LEGAL NOTICE
INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids for Bus Transportation Services, and specified components thereof, for Coal City Community Unit School District #1, Coal City, Illinois, for the school years 2024-2025, 2025-2026, and 2026-2027, will be received by the Board of Education, at its Office at 550 S. Carbon Hill Road, Coal City, Illinois 60416, until 2:00 P.M. prevailing time on Tuesday, the 23rd day of January, 2024 The Bidder assumes the risk of delay in the handling or delivery of mail. Bids will be opened and read aloud at that time. Bids will be considered for:

(1) the entire needs of the District's bus transportation services for regular, vocational, special education and charter transportation;

(2) provision of qualified personnel, equipment, and facilities only, to meet the entire needs of the District's bus transportation services for regular, vocational, special education, and charter transportation - understanding that the District will procure the fuel required for the annual operation of its transportation services separately; and

(3) provision of the annual fuel requirements only, for the District's transportation services for regular, vocational, special education, and charter transportation.

Bidders may bid any or all services. The successful bidder must provide a Performance Bond in the amount discussed below.

Bid specifications will be available at the Administrative Center located at 550 S. Carbon Hill Road, Coal City, Illinois 60416 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday beginning Friday, December 15, 2023 Bidders must submit all questions regarding the Specifications and Instructions to Bidders, or the exhibits attached thereto, in writing to Jason Smith, Director of Business Services, at 550 S. Carbon Hill Road, Coal City, Illinois 60416. Replies will be issued to all bidders of record in the form of an Addendum. Questions received less than five (5) weekdays before the bid opening cannot be answered.

All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security in the form of a Certified Check (payable to the Board of Education of School District No. 1) in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total amount of the bid. By submitting a bid, it is agreed that the Bid Security will be forfeited if the bidder fails to execute the required final agreement and to furnish the Performance Bond in conformity with the Specifications within seven (7) days after notification of the award of the final agreement to such bidder. The bidder shall, within said seven (7) days, provide a Performance Bond, with a Surety to be approved by the District, the cost of which shall be borne by the bidder. The form of the Performance Bond is subject to approval of counsel for the District.

Each bidder expressly agrees that such bid may not be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days from the opening thereof. Withdrawal within such period shall subject the bidder to

forfeiture of Bid Security, as well as penalties and damages to the District to the extent that such withdrawal results in loss to the District.

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and all bids or any part thereof, to waive any informalities, errors or irregularity in bids received or in the bidding process, and to accept the bid that the Board of Education deems the most favorable to its interest after all bids have been examined and canvassed. The Illinois School Code requires that all contracts providing for the transportation of pupils must be awarded by first considering the bidder or bidders most able to provide safety and comfort for the pupils, stability of service, and other factors set forth in the request for proposal regarding quality of service, and then price.

Mary Gill, Secretary, Board of Education

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

AND

SPECIFICATIONS FOR BUS TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AND SPECIFIED COMPONENTS THEREOF

Coal City Community Unit School District No. 1

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of Coal City Community Unit School District No. 1 (hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "District" or "School District No. 1") will receive bids for bus transportation, and specified components thereof, in accordance with these Instructions to Bidders and the Specifications set forth below. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud on Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at 2:00 pm at the District Administrative Office at 550 S. Carbon Hill Road, Coal City, Illinois.

Bids will be considered for the entire needs of the District's bus transportation services for regular, vocational, special education and charter transportation (i.e. "turnkey" transportation services), both with and without the cost of fuel. Bids will also be considered for the District's entire fuel needs. Bidders may bid any or all components.

Bidders must submit all questions regarding these Specifications and Instructions to Bidders or the exhibits attached hereto in writing to Jason Smith, Director of Business Services, at 550 S. Carbon Hill Road, Coal City, Illinois 60416. Replies will be issued to all bidders of record in the form of an Addendum. Questions received less than five (5) weekdays before the bid opening cannot be answered.

All bids must be submitted in duplicate on the Bid Form, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit "A"**, provided by the District. The wording of the Bid Form shall not be changed or altered.

All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security in the form of a Certified Check (payable to the Board of Education of School District No. 1) in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total amount of the bid. By submitting a bid, it is agreed that the Bid Security will be forfeited if the bidder fails to execute the final agreement and to furnish the Performance Bond as stated below, in conformity with the Specifications, within seven (7) days after notification of the award of the final agreement to such bidder. The bidder shall, within said seven (7) days, provide a Performance Bond, with a Surety to be approved by the District, the cost of which shall be borne by the bidder. The form of the Performance Bond is subject to approval of counsel for the District.

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and all bids or any part thereof, to waive any informalities, errors or irregularity in bids received or in the bidding process, and to accept the bid that the Board of Education deems the most favorable to its interest after all bids have been examined and canvassed. The Illinois School Code requires that all contracts providing for the transportation of pupils must be awarded by first considering the bidder or bidders most able to provide safety and comfort for the pupils, stability of service, and other factors set forth in the request for proposal regarding quality of service, and then price. Furthermore, the Illinois School Code provides that no cause of action shall lie against a school board for awarding a pupil transportation contract under those standards unless the cause of action is based on fraudulent conduct. This standard of evaluation will be applied to ALL specifications below, with particular emphasis on pupil safety, pupil comfort, and stability of

service. Bidders are advised to include any pertinent safety, comfort, and stability of service factors in their responses, even if a particular item is not listed on the bid form or specification.

Each bidder expressly agrees that such bid may not be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days from the opening thereof. Withdrawal within such period shall subject the bidder to forfeiture of Bid Security, as well as penalties and damages to the District to the extent that such withdrawal results in loss to the District.

Bids are due on **Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.** and are to be submitted in duplicate in a sealed envelope bearing the bidder's name and address, and marked "BID SPECIFICATIONS FOR BUS TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AND SPECIFIED COMPONENTS FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1". No bids will be accepted after this date and time. Bidder assumes the risk of any delay in the handling or delivery of mail or other Courier service. The submission of a bid by a Bidder will be construed as an indication that the Bidder is fully informed as to the extent and character of the service required and can offer the services satisfactorily in accordance with the specifications.

A summary of the Specifications are as follows:

- Specification No. 1 – a contract to furnish, supply, operate and maintain an adequate number of suitable school buses and vehicles, fully equipped by the vendor, together with licensed drivers and all other personnel, for the transportation of students attending the schools of School District No. 1 for the school years 2024-2025, 2025-2026, and 2026-2027, including all salary, taxes, insurance and other compensation for the Carrier's drivers and other personnel, and all fuel, oil, maintenance and repairs.

- Specification No. 2 – a contract, as described for Specification No. 1, except that School District No. 1 will procure the fuel independently; and
- Specification No. 3 – a contract for the procurement of fuel *only*, sufficient for the transportation of students attending the schools of School District No. 1 for the school years 2024-2025, 2025-2026, and 2026-2027. .

Under this bidding format, School District No. 1 envisions the following contract possibilities:

i. Specification No. 1 (equipment, fuel, and personnel) to a single bidder; or

ii. Specification No. 2 (equipment and personnel) to one bidder and Specification No. 3 (fuel) to another bidder selected concurrently or in the future..

SPECIFICATIONS FOR BUS TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AND SPECIFIED COMPONENTS THEREOF

Coal City Community Unit School District No. 1

GENERAL CONDITIONS

AWARD

Award of Bids: Bids shall be awarded to the Submitter that can provide safety and comfort for the District's pupils, that can provide stability of service and that can meet the specifications and conditions as set forth by the Board of Education, then considering price, as determined by and in the sole discretion of the Board.

Errors or Omissions: All bids shall be completed with each space properly completed. The special attention of Bidders is directed to the policy that no claim for relief because of errors or omissions in the bidding will be considered, and Bidders will be held strictly to the bids as submitted. All Bidders will be bound by any and all math calculations, misquotes, or mistakes of any kind and to all terms contained in these bid specifications. Bids shall be without interlineations, or erasures. No oral, telephonic, facsimile or electronic bid or revision to a bid will be considered.

Contract: A condition of being awarded this bid is the execution of a contract. The Contract shall be governed and construed in accordance with the State of Illinois. If any provision hereof shall be held to contravene any applicable law, such provision shall be deemed reformed to the extent of conforming to said law, and in all other respects the terms hereof shall remain in full force and effect. The Contract shall be in substantially the same form as Exhibit B.

Performance Bond: Contractor (also referred to as "Carrier") acknowledges and agrees to comply with the provisions of Sections 1 and 2 of the School Bus Performance Bond Act (105 ILCS 210/0.001 *et seq.)*. In addition, in order to guarantee the faithful performance by the

Carrier of all its obligations provided in this Agreement, the Carrier shall obtain and maintain during each school year covered by this Agreement, including any extension thereof, at its sole cost and expense, a Corporate Surety (Performance) Bond with a company authorized to do business in Illinois and approved by the Board, which shall be filed with the Superintendent of School District No. 1. The amount of such performance bond shall be 110% of the amount payable to the Carrier by the Board for each school year of this Agreement as set forth herein. The Performance Bond shall be endorsed to provide that it shall not be reduced or cancelled by the Carrier or the Surety. The form of each such performance bond is subject to approval by legal counsel for the Board. The initial performance bond shall be furnished to the District within thirty (30) days after notification of the bid award. The Performance Bond for each school year thereafter shall be furnished to the Board not later than March 1 prior to the beginning of such school year. Failure to provide a Performance Bond at the time and in the amount specified herein shall constitute a breach of a material provision of the Contract.

Payments: All Invoices should be sent via email to [Accounts@coalcityschools.org and any other emails as requested by The District. Payment should be sent by The District no later than 60 days after the receipt of an "accepted invoice". A 1.5% (one and a half percent) late charge can be applied by the Contractor once an invoice surpasses sixty (60) days. All payments will be made in accordance with the Illinois Local Government Prompt Payment Act (50 ILCS 505/1).

SCHEDULES AND ROUTING

Dry Run: Prior to the first day of school each year, the Carrier shall, on the date and time prescribed by the District, conduct a "dry run" of all routes. The driver assigned to the route shall perform the dry run. All dry runs will be accomplished at no additional cost to the District. Each time a new driver is assigned to a route, the newly assigned driver shall perform a dry run of the

route prior to transportation students to ensure all stops are made and schedules are met. The dry run will not be required for standby drivers who cover a route for the regularly-assigned driver, unless requested in advance by the District.

Routes and Schedules: Carrier will deliver all passengers to such place on or near the school ground as the District's administration may from time to time designate, and shall transport all students from the grounds for return to their homes, in accordance with the transportation schedules set forth by the Board. Such schedules are to take into consideration traffic volume and hazards, weather conditions and trains. The decision regarding the regulations of routes, pick-up and drop-off areas, the placement of stops, and times of arrival and dismissal are set jointly by the Carrier and District administration and subject to approval by the Board. All routes and runs shall only include the transportation of students residing in the District, except for special education routes, which may be shared if appropriate to the needs of the students transported. The Carrier and its drivers, while transporting students of the District, will carry in its buses and vehicles no other persons or pupils, except those authorized by the Carrier and the District administration.

Unsatisfactory Service: For any run for which the Carrier fails to provide service as required hereunder, there shall be deducted from the amount due to Carrier an amount equal to one and one-half (1.5) times the full rate for the service that is withheld or otherwise not performed per contract. For any service which is provided thirty (30) or more minutes late, or when service is doubled up by Carrier, without just cause or reason, a penalty in the amount of one-half the cost of the affected route or run per occurrence shall be assessed against Carrier, and the same shall be deducted from any amount due to Carrier under the Contract.

Number of Routes Per Day: The number of routes per day may increase or decrease during the term of the contract without penalty to the Board or the District. An increase or decrease in routes shall result in an equitable adjustment to the compensation of the Carrier upon the agreement of the Board. Unless otherwise agreed by the parties at the time of change, removed routes will be billed at the cost of thirty-five percent (35%) of the route cost for the remaining contract years or until the removed route is added back. In the event of an early dismissal or late arrival, the Carrier agrees to provide transportation at no extra charge.

Provision of Route Information: The Carrier will provide the following information, timely updated as necessary, concerning each route by the first day of each school year: (a) Names of drivers (and monitors/aides where applicable); (b) bus and vehicle numbers and/or route numbers; (c) Maps of specific routes (updated periodically as necessary); and (d) other information deemed necessary by the District.

Special Conditions and Board Rights: From time to time it may be necessary to alter the daily schedule. The Carrier, upon such notice as is practical under the circumstances, shall make such changes in the schedule as are deemed necessary by the Board or District administration in order to meet the requirements of the District at no additional costs to the Board. The Board retains all rights with respect to routing, discipline, procedural and administrative matters, and its decisions in such matters is final and binding on all parties. The Board reserves the right to use other transportation services for field trips, shuttle runs, athletic activities, out-of-District transportation and other purposes not included in regular and vocational District routes.

EQUIPMENT

Vandalism to Equipment: Carrier and the Board shall do all within their power to prevent and minimize damage to school buses, equipment and vehicles. Any loss incurred by vandalism shall be borne by Carrier.

Radios and/or cellular phones: In addition to the normal equipment required by applicable regulations, all buses and vehicles must be equipped with operable two-way radios. Carrier will furnish at its expense cellular phones in a sufficient number so as to supply one on each charter or special education trip for emergency use outside the range of the two-way radio system. At Carrier's option, Carrier shall equip all buses and vehicles with operable cellular phones with broadcast capabilities as an alterative to the two-way radio system. Cellular phones and equipment shall be owned or leased, maintained and serviced by Carrier. Carrier will pay for monthly/annual air time.

Strobe lights: Buses must be equipped with flashing strobe lights permanently on the roof of the bus, electrically connected and switched so as to be controlled by the driver.

Assistive devices. Carrier will provide at no additional cost to the District all other assistive devices necessary to meet the medical/educational needs of individual students, including but not limited to wheel chair lifts, harnesses, car seats, seat belts, wheel chair tie-downs or air conditioning when medically necessary. Seat belts and car seats are to be standard equipment on all non-bus vehicles used for special education transportation.

Video cameras: The Carrier will provide buses with installed two-way camera video systems at no additional cost to the Board. These video cameras and recording devices shall be present in all buses that normally transport District students. This includes buses that are typically scheduled to run the District's regular, co-curricular and field trip student transportation, as specified in the specifications and bid documents. It shall be the responsibility of the Carrier to help in molding

appropriate student behavior and to make the recordings available to the District in student discipline matters. The Carrier will be responsible for rotating recordings or media each day. Recordings will be kept for a minimum of three school days prior to erasing in the event that a discipline issue should arise. In areas of discipline concern, the Carrier will provide recordings to District administration for review. Digital video recorders in school buses store video for approximately ninety (90) days. The Carrier will maintain a list that can match corresponding bus route to vehicle. The Carrier cannot make copies of any recording without the District's written consent.

