

North Carolina Sheriffs' Association Vehicle and Motorcycle Procurement Program

Frequently Asked Questions

Question – Who can participate?

Answer – Any local government agency located in the State of North Carolina can participate in the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association Vehicle and Motorcycle Procurement Program.

All government agencies must follow their local governing purchasing ordinances.

Any local government agency located <u>outside</u> of the State of North Carolina cannot participate in the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association (NCSA) Vehicle and Motorcycle Procurement Program unless purchasing vehicles manufactured by Nissan, Mercedes-Benz, Tesla, or Toyota.

- Question What kind of vehicles and motorcycles are offered on the NCSA's Vehicle and Motorcycle Procurement Program?
- Answer The NCSA Vehicle and Motorcycle Procurement Program provides all government agencies over 340 separate vehicle and motorcycle offerings, not including models that are considered to be an upgrade or downgrade on the base vehicle.

The NCSA Program provides government agencies with: pursuit rated and special service vehicles, SUVs, vans, trucks, chassis, administrative vehicles, motorcycles, and hybrid and electric vehicles.

The NCSA Program has secured contracts with Ford, General Motors, GreenPower Motor Company, Mercedes-Benz, Nissan, Stellantis, Tesla, and Toyota.

Question - Does a local government agency have to register or become a member of the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association?

Answer - No. All government agencies can participate in the NCSA's Vehicle and Motorcycle Procurement Program without joining or becoming a member of the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association.

There is no registration with the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association required and no registration fee required.

Question - Is there a commission fee?

Answer - Yes. Dealers must include a three quarters of one percent (.0075) commission fee in their final base Bid prices, and their quotes to buying agencies, and pricing for all additional options, excluding any state regulated fees including tags. The three quarters of one percent fee will be incorporated into, and made a part of, the total invoice amount and shall not be treated or added as a separate line item. Fees are based on the total invoice cost of the new vehicle or motorcycle, excluding tradeins.

Trade-ins and other exchanges will not reduce or impact the NCSA commission fee calculation. No other administrative fee(s) will be applicable to any transaction relative to this contract.

This commission fee is non-negotiable and will be collected on all purchase orders using the NCSA Vehicle and Motorcycle Procurement Program.

This commission fee is used by the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association to continue to support all sheriffs' offices in the State of North Carolina with ongoing support, education, and necessary training.

- Question Can the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association help with an Interlocal Purchasing Agreement (ILA) or Master Agreement?
- Answer Yes! Please contact Jason Bennett, North Carolina Sheriffs' Association, at 919-459-8195 or at jbennett@ncsheriffs.net to begin the process of having an ILA or Master Agreement established for your county or city.
- Question How does the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association choose the vehicle and motorcycle dealers on this Vehicle and Motorcycle Procurement Program?
- Answer The North Carolina Sheriffs' Association conducts a solicitation for dealer participation. The NCSA sends out over 400 solicitations statewide to vehicle and motorcycle dealerships asking to participate in the NCSA's Vehicle and Motorcycle Procurement Program.

The NCSA develops, with the assistance of North Carolina vehicle and motorcycle dealers and manufacturers, vehicle specifications that are most popular with government agencies. Once these vehicle specifications are developed, the NCSA goes out to bid on each vehicle and motorcycle.

After a comprehensive vetting and competitively bidding process, the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association's Vehicle Advisory Committee meets to review all submitted bids per vehicle and motorcycle specification. The Association awards contracts per vehicle and motorcycle to the most responsible and responsive bidding vehicle and motorcycle dealership with the lowest bid.

Question - How long are the NCSA's Vehicle and Motorcycle Procurement contracts effective?

Answer - All contracts are effective for 365 days. All contracts become effective on October 2nd and will expire on October 1st the next year. A contract may be renewed by mutual agreement between the NCSA and the Contractor, at the sole option and discretion of the NCSA, for up to two additional consecutive years, on a year-to-year basis.

The NCSA has worked with each vehicle and motorcycle manufacturer to ensure all NCSA pricing is locked in for one full contract year, <u>despite instances when any changes in a vehicle or motorcycle's model year occur</u>. There are few exceptions of price increases which the NCSA will accept on per vehicle and motorcycle basis.

