

Marion County Board of Education

Office of the Superintendent

188 Winchester Drive

Hamilton, Alabama 35570

INVITATION TO BID

BID # 2017-04 School Buses

The Marion County Board of Education is now accepting sealed bids from vendors for the purchase of one new 2018 model special needs bus and twelve new standard 2018 model school buses. The Board requests all bidders present a bid for both (72) passenger and sixty-five (65) passenger standard buses.

This bid is for complete units (the body and chassis) delivered to the Marion County Board of Education Transportation Department located in Hamilton, Alabama 35570. All bus bodies and chassis must conform to all State and Federal specifications at the time of manufacture. The payment for the body and chassis will be made when the completed units are delivered to the Marion County Board of Education and not when the chassis are delivered to the body plant.

The bids will be publicly opened at 2:30 p.m. on Monday, March 27, 2017, in the Board Room area of the Superintendent's Office located at 188 Winchester Drive, Hamilton, Alabama. The results of the bid will be presented to the Board at its next scheduled meeting for action.

The outside of the sealed bid must be clearly marked "**BID # 2017-04 SCHOOL BUSES**". The Marion County Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and all bids or parts of bids. Payment will be made through normal Board procedures.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

- (A) All bidders must use our form for submitting their bid.
- (B) All bids must be sealed and marked in the lower left hand corner "2017-04 SCHOOL BUS BID". Late bids will not be opened.
- (C) Bids will not include State Sales Tax, Federal Excise Taxes or any other fees.
- (D) Records showing successful bidder(s) and prices quoted will be placed on file and may be examined upon request. If the contract is awarded to someone other than lowest bidder, a note of explanation will appear in the bid file.
- (E) Use of trade names and numbers shall be interpreted as establishing a standard of quality and shall not be construed as limiting competition.
- (F) It is the responsibility of the vendor to secure a copy of the **Alabama Minimum Specifications for School Buses for 2018 (to be published in April 2017)** from the

II. DISQUALIFICATION OF BIDS

Bids may be disqualified before the awarding of the contract for any of the following:

- (A) Failure to mark envelope as required.
- (B) Failure to sign the bid document.
- (C) Failure to include requested information or other details of the bid.
- (D) Excessive errors.
- (E) Failure to have an original signature on the bid form, a faxed copy is not acceptable.

III. METHOD OF AWARD

- (A) The award will be made to the lowest responsible bidder(s) meeting specifications. It is not the policy of the Marion County Board of Education to purchase on the basis of low bid only. Quality, conformity with specifications, purpose for which required, terms of delivery, past service and experience are among the factors that may be considered in determining the responsible bidder.
- (B) In the event the low bidder refuses to accept the entire requirements without deviation, the bid may be awarded to the next lowest responsible bidder.
- (C) In the event that two or more vendors bid the same amount on the same item, a coin toss will determine the vendor awarded that item.
- (D) The Marion County Board of Education reserves the right to have any chassis/body offered for bid inspected by their representative prior to the selection of that vendor.
- (E) The Marion County Board of Education reserves the right to award separate contracts for each item, each product, or any combination of products, if the Board feels it is in the best interest of the Marion County School System

IV. CONTRACT PERIOD/PRICING

- (A) If other State or Local Funds become available, the Board may elect to purchase additional chassis/bodies from this bid.
- (B) Bid prices should be good for 365 days. Effective date of bid will begin immediately after being awarded.
- (C) Prices should include delivery to Hamilton, Alabama
- (F) Vendor will complete and file for Alabama titles and all associated fees will be included in bid price.

V. QUANTITIES/ORDERS/DELIVERIES

- (A) **The original Purchase Order will be placed on or after March 28, 2017 for approximately:**

Twelve standard and one special needs 2018 model 72 and/or 65 passenger bus chassis/body equipped with diesel motors

- (B) Quantities are estimates only. Actual purchases may be more or less depending on funds available.
- (C) Buses must be delivered to Marion County Board of Education by August 1, 2017.

The only exception to the extension of the contract date will be general strikes at the chassis/body plants and acts of God.

- (D) Before the order is placed, there will be a meeting with the successful vendor to make sure all specs are understood and clarified.
- (E) At the time the buses are delivered, the vendor(s) must supply a 4-wheel alignment data sheet for each bus.