GPS: The Carrier will provide buses that are equipped with GPS fleet-tracking and reporting systems at no additional cost to the Board.

PERSONNEL

Drivers: The Contractor shall be highly selective in the hiring of drivers. Drivers should be persons of ability, character, integrity and fitness, who are acceptable to the school district for which the driver provides services. The District reserves the right to require the removal or transfer of any driver, monitor or aide as determined solely by each school district. Each driver assigned to duties in the performance of the Contract must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age and fully licensed as a school bus driver by the State of Illinois. Further, each driver must possess a current first-aid certificate equivalent to that issued by the Red Cross. The Contractor must monitor State and Federal regulations to ensure compliance. The use of any assistant under the age of twenty-one (21) years requires the written approval of School district representatives. While transporting students, buses shall not be operated by any person other than a licensed school bus driver meeting all requirements for drivers as set forth by the Illinois State Board of Education and the Illinois Secretary of State and the Illinois Vehicle Code.

Monitors: Only those monitors who are of the highest moral character and who are adequately trained and hold, and continuously maintain, a current first-aid certificate equivalent to that issued by the Red Cross, shall be permitted to assist in the transporting of students.

Special Education Students: The Carrier's drivers, and monitors when applicable, shall assist special education students on and off the Carrier's vehicles and have responsibility for safely seating such students and for properly applying the safety locks and restraining devices which are provided for the safety of said students where applicable.

Supervision of Students: Driver and monitors will have the duty to maintain discipline on the buses and vehicles. Any matters concerning violation of school regulations or school policy shall be reported at once to the appropriate school principal or designee. The Carrier, through its drivers and monitors, shall be responsible for the supervision of student passenger loading and unloading, shall prevent overloading of the school buses and vehicles, and shall not permit any passengers to stand while the bus or vehicle is in motion. The Carrier, its drivers, and its monitors will require all pupils to be seated while riding and will require all pupils to keep order; any improper conduct of pupils shall be reported promptly to the respective school administration. The Carrier and its drivers shall be subject to and carry out the directions of the School Administration as to maintenance of order among pupils and the duty to report incidents of misconduct to the School Administration.

Management: The Contractor shall provide a management representative, all necessary routing and support staff, drivers for all routes, monitors as needed with the agreement of the Board, and all necessary bus mechanics and maintenance personnel. A management representative of the Carrier, drivers, and monitors shall attend, at a minimum, quarterly Transportation Committee meetings with the District administration. Said meetings will be at the District Administration

Building or such place as designated by the District. The Carrier will provide regularly-scheduled monthly safety meetings for its employees and will provide a random drug and alcohol testing program to cover all employees. The Carrier will provide the District administration with reasonable notice of the scheduled meetings and activities and invite the District administration to attend and participate.

Provision of Information: Prior to the start of the school year, the Contractor shall provide the school district with a copy of its drug testing policy for drivers, a listing of assigned bus drivers, including standby drivers, or as requested by the school district. In addition, the Contractor will submit new driver information to the school district prior to the driver start date. The following information for all drivers involved in the Contract under employment of the Contractor will be provided to the school district one week prior to the beginning of each school year. Costs relating to licensing and drug and alcohol testing of drivers and yearly physicals will be the responsibility of the Contractor.

i. Name – first, middle, and last.
ii. Valid permit number for drivers of school buses.
iii. Proof of completion of the Illinois School Bus Driver Instruction Program and date of completion for school bus drivers.
iv. Health certificates and date issued.
v. Copies of drivers licenses.
vi. Evidence of freedom from tuberculosis.
vii. Proof of age.
viii. Proof of drug testing.
ix. Evidence of having passed the criminal background investigation including a full Illinois State Police and Federal Bureau of Investigation check.
x. First aid certificate.
xi. Any and all medications a driver may take, to include over the counter medications, to the extent the Contractor has the ability to respond.
xii. Name of any driver that is ticketed and/or arrested during the term of the Contract.
xiii. Updated Motor Vehicle Reports (MVR).
xiv. Documentation of training in Blood Borne Pathogen Training.

MISCELLANEOUS

Cancellation: The Contract shall be subject to cancellation by either party upon material breach in the performance of any of the provisions in the Bid Documents by the other party. Written notice of cancellation setting for the reasons therefore must be submitted to the defaulting party. Said party shall then have ten (10) days to cure the default, whereupon the Contract shall remain in full force and effect. In the event the defaulting party fails to cure such default within such ten (10) days, the Contract shall be null and void without further action. The Contractor agrees that any significant change in its management, directorship, or in the offices of President and Secretary (unless by mutual agreement of the parties) may be considered a default of the Contract on the part of the carrier and shall be cause for the Board, at its option or election, to cancel the Contract.

School Year Term: It is intended that the Contract be in full force for a period of three (3) years, plus any extensions by mutual agreement. It is further understood that such motor bus service provided by Contractor shall commence each year on the first day designated on the school calendar adopted by the Board for that year and shall terminate on the last day designated on such calendar and shall not include summer school.

Compliance with Applicable Law: The Submitter shall at all times observe and comply with all applicable laws, rules, ordinances and regulations, including but not limited to those laws and regulations enforced and set forth by the Illinois State Board of Education, Illinois Secretary of State and the Illinois Department of Transportation, including, but not limited to the Illinois Human Rights Act (775 ILCS § 5/1 et seq.), the Equal Employment Opportunity Act (42 U.S.C. § 2000e), and the Illinois Criminal Code (720 ILCS 5/1 et al.) in performing under the Bid Documents. School buses and personnel must be in compliance with all Federal and State laws, rules, regulations, and statutes applicable to the performance of student transportation services,

including, but not limited to, the Illinois School Code and the Illinois Vehicle Code, and all policies, rules and regulations of the school district, the State Board of Education, the Illinois Department of Transportation and, the State of Illinois Standards for School Buses, and the local municipalities in which the buses will be operated.

Waivers: The failure of the Board to demand strict performance on any one occasion shall not in any way affect, limit, or waive the Board's right thereafter to enforce and compel strict compliance with every term, condition, and specification thereof. The Board shall not have waived any rights under the Bid Documents unless specifically set forth in writing.

Default: If any Submitter materially fails to fulfill any or all terms and conditions of the Bid Documents, said Submitter shall be declared to be in default and shall be subject to any and all other remedies available to the Board.

Freedom of Information Act: As an independent contractor, records in the possession of the Contractor related to the Contract may be subject to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 ILCS 140/5-1 et seq.; 5 ILCS 140/7(2). The Contractor shall immediately provide the school district with any such records requested by the school district in order to timely respond to any FOIA request received by the school district. The school district will review all such records to determine whether FOIA exemptions apply before disclosing the records, such that information properly exempt as proprietary or prohibited from release by other laws or exempt for other reasons will not be released. If the Contractor refuses to provide a record that is the subject of a FOIA request to the school district and the Attorney General or a court of competent jurisdiction subsequently requires the release of the record or penalizes the school district in any way, the Contractor shall reimburse the school district for all costs, including attorneys' fees, incurred by the school district related to the FOIA request and records at issue.

Compliance with Student Record Laws: Contractor shall comply with all laws pertaining to student records and student confidentiality, including the Illinois School Student Records Act and the Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. All personally identifiable information and data relating to the school district's students shall at all times be treated as confidential by Contractor and will not be copied, used or disclosed by Contractor for any purpose. Contractor shall, as soon as possible, make the school district aware of any data breaches and assist the school district with necessary notifications and reimburse the school district for any costs incurred by the school district. Upon the expiration or termination of this Agreement, Contractor agrees to promptly return to the school district any and all school student records and personally identifiable information in Contractor's possession.

Employment History Checks: Contractor certifies that prior to sending any employee or contractor/subcontractor to the premises, Contractor has complied with all employment history review and other obligations of 105 ILCS 5/22-94. Upon request of the School District, Contractor agrees to promptly disclose all records, information and determinations related to Section 22-94 employment history review for each of its employees or independent contractors.

Assignment: The Submitter shall not delegate, assign, or subcontract the performance of any obligation hereunder to any third party without the prior written consent of the Board.

Force Majeure: In the event the Carrier is unable to perform said services because of an act of God, fire, riot, wars, picketing, civil commotion, strikes, labor disputes or any other similar conditions, the Board may excuse said Carrier from performance hereunder. The Board shall then have the right to take over the operation, either by its own employees or through another transportation company, of such buses and vehicles and operate them until such time as the Carrier is able to resume operation. The Board shall pay the regular amount of such service less

expenses incurred in the operation by the District or by the other transportation company. In the event Carrier shall be incapable of continuing the performance of the contract by reason of insolvency, bankruptcy, receivership or other legal disability, or otherwise refuses to comply with its terms, the Board shall have the immediate right to make other arrangements for transportation of the students, make demand upon the Carrier's Performance Bond, and/or unilaterally terminate the Agreement without further notice, all as deemed appropriate by the Board.

Indemnification: To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Submitter shall indemnify and hold harmless the Board and its individual board members, officers, employees, agents, volunteers, successors, and assigns ("Indemnitees"), from any and all costs, damages, losses, judgments, liabilities and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees and litigation costs) (collectively, "Claims") brought against or incurred by the Indemnitees arising out of, in connection with, or related to (1) any acts or omissions of the Submitter; and (2) any breach by the Submitter of the terms or requirements of the Bid Documents.

Criminal Background Checks: The selected Submitter shall not allow any employee to have contact with students who would be prohibited from being employed by the School District due to a conviction of a crime listed in 105 ILCS 5/10-21.9 or who is listed in the Illinois Sex Offender Registry or the Illinois Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Registry, or engaged in other conduct which calls into question such individual's fitness to be in the vicinity of children. Prior to the commencement of work by any of Contractor's employees or agents that brings the employee or agent within direct, daily contact with District students, Contractor shall provide a criminal background check (at Contractor's cost) to the District, and shall also provide such information upon request by the District. The Contractor certifies that all of its employees

who have or will have contact with students have successfully passed, pursuant to the Illinois School Code, the criminal background and investigation check. No driver previously convicted of an offense of Driving While Under the Influence shall be assigned to the without prior District written approval.

Routes: The successful bidder should be aware of the following:

i. Routes within each district's boundaries should not exceed forty-five minutes at any time. Routes outside district boundaries may exceed forty-five minutes based on end destination.
ii. Some students may have different addresses for pickup and drop off.
iii. Most students cannot be left alone and should be released only to a parent or other responsible adult. There will be times when no one is home to receive a child on the first attempt at drop off, and the student may need to be transported back to the originating school.
iv. Car seats, harnesses, and seat belts may be needed at times for certain students. Contractor should have such equipment available when needed.

SPECIFICATION No. 1 - The Entire Needs of the District's Bus Transportation Services

1. The carrier that is the successful bidder which enters into a final agreement with School District No. 1 ("Carrier") shall furnish, supply, operate and maintain an adequate number of suitable school buses and vehicles equipped with two-way radios and/or other equipment, which will be provided by the Carrier, together with licensed drivers, for the transportation of students attending the schools of School District No. 1 for the school years 2024-2025, 2025-2026, and 2026-2027, as well as any contract extension, in accordance with all Federal, State and local statutes and regulations and under the direction and regulations of the Board, on such schedules as the Board may establish from time to time. Carrier will maintain at least one spare bus for every ten buses used for the District. One of the spare buses will be equipped with air conditioning and shall be wheelchair accessible. Carrier shall maintain adequate facilities and personnel to handle communication with the Administration and parents, to maintain and service all vehicles and equipment in a timely manner as to not interrupt the transportation of students, and to be able to meet emergency needs.

The second and third years of the Base Contract shall be adjusted by the Consumer Price Index (used by the Office of the Clerk of Will County, Illinois for school property tax cap, or PTELL, purposes) for the period immediately prior to the school year in which the rate adjustment is to be made, with a minimum annual increase of one percent (1%) and a maximum annual increase of three percent (3%). School District No. 1 shall have the option to renew and extend the contract for an additional two (2) school years, upon written notice given by June 30, 2027 with each additional year to be adjusted in the same manner as the second and third years of the Base Contract.

2. The Carrier shall pay for all the expenses of bus and vehicle operation, including the salary, taxes, insurance and other compensation for all its drivers and other personnel, and all fuel, oil, maintenance and repairs to its buses and vehicles as well as costs for two-way communication equipment and services for all vehicles.

3. The Carrier and its drivers, while transporting qualified pupils, will carry in its buses and vehicles no other persons or pupils, except those authorized by the Carrier and the School Administration. Such authorization by the School Administration will be observed and honored by the Carrier and its drivers.

4. Bids shall be submitted with the cost of insurance included. The Carrier shall provide, for and during the term of the Agreement, insurance with a suitable insurance company, with an A.M. Best rating of A-X or better:

(a) Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability Insurance, $1,000,000 or the amount required by Illinois law, whichever is greater.

(b) Comprehensive General Liability Bodily Injury and Property Damage (per occurrence), $5,000,000 combined single limit coverage.

(c) Contractual Liability Bodily Injury and Property Damage (per occurrence), $5,000,000 combined single limit coverage.

(d) Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist coverage, not less than $5,000,000 per person and not less than $5,000,000 per occurrence.

(e) Commercial Umbrella Liability Bodily Injury and Property Damage (per occurrence), $10,000,000 combined single limit coverage.

The policies of insurance shall name the Board of Education and School District No. 1 as additional insureds for any claims arising out of the performance or acts of the Carrier in accordance with the terms of the Agreement. Such insurance shall be primary, and any insurance maintained by School District No. 1 shall be secondary. The District will be provided with a current insurance certificate at all times which indicates proof of the existence of the

policy, showing the name of insured and additional named insureds, and also providing for a minimum sixty (60) day "Notice of Cancellation" clause.

5. The Carrier shall keep all of its buses and vehicles in such condition as to meet all of the requirements of the State of Illinois, Illinois State Board of Education, the Illinois Secretary of State, the Department of Transportation and/or of any agency of the United States of America which prescribes regulations or standards for such buses and vehicles, and said buses and vehicles shall at all times be kept in such condition that they meet with the approval of, and be subject to, the inspection by any officer or agent of any of the above-described governmental agencies. The average age of the Carrier's bus fleet will not exceed eight (8) years. The maximum allowable age for any single unit is twelve (12) years old. This includes replacements for contract vehicles that may be out of service due to mechanical failure or accident damage. Prior to the first day of transporting students each school year, Carrier shall provide to the District verification of the age of each bus and vehicle to be used during that school year, including the make, model, and vehicle identification number, and verification that each bus and vehicle met all required safety and other inspections.

