



**ROCKFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
INVITATION TO BID ON SUPPLIES, MATERIALS, EQUIPMENT OR SERVICES FOR
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205
ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS**

IFB No. **16-26 NEW SCHOOL BUSES**

DATE: **JANUARY 22, 2016**

OFFERS WILL BE RECEIVED UNTIL: **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2016 11:30 A.M. (CST)**

RE: Invitation for Bid (IFB) No. 16-26 New School Buses. The purpose of this IFB is to solicit bids for the purchase of a total of twenty-seven (27) new school buses to include: twenty-four (24) new 71-passenger buses, two (2) new 71-passenger buses being field trip equipped with luggage racks, and one (1) special needs bus for the Rockford School District to be delivered before the start of the 2016-2017 school year.

Bid Opening: February 2, 2016 at 11:30 a.m., **Rockford Board of Education, 4th floor Conference Room, 501 Seventh St., Rockford, IL 61104.** The date and time as state is also the time of the public opening. All vendors are welcome to attend the bid opening.

If you plan to hand deliver your IFB submission on the due date, please note that you must check in on the 3rd floor prior to coming to the 4th floor. Please allow time for this as late submissions will not be accepted.

ROCKFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION

By: Tamara Pugh

Purchasing Process Manager

**ROCKFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
REQUEST FOR BID ON SUPPLIES, MATERIALS, EQUIPMENT OR
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ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS**

IFB No. 16-26 New School Buses

Date: January 22, 2016

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FOR SUPPLIES, MATERIALS, EQUIPMENT OR SERVICES SPECIFIED HEREIN. THE DATE AND THE TIME AS STATED IS ALSO THE TIME OF THE PUBLIC BID OPENING. IF YOU DESIRE TO SUBMIT A BID, PLEASE DO SO ON THE FORMS PROVIDED AND RETURN TO THIS OFFICE.

Addressed to: BOARD OF EDUCATION
School District No. 205
501 Seventh Street, 6th Fl.
Rockford, Illinois 61104

GENERAL CONDITIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR ALL BIDS

The Board of Education (hereinafter occasionally referred to as Board or District as the context may require) reserves the right to reject any or all prices or bids submitted. One copy of this bid is enclosed for your convenience.

a.) Please return a copy of the required forms AND an electronic PDF version of the bid response (including all required forms) on a CD or flash drive in a SEALED envelope with the bid number, subject and your firm's name and address clearly indicated on the envelope. NOTE: FAXED and LATE bids are not acceptable and will be rejected as non-responsive.

b.) Bids to be addressed as follows: **Rockford Public School District Purchasing Department
501 Seventh St., 6th Floor
Rockford, IL 61104
Attn: Stacie Talbert Scott, Executive Director of Budgeting and Purchasing**

The Board of Education reserves the right to return any merchandise for full price credit or replacement at the District's discretion that does not comply with the conditions and specifications. The Board of Education reserves the right to increase or decrease quantities shown on bid.

The Board of Education reserves the right to cancel purchase orders if the delivery or completion is not performed in accordance with the bidding document and the date stated on the purchase order.

The Board of Education reserves the right to have any product analyzed at a laboratory to ascertain compliance with specifications. Expense of such testing shall be by the Board of Education unless such tests prove noncompliance with specifications at which time the expense shall be the responsibility of the Contractor.

Bids will be awarded to the lowest responsible Bidder complying with these conditions and specifications. All rights are reserved by the Board of Education to determine the selection that in its judgment meets the needs or purposes intended. Such decisions shall be final and not subject to recourse.

The Bidder's signature on the following page of this Form will be construed as acceptance of and willingness to comply with all provisions of the Acts of the General Assembly of the State of Illinois relating to wages of laborers, preference to citizens of the United States and residence within the State of Illinois, and discrimination and intimidation of employees. This bid and the resulting Contract are specifically subject to the Equal Employment Opportunity requirements of the Illinois Human Rights Act, Federal statutes and the policies and procedures of the District. Bidder agrees to comply in all respects with Federal, State, and local laws, ordinances and regulations pertaining to this bid and to the performance of the Contract in the event the Bidder is awarded the bid. Provisions of applicable statutes enacted by governmental bodies having jurisdiction are hereby incorporated by reference and became a part of this proposal and specifications.

Various statutes of the state of Illinois prohibit interest of School Board members in contracts and others prohibit interest of employees in contracts of the District as do District policies. Bidder by submitting a bid agrees to refrain from entering into any contract with the District where a Board member or employee of the District has a prohibited interest.

Complete, sign and return the following forms: General Conditions and Instruction for All Bids, Bid Offer Form, Bid-Rigging Certification, Minority and Women-Owned Business Concern Representation, Certificate Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Exclusion, Certificate Regarding Lobbying, OFAC Compliance, Vendor Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form, and any other required submittals.

No bids may be withdrawn after the official opening. All bids submitted must be valid for a minimum period of sixty (60) days after the date set for the bid opening. Please check the Terms and Conditions for any variation of this requirement.

All prices are F.O.B., Rockford, Illinois, which is further defined as meaning the price submitted on the bid sheet is the total price to this school district, including all freight and delivery charges. Under no circumstances may prepaid charges be added to the invoice.

A substitute item will be considered only if it is an item of regular manufacture as evidenced by literature, catalogs, etc. and not a pro-type or first article test item. Items lacking an established commercial market or evidence of substantial sales must be placed in the hands of the Executive Director of Budgeting and Purchasing PRIOR to the date and time of the bid opening.

The successful Bidder must submit a separate invoice for each purchase order. The information on that invoice shall cover ONLY that one purchase order.

On the attached list, please type on the bid sheet(s) the information that is requested. If there is insufficient room for your information on this Bid Sheet(s), please present data on a separate sheet (one item to a sheet).

Any interested party, including all Bidders, may examine the bid summary after bids have been opened and awarded by the Board of Education. Bid summary will be available at the Board of Education Administration Building, Purchasing Department, 8:00 A.M., to 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday. Bid recaps may also be reviewed by visiting www.DemandStar.Com.

Vendor's signature on this Bid Form must be an actual signature. A stamped, facsimile, or typed signature may disqualify the bid. Unless notified otherwise, should no offer be received, the firm may be subject to being removed from the Bidder's list.

The above General Conditions and Instructions are applicable to all bids. Additional Terms and Conditions and Specifications are supplied for each bid.

Please address all questions relative to any bid in writing to the Executive Director of Budgeting and Purchasing, Board of Education, 501 Seventh Street, Rockford, Illinois 61104 or stacie.scott@rps205.com. All request for information must be submitted at least three business days (Monday – Friday) prior to the bid due date and time. Responses to questions will be reviewed by the Purchasing Department and if a response or clarification to the IFB is issued it will be issued via an amendment to the bid and published on the District website and, if applicable, Demand Star. Any request for information submitted after the deadline will not receive a response. **Under no circumstances may any bidder or its representative(s) contact any employee or representative of the Rockford Public Schools regarding this bid prior to the closing date, other than to the Purchasing staff provided above. Any violation of this condition may result in a Vendor being considered non-compliant and ineligible for award.**

THIS SECTION BELOW MUST BE COMPLETED IN FULL AND SIGNED,
FAILURE TO COMPLY MAY RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION OF BID.

The undersigned hereby certifies that he/she has read and understands the contents of this solicitation and agrees to furnish at the prices shown any or all of the items and/or services, subject to all Instructions, Terms and Conditions, Specifications and attachments hereto. Failure to have read all the provisions of this solicitation shall not be cause to alter any resulting contract or request additional compensation.

GENERAL CONDITIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR ALL BIDS FORM:

Address

Name of Firm

City & State

Zip

Signature of Authorized Representative

Area Code

Telephone Number

(Federal Employer Identification) Or Social Security
Number (See Specification for Determination)

LATE BIDS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED!

SEALED BID PROPOSAL

BID NO.: 16-26
OPENING DATE: Tuesday, February 2, 2016
OPENING TIME: 11:30 AM (CST)
DESCRIPTION: New School Buses
ATTN: PURCHASING DEPT.

DATED MATERIAL-DELIVER IMMEDIATELY

**PLEASE CUT OUT AND AFFIX THIS BID LABEL TO THE
OUTERMOST ENVELOPE OF YOUR PROPOSAL TO HELP
ENSURE PROPER DELIVERY!**

LATE OFFERS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED!

STATEMENT OF NO INTEREST - BID

NOTE: If you are unable to submit a bid for this work, please complete and return this form immediately.

The Purchasing Department of the Rockford School District wishes to keep its vendors list file current. If for any reason you cannot supply the commodity/service noted on the attached solicitation, this form must be completed and returned to remain on the particular vendor list for future projects of this type.

We, the undersigned, have declined to submit a proposal on:

Bid No. & Name: Bid 16-26 New School Buses

We are unable to submit a proposal for this work due to the following:

- Too busy at this time
- Bond requirement
- Insurance requirement
- Length of time required to obtain payment
- Project is _____ too large _____ too small
- Remove us from your 's list for this commodity/service
- Other (specify below)
- Do you wish to be considered in the future for similar projects? Yes No
- Unable to meet specifications
- Not engaged in this type work
- Site location too distant

REMARKS:

Signature: _____ Name & Title: _____

Firm: _____ Phone: _____

Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____
(Street Address) (City) (State) (Zip-Code)

Date: _____

Return to: Executive Director of Budgeting and Purchas
Rockford Public School District
501 7th St.
Rockford, IL 61104

**ROCKFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REQUIRED BID FORMS CHECK LIST
Bid/RFP/RFQ No.: 16-26 New School Buses**

Listed below are the REQUIRED forms all bidders are REQUIRED to submit with sealed bids on or before the bid due date and time. Failure to submit ALL required forms may result in bidder being deemed non-responsive.

Required Forms	Yes	Comments
Bid Offer Form	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Bid Rigging Certification	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Minority and Women Owned Business Concern Representation	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Certificate Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Certificate Regarding Lobbying	<input type="checkbox"/>	
OFAC Compliance	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Vendor Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sample of 3M reflective “High Intensity Fluorescent” tape	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Form W-9 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Factory copy of warranty	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Listed below are REQUIRED FORMS/DOCUMENTS that must be submitted prior to starting work, if awarded the contract. Failure to submit forms below may result in project start delay.

<input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Liability Insurance	Document must be submitted prior to starting work, if awarded the contract. Failure to submit forms below may result in project start delay.
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BID-RIGGING CERTIFICATION

I, _____, a duly authorized agent of
(Agent)

_____, do hereby certify that neither
(Contractor)

_____ nor any individual presently
(Contractor)

affiliated with _____ has been barred from bidding on a
(Contractor)

public contract as a result of a violation of either Section 33E-3 (bid-rigging) or Section 33E-4 (bid rotating) of the Illinois Criminal Code, contained in Chapter 750, Article 5 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes.

Authorized Agent

Contractor

ROCKFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MINORITY, WOMEN and DISABLED-OWNED BUSINESS CONCERN REPRESENTATION

Minority-Owned Business: a minority-owned business concern means a business concern that: (1) is at least 51 percent unconditionally owned by one or more individuals who are considered to be a member of a minority group, or a publicly owned business having at least 51 percent of its stock unconditionally owned by one or more members of a minority group; and (2) has its management and daily business controlled and operated by one or more such individuals. Individuals who certify that they are members of minority groups (African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans, Asian-Pacific Americans, Asian-Indian Americans, and other minorities) are to be considered minority-owned enterprises.

Women-Owned Business: a business that is at least 51 percent owned by a woman or women who also control and operate it.

