

Steam Railroading Institute – Sealed Bid Auction

BID CLOSING DATE: Monday, February 19th, 2024 at 5:00 pm EST

To all interested parties:

The **Steam Railroading Institute** (SRI) has for auction, **Rail Equipment**, as listed on the attachment. The equipment will be sold on a competitive Sealed Bid, “AS IS – WHERE IS” basis. SRI makes no representations or warranties, express or implied, as to the quality, workmanship, design, merchantability, suitability or fitness for any particular purpose or any other warranty or representation express or implied. All equipment is located on SRI property at 405 South Washington St., Owosso, MI 48867.

Conditions of Auction:

1. Bidders must quote a firm price, trade offer, or combination of both for *all three cars* when placing a bid.
2. An award, if any, will be based on highest responsive, responsible, qualified bidder, as determined to be in the best interest of SRI.
3. SRI reserves the right to accept or reject any part or any and all bids received.
4. All awards are contingent on SRI obtaining the internal reserve bid amount for each car.
5. Equipment awarded under this Auction must be removed from SRI property within sixty (60) days of notification of award.
6. Failure to respond to an award letter within five (5) business days may void the award.
7. Transportation, switching, preparation or other charges incident to the movement of the cars from their present location will be the responsibility of the purchaser (“Buyer”). The cars must be removed from their present location by the Buyer, at Buyer’s risk. Preparation work to meet acceptable AAR interchange rules for movement in freight service must be performed by the Buyer. SRI will not be responsible for any required work on the equipment that is to leave SRI property.
8. Arrangements with a freight railroad for the movement of the equipment are to be made by the Buyer and all cost and risk associated with the movement are at the Buyer’s expense. Originating railroad is the Great Lakes Central Railroad, who will have connections to the Ann Arbor Railroad, Mid-Michigan Railroad, Huron & Eastern Railroad, Canadian National Railway, and CSX Transportation.

Inspection/Bidding Instructions:

**Steam Railroading Institute
405 S. Washington St.
Owosso, MI 48867**

**Contact: Aaron Farmer
Master Mechanic, Rolling Stock
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989-720-3951**

Arrangements can be made to view the equipment by appointment only from January 15 to February 19, 2024, Mondays through Saturdays between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm EST.

Safety glasses, proper clothing, and protective footwear must be worn for physical inspections. Virtual inspections, using cell phones and video sharing apps, are also possible.

All bids must be received at the SRI office by **5:00 pm EST Monday, February 19, 2024.**

Bids can be **emailed to:** aaronf@michigansteamtrain.com
Or **mailed to:** Steam Railroading Institute at 405 S. Washington St., Owosso, MI 48867.

Bids must include the Bidder's company/personal name, address, bid amount, and contact information.
Questions can be answered until 5:00 pm EST, February 19, 2024.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

ALL MATERIAL WILL BE SOLD ON AN "AS IS - WHERE IS" BASIS. SRI MAKES NO REPRESENTATIONS OR WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, AS TO THE QUALITY, WORKMANSHIP, DESIGN, MERCHANTABILITY, SUITABILITY OR FITNESS FOR ANY PARTICULAR PURPOSE OR ANY OTHER WARRANTY OR REPRESENTATION EXPRESS OR IMPLIED.
SRI ALSO RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT OR REJECT ANY PART OF ANY AND ALL BIDS RECEIVED.
SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WILL BE NOTIFIED WITHIN FIVE (5) BUSINESS DAYS AFTER CLOSING DATE.

PAYMENT AS AGREED AT TIME OF BID ACCEPTANCE.

Transfer of payment must be made per instructions given to Buyer at the time of acceptance of winning bid. Payment must be made within five (5) business days. Approved Company Check, Cashier's Check, Bank Wired Payments are accepted. **No personal Checks.**

BASIS OF AWARD:

1. An award, if any, will be based on highest responsive, responsible, qualified bidder, as determined to be in the best interest of SRI and approved by SRI's Board of Directors.
2. SRI reserves the right to cancel the sales order and resolicit or sell to the next highest bidder if the Equipment is not removed within sixty (60) calendar days of the award date, or not paid for within five (5) calendar days of the award date.
3. If prior arrangements are made to keep the equipment on SRI property after the (60) day limit, SRI will charge the Buyer a daily storage fee. Storage fees must be paid **IN FULL** prior to stored equipment leaving SRI property.

Open for Bids and Offers!

The Steam Railroading Institute (SRI) is pleased to make available for bids and offers three pieces of Santa Fe Railroad history; two Parlour Cars and one Transition Car. These cars have been determined excess, and not to be part of the future vision of the SRI fleet. All three cars are in service, as-is, and interchangeable.

Inspection of cars is available by appointment only. Please contact Aaron Farmer at 989-720-3951 or aaronf@michigansteamtrain.com to schedule an inspection and to send offers. Bidding closes **Monday, February 19, 2024** at 5:00pm EST.

Details about the cars:

PARLOUR CARS 575 & 580

- Built by Budd in 1954
- Stainless Steel Construction
- Current COT&S
- 26-C Brake Valves
- Disc Brakes
- 6x11 Rollerbearing, 36” Wheels
- Type HT TightLock Couplers
- Full HEP
- Bar Area w/ Food Storage
- Food Warming Table
- 1 Bathroom (upper level)
- Seats 40
- Lower Area Can Offer Additional Seating (up to 26 Passengers)
- Removed from Amtrak “Coast Starlight” Service, 2018



TRANSITION CAR 736

- Built by Budd in 1964
- Stainless Steel Construction
- Current COT&S
- 26-C Brake Valves
- Disc Brakes
- 6x11 Rollerbearing, 36” Wheels
- Slack Control, Type HT TightLock Couplers
- Full HEP
- Seats 38
- Sleeps 16 (8 Dorm Rooms)
- Employee Restroom w/ Shower, Men’s & Women’s Restrooms (all lower level)
- Removed from Amtrak Service, 1991

