, YOU MUST REGISTER WITH THE TOWN MANAGER TO RECEIVE SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS.

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

CONTRACT INTENT: This Invitation to Bid (ITB) is intended to result in the purchase of 1 (ONE) 3-CUBIC YARD BUCKET 4 WHEEL DRIVE LOADER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD: After the responses to this ITB have been opened and evaluated, a tabulation of the bids will be prepared. It lists the name of each company or person that offered a bid and the price they bid. It may also provide notice of the Town's intent to award purchase order number(s) to the bidder(s) indicated. A copy of the Bid Tabulation will be emailed to each company or person who responded to the ITB. Bidders identified for award do not proceed until a Purchase Order, Contract Award, Lease, or some other form of written notice is given by the Town Manager. A company or person who proceeds prior to receiving a Purchase Order Number, Contract Award, or some other form of written notice from the Town Manager does so without a contract and at their own risk.

PAYMENT FOR TOWN PURCHASES: Payment for agreements for the undisputed purchase of goods or services provided to the Town will be made within 30 days of receipt of a proper

billing or the delivery of the goods or services to the location(s) specified in the agreement, whichever is later.

FEDERAL EXCISE TAX: The Town is exempt from all Federal Excise Tax.

STATE SALES TAX: The Town is exempt from all State of Maine Sales Tax.

INSURANCE: Proof of insurance is required for the following: The contractor shall furnish proof of adequate insurance coverage. Certificates of such insurance and copies of the actual policies shall be filed with the Town Manager within five (5) days following notification of the Bid Award.

BRAND AND MODEL OFFERED: Specifications may contain certain brand names that may or may not be proprietary. Bidders are encouraged to propose their company's approved alternate to such items and list them accordingly. The Town will not disqualify a bid if it offers items not specific but meets minimum requirements to the Town's Bid Specifications.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION: The Town strongly desires that bidders submit all required technical, specification, and other supporting information with their bid, so that a detailed analysis and determination can be made, by the Town Manager that the product offered meets the ITB specifications and that other requirements of the ITB have been met. The Town reserves the right to request supplemental information from the bidder, after the bids have been opened, to ensure that the products offered completely meet the ITB requirements. The requirement for such supplemental information will be at the reasonable discretion of the Town and may include the requirement that a bidder will provide a sample product(s) so that the Town can make a first-hand examination and determination.

NEW EQUIPMENT: Equipment offered in response to this ITB must be new equipment. New equipment means equipment that is currently in production by the manufacturer and is still the latest model, edition or version, generally offered. The equipment must be warranted as new by July 27, 2026. the manufacturer and may not have been used for any purpose, other than display (not demonstration), prior to its sale to the Town. The Town will not accept remanufactured, used, or reconditioned equipment. It is the contractor's responsibility to ensure that each piece of equipment delivered to the Town complies with this requirement. A contractor's failure to comply with this requirement will cause the Town to seek remedies under breach of contract. The Equipment offered must have been for sale to the general public for a period of not less than five years.

ACCESSORIES: When accessories are supplied, they must be certified to be compatible with the rest of the equipment. Certification will be written evidence satisfactory to the

Town that the accessories are compatible. The bidder's failure to supply this evidence within the time required by the Town will cause the Town to consider the bid non-responsive and reject the bid.

INSPECTION: Equipment offered will be subject to inspection and approval by the Town prior to payment. The equipment and attachments must be in good repair and capable of performing the work for which they were designed.

ALTERATIONS: The awarded bidder must obtain written approval from the Town Manager prior to making any alterations to the agreed upon specifications (post-award) contained in this ITB or subsequent contract. The Town will not pay for alterations that are not approved in advance and in writing by the Town.

ITEM UPGRADES: The Town reserves the right to accept upgrades to models on the basic contract when the upgrades improve the way the equipment operates or improve the accuracy of the equipment. Such upgraded items must be at the same price as the items in the basic contract.

DELIVERY: Indicate, in the space provided under "Bid Schedule", the time required to make delivery after receipt of an order.

F.O.B. POINT: The F.O.B. point for all items purchased under this bid is the final destination within the Town of Howland. Ownership of and title to the ordered items remains with the contractor until the items have been delivered to their final destination and are accepted by the Town.

PARTS BOOKS AND MAINTENANCE MANUALS: Parts books and maintenance manuals must be provided at the same time that the equipment is delivered, preferably in Electronic Version (CD, PDF, etc.). The cost of the parts books and maintenance manuals is to be included in the bid price of the equipment.

WORKMANSHIP & MATERIALS: All work must be performed in a thorough and workmanlike manner and in accordance with current industry practices. The contractor will be held responsible for the quality of the finished item. The Town will reject any item that does not meet the agreed upon specifications of the ITB (post award). Rejected items will be returned to the contractor at the contractor's risk and expense.