Disabled Owned Business: a business that is at least 51 percent owned by a person or persons with severe physical or mental disabilities which substantially limits one or more of the person's major life activities and which person or persons control and operate such business.

"Control" in this referenced context means exercising the power to make policy decisions. "Operate" means being actively involved in the day- to-day management of the business.

The District shall rely on written representations of concerns regarding their status as minority/women/disabled-owned businesses. Offeror agrees to submit information regarding the minority ownership of its subcontractors on request of District.

COMPLETE THE SECTION BELOW AND RETURN THIS FORM WITH BID. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY RENDER THE OFFEROR'S BID UNACCEPTABLE.

A. Representation. The offeror represents that it is (), is not () a minority-owned business concern.

B. Representation. The offeror represents that it is (), is not () a women-owned business concern.

C. Representation. The offeror represents that it is (), is not () a disabled-owned business concern.

Please Check Appropriate Box/Boxes

African American (AFRAM)

Caucasian (CAUC)

Native American (NAAM)

Hispanic American (HISP)

Asian-Pacific (ASIAP)
American

Asian-Indian (ASIAI)
American

Other _____

Woman Owned (W)

Disabled Owned (D)

Please identify

The offeror has / has not used the following procedures in searching for and obtaining suppliers and subcontractors:

- Place qualified Minority-Owned Businesses on solicitation lists
- Ensure that Minority-Owned Businesses are solicited whenever they are potential sources
- Consider contracting with consortia of Minority-Owned Businesses when an intended contract is too large for any one such firm to handle on its own or, if economically feasible, divide larger requirements into smaller transactions for which such organizations might compete
- Make information on contracting opportunities available and establish delivery schedules that encourage participation by Minority-Owned Businesses
- Use the services and assistance of the SBA and Department of Commerce Minority Business Development Agency, as appropriate.

Company Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____ Fax # _____ FEIN # _____

Signature of Company Official _____ Title _____

Date _____

ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

100 North First Street
Springfield, IL 62777-0001

CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY, AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION LOWER TIER COVERED TRANSACTIONS

This certification is required by the regulations implementing Executive Orders 12549 and 12689, Debarment and Suspension, 2 CFR 417 Subpart C Responsibilities of Participants Regarding Transactions. The regulations were published in the May 25, 2010 Federal Register (pages 29183-29189). Copies of the regulations may be obtained by contacting the Illinois State Board of Education.

BEFORE COMPLETING CERTIFICATION, READ INSTRUCTIONS BELOW.

CERTIFICATION

The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this Certification, that:

- (1) Neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency;
- (2) It will provide immediate written notice to whom this Certification is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances;
- (3) It shall not knowingly enter any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated;
- (4) It will include the clause titled Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion—Lower Tier Covered Transactions, without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions;
- (5) The certifications herein are a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into; and
- (6) Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this Certification.

Organization Name

PR/Award Number or Project Name

Name of Authorized Representative

Title

Original Signature of Authorized Representative

Date

Instructions for Certification

- 1. By signing and submitting this Certification, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the certifications set out herein.
- 2. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue all available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.
- 3. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 3 above, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue all available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.
- 4. The terms covered transaction, debarred, suspended, ineligible, lower tier covered transaction, participant, person, primary covered transaction, principal, proposal, and voluntarily excluded, as used herein, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of the rules implementing Executive Order 12549 and Executive Order 12689. You may contact the person to which this Certification is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
- 5. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the "GSA Excluded Parties List System" at <http://epls.arnet.gov/>.
- 6. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required herein. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

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CERTIFICATE REGARDING LOBBYING

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

- (1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- (2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit ISBE 85-37, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," in accordance with its instructions.
- (3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

Organization Name

PR/Award Number or Project Name

Name of Authorized Representative

Title

Original Signature of Authorized Representative

Date

OFAC Compliance

BID No.: _____

The undersigned hereby certifies and represents that products and/or services provided under any contract with the Rockford Public Schools resulting from this bid shall be in compliance with economic or trade sanctions or restrictions implemented by the United States government such as those administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control (“OFAC”) of the U.S. Department of the Treasury and shall not utilize or engage, for performance of any activities related to the products and/or services, any persons or entities that, (i) appear on OFAC's Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List (“SDN List”), as that list may be updated from time to time or any other similar list maintained by OFAC; (ii) are owned or controlled by any person or entities appearing on OFAC's SDN List, as that list may be updated from time to time or any other similar list maintained by OFAC; or (iii) are located in any country subject to U.S. economic or trade sanctions, such as those administered by OFAC.

Organization Name

Name of Authorized Representative

Title

Original Signature of Authorized Representative

Date

VENDOR CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE FORM

DISCLOSURE STATEMENT:

All businesses (“Vendors” or “Vendor” or “Vendor’s”) that wish to conduct business with the Rockford Public Schools “RPS” must complete this form. Please note that all contracts with RPS are subject to RPS Code of Ethics which prohibits RPS employees and Board of Education members from having certain relationships with persons or entities conducting (or proposing to conduct) business with RPS and which limits the acceptance of gifts from Vendors. The entire Board Member Conflict of Interest Board Policy 2.100 and Board Policy 5.120 may be viewed at <http://www2.rps205.com/District/BOE/Pages/GP-200.aspx>. The Code and its definitions are incorporated by reference into this Disclosure Form. If a Vendor has a disclosable relationship, the Vendor should assume the relationship may pose a conflict of interest until notified to the contrary in writing by a RPS administrative staff member authorized to confirm that a determination has been made that a conflict does not exist. A principle of the Code of Ethics is to ensure that relationships do not influence any official decision or judgment of RPS employees or Board of Education members. Accordingly, disclosure also should be made for any person connected with Vendor (e.g., officer, director, partner, shareholder, employee,) that is likely to: (i) materially contribute to Vendor’s preparation, drafting, or presentation of a proposal or bid for services and/or supplies, (ii) materially contribute to Vendor’s negotiation of a contract with RPS, or (iii) perform material services under a contract with RPS. Below, these persons are referred to as “Disclosable Persons.”

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that, except as disclosed below, to Vendor’s knowledge, there is no conflict of interest involving the Vendor named below that would violate the RPS Code of Ethics, including that: (a) after inquiry, neither Vendor nor any Disclosable Person is involved or engaged in any private business venture or enterprise, directly or indirectly, with any RPS employee or Board of Education member or his or her family member; (b) no RPS employee or Board member or his or her family member owns or has a material personal financial interest (directly or indirectly) in Vendor or is engaged in a material personal business transaction with Vendor; and (c) no RPS employee or board of Education member or his or her family is employed by Vendor.

I further certify that neither the Vendor nor anyone acting on its behalf has requested that any RPS employee or RPS Board of Education member exert any influence to secure the award of this bid to the Vendor. Furthermore, no RPS Board of Education member, employee or agent has offered to influence to secure the award of this bid to the Vendor

VENDOR INFORMATION:

Vendor Name: _____

Vendor Address: _____

Vendor Phone Number _____

Vendor Email: _____

Vendor FEIN: _____

ROCKFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

VENDOR CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE FORM

DISCLOSURE STATEMENT:

I BELIEVE THE VENDOR NAMED ABOVE DOES have a potential conflict(s) of interest with a current RPS employee(s), or RPS Board of Education member(s).

YES, the above statement is true.

NO, the above statement is **NOT** true.

If you checked “**YES**” above, please provide the following information:

List all the Name(s) of RPS employee(s), RPS Board of Education member(s), or RPS employees’ or RPS Board of Education’s family member(s) with whom there may be a conflict of interest:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Provide a brief description of the nature of the potential conflict(s) of interest:

SIGNATURE:

By my signature below, I certify that I am the Authorized Representative of the VENDOR named above and that all of the information provided above by signor is true and complete to the best of the signor’s knowledge:

Print the Name of the Vendor’s Authorized Representative

Print the Position Title of the Vendor’s Authorized Representative

Signature of the Vendor’s Authorized Representative

Date

**ROCKFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT #205
501 7TH Street
Rockford, Illinois 61104
Phone: Area Code 815-966-3098
Fax: Area Code 815-966-3088**



SUBSTITUTE IRS FORM W-9 – IMPORTANT TAX INFORMATION

IRS regulations require our School District to have on file appropriate taxpayer identification data concerning you or your firm. This information consists of either a Federal Employer Identification Number (F.E.I.N) or Social Security Number (S.S.N.) and will have their payments reported to the IRS on form #1099–Misc.

Below is the legal name and address for you or your firm as shown on our official records. Please make any necessary corrections. Space is also provided to enter the appropriate tax identification number and to indicate (by checking a box) the correct legal status. Failure to complete and return this form could result in a \$50,000 IRS penalty. In addition, we would be required to withhold 20% of payments due and remit this amount to the IRS until we receive the correct tax data.

For your convenience we request you fax this form back to sender (or to Purchasing at 815-966-3088). Please do this today so we can both fulfill our reporting obligations and ensure prompt payments.

Reminder: If LEGAL STATUS is “Sole Proprietorship”, the Taxpayer Identification Number must be either the Social Security Number of the owner or assigned FEIN.

LEGAL STATUS: (Check One)

- Corporation
- Limited
- Partner(ship) _____ (one owner)
- Religious, Charitable, Educational or Governmental Agency (**circle one**)
- Sole Proprietorship (legal owner’s name):

- Individual
- Other – Please identify: _____

TAXPAYER (federal) ID# -- FEIN or Soc Sec
(use the line corresponding to your legal status line)

FEIN: _____ - _____

FEIN: _____ - _____

FEIN: _____ - _____

FEIN: _____ - _____

FEIN: _____ - _____ or
SSN: _____ - _____ - _____
Owner’s Social Security Number

SSN: _____ - _____ - _____

FEIN: _____ - _____

UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I CERTIFY THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ON THIS FORM IS TRUE, CORRECT, AND COMPLETE.

Signature: _____ Title: _____ Date: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ Fax: (_____) _____

Website & Email address: _____
If minority/women owned business, list here: _____

Vendor: Enter Name and Address Below

Vendor #: _____
School: _____

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

“District” means Rockford School District No. 205, Winnebago and Boone Counties, Illinois.

“IFB” means an Invitation for Bid issued by the District at any time or times, identified by a unique bid number.

“Bidder” means a person or entity submitting a bid to the District in response to an IFB; including successful Bidders.

1. BID OPENING. Sealed bids will be received at the District Purchasing Department until the date and time specified at which time they shall be opened in public. No other bids will be considered after this date and time unless it is evidenced and determined that the bid was in the District’s possession prior to the scheduled bid opening time and date. Late bids shall be rejected and shall remain unopened. The District does not prescribe the method by which bids are to be transmitted; therefore, it cannot be held responsible for any delay, regardless of the reason, in transmission of the bids. All bids delivered in person shall be deposited with the District Purchasing Department, 6th Floor, 501 Seventh Street, Rockford, IL, 61104.

2. BID PREPARATION. Bids must be submitted on this form and all information and certifications called for must be furnished. Bids submitted in any other manner, or which fail to furnish all information or certificates required, may be summarily rejected. Bids may be modified or withdrawn prior to the time specified for the opening of the bids. Bids shall be filled out legibly in ink or typewritten with all erasures, strikeovers and corrections initialed in ink by the person signing the bid. The bid shall include the legal name of the bidder, the complete mailing address, and be signed in ink by a person or persons legally authorized to bind the bidder to a contract. Name of person signing should be typed or printed below the signature.

