



CICERO SCHOOL DISTRICT 99
5110 WEST 24TH STREET
CICERO, ILLINOIS 60804
(708) 863-4856

December 27, 2024

Dear Bidder:

The Board of Education (“Board of Education”) of Cicero School District 99 (the “District”), Cicero, Illinois is requesting sealed bids for the five-year lease of **18 new buses of various sizes**.

The enclosed bid form(s) **must** be used in submitting the sealed bids. The sealed bids will be received at the Administration Building, located at 5110 W. 24th Street, Cicero, Illinois, **on or before 9:30 am on January 13, 2025** at which time they will be publicly opened and read.

Unsigned or late proposals will not be considered. Indicate on the face of the sealed envelope:

SEALED BID – FIVE-YEAR LEASE OF 18 NEW SCHOOL buses OF VARIOUS SIZES

It is the intention of the Board of Education to award the bid at the **February 12, 2025** regular meeting and subsequently enter into a contract for these buses. The district may make such investigations as deemed necessary to determine the ability of the bidder to perform the work, and the bidder shall furnish to the District all such information for this purpose as the District may request. The District reserves the right to reject any or all bids if the evidence submitted by, or investigation of, such bidder(s) fails to satisfy the District that such bidder(s) is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the contract and to complete the work contemplated therein. District further reserves the right to waive any minor irregularities or minor defects in the bids, which do not affect the price nor constitute some type of substitution for a designated item, and to accept the bid which is in the best interest of the District. Conditional bids will not be accepted. Strikeouts or addition of conditions or provisions or insertion of substitutes shall be reason for rejecting a bid without any specification of reason for the rejection. Any request for information shall be made to Rita Tarullo, Executive Director at bids@cicd99.edu but the response may not be used as a condition to any bid being submitted.

Sincerely,

Rita Tarullo

Rita Tarullo

Executive Director of Business Affairs/CFO/CSBO

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REQUEST FOR SEALED BIDS

Cicero School District 99 is requesting sealed bids for the **five-year lease of 18** new school buses of various sizes. Bids must be received at the Business Office at 5110 W. 24th Street, Cicero, Illinois, 60804, before **9:30 am on Monday, January 13, 2025**. Unsigned or late bids will not be considered.

BIDDING INSTRUCTIONS

1. The bids must be submitted only on the forms attached. Oral, telephonic, telegraphic, or facsimile transmitted bids will not be accepted. The bids shall be in a sealed envelope, properly marked with the title:

SEALED BID – FIVE-YEAR LEASE OF 18 NEW SCHOOL busses OF VARIOUS SIZES

2. The District does not assume the responsibility for delayed postal deliveries and **does not** recognize postmarks as representing the fact that a bid has been “received” by the District before the specified deadline. The method of transmittal of the bid is solely the bidder’s risk.
3. All bids shall be submitted with each space properly completed. No claim for relief because of errors or omissions in the bid will be considered, and bidders will be held strictly to the bids as submitted. Signatures shall be executed by a principal duly authorized to execute contracts. The bidder’s name shall be fully stated. Should bidders find any discrepancies in, or omissions from, any of the documents, or be in doubt as to their meanings, they shall advise the Executive Director of Business Affairs/CFO/CSBO, at bids@cicd99.edu, no later than **4 p.m. on Tuesday, January 7, 2025**, who will issue the necessary clarifications to all prospective bidders by means of addenda, as may be appropriate. Bidders may rely only on information contained in the bid documents and provided in written addenda during this bid process, and shall not rely on any oral information or interpretations given by any representatives or agents of District.
4. Bids may be withdrawn by letter, telegram, or in person prior to the time and date established for the opening of bids.
5. Where the specifications indicate a particular brand or manufacturer’s catalog number, it shall be understood to mean that or an equivalent. It is the intent of this specification to define essential minimum requirements as to the quality of material, construction, finish, and overall workmanship. Where no brand is indicated, vendor shall specify a brand.
6. Each bidder submitting a bid on a brand other than those specified shall include with the bid a full listing of the features of the product, manufacturing plant location, current catalog picture and detailed specifications on the brand proposed. **Failure to do so may eliminate the bid from**

consideration. The District reserves the right to make the final determination, in its sole discretion, as to the comparability of the specifications.

7. Bidders must complete, date and sign the affidavits and certifications accompanying this bid document. Failure to do so may result in rejection of the bid. Bidders agree to comply with all pertinent statutes of the State of Illinois relative to employment in connection with public contracts including, but not limited to, the pertinent provisions of the Illinois Fair Employment Practices Act, as amended; and agree that no unfair employment practice as defined therein, be committed by the bidder, its subcontractor, suppliers of materials or services to the bidder or his subcontractors, or any labor organization furnishing skilled or unskilled labor to the bidder or his subcontractors.

As part of its submission, Bidders must also include a sample standard lease agreement.

8. The District may require, upon request, evidence as to the financial stability of a bidder. Upon request, the bidder shall provide the following information to the District within 48 hours:
 - A. The name of any owner or co-owner, equity of each co-owner or corporate offices of the entity submitting the bid, and the name, address, and business telephone number of each such person(s).
 - B. The last financial statement and balance sheet of the bidder, including a specification in detail of all loans outstanding, or a copy of the last certified annual audit.
9. The School District reserves the right to request samples of products to determine comparability. Samples of items must be furnished free of charge to the School District. Individual samples must be labeled with the Bidder's name, bid number, item reference, manufacturer's brand name and number.
10. To the extent applicable, the successful bidder shall supply, at no cost to the District, a detailed service manual, parts list, and list of service locations.
11. The School District reserves the right to review all bids submitted for a period of sixty (60) days after the bid due date, and by submitting a bid, the Bidder agrees that the amount specified in his/her bid shall remain firm and in full force and effect for such sixty (60) day period. No Bidder shall modify, withdraw, or cancel his/her bid, or any part thereof, for sixty (60) days after said bid due date, and no attempted modification, withdrawal, or cancellation shall be valid.
12. The District, through its Executive Director of Business Affairs/CFO/CSBO, will make such an investigation as necessary to determine the ability of the bidder to fulfill bid requirements. The bidder shall furnish such information as may be requested and shall be prepared to show financial data or other information the District deems necessary to evaluate the financial stability of the bidder.
13. The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any technicalities in the bid, to award each item to different vendors or all items to a single vendor and to determine whether in the opinion of the Board of Education: (a) an equal or alternate is a satisfactory

substitute, (b) an early delivery date is entitled to more consideration than price, (c) an earlier delivery date is to be disregarded because of the reputation of the vendor for not meeting delivery dates, (d) a vendor is not a responsible vendor and should be disregarded and (e) what exceptions or deviations from written specifications will be accepted. The Board of Education will authorize the release of purchase orders upon acceptance of proposals. In the event of pricing errors, the prices bid by the bidder will prevail and be considered accurate.