BID SUBMISSION: At or before the appointed date and time, all bidders must submit a completed Specifications Form and completed Bid Form. Although not required, bidders are encouraged to submit additional supporting information that may assist the Town in evaluating the bid and compliance with the technical specifications.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Bidders are encouraged to provide additional supplementary information with their bid if it serves to clarify the bid submission and assists the Town in the evaluation of the bids. In particular, this may assist the Town in determining the equivalency of alternative bid items.

EVALUATION CRITERIA: The Town intends to evaluate each bid based on the following specifications. The bid which meets these specifications best will be the lowest, most responsive bid. Alternate proposals to the specifications listed below should be noted so that the Town may make a fair assessment of the bid. ALTERNATE SPECIFICATIONS WHICH ARE CLEARLY STATED WILL NOT DISQUALIFY A BIDDER.

CONTRACT CANCELLATION: The Town reserves the right to cancel the contract at its convenience by giving written notice to the contractor. The Town is liable only for payment in accordance with the payment provisions of this contract for services or supplies provided before the effective date of termination August 27th 2026 The Town of Howland reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids when it is deemed in the best interest of the Town.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

ALL inquiries or requests concerning this Invitation to Bid shall be made in writing and must be received before the close of business two days prior to the bid opening to the Attention of David Lloyd, Town Manager by fax (207 471-6403) or email to manager@howlandmaine.com. The Town is not responsible for oral interpretations given by any Town employee, representative or other.

3 YARD 4-WHEEL DRIVE LOADER

	Yes	No
ENGINE		
Six Cylinder, turbocharged diesel designed and built by the manufacturer		
Engine shall be Tier 4 final		
Engine net peak power shall be no less than 165 HP		
Engine shall be no less than 7.1 liters or equal		
Equipped with a minimum 5 gallon DEF tank		
Fuel system shall be high-pressure common rail		
Daily fluid checkpoints shall be from one side at ground level		
Under hood air cleaner shall be dry type dual element with restriction gauge in cab		
Access to the engine will be open from both sides with full access service doors		
Engine shall have no less than a 10-micron rated primary fuel filter with water separator		
The unit shall have an auto-idle, auto-shutdown feature for the engine		
Unit shall be equipped with an engine block heater for starting aid in cold weather		
Cooling	Yes	No
Unit shall have a proportionally controlled, hydraulically driven engine fan		
The unit shall have two-sided access to all coolers		
Air intake shall be pre-screened for each cooling component		
The cooling system shall be isolated from the engine compartment		
Unit shall have a coolant recovery tank provided		
Fluid levels should be easily checked by sight gauges or overflow tank		
Power Train	Yes	No
Unit shall have a torque-converter, power shift transmission with 4 forward, 4 reverse gears, or equal to		
The transmission shall be electronically controlled, adaptive, with load and speed-dependent shift modulation		
Shift modes shall be manual, auto to 1st or 2nd, kick down or kick up		
Unit shall have a steering column or joystick mounted F-N-R and gear select lever and kick-down button on the hydraulic bucket lever. Will also have a quick shift feature that allows push button gear changes, one gear at a time.		
The unit shall have a transmission fluid sight gauge visible from ground level		
Transmission filter restriction shall be displayed in the cab of the machine		

AXLES AND BRAKES		
	Yes	No
The final drives shall be heavy-duty planetary gears		
The loader shall have two brake pedals with an activation switch to allow the left brake pedal to switch between a brake neutralizer or brake-only function		
The service brake shall be hydraulically actuated, inboard or outboard sun gear shaft mounted, oil-cooled self-adjusting, single or multiple discs, and sealed from water, mud, and dust contamination. Open to atmosphere brake pads or shoes are not acceptable.		
The dipstick and fill port shall be at the top of the axle.		
The front axle shall be hydraulically actuated, disc clutch style locking differential or limited-slip differential.		
Hydraulic System		
	Yes	No
The hydraulic system shall be pressure compensating load sensing for reduced fuel consumption and better fluid heating compared to open center hydraulic systems		
The hydraulic tank to have a minimum of 25-gallon capacity		
The unit will be provided with an automatic return to dig to level the attachment.		
The unit will be provided with an adjustable automatic boom height kick out.		
The unit will be provided with an adjustable automatic boom return to carry Control.		
The unit shall be equipped with a single lever joystick, or single-axis fingertip electrohydraulic control		
A sight gauge will be provided for checking the hydraulic fluid reservoir.		
Ride control, automatic with adjustable settings		
Two programable multi-function buttons. Enough aux. functions for V plow		
Hydraulics to be plumbed to front of machine with additional hydraulic valve installed for plowing operations.		
All auxiliary hydraulic functions shall have the ability to be adjustable and continuous		
Electrical		
	Yes	No
Two batteries shall be included, 12 volt, 950 CCA with a reserve of 200 min		
The electrical system shall be 24 volts with a min of 125-amp alternator.		
The unit shall have a solid-state electrical power distribution system using circuit board technology and solid-state switching		
All electrical connectors to be sealed from harsh environmental conditions.		
The unit shall be provided with a lockable master disconnect switch easily accessible for maintenance		

