# School Buses for Transportation Department

*Request for Proposals No. 27-005-076*
*GPR Event No. PE-65615-NONST-2027-000000115*

## NOTICE TO VENDORS

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| Brief Description of Need: | 54 and 72 Passenger School Buses for Student Transportation |
| Service Location(s): | Goza Road Operations Center<br>939 Goza Rd., Fayetteville, GA 30215 |

Complete solicitation documents may be obtained at www.fcboe.org. Fayette County Public Schools is not responsible for respondents or subcontractors failing to obtain the information provided through the full set of contract documents.

Responses must be submitted via email, mail or parcel delivery, or hand delivery to the Fayette County Public Schools offices located at the LaFayette Educational Center and directed to Matthew Roberts, purchasing manager. Envelopes should be sealed and marked conspicuously on the front with the solicitation name and number above.

SUBMISSION - BY HAND, MAIL, OR COMMON COURIER

Fayette County Public Schools
ATTN: Matthew Roberts, Purchasing Department
LaFayette Educational Center
205 LaFayette Ave., Fayetteville, GA 30214

SUBMISSION - BY EMAIL to: roberts.matthew@fcboe.org

## Objective

Fayette County Public Schools (FCPS), also referred to as the district, is soliciting proposals through this Request for Proposals (RFP) from qualified respondents to provide special needs and general passenger school buses for student transportation.

An award will be made to the responsible and responsive respondent whose proposal provides the best value and solution to the described need, taking into consideration the evaluation factors defined in this RFP.

Respondents must address all elements of this RFP. Failure to meet the specified terms and conditions may result in a reduction of evaluation scores or the complete rejection of the proposal.

## Responses Due

Responses to this request for proposals are due no later than the date and time specified in the timeline of events. Submissions must be delivered either physically or electronically to the FCPS purchasing department, located at the LaFayette Educational Center, Building A, 205 LaFayette Avenue, Fayetteville, GA 30214. Proposals received after the specified date and time will not be considered.

## Section A: Instructions to Respondents

1. Designated Representative
   1.1. The FCPS purchasing department has designated the following staff member as the representative of the department and district during the solicitation process: Matthew Robets, Purchasing Manager (roberts.matthew@fcboe.org).

2. Communication Restriction
   2.1. From the date of issuance of this RFP until an award is made, all communications must be through the designated representative listed above. Any contact or communication with other school board members, district officials, or employees regarding this solicitation is strictly prohibited and may result in the immediate disqualification of the respondent's proposal.

3. Respondent Registration
   3.1. Respondents are encouraged to register with the designated representative listed above via email after reviewing this solicitation. Respondents who register will automatically receive email updates with additional documents, such as addenda, and will be notified of the award issuance, even if they choose not to submit a proposal.

4. Schedule of Events
   4.1. Monday, October 26, 2026

   4.2. Before 9:00 AM (ET), Monday, November 9, 2026

4.3. Week of November 9-13, 2026

**4.4. Before 9:00 AM (ET), Thursday, December 3, 2026**

5. Georgia Open Records Act Compliance (O.C.G.A. § 50-18-70)

5.1. This solicitation and any resulting responses, evaluations, contracts, agreements, or purchase orders are subject to the Georgia Open Records Act and may be released publicly.

5.2. Under the Georgia Open Records Act, any records marked "confidential" or "trade secrets" must include an attached affidavit. This affidavit must affirmatively declare that the specific information meets the trade secret criteria under O.C.G.A. § 10-1-761.

5.2.1. Public Release: Failure to attach the affidavit results in the record being treated as a public document subject to disclosure.

5.2.2. Agency Overrule: If Fayette County Public Schools (FCPS) determines the information is not a trade secret, it will notify the submitter of its intent to disclose the records within 10 days, unless a court order prohibits disclosure.

5.2.3. If a submitting entity wishes to prevent the disclosure of requested records, the entity may file an action in superior court to seek an order declaring the records exempt trade secrets. The filing entity must serve the requester with a copy of its court filing.

5.2.4. Conversely, if the agency determines that the identified information does constitute a trade secret, the agency must withhold the records. In that scenario, the requester may file an action in superior court to obtain an order declaring that the records are not trade secrets and are subject to public disclosure.