Each bus and vehicle shall be operated by a suitable, satisfactory and appropriately licensed driver who shall be mentally and physically fit, and subject to the approval of School District No. 1. The Carrier and its drivers shall obey all laws, ordinances and regulations of duly constituted authorities, including the lawful directions of police officers in the operation of its buses and vehicles, and will, at all times, exercise the highest degree of care possible to avoid accidents and to protect the safety of pupils.

6. The routes to be driven, including their number and course, shall be prepared by the Carrier with the approval of the School Administration of School District No. 1. The Carrier

will be given access to the routes via credentials to the District software. The Carrier may request to meet with the District to recommend route changes, additions or deletions. The Carrier and its drivers shall collect pupils by driving over the designated routes each morning or at such other times to be designated by the School Administration, in time for the pupils to arrive at school within a reasonable time prior to the designated time of commencement of the school day. Routes for the return of students from school to their residences shall be similarly designated as to number, time and course. The Carrier will make every effort such that no child shall ride in excess of forty-five (45) minutes each way, measured from the first student pick-up point to the first school drop-off point in the morning and from the last school pick-up point to the last student drop-off point in the afternoon.

7. The Carrier and its drivers will require all pupils to be seated while riding and will require all pupils to keep order; any improper conduct of pupils shall be reported promptly to the respective School Administration. The Carrier and its drivers shall be subject to and carry out the directions of the School Administration as to maintenance of order among pupils and the duty to report incidents of misconduct to the School Administration.

A management representative of the Carrier and drivers will be expected to attend, at a minimum, quarterly Transportation Committee meetings with the School Administration. Said meetings will be at the Coal City Administration Building or such place as designated by the Administration. The Carrier will provide regularly scheduled monthly safety meetings for transportation employees and will provide a random drug and alcohol testing program to cover all employees. The Carrier will provide the Administration with reasonable notice of the scheduled meetings and activities and invite the Administration to attend and participate.

8. In the event of an accident involving any vehicle referred to herein, the driver thereof shall stop the vehicle as soon as practicable and safe to do so, and shall at once make out a written report of the accident on a State of Illinois accident report form. A copy of this completed form is to be filed with the Administration of School District No. 1 within twenty-four (24) hours of the accident. Verbal notice of all accidents is to be made to the District immediately.

9. With regard to the transportation of physically handicapped students, the Carrier agrees to supply such specialized equipment (i.e., car seats, harnesses, seat belts) as appropriate and required for State inspected and approved school buses and vehicles. Seat belts and car seats are to be standard equipment on all non-bus vehicles used for special education transportation. In addition, as required by the School Administration and the special needs of particular students, the Carrier shall install or provide buses equipped with such appropriated specialized equipment when so directed.

10. Bidders must specify in their bids that, should the bus transportation contract be awarded to them, they will enter into a final bus transportation agreement. Each bidder is charged with the duty to review, and shall be conclusively presumed to have thoroughly reviewed, the final transportation agreement with such bidder's legal counsel, fully acquainting himself with the terms and conditions thereof, including all of bidder's responsibilities and duties thereunder.

Bidders are expressly notified that in addition to the foregoing, a Performance Bond is required to be furnished at the cost of the bidder.

11. All bidders must state their proposed rates and charges for bus transportation in dollar amounts which are definitely ascertainable at the time of opening the bids. If a bid is

based on a formula, the bid must also set forth the maximum rate or charge in a specific dollar amount. For example, a proposed rate which is computed by reference to the Consumer Price Index is not an acceptable bid, unless "capped" by a maximum rate or charge in a fixed dollar amount.

12. Bids for all routes and runs must be based upon the transportation of School District No. 1 students only, except for special education routes, which may be shared if appropriate to the needs of the students transported. Bidders **must verify** in their bids that their proposed rates and charges (for all routes and runs other than special education routes) are not based on shared costs.

13. The School Administration will work with the Carrier in supplying needed information regarding transportation of students. This includes participation of Carrier's representatives (minimally four persons) at the two-day registration in August, as well as providing Carrier with students' names, addresses, and telephone numbers, students' attendance centers, arrival and dismissal times at the schools, and the District's calendar. Information on students to be added to or dropped from routes or runs shall be provided to the Carrier by the District from time to time as required.

The Carrier will provide total mileage by month and by type of service to the District Office by June 15th of each year. Carrier shall keep complete and accurate records of the mileage for which the Carrier charges the school district and of the reports which the Carrier prepares for the school district pursuant to the Contract. The Carrier shall maintain such records as the school district may need to verify mileage, including records indicating the number of runs for vehicles used for purposes other than the Carrier, the Carrier's reporting responsibilities, and the Carrier's claim for fees. The Carrier shall provide access to such records upon a request by the school

district. The School District shall have the right to audit the mileage records and examine the reporting records. Any excesses in charges for the mileage disclosed by an audit shall be refunded within five (5) days after notice of the excess to the Carrier. If an audit discloses a discrepancy of more than five percent (5%) of the amount charged for the period at issue, the Carrier shall pay to the school district all reasonable costs connected with the audit; including, but not limited to, wages of its staff and accountants' fees and attorneys' fees. The Carrier shall fully cooperate with all personnel authorized by the school district to conduct any audit.

Carrier shall retain such records for a period of three (3) years plus the current year, from the date of receipt of final payment under the Contract, for inspection and audit by representatives of the school district. If any audit findings have not been resolved, the records shall be retained beyond the three (3) year period and as long as required for the resolution of the issues raised by the audit.

The District Athletic Director and/or School Administration will arrange for transportation for away contests, field trips, and other trips as necessary.

All transportation charges will be submitted on a prorated and verified monthly basis no later than the 10th day of the next month and that payment will be made within the timeframe provided in the Illinois Government Prompt Payment Act.

14. In the event of an early dismissal or late arrival, the Carrier agrees to provide transportation at no extra charge.

15. All schedules shall be in keeping with safety to school children, so as to deliver students within a reasonable time prior to the opening of the various schools and so as to return them to their respective bus stops within a reasonable time after the close of the school day. However, no child shall ride in excess of forty-five (45) minutes each way, measured from the

first student pick-up point to the first school drop-off point in the morning and from the last school pick-up point to the last student drop-off point in the afternoon.

16. The Illinois School Code requires that all contracts providing for the transportation of pupils must be awarded by first considering the bidder or bidders most able to provide safety and comfort for the pupils, stability of service, and other factors set forth in the request for proposal regarding quality of service, and then price. Such factors that will be considered in that regard by the Board of Education include, but are not limited to:

(i) the age, number, quality, and type of suitable school buses and vehicles to be furnished, including spares;

(ii) the age, number, quality, and type of two-way radios and/or other equipment to be furnished in those buses and vehicles;

(iii) the bidder's ability to keep all of its buses and vehicles in such condition as to meet all of the requirements of all state and federal agencies which prescribe regulations or standards for such buses and vehicles;

(iv) the location where buses will be housed and maintained, especially in light of the School District's proximity to two nuclear power generating stations and the unique evacuation needs that arise as a result;

(v) the bidder's ability to ensure that each bus and vehicle is operated by a suitable, satisfactory and appropriately licensed driver who shall be mentally and physically fit, and shall obey all laws, ordinances and regulations of duly constituted authorities, including the lawful directions of police officers in the operation of its buses and vehicles;

(vi) the bidder's ability to ensure that its drivers and employees will, at all times, exercise the highest degree of care possible to avoid accidents and to protect the safety of pupils;

(vii) the bidder's ability to ensure that its drivers will require all pupils to be seated and keep order, and will promptly report any improper pupil conduct;

(viii) the bidder's random drug and alcohol testing program;

(ix) the bidder's ability to supply such specialized equipment, including seat belts, car seats, harnesses, shoulder straps, wheel chair lifts, and air conditioning, as necessary;

(x) the bidder's ability to ensure the proper operation, storage, inventory and administration of the District's video camera and tape recording systems; and

(xi) the bidder's ability to ensure stability of service, as evidenced by its plans for the avoidance or mitigation of, and any historic experience with, work stoppages as a result of picketing, strikes, labor disputes or any other similar occurrences.

17. Each bidder shall include the following documentation with the bid proposal:

a. Fully completed and signed originals of all certifications contained herein;

b. Information on a minimum of three (3) contracts held during the past three (3) years. Include name of contract holder, name of contract contact person there and phone number, amount of contract, number of buses and drivers required to meet contract requirements, and a brief description of the types of services and routes provided;

c. List all districts of similar size (~2,100 K–12 students) where transportation services for students are provided. Include name of contract holder, name of contract contact person there and phone number, amount of contract, number of buses and drivers required to meet contract requirements, and a brief description of the types of services and routes provided;

d. List all contracts that the bidder has defaulted on in the past seven (7) years;

e. List all contracts that the bidder has lost in the past five (5) years and the reason for the loss of the contract;

f. Information on where buses will be housed and maintained with explanation as to how this housing and maintenance will be adequate for the performance of this contract;

g. Information on experience in transporting special needs students;

h. Written documentation that the bidder has adequate staffing with sufficient experience to maintain and operate the fleet and adequate maintenance and fuel storage facilities to fulfill this contract;

i. Certification as to whether or not the bidder's employees are represented by any exclusive bargaining representatives recognized and certified by a labor relations board, as well as providing copies of all bidder's collective bargaining agreements;

j. Information on the bidder's plans for the avoidance or mitigation of work stoppages as a result of picketing, strikes, labor disputes or any other similar occurrences, as well as information on all such work stoppages, actual or threatened, that the bidder experienced in the last five (5) years;

k. Information on experience and background of management team;

l. The bidder's financial statements/balance sheets prepared by a Certified Public Accountant for three (3) immediately preceding fiscal year ends. If the bidder is owned by a parent or holding company, the same requirement applies to the parent /holding company;

m. Details of the bidder's accident records for the past three (3) years;

n. Evidence of driver salary and benefits package that would be in place upon award of the contract that would assure the bidder's ability to recruit and retain qualified drivers;

o. Evidence of current driver training programs including but not limited to driving techniques, safety, first aid and student management; and

p. Other materials that would serve as evidence of the quality of services provided, including marketing materials, newsletters, parent correspondence etc.

SPECIFICATION No. 2 - The Entire Needs of the District's
Bus Transportation Services *Except Fuel*

School District No. 1 is seeking bids for the provision of qualified personnel and equipment to meet the entire needs of the District's bus transportation services for regular, vocational, special education, and charter transportation with the understanding that the District will procure the fuel required for the annual operation of its transportation services separately. Thus, the following provisions of SPECIFICATION No. 1 are hereby incorporated and restated herein by reference:

- Paragraph number one (1) in its entirety;
- Paragraph number two (2), but for the word "fuel";
- Paragraph number three (3) in its entirety;
- Paragraph number four (4) in its entirety;
- Paragraph number five (5) in its entirety;
- Paragraph number six (6) in its entirety;
- Paragraph number seven (7) in its entirety;
- Paragraph number eight (8) in its entirety;
- Paragraph number nine (9) in its entirety;
- Paragraph number ten (10) in its entirety;
- Paragraph number eleven (11) in its entirety;
- Paragraph number twelve (12) in its entirety;
- Paragraph number thirteen (13) in its entirety;
- Paragraph number fourteen (14) in its entirety;
- Paragraph number fifteen (15) in its entirety;
- Paragraph number sixteen (16) in its entirety; and
- Paragraph number seventeen (17) in its entirety.

SPECIFICATION No. 3 – Provision of Transportation Fuel *Only*

1. School District No. 1 is seeking bids for the provision of annual transportation fuel *only*. The supplier that is the successful bidder which enters into a final transportation fuel agreement with School District No. 1 ("Supplier") shall, at all times, furnish, supply and maintain an adequate amount of fuel to meet all of School District No. 1's transportation needs for the transportation of personnel and students attending the schools of School District No. 1 for the school years 2024-2025, 2025-2026, and 2026-2027 as described in Specification No. 1.

Based on a review of School District No. 1's transportation needs in prior years, it is expected that School District No. 1 will require, and the Supplier will provide, an average of 47,000 gallons of diesel fuel and 6,000 gallons of unleaded gasoline per school year. Bids are requested at a per-gallon price and will be measured for the first contract year based upon these assumptions. Bidders are advised that these figures are not fixed and are expected to fluctuate based on determination of regular, vocational, and special education routes, the annual number and distance of charter trips, the selection of vehicle types, and vehicles' fuel efficiency. The Supplier shall be obligated to supply only such fuel amounts as ordered by School District No. 1 or the Carrier in each school year.

School District No. 1 and the Carrier shall have the option to mutually agree to renew and extend the contract for an additional two (2) school years, upon written notice given by June 30, 2027 Pricing in all years of the contract following school year 2024-2025 shall be adjusted in the manner described in paragraph 6 of this Specification No. 3.

2. The Supplier shall pay for all the expenses of delivering the fuel directly to the vehicles used by School District No. 1, or such other location as shall be designated by School District No. 1, plus storage and pumping on-site, including the salary, taxes, insurance and other

compensation for all its delivery drivers and other personnel. School District No. 1 shall require periodic purchases and deliveries throughout the year, or on-demand access to commercial pumping facilities located within the School District's geographic area.

3. Bids shall be submitted with the cost of insurance included. The Supplier shall provide, for and during the term of the Agreement, insurance with a suitable insurance company, with an A.M. Best rating of A-X or better:

(a) Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability Insurance, $1,000,000 or the amount required by Illinois law, whichever is greater.

(b) Comprehensive General Liability Bodily Injury and Property Damage (per occurrence), $5,000,000 combined single limit coverage.

(c) Contractual Liability Bodily Injury and Property Damage (per occurrence), $5,000,000 combined single limit coverage.

(d) Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist coverage, not less than $5,000,000 per person and not less than $5,000,000 per occurrence.

(e) Commercial Umbrella Liability Bodily Injury and Property Damage (per occurrence), $10,000,000 combined single limit coverage.

The policies of insurance shall name the Board of Education and School District No. 1 as additional insureds for any claims arising out of the performance or acts of the Supplier in accordance with the terms of the agreement. Such insurance shall be primary, and any insurance maintained by School District No. 1 shall be secondary. The District will be provided with a current insurance certificate at all times which indicates proof of the existence of the policy, showing the name of insured and additional named insureds, and also providing for a minimum sixty (60) day "Notice of Cancellation" clause.

4. Bidders must specify in their bids that, should the transportation fuel contract be awarded to them, they will enter into a transportation fuel contract. Each bidder is charged with the duty to review, and shall be conclusively presumed to have thoroughly reviewed, the draft

transportation fuel agreement with such bidder's legal counsel, fully acquainting himself with the terms and conditions thereof, including all of bidder's responsibilities and duties thereunder.

Bidders are expressly notified that in addition to the foregoing, a Performance Bond is required to be furnished at the cost of the bidder.

