

CITY OF ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
FORMAL BID REQUEST NO. **298-FBR1988-26**
01/28/2026

**FORD VEHICLES
FOR THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE**

Pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes 143-129 sealed bids for Ford Vehicles for the City of Asheville will be received by Beatrice Abernathy, Purchasing Specialist, at 70 Court Plaza, Asheville, NC until **3:00 PM on Thursday, February 12, 2026**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read. Questions are due by 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 4, 2026. The public may attend the bid opening in person or via a Google Meet Link that can be found on our bid page.

Proposal forms, instructions and specifications may be obtained at <http://www.ashevillenc.gov/bids> or the Purchasing Office Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Phone (828) 259-5950. If bid addenda are issued, they will be posted to this web site no less than seven (7) days prior to the bid opening date. Each addendum will be identified by number. Bidders are urged to check this page prior to submitting a bid response to assure that they have obtained all addenda that may have been issued for the bid package in question. Bid addenda should be acknowledged (signed) and included with the bid response. Bid responses submitted without acknowledged addenda may be rejected.

The City of Asheville has adopted the Asheville Business Inclusion Policy to encourage women and minority businesses' participation in the public bidding process. The purpose of this outreach effort is to increase the likelihood of availability and utilization of MWBEs in the award of contracts. Bidders are hereby notified that this bid is subject to that Policy's provisions. Questions regarding the Asheville Business Inclusion Policy may be directed to the Office of Economic Development, City of Asheville, Post Office Box 7148, Asheville, NC 28802-7148 or by phone at (828) 259-8050 or by email abi@ashevillenc.gov.

Bidders are invited to show proof of MWBE status, to include NC Office of Historically Underutilized Businesses or other MWBE certifications. If not already certified with the ABI Office at the City of Asheville, bidders are further invited to become certified with the City of Asheville as an MWBE vendor. Please use this link: [ABI Certifications](#)
It is the Policy of the City to (1) provide minorities and women an equal opportunity to participate in all aspects of its contracting and procurement programs and (2) to prohibit any and all discrimination against persons or businesses in pursuit of these opportunities.

Bidders are notified of a City policy that prohibits contracting with persons or firms who are delinquent in the payment of ad valorem taxes owed to the City of Asheville.

The City of Asheville reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.