

ENGINEERING SPECIFICATIONS

Steel Platform Truck Scale

1 GENERAL PROVISIONS

Yes No

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| ☐ | ☐ | 1.1 | Furnish and install one steel deck truck scale and associated electronic controls. |
| ☐ | ☐ | 1.2 | The scale shall have a clear and unobstructed weighing surface of not less than 70 feet long and 11 feet wide. |
| ☐ | ☐ | 1.3 | The scale shall have a profile not to exceed 14-1/2 inches, which is measured from the top of the scale to the top of the foundation slab or pier at the load cell bearing points. |
| ☐ | ☐ | 1.4 | The scale shall be fully electronic in design and shall not incorporate any mechanical weighing elements, check rods, or check stays. |
| ☐ | ☐ | 1.5 | The scale shall be designed to perform as a single weighing platform and shall be of flat-top design. Side rail support beams are not acceptable. |
| ☐ | ☐ | 1.6 | The scale shall have a gross weighing capacity of 100 tons. |
| ☐ | ☐ | 1.7 | The scale shall have a Concentrated Load Capacity (CLC) of 100,000 pounds. |
| ☐ | ☐ | 1.8 | The scale shall be designed to accept vehicles that generate up to 80,000 pounds per tandem axle. |
| ☐ | ☐ | 1.9 | The scale shall be designed to accept an average daily traffic volume of up to 250 vehicles per day, 365 days per year, for 20 years, assuming that 100% of the vehicles are fully loaded with the equivalent of 80,000 pounds on their dual tandem axle. |
| ☐ | ☐ | 1.10 | In order for the bid to be considered, the supplier must provide written confirmation of empirical testing data to validate the design of the weighbridge through actual life-cycle testing. During the testing process the weighbridge must see a minimum of 2 million cycles, with at least 80,000 pounds of test load, applied on the 8 contact points of a standard truck's dual tandem axle tires. This documentation must be provided with the proposal submittal. Failure to provide this information will result in the bid being considered non-responsive. |
| ☐ | ☐ | 1.11 | The scale shall be calibrated to a minimum of 120,000 pounds by 20-pound increments and not to exceed 200,000 pounds. System configurations with increments greater than 20-pound increments will not be accepted; therefore scales with gross capacities in excess of 200,000 pounds will not be acceptable in order for the scale to meet NTEP Legal-for-Trade regulatory requirements. |
| ☐ | ☐ | 1.12 | The junction boxes, load cells, and load cell mounting hardware shall be constructed of stainless steel. |
| ☐ | ☐ | 1.13 | The scale shall meet the requirements set forth by the current edition of the National Institute of Standards and Technology Handbook 44 (NIST HB-44). The |

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scale manufacturer shall provide a Certificate of Conformance (NTEP Certification) to these standards upon request.

- ☐ ☐ 1.14 The design and manufacture of the scale weighbridge, load cells, and digital instrument shall all be of one manufacturer to maximize compatibility and availability of components and to insure maximum benefit from the system's lightning protection capability. Also, the manufacturer shall have a quality system that has been registered to the standards of ISO 9001.
- ☐ ☐ 1.15 The manufacturer or bidder shall provide with the bid proposal a listing of the total cost (labor, parts, travel time, and mileage) for two service technicians to travel to the scale site with a heavy-duty test truck, stay on site for four (4) hours to troubleshoot and replace one load cell in the scale and the main printed circuit board in the weight display. This listing shall be provided for service in the following three timeframes: 6 months after installation, 36 months after installation, and 58 months after installation. Listings of the same costs at these three time periods must also be provided assuming the failure is the result of a lightning strike. The cost of recalibration must be included in each service cost summary. Failure to provide the information required in this section will cause your bid submittal to be considered non-responsive and disqualified from consideration.
- ☐ ☐ 1.16 The scale shall be a METTLER TOLEDO Model VTS230 or equivalent.

