

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Commercial Driving Academy Training Vehicle

Northern Maine Community College

Date: May 26, 2026

Truck Requirement: 2022 or Newer Model Year, Class 8 Semi- truck

Submission Deadline: June 12, 2026

[Northern Maine Community College](#) is seeking proposals for the purchase of one (1) Class 8 Semi- truck, model year **2022 or newer**, to support its Commercial Driving Academy to provide students with relevant industry-standard long-haul training. The vehicle must be equipped with a high-rise sleeper cab with seats for at least 4 rear passengers and/or a crew cab that will need to be modified as indicated below. This purchase will be partially funded by a grant from MJRP.

Vehicle Specifications

Dealers are invited to submit proposals on multiple vehicles that meet the College's specifications:

- **Year/Condition:** 2022 or newer; low mileage preferred.
- **Cab Configuration:** High-rise sleeper cab (e.g., [73-inch High-Rise](#) or equivalent [Sky-Rise](#) options) or a crew cab. **The winning bidder must configure the sleeper with seating for additional students (see attached specifications).**
- **Engine:** Minimum 500 HP.
- **Transmission:** Manual, standard transmission, 10 or 13 speed preferred.
- **Axle Configuration:** 6x4 tandem rear axle (40,000–46,000 lbs capacity).
- **Safety Features:** Collision mitigation system (e.g., [Bendix Wingman Fusion](#)), lane departure warning, and stability control.
- **Fuel System:** Dual aluminum fuel tanks (min. 100–120-gallon capacity each).
- **Brakes:** Air drum or air disc brakes with ABS.

Submission Requirements

All proposals must include the following information to be considered:

- **Full Spec Sheet:** Detailed technical specifications of the vehicle offered.
- **Warranty Information:** Documentation of any remaining manufacturer warranty or extended coverage options.

- **Pricing:** Firm fixed price including delivery to Presque Isle, ME.
- **Photos:** High-resolution images of the exterior and sleeper interior.

Evaluation Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following:

1. **Compliance** with technical specifications (a comfortable, safe configuration for seating is a priority).
2. **Vehicle Age/Mileage** and overall mechanical condition.
3. **Total Cost** of acquisition.
4. **Delivery Timeline** to the NMCC campus.

Standard Terms and Conditions

As per MCCS policy, the following conditions apply:

- **FOAA:** All submitted materials are subject to the [Maine Freedom of Access Act](#).
- **Font/Format:** Proposals must be in at least [11-point black font](#) on a white background.
- **Indemnification:** The selected vendor must agree to standard MCCS indemnification and insurance requirements.

Proposals must be received by Friday, June 12, 2026, at 4pm.

If you have any questions concerning this bid, please direct them to Heather Drost at 768-2714. Bids can be faxed to 207-768-2831 or e-mailed to hdrost@maineccc.edu.

The college reserves the right to reject any or all bids.
This RFP shall be referenced in, and considered part of, any final contract.

See the attached Notice to Bidders.

Sleeper Cab Retrofit Specifications: 4-5 Student Observation Configuration

To accommodate multiple students for observation within a standard high-rise sleeper cab, the following specifications outline a common "Instructional Cab" or "Observation Cab" retrofit. This configuration replaces the traditional sleeping berth with elevated seating designed for visibility and safety.

1. Interior Demolition & Preparation

- **Berth Removal:** Complete removal of lower and upper sleeping bunks, mattresses, and restraint netting.
- **Cabinetry Modification:** Removal or recessed modification of rear-wall storage cabinets to maximize floor space for seating.
- **Floor Reinforcement:** Installation of a reinforced steel or heavy-duty aluminum sub-floor plate to provide FMVSS-compliant anchoring points for new seat pedestals.

2. Seating Configuration & Safety

- **Capacity:** Installation of up to five (5) forward-facing passenger seats.
- **Stadium Seating Design:** Seats must be mounted on tiered or elevated "stadium-style" pedestals. This ensures students in the rear rows have a clear, unobstructed "prime visual" of the windshield and road over the heads of the driver and front-seat passenger.
- **Restraints:** Each seat must be equipped with an integrated 3-point lap/shoulder seat belt system.
- **Seat Type:** High-back, contoured seats with durable, easy-clean vinyl or heavy-duty fabric upholstery suitable for high-frequency institutional use.

3. Visibility & Environment

- **Sleeper Windows:** If not factory-installed, the retrofit must include the installation of dual side-aspect sleeper windows (minimum 12" x 24") to provide peripheral situational awareness and natural light.
- **Climate Control:** Modification of the existing sleeper HVAC ducting to ensure adequate airflow and temperature regulation for seven occupants (up to 6 students + 1 instructor/driver).
- **Lighting:** Supplemental LED overhead cabin lighting

4. Compliance & Entry

- **Egress:** Maintained clear aisle space to allow for rapid emergency egress through the front cab doors. Alternately, crew cab configuration with 2 operable rear doors will be acceptable.
- **Certification:** All modifications must be FMVSS (Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards) for compliance with passenger seating.

**NOTICE TO VENDORS AND BIDDERS:
STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL MCCS CONTRACTS**

The following standard contracting terms and conditions are incorporated and shall become a part of any final contract that will be awarded by any college or other operating unit of the Maine Community College System (collectively "MCCS"). These terms and conditions derive from the public nature and limited resources of the MCCS. MCCS DOES NOT AGREE TO:

1. Provide any defense, hold harmless or indemnity;
2. Waive any statutory or constitutional immunity;
3. Apply the law of a state other than Maine;
4. Procure types or amounts of insurance beyond those MCCS already maintains or waive any rights of subrogation;
5. Add any entity as an additional insured to MCCS policies of insurance;
6. Pay attorneys' fees, costs, expenses or liquidated damages;
7. Promise confidentiality in a manner contrary to Maine's Freedom of Access Act;
8. Permit an entity to change unilaterally any term or condition once the contract is signed;
and
9. Automatic renewals for term(s) greater than month-to-month.

By submitting a response to a Request for Proposal, bid or other offer to do business with MCCS, YOUR ENTITY UNDERSTANDS AND AGREES THAT:

1. The above standard terms and conditions are thereby incorporated into any agreement entered into between MCCS and your entity; that such terms and condition shall control in the event of any conflict with such agreement; and that your entity will not propose or demand any contrary terms;
2. The above standard terms and conditions will govern the interpretation of such agreement notwithstanding the expression of any other term and/or condition to the contrary;
3. Your entity will not propose to any college or other operating unit of the MCCS any contractual documents of any kind that are not in at least 11-point font and completely contained in one Word or PDF document, and that any references to terms and conditions, privacy policies or any other conditions referenced outside of the contract will not apply; and

4. Your entity will identify at the time of submission which, if any, portion or your submitted materials are entitled to “trade secret” exemption from disclosure under Maine’s Freedom of Access Act; that failure to so identify will authorize MCCA to conclude that no portions are so exempt; and that your entity will defend, indemnify and hold harmless MCCA in any and all legal actions that seek to compel MCCA to disclose under Maine’s Freedom of Access Act some or all of your submitted materials and/or contract, if any, executed between MCCA and your entity.