



Request for Proposal - 1 Yr Graphic Design Services 2026 Clydesdale News & 2026 National Clydesdale Sale Catalog

Overview

The Clydesdale Breeders of the United States (CBUSA) is seeking proposals for graphic design services for the 2026 Clydesdales News and the 2026 National Clydesdale Sale Catalog. The following provides interested parties with an overview of the two publications and establishes criteria for preparing a proposal.

The mission of the CBUSA is to protect, preserve, and publish the history and pedigrees of purebred Clydesdale horses. In support of that mission, educational programs and promotional materials are used to market the value and global image of the Clydesdale breed to its current members, potential members, and the public. As part of that marketing effort, the CBUSA publishes an annual periodical, the Clydesdale News (News). This publication provides information about the operation of the Association, important news about the breed and Association members, and other information regarding the Clydesdale horse that has transpired during the previous year.

In April of each year, the CBUSA holds the National Clydesdale Sale (Sale) as a service to its membership. Members are encouraged to consign quality Clydesdale horses and/or participate as buyers at the Sale. In conjunction with the Sale, a catalog is produced that includes information about the Sale (terms, commission rates, schedule, etc.), information about consigned horses (pedigree, DOB, registration #, etc.), and advertising for businesses or entities that are relevant to the Clydesdale or draft horse industry.

While each publication's content is somewhat fluid from year to year, criteria have been included below to establish the minimum expectations and provide a means to compare proposals.

Description of Work

Clydesdale News

- *Prepare the overall publication layout and be responsible for reproduction and mailing*
- *Promote and sell advertising to be included in the News, including invoicing and collections*
- *Prepare and/or aid advertisers with advertisements*
- *Full Page ads not to Exceed \$350 • Half Page Ads Not to Exceed \$200 (For Dues Paying Members for 2025)*
 - *All non members can have an alternative rate.*
- *Work with the CBUSA regarding the inclusion of Association news and other information into the News (approximately 60 pages), including, but not limited to:*
 - *Association information and fee schedule*
 - *A list of current Board of Directors with contact information*
 - *Prior year horse registration data*

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- *Treasurer's report and profit/loss statement*
- *Board of Directors President's report*
- *Hall of Fame List and Inductee Information*
- *Photographs of All-American Winners*
- *Informational Article(s)*
- *National Clydesdale Show Results and Photographs*
- *All-American Show Results*
- *Membership Directory*
- *August A. Busch Award Winners*
- *National Clydesdales Sale Highlights & Results*
- *Breed specific Show results*

National Sale Catalog

- *Prepare the overall publication layout and be responsible for reproduction and mailing*
- *Promote & sell advertising to be included in the Catalog, including invoicing and collections*
- *Prepare and /or aid advertisers with advertisements*
- *Work in conjunction with the CBUSA National Sale Committee in the preparation of the catalog which shall include, but not be limited to:*
 - *Information regarding the general conditions for the sale*
 - *Horse consignment pages, to include:*
 - *Horse name and registration number*
 - *Consignors name*
 - *Horse sex, birth date, color, pedigree (3 generations), description and picture*
 - *Include other pertinent Sale information as needed*
 - *Ad Rate Full Page \$200 • Half Page \$100 • Back Cover \$400 • Inside Front Cover \$300 • Inside Back \$300*

Deliverables

The proposal shall include the reproduction (printing) and mailing of the publications based on the specifications below.

Clydesdale News

- *Pre-press digital file preview*
 - *A single PDF of the final version of the publication will be provided to the CBUSA for review and approval before final printing, Due January 2, 2025. The CBUSA will have five (5) business days to complete its review.*
- *Reproduction specifications*

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- Quantity – 1,000
- Layout – Estimated 100 pages, plus front and back covers
- Finished Size – 8.5" x 11"
- Stock
 - Front & Back Cover – 130# Gloss Cover
 - Interior Text Pages – 80# Gloss Text
- Finishing – Full bleed 4 sides, collate, trim 4 sides, spiral bound, mail list processing, and label
- Mailing specifications
 - Individual membership copies shall be sent in a poly bag Priority Mail®
 - Direct mail to active CBUSA members (approximately 600 active members)
 - Remaining copies shall be bulk mailed to: Clydesdale Breeders of the USA, 16402 Village Parkway, Fredericktown, OH 43019
 - First Class Postage for individual copies and bulk mailing shall be included as part of the proposal costs
 - Deadline for mailing individual copies shall be the 20th of January.
- Digital files
 - All digital files used in the creation of the News will be transferred to the CBUSA at the conclusion of the project.

