INVITATION TO BID

Red River Parish Schools invites your company to bid on two new 71 passenger school buses, equipped as per these specifications.

All sealed bids must be received, no later than Thursday, April 30, 2015, by the close of business.

Buses must meet and/or exceed all State & Federal Minimum Requirements for School Buses. To facilitate a comparison of all brands of school buses being bid, all bids must be submitted on this form.

Open Contract: The award of this bid shall be an “open contract” and thus shall be open to Red River Parish School Board as well as other Louisiana Public entities to make additional purchases for a period of 12 months from the date of award with vendor consent. This contract may be extended for an additional two (2) twelve (12) month terms with mutual consent.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF EQUIPMENT

Quantity: (1) or more 2016 Model Conventional School Bus, 71 Passenger seating with a minimum Body Length of 33 feet. Bus must meet or exceed all Federal, State, and Red River Parish specs and National Minimum Standards.

BID SPECIFICATIONS

• **Air Conditioning:** 120,000/BTU free-blow unit with dual TM-21 engine run compressors. Evaporators shall be recessed into both the front and rear bulkheads of the bus. Front evaporator shall have a duct blowing directly on driver with remaining ducts blowing towards rear of bus.

• **Alternator:** 240 amp minimum

• **Axles, Springs, & Shock absorbers:**
  - Front Axle: 12,000# rating minimum, lubed bearings
  - Rear Axle: 21,000# minimum, lubed bearings minimum
  - Rear Axle Ratio: 5.29:1 ratio
  - Rear Suspension: 21,000# capacity spring type
  - Shock Absorbers: Front and Rear

• **Back Up Alarm:** Safety alarm per state law

• **Battery:** (3) 12 Volt, Group 31 batteries, Heavy duty battery compartment with key lock

• **Body Electric Panel:** Exterior under driver window, with key lock

• **Brake System:** Hydraulic system with antilock brake system, 4 piston calipers with disc type rotors front and rear

• **Cell Phone Adapter:** Mounted in driver’s area

• **Cowl Steps & Handles:** Mounted LH & RH at windshield
- **Construction:** Bus must be certified to meet the “Colorado Rack Test” and “Kentucky Pole Test” for roll over passenger protection
- **Crossing Arm:** Bumper mounted electric crossing control arm
- **Child Check:** Sleeping child check monitor requiring driver to walk to rear of bus
- **Cup Holder:** Fold out cup holder for driver
- **Doors:**
  - **Entrance:** double outward type with manual controls only,
    - Vandal Locks – Entrance door equipped with key lock
    - 3 step step-well with rubber covered steps
  - **Exit:** Rear center mounted with upper/lower glass panel with security lock
    Retainer to hold door open
- **Header Pad:** Entrance & Exit Doors, Padded Upholstery
- **Emergency Exits:**
  - **Push-out Windows** – 2 per side – 4 per body
  - **Roof Hatch** – 2 escape roof hatches
- **Engine:** 6.7L Minimum In-Line six cylinder heavy duty diesel engine using “SCR” Emissions technology
  - **Horsepower Rating:** 220 Horse power
  - Engine warning system, low oil pressure/high water temperature. Electric block heater, 750 watt, front bumper plug in
  - Pre-set high idle switch with cruise control
- **Exhaust System:** Tailpipe exits through rear bumper
- **Floor Covering:** Heavy Duty Rubber with aluminum trim
  5/8 marine grade plywood Sub-Floor (screwed down)
- **Fuel Tank:** 100 gallon diesel capacity mounted between frame rails for added safety
  Right side fill opening with spring loaded locking door
  Heated fuel/water separator filter with sight glass
  Floor mounted inspection plate
  15 gallon minimum diesel exhaust fluid (DEF) tank
- **Gauges:**
  - speedometer with trip meter, tachometer, hour meter, dash mounted clock,
  - Voltmeter, oil pressure, water temperature, fuel gauge
- **Glove Box:** Right side in dash with lockable latch. Armrest with storage located to LH of driver.
- **Grab Rail:** Two (2) to be located to LH and Rh of stepwell
- **Headlights:** Daytime Running lights
- **Headroom:** 77 inches at center aisle
- **Heaters:**
  - Left front heater & Defroster – 90,000 BTU, ducted to 3rd passenger seat for equal heat distribution
  - Rear Underseat Mounted – 80,000 BTU, under seat heater
  - Auxiliary Defroster Fan – 2 driver defroster fans, one upper left and one upper center
- **Hood & Fenders:** Fiberglass tilting hood
- **Horns:** Dual, electric
- **Lettering:** Name of school on both sides of body
- **Lights:**
  - Back-up lights – LED type
  - Brake lights – LED Type
  - Clearance lights – LED type, 2 amber front/2 red rear with metal shields
  - Cluster lights – 3 amber front/3 red rear with metal shields - LED type
  - Directional lights – 2 amber rear, 7” LED type
Reflectors – as required by state law
Step well light – operates with door control
Stop & tail Lights – 2-4” and 2-7” red lens, LH/RH LED type
Strobe Light – 16 joule roof mounted with guard
Turn Signals – Front Fender mounted and rear of bus - LED type
Warning lights – 8 light system with protective hoods.

