

**GOWER SCHOOL DISTRICT 62
WILLOWBROOK, ILLINOIS**

BID SPECIFICATIONS FOR THREE (3) 77 PASSENGER SCHOOL BUSES FOR 5 YR LEASE

Issue Date: October 18, 2023

Bid Due Date: November 1, 2023

Bid Due Time: 10:00 a.m.

**Bid Opening: November 1, 2023 at 10:01a.m.,
7700 Clarendon Hills Road,
Willowbrook, Illinois 60527**

The bidder hereby declares understanding, agreement and certification of compliance to provide the items and/or services to Gower Community School District 62, DuPage County, Illinois (the "School District"), at the prices quoted, in accordance with all terms and conditions, requirements, and specifications of the original Bid Specifications, and any previously issued amendments. The bidder further agrees that the language of this document shall govern in the event of a conflict with (1) his/her bid or (2) any subsequent purchase order between the bidder and the School District. The bidder should, as a matter of clarity and assurance, also sign and submit all amendment(s) issued by the School District with this bid. The bidder further agrees that upon receipt of an authorized purchase order or when an authorized official of the School District countersigns this document, a binding contract shall exist between the bidder and the School District. This document combined with amendments, the bidder proposal, its required submittals, and the purchase order, if any, shall comprise the binding contract.

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

1. Notice is hereby given that proposals for the five (5) year lease of three (3) new school bus that carry 77 passengers will be opened and read at the District Administrative Office, 7700 Clarendon Hills Road, Willowbrook, Illinois, at the time and date indicated above. Indicate estimated delivery date.
2. Bid prices must be submitted as a part of these specifications and must be contained in a sealed envelope which shall be endorsed on the outside with the following information:
 - a. Bid for three (3) lease school buses that carry 77 passengers
 - b. Name and address of bidder
3. All bids submitted shall be valid for a minimum period of 60 days after the date set for the bid opening.
4. Each bid must be accompanied by a Bid Guarantee in the form of a Bid Bond, Certified Check or Bank Draft in an amount equal to not less than ten percent (10%) of the bid and made payable to the Board of Education of Gower Community School District 62, DuPage County, Illinois. Checks or drafts of unsuccessful bidders will be returned as soon as practical after opening and checking the bids.

5. The Board of Education (BOE) reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or to waive any informalities, irregularities or defects in any proposal, should it deem it to be in the best interest of the School District to do so. The bid will be awarded, if at all, to the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications as determined by the BOE.
6. Any explanation or statement which the bidder wishes to make must be placed in the same envelope with the proposal. Unless the bidder so indicates, it is understood that the bidder had bid in strict accordance with the specification requirements. Bidder acknowledges that any verification from the specifications will be grounds for the BOE to reject the bid, although the BOE may accept the bid with the verification if, in its sole discretion, it determines that such bidder's bid is in the School District's best interest.
7. Bidders must satisfy themselves upon examination of these specifications, as to the intent of the specifications. After the submission of the proposal, no complaint or claim that there was any misunderstanding in regard to items listed for bidding will be entertained from either party. The Bidder shall complete and sign all documents included herein, including the attached Specifications and School Bus Bid Sheet.
8. Bidders shall not include taxes, which school districts are not subject to, in their quotation.
9. All bids shall be deemed final, conclusive and irrevocable. No bid shall be subject to correction or amendment for any error or miscalculation. Any bid submitted prior to the submittal date and time may be withdrawn and resubmitted. After 10:00 a.m. on November 1, 2023 all bids are considered final.
10. Alternate bids will be considered only secondarily to the bid specifications. Any alternates submitted must be thoroughly detailed to merit consideration. Bidders are advised that alternates may be considered if in the best interest of the BOE.

SCHOOL BUS SPECIFICATIONS

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1. The School District is soliciting bids for the five-year lease of three (3) school buses by bidders authorized to do business in the State of Illinois.
2. The School District is soliciting bids for transit model school buses only.
3. The BOE shall award the bid to the lowest responsible bidder and reserves the right to award the bid for a certain model of bus even if the lowest responsible bid for that type of model is more expensive than the other model of bus. Finally, price shall not be the sole determining factor, and the BOE shall, in its sole discretion, take into consideration each bidder's reputation, past service to the School District, compatibility with the District's existing fleet, and references.
4. The successful bidder shall maintain at all times a complete service facility including, but not limited to: repair or replacement parts inventory, factory trained service personal, 800 phone number for toll free calls, facilities in the State of Illinois to perform complete body warranty and/or repair services. Bids from distributors that do not have these basic operations will not be accepted.

5. Bids will include delivery of the completed buses to the School District in Willowbrook, Illinois, at a specific location determined by the Superintendent of the School District, and be completely serviced before delivery. This service will include: complete chassis and complete body inspection by body distributor. Buses will be full of all fluids, completely cleaned inside and outside, all optional equipment installed and working properly. Buses that have not been serviced or delivered directly from the factory will not be accepted. Written inspection forms must be provided if requested. Supply parts manual and service manuals for each bus.
6. The equipment proposed must meet or exceed all requirements set forth in the Illinois Minimum Standards for School Buses and Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards established by the Federal Department of Transportation. Complete certification must be available if requested.
7. Any and all exceptions to the specifications outlined herein must be noted and thoroughly explained in the bid proposal. The bidder must provide, with any exceptions, detailed specifications so the BOE can make the necessary comparisons to enable a proper decision. Failure to do so may result in rejection of your bid for non-compliance. These specifications must be returned with the bid proposal.