2 SCALE FOUNDATION REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ ☐ 2.1 The foundation shall meet all local requirements and the minimum specifications as stated in this section.
- ☐ ☐ 2.2 The minimum soil bearing required shall be 2,500 pounds per square foot (psf) for a variable footer, 1,500 psf for a beam slab, and 2,000 psf for a pit foundation. The buyer shall be responsible for determining whether or not the soil conditions are adequate.
- ☐ ☐ 2.3 The foundation shall extend the full length and width of the scale platform.
- ☐ ☐ 2.4 The foundation shall provide a minimum of 3 inches of clearance to the weighbridge along the length of the scale.
- ☐ ☐ 2.5 The foundation shall be constructed to provide positive drainage away from its center.
- ☐ ☐ 2.6 The foundation must be higher than the surrounding grade to promote drainage away from the scale.
- ☐ ☐ 2.7 The foundation shall be poured and constructed of concrete with a minimum strength of 3,000 psi at a 28-day cure with 5 to 7% air entrainment.
- ☐ ☐ 2.8 The foundation shall be reinforced in all load-bearing areas.

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- ☐ ☐ 2.9 The foundation shall be designed to include an approach on each end of the scale in accordance with local regulations and the guidelines of NIST HB-44.

3 WEIGHBRIDGE SPECIFICATIONS

- ☐ ☐ 3.1 The scale weighbridge shall be constructed of three prefabricated scale modules each with a nominal surface dimension of 11' wide by 23'-4" long.
- ☐ ☐ 3.2 The scale weighbridge shall be capable of weighing trucks that have dual-tandem axle weights (4 feet minimum between dual axles and at least 10 feet from next axle) of up to 80,000 pounds, and shall have a Concentrated Load Capacity (CLC) of 100,000 pounds.
- ☐ ☐ 3.3 All welding shall be completed in accordance with the American Welding Society (AWS) D1.1 Structural Welding Code.
- ☐ ☐ 3.4 All welding shall be performed by welding operators who have been certified to the AWS D1.1 Structural Welding Code.
- ☐ ☐ 3.5 All welding shall be performed in position 1F to ensure maximum weld integrity.
- ☐ ☐ 3.6 Longitudinal weighbridge members shall be welded continuously, using a high-penetration, submerged arc welding process. The use of intermittent or stitch welds on longitudinal members or deck tread plate is unacceptable.
- ☐ ☐ 3.7 The weighbridge shall be designed to allow access to load cell cables, base plates, and all foundation anchor bolts from the top of the scale platform.
- ☐ ☐ 3.8 The weighbridge and load cell mounting assemblies shall be designed to allow installation or replacement of a load cell with only one additional inch of clearance required between the top of the foundation and the bottom of the weighbridge on pitless installations.
- ☐ ☐ 3.9 There shall be no bolted connections between the load cell and weighbridge assemblies.
- ☐ ☐ 3.10 The load cell assembly shall be designed so that when you are at the scale weighbridge with a lifting jack, the load cell can be replaced in less than 5 minutes.
- ☐ ☐ 3.11 There shall be no field welding required for the installation of the scale.

4 SURFACE PREPARATION AND FINISH

- ☐ ☐ 4.1 The weighbridge shall be shot blasted to a minimum SSPC-SP6 specification prior to painting.
- ☐ ☐ 4.2 All enclosed chambers created by joining two steel members must be hermetically sealed to eliminate internal corrosion.
- ☐ ☐ 4.3 All exterior surfaces of the scale shall have a two-component, high-build epoxy finish, flake filled for increased corrosion resistance and UV protection, providing

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total Dry Film Thickness of 8-10 mils (Sherwin Williams MACROPOXY 646 or equivalent).

- ☐ ☐ 4.4 The finish shall be force cured in order to reduce risk of contamination and ensure durability of the surface.