14. The District is exempt from paying Illinois Use Tax (Ill. Rev. State., ch. 120, Para. 439.3) and sales to the Board are exempt from Illinois Retailers' Occupation Tax (Ill. Rev. Stat., ch. 120, Para. 441).
15. The District is exempt from paying Federal Excise Taxes (I.R.S. ch. 32, subchapter G, para. 4221).
16. Cicero School District 99 is Tobacco Free in all buildings and on its grounds. No employees of the successful bidder or any subcontractors may violate this provision.
17. All pricing shall be on an F.O.B. destination basis with cost of packing, transportation and delivery included in the price. Shipments shall become property of the consignee after delivery and acceptance.
18. Delivery tickets must accompany each shipment, if applicable. Purchase order number and vendor name must appear on each delivery ticket and invoice.
19. As required by law, labor estimates for this project shall be based upon those prevailing wage assignments as indicated by the Illinois Department of Labor, appropriate trade, and municipality specification work shall be performed in Cook County.

BIDDING TERMS & CONDITIONS

1. All bids submitted shall be guaranteed for a period of not less than one year (365 days) from the date of bid opening and shall be considered firm price upon receipt of a District purchase order. Bidder shall fill in the words "NO BID" in unused spaces on the attached form.
2. The lowest responsible bidder, as determined by the District, will be expected to execute a written contract with the Board. By simply awarding the RFP, the Board is not entering into a contract.

The contract shall not become effective until it has been signed by the vendor selected by the Board, approved by the Board of Education and executed by a member of the Board of Education or a District representative.

In the event the Board determines a joint bid to be in the best interest of the District, the Board will require separate contracts with each joint bidder.

3. The District reserves the right to return at, vendor's expense, any part or all of a shipment not in compliance to specifications or to the terms and conditions of this document. It is planned that deliveries be accomplished during normal business hours of the District from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

4. No minimum order requirements may be made by a bidder. The School District shall order its requirement from the successful bidder. The School District reserves the right to place orders at quantity levels that the School District determines, in its sole discretion, are required. The School District expressly reserves the right to place orders at quantity levels that meet its requirements, including the right to place orders above or below the estimated quote quantity listed on the Bid Quotation Form included with this Bid Package.

5. The successful bidder shall purchase and maintain such insurance as will protect the successful bidder from claims set forth below which may arise out of, or result from, the successful bidder's operations under the contract whether the operations be by the bidder, by a subcontractor, or by anyone employed by them. Such insurance shall be acquired for and on behalf of the successful bidder in protecting the bidder from claims for damages for bodily injuries, including sickness or disease, death and for care and loss of services, as well as from claims for property damages, including loss of use, which may arise from operations under the contract, whether such operations be by the bidder or anyone directly or indirectly employed by him or her. The successful bidder shall carry the following insurance coverage and types at a minimum:
 - A. Commercial General Liability: Coverage shall have minimum limits of \$1,000,000 each occurrence, and \$3,000,000 aggregate combined single limit for bodily injury liability and property damage liability, with a \$5,000,000 umbrella. This shall include premises and operations, independent contractors, products and complete operations, contractual liability, and personal injury liability.

 - B. Business and Vehicular Liability: Coverage shall have minimum limits of \$1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury liability and property damage liability. This shall include owned vehicles, hired and non-owned vehicles, and employee non-ownership.

 - C. Property Insurance: Coverage shall be all risk and shall be in a broad form basis, including coverage for explosion, collapse, and damage in and around District property. The coverage also should include off-site and in-transit liability.

 - D. Worker's Compensation
 - a. State: Statutory
 - b. Applicable Federal: Statutory
 - c. Employer's Liability: \$100,000 per Accident
\$500,000 Disease, Policy Limit
\$100,000 Disease, Each Empl.

The successful bidder shall be responsible for all losses which fall under any deductibles on required insurance coverage.

If subcontractors are employed, the successful bidder shall procure and maintain bodily injury and property damage liability insurance for and on behalf of the bidder for claims and damages arising out of acts of subcontractors in the same amounts as required for claims and damages arising out of acts of the successful bidder.

6. The successful bidder shall assume all liability for, and shall protect, defend, indemnify and hold harmless, the Board of Education, its members individually, the District, its officers, employees, servants and agents, from and against all claims, actions suits, judgments, costs, losses, expenses and liabilities of any kind or nature including reasonable legal fees incurred by owner arising out of:
 - A. Any infringement (actual or claimed) of any intellectual property rights, including but not limited to, patents, copyrights or trade names by reason of any work performed or to be performed by the successful bidder or by reason of anything to be supplied by the successful bidder.
 - B. Bodily injury, including death, to any person or persons (including successful bidder's officers, employees, agents and servants) or damage to or destruction of any property, including the loss of use thereof:
 - Caused in whole or in part by an act, error or omissions by the successful bidder or any subcontractor or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them regardless of whether or not it is caused in part by a party to be indemnified hereunder.
 - Arising directly or indirectly out of the presence of any person in or about any part of the project site or the streets, sidewalks and property adjacent thereto.
 - Arising directly or indirectly out of the use, misuse or failure of any machinery or equipment used directly or indirectly by the successful bidder.
7. The successful contractor will comply with all applicable State and Federal laws as they relate to employee safety, including, but not limited to AHERA, OSHA, Confined Space Entry, Employee Right to Know, Respiratory Protection, NESHAP, Look out Tag Out, etc.
8. In the event a bidder damages the District's property, the bidder shall, at the bidder's sole cost, restore the property or any surrounding area. Such restoration shall be to a condition at least equivalent to the condition of the affected area immediately before the destruction or damage. If the bidder does not repair such damage within 14 days after receiving written notice from the District, or such lesser time if the District determines the damage creates an emergency situation, the District may repair the damage and the bidder shall reimburse the District for the costs the District incurs within 14 days after the District provides a written invoice to the bidder.
9. Bidder must be an authorized dealer and/or installer of products bidder is bidding on. Bidder must supply a list of references of like products and/or installations. Reference sheet is attached.
10. During the performance of the work contemplated herein (whether or not federal funds are involved) the bidder agrees as follows:
 - A. The bidder will not unlawfully discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, age, order of protection status, marital status, physical or mental disability, military status, sexual orientation, pregnancy, or unfavorable discharge from military service, as those terms are

defined in the Illinois Human Rights Act, (775 ILCS 5/1-10 et. seq. (hereinafter “unlawful discrimination”). The bidder will take affirmative action to ensure the applicants are employed, and that employees are treated equally during employment, without unlawful discrimination. Such action shall include but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The bidder agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

B. Bidders will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the bidder, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without unlawful discrimination.

11. If applicable, vendor shall authorize and be subject to criminal history records checks and checks of the Statewide Sex Offender Database and Statewide Child Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Database, as required by the Illinois School Code.

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Submittal Checklist

Remember to submit the following items with your bid. Failure to do so may result in rejection of the bid.

Required Forms

- Signed and completed Bid Proposal with Federal Employee Identification or Social Security Number
- Non-Collusion Affidavit signed and notarized
- Vendor's Certification for Illinois Drug-Free Work Place Act Signed by Representative and Attester
- Certification of Compliance with Illinois Human Rights Act (Sexual Harassment)
- Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion
- Minority and Women Owned Business Concern Representation
- Certificate Regarding Prevailing Wages and Equal Employment Opportunities
- Reference Sheet

Required Other Submittals

- Copy of Bidder's Standard Lease Agreement

Additional Optional Forms

- Statement of No Interest (only fill out this form if you are not able to bid at this time)
- Any necessary Literature or information (if applicable)

CICERO SCHOOL DISTRICT 99

BID PROPOSAL

5-42 PASSENGER SCHOOL BUS WITH LIFT, WITH AC

8-53 PASSENGER SCHOOL BUSES WITH AC

5-71 PASSENGER SCHOOL BUSES WITH AC

Five-year annual lease 2025 - 42 Passenger w/Lift, w/ A/C	\$	X 5 =	\$
Five-year annual lease 2025- 53 Passenger Conventional Bus w/ A/C	\$	X 8=	\$
Five -year annual lease 2025-71 Passenger Conventional Bus w/ A/C	\$	X5	\$
Notes:			
Total Annual Cost:			\$
Total 5 Year Cost:			\$

We propose to deliver the school buses as described in the “Bus Specifications” at the above price(s) before August 1, 2025.

