

Weight Truck Questions & Answers

1) What is the mileage on our existing truck?

Our current weight truck (1994 Ford L9000) has approximately 85,000 miles on it. This mileage is not indicative of probable use of the new truck.

2) How many hours are on our existing truck?

The existing truck is not equipped with an hour meter.

3) What is the front and rear axle rating on our current truck?

The front axle is rated at 20,000 lb and the rear is rated at 40,000 lb.

4) The specification calls for a boom to lift the weights and the carts, is this boom mounted inside of the body?

In our current truck, the weights and cart are inside the box and the boom runs along the ceiling of the box (see attached photo). Bidders may propose other configurations for the boom, but the weights and the cart must be inside the box, protected from the elements.

5) We notice that your present weight truck does not have a pusher/tag axle. We can build your unit to meet the bridge law requirements without the axle but it will be close. Most enforcement agencies that we have a relationship with are exempted from this law. What should we consider as we proceed with preparing the bid?

We are not exempt from the New York state and federal bridge law requirements. We would prefer a truck without the pusher/tag axle that complies with applicable laws.

6) Will our current weight truck be made available for inspection in Albany?

The Invitation for Bid specified that our current weight truck would be made available for inspection on September 26th and 27th provided that a request was made two weeks in advance. We received no requests within that time frame but have recently received inquiries about alternate dates. The weight truck is currently located on Long Island and will be made available for inspection on Thursday, October 6th at a time and location to be determined by the Department, provided we receive a written request by 4:30 pm on Friday, September 30th. The request must be sent to:

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Upon written request, we will also take a picture(s) of any specific component on the weight truck and post on this website.