6. Solicitation Documents and Forms

6.1. Documents and forms required for submission as part of this request for proposals (RFP) are available on the Fayette County Public Schools (FCPS) Purchasing Department website.

6.2. Failure to include the required submissions listed in this document may result in the rejection of the proposal. A list of required forms is included below, and additional submissions may be required based on the specifications detailed in this solicitation.

7. Proposal Delivery

7.1. Proposals must be submitted to the FCPS Purchasing Department and received prior to the proposal due date and time specified in this solicitation.

7.2. Proposals may be submitted electronically, delivered by mail, or hand-delivered to the LaFayette Educational Center, Building A, 205 LaFayette Avenue, Fayetteville, GA 30214, Attention: Purchasing Department. Faxed or telephone proposals will not be accepted or considered.

7.3. Proposals may be emailed to the designated representative subject to the following guidelines:

7.3.1. Format: Emailed proposals must be complete and in a consistent, clear, and readable format. Adobe PDF format is preferred unless specified otherwise.

7.3.2. Consolidation: All proposal documents must be combined into one single document. Submitting multiple separate documents may result in an evaluation score reduction.

8. Attachments

8.1. Any specification designated with "Must Include Attachment" must include a document within the proposal conforming to the established standards.

8.2. All attachments must be clearly marked and labeled in the following format: Attachment [Number], Solicitation Reference, Respondent Name, Solicitation Title, and Solicitation Number.

9. Proposal Format Requirements

9.1. Proposals must be typed, legible, and formatted to comply with federal accessibility standards, including the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act.

9.2. Respondents must organize their proposals to mirror the exact structure of this solicitation. Because all sections, specifications, requirements, and appendices are sequentially numbered, proposals must follow the same numbering sequence and reference this solicitation document where necessary.

9.3. Proposals must include the following sections, clearly identified and delineated:

9.3.1. Section I: Letter of Interest

9.3.2. Section II: Technical Proposal

9.3.3. Section III: Qualifications and Experience

9.3.4. Section IV: References

9.3.5. Section V: Price/Cost

10. Multiple Proposals from the Same Respondent

10.1. Respondents may submit multiple proposals when offering alternative solutions. Each alternative proposal must be submitted separately and must conform to all terms and conditions of this solicitation.

10.2. Each proposal must be labeled separately to ensure clear identification of the different alternatives submitted by the same respondent.

## Section B: Scope of Work and Specifications

1. Background and Project Overview

1.1. Fayette County Public Schools is a top-ranked public school district in Georgia, serving approximately 19,000 students across Brooks, Fayetteville, Peachtree City, Tyrone, and Woolsey. The district consistently ranks in the top 5% of public school systems in the state. The district has 25 schools total, including 14 elementary schools, 5 middle schools, 5 high schools, the Fayette LIFE Academy, and the Center for Innovation.

1.2. The District seeks a qualified Contractor to establish a multiyear contract for student transportation school buses. Over the contract term, the District anticipates procuring multiple 48- to 54-passenger special-needs buses and 72-passenger general-use buses.

2. Design/Technical Requirements and Specifications

2.1. Attached to this request for proposals (RFP) are two appendices containing specifications for each bus type. Offerors must review, complete, and return these appendices with their proposals.

3. Performance and Service Requirements

3.1. Warranty service must be performed at Transportation (939 Goza Road, Fayetteville, GA) unless the repair cannot be performed by a mobile technician.

## Section C: Evaluation of Proposals

1. Evaluation Committee

1.1. All proposals deemed responsive will be evaluated by an evaluation committee composed of project administrators and end users.

1.2. The evaluation process will be based on the following criteria:

1.2.1. Qualifications and experience

1.2.2. Submitted proposal quality

1.2.3. Price and cost

2. Evaluation Methodology

2.1. The evaluation committee will assess all responsive technical proposal components using a 100-point weighted system. Non-cost criteria will be initially rated using a four-tier qualitative scale, which converts directly to baseline points as defined below:

2.1.1. Excellent (4 Points): The proposed solution fully complies with all specification requirements and serves as the highest benchmark in the evaluation process.