Body company distributors will maintain at all times a complete service facility including, but not limited to: repair or replacement parts inventory, factory trained service personnel, 800 phone numbers 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.

Please list your 800 phone number: _____.

We hereby agree to furnish the heretofore named articles as shown at the prices stated within the delivery time allotted and that quantity and quality will be in conformance with the stated specifications. The signing of this bid form is construed as acceptance of all provisions contained herein.

Authorized Rep.
 Name: _____
Please print

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Title: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Name of Firm: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ FEIN/Social Security #: _____

Fax Number: _____ Website address: _____

Does the company have a current contract with the State of Illinois? Yes _____ No _____

ADDENDA ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The undersigned acknowledges receipt of the following addenda: (List by number and date appearing on each addendum). If all addendums are not acknowledged, the bid may be considered non-responsive.

<u>Addendum #</u>	<u>Dated</u>	<u>Addendum #</u>	<u>Dated</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

CICERO SCHOOL DISTRICT 99

NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF ILLINOIS

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COOK COUNTY

The undersigned bidder or agent, being duly sworn, on oath that he/she has not, nor has any other member, representative, or agent of the firm, company, corporation or partnership represented by him/her, entered into any combination, collusion or agreement with any person relative to the price to bid by anyone at such letting, nor to prevent any person from bidding nor to induce anyone to refrain from bidding, and that this bid is made without reference to any other bid and without any agreement, understanding or combination with any other person in reference to such bidding.

He/she further says that no persons or persons, firms or corporation has, have or will receive directly or indirectly, any rebate, fee, gift, commission or thing of value on account of such sale.

Vendor or Agent

For: _____
Firm or Corporation

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 20__.

My Commission Expires: _____

Signature of Notary Public: _____

CERTIFICATION

The bidder hereby certifies that the bidder is not barred from bidding on this contract as a result of a violation of either bid-rigging or bid-rotating provisions of Article 33E of the Criminal Code of 1961, as amended, and that the bidder hereby certifies that it can enter into the contract provided herein and further acknowledges that the contract may be void if this certification is deemed false.

Signature

CICERO SCHOOL DISTRICT 99

VENDOR CERTIFICATIONS

ILLINOIS DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE ACT

Business Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

ILLINOIS DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE ACT

The undersigned contractor hereby certifies (check the one that applies):

_____ Having fewer than twenty-five (25) employees does hereby certify that it is not subject to the requirements of Section 3 of the Illinois Drug-Free Workplace Act (ILCS 127,132.313).

_____ Having twenty-five (25) or more employees, does hereby certify pursuant to Section 3 of the Illinois Drug-Free Workplace Act (ILCS 127,132.313) that the bidder shall provide a drug-free workplace for all employees engaged in the performance of work under the contract by complying with the requirements of the Illinois Drug-Free Workplace Act and further certify that the bidder is not eligible for award of this contract by reason of debarment for a violation of the Illinois Drug-Free Workplace Act.

By: _____
Signature

Printed Name of Signer

Printed Title of Signer

Attest: _____
If a corporation

Printed Name of Signer

Printed Title of Signer

Signature

CICERO SCHOOL DISTRICT 99

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH ILLINOIS HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

All successful contractors must comply with the provisions of the Illinois Human Rights Act dealing with equal employment opportunities (Section 2-105, 775 ILCS 5/2-105) including equality of employment opportunity and the regulations of the Department of Human Rights of the State of Illinois and also must provide for the adoption and implementation of written sexual harassment policies. The contract with the successful bidder will provide for this requirement. The statutory provisions require that the written sexual harassment policy include at a minimum the following information: (i) the illegality of sexual harassment, (ii) the definition of sexual harassment under Illinois law, (iii) a description of sexual harassment, utilizing examples; (iv) a vendor’s internal complaint process including penalties; (v) the legal recourse, investigative and complaint process available through the Department of Human Rights and the Human Rights Commission; (vi) protection against retaliation as provided by Section 6-101 of the Illinois Human Rights Act.

Firm Name: _____

Address: _____

Signature of Officer

Title: _____

Subscribed and sworn to

Before me this _____ day

of _____, 20__

Notary Public

ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
**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 part 3485, including Subpart C Responsibilities of Participants Regarding Transactions (also see federal guidance at 2 CFR part 180). 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 and Title of Authorized Representative

Signature/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 Government Wide System for Award Management Exclusions" (SAM Exclusions) at <http://www.sam.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.
- ISBE 85-24 (11/05)

CICERO SCHOOL DISTRICT 99

PREVAILING WAGES & EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The undersigned hereby certifies that the Firm listed below is in compliance with and intends to be in compliance with at all times Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. §2000e. *et. seq.*, the Public Works Employment Discrimination Act, 775 ILCS 10/0.01, *et. seq.*, the Illinois Human Rights Act, 775 ILCS 5/1-101, *et. seq.*, Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, 29 U.S.C. §201, *et. seq.*, the Minimum Wage Law, 820 ILCS 105/1, *et. seq.* and the Prevailing Wage Act, 820 ILCS 130/0.01, *et. seq.*

Firm Name: _____

By: _____
(Authorized Agent of Firm)

Title

Subscribed and sworn to

Before me this _____ day

of _____, 20_____

Notary Public

CICERO SCHOOL DISTRICT 99
REFERENCE SHEET

Please submit the names of accounts for whom you have provided similar products or services as those required herein.

1. Name _____

 Address _____

 Contact Person _____

 Telephone # _____

Length of time service has been provided _____

Summary of project/services:

2. Name _____

 Address _____

 Contact Person _____

 Telephone # _____

Length of time service has been provided _____

Summary of project/services:

3. Name _____

 Address _____

 Contact Person _____

 Telephone # _____

Length of time service has been provided _____

Summary of project/services:

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STATEMENT OF NO INTEREST

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

The Business Office of Cicero School District 99 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:

Proposal Name: _____

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

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

REMARKS:

Signature: _____

Name & Title: _____

Firm: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Address: _____

Street Address

City

State

Zip-Code

Date: _____

Return to: Cicero School District 99
Attn: Office of Business Affairs
5110 W. 24th Street
Cicero, IL 60804

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BID SPECIFICATIONS

Cicero School District 99 is seeking to lease 5 new 42 passenger buses with Wheelchair lift, 8 new 53 passenger school buses, and 5 new 71 passenger school buses. We are also requesting a 5-year lease beginning in the 2025-2026 school year. The school district leases new school buses every year to keep the average life of the fleet at appropriate levels.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

For 5-42 Passenger Buses with Wheelchair Lift; 8-53 Passenger Conventional School Buses; 5 - 71 Passenger Conventional School Buses