3. BID ENVELOPES. Envelopes containing bids must be sealed and addressed to the District Purchasing Department. The name and address of the Bidder and the bid number must be shown on the envelope.

4. ERRORS IN BIDS. Bidders are cautioned to verify their bids before submission. Negligence on the part of the Bidder in preparing the bid confers no right for withdrawal or modification of the bid after it has been opened. In case of error in the extension of prices in the bid, the unit prices will govern.

5. RESERVED RIGHTS. The District reserves the right at any time and for any reason to cancel an IFB, accept or reject any or all bids or any portion thereof, or to accept an alternate offer. The District reserves the right to waive any minor informality defect in any IFB. Unless otherwise specified, the District will award a bid or reject bids within 60 days. The District may seek clarification from any Bidder at any time and failure to respond promptly is cause for rejection.

6. INCURRED COSTS. The District will not be liable for any costs incurred by Bidders in responding to an IFB.

7. AWARD. The District will evaluate bids and will award a contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder whose bid, conforming to the solicitation and specifications will be most advantageous to the District. Determination of the lowest responsible bidder conforming to the solicitation shall not be restricted to the price quotation alone, but will include such other factors (where applicable) as (a) adherence to all conditions and requirements of the technical specifications; (b) price; (c) qualifications of the bidder, including past performance, financial responsibility, general reputation, experience, service capabilities, and facilities; (d) delivery or completion date; (e) product appearance, workmanship, finish, taste, feel, overall quality, and results of product testing; (f) maintenance costs and warranty provisions; (g) repurchase or residual value; and (h) other such related items. The District is interested in obtaining the best overall value and reserves the right to make a selection based on its judgment of the bid that is best suited for the purpose intended. The District may (1) reject any or all bids, (2) accept other than the lowest bidder, and (3) waive informalities or minor irregularities in bids received. The District may accept any item or group of items of an offer, unless the bidder qualifies the bid by specific limitations. The District reserves the right to determine the lowest responsible bidder on the basis of an individual item, groups of items, or in any way determined to be in the best interests of the District. A written award or acceptance of a bid mailed or otherwise furnished to the successful Bidder within the time for acceptance specified in the bid shall result in a binding contract without further action by either party.

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8. PRICING. The price quoted for each item is the full purchase price, **including delivery to destination**, and includes all transportation and handling charges, premiums on bonds, material or service costs, patent royalties and all other overhead charges of every kind and nature. Unless otherwise specified, prices shall remain firm for the contract period.

If at any time after a contract is awarded to the successful Bidder(s) makes a general price reduction in the comparable price of any material covered by the contract to customers generally, an equivalent price reduction based on similar quantities and/or considerations shall apply to the contract for the duration of the contract period (or until the price is further reduced). Such price reduction shall be effective at the same time and in the same manner as the reduction in the price to customers generally. For the purpose of this provision, a "general price reduction" shall mean any horizontal reduction in the price of an article or service offered (1) to successful Bidder's customers generally, or (2) in the successful Bidder's price schedule for the class of customers, i.e., wholesalers, jobbers, retailers, etc., which was used as the basis for bidding on this contract. An occasional sale at a lower price, or sale of distressed merchandise at a lower price, would not be considered a "general price reduction" under this provision. The successful Bidder shall invoice the District at such reduced prices indicating on the invoice that the reduction is pursuant to the "price reduction" provision of this contract. The successful Bidder, in addition, shall within ten (10) days of any general price reduction, notify the Executive Director of Budget and Purchasing of such reduction by letter. Failure to do so may result in termination of the contract.

9. DISCOUNTS. Prices quoted must be net after deducting all trade and quantity discounts.

10. SPECIFICATIONS. Reference to brand names and numbers is descriptive, but not restrictive, unless otherwise specified. Bids on equivalent items will be considered, provided the bidder clearly states exactly what is proposed to be furnished, including complete specifications. Unless the Bidder specified otherwise, it is understood the Bidder is offering a referenced brand item as specified or is bidding as specified when no brand is referenced, and does not propose to furnish an "equal." The District reserves the right to determine whether a substitute offer is equivalent to and meets the standard of quality and salient characteristics indicated by the brand name and number.

11. SAMPLES. Samples of items, when called for, must be furnished free of expense. Individual samples must be labeled with the Bidder's name, bid number, item reference, manufacturer's brand name and number. If samples are requested, they must be sent under separate cover and not included with bid. The District will not be responsible for any bid enclosed with sample boxes.

12. INTERPRETATION OR CORRECTION OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS. Bidders shall promptly notify the Rockford Public School District of any ambiguity, inconsistency or error which they may discover upon examination of the IFB documents. Interpretations, corrections and changes will be made by amendment. Each Bidder shall ascertain prior to submitting a bid that all amendments have been received and acknowledged in the offer.

13. INDEMNIFICATION. The Bidder shall indemnify and hold harmless the District, its agents, officials, and employees from and against all injuries, losses, claims, suits, costs and expenses which may accrue against the District as a consequence of granting the contract.

14. DEFAULT. If delivery of acceptable items or rendering of services is not completed by the time promised, the District reserves the right, without liability, in addition to its other rights and remedies, to terminate the contract by notice effective when received by Bidder, as to stated items not yet shipped or services not yet rendered and to purchase substitute items or services elsewhere and charge the Seller with any or all losses incurred. The District shall be entitled to recover its attorney fees and expenses in any successful action by the District to enforce this contract.

15. INSPECTION. Materials or equipment purchased are subject to inspection and approval at the District's destination. The District reserves the right to reject and refuse acceptance of items which are not in accordance with the IFB, instructions, specifications, drawings or data or Bidder's warranty (express or implied). Rejected materials or equipment shall be removed by, or at the expense of, the Bidder promptly after rejection and if not removed within 10-calendar days after notice, such shall be returned via collect shipping.

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16. WARRANTY. Bidder warrants that all goods and services furnished hereunder will conform in all respects to the terms of this proposal, including any drawings, specification or standards incorporated herein, and that they will be free from latent and patent defects in materials, workmanship and title, and will be free from such defects in design to the best of the Bidder's knowledge. In addition, Bidder warrants that said goods and services are suitable for, and will perform in accordance with, the purposes for which they are purchased, fabricated, manufactured and designed or for such other purposes as are expressly specified in this solicitation. The District may return any nonconforming or defective items to the Bidder or require correction or replacement of the item at the time the defect is discovered, all at the Bidder's risk and expense. Acceptance shall not relieve the Bidder of its responsibility.

17. REGULATORY COMPLIANCE. Bidder represents and warrants that the goods or services furnished hereunder (including all labels, packages and container for said goods) comply with all applicable standards, rules and regulations in effect under the requirements of all Federal, State and local laws, rules and regulations as applicable, including without limitation, the Occupational Safety and Health Act as amended, with respect to design, construction, manufacture or use for their intended purpose of said goods or services. Bidder shall furnish "Material Safety Data Sheets" in compliance with the Illinois Toxic Substances Disclosure to Employees Act, if applicable.

18. ROYALTIES AND PATENTS. Bidder shall pay all royalties and license fees. Bidder shall defend all suits or claims for infringement of any patent, copyright or trademark rights and shall hold the District harmless from loss on account thereof.

19. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS. Bidder represents and warrants that throughout the term of any contract arising from award of a bid and any extension thereof, Bidder and all products shall be and shall remain in compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

20. TERMINATION. (a) The District may terminate this contract in whole or in part, without liability, if deliveries are not made at the time and in the quantities specified, if the Bidder fails to perform any of the provisions of this contract, or so fails to make progress as to endanger performance of this contract in accordance with its terms, and in either of these circumstances does not cure such failure within such period of time as the District may direct, if it is determined the successful Bidder knowingly falsified information provided to the District, if it is determined the successful Bidder offered substantial gifts or gratuities to a District official, employee, or agent whether in their official capacity or not, or in the event of a breach or failure of the Contractor to comply with any of the other terms or conditions herein. The District shall notify the contractor in writing of the specific nature of the breach and shall request that it be cured. If the Contractor does not cure the breach within thirty (30) days of such notice, the District may immediately terminate this contract. To terminate, the District shall give notice to the Contractor in writing, and to the extent specified therein, Contractor shall immediately terminate deliveries under the contract. Termination of the contract shall not preclude the District from pursuing any and all remedies available to it at law or at equity.

(b) Any termination by the District, whether for default or otherwise, shall be without prejudice to any claims for damages or other rights of the District against Contractor.

(c) The District shall have the right to audit all elements of any termination claim and Contractor shall make available to the District on request all books, records, and papers relating thereto.

(d) The Contractor shall be paid only for the performance of work up to the date of termination if the District exercises its right to terminate.

21. TERMINATION WITHOUT CAUSE. Unless otherwise specified in the Invitation for Bid, a contract formed by award of a bid may be unilaterally terminated by the District, for any or no reason, upon sixty (60) days written advance notice to the Bidder. Bidder may submit claims for actual work performed up to and including the day of notice of termination with appropriate documentation supporting such claim for materials, labor, or acquired inventory for equitable adjustment and any such material shall become the property of the District upon settlement.

22. ASSIGNMENT. The Bidder may not assign, subcontract, delegate or otherwise transfer this contract or any of its rights or obligations hereunder, nor may it contract with third parties to perform any of its obligations hereunder except as contemplated in this contract, without the District's prior written consent.

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23. FORCE MAJEURE. The obligations of the Bidder to perform under this contract will be excused during each period of delay caused by acts of God or by shortages of power or materials or government orders which are beyond the reasonable control of the Bidder obligated to perform ("Force Majeure Event"). In the event that the Bidder ceases to perform its obligations under any contract formed by award of bid due to the occurrence of a Force Majeure Event, the Bidder shall: (1) immediately notify the District in writing of such Force Majeure Event and its expected duration; (2) take all reasonable steps to recommence performance of its obligations under this contract as soon as possible. In the event that any Force Majeure Event delays Bidder's performance for more than thirty (30) days following notice pursuant to this contract, the District may terminate this contract immediately upon written notice to the Contractor.

24. BID CERTIFICATION. The Bidder's signature on a bid certifies: (a) The bid is genuine and not made in the interest of, or on the behalf of, any undisclosed persons, firms or corporation and is not submitted in conformity with any agreement or rules of any group association, or organization. (b) Bidder has not directly or indirectly induced or solicited any other Bidder to enter a false or sham bid. (c) Bidder has not solicited or induced any person, firm or group to refrain from bidding. (d) Bidder has not sought by collusion or otherwise to obtain for self interest any advantage over any other Bidder or the Owner. The Bidder's signature on the Bid Form certifies that they have read and understand the contents of this solicitation and agree to furnish at the prices shown any or all of the items and/or services, subject to all instructions, conditions, specifications and attachments hereto. Failure to have read all the provisions of the IFB shall not be cause to alter any resulting contract, request additional compensation, or relieve Bidder from obligation to perform under this contract.

25. MODIFICATIONS. This contract can be modified only by written bi-lateral modification signed by the parties or duly authorized agents.

26. ADDENDA. If it becomes necessary to revise any part of this bid, a written addendum will be provided to all bidders. If the District issues written addenda, such addenda shall become part of the contract documents. A Bidder who fails to receive the District's addenda, and who has previously submitted an offer, shall not be relieved from any obligation in the bid submitted.

27. BINDING EFFECT. The terms, conditions, provisions, and undertakings of any contract formed by award of a bid shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of each of the parties thereto and their respective successors and assigns.

28. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER. The Rockford Public School District is an Equal Opportunity Employer and encourages bids or proposals from any company or individual regardless of race, gender, national origin, religion or age.