5. All bidders must state their proposed rates and charges for transportation fuel in dollar amounts which are definitely ascertainable at the time of opening the bids. If a bid is based on a formula, the bid must also set forth the maximum rate or charge in a specific dollar amount. For example, a proposed rate which is computed by reference to the Consumer Price Index is not an acceptable bid, unless "capped" by a maximum rate or charge in a fixed dollar amount.

6.

Bidders shall bid the price per gross gallon. Pricing for #2 Ultra Low Sulfur with 2% Bio 2% Bio Mix Diesel Fuel, #1 if required, and 87 Octane Unleaded Fuel will all be based on the low range of the published price for the Chicago area, in the daily OPIS Distillate Gross Price, on the date of delivery. The price adjustment factor which includes your profit, delivery, and handling is to be added to the price published for the Chicago area, in the daily OPIS Distillate Gross Price. The price adjustment factor will remain firm for the life of the contract, including any extension periods. If a blend of #1 and #2 Ultra Low Sulfur with 2% Bio Mix Diesel Fuel is ordered, the price will be based on the percentage quantity of each type of fuel that has been ordered. School District No. 1 is exempt from paying Illinois Use Tax, Illinois Retailer's Occupation Tax, Federal Excise Taxes, and any federal transportation tax; thus, no taxes shall be included in the bid price (with the exception of the pass-through taxes listed in the Revised Bid Form).

If fuel storage tanks are used, the Supplier shall measure the fuel storage tanks before and after filling. The Supplier shall provide Proof of Delivery in one of the following ways: (1) the Supplier shall provide a metered ticket with each delivery and signed by a representative of the Carrier; or (2) the Supplier must supply a copy of the bill of lading for the terminal showing the number of gallons received and the numbers on the seal at the point of fill from the terminal, and then match the seal numbers with the numbers on the seal at the time and place of delivery. In addition, the Supplier shall provide proof of the current applicable OPIS Index price at the time of delivery. Bidders shall include sample proof of the applicable OPIS Index price with their bids.

Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel (ULSD) fuel is required for diesel engines used with advanced after treatment systems. The fuel should meet all the specifications of ATSM D975 standard (current year revision, including the EPA specification for sulfur content (0.0015% mass of 15 parts per million maximum)). These specifications are included in the standard under the designation No. 2-D S15 fuel and No. 1-D S15 fuel. Grade No. 1-D fuel is a lighter fuel with higher volatility than Grade No. 2-D; it may be blended with grade No. 2-D in winter time to provide engine operability under low ambient temperature.

Diesel Fuel Blends that are acceptable to the District have characteristics indistinguishable from diesel fuel. Diesel Fuel Blends must have components meet the requirements of their standards: ASTM D6751 current revision, for neat biodiesel and ASTM D975 current revision, for ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel. As of October 1, 2008, blends of up to 5% biodiesel are included in the Diesel Fuel Standard ATSM D975-08a. (D975-08a designates the 2008 revision of the standard).

Diesel Fuel Blends that are acceptable to the District include the following: (1) Ultra low sulfur Kerosene (No. 1-D S15 diesel fuel) blended with No. 2-D S15 fuel to improve cold weather performance (blend rate would depend on regional low temperatures); and (2) Lower biodiesel blends up to B5 (a blend of 5% neat biodiesel with 95% diesel fuel). Such blends have characteristics indistinguishable from diesel fuel if the two components meet the requirements of their standards: ASTM D651 current revision for neat biodiesel and ASTM D975 current revision for ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel.

Winter additive containing Anti-Gel & De-icer will be required November 1 through March 15 of each school year.

Unleaded Gasoline Blends that are acceptable to the District contain 10% ethanol regular 87 Octane OPIS average, are unbranded, do not use alcohol additives to raise the octane rating, and identify and define additives for winter blends.

School District No. 1 reserves the right to sample deliveries which will produce samples for testing purposes which are fully representative of the product delivered. All product that does not meet specification requirements will be rejected, and when so ordered by School District No. 1, the Supplier shall, at its expense, replace all inferior product and deliver product meeting the specification requirements.

Title to the fuel shall not pass until said fuel has actually been received by School District No. 1 or its consignee, notwithstanding any agreement to the contrary, including, but not limited to, any agreement to pay freight, express, or other transportation or insurance charges. Risk of loss prior to such actual receipt by School District No. 1 or its consignee shall be borne by the seller. Nothing herein contained, however, shall be construed to deprive School District No. 1 of its interest, or limiting such interest, in the fuel and fuel storage tanks herein described prior to such actual receipt.7. The Illinois School Code requires that all contracts providing for the transportation of pupils must be awarded by first considering the bidder or bidders most able to provide safety and comfort for the pupils, stability of service, and other factors set forth in the request for proposal regarding quality of service, and then price. Such factors that will be considered in that regard by the Board of Education include, but are not limited to:

(i) the bidder's ability to keep all buses and vehicles in such condition as to meet all of the requirements of all state and federal agencies which prescribe regulations or standards for such buses and vehicles;

(ii) the location from which fuel will be delivered, especially in light of the School District's proximity to two nuclear power generating stations and the unique evacuation needs that arise as a result;

(iii) the bidder's ability to ensure that its delivery vehicles are operated by a suitable, satisfactory and appropriately licensed driver who shall be mentally and physically fit, and shall obey all laws, ordinances and regulations of duly constituted authorities, including the lawful directions of police officers in the operation of its vehicles;

(iv) the bidder's ability to ensure that its drivers and employees will, at all times, exercise the highest degree of care possible to avoid accidents and to protect the safety of pupils;

(v) the bidder's random drug and alcohol testing program;

(vi) the bidder's ability to supply such specialized equipment, as necessary; and

(vii) the bidder's ability to ensure stability of service, as evidenced by its plans for the avoidance or mitigation of, and any historic experience with, work stoppages as a result of picketing, strikes, labor disputes or any other similar occurrences.

8. Each bidder shall include the following documentation with the bid proposal:

a. Fully completed and signed originals of all certifications contained herein;

b. Information on a minimum of three (3) contracts held during the past three (3) years. Include name of contract holder, name of contract contact person there and phone number, amount of contract, and a brief description of the types of fuel services provided;

c. List all districts of similar size (~2,100 K–12 students) where transportation fuel services are provided. Include name of contract holder, name of contract contact person there and phone number, amount of contract, and a brief description of the types of fuel services provided;

d. List all contracts that the bidder has defaulted on in the past seven (7) years;

e. List all contracts that the bidder has lost in the past five (5) years and the reason for the loss of the contract;

f. Information on experience in fulfilling transporting fuel agreements;

g. Written documentation that the bidder has adequate staffing with sufficient experience to maintain and operate the fuel storage facilities to fulfill this contract;

h. Certification as to whether or not the bidder's employees are represented by any exclusive bargaining representatives recognized and certified by a

labor relations board, as well as providing copies of all bidder's collective bargaining agreements;

i. Information on the bidder's plans for the avoidance or mitigation of work stoppages as a result of picketing, strikes, labor disputes or any other similar occurrences, as well as information on all such work stoppages, actual or threatened, that the bidder experienced in the last five (5) years;

j. Information on experience and background of management team;

k. The bidder's financial statements/balance sheets prepared by a Certified Public Accountant for three (3) immediately preceding fiscal year ends. If the bidder is owned by a parent or holding company, the same requirement applies to the parent /holding company;

l. Details of the bidder's accident records for the past three (3) years;

m. Other materials that would serve as evidence of the quality of services provided, including marketing materials, newsletters, parent correspondence etc.

EXHIBIT A – BID FORM

Coal City Community Unit School District No. 1
BUS TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AND
SPECIFIED COMPONENTS THEREOF

After having read all the Specifications and Instructions for bidders and understanding same, I hereby submit the following bid(s) for the transportation needs of School District No. 1 (in accordance with said Specifications, and as detailed on the following pages:

Specification	**Total Bid(s) for School Year 2024-2025**
1. All equipment, personnel, vehicle maintenance and storage facilities, including all fuel	
2. All equipment, personnel, vehicle maintenance and storage facilities, but *not including fuel*	
3. All fuel, delivered (estimated 47,000 gallons diesel & 6,000 gallons unleaded gasoline per year)	

I acknowledge that the costs in succeeding school years may be adjusted only in accordance with the terms of the Specifications stated in the Invitation to Bid. Should I be awarded the contract, I will enter into an agreement substantially in accordance with the Bid Specifications and subject to approval by the legal counsel for School District No. 1. I understand that the number of routes per day may increase or decrease over the term of this contract which will have a direct financial effect on the amount of the contract.

SIGNED	DATE
PRINT NAME OF SIGNATORY	PRINT TITLE OF SIGNATORY
COMPANY NAME	FEIN
ADDRESS	PHONE
CITY STATE ZIP	FAX
NAME OF CONTACT PERSON	CONTACT PERSON'S EMAIL

EXHIBIT A – BID FORM

Bid Detail – Specification No. 1
The Entire Needs of the District's Bus Transportation Services

Bid Prices for all routes and runs are based upon the transportation of School District No. 1 students only and are not based upon shared costs. The number of routes per day may increase or decrease over the term of this contract without penalty to School District No. 1. An increase or decrease in routes shall result in an adjustment to the rate. **Double Routes billed at 0.5 times the Single Route cost is the expectation of School District No. 1.**

Regular Routes				
Route Description	**Routes/Day**	**Days/year**	**Daily Rate**	**Bid Price**
Regular	17 Single, 9 Double	174		

Vocational Routes				
Route Description	**Routes/Day**	**Days/year**	**Daily Rate**	**Bid Price**
GAVC Morris	2	AM 174 / PM 165		

Special Education Routes – District provides fuel				
Route Description	**Routes/Day**	**Days/year**	**Daily Rate**	**Bid Price**
Camlot – Kankakee	1	190		
CCES/IS	1	174		
CCMS/HS/Trans	1	174		
CC – wheelchair	1	174		
EC (A.M., Midday, & P.M.)	3	174		
CA/ACES	1	174		
CC-Oswego	1	190		
Elim-Christian Palos Heights -- Minivan	1	190		

EXHIBIT A – BID FORM

Bus Monitor Description	Total Employed	Minimum Per/Hour	Days/year (min. 4 hours/day)	Total
Bus Monitor	10		174	

TOTAL OF RIGHT-HAND COLUMNS, ALL TABLES ABOVE	
Bidder to enter this figure on Page 1 of the Bid Form above for Specification No. 1	

Charter Trips Please provide the following unit rates for charter trips:		
Mileage	/mile	(assuming approximately 32,000 miles / school year)
Driver Hourly Rate	/hour	(wait time unknown, dependent upon events)
Minimum per Charter	/trip	(if any)

PLEASE INITIAL BELOW TO CONFIRM THAT:

_____BIDDER HAS COMPLETED THE VEHICLE CHASSIS AND BODY SPECIFICATIONS PAGES INCLUDED AT THE END OF THIS BID FORM.

_____BIDDER HAS COMPLETED THE BIDDER CERTIFICATION PAGES INCLUDED AT THE END OF THIS BID FORM.

_____BIDDER HAS INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTATION WITH THE BID PROPOSAL:

a. Fully completed and signed originals of all certifications contained herein;

b. **Information on a minimum of three (3) contracts held during the past three (3) years. Include name of contract holder, name of contract contact person there and phone number, amount of contract, number of buses and drivers required to meet contract requirements, and a brief description of the types of services and routes provided;**

c. **List all districts of similar size (~2,100 K–12 students) where transportation services for students are provided. Include name of contract holder, name of contract contact person there and phone number, amount of contract, number of buses and drivers required to meet contract requirements, and a brief description of the types of services and routes provided;**

d. **List all contracts that the bidder has defaulted on in the past seven (7) years;**

e. **List all contracts that the bidder has lost in the past five (5) years and the reason for the loss of the contract;**

f. **Information on where buses will be housed and maintained with explanation as to how this housing and maintenance will be adequate for the performance of this contract;**

g. **Information on experience in transporting special needs students;**

h. **Written documentation that the bidder has adequate staffing with sufficient experience to maintain and operate the fleet and adequate maintenance and fuel storage facilities to fulfill this contract;**

i. **Certification as to whether or not the bidder's employees are represented by any exclusive bargaining representatives recognized and certified by a labor relations board, as well as providing copies of all bidder's collective bargaining agreements;**

j. **Information on the bidder's plans for the avoidance or mitigation of work stoppages as a result of picketing, strikes, labor disputes or any other similar occurrences, as well as information on all such work stoppages, actual or threatened, that the bidder experienced in the last five (5) years;**

k. **Information on experience and background of management team;**

l. The bidder's financial statements/balance sheets prepared by a Certified Public Accountant for three (3) immediately preceding fiscal year ends. If the bidder is owned by a parent or holding company, the same requirement applies to the parent /holding company;

m. Details of the bidder's accident records for the past three (3) years;

n. Evidence of driver salary and benefits package that would be in place upon award of the contract that would assure the bidder's ability to recruit and retain qualified drivers;

o. Evidence of current driver training programs including but not limited to driving techniques, safety, first aid and student management; and

p. Other materials that would serve as evidence of the quality of services provided, including marketing materials, newsletters, parent correspondence etc.