1. Bids will be accepted for complete units only. These complete units must be submitted by a Dealer who is authorized to do business in the State of Illinois. Complete units will be those submitted by authorized body company distributors.
2. Body company distributors will maintain at all times a complete service facility including, but not limited to: repair or replacement parts inventory, factory trained service personnel, 800 phone numbers 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.
3. Bids will include delivery of the completed units to Cicero School District 99, in Cicero, Illinois and be completely serviced before delivery. This service will include: complete chassis and complete body inspection by body distributor. Units will be full of all fluids, completely cleaned inside and outside, all optional equipment installed and working properly. Units that have not been serviced or delivered directly from the factory will not be accepted. Written inspection forms must be provided if requested. **Delivery must be completed by August 1, 2025.**
4. The equipment proposed must meet or exceed all requirements set forth in the Illinois Minimum Standards for School busses and Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards established by the Federal Department of Transportation. Complete certification must be available if requested.
5. 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 Board of Education 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.
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BUS **SPECIFICATIONS**

CICERO SCHOOL DISTRICT 99
BID FOR (5) NEW SCHOOL BUSES – 5 YEAR LEASE
FIVE WITH LIFT AND AC

EXHIBIT A
CONVENTIONAL SCHOOL BUS
42 PASSENGER LIFT SCHOOL BUS WITH FULL TRACK SEATING SPECIFICATIONS

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Bids will be accepted for complete units only. These complete units must be submitted by a Dealer who is authorized to do business in the State of Illinois. Complete units will be those submitted by authorized body company distributors.

2. Body company distributors will maintain at all times a complete service facility including, but not limited to: repair or replacement parts inventory, factory trained service personnel, 800 phone numbers 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. Please list your 800 phone number:
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3. Bids will include delivery of the completed units to Cicero School District 99, in Cicero, Illinois and be completely serviced before delivery. This service will include: complete chassis and complete body inspection by body distributor. Units will be full of all fluids, completely cleaned inside and outside, all optional equipment installed and working properly. Units that have not been serviced or delivered directly from the factory will not be accepted. Written inspection forms must be provided if requested. Delivery must be completed approximately 150 days from date of the order.

4. 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.

5. 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 Board of Education 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.

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EXHIBIT A

CONVENTIONAL SCHOOL BUS

42 PASSENGER LIFT SCHOOL BUS WITH FULL TRACK SEATING and AC SPECIFICATIONS

CHASSIS SPECIFICATIONS

1. General Description
 - a) **2026 Blue Bird Vision School Bus Chassis**
 - b) 189" wheelbase.

2. Engine and Related Equipment
 - a) **Cummins ISB21, minimum 200HP, 520 lbs. of torque, No Exceptions**
 - b) **15 Gallon DEF Tank.**
 - c) Electronic throttle control with cruise control.
 - d) Engine block heater 750 watt.
 - e) Heavy duty dry element air filter with restriction indicator and moisture/particle ejector.
 - f) Heavy duty cooling system.
 - g) **Long-life anti-freeze.**
 - h) Single horizontal **Stainless Steel** exhaust; **exiting under bumper** with aluminized muffler.
 - i) **5 year 100,000 mile engine warranty.**
 - j) **Stability Control**

3. Transmission
 - a) Allison PTS 2500 series 5 speed automatic transmission with **five year** unlimited mileage warranty.
 - b) Transmission to be filled with *synthetic* fluid.
 - c) Transmission cooler must be external from engine radiator.

4. Axles and Suspension
 - a) 12,000 lb. **minimum** capacity front axle.
 - b) 8,500 lb. **minimum** capacity front springs.
 - c) 21,000 lb. **minimum** capacity rear axle with 5.29 to 1 ratio.
 - d) Suspension, AIR, RR, Hendrik, HYD Brakes, 21,000 lb.
 - e) **Bendix DV-2 automatic drain valves. Requires no manual assistance or control lines.**
 - f) Front and rear dual action heavy duty shock absorbers.
 - g) Power steering, integral type.
 - h) **Tilting Telescope** steering column.
 - i) Oil filled front hubs with synthetic oil.

5. Electrical Equipment
 - a) Leece-Neville **280** amp alternator **minimum**. **Higher amp for Air Conditioning**
 - b) **Three (3) heavy group batteries measuring minimum of 2,100 CCA** mounted in skirt compartment, **Battery Disconnect with locking door.**
 - c) Dual electric horns.

6. Instrumentation

- a) Complete instrumentation including voltmeter, oil pressure, fuel, coolant temperature, air pressure, hour meter, digital clock and tachometer.
- b) Low oil pressure/high coolant temperature engine warning system.
- c) Hi-idle switch.
- d) Rheostat dimmer for driver instrument illumination.
- e) Resettable trip odometer.

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- 7. Brakes
 - a) Power hydraulic brake dual system with four-channel ABS.
 - b) *Disc brakes front/rear with 70mm **four piston fixed calipers. No Exception***
 - c) Dust Shields front and rear.
 - d) Brake system failure audible and visual alarm.
 - e) Parking brake: Pull release with foot pedal. **No Exception**
- 8. Fuel Tank
 - a) 60 gallon capacity: Located in rear of bus between frame rails
 - b) **Heated** Fuel/water separator.
 - c) Fuel gauge sender inspection plate.
 - d) **Locking** Fuel tank door.
- 9. Wheels and Tires
 - a) 22.5" X 8.25" **Hub Piloted** disc wheels.
 - b) Michelin: 255/70 R22.5 XD2RR/XZE FRT,LRH highway tread front and rear.
- 10. Miscellaneous Equipment
 - a) 1/4" heavy duty front bumper.
 - b) *Front and Rear tow hooks.*
 - c) Complete service manual for both chassis and body.
 - d) Ignitions to be keyed alike to current Blue Bird school buses. **No Exceptions**
- 11. Frame
 - a) 50,000 psi steel minimum.
 - b) Permanent frame fixtures attached with high-tensile strength huck-spin fasteners with swaged lock nuts.

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BID FOR (5) NEW SCHOOL BUSES – 5 YEAR LEASE
FIVE WITH LIFT AND AC

EXHIBIT A

CONVENTIONAL SCHOOL BUS

42 PASSENGER LIFT SCHOOL BUS WITH FULL TRACK SEATING and AC SPECIFICATIONS

BODY SPECIFICATIONS

1. General Description
 - a) **2026 Blue Bird Vision Conventional School Bus body.**
 - b) 42 passenger seating capacity with full track seating for up to 7 wheel chairs.
 - c) Minimum body length 23 feet 11 inches for 42 passengers or 7 wheel chairs.
 - d) Flat floor with no wheel wells.
 - e) 77" Interior headroom.
 - f) **Five (5) year full Body/Chassis Warranty. Attach Warranty.**