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1. **INTENT.** It is the intent of these specifications that the Rockford School District No. 205 (herein the "District") will procure all specified products of first class workmanship to ensure complete and acceptable product performance in all aspects, within the budget limitations, and in accordance with offering procedures as outlined by Federal Statutes and Regulations, the Statutes and Regulations of the State of Illinois, and policies of the Board of Education of Rockford School District No. 205, Winnebago and Boone Counties, Illinois. It is further the intent of these specifications to secure adequate competition from qualified suppliers however standards of quality will not be sacrificed based solely on price.
2. **EVALUATION CRITERIA.** Although price is a consideration in the award of bids, this award will not be based on price alone. This solicitation for bids will be evaluated utilizing the following criteria, but not in any prescribed order.
 - a. Price
 - b. Adherence to these specifications
 - c. Ordering and delivery
 - d. Quality of services
 - e. Contractor past performance
 - f. Service
 - g. Review of references
 - h. Rebate program (provide detailed information)
 - i. Financial Stability of Firm (provide a copy of your firm's most recent annual report)

The District reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to accept the bid or any part of bid, including substitutions, which embraces such combination of proposals as may promote its interest.

3. **TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBER.** The School District is required to have on file appropriate tax identification information concerning you or your firm. This information should be a Federal Employer's Identification Number, but in the instance of some independent contractors, this number may be a Taxpayer's Identification (Social Security) Number.

IN ORDER FOR A BID TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, THE ABOVE REFERENCED TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBER MUST BE PROVIDED ON THE FACE SHEET IN THE SIGNATURE SECTION. IT IS ALSO REQUESTED THAT YOU IDENTIFY THE LEGAL ORGANIZATIONAL STATUS OF YOUR FIRM IN THE SIGNATURE SECTION. PLEASE IDENTIFY WHETHER YOUR FIRM IS A CORPORATION, PARTNERSHIP, PROPRIETORSHIP, ETC. SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THIS TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBER, PLEASE CONTACT THE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT.

4. **CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITY TO COLLECT AND REMIT ILLINOIS USE TAX .** The Contractor acknowledge and understand that any bid for goods and services resulting in a contract award to a bidder requires that as a contractor the person or entity and all affiliates of the person or entity will collect and remit Illinois Use Tax on all sales of tangible personal property into the State of Illinois in accordance with the provisions of the Illinois Use Tax Act (35 ILCS 105/1 et seq.) regardless of whether the person/entity or affiliate is a "retailer maintaining a place of business within this State" as defined by the Use Tax Act (35 ILCS 105/2)
5. **TERMINOLOGY.** "Owner", "Board", or "District" shall mean Rockford School District #205, Winnebago County, Illinois, acting through its authorized representative. "Bidder" shall mean the individual, firm, or corporation submitting a bid or proposal to the District in response to a public solicitation. "Contractor" shall mean the entity awarded a bid by the District.
6. **INTERPRETATION OF ERRORS.** Should questions arise that require interpretation, such questions shall be referred to the District whose decision shall be conclusive and binding for all parties involved. No advantages shall be taken by any party of manifest clerical errors or omissions in the specifications. All contractors are requested to notify the District immediately of any errors or omissions that may be discovered.

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- 7. RETURN OF BID INFORMATION.** The District has established that only one copy of a bid will be sent to a vendor. It is imperative that, if bidding, an original signature exists on the bid sheets returned. If additional copies of original bid sheets made on a copy machine or are requested, they must also contain original signatures where applicable. When multiple copies are submitted one copy shall be labeled as “Original” on the face page.
- 8. USE OF PREMISES.** The Bidder shall have access to the relevant District grounds for the purpose of familiarization with the conditions, delivery points for products, and/or sites for performance of service(s), if applicable, in order to fulfill the requirements of the Contract; all subject to compliance with District policies for visitors on school grounds.
- 9. OWNERSHIP OF MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT.** It is clearly understood that all materials and/or equipment supplied by or for the Bidder shall remain the Bidder's property until such time as accepted by the District.
- 10. EQUIVALENCY AND SUBSTITUTES.** The District shall be the sole and final judge whether any substitute is of equivalent or better quality. This decision is final and will not be subject to recourse. Deviations from the specifications must be supported by documented evidence. These specifications are to be used as identifying those minimum salient characteristics in determining the quality or materials, performance of product(s), and workmanship required, however, the District may purchase equipment and materials that in the District's judgment will best serve the interests of the school district even if at a higher cost based on features that are considered desirable and exceeding those minimum requirements or that represent a breakthrough technology for that industry; provided that the District will comply with governing laws as to selection of the lowest responsible bidder.
- 11. STORAGE OF EQUIPMENT.** The Contractor shall be responsible for the storage and safeguarding of the equipment provided under this Contract. The Contractor shall have the necessary quantities available at the required time, but shall not make delivery to the premises until agreed upon or requested.
- 12. SCOPE OF WORK.** This bid requires that the successful Contractor provide all necessary personnel, materials, and equipment; and furnish and deliver said products in accordance with all conditions and specifications.
- 13. PROPERTY DAMAGE AND INJURY.** The Contractor shall take all necessary precautions to prevent damage to the premises or properties of others. In case of any damage, resulting from operations under this Contract, Contractor shall make proper restitution. The Contractor shall exercise due caution for the protection of persons, and shall protect the District from expense and hold the District harmless from liability by reason of injury, including death, to any person or persons, or from any damage to the property of others occurring as a result of Contractor's performance under a Contract. The Contractor's signature on the Bid Offer Form; certifies to the District that the Contractor has the required insurance coverage for any vehicle that may be utilized in the delivery of products or materials on the District's property.
- 14. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS.** All bidders shall have a certificate of Insurance and provide policy endorsements evidencing specific coverage of the types of insurance in the amounts specified below and deliver to the Purchasing department upon award of a bid such qualifying certificate or certificates of insurance. Coverage shall be placed with a responsible company licensed to do business in the State of Illinois, and with a minimum insurance rating of A:VII as found in the current edition of A M Best's Key Rating Guide. Each policy shall bear an endorsement precluding the cancellation or reduction of said policies without providing to the District thirty (30) days prior notice thereof in writing. All required insurance shall be maintained by the contractor in full force and effect during the life of the contract, and until such time as all work has been approved and accepted by the District. The Contractor is responsible for all insurance deductibles and Self-Insured Retentions.

At all times during the term of the contract, the Contractor and its independent contractors shall maintain, at their sole expense, insurance coverage for the Contractor, its employees, officers and independent contractors, as follows:

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TYPE	MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE LIMITS OF LIABILITY
Workers Compensation	Statutory
Employers Liability A. Each Accident B. Each Employee-disease C. Policy Aggregate-disease	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000
Commercial General Liability ** A. Per Occurrence B. General Aggregate 1. General Aggregate- Per project 2. General Aggregate - Products/ Completed Operations	\$1,000,000 \$3,000,000 \$3,000,000
Fire Legal Liability (any one fire)	\$100,000
**Umbrella Excess Liability	\$3,000,000-\$5,000,000*
** Business Auto Liability ****	\$1,000,000

* Minimum\$3,000,000.00; maximum\$5,000,000.00 as prescribed in the Bid documents.

** An Additional Insured Endorsement as well as endorsements for Waiver of Subrogation and Insurance is Primary and Non-Contributory to additional insured insurance coverage in addition to a Certificate of Insurance

**** Garage Liability (combines standard GL & Auto Liability) Garage Keepers Liability

If any policy or coverage is written as "claims made" then coverage must be maintained for 4 years after project completion.

Notwithstanding the existence of required insurance, Contractor agrees it is responsible for injury and damage to persons and property including such damages as may exceed the limits set forth above, resulting from its own negligence and the negligence of its owners, employees, agents and representatives and further for the negligence of others under Contractor's direction and control when arising from or in any way related to the bid and resulting contract and Contractor's performance of its contract obligations.

The District and its officers and employees shall be named as additionally insured on all certificates of insurance. Insurance certificates shall also reference project name and BID NUMBER. Certificates should be faxed (and hard copy mailed) to: Rockford Public Schools, Purchasing Department, 501 Seventh Street, Rockford, Illinois 61104.

15. METHOD OF AWARD. The District reserves the right to award related items on a group basis if deemed in its best interest, even if not stated as such on the specifications. The District further reserves the right to make an aggregate award if in its best interest.

16. GENERAL AWARD. The award on this bid will not be made at the time specified for the receiving and opening of bids. The bid will be awarded at a later date by the Board of Education.

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17. **SCHEDULE OF AWARD.** In order that Contractors may more accurately complete a bid, it is anticipated that the Board of Education will consider the award on this IFB within 60 days of the date of bid opening; the successful Bidder(s), if any, will be notified immediately thereafter.
18. **WITHDRAWING OF BIDS.** No bid may be withdrawn by a Bidder after the time and date of the official public opening. All bid prices submitted must be valid for a period of sixty (60) days after the date set for the bid opening. This period of time is reserved to permit the Owner to evaluate bids, conduct tests, make the award and issue either a contract or purchase order(s).
19. **VALIDITY OF PRICES.** All bid prices must remain valid and firm on awarded bids until product(s) is/are delivered or project completed, and until accepted by the District and invoiced by the Contractor.
20. **PERIOD FOR ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS.** In compliance with the solicitation, the bidder agrees, if this bid is accepted within sixty (60) calendar days from the date specified in the solicitation for the receipt of bids, to furnish any or all items upon which prices are bid at the price set opposite each item, delivered at the designated point(s), within the time specified in the solicitation.
21. **DELIVERIES AND PURCHASE ORDERS.** Deliveries will be made in accordance with instructions listed on purchase orders. The portion of the purchase order defining instructions regarding the destination of the equipment and the mailing of the invoice should be noted. A separate invoice is required for each purchase order. Purchase orders resulting from an awarded bid and issued by the District are authorized with the signature of the Executive Director of Budget and Purchasing. Issued purchase orders may not be cancelled or altered in any manner by Contractor absent prior written consent of the District.
22. **LOCATION OF DELIVERY.** Delivery is to be made at one (1) location(s) within School District #205. All deliveries must be made between the hours of 8:30 AM and 3:00 PM Monday thru Friday. No deliveries will be accepted on those days observed as a holiday by the Central Administration Offices.
23. **DELIVERY SITE.** The delivery is to be made to the Rockford Board of Education, Transportation Center, 2000 Christina Street, Rockford, Illinois 61104-2092.
24. **COMPLETION DATES.** Contractors are to complete projects as required. Unless stated differently in the solicitation, the product(s) and/or service(s) are to be delivered or completed within the dates required. Should a Contractor be unable to comply with the required completion date, the Contractor is to notify the District immediately.
25. **INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE.** At the time the Contractor has completed work in accordance with the specifications, the Contractor shall, with the District, make a final inspection. After the final inspection, if the District and the Contractor are in agreement, the Contractor shall submit invoices for payment in accordance with the payment section of these specifications.
26. **SIGNATURES.** It is required that the Bidder's signature appears on the following forms:
 - a. **Second page of General Conditions and Instructions for All Bids Form**
 - b. **Statement of No Interest (if applicable)**
 - c. **Bid-Rigging Certification**
 - d. **Minority and Women Owned Business Form**
 - e. **Certification Regarding Debarment Form**
 - f. **Certificate Regarding Lobbying Form**
 - g. **OFAC Compliance Form**
 - h. **Vendor Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form**
 - i. **Bid Offer Form**
 - j. **Form W-9 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service**