EXHIBIT A – BID FORM

Bid Detail – Specification No. 2
The Entire Needs of the District's Bus Transportation Services *Except Fuel*

Bid Prices for all routes and runs are based upon the transportation of School District No. 1 students only and are not based upon shared costs. The number of routes per day may increase or decrease over the term of this contract without penalty to School District No. 1. An increase or decrease in routes shall result in an adjustment to the rate. **Double Routes billed at 0.5 times the Single Route cost is the expectation of School District No. 1.**

Regular Routes – District provides fuel				
Route Description	**Routes/Day**	**Days/year**	**Daily Rate**	**Bid Price**
Regular	17 Single, 9 Double	174		

Vocational Routes – District provides fuel				
Route Description	**Routes/Day**	**Days/year**	**Daily Rate**	**Bid Price**
GAVC Morris	2	AM 174 / PM 165		

Special Education Routes – District provides fuel				
Route Description	**Routes/Day**	**Days/year**	**Daily Rate**	**Bid Price**
Camlot – Kankakee	1	190		
CCES/IS	1	174		
CCMS/HS/Trans	1	174		
CC – wheelchair	1	174		
EC (A.M., Midday, & P.M.)	3	174		
CA/ACES	1	174		
CC-Oswego	1	190		
Elim-Christian Palos Heights -- Minivan	1	190		

Bus Monitor Description	Total Employed	Minimum Per/Hour	Days/year (min. 4 hours/day)	Total
Bus Monitor	10		174	

TOTAL OF RIGHT-HAND COLUMNS, ALL TABLES ABOVE	
Bidder to enter this figure on Page 1 of the Bid Form above for Specification No. 2	

Charter Trips Please provide the following unit rates for charter trips:		
Mileage (District provides fuel)	/mile	(assuming approximately 32,000 miles / school year)
Driver Hourly Rate	/hour	(wait time unknown, dependent upon events)
Minimum per Charter	/trip	(if any)

PLEASE INITIAL BELOW TO CONFIRM THAT:

_____BIDDER HAS COMPLETED THE VEHICLE CHASSIS AND BODY SPECIFICATIONS PAGES INCLUDED AT THE END OF THIS BID FORM.

_____BIDDER HAS COMPLETED THE BIDDER CERTIFICATION PAGES INCLUDED AT THE END OF THIS BID FORM.

_____BIDDER HAS INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTATION WITH THE BID PROPOSAL:

a. Fully completed and signed originals of all certifications contained herein;

b. **Information on a minimum of three (3) contracts held during the past three (3) years. Include name of contract holder, name of contract contact person there and phone number, amount of contract, number of buses and drivers required to meet contract requirements, and a brief description of the types of services and routes provided;**

c. **List all districts of similar size (~2,100 K–12 students) where transportation services for students are provided. Include name of contract holder, name of contract contact person there and phone number, amount of contract, number of buses and drivers required to meet contract requirements, and a brief description of the types of services and routes provided;**

d. **List all contracts that the bidder has defaulted on in the past seven (7) years;**

e. **List all contracts that the bidder has lost in the past five (5) years and the reason for the loss of the contract;**

f. **Information on where buses will be housed and maintained with explanation as to how this housing and maintenance will be adequate for the performance of this contract;**

g. **Information on experience in transporting special needs students;**

h. **Written documentation that the bidder has adequate staffing with sufficient experience to maintain and operate the fleet and adequate maintenance and fuel storage facilities to fulfill this contract;**

i. **Certification as to whether or not the bidder's employees are represented by any exclusive bargaining representatives recognized and certified by a labor relations board, as well as providing copies of all bidder's collective bargaining agreements;**

j. **Information on the bidder's plans for the avoidance or mitigation of work stoppages as a result of picketing, strikes, labor disputes or any other similar occurrences, as well as information on all such work stoppages, actual or threatened, that the bidder experienced in the last five (5) years;**

k. **Information on experience and background of management team;**

l. The bidder's financial statements/balance sheets prepared by a Certified Public Accountant for three (3) immediately preceding fiscal year ends. If the bidder is owned by a parent or holding company, the same requirement applies to the parent /holding company;

m. Details of the bidder's accident records for the past three (3) years;

n. Evidence of driver salary and benefits package that would be in place upon award of the contract that would assure the bidder's ability to recruit and retain qualified drivers;

o. Evidence of current driver training programs including but not limited to driving techniques, safety, first aid and student management; and

p. Other materials that would serve as evidence of the quality of services provided, including marketing materials, newsletters, parent correspondence etc.

Bid Detail – Specification No. 3
Provision of Transportation Fuel *Only*

Bid Prices for all products are calculated including all costs of delivery to School District No. 1's designated transportation services provider. The actual fuel needs of School District No. 1 may increase or decrease over the term of this agreement. All fuel delivered will be billed at the unit rates set forth below, or as adjusted in succeeding years of the agreement.

	Approximate Usage per Year	**Unit Rates (Delivered)**	**Approximate Cost per Year**
Diesel fuel	47,000 gallons	/gal	
Unleaded gasoline	6,000 gallons	/gal	

TOTAL OF RIGHT-HAND COLUMN	
Bidder to enter this figure on Page 1 of the Bid Form above for Specification No. 3	

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a. Fully completed and signed originals of all certifications contained herein;

b. Information on a minimum of three (3) contracts held during the past three (3) years. Include name of contract holder, name of contract contact person there and phone number, amount of contract, and a brief description of the types of fuel services provided;

c. List all districts of similar size (~2,100 K–12 students) where transportation fuel services are provided. Include name of contract holder, name of contract contact person there and

phone number, amount of contract, and a brief description of the types of fuel services provided;

d. List all contracts that the bidder has defaulted on in the past seven (7) years;

e. List all contracts that the bidder has lost in the past five (5) years and the reason for the loss of the contract;

f. Information on experience in fulfilling transporting fuel agreements;

g. Written documentation that the bidder has adequate staffing with sufficient experience to maintain and operate the fuel storage facilities to fulfill this contract;

h. Certification as to whether or not the bidder's employees are represented by any exclusive bargaining representatives recognized and certified by a labor relations board, as well as providing copies of all bidder's collective bargaining agreements;

i. Information on the bidder's plans for the avoidance or mitigation of work stoppages as a result of picketing, strikes, labor disputes or any other similar occurrences, as well as information on all such work stoppages, actual or threatened, that the bidder experienced in the last five (5) years;

j. Information on experience and background of management team;

k. The bidder's financial statements/balance sheets prepared by a Certified Public Accountant for three (3) immediately preceding fiscal year ends. If the bidder is owned by a parent or holding company, the same requirement applies to the parent /holding company;

l. Details of the bidder's accident records for the past three (3) years;

m. Other materials that would serve as evidence of the quality of services provided, including marketing materials, newsletters, parent correspondence etc.

Bid Detail – Vehicle Chassis and Body Specifications

PLEASE INITIAL BELOW TO CONFIRM THAT THESE VEHICLE CHASSIS AND BODY SPECIFICATIONS PAGES ARE APPLICABLE TO THE FOLLOWNG BID(S):

_____ Specification No. 1 (All transportation, with fuel)

_____ Specification No. 2 (All transportation, no fuel)

71+ PASSENGER SCHOOL BUSES
CHASSIS SPECIFICATIONS

Chassis to be as described in these specifications. Minimum specifications are listed below and each bidder must state to the right of the listed specifications the compliance details that pertain to the unit bid indicating size, quality, range and information as necessary to determine unit quality. ALL COMMENTS MUST BE MADE UNDER THE BIDDER SPECIFICATIONS. BIDDER IS NOT TO LINE OUT, CHANGE, MODIFY THE MINIMUM SPECIFICATIONS. FAILURE TO COMPLY MAY GIVE THE BOARD OF EDUCATION REASON TO REJECT THE BID.

Bidder specifications must meet or exceed minimum specifications and must be listed in detail to be considered to be a qualified bidder. All chassis specifications shall meet or exceed those specifications as set forth by the Illinois Department of Transportation, Federal Department of Transportation and the Illinois Minimum Safety Standards for Construction of Type I School Buses in effect at the time of manufacture.

All comments must be made under the bidder specifications column
Bidders are not to line out, change, or modify the minimum specifications

Failure to comply
May give the Board of Education reason to reject the bid

Minimum specifications (71+ passenger School Buses) are listed below and each bidder must state to the right of the listed specifications the compliance details that pertain to the unit bid indicating size, quality, range and information as necessary to determine unit quality.

MINIMUM (71+) BUS CHASSIS SPECIFICATIONS		BIDDER SPECIFICATIONS
1.	Maximum age of chassis to be 12 years, Type C or D buses only, specify	Year(s): Type: C / D (circle one)
2.	158” wheelbase (minimum), specify	

MINIMUM (71+) BUS CHASSIS SPECIFICATIONS		BIDDER SPECIFICATIONS
3.	Frame: specify PSI strength	PSI
4.	Meets all Federal and State of Illinois requirements	YES / NO (circle one)
5.	Current EPA emission standards with On-Board Diagnostics	YES / NO (circle one)
6.	Electronic 6 cylinder turbo charged diesel (minimum), specify	
7.	Engine to be a 250 HP MINIMUM – specify rated horsepower @ 2,200 – 2,600 RPM	HP @ RPM
8.	Engine torque to be a 660ft.lbs MINIMUM – specify max torque @ RPM	ft.lbs Torque @ RPM
9.	Allison Electronic Series 2500 or 3000 PTS automatic transmission, 6 speed with double overdrive	
10.	Allison Five Year Extended warranty with Synthetic fluid	
11.	Synthetic transmission fluid required	
12.	Air cleaner shall be heavy-duty with a replaceable filter element for ease of maintenance and expulsion valves to remove moisture and large contaminants, including an air restriction indicator.	
13.	Front axle: springs or air, specify type and maximum lbs. (10,000 lbs. minimum)	
14.	Rear axle: springs or air, specify type and maximum lbs. (21,000 lbs. minimum)	
15.	Rear axle ratio – specify	
16.	Brakes: hydraulic or air, specify type	
17.	Anti-Lock brakes – 4 channel required	
18.	Front brakes, specify size	
19.	Rear brakes, specify size	
20.	Air compressor, specify CFM	CFM
21.	Air dryer, specify	
22.	Drain valve, specify	
23.	Park brake system required, specify type and operation	

MINIMUM (71+) BUS CHASSIS SPECIFICATIONS		BIDDER SPECIFICATIONS
24.	12-volt alternator, 200 amp minimum	Amp
25.	Three batteries – 1950 cold cranking amps minimum, specify	CCA
26.	Metal battery disconnect switch located in the battery box, weather resistant, will disconnect power to the chassis and body	
27.	60 gallon fuel tank minimum capacity, meeting all requirements of FMVSS 301. An outside fuel filler to be provided.	
28.	HEATED fuel/water separator with water in fuel light on the dash	
29.	Heavy duty aluminum radiator, visible coolant level check supplied. Specify type and size.	
30.	-40 degree anti-freeze, extended life Coolant	
31.	Power steering	
32.	18” steering wheel, 2 spoke	
33.	Tilt and telescoping steering column	
34.	Front tires: steel-belted radial tubeless, highway tread, specify size	
35.	Rear tires: steel-belted radial tubeless, all season (mud and snow) tread, specify size	
36.	Six disc wheels, 2 hand hole, 10 stud, interchangeable	
37.	Wheels and tires to be balanced before installation	
38.	Tilt hood	
39.	Hood to have built-in open and close assist that DOES NOT require the driver to life a hold open device to close	
40.	Circuit breakers to be manual-reset SAE Type III with trip indicators in lieu of standard fuses	
41.	All ignitions to be keyed alike	
42.	Dual electric horns	
43.	750 Watt engine block heater MINIMUM, fast engine warm up device that is switch activated shall be supplied.	

MINIMUM (71+) BUS CHASSIS SPECIFICATIONS		BIDDER SPECIFICATIONS
44.	Directional signals – self canceling	YES / NO (circle one)
45.	Tachometer required	YES / NO (circle one)
46.	Hour meter	YES / NO (circle one)
47.	Transmission temperature gauge required	YES / NO (circle one)
48.	Driver able to read the odometer without the need to turn the ignition key on or turn headlamps on	YES / NO (circle one)
49.	Chassis hazard warning light switch required, specify type and location	
50.	Headlamp alarm to activate when ignition is off and lights are "on"	YES / NO (circle one)
51.	Daytime running lights to be activated when transmission is shifted into gear. Lights to be "off" when transmission is in neutral or park	
52.	Headlamp Wig Wag System – Flashing headlamps when warning lamp system is activated	YES / NO (circle one)
53.	Visible oil pressure and water temperature gauges, and high temperature low oil pressure warning light and buzzer required	
54.	Low coolant warning light and audible alarm required	
55.	Low fuel warning light and audible alarm required	
56.	Low DEF warning light and audible alarm required	
57.	Two (2) front tow hooks	
58.	List other pertinent specifications not addressed above:	

71+ PASSENGER SCHOOL BUSES
BODY SPECIFICATIONS

Body to be as described in these specifications. Minimum specifications are listed below and each bidder must state to the right of the listed specifications the compliance details that pertain to the unit bid indicating size, quality, range and information as necessary to determine unit quality.

Bidder specifications must meet or exceed minimum specifications and must be listed in detail to be considered to be a qualified bidder. All body specifications shall meet or exceed those specifications as set forth by the Illinois Department of Transportation, federal department of transportation and the Illinois minimum safety standards for type I school buses in effect at the time of manufacture.

All comments must be made under the bidder specifications column. Bidders are not to line out, change, or modify the minimum specifications; failure to comply may give the Board of Education reason to reject the bid.

	MINIMUM (71+) BUS BODY SPECIFICATIONS	BIDDER SPECIFICATIONS
1.	The bus body shall be constructed to meet or exceed all State of Illinois and federal school bus requirements in effect at the time of manufacture. Bus shall be State of Illinois inspected prior to delivery.	
2.	Maximum age of body to be 12 years, specify engine location	Year(s): Engine: Front / Rear (circle)
3.	71 passenger MINIMUM - specify passengers and body length	
4.	77” Interior headroom (minimum)	
5.	Large driver storage compartment and 12 volt power source inside the compartment	
6.	Passenger seats, specify back height	
7.	Passenger Seats: All seats shall comply with all applicable FMVSS and state specification. Cushions to be attached to frame so as to prevent detachment, yet allow for cleaning by pivoting cushion upright. Upholstery to be heavy duty fireblock gray material. Seats shall be restraining type seats, no restraints to be included at this time.	