- Mirrors: all exterior mirrors to be heated type
- Mud Flaps: Black rubber, front and rear
- Noise Reduction: Acoustical headliner in driver area. First two roof sections.
- Paint:
  - Exterior – National School Bus Yellow with black trim
  - Interior – Manufacturer’s standard
  - Exterior Roof – White
- Parking Brake: Cable operated. Manual Type. Electronic controlled will not be accepted.
- Radio: AM/FM/CD/PA with 8 interior speakers
- Reflective Tape: 3M Diamond Grade reflective vinyl
  - “School Bus” 8” on roof cap emboss, front and rear
  - Side & rear marker strips, marker strip surrounds each emergency exit
- Rub Rails: 4 exterior body rub rails, painted black
- Safety Equipment:
  - Body Fluid Kit: Per State Specifications
  - Fire Extinguisher: 5# dry type with hose and gauge
  - First Aid Kit: Per state specifications
  - Reflectors: 3-triangle warning devices
- Seats:
  - Passenger: 71 passenger capacity
  - Upholstery: Fire Block Upholstery, on passenger seats and barriers
  - Driver: Hi-back seat with dual armrest, cloth inserts with vinyl trim, shoulder Harness & lap belt restraint
- Steering: Hydraulic power, tilt & telescopic steering wheel
- Step well: Stainless steel construction with abrasive step treads
- Stop arm: (2) 18” octagon electric sign with flashing lights, LED type
- Sun visor: 6.5 x 30, green plexi-glass
- Tires & Wheels:
  - Front: 11R22.5G, tubeless radial
  - Rear: 11R22.5G, tubeless radial
  - Wheels: 22.5 x 8.25, 10-stud, hub piloted, disc rim
- Tow Hooks: (2) front bumper
- Transmission: 5 speeds forward with overdrive
  - Tran Synd synthetic transmission fluid
  - External transmission oil filter, transmission oil cooler
- Undercoating: Underneath body fully undercoated
- Warranty: 5 year engine
  - 5 year transmission
  - 1 year base
- Windows:
  - Side – tinted to allow 30% light transmittal
  - Rear – tinted to allow 30% light transmittal
• **Windshield:** 2 piece curved for better visibility
• **Windshield Wipers:** Electric, single switch, intermittent speed with electric 1 gallon washer jug capacity

• **Bidder Requirements:**
  - Must be a licensed dealer for the sale of new motor vehicles in Louisiana per R.S. 32:1251
  - Signed T-10 form for each bus as required by the BESE board

• **Vendor Services:** Must have the following:
  - a toll free phone number
  - a website to assist customers in placing orders and product support
  - an on premises service facility capable of providing pre-delivery service for new and used buses, all major body repairs, all DOT inspections, and the ability to provide mobile service to school district facilities
  - a parts facility stocking a complete line of parts, with the ability to provide next day shipment for major body and chassis components, and to provide mobile parts sales including regularly scheduled on site retail visits.
  - The parts facility must be an integral part of the bus distributorship and directly controlled by the same.
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Price Page

Bid Price

Alternate Price for (2) Camera system mounted front and rear $__________________________
Total Unit Cost: $__________________________
Date of Delivery: __________________________

Bidder Information

Signature of Bidder: ____________________________________________________________

Company Name: ______________________________________________________________

Address: _____________________________________________________________________

City/State/Zip: __________________________________________________________________

Telephone Number: __________________________________________________________________

Date of Bid: _____________________________________________________________________

NOTE: THE SCHOOL BOARD HAS LIMITED FUNDS WITH WHICH TO PURCHASE SCHOOL BUSES. THE ESTIMATED QUANTITY TO BE PURCHASED IS TWO (2). HOWEVER, THE BOARD RESERVES THE RIGHT TO STIPULATE THE ACTUAL QUANTITY TO BE PURCHASED AFTER BIDS ARE RECEIVED.