2. Body Construction
 - a) Construction of zinc phosphate coated steel. Each part will be rolled primed steel or re-treated with zinc primer coated after fabrication and before assembly.
 - b) Body construction will conform to FMVSS220 and FMVSS221 for joint strength and roll-over protection **including floor joints. Minimum 20 gauge smooth steel for body exterior and 22 gauge for body interior.** Framework for body sides and roof will be 14 gauge hat shaped continuous one piece body bows extending from floor line to floor line.
 - c) Rain visors will be embossed into roof sheet metal above window. Roof sheet metal will be one piece from window to window.
 - d) **Meet Colorado Racking guide lines and Kentucky Pull test. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
 - e) Roof Bows extend floor level to floor level. Does not extend past floor level.
 - f) Body sheet metal will be fastened with **solid steel buck rivets on exterior and blind rivets on interior. NO SCREWS. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
 - g) Four (4) double profile formed rubrails shall be applied and torxed to the body sides.
 - h) Complete polyester insulation, **minimum 1 1/2" thick** installed in roof, front and rear roof caps; **including inside the body bows.**
 - i) 1 1/2" thick mineral wool for sidewall insulation to prevent moisture buildup.
 - j) Exterior paint will be national school bus yellow with black trim. **Roof to be painted white beginning 12" above window drip rails.**
 - k) Interior paint will be hot sprayed-on baked enamel Astro white with black trim.
 - l) Textured aluminized fully hemmed inner side panels from window level to the floor gusset seat ledge.
 - m) Complete undercoating applied to complete floor, wheel houses, and skirts before body is mounted on chassis. **Chassis and Body undercoat modified wax, premium. Including seat bolts. No Exception**
 - n) Easy tilt hood with manual release hood holder.
 - o) Galvanized stepwell.
 - p) Two Spheros roof vent/escape hatches with front and rear grab handles.

3. Rear Bumper
 - a) Front Bumper to be 3/16" steel plate, full 15" high
 - b) Rear Bumper to be 3/16" steel plate, **full 12" high with 14" wrap around at corners.**

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4. Doors and Lift
 - a) Entrance Door with clear opening of 27" x 78" minimum.
 - b) Three-step stepwell.
 - c) Front & Rear door vandal locks: **Electric door open on outside cowl. No Exception**
 - d) Electric Entrance Door.
 - e) **Rear RH Lift Door- Braun NCL94541B3454, 1,000 LB** with dual hand rails.
 - f) Lift to meet all Federal Standards with all warning devices for wheelchair buses.
 - g) Lift interlock-key must be in the "on" or accessory position, emergency brake applied and in parked position for the lift to be activated.
 - h) 5 QRT retractable tie down kits.

5. Windshield and Windows
 - a) Four-piece flat windshield. **Bonded glass not excepted**
 - b) Tinted laminated safety plate glass with dark shaded top band in windshield.
 - c) Five speed *bottom mounted* electric windshield wipers with intermittent delay.
 - d) **Factory Tinted** 12" split sash windows with extruded aluminum frames.
 - e) **Factory Tinted** upper and lower glass in emergency door.
 - f) Two (2) hinged push-out type emergency exit windows on each side evenly spaced.

6. Seats and Upholstery
 - a) Seating capacity to be 42 passengers or up to 7 wheel chairs.
 - b) **Full Track Seating on RH/LH.**
 - c) Modesty panel between floor and bottom of barrier on right side.
 - d) Six-way adjustable high back **air** suspension driver's seat **with cloth insert** and heavy duty pedestal mounting designed to accommodate easy adjustment
 - e) Armrests on driver's seat.
 - f) Shoulder harness with **adjustable height** wall mounted retractor for driver's seat.
 - g) All seats upholstered with **52 oz. fire retardant upholstery** in solid **brown. Flip Seats**
 - h) All rows of seats to have three point seat belts throughout.
 - i) 4" upholstered header pads above entrance and emergency doors.

7. Floor Covering
 - a) **Black smooth rubber** in driver's area and under seat areas, black wheel house covers.
 - b) **Heavy duty Black ribbed rubber** covering aisle and on entrance steps.
 - c) Aluminum aisle trim over all floor seams.
 - d) **5/8" "Treated Grade" plywood sub-floor**, screwed down for better securement
 - e) Heavy duty, non-slip, white nosing on entrance door steps.

8. Heaters and Defrosting
- a) 90,000 BTU driver heater and full width defroster.
 - b) Minimum 50,000 BTU left front stepwell heater
 - c) Minimum 88,000 BTU rear wall mounted left hand side.
 - d) **Constant torque clamps** are to be used at all joints within the body heater system.
 - e) Heater water cut-off valves at the engine.
 - f) *Electrically controlled water regulating valve.*

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- g) Sheet metal covering all interior heater hoses.
 - h) Two (2) auxiliary multi-directional two-speed defroster fans for windshield.
9. Electrical Equipment
- a) All body circuits protected with circuit breakers.
 - b) Internal multiplex electrical access located within the bus. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
 - c) All body wiring to be color **and** number coded.
 - d) Two (2) 4 inch combination stop and tail lights.
 - e) Two (2) 5 inch back-up lights.
 - f) 7 inch combination stop (brake) and tail lights with red flush mounted lens.
 - g) 7 inch turn signals with amber lenses, cowl mounted in front, mounted in rear.
 - h) Two amber front and two Red rear single with two amber intermediate side clearance and marker lights, with three front amber and three rear red ID cluster lights as per Federal and State requirements.
 - i) Stepwell light wired for automatic operation with entrance door control.
 - j) Interior dome lights. Driver's dome light on a separate switch.
 - k) 8 lamp warning system with solid state flasher and halogen lamps.
 - l) **Dual** Stop Arm electric.
 - m) Crossing arm with solid state electric control and override switch.
 - n) AM-FM MP3 USB with PA system with 4 deluxe speakers.
 - o) No child left behind post trip monitor with rear button deactivation. Ignition key not needed.**
 - p) Backup alarm rated at 112 db.
 - q) **REI DVR HD5-600-3-500 system, Three (3) camera system. No Exception**
 - r) **Two-way radio sleeve installed in dash with antenna attached on driver side mirror.**
 - s) Body solenoid switch.
 - t) Boarding light.
 - u) Red light over rear emergency door.
 - v) Strobe lamp.
 - w) Daytime running lights.
 - x) Front and rear view camera
10. Mirrors
- a) Rosco heated cross view mirrors.
 - b) Rosco heated rear view mirrors.
 - c) 6" X 30" padded interior rearview mirror.

d) 6" X 30" tinted Plexiglas sun visor.

11. Miscellaneous Requirements

- a) 5 lb. fire extinguisher with hose.
- b) First aid kit mounted on front header panel.
- c) 4 x 6 certificate holders.
- d) Emergency triangular warning device kit mounted on front floor.
- e) Rubber front & rear mud flaps and fenderettes.
- f) Shoulder Pads to be Fire Block black material.

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- g) Lettering for belt line on both sides in 5" black vinyl to read: **BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 99**
- h) All other required lettering and fleet numbers in four places.
- i) 3M diamond grade reflective tape extending down both sides, on the rear both vertically and horizontally and "SCHOOL BUS" lettering on front and rear.
- j) Glove box in dash by entrance door.
- k) Access panels on the front and rear interior bulk heads.
- l) No turn on red sticker. Right rear window.
- m) Camera stickers on front bulk head and entrance door.