National Sale Catalog

- Pre-press digital file preview
 - A single PDF of the final version of the publication will be provided to the CBUSA for review and approval before final printing. The CBUSA will have five (5) business days to complete its review.
 - Digital Copy should be received by CBUSA BOD, March 2
- Reproduction specifications:
 - Quantity – 1,000
 - Layout – Estimated 100 pages, plus front and back covers
 - Finished Size – 5" x 8.5"
 - Stock
 - Front & Back Cover – 80# Gloss Cover
 - Interior Text Pages – 70# Gloss Text

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- *Finishing – Full bleed 3 sides, collate, trim 3 sides, saddle stitch, mail list processing, and label*
- *Mailing specifications:*
 - *Individual membership copies shall be sent in a poly bag*
 - *Direct mail to active CBUSA members and horse consignors if not an active member, first class postage (approximately 600 active members)*
 - *Remaining copies shall be bulk mailed to: Clydesdale Breeders of the USA, 16402 Village Parkway, Fredericktown, OH 43019*
 - *Postage for individual copies and bulk mailing shall be included as part of the proposal costs*
 - *The deadline for mailing individual copies shall be March 18th, 2026*
- *Digital files:*
 - *All digital files used in the creation of the Catalog will be transferred to the CBUSA at the conclusion of the project.*

General Conditions

- *All final print materials will be owned by the CBUSA (including digital files).*
- *All artwork will be owned by the CBUSA, including the ability to use the artwork in other marketing efforts if desired.*
- *Payment of Work – Upon agreement of a contract and cost between the winning entity and the CBUSA, a payment will be made of 50% of the contract price with the remaining 50% (25% Clydesdale News and 25% Sale Catalog) to be paid upon delivery and approval of the final drafts (pre-press) of each of the publications by the CBUSA.*

Proposal Submission

Official Communications and Inquiries

The RFP will be posted on the CBUSA website. Modifications to requirements, answers to inquiries, and clarifications will be posted there as well. Interested parties may submit written inquiries via email to secretary@clydesusa.com to obtain clarification of the project requirements.

Contract Award and Negotiation

All proposals will be evaluated on qualifications and experience with similar publications. Cost is only one consideration of the requirements and will not be the final deciding factor. The CBUSA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, and to accept or further negotiate cost, terms, or conditions of any proposals determined by the CBUSA to be in the best interest of the Association even if not the lowest cost. All proposals will remain sealed until the deadline at which time they will be opened and evaluated by the CBUSA Marketing and Social Media Committee. The committee will consider the following:

- *Resume.*
- *Ability to prepare the publications, including reproduction and mailings by indicated deadlines*

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- *Ability to market and collect for advertisements*
- *Costs charged to advertisers*
- *Overall yearly cost to CBUSA*
- *Sample(s) of similar work (if possible)*

If there is only one proposal submitted, the CBUSA reserves the right to negotiate for the services with that entity in lieu of accepting the proposal as is. The entity with the best proposal will be notified no later than September 12, 2025.

Proposal Format

The proposal should include, but is not limited to, a cover letter, resume, sample(s) of similar work, approach to scope of work and timelines, and itemized cost information for each year of publications.

The deadline to submit proposal materials is Wednesday, September 1, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. Please submit both:

A hard copy of the original proposal to the CBUSA office:

CBUSA – Clyde News Bid

PO Box 345

Fredericktown, OH 43019

A digital copy of the proposal with all supporting documents as a single PDF by email to:

Secretary@clydesusa.com