

ITEM 619.9001--25 - TOW TRUCK SERVICE (LIGHT) - (BYRAM RIVER BRIDGE)
ITEM 619.9002--25 - TOW TRUCK SERVICE (HEAVY) – (BYRAM RIVER BRIDGE)

1. DESCRIPTION:

- 1.01 Under this item the Contractor shall provide tow truck service for all disabled vehicles within the contract limits that affect the flow of traffic, 24 hours a day, seven days a week including holidays. This service shall be provided for the duration of the deck repair work of the Byram River Bridge (stages 3A through 4B) and will be discontinued during winter shut down and upon the completion of the bridge deck repair (Stage 5). The intent is to remove a disabled vehicle off the traveled way to a location approved by the Engineer as quickly as possible. Emphasis shall be placed on removing vehicles from the Byram River Bridge as there will be no available shoulders during construction.

2. SERVICE REQUIREMENTS:

- 2.01 The Contractor, in providing tow truck service, may utilize one of two options available to him as follows:

A. Thruway Authorized Towing Service Company

The towing service shall be furnished by a company currently operating under a letter of authorization to provide such services on the Thruway. A current list of authorized towing companies can be obtained from the New York State Thruway Authority upon request.

Contact: Manager of Traffic Safety Services
 Administrative Headquarters
 200 Southern Boulevard
 Albany, New York
 [REDACTED]

B. Alternate Towing Service

An alternate towing service may be provided. Vehicles provided for tow truck service must be approved by the Thruway Authority prior to utilization of the service, and meet the same criteria and standards established by the Authority relative to vehicle requirements, and operational and safety equipment that are used in granting authorized tow truck service.

- 2.02 Tow truck vehicles will only be operated by drivers who have demonstrated knowledge and capability for operating the vehicles.
- 2.03 The Contractor is to provide a separate qualified operator for each tow truck supplied on the project.
- 2.04 Additionally, the Contractor shall furnish a radio in each tow truck which is capable of transmitting and receiving via the Thruway's frequency. The Contractor will, in effect, be operating under the Thruway's license. The Supervisor of the Bureau of Communications - Thruway Headquarters - Tel: [REDACTED] should be contacted for information regarding radios to be installed in tow trucks. The Thruway Authority will ensure that vehicle operators are trained in the proper radio techniques and procedures through the Division Bureau of Traffic Operations.

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2. SERVICE REQUIREMENTS: (cont'd)

- 2.05 **Light Tow Truck** is defined as a flatbed with a wheel lift attachment capable of towing passenger vehicles or light trucks (under 10,000 lbs.).
- 2.06 **Heavy Tow Truck** is defined as a towing vehicle with a minimum 45 ton capacity, with wheel lift capability for towing tractor trailer combinations and vehicles over 10,000 lbs.
- 2.07 **Thruway Standards for Tow Service:**
- A. The vehicles shall be in first class mechanical condition of good appearance and capable of efficiently performing the towing service to Thruway Authority patrons.
 - B. The vehicles shall meet New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law requirements. Vehicle operators shall be required to comply with the provisions of Section 107-05 (Safety and Health Requirements) of the Standard Specifications.
 - C. The name, address and phone number of the firm shall be either a painted decal or inscribed on metal plates, which must be rigidly fastened on both sides of the vehicle exterior at all times while on the Thruway Authority System.
 - D. The vehicle(s) shall be subject to periodic inspection by Thruway Authority field personnel to assure continued compliance with these requirements.
 - E. The Thruway Authority reserves the right to replace any tow service that fails to meet the above standards.
- 2.08 Each truck shall be equipped in accordance with NYS Vehicle & Traffic Law. The towing service may be furnished by a company that is currently licensed to operate in both the States of New York and Connecticut and is familiar with NYSTA's operating rules, regulations and procedures. Tow truck vehicles shall only be operated by drivers who possess an appropriate license to operate the vehicle.

3. CONSTRUCTION DETAILS:

- 3.01 Towing shall be provided to remove disabled vehicles from the traveled way to a location in the close proximity to the contract limits approved by the Engineer. Once the tow is initiated, the vehicle will be the Contractor's responsibility (including security) until the rightful owner/operator or State Police remove the vehicle from the Contractor's control. All of this service shall be provided at no charge to the owner and/or operators of the disabled vehicles. Any additional towing to an off-site location shall be by private or other towing services, as may be arranged by the State Police or the motorist.
- 3.02 The tow truck(s) may be called to the scene by State Police, the Contractor or the Engineer. The tow truck(s) must respond and arrive at the scene of the disabled vehicle no later than ten (10) minutes after receipt of the call. The Contractor must provide ten (10) minute response service even though there may be multiple disabled vehicles at different locations within the limits of the contract. In the case of serious vehicular accidents, the tow truck(s) may not be allowed to remove the disabled vehicle or vehicles until authorized by the State Police.

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3. CONSTRUCTION DETAILS: (cont'd)

- 3.03 At least one tow truck shall be stationed at the outflow end of the contraflow lane on the Byram River Bridge so as to be able to quickly access a disabled vehicle in that lane. The location shall be approved by the Engineer.
- 3.04 Every disabled vehicle that is towed shall be documented with the tow operator's name and the patron's name, address, telephone number and vehicle registration information.
- 3.05 The Authority reserves the right to utilize the currently authorized tow service for the hours outside those indicated in the Contract Documents, and for major accidents and recovery operations at any time.

4. METHOD OF MEASUREMENT:

- 4.01 Payment will be made for each hour or portion thereof that a tow truck and operator is on duty as detailed above.

5. BASIS OF PAYMENT:

- 5.01 The unit price bid per hour per truck shall include all labor, materials, and equipment, necessary to provide the required towing service. The hourly rate bid shall include the cost of a fully functional tow truck and qualified operator.
- 5.02 The Contractor shall provide the specified tow truck(s) for each hour of required duty. No payment will be made for any hour or portion thereof of required duty that the tow truck(s) are not on duty.
- 5.02 Should the Contractor not provide the specified tow truck(s) during the required hours of duty, the Engineer or the Authority shall arrange for towing of any disabled vehicle from the project site to an approved location and such towing charges shall be deducted from monies owed to the Contractor by the Authority.
- 5.04 Payment will be made under:

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