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- 27. PAYMENT.** Payment on invoices will be made in compliance with the Local Government Prompt Payment Act, 50 ILCS 505/1, et. seq. and District Policy within forty-five (45) days after acceptance by the District and proper invoicing by the Contractor. **THE FEDERAL EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER OR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER MUST APPEAR ON EACH INVOICE REQUESTING PAYMENT.** (See clause entitled, "Tax Identification Number", for further clarification.) Invoices are to be submitted to the Accounts Payable Department at 501 Seventh St, Rockford, IL 61104.
- 28. WORK CHANGES.** Changes in the Contract or Purchase Order must be agreed upon in writing between the District and the Contractor before execution of any changes involved may be implemented or payment may be withheld pending a determination that such change is required and ratified by the District.
- 29. SAFETY CODES.** It is required that all equipment be in full compliance with any and all Federal and State Statutes, including, without limitation, OSHA Safety Standards, Environmental Protection Agency and Life Safety Codes, Health Codes, the School Code, and any applicable regulations and ordinances of the City of Rockford and County of Winnebago, Illinois.
- 30. QUANTITIES.** After bids have been evaluated, the District reserves the right to increase or decrease quantities as stated on the bid for budgetary reasons. The District further reserves the right to accept or reject any or all alternate offers, or to alter the original solicitation document in order to comply with budgetary requirements.
- 31. BID PROPOSAL.** Bidders must return the following when submitting a sealed bid:
- a. Second page of General Conditions and Instructions for All Bids Form
 - b. Statement of No Interest (if applicable)
 - c. Bid-Rigging Certification
 - d. Minority and Women Owned Business Form
 - e. Certification Regarding Debarment Form
 - f. Certificate Regarding Lobbying Form
 - g. OFAC Compliance Form
 - h. Bid Offer Form
 - i. Vendor Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form
 - j. Form W-9 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service
 - k. Any necessary literature or information
- 32. REJECTED GOODS.** Rejected goods will be returned to the contractor's address at Contractor's risk and expense. Expenses incident to the examination and testing of materials or supplies which have been rejected will be charged to the contractor's account. Contractor will accept and refund full purchase price for all goods that are damaged (non-viable at time of receipt), of inferior quality, or having latent defects not detected prior to acceptance by the District but upon actual use of the product(s).
- 33. CONTRACT.** A response to this Invitation for Bid (IFB) is an offer to contract with the District based upon the terms, conditions, and specifications contained in the District's IFB and any District issued and published amendments thereto. Bids become contracts upon award to the successful Bidder by the Board of Education and no further documents need be executed; provided, certain IFBs may require the creation and execution of a separate formal contract in which case no contract is formed until a formal contract is created and until executed by the District. All of the terms and conditions of the contract are contained in the IFB, unless any of the terms and conditions are modified by an IFB Amendment, a Contract Amendment, or by mutually agreed terms and conditions in the contract documents.
- 34. TERM OF CONTRACT.** Resultant contract period shall be from the effective date of award through June 30, 2017. Notwithstanding, the District's obligation under this contract is contingent upon the availability of budgeted funds from which payment for contract purposes can be made. No legal liability on the part of the District for any payment may arise until funds are made available for this contract.

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- 35. OPTION YEAR PRICING.** The prices submitted on the solicitation should be submitted for the base contract year and all option years as specified. The prices for the base year of the contract and all option years are to be submitted as both firm-fixed prices and a percentage as commission rate. The owner shall have the option of determining which of these pricing options to accept for the duration of the contract.
- 36. OPTION TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT**
- (a) The District may unilaterally extend the term of this contract for an option year, annually by written notice to the Contractor at least thirty (30) days prior to contract expiration.
 - (b) If the District exercises this option, the extended contract shall be considered to include this option provision. The option is deemed exercised when mailed or otherwise furnished to the contractor.
 - (c) Upon the exercise of any option period(s), the District may add additional facilities or locations to this contract. Supplies/services will be provided for these facilities or locations for the time periods as specified. All contract terms and conditions will apply to these facilities or locations added.
 - (d) The District may exercise the options contained in the "Option to Extend the Term of the Contract" clause of this contract by providing the written notice as required by the clause. Upon the exercise of an option year period, supplies and services will be provided for the time periods as specified in the solicitation.
 - (e) The total duration of this contract, including the exercise of any options under this clause, shall not exceed three (3) years.
- 37. EVALUATION OF OPTIONS**
- (a) The District will evaluate bids by determining the lowest base period price. Since option year pricing is based on limits established in the "Pricing" clause, option year pricing is automatically considered when evaluating the base year price. All options are therefore considered to be evaluated. Evaluation of options will not obligate the district to exercise the option(s).
 - (b) The District may reject a bid if exceptions are taken to the price provisions of the "Pricing" clause, unless the exception results in a lower maximum option year price. Such offers will be evaluated without regard to the lower option year(s) maximum. However, if the Bidder offering a lower maximum is awarded a contract, the award will reflect the lower maximum.
- 38. TEMPORARY CONTRACT EXTENSION.** The District reserves the right to temporarily extend this contract for an additional ninety (90) calendar days from its original or any exercised option year expiration date without exercising a full option year for any reason and any and all pricing then in effect shall continue through the temporary extension period.
- 39. ALTERNATE BIDS.** Alternate bids are not acceptable and will be rejected by the District. Alternate bids are defined as bids that do not comply with the bid terms, conditions, and specifications. Bidder may submit more than one bid providing that all such bids comply with the bid terms, conditions, and specifications.
- 40. PREVAILING RATE OF WAGE.** It is required on this bid that the Contractor complies with all statutes, both Federal and State, governing payment of wages to employees. The Contractor certifies that by submitting their bid that they will pay the prevailing rate of wage in this area for the particular type of labor, in accordance with State of Illinois Codes and the Illinois Department of Labor. If applicable, the Contractor further certifies that all Subcontractors will comply with these same acts. If requested, bidders will submit to the District required information concerning the basic rate of wages per hour that he is either currently or will be paying for the particular type of trade required.

Should any Contractor need information concerning the prevailing rate of wage, said information is available at the Office of the Board of Education, 501 Seventh Street, Rockford, Illinois 61104.

Effective January 1, 1990, an amendment to the State of Illinois Prevailing Wage Act requires that if, during the course of work under this contract the Department of Labor revises the prevailing rate hourly wages to be paid under this contract for any trade or occupation, Owner will notify Contractor and each Subcontractor of the change in the prevailing rate of hourly wages. Contractor shall have the sole responsibility and duty to ensure that the revised prevailing rate of hourly wages is paid by Contractor and all Subcontractors to each worker to whom a revised rate is applicable. Revisions of the prevailing wage as set forth above shall not result in an increase in the contract sum.

SUPPLEMENTAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 41. PROHIBITED CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEES ON SCHOOL PREMISES.** Contractor employees, agents and principals and its consultants and consultants employees and agents shall not perform work within District buildings for more than 30 school days within any school year (July 1 to June 30) unless a criminal history records check has been conducted by Contractor, the individual(s) is found to have not violated any of the drug or criminal offenses listed in the criminal history records check provisions in the School Code 105 ILCS 5/10-21.9(f) (the Act), and the Contractor so certifies the same to be true on the Certified Cleared Employee List.

Contractor employees, agents and principals and its consultants and consultant's employees and agents shall not be permitted to be present on District grounds unless a Statewide Sex Offender Database check and a Statewide Child Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Database check has been conducted regarding all such employees in accordance with and subject to the provisions of the Act. Contractor employees, agents and principals and its consultants and consultant's employees and agents who are found to have had convictions of the enumerated criminal or drug offenses listed in the Act or who appear in the noted databases shall not be permitted at any time to be present on school grounds.

Not less than 10 days prior to the commencement of work, Contractor shall submit to Owner a written certification on a form provided by Owner (Certified Cleared Employee List), signed by Contractor under oath that the employees listed on the certification have been the subject of a criminal history records check (for employees working more than 30 school days in District buildings), and a Statewide Sex Offender Database check and a Statewide Child Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Database check for all employees accessing District grounds. Contractor shall update the certification as and when necessary to keep such certification list current.

- 42. EMPLOYEE CONDUCT.** All of Contractor's employees, agents, principals, and consultants shall abide by Federal, State and Local Laws and Board of Education policy while on District premises. No employee, agent or principal of Contractor and its consultants and vendors shall fraternize with any student of the school district. Any employee whose conduct is judged unfit by District shall not be permitted to work on the project. Contractor agrees to comply with and abide by all rules, regulations and policies of the District relating to access to and conduct upon District Premises.

Contractor employees accessing school grounds are required to have in their possession identification issued by the District. All such persons must check in with the school main office to receive a visitor's identification at which time the individual must present a government issued photo identification which will be used to verify the individual's name appears on the Certified Cleared Employee List. At the conclusion of the work day, plastic or hard cover identification must be returned to the school.

The District may from time to time and at multiple times in their discretion and without notice check the identification of all persons accessing school grounds by or through the Contractor to assure such persons appear on the certification list and have in their possession a valid District issued identification. Contractor warrants that it shall immediately notify the District if a certified cleared employee is convicted of an enumerated offense or their name appears on any of the noted Databases. A violation of this section is a material breach of contract.

- 43. COMPLIANCE WITH FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.** The District is required by law to comply with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, 5ILCS 140/1 et seq., as amended from time to time ("Act"). The Act requires the District to provide, if requested to do so by any person, copies of documents that maybe in your possession and related to this contract. As a condition of this contract, Contractor agrees to and shall provide to the District, copies of any and all such documents when directed to do by the District. All such documents shall be delivered to the District's Legal Department NO LATER THAN five (5) working days after the date of the District's direction to provide such documents. Failure of the Contractor to provide documents within said five (5) working days as provided above shall result in the assessment of any and all penalties, damages, and/or costs incurred by the District to the Contractor which shall be paid immediately by the Contractor upon demand of the same by the District.

SUPPLEMENTAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

44. RECORDS, RETENTION, AUDIT

- a. Records. The Contractor shall have or upon award of bid establish and maintain a reasonable accounting system that enables the District to readily identify Contractor's assets, expenses, costs of goods and use of funds related to the Project (the Records). Such Records shall include, but not limited to, accounting records, written policies and procedures; subcontractor files (including proposals of successful and unsuccessful bidders, bid recaps, etc.); all paid vouchers, including those for out-of-pocket expenses, other reimbursement supported by invoices; ledgers; cancelled checks; deposit slips, bank statements; journals; original estimates; estimating work sheets; contract amendments and change order files; backcharge logs and supporting documentation; insurance documents, payroll documents; timesheets; memoranda; and correspondence.
- b. Retention. The Contractor shall, at all times during its performance of the Project and for a period of seven years after the completion of the Project, maintain Records, together with all supporting or underlying documents and materials. The Contractor shall upon written request by the District at any time or times, whether during or after completion of the Project, and at the Contractor's expense, produce the Records for inspection, copying and audit (including copies and extracts of records as required) by the District. The Records shall be made available to the District, upon three-day written notice, during normal business hours at Contractor's principal office if located in Rockford, Illinois or at such other location specified by the District including the District offices. Upon expiration of the retention period specified in this paragraph 44b, prior to destruction of the Records, Contractor shall provide not less than 30 days written notice of its intent to destroy any part or all of the Records, specifying the nature, character and extent of Records to be destroyed and the District may at its discretion and expense obtain all Records or copies of Records intended to be destroyed. The Contractor shall ensure the District's right to access and audit the Records in the possession, created or maintained by Contractor's agents, assigns, successors, and subcontractors. Contractor shall notify in writing its agents, assigns, successors and subcontractors of the requirements of records, retention and audit as set forth in this paragraph 44. Any and all contracts or agreements between Contractor and any other party related to the Project shall expressly include the records, retention and audit provisions of this paragraph 44.
- c. The District and its authorized representatives shall have the right to audit, to examine, and to make copies of or extracts from all Records (in whatever form they may be kept, whether written, electronic, or other), including, but not limited to, those kept by the Contractor, its agents, assigns, successors, and subcontractors.