12. Air Conditioning

- a) Blue Bird A/C: **No exception**
- b) Two (2) TM-21 compressors
- c) Chassis mounted CM3 condenser
- d) Must be covered under full five (5) year extended warranty. **No exception**
- e) 137,500 BTU
- f) Two (2) Evaporators and Two (2) Condensers
- g) 280 amp Leece-Neville brushless alternator

CICERO SCHOOL DISTRICT 99
BID FOR (8) NEW SCHOOL BUSES – 5 YEAR LEASE
EIGHT WITH AC

EXHIBIT C
CONVENTIONAL SCHOOL BUS
53 PASSENGER SCHOOL BUS SPECIFICATIONS

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CHASSIS SPECIFICATIONS

1. General Description
 - a) **2026 Blue Bird Vision School Bus Chassis.**
 - b) 217" wheelbase.

2. Engine and Related Equipment
 - a) **Cummins ISB17, minimum 200HP, 520 lbs. of torque.**
 - b) **15 Gallon DEF Tank.**
 - c) Electronic throttle control with cruise control.
 - d) Engine block heater 750 watt.
 - e) Heavy duty dry element air filter with restriction indicator and moisture/particle ejector.
 - f) Heavy duty cooling system.
 - g) **Long-life anti-freeze.**
 - h) Single horizontal **Stainless Steel** exhaust **exiting under bumper** with aluminized muffler.
 - i) 5 year 100,000 mile engine warranty.
 - j) **Stability Control**

3. Transmission
 - a) Allison PTS 2500 series 5 speed automatic transmission with **five year** unlimited mileage warranty.
 - b) Transmission to be filled with *synthetic* fluid.
 - c) Transmission cooler must be external from engine radiator.

4. Axles and Suspension
 - a) 12,000 lb. **minimum** capacity front axle.
 - b) 8,500 lb. **minimum** capacity front springs.
 - c) 21,000 lb. **minimum** capacity rear axle with 5.29 to 1 ratio.
 - d) 21,000 lb. **minimum** capacity rear springs.
 - e) Front and rear dual action heavy duty shock absorbers.
 - f) Power steering, integral type.
 - g) **Tilting and Telescope** steering column.
 - h) Oil filled front hubs with synthetic oil.

5. Electrical Equipment
 - a) Leece-Neville **240** amp alternator **minimum. One (1) bus 280 amp Alt for AC**
 - b) **Three (3) heavy group batteries measuring minimum of 2,100 CCA** mounted in skirt compartment, **Battery Disconnect with locking door.**
 - c) Dual electric horns.

6. Instrumentation
 - a) Complete instrumentation including voltmeter, oil pressure, fuel, coolant temperature, air pressure, hour meter, digital clock and tachometer.
 - b) Low oil pressure/high coolant temperature engine warning system.
 - c) Hi-idle switch.
 - d) Rheostat dimmer for driver instrument illumination.
 - e) Resettable trip odometer.

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7. Brakes
 - a) Power hydraulic brake dual system with four-channel ABS.
 - b) *Disc brakes, front/rear with 70mm **four piston** fixed calipers. **No Exception***
 - c) Dust Shields, front and rear.
 - d) **Performance Friction rotors and pads. No Exceptions.**
 - e) Brake system failure audible and visual alarm.
 - f) Parking brake: Pull release with foot pedal. **No Exception**

8. Fuel Tank
 - a) 60 gallon capacity: Located in rear of bus between frame rails.
 - b) **Heated** Fuel/water separator.
 - c) Fuel gauge sender inspection plate.
 - d) **Locking** Fuel tank door.

9. Wheels and Tires
 - a) 22.5" X 8.25" **Hub Piloted** disc wheels.
 - b) Kumho 11R22.5,LRH, KRS12E FT/KRD23 R highway tread front and mud/snow on rear.

10. Miscellaneous Equipment
 - a) 1/4" heavy duty front bumper.
 - b) *Front and Rear tow hooks.*
 - c) Complete service manual for both chassis and body.
 - d) Ignitions to be keyed alike to current Blue Bird school buses.

11. Frame
 - a) 50,000 psi steel minimum.
 - b) Permanent frame fixtures attached with high-tensile strength huck-spin fasteners with swaged lock nuts.

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BODY SPECIFICATIONS

1. General Description
 - a) **2026 Blue Bird Vision Conventional School Bus body.**
 - b) 53 passenger seating capacity.
 - c) 77" Interior headroom.
 - d) **Five (5) Year Full Body/Chassis Warranty. Attach Warranty.**

2. Body Construction
 - a) Construction of zinc phosphate coated steel. Each part will be roll primed steel or retreated with zinc primer coating after fabrication and before assembly.
 - b) Body construction will conform to FMVSS220 and FMVSS221 for joint strength and roll-over protection **including floor joints. Minimum 20 gauge smooth steel for body exterior and 22 gauge for body interior.** Framework for body sides and roof will be 14 gauge hat shaped continuous one piece body bows extending from floor line to floor line.
 - c) **Meet Colorado Racking guide line and Kentucky Pull test. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
 - d) Roof Bows extend floor level to floor level. Does not extend past floor level.
 - e) Rainvisors will be embossed into roof sheet metal above window. Roof sheet metal will be one piece from window to window.
 - f) Body sheet metal will be fastened with **solid steel buck rivets on exterior and blind rivets on interior. NO SCREWS. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
 - g) Four (4) double profile formed rubrails shall be applied and torxed to the body sides.
 - h) Complete polyester insulation, **minimum 1 1/2" thick** installed in roof, front and rear roof caps; **including inside the body bows.**
 - i) 1 1/2" thick mineral wool sidewall insulation to prevent moisture buildup.
 - j) Exterior paint will be national school bus yellow with black trim. **Roof to be painted white beginning 12" above window drip rails**
 - k) Interior paint will be hot sprayed-on baked enamel Astro White with Black trim.
 - l) Textured aluminized fully hemmed inner side panels from window level to the floor gusset seat ledge.
 - m) Complete undercoating applies to complete floor, wheel houses, and skirts before body is mounted on chassis. **Chassis and Body undercoat modified wax, premium. Including seat bolts. No Exception**
 - n) Easy tilt hood with manual release hood holder.
 - o) Galvanized stepwell
 - p) Two Specialty roof vent/escape hatches with front and rear grab handles.

3. Rear Bumper
 - a) Front Bumper to be 3/16" steel plate, full 15" high.
 - b) Rear Bumper to be 3/16" steel plate, **full 12" high with 14" wrap around at corners.**

4. Doors
 - a) Entrance Door with clear opening of 27" x 78" minimum.
 - b) Three step-stepwell.
 - c) Front & Rear door vandal locks: **Electric door opener on outside cowl. No Exception**

- d) Electric Entrance Door.