2.1.2. Good (3 Points): The proposed solution complies with the core specification requirements and meets the project's intended goals, though minor elements may be lacking.

2.1.3. Fair (2 Points): The proposed solution only partially complies with the specification requirements and requires modification to meet the project's intended goals.

2.1.4. Poor (0 Points): The proposed solution fails to comply with the specification requirements, or the specification is omitted entirely.

2.2. Final Point Calculation: The baseline points awarded by evaluators will be converted into weighted points using the following distribution matrix:

2.2.1. Qualifications and Experience: Weighted at 30% of the total allocation (Maximum 30 Points). Calculated as: (Evaluator Baseline Points / 4) x 30.

2.2.2. Submitted Proposal Quality: Weighted at 40% of the total allocation (Maximum 40 Points). Calculated as: (Evaluator Baseline Points / 4) x 40.

2.2.3. Price and Cost: Weighted at 30% of the total allocation (Maximum 30 Points).

2.3. Cost Evaluation Formula: Cost proposals will be evaluated mathematically. The lowest responsive proposed cost will automatically receive the maximum allocation of 30 points. All other higher cost proposals will be evaluated proportionally using the following formula:

2.3.1. Points = (Lowest Proposed Cost / Respondent's Proposed Cost) x 30.

2.4. The committee is the sole and final arbiter for awarding points and determining whether a proposed solution complies with the specifications and project goals.

3. Interviews and Presentations

3.1. Post-proposal interviews and presentations may be required in person at the direction of the evaluation committee. Submission of a proposal does not

guarantee an interview or presentation, and selection remains at the sole discretion of the committee.

4. Contract Award and Negotiations
   4.1. Following the conclusion of the evaluation process, the evaluation committee will issue a recommendation for award.

   4.2. The committee reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. A recommendation for award does not guarantee a contract, and final approval from the Superintendent, the Board of Education, or both may be required. Following the recommendation for award, the Superintendent or their designee may engage in final negotiations with the selected respondent.

## Section D: General Terms and Conditions

The Fayette County Public Schools (FCPS) General Terms and Conditions are attached to this solicitation and are available on the Purchasing Department website under the heading "Vendor Terms, Conditions, and Forms." By submitting a proposal, the respondent acknowledges that they have read and understood these General Terms and Conditions, as well as all other terms and conditions included in this solicitation.

## Section E: Special Terms and Conditions

1. Contract Incorporation
   1.1. This solicitation will be incorporated into any resulting contract. If this solicitation and the resulting contract conflict, Fayette County Public Schools will determine the controlling method.

   1.2. Only the Superintendent or their designated representative may sign or enter into a contract on behalf of Fayette County Public Schools.

2. Term
   2.1. The proposal term will begin at the time of award and continue through June 30, 2027, with an option to renew for up to five additional terms.

   2.2. Terms are defined as the fiscal year running from July 1 to June 30 of each calendar year.

3. Substitutions and Alternates
   3.1. Products similar to or other than those specified may be acceptable if they comply with all specification requirements and are of equal or superior quality.

   3.2. The respondent must provide substantiation that the proposed substitution or alternative does not violate any manufacturer's patent, patent allowed, or patent pending, and that the proposed alternative meets the specifications included in this solicitation.

3.3. The school system is the sole arbiter of specification compliance and alternative acceptability. No pre-proposal approval will be given for a proposed alternative.

4. Insurance Requirements

4.1. Respondents must submit a current and valid certificate of insurance (COI) in accordance with the General Terms and Conditions and the specifications included in this solicitation.

4.2. If the respondent chooses to utilize subcontractors for installation or other services, the respondent must provide a valid COI for each subcontractor that complies with the requirements established in the General Terms and Conditions.

5. Delivery

5.1. Deliveries will be made to the Goza Road Operations Center, 939 Goza Road, Fayetteville, GA 30215, Monday through Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (ET). Deliveries must be coordinated with the bus shop supervisor by calling 770-460-3520 at least 48 hours prior to delivery.