5 LOAD CELL SPECIFICATIONS

- ☐ ☐ 5.1 Each load cell shall have a minimum capacity of 30 metric tons (66,000 pounds) with 250% ultimate overload rating.
- ☐ ☐ 5.2 All load cells shall be certified by NTEP and meet the specifications as set forth by NIST HB-44 for Class III devices. The manufacturer shall provide a Certificate of Conformance to these standards upon request.
- ☐ ☐ 5.3 Load cells shall be digital.
- ☐ ☐ 5.4 Load cells shall have a diagnostic system that allows individual load cell outputs to be visible from the terminal.
- ☐ ☐ 5.5 The load cell assembly shall be constructed so as to perform as a rocker pin and shall have no positive fixed mechanical connectors, such as bolts or links that are required in mounting the load cell to the weighbridge or foundation base plates.
- ☐ ☐ 5.6 The load cell shall not require check rods, flexures, or chain links for stabilization, as these items are sources of ongoing maintenance requirements.
- ☐ ☐ 5.7 The load cell shall be of stainless steel construction and hermetically sealed with a minimum NEMA 6P / IP68 and IP69K (submersible) rating.
- ☐ ☐ 5.8 The load cell shall have the following specifications:
 - 5.8.1 $V_{min} \leq 4.0$ lb or 1.8 kg based on 10,000 divisions
 - 5.8.2 Linearity: $\pm 0.01\%$ of load cell rated capacity
 - 5.8.3 Hysteresis: $\pm 0.016\%$ of load cell rated capacity
 - 5.8.4 Creep (30 minutes): $\pm 0.017\%$ of load cell capacity
 - 5.8.5 Compensated Temperature range: $-10^{\circ}\text{C} + 40^{\circ}\text{C}$
 - 5.8.6 Operational Temperature Range: $-40^{\circ}\text{C} + 55^{\circ}\text{C}$
- ☐ ☐ 5.9 The load cell shall have a minimum of a 10-year warranty. The first 5 years protect against defects in materials and workmanship and failure resulting from lightning or surge voltages. The warranty shall cover all costs associated with replacement parts, travel, mileage, on-site labor, and recalibration after repair, the full cost of which shall be supported solely by the manufacturer and not in part by any other third party. In years 6-10, the warranty shall cover all costs associated with replacement parts only.
- ☐ ☐ 5.10 Load cells shall be METTLER TOLEDO POWERCELL® GDD® load cells or equivalent.

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6 JUNCTION BOXES AND CABLES

- ☐ ☐ 6.1 All junction boxes shall be IP65 rated and constructed of stainless steel.
- ☐ ☐ 6.2 Junction boxes shall be accessible for inspection and maintenance from the side of the scale platform.
- ☐ ☐ 6.3 Cables shall be laser welded to the load cell at the factory and contain a glass-to-metal seal.

7 LIGHTNING PROTECTION SPECIFICATIONS

- ☐ ☐ 7.1 A comprehensive lightning protection system shall be provided with the scale.
- ☐ ☐ 7.2 Major scale components including load cells and scale instrument (terminal) shall be included in the lightning protection system.
- ☐ ☐ 7.3 Active lightning protection shall be provided both at the scale and at the instrument location.
- ☐ ☐ 7.4 The components shall be capable of being replaced in the field and shall be separate from the active weighing components for ease of maintenance.
- ☐ ☐ 7.5 Grounding of all scale components including load cells, scale instrument, and accessories shall be to one common point. Systems with multiple ground points are not acceptable.
- ☐ ☐ 7.6 An AC line surge protector shall conveniently plug into a common electrical outlet and have a receptacle.
- ☐ ☐ 7.7 Each AC line surge protector required shall have one isolated, grounding, hospital-grade duplex receptacle, and an internal 15-amp circuit breaker.
- ☐ ☐ 7.8 Verification of the lightning protection system's performance shall be available in writing from a third-party verification laboratory upon request. Proposals submitted without confirming the availability of third-party verification that the load cells, cables, and instrument as a system have been able to withstand the equivalent of a lightning strike with 29,000 amperes will be rejected.

8 WARRANTY REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ ☐ 8.1 The scale manufacturer shall warrant the scale electronics, including scale instrument and associated cables, from failures due to a defect in manufacturing, workmanship, lightning, or surge voltages for a period of 5 years from date of installation or 62 months from date of shipment to the Buyer, whichever occurs first. Bidder shall promptly correct any such defect appearing within the warranty period.
- ☐ ☐ 8.2 The warranty shall warrant the weighbridge structure for a period of 10 years from date of installation or 122 months from date of shipment to the Buyer, whichever

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occurs first. Bidder shall promptly correct any such defect appearing within the warranty period.

- ☐ ☐ 8.3 The warranty shall support 100% coverage of repair parts, labor, travel time, and mileage from the closest service location, or at the manufacturer's sole discretion, replacement of the product under warranty. The full cost of warranty as specified herein shall be supported solely by the manufacturer and not in part by any other third party or service provider.