	Yes	No
The unit shall be pre-wired and a low-profile LED warning light installed on the roof of the cab and on/off switch installed in the cab.		
The unit shall be equipped with all LED lighting; This unit is often used at night so best LED lighting possible		
The unit shall be equipped with gauges for engine coolant temperature, transmission oil temperature, hydraulic oil temperature, and engine oil pressure.		
The unit shall have a digital readout for engine rpm, odometer, transmission gear direction, speedometer, hour meter, def level, and fuel level.		
The unit shall have operator warning lights for check engine, oil pressure, engine air restriction, battery voltage, transmission filter restriction, brake pressure, hydraulic oil filter, hydraulic oil temperature, and transmission fault.		
Gauges: English speedometer with tachometer for air brake chassis. air pressure gauge, oil pressure gauge, water temperature gauge, voltage gauge, and transmission temperature gauge		
Machine will be equipped with Bluetooth compatible AM/FM Radio, climate control, heated seat for winter operations, heated mirrors.		
The unit shall have a 24v to 12v 15-amp power convertor		
Operator Station:	Yes	No
The unit shall be equipped with a cab enclosure with ROPS/FOPS protection, and be multiplane isolation mounted for noise/vibration reduction		
Unit shall a factory rearview backup camera system		
The unit shall have a 3" retractable seatbelt		
Steering wheel shall be equipped with tilt and telescope or adjustable joystick		
The cab shall have continuous and unobstructed glass from the floor for visibility in tight quarters		
The unit will come with a sun visor for the windshield		
An air ride heated seat with headrest, armrest, and independent height and weight adjustment for operator comfort in cold environments		
The cab shall have storage for the operator's manual, and a rubber floor mat		
The cab shall be equipped with cabin air filtration that is easily serviceable.		
The cab shall have heated mirrors for cold environments		
GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS	Yes	No
Unit shall be equipped with 20.5 R 25 Michelin X Snoplus tires or equal		
Unit shall be delivered with a spare tire and wheel of matching tread		
Front and rear tires shall be covered with full-width fenders		
The counterweight shall be built-in and sufficient for the plowing application		
The unit shall be supplied with a JRB coupler with locking pins controlled from the cab.		
The unit shall have an articulation locking bar		

	Yes	No
The unit shall have vandal protection with a lockable engine enclosure, counterweight storage, battery box, and filler access for radiator/fuel/hydraulic/transmission		
The unit shall have a loader boom service locking bar		
Fuel tank capacity shall be no less than 50 gallons.		
Operating weight with standard equipment, JRB coupler & 3 yard general purpose bucket with bolt-on edge, 20.5 R 25 tires, ROPS cab and a full fuel tank shall be no less than 31,000 lbs. with standard counterweights		
Bucket breakout force shall be no less than 28,000 lb. with manufacturer standard z-bar with JRB coupler GP 3-Yard bucket with bolt-on cutting edge.		
The unit shall be equipped with an auto lube system for all available grease fittings.		
Unit shall be delivered with a fire extinguisher		
Bidder will have a service facility within 50 miles of the Town of Howland		
The Town will give preference to American made machines.		
WARRANTY AND SERVICE		
The bidder will have an extended warranty for a minimum of 7 years.		
SNOWPLOW		
10' moldboard plow		
(2) 48" folding wing sections for 18' overall length		
Sectional trip edge on plow (floating edge)		
Single trip edge on wing sections		
Quick coupler to match loader		
Wiring and hoses to existing machine		
Carbide cutting edges on both main plow edge and wing edges		
Complete and installed		

TOTAL COST FOR CAB AND CHASSIS AS SPECIFIED OR AS PROPOSED BY VENDOR:

\$ _____

MAKE/MODEL: _____

GUARANTEE: _____

ESTIMATED DELIVERY DATE: _____

>>> NOTE: BID MUST BEAR THE HANDWRITTEN SIGNATURE OF A DULY AUTHORIZED
MEMBER OR EMPLOYEE OF THE ORGANIZATION MAKING THE BID.

SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____

COMPANY: _____

Corporation, Firm, or Company

ADDRESS: _____

City State ZIP

TELEPHONE : (_____) _____ FAX: (_____) _____

EMAIL: _____