Cost of any examination or audit of Records conducted by the District will be borne by the District (excluding any cost to produce Records under paragraph 44b), except where the examination or audit identifies overpricing or overcharges (of any nature) by the Contractor to the District in excess of one-half of one percent (0.5%) of the total contract billings in which event the entire cost of the examination or audit shall be Contractor's cost and Contractor shall reimburse the District for the total cost of the examination or audit. If the examination or audit reveals substantive findings of fraud, misrepresentation, or non-performance by Contractor, its employees, agents, representatives, assigns, successors or subcontractors, the Contractor shall pay all costs of the examination or audit; and if paid by the District, reimburse the District for all such costs. In the event Contractor fails to pay such costs within 30 days of demand by the District, District may offset any such costs unpaid by Contractor from any balance due Contractor by the District or at the election of the District proceed to collect such costs by any available means including litigation in which event the costs of collection including reasonable attorney's fees shall also be paid by Contractor.

QUESTIONS

Any questions regarding this bid; may be referred to Tamara Pugh, Purchasing Process Manager at tamara.pugh@rps205.com or 815-966-3092.

GENERAL INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS

A. GENERAL OVERVIEW

Rockford Public School District is seeking to purchase a total of twenty-seven (27) new school buses to include: twenty-four (24) new 71-passenger school buses, two (2) new 71-passenger school buses being field trip equipped buses with luggage racks, and one (1) new 50-passenger special needs bus for the District before the start of the 2016-2017 school years. The statement of warranty/guarantee must be met as well as the minimum chassis and body specifications for each bus purchased.

Estimated timeline for this bid is as follows:

01/22/2016	Distribute IFB/Publish via Rockford Register Star and DemandStar
02/02/2016	IFB Opening – 11:30 am February 2, 2016 6 th floor conference room
02/09/2016	Board of Education Anticipated Approval
02/10/2016	Anticipated Award of Contract Letter

B. EXTENDED CHASSIS, BODY, AND ELECTRICAL WARRANTY

Five (5) years OR 100,000 mile EXTENDED WARRANTY in addition to the standard warranty. Warranty to start on the delivery date, the warranty will cover parts and labor for components which prove defective in material and/or workmanship in normal use.

1. Chassis warranty to cover – ALL SPECIFICATIONS MUST BE MET FOR ALL BUSES.

In order for your company's bid response to be deemed responsive, all specifications must be met at a minimum.

- a. Bumpers: All bumpers and brackets or mounting.
- b. Frame: Cross members, engine cross members, bus platform mounting outriggers, frame rails, gussets, and crossover rails.
- c. Front Axle: Axle, kingpins, bushings, seals, bearings, steering arms, steering knuckle, axle shaft/bearing, and spindle.
- d. Suspension: Springs, center bolts, spring bracket assembly, shock absorber brackets, rear suspension cross member, rocker arm and bushings, sway bar, spring leaf assembly, leaf springs, pins, bushings, torque arm, trailing arm and bushing assembly.
- e. Brakes: Calipers, park brake, cables, springs, backing plate, dust shields, wheel brake actuating linkage, drums, shoes, S cams, spiders, park brake chamber, hoses, and any and all air brake related components.
- f. ABS: Electronic Control Unit (ECU), cab harness, chassis harness, magnetic switch/relay, wheel sender, steering angle sensor, YAH sensor, modulator valve, all switches, wiring, relays and any and all related software and controls and wiring.
- g. Air Brakes: Accumulators, parking brake, brake lines, front end harness, under hood cowl to PDM harness, parking brake button and valve, monitor module, and mounting valve, hand

- control valve, quick release valve, relay valve, spring brake control valve, wiring harnesses, control knobs, any and all air brake components in system.
- h. Steering: Pitman arms, steering gear bracket/mounting, steering column assembly and mounting, oil cooler assembly, steering shaft coupling/u-joint, cylinder assembly and valves, power steering pump mounting gasket, steering gear assembly, drag link, pulley, pump assembly, reservoir assembly, pump seals, steering gear seals, control valve, steering tilt mechanism, steering wheel.
 - i. Prop Shafts: Slip joint boot, universal joint, shaft, bearings, yoke/spline, and carrier bearings.
 - j. Muffler/Pipes: Basic assembly, brackets, heat shield/guard.
 - k. Electrical: Alternator assembly, all chassis, body, transmission, and engine harnesses, pulley, voltage regulator, relays, switches, horns, warning buzzers.
 - l. Instruments: Cover plate bezel, circuit board (instruments), speedometer/tachometer circuit housings, ammeter gauge, electrical coolant temperature gauge, engine oil temperature gauge, fuel level gauge, electrical oil pressure gauge, multiplex signal module, odometer, fuel level sender, transmission temperature sender, speedometer/tachometer dip switches and trip recorder, air pressure gauges.
 - m. Controllers: Body electrical system controller (ESC) and programming.
 - n. Crankshaft: Starter motor, starter motor solenoid, key ignition switch, neutral start switch, flex plate.
 - o. Battery: Run down system module monitor, solenoid, and low oil pressure switch.
 - p. Light System: Switch pack actuators, backup alarm, headlight sensors, daytime running light system, backup light switch, dimmer switch, headlamp switch, interior light switches, stoplight switches, turn signal switches, high coolant temperature/low oil pressure alarm, hydraulic brake warning beeper, coolant probe module, coolant level probe, high coolant temperature switch, low air pressure switch, low coolant level switch, low oil pressure switch, parking brake switch.
 - q. Horn: Horn, contact switch, coil harness, horn assembly, mounting, relay/magnetic switch, clock spring.
 - r. Misc.: Circuit breaker/relay/fuse panel mounting and panel.
 - s. Cooling: Radiator core, coolant recovery bottles, hoses, shroud clamps, in-tank oil cooler, mounting, seals, brackets, surge tank, radiator tank and neck, sight glass, coolant filters base and gasket, thermostat housing, water pump, water pipes and seals.
 - t. Cooling Fan: Fan blade assembly, electronic fan controller, hydraulic fluid reservoir, motor, oil cooler, pump assembly, solenoid valves.

- u. Rear Axle: Carrier, flange/yoke, gaskets, and housing, internal bearings, differential, gears, bushings, oil pump, wheel end gearboxes. All rear end gears. Pinion oil seal, helical drive gear shaft, axle shafts and seals.
 - v. Air Cleaner: Gasket, mounting brackets and bolts, drain valve. Air intake grill, air inlet, air inlet control, air restriction indicator
 - w. Fuel Tanks: Mounting brackets and bolts, filler neck, metal, crash guard, tank, fuel outlet tube, fuel valve, and air vent.
 - x. Fuel Pump: Motor and pump, switches, valves, harnesses, and mounting brackets, and bolts
 - y. Metal: All metal, baffles, cables, lift cylinders, engine hood accessories, brackets, hinges, guides, access panels, rivets, fasteners, seals, sealants, floor panels, rocker panel, roof, side, sill, and structure components.
 - z. Doors: Structure, hinge, latch, handles, panel, rivets, bolts, seals, motors.
 - aa. Wheels: Disc wheel, hub pilot.
 - bb. Heating: Cores, ducting, harnesses, blower, modules, motors, housing, relay switches, thermostatic switches.
 - cc. Cruise Control: Harness, relays, switches, clutch, springs.
 - dd. Misc.: Cab harness, engine harness, engine block heater and socket, fuel meter, switches, solenoids.
- 2. Body warranty to cover – ALL SPECIFICATIONS MUST BE MET FOR ALL BUSES.**
- a. Frame: Bows, front and rear bumpers, front cowl, and driver's seat sub frame, rear frame, front frame, drip and seat rails, steps.
 - b. Inside Body: Light bars, inside caps, lower and overhead linings grab rails, luggage racks, shoulder rails.
 - c. Outside Body: Outside front and rear caps, fuel door, battery door, service engine hood/doors, front sheet metal, grille, access handles, side panels, rear inside window panels, rub rails, snow rails, roof panels, side sheets, rear outside skins, transition and cowl filler panels, rivets and seals.
 - d. Compartments: Battery box, luggage boxes, destination sign compartments, spare tire or tool compartments
 - e. Doors: Buzzer boxes, air/electrical controls, hold back devices, emergency rear and side doors, entrance door, single and double lift doors, door handles, door hinges and locks, air pump, and vandallocks.
 - f. Electrical: Electric door locks, door lock actuator, door harness, switch and pods, programming.

- g. Electrical: Defrosters, master solenoid disconnect, noise elimination solenoid, electrical panel, flashers, fuse panel, electrical harnesses and individual wires and terminals, horns, light monitors, strobe power packs and switches, backup alarms, post trip driver child check systems, stop arms, and crossing gates.
 - h. Floor: Floor panels, plywood, floor sills, steel floor, tie downs, wheel pocket assembly, cove moldings and trim, step treads, wear plates, and rubber floor.
 - i. Glass: Windshield, standard driver's window, kick out windows, stationary split sash windows, drivers and split sash storm glass windows, visors.
 - j. Heaters: Control cables, hose trim and cover all heaters, electrical, motors, heater booster pump.
 - k. Lift: Modesty panels assist rails, shields, stanchions, and wheelchair tie downs and lift units.
 - l. Lights: Regular or LED. Backup lights, clearance, cluster, side directional, front directional, rear directional, drivers dome, passenger dome, flood, fog, headlamps, indicators, license plate, markers, red, stop, stop/tail, strobe, tell-tale (alternating flashing), 8 lamp warning. Bulbs not included.
 - m. Mirrors: All internal and exterior mirrors, heated, and remote powered.
 - n. Paint: All internal and exterior paint and rust proofing.
 - o. Seats: Anchors, barriers, passenger seat frames, belts, flip seats.
 - p. Driver Seats: Seat adjuster assembly, belts, frame, arm rest, belt retractor, and cover.
 - q. Radio: Factory installed radio and speakers, harnesses.
 - r. Roof Vents: All roof vents and static vents.
 - s. Wipers: Mounting brackets, harness, linkage, motor, switches, intermittent switch, valves, pump, reservoir, low fluid switch.
- 3. Engine warranty to cover all components listed on engine build sheet – ALL SPECIFICATIONS MUST BE MET FOR ALL BUSES.**
- a. Rotating Assembly: Crank shaft, crankshaft bearings, crankshaft journals, crankshaft caps, crankshaft bolts, crankshaft damper, cam shaft, camshaft bearings
 - b. Bearings: All bearings internal or external
 - c. Lubrication: Oilers, oil pump, passages, pick up tube and screen, all other components not listed for lubrication
 - d. Coolers: Oil coolers, EGR coolers, EGR assembly, all other related components

- e. Cylinder heads or head: Casting, rockers, push rods, lifters, valves, guides, cups, all related components
- f. Pistons: Piston rings, piston pins, locks, connecting rods, caps and all related components
- g. Timing: Gears and all related components
- h. Engine block: Freeze plugs, castings, intakes, intake heaters
- i. Injectors: O-rings, cups, and all related parts
- j. Gaskets: All necessary for engine internal or external
- k. Air compressor: Governor, lines, all related components
- l. Oil pan, Water Pump, Front and rear front cover, Bell housing, High pressure oil pump, Lift pump, Wet liners

C. MINIMUM CHASSIS SPECIFICATIONS – ALL SPECIFICATIONS MUST BE MET FOR ALL BUSES.

- 1. EPA emission standards with On-Board Diagnostics
- 2. 2016 Conventional Style Chassis
- 3. 276” Wheelbase
- 4. Cummins (or equivalent) electronic in-line 6 cylinder turbo charged diesel engine with a Cummins regeneration system on it.
- 5. Engine to be 250 horsepower minimum-specify horsepower.
- 6. Engine torque to be a minimum of 660 ft. lbs. – specify engine torque.
- 7. Fan Clutch – Warner (or equivalent) electrically activated and control fan drive (Please specify brand).
- 8. Allison Electronic Series (or equivalent) 2500PTS, 5th Generation controls, automatic transmission with over drive (Please specify brand).
- 9. Allison Transmission (or equivalent) 5 year warranty in lieu of the standard 3 year, warranty to cover all electrical components related to transmission also including TCM and any harnesses (Please specify brand).
- 10. Transynd (or equivalent) Synthetic fluid required for the 5 year extended warranty (Please specify brand).