Name of Dealer _____

Signed By _____ Title _____

Address _____

City, State and Zip _____

Telephone _____

Email: _____

Dated: _____

- 115. Side directional lamps with amber lens. _____
- 116. Dual row dome lamps over seats with front / mid / rear switches. _____
- 117. Standard intensity 6 candle power bulbs for dome lamps. _____
- 118. Exit marker lamp inside over emergency door with red lens. _____
- 119. Step well lamp with hi intensity 14 candlepower bulb. _____
- 120. Stop / tail combination lamps with 7" red lens. _____
- 121. Stop / tail combination lamps with 4" red lens. _____
- 122. Strobe lamp 4" height with self-contained power supply. _____
- 123. Cross view mirrors with tinted top band. _____
- 124. Black powder coated cross-view mirror brackets. _____
- 125. **Remote** rear view mirrors oval 9" x 17" flat / convex combination. _____
- 126. Black powder coated rear-view mirror brackets. _____
- 127. Heated rear view and cross view mirrors. _____
- 128. 6" x 30" inside mirror with padded edge **with Back Up Camera**. _____
- 129. Rubber mud flaps front and rear. _____
- 130. Metal rear mud flap extensions to 6" from ground. _____
- 131. Rubber fender moldings front and rear. _____
- 132. Body paint process: _____
 - a. Bare metal, fasteners and welds primed with epoxy primer. _____
 - b. Rub rails primed with epoxy primer. _____
 - c. Exterior cleaned with lacquer thinner and double tacked. _____
 - d. Polyurethane black applied to rub rails and warning light area then heat cured. _____
 - e. Black areas masked and exterior wiped and tacked for 2nd time. _____
 - f. Polyurethane yellow applied to exterior of bus then heat cured. _____
 - g. Interior cleaned with lacquer thinner _____
 - h. Polyurethane white applied to interior of bus. _____
- 133. Exterior Color and Trim: _____
 - a. National school bus yellow base color. _____
 - b. Black rub rails 4" stripe over flutes and flanges. _____
 - c. Black 3" warning lamp border. _____
 - d. Black manufacturers logo over entrance door and driver's window. _____
 - e. **White roof** – 12 1/2" over rain visors with radius front and rear at roof caps. _____
- 134. Interior Color and Trim: _____
 - a. White (except aluminized side panels) _____
 - b. Dark gray finish for dash and switch console. _____
 - c. Electro-coat black for seat frames and heaters. _____
- 135. AM-FM-CD stereo with PA system and microphone. _____
- 136. Eight inside radio / PA speakers ceiling mount in passenger area. _____
- 137. 3" round 3M Diamond Grade amber front and intermediate and red rear. _____
- 138. 1" width strip 3M Diamond Grade outline of all emergency exits. _____
- 139. 2" width strip 3M Diamond Grade full length stripe floor level both sides. _____
- 140. 1 3/4" width strip 3M Diamond Grade outline of rear of bus. _____
- 141. 10" x 48" panel 3M Diamond Grade background for SCHOOL BUS lettering. _____
- 142. Two (2) Transpec 1" height combination roof hatch / vents. _____
- 143. Illinois first aid kit with brackets mounted at front over windshield. _____
- 144. 5 lb. fire extinguisher with bracket mounted in driver's area. _____
- 145. Reflector kit with bracket mounted in driver's area. _____
- 146. National NS 2000 or equivalent pedestal mount drivers seat. _____
 - a. High back seat with Brown cloth seat surfaces and carpeted back. _____
 - b. 7" fore/aft slide adjustments with 4" height adjustment with fingertip control. _____
 - c. Infinite tilt back, two position cushion tilt and mechanical lumbar adjustment. _____
 - d. Three point drivers lap / shoulder belt with height adjustment with 7 1/2" travel _____
 - e. Fixed armrest on drivers left. _____
 - f. Folding armrest on driver's right. _____
- 147. High back seat belt ready passenger seats that flip up and lock into position. _____
- 148. Rebonded foam for seat and back cushions. _____
- 149. Brown 52oz **fire block** upholstery for passenger seats and front barriers. _____
- 150. High back barriers ahead of passenger seats. _____
- 151. Shoulder Pads: Black Fire Block. _____

SCHOOL BUS BID SHEET

Name of Dealer: _____

1. Five (5) Year Lease: Three (3) New 2025 Transit Type School Buses

77 Passenger – Five Year Lease Payment Per Bus: Payment \$ _____

**2. Has your company failed to deliver a new school bus when ordered? Yes: _____ No: _____
*if yes please explain below***

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

Service manual and parts manual must be included for bus

Name of Dealer _____

Signed By _____ Title _____

Dated: _____