MINIMUM (71+) BUS BODY SPECIFICATIONS		BIDDER SPECIFICATIONS
8.	Seat spacing to be 24” hip to kneeroom MINIMUM. Furnish floor plan with measurements	
9.	Driver’s seat: Seat Pedestal shall be a fully suspended air operated type to be adjusted by fingertip control. Seat shall be deluxe high back with adjustable seat back and heated seat cushion and back. Seat back to recline and include adjustable lumbar support. Seat slide shall have minimum 7" adjustment by finger tip control. Seat to meet FMVSS 202 and 222.	
10.	Driver’s seat dual arm rests, aisle side must be flip up type	
11.	Driver seat belt: Shall be a Type II, 3-point belt with an adjustable “D” loop for driver comfort. The belt shall include push button release. Adjustable attachment shall be padded.	
12.	Restraining barrier at entrance door with full-width steel kick (modesty) panel	
13.	Restraining barrier after the driver’s seat to have metal modesty panel from the bottom of the barrier to the floor, with holes for air circulation	
14.	Barrier cover behind the driver with pockets for storage with Velcro flaps	
15.	Entrance and rear door header pads	
16.	Padded shoulder rails	
17.	Electrically operated outward opening entrance door. 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 – *SAFETY ITEM*	
18.	Bus must be in the stopped position to operate the electronically operated entrance door – *SAFETY ITEM*	
19.	Duplicate Open/Close switch on the driver’s switch panel to activate the entrance door	
20.	Exterior cowl mounted key to electrically operate the entrance door. Key to open/close the door and also secure the bus.	
21.	Entrance door to have non-corrosive handle mounted to the front door panel to open/close the door	

MINIMUM (71+) BUS BODY SPECIFICATIONS		BIDDER SPECIFICATIONS
22.	Entrance door area must have an opening of 30" width MINIMUM. Specify opening width and height.	inches
23.	Entrance steps to be a minimum of 30" wide, and the stepwell shall remain its full width or increase in width from the bottom step to the top step. Specify width.	Inches
24.	Three step entrance design, 14 gauge galvanized steel, complete stepwell to be undercoated and powder coated	
25.	Entrance steps risers to be equal in height	
26.	Stainless steel grab rail on left or both sides	
27.	Emergency Door: There shall be an emergency door located in the center rear of the bus. Door shall be constructed using self-piercing rivet technology to prevent any leak path and shall have a minimum of 38" horizontal opening and a 61" vertical opening. Rear door to be attached by an INTERNAL hinge system with zirc fittings. Piano type hinges are not acceptable. There shall be a device installed on the top of the emergency door that will automatically hold the door in the open position during emergencies and evacuation drills.	
28.	Rear emergency door to have upper and lower glass	
29.	Rear door bottom window to have protective metal screen	
30.	Rear door to have a lock system with an audible buzzer which will sound when latch is moved toward open position with ignition interlock.	
31.	Slide bolt lock to be mounted at the bottom edge of the rear door buzzer box for easy access	
32.	Heavy Duty battery box, 25.5" wide minimum. "Drawer style" side sliding mechanism on both sides of the tray for minimum force to slide in and out. Tray to be designed not to tilt forward when opened. Tray to pull out so that the rear terminals will extend past the bus body	
33.	Locking fuel door	

MINIMUM (71+) BUS BODY SPECIFICATIONS		BIDDER SPECIFICATIONS
34.	Locking DEF door	
35.	Entrance doors, fuel door, and exterior electrical access panel *must* be KEYED ALIKE	
36.	DEF door to be keyed alike but different than the entrance, fuel door, or exterior electrical access panel doors	
37.	Rubber floor covering with slip-resistant center aisle	
38.	Entrance steps shall be covered with slip-resistant vinyl. Step treads to have a non-metal backing and white safety edge.	
39.	Floor color to be Black or gray	
40.	All floor seams must be sealed with a waterproof sealer and covered with a 1" wide 16 gauge rust proof metal stripping or molding. The floor covering along the side walls shall also be covered with metal molding.	
41.	5/8” exterior grade plywood flooring	
42.	Plywood floor secured with screws	
43.	Sender inspection plate inside body over fuel tank, 8” x 8”	
44.	The bus body shall be constructed to meet or exceed all state and federal school bus requirements in effect at the time of manufacture.	
45.	Insulation: Ceiling, roof bows, sides, and rear panels shall be insulated with a minimum 1.5" thick fiberglass or polyester insulation. The insulation shall be fire-resistant of type approved by Underwriters Laboratories, Inc.	
46.	A sound absorbing molded cover shall be applied in the driver’s vestibule area.	

MINIMUM (71+) BUS BODY SPECIFICATIONS		BIDDER SPECIFICATIONS
47.	Exterior Paneling: The roof sheets shall be one piece from window line to window line. The roof panels shall be 20 gauge (minimum) galvanized steel, secured to body bow frame. The roof shall be reinforced with two 16 gauge roof crash rails applied internally, below the roof panels and welded into the roof bows to provide an extra measure of strength in the overhead areas. The exterior side panels shall be at least 20 gauge galvanized steel applied to body bow frames. Fasteners of exterior paneling shall be self-piercing rivet technology to prevent any leak path. All paneling sheets shall be sealed to prevent leaks. Exterior panels shall be primed both sides before assembly for rust prevention.	
48.	Exterior lower skirt panel to extend from floor to bottom rub rail for ease of replacement if damaged	
49.	Fold down steps on front cowl	
50.	Four (4) full length exterior rub rails, painted black flange to flange – to be installed with buck type rivets	
51.	Top of the rub rails to be sealed to prevent moisture from entering the top, bottom to have drain holes	
52.	12” rear bumper with supports bolted to the chassis frame rails	
53.	Bottom of the rear bumper to be not more than 27” from the ground – specify height	Inches
54.	Aluminized steel inner side walls from window line to seat rail	
55.	All mirror wiring to run through the frame for protection from the environment and vandalism	
56.	Heated and Remote Powered split rear view mirror system, 8” x 12” flat and 8” x 12” convex mirrors on large “D” frame – Roscoe “Open View Equal Size” (ES) or equivalent. (NO EXCEPTIONS)	
57.	Driver’s side mirror to be visible through the driver’s window for easy access	

MINIMUM (71+) BUS BODY SPECIFICATIONS		BIDDER SPECIFICATIONS
58.	Heated crossview mirrors – large metal backing plate installed on the inside of the hood to help prevent the hood from cracking where mounting hardware is attached. Brackets to be attached with lock nuts.	
59.	Interior sun visor, specify size.	
60.	Padded interior mirror, specify size.	
61.	Windshield shall be one-piece bonded and curved, slanted to reduce glare and breakage and provide maximum vision. The tinted safety plate laminated glass shall provide minimum 3,000 square inches of windshield glass area. Windshield shall include a 5” tinted band at top.	
62.	Wiper blades to be rubber covered winter type	
63.	Wet-arm windshield wipers to be bottom mounted for better viewing and eliminated blind spots. Overlapping blades preferred.	
64.	Windshield Washers: Dual electric wet arm type windshield washers with heated wiper fluid.	
65.	Wipers to have intermittent speeds and wash mode(s), specify.	
66.	Headlamps and rear tail lights to operate automatically when wipers are engaged	
67.	12” aluminum split sash windows. Latch to be replaceable without removing window	
68.	All side and rear windows tinted, approximately 28% light transmission, tempered or laminated safety glass	
69.	Four (4) emergency push-out windows with red lift handle – vertically hinged. Windows must be staggered; LH 4th and 8th, RH 5th and 9th tempered or laminated safety glass.	

MINIMUM (71+) BUS BODY SPECIFICATIONS		BIDDER SPECIFICATIONS
70.	Driver's Heater shall be installed at front center of vehicle. The heater to be multi-speed, fresh air type. Heater controls shall be electronic, automotive style. A defroster channel shall run the full length of the windshield for maximum defrosting. Heater ducting shall be distributed at floor and dash level. Defroster system shall direct air to side windows. Passenger Heaters to be copper coil design type with aluminum fins. Heater motor/fan mechanism shall be serviceable without disturbing heater core. Passenger heaters shall be equipped with replaceable metal filters. The heater ratings shall be based on testing as outlined by SBMI. Specify number, location, and ratings of heaters to be provided. Heater cutoff valves - two (2) shall be located in the engine compartment, one (1) shall be located in a driver area for service. Heating system shall include a booster pump installed in the engine compartment.	
71.	Washable air filter to be furnished for heaters	
72.	All heater hoses to have constant torque hose clamps	
73.	Coolant heater to be installed with programmable digital timer. Timer with USB drive that allows copying a profile for the entire fleet preferred. Heater to be covered under warranty.	
74.	Circuit breakers to be manual-reset SAE Type with trip indicators in lieu of standard fuses	
75.	Heavy duty color coded and continuously numbered wire – polyethylene	
76.	Locking exterior electrical access panel mounted below the driver's window	
77.	Exterior electrical panel with wiring schematic attached to the door	
78.	Indicator lights on the instrument panel will illuminated either solid or flashing to indicate the level of regeneration required	

MINIMUM (71+) BUS BODY SPECIFICATIONS		BIDDER SPECIFICATIONS
79.	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	
80.	Warning light operating system to be wired directly to the chassis multi-plex system	
81.	Warning lights to have activation lights built into the dash instrument panel for easy viewing	
82.	7” warning lights to have Quartz HALOGEN bulbs for increased visibility	
83.	Auxiliary defroster fan, mounted to the front header, mid-right over windshield with separate switch	
84.	Auxiliary defroster fan, mounted mid-left over the windshield with separate switch	
85.	Body disconnect electrical cut-off solenoid, ignition controlled	
86.	AM/FM/CD/Clock stereo radio with public address system with multiple speakers. Radio with MP3 port for playing IPOD or similar device preferred.	
87.	Public address microphone to be mounted on the right side of the dash next to the radio for easy access	
88.	Radio to have exterior horn type speaker for the radio and public address system. Horn to be mounted under the engine hood	
89.	Interior speakers, with integrated holes, located in the wire access panel over the passenger windows for easy access	
90.	Back-up Alarm: The bus shall be equipped with an automatic back-up alarm installed behind the rear axle. This audible alarm shall be rated at approximately 112dba.	DBA

MINIMUM (71+) BUS BODY SPECIFICATIONS		BIDDER SPECIFICATIONS
91.	Lamps & Signals: All lamps shall conform to applicable FMVSS and state laws in effect at time of manufacture. Lights to include: - Headlights: Extended life halogen or LED headlights with amber daytime running lights. Wired to alternately flash when stop arm is deployed. - Cluster: Three (3) LED Amber front with protective shields. Three (3) LED Red rear with protective shields. - Marker: Two (2) LED Front corners, Two (2) LED Rear corners and side roof – All either pin type or with protective shields. - Stop/Tail: One right rear LED, One left rear LED, 48 square inches of illuminated surface. Assembly flush mounted to body. - Backup: Two (2) LED lamps with 28 square inches of illuminated surface clear lens, mounted in taillight assembly. Light to be flush mounted to body. - Warning: (4) Amber & (4) Red halogen or LED lamps shall be flush mounted with Lexan covers and shall be serviceable from the interior of the bus. - Stepwell: One (1) interior operating with entrance door. One (1) exterior operating with entrance door. - Dome: One (1) for driver. Twenty (20) minimum, 10 rows of 2. - Directional Front: Integrated with Headlight Assembly. - Directional Sides: Two (2) L.E.D. amber, one (1) located behind entrance door below window rail, one (1) located left side, similar position. - Directional Rear: One right rear LED, One left rear LED, 48 square inches of illuminated surface. Assembly flush mounted to body.	

MINIMUM (71+) BUS BODY SPECIFICATIONS		BIDDER SPECIFICATIONS
91.	Lamps & Signals (continued from above): - Reflectors: Two (2) on each side of bus, two (2) on rear of school bus. - Stop Arm: Strobing LED warning lamps to meet FMVSS and state specifications - Crossing Arm: Shall be integrated design with operation mechanism located behind curb side of bumper. Crossing gate shall stow above bumper with the use of self stowing guides.	
92.	Low profile strobe light. Pilot light type switch on the driver's console to indicate strobe light is "on". Power pack located in a compartment in the rear header for easy access	
93.	Background of 8 lamp warning lights, front and rear, to be black	
94.	Exterior warning lamp hoods over bulbs for increased visibility, front and rear. Hoods to be a single piece over both lights	
95.	16 light exterior monitor system, mounted on the front upper inner panel above the driver	
96.	Front stop arm. Electric stop arm. High Intensity grade, reflectorized, with "LED" STROBING cluster lights, double sided.	
97.	Rear stop arm. Electric stop arm. High Intensity grade, reflectorized with "LED" STROBING cluster lights, single sided.	
98.	"SOLID STATE" electric crossing arm. Control box to be sealed and integrated into the rear of the front bumper. A rubber seal, mounted to the box, and installed against front bumper to reduce moisture and dirt from entering the box is required.	
99.	Crossing gate to have yellow poly type arm contoured to the bumper for protection and lower air disturbance with magnetic latch	
100.	Crossing gate momentary interrupt switch located on the driver's switch panel	
101.	12 volt power point with plastic cover mounted inside the driver's storage compartment	

MINIMUM (71+) BUS BODY SPECIFICATIONS		BIDDER SPECIFICATIONS
102.	"Noise Suppression Switch", dash mounted. Switch to be labeled "Noise" or "No Noise". Single switch to control all heater motors, defroster fans, and radio so that driver can hear at intersections and railroad crossing	
103.	Passenger Post Trip Inspection System: The bus shall be equipped with electronic system that is activated by driver using warning light system. The system shall be designed so as to require the driver to walk to the back of the passenger compartment upon completing route to disarm. If not disarmed the headlights will flash and the horn will sound alerting personnel the bus was not checked to ensure all passengers have exited the bus.	
104.	Dome light activation system – all interior dome lights to come on for 2 minutes when bus is turned to the "accessory" key position	
105.	Passenger Post Trip Inspection System to be activated only when the warning lights system is activated for the first time on each trip	
106.	Lettering to read "**Coal City Community Unit School District #1"**.	
107.	Bus numbers on the center of both sides on the roof line, in the center of the rear door, center of the hood, and above the service door on the inside so the driver can see what bus they are in while seated in the driver's seat *(contact district for numbering of buses)*	
108.	Decal on the rear of the bus to state "TO COMMENT ON MY DRIVING CALL (815) 634-2287 WITH BUS NUMBER, TIME, & LOCATION"	
109.	"VIDEO" warning stickers applied on the outside and inside of the bus	
110.	"Watch Your Step" decals on the front header and also on step riser	
111.	Body length decal on the front header	
112.	Rubber anti-sail and anti-spray rear mud flaps Rubber front and anti-sail rear mud flaps	
113.	Rear wheel wells to have metal shields that extend to the bottom of the skirt to minimize dirt and debris from the underside of the bus floor	

MINIMUM (71+) BUS BODY SPECIFICATIONS		BIDDER SPECIFICATIONS
114.	Rubber fenders around the rear wheel wells	
115.	Reflective tape: - 2” tape applied at floor level on side - 1” tape applied around rear perimeter of vehicle - School Bus signs to be 8” black letters with reflective background. - Also as required by state and federal regulations.	
116.	Paint – seat frames to be powder coated	
117.	Roof to be painted white beginning 5” above the window line with rounded corners	
118.	Two roof hatches	
119.	Certificate holder 9” x 6” envelope type	
120.	First aid kit mounted on the front header	
121.	12” high waste container, securely mounted, in driver’s area	
122.	5 lb. fire extinguisher securely mounted in the driver’s area	
123.	Body fluid kit securely mounted to the front header	
124.	Triangle reflector kits to be secured in the driver’s area	
125.	Compartment over the windshield, approximately 47” long single piece door, with type latches, non-locking, centered over windshield	
126.	Compartment over the rear emergency door, approximately 47” long single piece door, with type latches, non-locking	
127.	Pre-wiring for the 2-way radio and the video system. Location to be in the exterior electrical access panel. Connections to be for power and grounding using a 20 amp fuse protection. Must be labeled 2-way radio and video	

MINIMUM (71+) BUS BODY SPECIFICATIONS		BIDDER SPECIFICATIONS
128.	Two-way radio communication system with dispatch required, provide specifications *– SAFETY ITEM*	
129.	Video camera recording system: - Pre-wiring for system required, if District chooses to install currently-owned hardware; and - Provide specifications/cost for vendor-provided video recording system as well.	
130.	GPS - Provide specifications for navigational systems for driver use; and - Provide specifications/cost for fleet-tracking system, if District chooses to activate at a later date.	