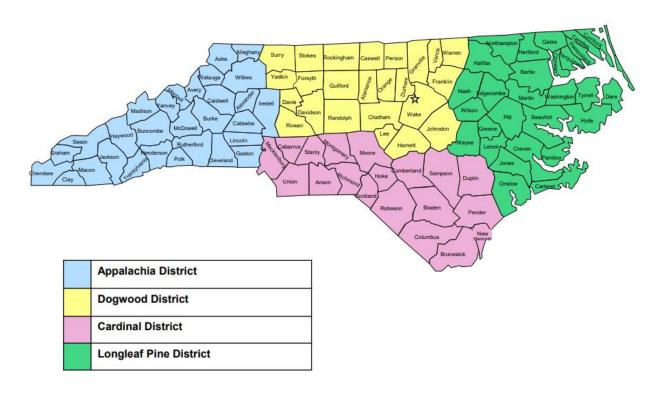
Question - What is a Zone Delivery Map and are delivery charges included?

Answer - A Zone Delivery Map is a document created by the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association to break the state up into four separate delivery zones. By creating this Zone Map, the NCSA can ensure every county and city government agency can receive the best pricing which includes delivery to either the purchasing agency or the upfitter of the purchasing agency's choice.

To find which delivery zone your county or city is in, please visit the Procurement tab located at www.ncsheriffs.org. Each vehicle and motorcycle on the program will have 4 prices, each broken up by delivery zone. Please match up the delivery zone your agency is located in with the price for each vehicle and motorcycle.

If a government agency would like to pick up their vehicle from the dealership, there is a special delivery zone named as such on each contract award that does not change delivery fees.

Zone Map



Question - What are the steps to use the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association Vehicle and Motorcycle Procurement Program?

Answer - Step 1 - Access the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association's Vehicle and Motorcycle Procurement Program's website. You can access the website by typing https://ncsheriffs.org/services/vehicle-procurement-program-2 into your internet browser window.

On the NCSA Vehicle and Motorcycle Procurement website, you will find all vehicle and motorcycle contracts, all available vehicles and motorcycles listed on our program, the price for each vehicle and motorcycle, an easy-to-use dealer directory, the NCSA Delivery Zone Map, and much more. Everything you will need to procure a vehicle or motorcycle off the NCSA Program is found on this website.

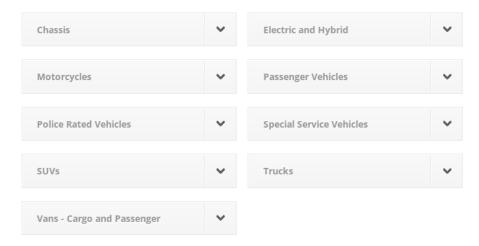
<u>Step 2</u> - Find the vehicle(s) or motorcycle(s) you are looking to purchase using the NCSA Procurement webpage and click on the type

of vehicle or motorcycle description within the body of the page that best describes the type of vehicle or motorcycle you are looking to purchase. Next you will see a list of all available vehicles and motorcycles under that type broken up by manufacturer.

Vehicles and Motorcycles Offered

(October 2, 2021 - October 1, 2022)

Please Note: Additional models are offered as model upgrade/downgrade within the base item number under Bid 22-08-0913. These models will be specified for each item number.



Next, click on the vehicle or motorcycle you are looking to purchase. You will then see all the information you need to begin your purchase such as the contracted dealer name, the price of the vehicle broken up by delivery zone, option information, and more.

<u>Step 3</u> - Locate your delivery zone that corresponds to your county or city location. Once you have located the vehicle(s) or motorcycle(s) you are looking to purchase, and your delivery zone, you will see the name of the dealership that won that vehicle or motorcycle's contract.

Bid Award

Contract: 22-08-0913, Vehicle and Motorcycle Procurement

Group: Chassis

Name of Awarded Dealership Click here for information on vehicle options

Click here...

Item: 1, Daimler, Sprinter Cab Chassis 3500XD 144"WB 6 Cylinder, MXCC44

Description: Manufacturer's standard base model specific ons and current model year for model/model number listed.