11. 10,000 lb. front axle.
12. Wheel seals – oil lubricated front wheel bearings.
13. Parabolic front springs – 10,000 lbs.
14. Rear axle – 19,800 lbs.
15. 21,000 lb. rear suspension
16. Rear axle ratio to be 5.13
17. Direct double acting shock absorbers front and rear.
18. Air drum brake system front and rear with outboard mounted drums and dust shields.
19. Bendix (or equivalent) anti-lock brakes – 4 channel full vehicle wheel control (Please specify brand).
20. Halidex (or equivalent) automatic slack adjuster's front and rear (Please specify brand).
21. Bendix (or equivalent) AD-9 air dryer with heater (Please specify brand).
22. Halidex (or equivalent) front brake chambers to be type 20 long stroke with welded clevis (Please specify brand, but must be welded clevis).
23. Halidex (or equivalent) rear spring brake chambers to be type 30/30 long stroke with welded clevis (Please specify brand, but must be welded clevis).
24. Automatic drain valve for air system, drain valve to be mounted in wet tank with manual drain secondary.
25. Air brake system to be S cam type with R-7 relay valve for 4x2 or SR-7 for 6x4.
26. Air compressor to be Bendix (or equivalent) tru-flo 13.2 CFM capacity (Please specify brand).
27. Park brake button to be located on dash with E/Z grip kit.
28. Exhaust must be heavy duty thick wall tubing.
29. Audible alarm when lights or key is left on.
30. 200 amp Bosch alternator (or equivalent, please specify brand)
31. Three batteries – 2850 CCA minimum
32. Cole-Hersey (or equivalent) metal battery disconnect switch located in the battery box, 300A, weather resistant. Switch will disconnect power to the chassis and body to increase battery power and life.

33. Install a “Battery Tender” Advanced Battery Charging System Model 022-0157. Waterproof, shock and vibration resistant. Microprocessor controlled technology. Charges both flooded and sealed maintenance free lead acid batteries. Reverse polarity protection (in-line fuse). Complete four-step charging program. Built-in Mode Indicators. Plug to be tied into the engine block heater cord, with sealed switch mounted in battery box to interrupt power to block heater.
34. 100 gallon fuel tank mounted after the rear axle between the frame rails.
35. Fuel tank must be protected by frame rail or have heavy duty guard mounted in some way.
36. DEF tank, 12 gallons minimum (or equivalent) frame mounted outside frame rail after entrance door.
37. Fuel water separator with thermostatic fuel temperature controlled electric heater, filter/change indicator light, and fuel in water sensor on the dash.
38. -40 degree anti-freeze, Fleetguard ES Compleat Oat (or equivalent) extended life antifreeze.
39. 18” tilt steering wheel – automotive type with 5 positions.
40. Front and rear tires to be low profile steer tread 295/75R22.5.
41. Accuride “Steel Armor” Powder Coated Wheels (or equivalent) Hub piloted disc wheels, 2 hand hole, 10 stud, 8.25” x 22.5” black.
42. Wheels and tires to be balanced before installation.
43. Hood opening to be explained.
44. Circuit breakers to be manual reset SAE Type III with trip indicators in lieu of standard fuses for CHASSIS wiring or self-resetting where allowed.
45. Engine fast warm up device, electronic, turbo charger controlled.
46. Electronic fast idle control switches on the dash.
47. Dual disc type electric horns.
48. 750 Watt engine block heater minimum. Weather type cover with rubber insulated seal mounted in the center of the front bumper for easy access.
49. DEF fuel gauge mounted in the instrument cluster.
50. Directional signals – self cancelling.
51. Tachometer
52. Voltmeter

53. Transmission temperature gauge
54. Gauge package to include hour meter and air pressure gauges.
55. Low fuel warning light and audible alarm built into the instrument panel for easy viewing, programmable to customer specifications.
56. Low coolant warning light and audible alarm.
57. Headlamps to have warning buzzer to operate when ignition is “off” and headlamps are “on”.
58. Daytime running lights to be activated when transmission is shifted into gear. Lights to be “off” when the transmission is in neutral or park position.
59. Electronic cruise control with minimum activation speed set at 35 mph and a maximum of 65 mph.
60. Electronic road speed governor, re-programmable by district or dealer to set speed (max program speed 65 mph)
61. Front bumper – heavy duty .250 min.
62. Two front tow hooks – left and right
63. All ignitions to be keyed alike
64. Yellow winter fronts installed

Additional Bus Specific Requests:

FIELD TRIP BUSES (2) MUST INCLUDE:

1. Luggage compartments
 - a) Left side under the floor to measure approximately 114”x20”x18”
 - b) Right side under the floor to measure approximately 91”x20”x18”
 - c) Each luggage compartment is to contain two interior lights with switches.

SPECIAL NEEDS BUS (1) MUST INCLUDE:

1. Three positions accessible for wheelchairs
2. Side door electric lift that can accommodate a fully electric wheelchair weight and ratcheting holdowns (Please specify brand of lift and weight rating, must have minimum of one remote and one stationary control).
3. Bus should be seatbelt ready
4. This bus should carry the same five (5) year bumper to bumper warranty as the other buses with lift included.

D. MINIMUM BODY SPECIFICATIONS – ALL SPECIFICATIONS MUST BE MET FOR ALL BUSES.

1. 2016 model year
2. 71 passenger capacity for twenty-four school buses and two field trip buses/ 50 passenger capacity for special needs bus
3. 33'3" body length for 28.50" seat spacing minimum
4. 77" interior headroom over plywood minimum
5. Large driver storage compartment located after the switch panel to hold clipboard.
6. Seats – 39" high back
7. All seat frames to be "seat belt ready" for future installation of belts.
8. Seat upholstery to be brown
9. Driver's seat – Magnum 200 mechanical suspension seat, series 222 (or equivalent). High back, 6 way adjustable, lumbar support, brown cloth insert with armrest on the right.
10. Driver's seat belt – 3 point retractable shoulder belt to be wall mounted, "D Loop" type. 8" track on the wall for height adjustment for smaller drivers. Color to be blaze orange.
11. Restraining barriers at entrance door with full width steel modesty panel.
12. Restraining barrier after the driver's seat to have a metal modesty panel from the bottom of the barrier to the floor.
13. Barrier cover with pockets and Velcro fold over flaps behind the driver's seat for storage.
14. Padded shoulder rails
15. Electronically operated outward opening entrance door
16. Door to have an "in motion interlock" feature so the door cannot be opened while the bus is in motion to reduce potential of accidental opening – NO EXCEPTIONS.
17. Exterior cowl mounted key to electrically operate the entrance door. Key to open/close the door and also secure the bus.
18. All electric entrance doors to be keyed alike.
19. Entrance door to have non-corrosive handle mounted to the front door panel to open/close the door.

20. Specify opening size of the entrance door.
21. Entrance steps to be wide for increase passenger access. Specify width.
22. Stainless steel grab rail-LH
23. Rear emergency door hold back device
24. DEF door to be locking type. All DEF doors in the floor to be keyed alike.
25. Fuel door to have positive latch.
26. Heavy duty battery box with side sliding mechanism on both sides of the tray for minimum force to slide in and out.
27. Fuel door to be mounted flush with the side of body.
28. Heavy duty rubber floor covering with ribbed center aisle.
29. "Pebble Tread" brown colored rubber step covering with white safety edge for all three steps. Step treads to have a non-metal backing and white safety edge.
30. Floor color to be marbled brown
31. Aisle moldings to be vinyl
32. 5/8" exterior pressure treated plywood flooring
33. Fuel sender inspection plate inside body over fuel tanks
34. ABS covered wheelhouses
35. Lined stepwell insulation with rubber sound deadening material
36. Insulation – 1 ½" fiberglass in roof, and front and rear headers
37. Insulation – 1 ½" insulation between the windows and floor
38. Insulation in all roof bows
39. Full length perforated headliner in the roof for noise reduction
40. Ceiling panels to be secured with rivets
41. Asbestos free undercoating – complete body and chassis
42. All exterior side panels to be 16-gauge smooth
43. One piece roof panels from window to window with full length rain gutter

44. Fold down steps in front cowl
45. Four (4) full length exterior rub rails, painted black flange to flange
46. Top of rub rails to be sealed with caulk and bottom to have drain holes
47. 12" rear bumper with supports bolted to the chassis frame rails with end caps to prevent hitching.
48. Heated "open view" rear view mirror system. 8"x12" flat and 8"x6" convex mirrors on large "D" frame or equivalent.
49. Heated cross view mirrors
50. 6"x30" interior sun visor mounted over the windshield
51. 6"x30" interior sun visor mounted over the driver's side window or equivalent
52. 6"x30" padded interior mirror
53. Windshield tinted to 73% light transmission and tinted band at the top
54. Wet-arm windshield wipers to be bottom mounted
55. Wipers to have 5 intermittent speeds and two wash modes
56. 12" aluminum split sash windows. Latch to be replaceable without removing window.
57. Window stop lines with permanent black line, no tape
58. All side and rear windows to be dark tinted – 28% light transmission
59. Two (2) emergency push-out windows with red painted lift handle – vertical hinged, center mounted, with buzzer
60. 90,000 BTU left front heater with full width defroster channel and driver heater control switch for driver's area.
61. Washable air filters for all heaters
62. Coil type heater cores
63. 50,000 BTU right front heater
64. 50,000 BTU mid-ship heater
65. 80,000 BTU rear under seat heater
66. One (1) quarter turn brass heater cut-off valve in driver area for service.