MINIMUM (71+) BUS BODY SPECIFICATIONS		BIDDER SPECIFICATIONS
131.	List other pertinent specifications not addressed above:	

18+1 PASSENGER SCHOOL BUSES
CHASSIS SPECIFICATIONS

Chassis to be as described in these specifications. Minimum specifications are listed below and each bidder must state to the right of the listed specifications the compliance details that pertain to the unit bid indicating size, quality, range and information as necessary to determine unit quality. ALL COMMENTS MUST BE MADE UNDER THE BIDDER SPECIFICATIONS. BIDDERIS NOT TO LINE OUT, CHANGE, MODIFY THE MIN MUM SPECIFICA T ONS. FAILURE TO COMPLY MAY GIVE THE BOARD OF EDUCATION REASON TO REJECT THE BID.

Bidder specifications must meet or exceed minimum specifications and must be listed in detail to be considered to be a qualified bidder. All chassis specifications shall meet or exceed those specifications as set forth by the Illinois Department of Transportation, Federal Department of Transportation and the Illinois Minimum Safety Standards for Construction of Type I School Buses in effect at the time of manufacture.

All comments must be made under the bidder specifications column
Bidders are not to line out, change, or modify the minimum specifications

Failure to comply May give the Board of Education reason to reject the bid

	MINIMUM (18+1) BUS CHASSIS SPECIFICATIONS	BIDDER SPECIFICATIONS
1.	Maximum age of chassis to be 12 years, Dual Rear Wheel Chassis, GVWR not less than 10,000 lbs., specify	Year(s): GVWR:
2.	138” wheelbase (minimum), specify	
3.	Current EPA emission standards with On-Board Diagnostics	YES / NO (circle one)
4.	6.0L V8 Gasoline with Electronic Fuel Injection (minimum), specify	
5.	Engine to be a 250 HP MINIMUM – specify rated horsepower @ RPM	HP @ RPM
6.	Engine maximum torque to be a 300 ft.lbs MINIMUM – specify max torque @ RPM	ft.lbs Torque @ RPM
7.	(6) Speed Automatic with Overdrive, Electronically Controlled with Overdrive and Tow/Haul Mode	
8.	Front axle: independent coil springs and stabilizer bar, specify minimum lbs.	
9.	Rear axle: heavy duty multileaf, specify minimum lbs.	
10.	Rear axle ratio – specify	

MINIMUM (18+1) BUS CHASSIS SPECIFICATIONS		BIDDER SPECIFICATIONS
11.	Brakes: Four Wheel Hydraulic Disc with Four Wheel ABS required	
12.	12-volt 200 amp alternator minimum	
13.	Dual 12-volt batteries, with a minimum of 600 cold cranking amps	
14.	Fuel tank: 33 Gallon capacity minimum, meeting all requirements of FMVSS 301. An outside fuel filler to be provided.	
15	Exhaust System: Single non-catalytic muffler with 3" tailpipe exiting the rear below the bumper.	
16.	Power steering	
17.	Tilt Steering Wheel – automotive type	
18.	Wheels and tires to be balanced before installation	
19.	Two (2) tow eyes/hooks shall be provided by the chassis manufacturer on the front of the vehicle and two (2) tow eyes/hooks shall be provided at the rear of the vehicle.	
20.	Directional signals – self canceling	
21.	Tachometer	
22.	Hour meter	
23.	Visible oil pressure and water temperature gauges, and high temperature low oil pressure warning light and buzzer	
24.	Low coolant warning light and audible alarm	
25.	Low fuel warning light and audible alarm built into the instrument panel for easy viewing	

MINIMUM (18+1) BUS CHASSIS SPECIFICATIONS		BIDDER SPECIFICATIONS
31.	List other pertinent specifications not addressed above:	

18+1 PASSENGER SCHOOL BUSES
BODY SPECIFICATIONS

Body to be as described in these specifications. Minimum specifications are listed below and each bidder must state to the right of the listed specifications the compliance details that pertain to the unit bid indicating size, quality, range and information as necessary to determine unit quality.

Bidder specifications must meet or exceed minimum specifications and must be listed in detail to be considered to be a qualified bidder. All body specifications shall meet or exceed those specifications as set forth by the Illinois Department of Transportation, federal department of transportation and the Illinois minimum safety standards for type I school buses in effect at the time of manufacture.

All comments must be made under the bidder specifications column. Bidders are not to line out, change, or modify the minimum specifications; failure to comply may give the Board of Education reason to reject the bid.

	MINIMUM (18+1) BUS BODY SPECIFICATIONS	BIDDER SPECIFICATIONS
1.	Maximum age of body to be 12 years, specify	Year(s):
2.	Fully Seated 18+1 Passenger Flat Floor Wheelchair Bus (Adaptable to 15+1 W/C, 12+2 W/C or 6+3 W/C), specify capacity and configurations	
3.	Air Conditioning: minimum 50,000 BTU Air Conditioning Free Blow A/C System that ties into Chassis OEM System, consists of: (1) Evaporator – Rear Bulkhead and (1) Condenser – Skirt Mounted	
4.	Aisle: minimum 12" wide aisle from the entrance door to all emergency doors, trimmed with stainless steel aisle strips (no aisle strips are required if the aisle and floor seam are tight to prevent debris from entering underneath flooring)	

MINIMUM (18+1) BUS BODY SPECIFICATIONS		BIDDER SPECIFICATIONS
5.	Assist Rails - Back side of stepwell: There shall be a stainless steel assist rail at the entrance door, mounted near the midpoint of the stepwell and extending to near the top of the seat barrier. - Front side of stepwell: There shall be an additional stainless steel assist rail at the entrance door. - Both assist rails shall be securely attached.	
6.	Back-up Alarm: The bus shall be equipped with an automatic back-up alarm installed behind the rear axle. This audible alarm shall be rated at approximately 112dba.	DBA
7.	Bumper - Front: Shall be supplied by chassis manufacturer. - Rear: Shall be formed from 12-gauge plate steel and a minimum of 9 3/4" wide (high) x 7/64". Bumper shall wrap around corners of bus and be attached to the chassis frame. Bumper to be diagonally braced.	
8.	Two-way radio communication system with dispatch required, provide specifications *– SAFETY ITEM*	

MINIMUM (18+1) BUS BODY SPECIFICATIONS		BIDDER SPECIFICATIONS
9.	Video camera recording system: - Pre-wiring for system required, if District chooses to install currently-owned hardware; and - Provide specifications/cost for vendor-provided video recording system as well.	
10.	GPS - Provide specifications for navigational systems for driver use; and - Provide specifications/cost for fleet-tracking system, if District chooses to activate at a later date.	
11.	Color - Exterior: Shall be National School Bus Yellow. This paint shall be baked-on high solids polyurethane. Trim, including guard rails, warning light visors, and door handles shall be black. - Interior: Shall be light gray baked-on enamel. The area from the bottom of the side windows to the seat rail shall be a clear coated Galvalume steel. All seat frames, dash, heaters, and heater ducts shall have a baked-on black powder coating for scratch resistance. - All metal panels on the bus to be painted shall be primed on both sides prior to assembly.	

MINIMUM (18+1) BUS BODY SPECIFICATIONS		BIDDER SPECIFICATIONS
12.	Construction - The bus body shall be constructed to meet or exceed all state and federal school bus requirements in effect at the time of manufacture. Internal skeletal structure shall be welded. Screws, rivets, or huck bolts are not acceptable. - Roof Bows: The roof bow frame assembly shall consist of 16-gauge hat section bows extending from the bottom of skirting on one side to the other. Bow frames shall be continuous, one-piece, 16-gauge rolled channel hat sections. - Floor: Floor shall be constructed of 16-gauge high tensile steel "C" channel joists (horizontally positioned) the entire width of the bus at each rafter location with four (4) strategically placed longitudinal reinforcements for seat mounting. These joists shall be covered with 14 gauge .0625 thick steel corrugated floor sheets. There shall be a plywood sub-floor of a nominal 1/2" thickness minimum.	
13.	Defroster shall be sufficient capacity to keep windshield clear of fog, snow, and ice. The defroster shall include full length windshield defroster channel for even distribution of heated air to the windshield.	

MINIMUM (18+1) BUS BODY SPECIFICATIONS		BIDDER SPECIFICATIONS
14.	Doors. The service door shall be electric operated, outward opening under control of driver and so designed as to prevent accidental openings. Door control mechanism shall be located overhead of door and concealed behind a removable panel. Door shall seal against a stationary rubber and bottom step edge. No part of door to ride in the stepwell when closed. Vertical closing edges of door shall be equipped with flexible material. Door hinges shall be greasable type. Minimum clear opening shall be 24" x 72". All doors shall be equipped with padding at the top edge of each door opening. The pad shall be at least 3" wide and 1" thick and extend the full width of the door opening. The service door and side and rear emergency doors shall contain drainage holes in the bottom of the door to allow for drainage of condensation and to deter corrosion. Driver's door shall be supplied by the chassis manufacturer, located to the left of the driver's seat.	
15.	The electrical system shall be 12-volts. The wiring shall be color and number coded and a wiring diagram shall be furnished with each bus. Interior body wiring shall be routed down the side of the bus, above the side windows, behind a completely removable cover. This cover shall be removable without loosening the side windows. All wires shall be insulated and protected from external damage. The body wires shall be securely fastened to a metal stringer, which runs from the front of the passenger compartment to the back, behind the wiring cover. The wires shall be fastened at intervals of not more than 24".	

MINIMUM (18+1) BUS BODY SPECIFICATIONS		BIDDER SPECIFICATIONS
16.	Passenger Post Trip Inspection System: The bus shall be equipped with electronic system that is activated by driver using warning light system. The system shall be designed so as to require the driver to walk to the back of the passenger compartment upon completing route to disarm. If not disarmed the headlights will flash and the horn will sound alerting personnel the bus was not checked to ensure all passengers have exited the bus. Driver's door must be integrated in the system and not allow the driver to exit that door without disarming.	
17.	Emergency Exits: All emergency exits shall conform to FMVSS 217. There shall be an emergency door located in the center rear of the bus. Door to be equipped with an audible buzzer which will sound when latch is moved toward open position. This door shall have a minimum of 33" horizontal opening and a 54" vertical opening. Door to have upper and lower glass. Door hinges shall be greasable type. Piano type hinge is not acceptable. Door shall be equipped with locking device and wired to interrupt starting when in locked position.	
18.	Exterior Paneling - Roof: The roof panels shall be double-lapped, 22 gauge .040 thick aluminum, riveted to each flange of the body bow frame. The roof sheets shall be pieced in three sections, two laterally and one lengthwise over seams. All roof sheets shall be sealed. The roof shall be reinforced with two 16-gauge roof rails applied externally, riveted through the roof panels and into the roof bows to provide an extra measure of strength in the overhead areas. Exterior panels shall be primed both sides before assembly for rust prevention. - Exterior Side Panels: shall be 16 gauge .050" thick smooth aluminum o, double-riveted to body bow frames. The side panels shall be primed on both sides before assembly.	

MINIMUM (18+1) BUS BODY SPECIFICATIONS		BIDDER SPECIFICATIONS
19.	Fire Extinguisher: Each bus shall be equipped with one dry type chemical fire extinguisher to meet state standards. The fire extinguisher shall be mounted in an appropriate mounting box in front of the stepwell area or overhead of the driver. – *SAFETY ITEM*	Fire Extinguisher: Size: Location:
20.	First Aid Kit & Triangle Flares - Each bus shall be equipped with a metal type first aid kit meeting state standards. The first aid kit shall be securely fastened in front of the stepwell area or overhead of the driver. - Each bus shall be equipped with a set of triangle flares in accordance with FMVSS. The triangle flares shall be securely in front of the stepwell area or overhead of the driver. - *SAFETY ITEM*	First Aid Kit: Size: Location:
21.	Floor Covering shall be heavy-duty black or gray marbleized vinyl. The floor under the seats, over the wheelhouses, on the side of the wheelhouses, and in the driver's compartment shall be covered with smooth vinyl. The aisle and entrance steps shall be covered with slip-resistant ribbed vinyl. All floor seams must be sealed with a waterproof sealer and covered with a 1" wide 16 gauge rust proof metal stripping or molding. The floor covering along the side walls shall be covered with metal molding so that dirt cannot readily work underneath the edges. 5/8" plywood floor.	
22.	Guard Rails - Minimum of four (4) guard rails to be supplied: o One 4 1/4" located below windows o One 4 1/4" located at seat cushion level o One 4 1/4" located at floor level o One 4 1/4" located at skirt level - Two 2 15/16" roof rails extending the length of the passenger compartment. - Side rails shall be fluted at the bottom to allow for moisture drainage.	

MINIMUM (18+1) BUS BODY SPECIFICATIONS		BIDDER SPECIFICATIONS
23.	Heater & Defrosters - Front: Supplied by the chassis manufacturer. All passenger compartment heaters to be easily serviceable with cleanable air filters. - All passenger compartment heaters shall be of the copper coil design type with aluminum fins. If more than one heater is used, they shall be plumbed in parallel to obtain the maximum heater output.	
24.	Identification: The bus shall be lettered in accordance with all applicable federal and state requirements. Lettering to read "**Coal City Community Unit School District #1**". Bus shall be equipped with easily changeable route/bus identification sign attached to exterior rear of entrance door.	
25.	Instruments Gauges & Switches: The body switches shall be located above the windshield in front of the driver's seat and be forward facing for quick and easy access. The chassis instruments and gauges shall be located within easy view of the seated driver.	
26.	Insulation: Ceiling, sides, and rear panels shall be insulated with a minimum 2" thick blanket-type polyester insulation to properly deaden sound, reduce vibration, and provide a thermal barrier. The insulation shall be fire-resistant of type approved by Underwriters Laboratories, Inc.	
27.	Interior - All interior panels shall have lapped edges. Interior side panels to be 22 gauge .025" thick embossed aluminum and shall extend from the window line to the floor. - Engine Cover: Shall be insulated and sealed to shield the driver from noise, heat and fumes. The cover shall be held in place by positive fasteners as supplied by the chassis manufacturers. - Interior headroom shall be a minimum 73".	Interior Headroom:

MINIMUM (18+1) BUS BODY SPECIFICATIONS		BIDDER SPECIFICATIONS
28.	Mirrors - Interior mirror to be 6" x 30" safety glass with protected edges. - Exterior rearview mirrors shall be Rosco heated and hand adjustable. Exterior crossview mirrors shall be two (2) quadrispherical mirrors heated with black powder coated brackets. One (1) left and one (1) right fender-mounted. - Mirrors shall comply with FMVSS 111.	
29.	Bus body shall be mounted to chassis frame in such a manner as to prevent shifting. Mounting to chassis shall be with frame risers and 1/2" bolts. The body must be completely sealed where the body and the chassis cab are joined.	
30.	There shall be rubber mud flaps mounted on the rear side of the front and rear wheel wells.	
31.	Radio: AM/FM/CD with 4 Passenger Speakers	
32.	Reflective Tape - 2” tape applied at floor level on side - 1” tape applied around rear perimeter of vehicle - School Bus signs to be 8” black letters with reflective background. - Also as required by state and federal regulations around emergency exit windows, doors and hatches.	
33.	The stepwell shall include two (2) full-depth steps. The entrance and egress area including the top landing area adjacent to the driver's seat shall be unobstructed by the engine cover or other components. The maximum distance from the first step to the ground shall be no greater than 11".	