6. Sequencing and Scheduling

6.1. The District anticipates ordering approximately 15 buses each year—a combination of special-needs and general-passenger buses—across a 5-year period. The District intends to place annual orders in late fall or early winter of each calendar year for delivery of buses to occur before the last week of school in May..

## Section F: Required Forms and Submissions

1. Required Respondent Submissions

1.1. Product Data: The Fayette County School District must receive all product data pertaining to the solicitation's scope of work. This documentation includes the following items:

1.1.1. Product Data Sheets: Provide a comprehensive description of the proposed items.

1.1.2. Product Certifications: Submit the manufacturer’s certification verifying that all products and materials comply with the specification requirements.

1.1.3. Technical Literature: Provide the manufacturer’s catalog cuts, safety data sheets (SDSs), brochures, and technical specifications.

1.1.4. Manuals: Submit instructions and recommendations for preparation, maintenance, and installation.

1.1.5. Logistics and Care: Provide storage and handling requirements and recommendations.

1.1.6. Warranties: Submit all applicable manufacturer warranty documents for each item in accordance with the specifications.

2. Cost Proposal

2.1. All respondents must submit a separate cost proposal. Pricing that is not entered directly on the provided cost proposal form will not be considered.

2.2. If pricing variations exist for different finishes, materials, or product options, the respondent must include an attachment detailing those variations and their associated costs.

2.3. Line items must be formatted to detail all costs applicable to the proposed solution, culminating in a grand total cost to execute the solution fully.

3. Letters of Recommendation

3.1. The respondent must include a minimum of three letters of recommendation dated within the previous two calendar years.

3.2. Letters must be from clients or customers who have engaged the respondent for services in the past. Each letter must feature a comprehensive overview of the previous engagement, including the scope of work, timeline and budget parameters, and an assessment of the respondent's ability to complete the services as specified.

3.3. Additionally, each letter must contain complete contact information, including the organization or firm name, a contact name, a telephone number, and an email address. Letters detailing projects that are similar in size and scope to Fayette County Public Schools are preferred.

4. Checklist of Required Forms

4.1. Respondents must complete and submit all forms listed below, attached to this solicitation, and available on the Purchasing Department website.

4.2. Failure to attach any required form may result in an evaluation score reduction or the rejection of the proposal.

| **Required Form** | **Purpose** | **Provider/Location** |
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| Solicitation Response Form | General information form required for the front of submitted proposal. | Attached |
| Certificate of Insurance | Detailing coverage limits as defined in this RFP and General Terms and Conditions. | Respondent |
| IRS W-9 Form | Completed and signed version currently available. | IRS Website |

**Appendix A: 48/54 Passenger School Bus Minimum Specifications**

*In the line to the left of each specification number, please list a page number from your proposal where those specifications can be found.*

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| **1. Body and Chassis** | |
| | 1.1. Size: Proposal meets or exceeds the minimum for 48-54 passenger designed capacity (shell size). |
| | 1.2. Batteries and Alternator: The proposal includes two (2) 900amp Group 31 batteries with a minimum 275amp Delco alternator with remote sense. Battery disconnect switch installed in battery box. |
| | 1.3. Chassis Electrical: Proposal includes an exterior electrical access door with power access block; interior power supply/charger port. Minimum requirement of the door with lock and 545 key. |
| | 1.4. Lighting and Safety: Proposal includes full LED lighting with activity light, strobe, First Light school bus sign and stop sign factory package, headlamps, side backup lights, and stop sign. Excludes head-lamp assemblies. |
| | 1.5. Reflector: Proposal includes screw or rivet mounted reflector. |
| | 1.6. Driver's Sun Visor: Proposal includes a driver's side window sun visor. |
| | 1.7. Door and Warning Light Switches: Proposal includes a panel mounted three (3) position door switch; as well as separate override and warning light switches. |
| | 1.8. Stop Sign and Cross Gate: The proposal includes a First Light stop sign with cross gate that is air operated and has LED lighting. |
| | 1.9. Rear Door Sign: Proposal includes an LED lighted rear door sign. |
| | 1.10. Headlights: The proposal includes a warning alarm for headlights left on. |
| | 1.11. Exterior loading light above the entrance door; white LED |
| | 1.12. Forward and aft dual height handrails at steps. |
| **2. Engine** | |
| | 2.1. Engine Manufacturer: Proposal includes a Cummins, six (6) cylinder diesel engine. |
| | 2.2. Horsepower: The proposal includes an engine with a minimum of 240 available horsepower. (Respondent must notate horsepower rating on submitted proposal.) |