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5. Windshield and Windows
- a) Four piece flat windshield. **Bonded glass not excepted**
 - b) Tinted laminated safety plate glass with dark shaded top band in windshield.
 - c) Five speed *bottom mounted* electric windshield wipers with intermittent delay.
 - d) **Factory Tinted** 12" split sash windows with extruded aluminum frames.
 - e) **Factory Tinted** upper and lower glass in emergency door.
 - f) Two (2) hinged push-out type emergency exit windows on each side evenly spaced.
6. Seats and Upholstery
- a) Seating capacity to be 53 passengers.
 - b) Modesty panel between floor and bottom of barrier on right side.
 - c) Six-way adjustable high back air suspension driver's seat, **with cloth insert** and heavy duty pedestal mounting, designed to accommodate easy adjustment.
 - d) Armrests on driver's seat.
 - e) Shoulder harness with **adjustable height** wall mounted retractor for driver's seat.
 - f) All seats upholstered with **52 oz. fire block upholstery** in solid **brown. Flip Seats.**
 - g) All rows of seats to have three point seat belts on each side.
 - h) 4" upholstered header pads above entrance and emergency doors.
7. Floor Covering
- a) **Black smooth rubber** in driver's area and under seat areas, black wheel house covers.
 - b) **Heavy duty Black ribbed rubber.** covering aisle and on entrance steps.
 - c) Aluminum aisle trim over all floor seams.
 - d) **5/8" "Treated Grade" plywood sub-floor,** screwed down for better securement.
 - e) Heavy duty, non-slip, white nosing on entrance door steps.
8. Heaters and Defrosting
- a) 90,000 BTU driver heater and full width defroster.
 - b) Minimum 50,000 BTU stepwell heater.
 - c) Minimum 80,000 BTU rear under seat heater with two (2) two speed blowers.
 - d) **Constant torque clamps** are to be used at all joints within the body heater system.
 - e) Heater water cut-off valves at the engine.
 - f) *Electrically controlled water regulating valve.*
 - g) Sheet metal covering all interior heater hoses.
 - h) Two (2) auxiliary multi-directional two-speed defroster fans for windshield.
9. Electrical Equipment
- a) All body circuits protected with circuit breakers.
 - b) Internal multiplex electrical access located within the bus. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
 - c) All body wiring to be color **and** number coded.
 - d) Two (2) 4 inch combination stop and tail lights.
 - e) Two (2) 5 inch back-up lights.

- f) 7 inch combination stop (brake) and tail lights with red flush mounted lens.
- g) 7 inch turn signals with amber lenses, cowl mounted in front, mounted in rear.

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- h) Two amber front and two red rear single with two amber intermediate side clearance and marker lights, with three front amber and three rear red ID cluster lights as per Federal and State requirements.
- i) Stepwell light wired for automatic operation through clearance lights.
- j) Interior dome lights.
- k) Driver's dome light on a separate switch.
- l) 8 lamp warning system with solid state flasher and halogen lamps.
- m) Dual Stop Arm, electric.**
- n) Crossing arm with solid state electric control and override switch.
- o) AM-FM MPS USB with PA system with 8 speakers.
- p) No child left behind post trip monitor with rear button deactivation. **Ignition key not needed.**
- q) Backup alarm rated at 112 db.
- r) REI DVR HD5-600-3-500 system, Three (3) camera system. No Exception**
- s) Two-way radio sleeve installed in dash with antenna attached to driver side mirror**
- t) Body solenoid switch.
- u) Boarding light.
- v) Red light over rear emergency door.
- w) Strobe lamp.
- x) Daytime running lights.
- y) Front and Rear-View Camera

10. Mirrors

- a) Rosco heated cross view mirrors.
- b) Rosco heated rear view mirrors.
- c) 6" X 30" padded interior rearview mirror.
- d) 6" X 30" tinted Plexiglas sun visor.

11. Miscellaneous Requirements

- a) 5 lb. fire extinguisher with hose.
- b) First aid kit mounted on front header panel.
- c) 4 x 6 certificate holders.
- d) Emergency triangular warning device kit mounted on front floor.
- e) Rubber front & rear mud flaps and fenderettes.
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- l) Camera stickers located on front bulk head and entrance door.
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Air Conditioning: One (1) bus

- h) Carrier Comfort Aire A/C: **No exception**
- i) Two (2) TM-21 compressors
- j) Chassis mounted CM3 condensor
- k) Must be covered under full five (5) year extended warranty. **No exception**
- l) 137,500 BTU
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GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Bids will be accepted for complete units only. These complete units must be submitted by a Dealer who is authorized to do business in the State of Illinois. Complete units will be those submitted by authorized body company distributors.
2. Body company distributors will maintain at all times a complete service facility including, but not limited to: repair or replacement parts inventory, factory trained service personnel, 800 phone numbers 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. Please list your 800 phone number:
_____.
3. Bids will include delivery of the completed units to Cicero School District 99, in Cicero, Illinois and be completely serviced before delivery. This service will include: complete chassis and complete body inspection by body distributor. Units will be full of all fluids, completely cleaned inside and outside, all optional equipment installed and working properly. Units that have not been serviced or delivered directly from the factory will not be accepted. Written inspection forms must be provided if requested. Delivery must be completed approximately 150 days from date of the order.
4. 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.
5. 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 Board of Education 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.
6. The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any and all technicalities and to award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder.

Name of Dealer _____

Signed By _____ Title _____

Address _____

City, State and Zip _____

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CHASSIS SPECIFICATIONS

1. General Description
 - a) **2026 Blue Bird Vision School Bus Chassis.**
 - b) 273" wheelbase.

2. Engine and Related Equipment
 - a) **Cummins ISB21, minimum 200HP, 520 lbs. of torque. No Exception**
 - b) **15 Gallon DEF Tank.**
 - c) Electronic throttle control with cruise control.
 - d) Engine block heater 750 watt.
 - e) Heavy duty dry element air filter with restriction indicator and moisture/particle ejector.
 - f) Heavy duty cooling system.
 - g) **Long-life anti-freeze.**
 - h) Single horizontal **Stainless Steel** exhaust **exiting under bumper** with aluminized muffler.
 - i) 5 year 100,000 mile engine warranty.
 - j) **Stability Control**

3. Transmission
 - d) Allison PTS 2500 series 5 speed automatic transmission with **five year** unlimited mileage warranty.
 - e) Transmission to be filled with *synthetic* fluid.
 - f) Transmission cooler must be external from engine radiator.

4. Axles and Suspension
 - a) 12,000 lb. **minimum** capacity front axle.
 - b) 8,500 lb. **minimum** capacity front springs.
 - c) 21,000 lb. **minimum** capacity rear axle with 5.29 to 1 ratio.
 - d) 21,000 lb. **minimum** capacity rear springs.
 - e) Front and rear dual action heavy duty shock absorbers.
 - f) Power steering, integral type.
 - g) **Tilting and Telescope** steering column.
 - h) Oil filled front hubs with synthetic oil.

5. Electrical Equipment
 - a) Leece-Neville **280** amp alternator **minimum**. **Higher amp for Air Conditioning**
 - b) **Three (3) heavy group batteries measuring minimum of 2,100 CCA** mounted in skirt compartment, **Battery Disconnect with locking door.**
 - c) Dual electric horns.

6. Instrumentation
 - a) Complete instrumentation including voltmeter, oil pressure, fuel, coolant temperature, air pressure, hour meter, digital clock and tachometer.
 - b) Low oil pressure/high coolant temperature engine warning system.
 - c) Hi-idle switch.
 - d) Rheostat dimmer for driver instrument illumination.
 - e) Resettable trip odometer.