	MINIMUM (18+1) BUS BODY SPECIFICATIONS	BIDDER SPECIFICATIONS
34.	All lamps shall conform to applicable FMVSS and state laws in effect at time of manufacture. Lights to include: - Headlights: Single sealed beam halogen (42 watt low beam/65 watt high beam) Wired to alternately flash when stop arm is deployed as per state specification. - Cluster: Three (3) L.E.D. Amber front pin type or with protective shields. Three (3) L.E.D. Red rear pin type or with protective shields - Marker: Two (2) L.E.D. Front corners, Two (2) L.E.D. Rear corners and side roof – All either pin type of with protective shields - Stop/Tail: One right rear L.E.D., One left rear L.E.D. with 48 square inches of illuminated surface. Light assembly to be flush mounted to body. - Two (2) L.E.D. Red Rear 4" Minimum - Backup: Two (2) 7” Clear Lens - Warning: (4) Amber & (4) Red halogen lamps shall be provided to meet latest state and Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards - Stepwell: One (1) interior operating with entrance door - One (1) exterior operating with entrance door - Dome: One (1) for driver, Six (6) minimum in 3 rows of 2 - Chassis Side/Fender Mount Directional Lights: One right fender mount, One left fender mount with 16 square inches of illumination each - Directional Sides: Two (2) L.E.D. amber, one (1) located behind entrance door below window rail, one (1) located left side, similar position - Reflectors: Two (2) on each side of bus, two (2) on rear school bus - Stop Arm: Transpec Solid State with strobing L.E.D. warning lamps to meet FMVSS and state specifications - Crossing Arm: Specialty Solid State Motor with Poly Arm to meet FMVSS and state requirements - Strobe Light: Shall meet FMVSS and State Specifications	

MINIMUM (18+1) BUS BODY SPECIFICATIONS		BIDDER SPECIFICATIONS
35.	Seats - Passenger Seats: All seats shall comply with all applicable FMVSS and state specification. Seat frames shall be powder coated, non-reflective black. Cushions to be attached to frame so as to prevent detachment, yet allow for cleaning by pivoting cushion upright. Upholstery to be heavy duty fireblock gray material. Seats shall be restraining type seats with lap belts installed. One seat with ISO latch is required. - Seat Spacing: 24” hip to kneeroom seat spacing is required. - Driver’s seat: Shall be adjustable high-back seat supplied by the chassis manufacturer. - Driver’s seat belt: Shall be a Type II, 3-point belt as supplied by the chassis manufacturer. Orange in color.	
36.	An overhead storage compartment shall be located above the windshield. Compartment door shall be hinged at top.	
37.	Bus shall be state of Illinois inspected prior to delivery.	
38.	Sunvisor to be supplied by the chassis manufacturer.	
39.	Switch Panel: Switches for the body electrical components shall be mounted above the driver over the windshield. Rocker type switches are to be supplied. The switches shall provide with L.E.D. backlit illuminated lenses, international symbols and labeling for the appropriate functions.	
40.	Entire underbody to be completely undercoated with asphalt emulsion water-based undercoating after body to chassis mounting for maximum rust proofing.	
41.	Ventilation: Body shall be equipped with a static type, non-adjustable exhaust ventilator located in low pressure area of front roof. A driver-controlled fresh air vent shall be provided.	

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42.	Windows - 2-piece side windows to be of safety tempered glass in flat black, powder-coated aluminum frames. The top portion of the side windows shall be capable of being lowered to a position that provides an opening at least 12" x 28". Windows must be accessible for removal without lowering the wiring harness access panel. - All glass to be tinted. - Thermopane windows to include the top entrance door windows, and the first window behind the entrance door.	
43.	Windshield: As supplied by the chassis manufacturer	
44.	Windshield Washer: As supplied by the chassis manufacturer (preferably with heated wiper fluid)	
45.	Windshield Wipers: As supplied by the chassis manufacturer	
46.	Wheelchair Lift Interlock: Bus shall have an OEM installed FMVSS 403/404 compliant wheelchair lift and vehicle brake interlock system installed.	
47.	Wheelchair Lift: Bus shall have an OEM installed FMVSS 403/404 compliant wheelchair lift installed at Lift Door. Lift shall have a minimum usable platform size of 33” x 51”. Padding kit shall be included and installed prior to delivery.	

MINIMUM (18+1) BUS BODY SPECIFICATIONS		BIDDER SPECIFICATIONS
48.	Wheelchair Restraint System - (3) Q'Straint QRT Deluxe Model Q8306-L2 "L" track mounted retractable wheelchair restraints shall be included with bus. - Seating arrangement shall be designed for up to (3) wheelchair positions, but (3) wheelchair positions shall be in tracking with seats installed to allow for either ambulatory or wheel chair passengers. - (4) seats on the driver's side shall be in tracking for easy removal and conversion to a wheelchair position for (2) future wheelchair positions. (2) seats on the curb side immediately in front of the wheelchair lift shall be in tracking for (1) future wheelchair position. Or equivalent system, specify if necessary	
49.	List other pertinent specifications not addressed above:	

EXHIBIT A – BID FORM

All bids are to be submitted to the following address no later than 2:00 P.M. prevailing time on Tuesday, the 23rd day of January, 2024.

ATTENTION: Jason Smith, Director of Business Services
Coal City Community Unit School District No. 1
550 S. Carbon Hill Road
Coal City, Illinois 60416

Bid Specifications and Instructions and Bid Forms will be available at the above address between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on regular school days.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF COAL CITY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS OR PARTS THEREOF WHICH ARE SEVERABLE AND RESERVES THE RIGHT TO WAIVE ANY INFORMALITIES OR TECHNICAL DEFECTS IN BIDS OR THE BIDDING PROCESS AS WILL SERVE THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE DISTRICT. THE ILLINOIS SCHOOL CODE REQUIRES THAT ALL CONTRACTS PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF PUPILS MUST BE AWARDED BY FIRST CONSIDERING THE BIDDER OR BIDDERS MOST ABLE TO PROVIDE SAFETY AND COMFORT FOR THE PUPILS, STABILITY OF SERVICE, AND OTHER FACTORS SET FORTH IN THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL REGARDING QUALITY OF SERVICE, AND THEN PRICE.

CERTIFICATIONS

The undersigned hereby affirms that:

* He/She is a duly authorized agent of the vendor.

* He/She has read and agrees to the request for bids.

I certify that I am submitting the following offers as my firm's bid. I understand by virtue of executing and returning with this bid this required response form, I further certify full, complete, and unconditional acceptance of the contents of this request for bids.

Print Name: _____ Title: _____

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

City State ZIP: _____ Telephone: _____

Fax: _____ E-Mail: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

The undersigned hereby certifies that _____ SOME OR ALL / _____ NONE (check one) of my firm's employees are represented by an exclusive bargaining representative recognized and certified by a labor relations board. I certify that I have provided copies of all collective bargaining agreements that my firm is subject to. I further certify that I have disclosed information on all petitions for certification, decertification, or any other action pertaining to collective bargaining that are presently outstanding but have not yet resulted in a signed collective bargaining agreement.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

EXHIBIT A – BID FORM

ANTI-COLLUSION CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE

_____, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:
(print name)

that he/she is _____ of _____,
(owner, president, partner, etc.) (name of company)

the party making the foregoing proposal or bid, that such bid is genuine and not collusive, or sham; that said bidder has not colluded, conspired, connived or agreed, directly or indirectly, with any bidder or person, to put in a sham bid or to refrain from bidding, and has not in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement or collusion, or communication or conference with any person; to fix the bid price element of said bid, or of that of any other bidder, or to secure any advantages against any other bidder or any person interested in the proposed contract.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

The undersigned hereby certifies that my firm has complied with the requirement of Section 2-105 of the Illinois Human Rights Act (775 ILCS 5/1-101 *et seq.*), as amended, with respect to sexual harassment policies. The terms of that law, as applicable, are hereby incorporated into this contract. The Board of Education states that it is in compliance with said law.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY TO BID

_____(bidder), pursuant to Section 33E-11 of the Illinois Criminal Code of 1961, as amended, hereby certifies that neither he/she/its partners, officers, or owners of his/her/its business have been convicted in the past five (5) years of the offenses of bid-rigging under Section 33E-3 of the Illinois Criminal Code of 1961, as amended, and that neither he/she/its business has ever been convicted of the offense of bid-rotating under Section 33E-4 of the Illinois Criminal Code of 1961, as amended.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

DRUG FREE WORKPLACE CERTIFICATION

Pursuant to 30 ILCS 580/1 *et seq.* ("Drug Free Workplace Act"), the undersigned certifies to the Board of Education it will provide a drug-free workplace by:

1. Publishing a statement: A. notifying employees that unlawful manufacture, distribution, possession, or use of a controlled substance, including cannabis, is prohibited in the Contractor's workplace; B. specifying actions that will be taken against employees for violations of this prohibition; C. notifying employees that, as a condition of employment on this contract, employees will: 1. abide by the terms of the statement, 2. notify the Contractor of any criminal drug statute conviction for a violation occurring in the workplace, no later than five (5) days after such conviction.

2. Establishing a drug-free awareness program to inform employees about: A. the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace; B. the Contractor's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace; C. available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; D. penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug violations.

3. Making it a requirement to give a copy of the statement in subsection "1" to each employee engaged in performance of the contract, and posting it in a prominent workplace location.

4. Notifying the District within ten days after receiving notice in subsection "1", paragraph "C", part "2", from an employee, or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction.

5. Imposing a sanction or requiring participation by a convicted employee, in a drug abuse rehabilitation program, as required by Section 5 of the Drug Free Workplace Act.

6. Assisting employees in selecting a course of action in the event drug counseling, treatment, and/or rehabilitation is required, and indicating that a trained referral team is in place.

7. Making a good-faith effort to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of Section 3 of the Drug Free Workplace Act.

Failure to abide by this Drug Free Workplace Certification will subject the contractor to penalties set forth in Sections 6, 7, and 8 of the Drug Free Workplace Act.

For: _____ By: _____
(company name) (signature)

Its: _____ Date: _____
(owner, president, partner, etc.)

EXHIBIT B

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT by and between, _____ having a principal place of business at _____ (hereinafter referred to as "Contractor") and the Board of Education of Coal City Community Unit School District 1, Will County, Illinois (hereinafter referred to as the "Board" or "District"), is made as follows:

1. Term of Contract. The Contractor, in consideration of the payment arrangements as agreed upon in these contract documents, and which Contractor acknowledges to be fair and sufficient consideration, shall provide bus transportation services to the District from for the 2024-2025, 2025-2026, and 2026-2027 school years, commencing the 1st day of July, 2024, and concluding June 30, 2027. Such service shall be provided for the entire school term for each year.

2. Scope of Services; Contract Documents. The Board retains Contractor to provide transportation services as more fully described in the Invitation to Bid (which includes but is not limited to the following subparts: Legal Notice: Invitation to Bid; Instructions to Bidders; General Conditions; Bid Specifications; Bid Forms; Certifications). For the purposes of this Agreement, the Contract Documents shall include the following:
    a. This Transportation Services Agreement
    b. The Invitation to Bid
    c. Contractor's Bid Submissions

3. Order of Priority. Each of the Contract Documents described above are incorporated by reference as though set forth herein. In the event of any conflict of terms, the order of priority shall be as ordered immediately above, with the Transportation Services Agreement having highest order of priority.

4. Status as Independent Contractor. Contractor and the Board are independent of one another, and neither has the authority to bind the other to any third person or otherwise to act in any way as the representative of the other unless otherwise expressly agreed to in writing signed by both parties hereto. Contractor shall be responsible for payment of all taxes imposed in connection with its performance of services and receipt of fees under this Agreement.

5. Governing Law and Venue. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois and any applicable federal law. The exclusive forum for any lawsuit or legal action that arises in whole or part out of this Agreement shall be the Circuit Court lying within Will County, Illinois or the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, and Contractor hereby consents to the personal jurisdiction of those courts.

6. Notice. Any notice or communication permitted or required under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall become effective on the day of mailing thereof by first class mail, registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, addressed:

If to the Board:
[Fill in contact info]

If to the Contractor:
[Fill in contact info]

7. Binding Effect of Agreement. This Agreement shall insure to the benefit of the Board, its agents, representatives, officers, directors, assigns and successors and shall bind Contractor, its agents, representatives, successors and assigns.
8. Assignment. Contractor agrees not to assign or sell any rights to this Agreement to a third party or parties without the prior agreement of the Board. Such action without approval shall authorize the Board to immediately terminate this Agreement and make a demand on Contractor's Performance Bond.
9. Waiver. Any waiver by the Board as to any incidence of nonperformance or breach by Contractor shall serve only as a waiver as to that specific incidence and not to any future incidence of nonperformance.
10. Indemnification. Contractor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Board and its respective officers, agents, and employees from and against any claims for personal injury or property damage, and any costs, losses, or expenses of any nature, which may arise or be incurred, directly or indirectly, by reason of the Contractor furnishing transportation to the District and its pupils.
10. Complete Understanding. This Agreement and the documents referenced and incorporated herein set forth all of the promises, agreements, conditions and understandings between the parties relative to the subject matter hereof, and there are no promises, agreements, or undertakings, either oral or written, expressed or implied, between them other than as herein set forth. If any provision of this Agreement is held illegal or unenforceable in a judicial proceeding, such provision shall be severed and shall be inoperative, and the remainder of this Agreement shall remain operative and binding on the parties hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Agreement to be executed and do hereby warrant that their respective signatories whose signatures appear below have been and are on the date of this Agreement duly authorized by all necessary and appropriate corporate action to execute this Agreement.

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF COAL CITY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #1

By:_ _____
Board President

By:_ _____ Date: _____
Board Secretary

[NAME OF CONTRACTOR]

By:_____

Title:_____ Date: _____