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| | 2.3. Coolant: Proposal includes extended life coolant for the submitted engine. |
| | 2.4. Exhaust: The proposal includes an exhaust system routed through the rear bumper. (Respondent must notate exhaust route on submitted proposal.) |
| **3. Paint and Numbering** | |
| | 3.1. Roof Paint: Proposal includes white roof paint. |
| | 3.2. Bus Numbering: The proposal includes reflective type numbering located on the front bumper. |
| **4. Doors** | |
| | 4.1. Entrance: Proposal includes a minimum 33.5-inch opening air powered entrance door with electric controls, all units keyed alike with 545 key, and a three (3) position door switch. |
| | 4.2. Emergency: Proposal includes an emergency door with lock; all units keyed alike with 545 key. |
| **5. Transmission** | |
| | 5.1. Proposal includes an Allison transmission, 2500 series. |
| | 5.2. Proposal includes an extended transmission warranty and fluid. |
| **6. Axle and Suspension** | |
| | 6.1. Proposal includes 10,000 lbs or greater front axle with oil-filled hubs. |
| | 6.2. Proposal includes 19,000 lbs or greater rear axle with air-ride suspension |
| | 6.3. Proposal includes differential gear with ratio to provide for minimum 70 mph top road speed. |
| **7. Air Brakes** | |
| | 7.1. Proposal includes air-operated brakes with outboard drums. |
| | 7.2. Proposal includes a Bendix air dryer, model number AD9. |
| | 7.3. Proposal includes a Bendix Intelipark brake. |
| **8. Wheels and Tires** | |
| | 8.1. Proposal includes 11R, 22.5 balanced tires as follows:<br>8.1.1. Michelin 22.5 XZE |

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| | 8.1.2. Goodyear G661<br>8.1.3. Bridgestone R260 |
| | 8.2. Proposal includes hub piloted wheels. |
| **9. Seating** | |
| | 9.1. Proposal includes a diagram of the proposed bus showing/indicating the following:<br>9.1.1. Seating<br>9.1.2. Exits<br>9.1.3. Wheelchair Lift<br>9.1.4. Wheelchair Placement |
| | 9.2. Proposal includes an premium air-operated dual shock driver's seat with wall mount adjustable lap/shoulder belt. (Respondent must indicate the seat manufacturer and model number.) |
| | 9.3. Proposal should include seats that are brown in color. |
| | 9.4 Proposal should include two (2) integrated booster-style seats with two (2) booster places per seat. (Respondent must indicate the seat manufacturer and model number.) |
| | 9.5. Proposal includes seats that are bolted in place. |
| | 9.6. Proposal includes two (2) track seats and two (2) barriers located in the front left and right wheelchair spaces. |
| **10. Heater** | |
| | 10.1. Proposal includes a rear heater with metal pump with 1/4 turn ball valves at heater hose connection both inside and out. |
| **11. Interior** | |
| | 11.1. Proposal includes a floor black in color. |
| | 11.2. Proposal includes an entrance door tread with a pebble finish manufactured by Koraseal or an acceptable alternative. Spray coating is acceptable. |
| | 11.3. Proposal includes an overhead storage bin to the left of the driver with lock (prefer 545 key), light, and hold-open door. |
| | 11.4. Proposal includes an inside noise reduction package for the full length of the bus. |