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7. Brakes
- a) Power hydraulic brake dual system with four-channel ABS.
 - b) *Disc brakes, front/rear with 70mm **four piston** fixed calipers. **No Exception***
 - c) Dust Shields, front and rear.
 - d) Brake system failure audible and visual alarm.
 - e) Parking brake: Pull release with foot pedal. **No Exception**
8. Fuel Tank
- a) 100 gallon capacity: Located in rear of bus between frame rails.
 - b) **Heated** Fuel/water separator.
 - c) Fuel gauge sender inspection plate.
 - d) **Locking** Fuel tank door.
9. Wheels and Tires
- a) 22.5" X 8.25" **Hub Piloted** disc wheels.
 - b) Kumho : 11R22.5,LRH, KRS12E FT/KRD23 R, highway tread front and mud/snow on rear.
10. Miscellaneous Equipment
- a) 1/4" heavy duty front bumper.
 - b) *Front and Rear tow hooks.*
 - c) Complete service manual for both chassis and body.
 - d) Ignitions to be keyed alike to current Blue Bird school buses.
17. Frame
- a) 50,000 psi steel minimum.
 - b) Permanent frame fixtures attached with high-tensile strength huck-spin fasteners with swaged lock nuts.

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BODY SPECIFICATIONS

1. General Description
 - a) **2026 Blue Bird Vision Conventional School Bus body.**
 - b) 71 passenger seating capacity.
 - c) 77" Interior headroom.
 - d) **Five (5) Year Full Body/Chassis Warranty. Attach Warranty.**

2. Body Construction
 - a) Construction of zinc phosphate coated steel. Each part will be roll primed steel or retreated with zinc primer coating after fabrication and before assembly.
 - b) Body construction will conform to FMVSS220 and FMVSS221 for joint strength and roll-over protection **including floor joints. Minimum 20 gauge smooth steel for body exterior and 22 gauge for body interior.** Framework for body sides and roof will be 14 gauge hat shaped continuous one piece body bows extending from floor line to floor line.
 - c) **Meet Colorado Racking guide lines and Kentucky Pull test. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
 - d) Roof Bows extend floor level to floor level. Does not extend past floor level.
 - e) Rain visors will be embossed into roof sheet metal above window. Roof sheet metal will be one piece from window to window.
 - f) Body sheet metal will be fastened with **solid steel buck rivets on exterior and blind rivets on interior. NO SCREWS. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
 - g) Four (4) double profile formed rubrails shall be applied and torxed to the body sides.
 - h) Complete polyester insulation, **minimum 1 1/2" thick** installed in roof, front and rear roof caps; **including inside the body bows.**
 - i) 1 1/2" thick mineral wool sidewall insulation to prevent moisture buildup.
 - j) Exterior paint will be national school bus yellow with black trim. **Roof to be painted white beginning 12" above window drip rails**
 - k) Interior paint will be hot sprayed-on baked enamel Astro White with Black trim.
 - l) Textured aluminized fully hemmed inner side panels from window level to the floor gusset seat ledge.
 - m) Complete undercoating applies to complete floor, wheel houses, and skirts before body is mounted on chassis. **Chassis and Body undercoat modified wax, premium. Including seat bolts. No Exception**
 - n) Easy tilt hood with manual release hood holder.
 - o) Galvanized stepwell
 - p) Two Spheros roof vent/escape hatches with front and rear grab handles.

3. Rear Bumper
 - a) Front Bumper to be 3/16" steel plate, full 15" high.
 - b) Rear Bumper to be 3/16" steel plate, **full 12" high with 14" wrap around at corners.**

4. Doors
 - a) Entrance Door with clear opening of 27" x 78" minimum.
 - b) Three step-stepwell.
 - c) Front & Rear door vandal locks: **Electric door opener on outside cowl. No Exception**
 - d) Electric Entrance Door.

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5. Windshield and Windows
- a) Four-piece flat windshield. **Bonded glass not excepted**
 - b) Tinted laminated safety plate glass with dark shaded top band in windshield.
 - c) Five speed *bottom mounted* electric windshield wipers with intermittent delay.
 - d) **Factory Tinted** 12" split sash windows with extruded aluminum frames.
 - e) **Factory Tinted** upper and lower glass in emergency door.
 - f) Two (2) hinged push-out type emergency exit windows on each side evenly spaced.
6. Seats and Upholstery
- a) Seating capacity to be 71 passengers.
 - b) Modesty panel between floor and bottom of barrier on right side.
 - c) Six way adjustable high back **air** suspension driver's seat, **with cloth insert** and heavy duty pedestal mounting, designed to accommodate easy adjustment.
 - d) Armrests on driver's seat.
 - e) Shoulder harness with **adjustable height** wall mounted retractor for driver's seat.
 - f) All seats upholstered with **52 oz. fire block upholstery** in solid **brown. Flip Seats.**
 - g) All rows of seats to have three point seat belts on each side.
 - h) 4" upholstered header pads above entrance and emergency doors.
7. Floor Covering
- a) **Black smooth rubber** in driver's area and under seat areas, black wheel house covers.
 - b) **Heavy duty Black ribbed rubber**, covering aisle and on entrance steps.
 - c) Aluminum aisle trim over all floor seams.
 - d) **5/8" "Treated Grade" plywood sub-floor**, screwed down for better securement.
 - e) Heavy duty, non-slip, white nosing on entrance door steps.
8. Heaters and Defrosting
- a) 90,000 BTU driver heater and full width defroster.
 - b) Minimum 50,000 BTU stepwell heater.
 - c) Minimum 80,000 BTU rear under seat heater with two (2) two speed blowers.
 - d) **Constant torque clamps** are to be used at all joints within the body heater system.
 - e) Heater water cut-off valves at the engine.
 - f) *Electrically controlled water regulating valve.*
 - g) Sheet metal covering all interior heater hoses.
 - h) Two (2) auxiliary multi-directional two-speed defroster fans for windshield.
9. Electrical Equipment
- a) All body circuits protected with circuit breakers.
 - b) Internal multiplex electrical access located within the bus. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
 - c) All body wiring to be color **and** number coded.
 - d) Two (2) 4 inch combination stop and tail lights.
 - e) Two (2) 5 inch back-up lights.
 - f) 7 inch combination stop (brake) and tail lights with red flush mounted lens.
 - g) 7 inch turn signals with amber lenses, cowl mounted in front, mounted in rear.

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- h) Two amber front and two red rear single with two amber intermediate side clearance and marker lights, with three front amber and three rear red ID cluster lights as per Federal and State requirements.
 - i) Stepwell light wired for automatic operation through clearance lights.
 - j) Interior dome lights.
 - k) Driver's dome light on a separate switch.
 - l) 8 lamp warning system with solid state flasher and halogen lamps.
 - m) Stop Arm, electric.
 - n) Crossing arm with solid state electric control and override switch.
 - o) AM-FM CD with PA system with 8 speakers.
 - p) No child left behind post trip monitor with rear button deactivation. **Ignition key not needed.**
 - q) Backup alarm rated at 112 db.
 - r) **REI DVR HD5-600-3-500 system, Three (3) camera system. No Exception**
 - s) **Two-way radio sleeve installed in dash with antenna attached on roof.**
 - t) Body solenoid switch.
 - u) Boarding light.
 - v) Red light over rear emergency door.
 - w) Strobe lamp.
 - x) Daytime running lights.
 - y) Front and Rear view Camera
10. Mirrors
- a) Rosco heated cross view mirrors.
 - b) Rosco heated rear view mirrors.
 - c) 6" X 30" padded interior rearview mirror.
 - d) 6" X 30" tinted Plexiglas sun visor.
11. Miscellaneous Requirements
- a) 5 lb. fire extinguisher with hose.
 - b) First aid kit mounted on front header panel.
 - c) 4 x 6 certificate holders.
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