

U.S. Postal Service Selects Mahindra to Produce Next Generation Delivery Vehicle (NGDV) Prototypes

DETROIT, MI— The United States Postal Service (USPS) has announced that Mahindra has been selected to deliver NGDV prototype vehicles for testing as the result of a competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) issued October, 2015. Mahindra is one of six vehicle manufacturers the USPS selected to produce prototypes for testing and evaluation. The awardees will have approximately one year from contract award to design and deliver their prototypes. Production requirements and future vehicle replacement awards will be determined by USPS after NGDV Prototype testing.

Mahindra's engineering and design proposal was led by their Southeast Michigan-based Mahindra North American Technical Center (MNATC). Headquartered in Troy, Michigan, MNATC has leveraged the significant pool of automotive engineering talent that thrives in the Detroit area to create innovative vehicle designs for the U.S. market. MNATC's team submitted a proposal emphasizing safety, ergonomics and fuel economy all within a ground-up approach to vehicle integration.

Mahindra has a long history (70 years) of building right-hand drive commercial vehicles with a capacity for handling rugged conditions. Since 1949, when Mahindra started manufacturing the post war Willys Overland Jeep, Mahindra has centered their philosophy of vehicle engineering and design around durability and toughness—two requisite characteristics for the rigorous all-day, all-weather use involved in mail delivery.

“The USPS is looking for a modern, safe and efficient vehicle to meet their daily delivery and operational needs”, said Rick Haas, President and COO, MNATC in Troy, Michigan. “Our team has significant global experience engineering some of the best trucks ever produced. We've spent thousands of hours ensuring this proposal will optimize driver and pedestrian safety and provide the USPS with a modern and reliable vehicle architecture that can easily adapt to a broad variety of future scenarios.”

Anand Mahindra, Chairman, Mahindra Group, said, “We are excited to be part of the USPS NGDV prototype program. The USPS has recognized Mahindra's engineering proposal and selected us for vehicle development and prototype delivery. This is a strategic development in Mahindra's ambition to become a global mobility player.”

About Mahindra

The Mahindra Group focuses on enabling people to rise through solutions that power mobility, drive rural prosperity, enhance urban lifestyles and increase business efficiency. A USD 17.8 billion multinational group based in Mumbai, India, Mahindra provides employment opportunities to over 200,000 people in over 100 countries. Mahindra operates in the key industries that drive economic growth, enjoying a leadership position in tractors, utility vehicles, information technology, financial services and vacation ownership. In addition, Mahindra enjoys a strong presence in the agribusiness, aerospace, components, consulting services, defense, energy, industrial equipment, logistics, real estate, retail, steel, commercial vehicles and two wheeler industries. Visit: www.mahindra.com/

About Mahindra North American Technical Center

Mahindra North American Technical Center (MNATC) is a comprehensive automotive design, engineering, and vehicle development center established in 2013. Located in Troy, Michigan, the MNATC team of veteran designers and engineers, working with affiliate Mahindra automotive teams in India, Korea and Italy, is playing a key role in growing Mahindra's global automotive business. Visit: www.mahindranatc.com

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