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| | 11.5. Proposal includes wipers with an intermittent setting with a preferred two-motor system with separate switches. |
| | 11.6. Proposal includes the following gauges:<br>11.6.1. Tachometer<br>11.6.2. Hour Meter |
| | 11.7. Proposal includes an AM/FM PA radio with four speakers and a separate but connected PA system. |
| | 11.8. Proposal includes telescoping tilt-wheel steering with cruise control. |
| **12. Roof Hatch** | |
| | 12.1. Proposal includes a Valeo Smart Hatch with internal mounting and no alarm/buzzer. |
| **13. Mirrors** | |
| | 13.1. Proposal includes side mirrors that are remote control, heated, super nickel, and Mirror Lite type. (Respondent must indicate the manufacturer and model number.) |
| | 13.2. Proposal includes crossover mirrors with down lights that are cat-eye style, on a one (1) inch post arm, heated, with black headlight trim and Mirror Lite type. (Respondent must indicate the manufacturer and model number.) |
| | 13.3. Overhead mirror shall have a backup camera system with an adjustable locking bracket (may be lever lock type). |
| **14. Video System** | |
| | 14.1. Proposal includes a REI ten (10) camera 1080p DVR video system with:<br>14.1.1. 2TB minimum hybrid hard drive<br>14.1.2. On screen light indicators<br>14.1.3. Event marker<br>14.1.4. Mini tracks GPS<br>14.1.5. Dome Cameras (5 each)<br>14.1.6. Windshield Camera (1 each)front and rear<br>14.1.7. Drive-By Cameras (2 each)<br>14.1.8. One (1) right-side exterior bus stop camera. |
| **15. Wheelchair Positions and Lift** | |
| | 15.1. Proposal includes a Braun 15.1 wheelchair lift located front-bus with a 1,000 lbs capacity. (As required in item nine (9) above, location should be notated on the submitted diagram.) |

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| | 15.2. Proposal should include three (3) track-type wheelchair positions with two (2) being in the left front and one (1) in the right front of the bus. (As required in item nine (9) above, location should be notated on the submitted diagram.) |
| | 15.3. Proposal includes a wheelchair lift door lock that is keyed identically to the other doors if key is needed; lever-style is acceptable. |
| | 15.4. Proposal includes three (3) wheelchair tie-downs manufactured by Q-Straint that are retractable in nature. |
| | 15.5. Proposal includes one (1) fire blanket. |
| **16. Air Conditioning** | |
| | 16.1. Proposal includes air conditioning system with the following minimum specifications (brand names must be provided):<br>16.1.1. Bulkhead mount, separate front and and rear with driver in dash air<br>16.1.2. 120,000 BTU each |
| **17. Glass** | |
| | 17.1. Proposal includes body glass that is roped in style and tinted. |
| **18. Miscellaneous** | |
| | 18.1. Proposal includes max capacity between-rail fuel tank. (Respondent must notate maximum capacity in gallons.) |
| | 18.2. Proposal includes ignition switches keyed alike on all buses. |
| | 18.3. Proposal includes access panel locks that are keyed alike, preferably with the same 545 key. |
| | 18.4. Proposal includes a child check system meeting Georgia specifications manufactured by Child Reminder System or Child Check Mate. |
| | 18.5. Fire suppression system must be the Fire Gator brand. |
| **19. Warranty** | |
| | 19.1. Proposal includes a minimum three (3) year chassis warranty covered bumper to bumper. (Respondent must include a copy of warranty documentation with submission.) |
| | 19.2. Proposal includes a minimum three (3) year body warranty covered bumper to bumper. (Respondent must include a copy of warranty documentation with submission.) |

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| | 19.3. Proposal includes optional extended warranties listed as an additional cost for each of the following separately:<br>19.3.1. Air Conditioning System<br>19.3.2. Engine (10 years preferred)<br>19.3.3. Transmission (10 years preferred)<br>19.3.4. Chassis (bumper to bumper)<br>19.3.5. Body |
| **20. Documentation** | |
| | 20.1. Proposal includes documentation in either CD, manual, or website access (respondent must indicate format) of the following:<br>20.1.1. Parts<br>20.1.2. Engine Repair<br>20.1.3. Chassis Repair<br>20.1.4. Chassis Electrical<br>20.1.5. Engine Electronics<br>20.1.6. ABS |

By signature below respondent verifies that their proposal has met all specifications listed above as a minimum standard. Respondent also verifies that their response includes the requested information above such as manufacturer names, diagrams, capacities, weights, restrictions, or limits.

If proposing an alternative to any specification, the respondent must include a detailed description including manufacturer's information and specification sheets. Failure to do so may result in an evaluation score reduction or rejection of the response.