Model Upgrade/Downgrade: The mandatory minimum of discount only applies to factory options, not the model upgrades/downgrades. The mandatory minimum of discount only applies to factory options, not the model upgrades/downgrades. The mandatory minimum of discount only applies to factory options, not the model upgrades/downgrades. The mandatory minimum of discount only applies to factory options, not the model upgrades/downgrades. The mandatory minimum of discount only applies to factory options, not the model upgrades/downgrades. The mandatory minimum of discount only applies to factory options, not the model upgrades/downgrades. The mandatory minimum of discount only applies to factory options, not the model upgrades/downgrades. The mandatory minimum of discount only applies to factory options, not the model upgrades/downgrades. The mandatory minimum of discount only applies to factory options, not the model upgrades/downgrades. The mandatory minimum of discount only applies to factory options, not the model upgrades/downgrades to the base of discount only applies to factory options, not the model upgrades/downgrades to the base of discount only applies to factory options, not the model upgrades/downgrades to the base of discount only applies to factory options, not the model upgrades/downgrades to the base of discount only applies to factory options, not the model upgrades/downgrades to the base of discount only applies to factory options, not the model upgrades/downgrades to the base of discount only applies to factory options. The mandatory options of the model upgrades/downgrades to the base of discount only applies to factory options. The mandatory options of the model upgrades/downgrades to the discount only applies to factory options. The model upgrades/downgrades to the discount of the model upgrades/downgrades

Zone	Rank	Vendor	Price	Percent (Taken off MSRP for options)	B d File	o ns File
Appalachia	Primary	MERCEDES BENZ OF DURHAM	\$39,250.00	6.00%	Build	Options
Dogwood	Primary	MERCEDES BENZ OF DURHAM	\$39,250.00	6.00%	Build	Options
Cardinal	Primary	MERCEDES BENZ OF DURHAM	\$39,250.00	6.00%	Build	Options
Longleaf Pine	Primary	MERCEDES BENZ OF DURHAM	\$39,250.00	6.00%	Build	Options
No Delivery	Primary	MERCEDES BENZ OF DURHAM	\$39,250.00	6.00%	Build	Options

<u>Step 4</u> - Access the NCSA's Dealer Directory by using the NCSA Procurement webpage.

For supporting documents including all bid awards for each of our bids, please click on the links below.



<u>Step 5</u> - Contact the dealer for the vehicle(s) or motorcycle(s) you wish to purchase for your delivery zone to begin the purchasing process. All contact information is located under the Awarded Dealers tab, see above.

<u>Step 6</u> - Issue your purchase order directly to the contracted dealer for the vehicle(s) or motorcycle(s) you wish to purchase and a <u>copy</u> to the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association to <u>kmitman@ncsheriffs.net</u>. A <u>copy</u> of all purchase orders is due to the NCSA within 10 business days once the purchase orders have been issued.

- Question Can a government agency use this program if they choose leasing over purchasing the vehicles?
- Answer Yes! All leasing companies can use the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association's Vehicle and Motorcycle Procurement Program. Please instruct the leasing company that you wish to use the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association's Vehicle and Motorcycle Procurement Program. As well, please instruct the leasing company to issue a copy of the purchase order to the NCSA.
- Question How can a government agency learn more about the NCSA's bidding processes, delivery instructions, requirements for the participating vehicle and motorcycle dealerships, and more on the NCSA's Vehicle and Motorcycle Procurement Program?
- Answer The North Carolina Sheriffs' Association has an official Terms and Conditions document that regulates the Program. A copy of the Terms and Conditions can be found by visiting the Association's Vehicle and Motorcycle Procurement website and clicking on the "Bid Information" block.

All contracted dealers have agreed to abide by all Terms and Conditions listed within this document. Contract Award documents including a Terms and Conditions Agreement Form can also be provided to you and your local agency.

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- Question Who does a county or city agency call when they need assistance or help? Who can we contact if we have issues with a contracted dealer?
- Answer Please contact either Jason Bennett, North Carolina Sheriffs' Association, at 919-459-8195 or jbennett@ncsheriffs.net or Kaylyn Mitman, North Carolina Sheriffs' Association, at 919-459-6471 or kmitman@ncsheriffs.net.
- Question How can I stay up to date on all information relating to the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association Vehicle and Motorcycle Procurement Program?
- Answer You can sign up by visiting the Association's Vehicle and Motorcycle Procurement website. You will receive all future updates relating to this Vehicle and Motorcycle Procurement Program.