67. Two (2) quarter turn brass heater cut-off valves, butterfly type handles, under hood.
68. All heater hoses to have constant torque hose clamps.
69. Bergstrom Heater booster pump (or equivalent) with upgraded DuPont Zytel Plus plastic, high temperature Viton elastomer (or equivalent), silicon carbide seal, and the elimination of the "O" seal at pump inlet. Separate switch on the dash panel. Pump to be installed in the engine compartment to prevent the coolant from leaking inside the bus body if faulty.
70. Circuit breakers to be manual-reset SAE Type III with trip indicators in lieu of standard fuses for the body wiring or self-resetting where allowed.
71. Heavy duty color coded and continuously numbered wire –polyethylene
72. Locking exterior electrical access panel mounted below the driver's window
73. All exterior electric panel locks to be keyed alike
74. Exterior light "Pre-Check" switch located on the dash which enables one person to complete a check of all exterior lights. This includes backup and brake lights.
75. Wig-Wag flashing headlamp system for the warning lights
76. 7" warning lights to have Quartz halogen bulbs for increased visibility
77. Auxiliary defroster fan, mounted to the front header, mid-right over windshield.
78. Auxiliary defroster fan, mounted mid-left over windshield with a separate switch
79. Body disconnect electrical cut-off solenoid, ignition controlled
80. "LED" front cowl mounted or hood mounted 7" directional
81. "LED" armor protected marker lights- (2) front and (2) rear-
82. "LED" armor protected side directional lights-
83. "LED" armor protected marker intermediate lights-
84. "LED" flush mounted cluster lights- (3) front and (3) rear-total of 6. Lights to be recessed to protect them from tree branches and damage. Truck Light brand
85. "LED" 7" back up lights
86. 7" "LED" stop and tail lights
87. Two (2) additional 4" "LED" stop lights

88. 7" stop lights and 4" tail lights to operate when brake are applied- total of 4 brake lights
89. "LED" license plate light
90. Electric step well light wired to Clearance lights
91. Large deluxe drivers dome light Weldon model 8010 (or equivalent) with 21CP and separate switch
92. Double row of dome lights mounted over window sections located in the wiring access panels above the side windows
93. AM/FM/CLOCK stereo radio with public address system with 4 speakers. System to be dash mounted
94. Low profile strobe light. Pilot light type switch on the driver's console to indicate strobe light is "on". Power pack located in compartment the rear header for easy access
95. Back up alarm
96. Background of 8 lamp warning lights, front and rear, to be black
97. Specialty "High Intensity, Reflective", stop arm with STROBING "LED" luster lights, double sided
98. Specialty Series 6000 (or equivalent) "SOLID STATE" electric crossing gate with poly type arm. Control box to be sealed and integrated into the bumper. No interrupt switch
99. Magnetic hold back device for crossing gate
100. "Noise suppression Switch" to be dash mounted. Single switch to control all heater motors, defroster fans, and radio so that the driver can hear at intersections and railroad crossings.
101. Post Trip Monitor-"No Student Left Behind" system accessory controlled, with alarm disable at rear of the bus by pushing a button, driver has 1 minute to disarm
102. Dome light activation system- all interior dome lights to come on for 2 minutes when bus is turned to the "accessory" key position
103. Post Trip Monitor system to be wired to the headlamps and chassis horn to alert driver if they fail to check for students after the route
104. Post Trip Monitor to be activated only when the warning lights system is activated for the first time on each trip
105. Lettering to read: "ROCKFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT 205". Bus numbers per customer requirements
106. "VIDEO" warning stickers applied on the outside and inside of the bus
107. "TO COMMENT ON MY DRIVING" decal with district phone number 815-966-3787.
108. Body length decal on the front header

109. Rubber and rear front mud flaps
110. Metal mudguards, fore and after rear wheels extending down to skirt
111. All 3M reflective tape (or equivalent) must be “High Intensity Fluorescent” diamond grade in lieu of regular “highly reflective” diamond grade. **Bidder must furnish sample with bid.**
112. All amber and red reflectors on the front, sides, and rear to be “High Intensity Fluorescent” grade reflective tape
113. 3M “High Intensity Fluorescent” reflective diamond grade tape (or equivalent) for the “SCHOOL BUS” signs front and rear
114. 3M “High Intensity Fluorescent” reflective diamond grade tape (or equivalent), 2” stripe down each side
115. 3M “High Intensity Fluorescent” reflective diamond grade tape (or equivalent) around the perimeter of the rear end
116. 3M “High Intensity Fluorescent” reflective diamond grade tape (or equivalent) around the perimeter of the rear emergency door
117. 3M “High Intensity Fluorescent” reflective diamond grade tape (or equivalent) around the perimeter of all roof hatches
118. 3M “High Intensity Fluorescent” reflective diamond grade tape (or equivalent) around the perimeter of all kick out windows
119. Exterior paint to be “National School Bus Yellow”, polyurethane
120. Bus to have white roof beginning 5” above the window line with rounded corners
121. Two (2) Transpec Model 1975 roof hatches
122. Static roof vent in the drivers ceiling area
123. Two (2) rear tow hooks- left and right. Hooks to be mounted under rear bumper
124. Certificate holder- 9” x 6” minimum, envelope type
125. Compartment over the windshield, 47” long single piece door, with lever type latches, non-locking, centered over windshield
126. Complete legal equipment and certification as required by State of Illinois.
127. First aid kit mounted to the front header
128. 5 lb. fire extinguisher mounted in drivers area mounted to a post secured to the floor or equivalent
129. Triangle reflector kits to be secured off the floor to prevent damage. Kit to be mounted on a metal tray to

the front barrier modesty panel

130. Pre-wiring for a video. Location to be in the exterior electrical access panel. Connections to be for power and grounding using a 20amp fuse protection. Must be labeled video.
131. Install a 247 Security, Solid State Zeus System, 4 channel 3 camera systems. 60 gig Solid State hard drive. Cameras mounted on bulkhead, windshield, and mid-body left side close to window pointing towards the rear. Install digital I-O cable to monitor brake lights, turn signals, etc. Must have a min. of 5 year warranty.
132. Pre-wiring for a 2 way radio. Location to be in the exterior electrical access panel. Connections to be for power and grounding using a 20amp fuse protection. Must be labeled 2-way radio.
133. Install a Kenwood two way radio NX800. Equipped with fleet sync and programmed to our specifications. Antenna to be roof mounted UHF unity gain antenna on NMO mount. Shut-off for the radio to be Comm-net DG200 with programmable delayed timer to be 30 minutes or less.
134. Install a Zonar V3 tracking unit with Zpass, School Bus Student Tracking and PTO monitoring ports. Include all hardware, software, training, support, and warranties from Zonar. Talk to Toby McGraw at Zonar to make sure all info and pricing for Rockford specifications and also provide ID numbers for Zonar GPS along with what bus the ID number matches.
135. Complete set of shop and service manuals and parts books, unless available online.
136. Service Information. Furnish locations, distance to the service location, and hours open for service for ENGINE, CHASSIS, TRANSMISSION, AND BODY.
137. 60 months/unlimited mile tow warranty. Warranty to cover the first \$275.00 for ALL service calls to the vehicle, the District's location, or towing to the nearest dealer for warrantable repairs on the *CHASSIS, ENGINE, AND BODY*. **Dealer to furnish factory copy of warranty.**
138. Include an EXTENDED 60 month/100,000 mile warranty on the CHASSIS, ELECTRICAL, and BODY. See enclosed description of the 5 year extended engine warranty. Circle any item not covered by your engine warranty and provide options for warranty for those items not covered.
139. Include an EXTENDED 120 month/150,000 mile warranty on the CUMMINS ENGINE. See enclosed description of the 10 year extended engine warranty. Circle any item not covered by your engine warranty and provide options for warranty for those items not covered.
140. All buses must meet All Federal and State of Illinois Safety Standards
141. Bus to include IL safety inspection sticker prior to delivery
142. Dealer to provide a 2 hours "train the trainer" class on the entire bus at the District's location. Handouts to be provided by the dealer.
143. Dealer to include original costs for title and license plates

**ROCKFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT TRADE-INS**

T	Year	Make	Model	Engine	Cap	Serial Number	Notes
303	2005	IC	RE 200	VT365	72	4DRBWAFP75A974735	
305	2005	IC	RE 200	VT365	72	4DRBWAFP05A974737	
309	2005	IC	RE 200	VT365	72	4DRBWAFP25A974741	
320	2005	IC	RE 200	VT365	72	4DRBWAFP75A974752	
322	2005	IC	RE 200	VT365	72	4DRBWAFP05A974754	
328	2005	IC	RE 200	VT365	39+3	4DRBWAFP85A974758	Lift bus
471	2006	IC	RE 200	VT365	72	4DRBWAFP46A216143	
472	2006	IC	RE 200	VT365	72	4DRBWAFP66A216144	
474	2006	IC	RE 200	VT365	72	4DRBWAFPX6A216146	
475	2006	IC	RE 200	VT365	72	4DRBWAFP16A216147	
477	2006	IC	RE 200	VT365	72	4DRBWAFP56A216149	
478	2006	IC	RE 200	VT365	72	4DRBWAFP16A216150	
479	2006	IC	RE 200	VT365	72	4DRBWAFP36A216151	
480	2006	IC	RE 200	VT365	72	4DRBWAFP56A216152	
481	2006	IC	RE 200	VT365	72	4DRBWAFP76A216153	
482	2006	IC	RE 200	VT365	72	4DRBWAFP96A216154	
483	2006	IC	RE 200	VT365	72	4DRBWAFP06A216155	
485	2006	IC	RE 200	VT365	72	4DRBWAFP46A216157	
489	2006	IC	RE 200	VT365	72	4DRBWAFP66A216161	
490	2006	IC	RE 200	VT365	72	4DRBWAFP86A216162	
493	2006	IC	RE 200	VT365	72	4DRBWAFP36A216165	
494	2006	IC	RE 200	VT365	72	4DRBWAFP56A216166	
496	2006	IC	RE 200	VT365	72	4DRBWAFP96A216168	
498	2006	IC	RE 200	VT365	72	4DRBWAFP16A216228	Lug Comp
511	2007	IC	RE 200	VT365	72	4DRBWAFP87A377404	
512	2007	IC	RE 200	VT365	72	4DRBWAFPX7A377405	
520	2007	IC	RE 200	VT365	72	4DRBWAFP97A377413	
871	2000	AMTRAN	RE 3000	T444E	72	1HVBJABP9YA932252	Lug Comp
878	2000	AMTRAN	RE 3000	T444E	72	1HVBJABP3YA932005	
887	2000	AMTRAN	RE 3000	T444E	72	1HVBJABP4YA932014	

Company Name: _____

BID OFFER FORM

BID No. 16-26 New School Buses

Offeror proposes to offer twenty-seven (27) new school buses, twenty-four (24) new 71-passenger school buses, two (2) new 71-passenger school buses being field trip equipped buses with luggage racks, and one (1) new 50-passenger special needs bus (coach and chassis in accordance with all conditions and specifications, and further certify that the units will be delivered in compliance with any and all requirements governing Public Schools Transportation). In addition, complete Certificates of Origin on each vehicle be Federal, State, & Local guidelines, regulations, and delivered and turned over to District officials upon delivery of any bus, completely unencumbered.

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Unit Cost</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
1	24	New Diesel Bus to Purchase	\$ _____	\$ _____
2	2	New Field Trip Equipped Buses	\$ _____	\$ _____
3	1	Special Needs Bus	\$ _____	\$ _____
4	1	Deduction granted for thirty (30) trade-ins	\$ _____	\$ _____
5	1	Delivery Charge	\$ _____	\$ _____
Grand Total			\$ _____	\$ _____

Confirm that all statement of extended chassis, body, and electrical warranty/guarantee specifications are met, if not list exceptions.

Yes _____ No _____

Confirm that all minimum chassis specifications 1-64 are met, if not list exceptions.

Yes _____ No _____

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Confirm that all body specifications 1-143 are met, if not list exceptions. Yes No

Can meet the delivery date of August 5, 2016 Yes No

REFERENCES:

Offeror to provide three references of similar type work that would qualify your firm for this project

Company Name/Address/Phone Number Contact Person

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Bid submitted by:

Company Signature of Company Officer (required)

Address Typed Name & Title

City, State & Zip Code Date

Phone No. Fax No.

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