Signature _____ Date _____

**Appendix B: 72 Passenger School Bus Minimum Specifications**

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| **1. Body and Chassis** | |
| | 1.1. Size: Proposal meets or exceeds the minimum for 72 passenger designed capacity (shell size). |
| | 1.2. Batteries and Alternator: The proposal includes two (2) 900amp Group 31 batteries with a minimum 275amp Delco alternator with remote sense. Battery disconnect switch installed in battery box. |
| | 1.3. Chassis Electrical: Proposal includes an exterior electrical access door with power access block; interior power supply/charger port. Minimum requirement of the door with lock and 545 key. |
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| | 1.5. Reflector: Proposal includes screw or rivet mounted reflector. |
| | 1.6. Driver's Sun Visor: Proposal includes a driver's side window sun visor. |
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| | 1.9. Rear Door Sign: Proposal includes an LED lighted rear door sign. |
| | 1.10. Headlights: The proposal includes a warning alarm for headlights left on. |
| | 1.11. Exterior loading light above the entrance door; white LED |
| | 1.12. Forward and aft dual height handrails. |
| **2. Engine** | |
| | 2.1. Engine Manufacturer: Proposal includes a Cummins, six (6) cylinder diesel engine. |
| | 2.2. Horsepower: The proposal includes an engine with a minimum of 240 available horsepower. (Respondent must notate horsepower rating on submitted proposal.) |
| | 2.3. Coolant: Proposal includes extended life coolant for the submitted engine. |

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| | 2.4. Exhaust: The proposal includes an exhaust system routed through the rear bumper. (Respondent must notate exhaust route on submitted proposal.) |
| **3. Paint and Numbering** | |
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| **5. Transmission** | |
| | 5.1. Proposal includes an Allison transmission, 2500 series. |
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| **6. Axle and Suspension** | |
| | 6.1. Proposal includes 10,000 lbs or greater front axle with oil-filled hubs. |
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| **7. Air Brakes** | |
| | 7.1. Proposal includes air-operated brakes with outboard drums. |
| | 7.2. Proposal includes a Bendix air dryer, model number AD9. |
| | 7.3. Proposal includes a Bendix Intellipark brake |
| **8. Wheels and Tires** | |
| | 8.1. Proposal includes 11R, 22.5 balanced tires as follows:<br>8.1.1. Michelin 22.5 XZE<br>8.1.2. Goodyear G661<br>8.1.3. Bridgestone R260 |

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| | 8.2. Proposal includes hub piloted wheels. |
| **9. Seating** | |
| | 9.1. Proposal includes a diagram of the proposed bus showing/indicating the following:<br>9.1.1. Seating<br>9.1.2. Exits<br>9.1.3. Emergency Exits |
| | 9.2. Proposal includes a premium air-operated dual shock driver's seat with adjustable lap/shoulder belt. (Respondent must indicate the seat manufacturer and model number.) |
| | 9.3. Proposal should include seats that are brown in color. |
| | 9.5. Proposal should include seats that are bolted in place in seatbelt ready frames with no seatbelts. |
| **10. Heater** | |
| | 10.1. Proposal includes a rear heater with metal pump with 1/4 turn ball valves at heater hose connection both inside and out. |
| **11. Interior** | |
| | 11.1. Proposal includes a floor black in color. |
| | 11.2. Proposal includes an entrance door tread with a pebble finish manufactured by Koraseal or an acceptable alternative. Spray coating is acceptable. |
| | 11.3. Proposal includes an overhead storage bin to the left of the driver with lock (prefer 545 key), light, and hold-open door. |
| | 11.4. Proposal includes an inside noise reduction package for the full length of the bus. |
| | 11.5. Proposal includes wipers with an intermittent setting with a preferred two-motor system with separate switches. |
| | 11.6. Proposal includes the following gauges:<br>11.6.1. Tachometer<br>11.6.2. Hour Meter |
| | 11.7. Proposal includes an AM/FM PA radio with four speakers and a separate but connected PA system. |
| | 11.8. Proposal includes telescoping -wheel steering with cruise control. |

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| **12. Roof Hatch** | |
| | 12.1. Proposal includes a Valeo Smart Hatch with internal mounting and no alarm/buzzer. |
| **13. Mirrors** | |
| | 13.1. Proposal includes side mirrors that are remote control, heated, super nickel, and Mirror Lite type. (Respondent must indicate the manufacturer and model number.) |
| | 13.2. Proposal includes crossover mirrors with down lights that are cat-eye style, on a one (1) inch post arm, heated, with black headlight trim and Mirror Lite type. (Respondent must indicate the manufacturer and model number.) |
| **14. Video System** | |
| | 14.1. Proposal includes a REI ten (10) camera 1080p DVR video system with:<br>14.1.1. 2TB minimum hybrid hard drive<br>14.1.2. On screen light indicators<br>14.1.3. Event marker<br>14.1.4. Mini tracks GPS<br>14.1.5. Dome Cameras (5 each)<br>14.1.6. Windshield Camera (1 each)front and rear<br>14.1.7. Drive-By Cameras (2 each)<br>14.1.8. 1 right side exterior bus stop camera |
| **15. Air Conditioning** | |
| | 16.1. Proposal includes air conditioning system with the following minimum specifications (brand names must be provided):<br>16.1.1. Bulkhead mount, separate front and and rear with driver in dash air<br>16.1.2. 120,000 BTU each |
| **16. Glass** | |
| | 16.1. Proposal includes body glass that is roped in style and tinted. |
| **17. Miscellaneous** | |
| | 17.1. Proposal includes minimum 100 gallon capacity between-rail fuel tank. (Respondent must notate maximum capacity in gallons.) |
| | 17.2. Proposal includes ignition switches keyed alike on all buses. |
| | 17.3. Proposal includes access panel locks that are keyed alike, preferably with the same 545 key. |

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| | 17.4. Proposal includes a child check system meeting Georgia specifications manufactured by Child Reminder System or Child Check Mate. |
| **18. Warranty** | |
| | 18.1. Proposal includes a minimum three (3) year chassis warranty covered bumper to bumper. (Respondent must include a copy of warranty documentation with submission.) |
| | 18.2. Proposal includes a minimum three (3) year body warranty covered bumper to bumper. (Respondent must include a copy of warranty documentation with submission.) |
| | 18.3. Proposal includes optional extended warranties listed as an additional cost for each of the following separately:<br>18.3.1. Air Conditioning System<br>18.3.2. Engine (10 years preferred)<br>18.3.3. Transmission (10 years preferred)<br>18.3.4. Chassis (bumper to bumper)<br>18.3.5. Body |
| **19. Documentation** | |
| | 19.1. Proposal includes documentation in either CD, manual, or website access (respondent must indicate format) of the following:<br>19.1.1. Parts<br>19.1.2. Engine Repair<br>19.1.3. Chassis Repair<br>19.1.4. Chassis Electrical<br>19.1.5. Engine Electronics<br>19.1.6. ABS |

By signature below respondent verifies that their proposal has met all specifications listed above as a minimum standard. Respondent also verifies that their response includes the requested information above such as manufacturer names, diagrams, capacities, weights, restrictions, or limits.

If proposing an alternative to any specification, the respondent must include a detailed description including manufacturer's information and specification sheets. Failure to do so may result in an evaluation score reduction or rejection of the response.

Signature _____ Date _____

# Solicitation Response Form

**School Buses for Transportation Department (RFP 27-005-076)**

Place this form on top of your response.

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| Company Name: | |
| Point of Contact: | |
| Street Address: | |
| City: | |
| State: | |
| Zip Code: | |
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*Authority to Act*

By signing below, you state that you have the authority to sign for your company. You also agree to provide the products or services according to all terms and conditions in this document.

*Terms, Conditions, and Specifications*

By signing below, you verify that your solution complies with all general terms, special terms, conditions, and specifications. If your solution has an exception, you must note it. For instructions on how to submit exceptions, read the FCPS General Terms and Conditions.

*Addenda (If Applicable)*

By signing below, you verify that you have read and understood all addenda issued for this solicitation.

Signature: _____ Date:_____

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