VI. WARRANTIES/SERVICE

- (A) All warranties must be clearly stated.
- (B) Availability of service must be clearly stated along with service contract pricing. Service centers with times and days of operation must be stated. If road service is provided, it must be noted.

VII. SPECIFICATIONS

All bids must have attached printed specifications (unless a sample is already on file with the Marion County Board of Education), showing a photograph or drawing of the item bid.

All Chassis must meet Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards and the 2018 Minimum Alabama State Specifications for School Buses (to be published in April 2017). It is the responsibility of the vendor to secure these specifications.

Specifications for 72 and 65 Passenger School Bus

MARION COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION 2018 Type "C" School Bus Bid

The Marion County Board of Education will be receiving bids for the following:

SCOPE:

Twelve or more Type "C" 72 and or 65 passenger buses meeting below specifications.

One or more Type "C" 72 passenger Special Needs buses meeting below specifications.

Vehicle to be new, 2018 model or newer.

Vehicle GVWR to be no more than 30,000 LBS.

Alternative fuel bids will not be acceptable or considered.

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CHASSIS DATA:

1. Brakes: Air brake compressor to be 18.7 CFM. 5" front and 7" rear. Omit Dust Shields.
Exception: _____
2. Alternator: 200 amp, pad mounted.
Exception: _____
3. Axles: Front, 10,000 lbs. Rear, 21,000lbs. Minimum. Rear air ride suspension with single leveling valves.
Exception: _____
4. Radiator: Aluminum with Orange Nitrate Free OAT.
Exception: _____
5. Engine: 6.7 liter, 220 H.P. in line 6 cylinder, **DIESEL** with 600 ft. lbs. of torque, a 750 watt block heater. Must meet current EPA regulations. Cummins ISB **ONLY**, with VGT Exhaust brake. Brake lights must activate in conjunction with the VGT Brake when Active.
Exception: _____
6. Transmission: Must be a 6-Speed Automatic Allison PTS 2500. First fill at factory with Transynd fluid. Seven year standard warranty.
Exception: _____
7. Drive Line: Spicer "Lube for Life" and dynamically balanced.
Exception: _____
8. Full tank: 100 gallons mounted between the frame rails. Locking fuel tank door. A heated fuel water separator must be mounted in engine compartment.
Exception: _____
9. Instrument Panel: gauges to include speed odometer, resettable trip odometer, voltmeter, low air dual gauges with warning light and buzzer, tachometer, hour meter, ambient air temperature with black ice warning at 34 degrees. Instrumentation panel should be able to provide diagnostic capabilities for body and chassis electrical system.
Exception: _____
10. Suspension: Front springs 10,000 lbs. maximum. Rear Springs 21,000 lbs Air Ride.
Exception: _____
11. Headlights must be long life halogen with daytime running lights. Auto On/Off at Dawn/Dusk and activated with wipers.
Exception: _____
12. Tires to be, Bridgestone or pre-approved equivalent 11R x 22.5 14 ply radials. Wheels, bud type, Hub Pilot, 22.5" x 8.25" steel, front and back. Painted black. Spare Tire and Wheel per bus.
Exception: _____
13. Steering column; Tilt and telescoping.

Exception: _____

14. Tow hooks, front, mounted to frame rails.

Exception: _____

15. Turning; 55° degree wheel cut minimum.

Exception: _____

16. Easy hood assist, less than 15 lbs. of opening effort.

Exception: _____

17. Batteries, 1900 CCA. (2) Group 31. Locking Battery Door.

Exception: _____

18. Master cut off switch and petcock drain valves must be located in battery box.

Exception: _____

19. Indicator, low oil pressure/high coolant temperature: Light and audible alarm an oil pressure cut off when oil pressure gets too low.

Exception: _____

BODY DATA:

1. Body must have four full length applied rub rails on each side and painted black. Attached with sheet metal screws.

Exception: _____

2. Heavy duty black rubber floor covering under seats. Molded rubber over wheel housing.

Exception: _____

3. Interior headroom to be 78" min. at the aisle with plywood flooring. LED Dome lights. Drivers dome light to LED with separate switch.

Exception: _____

4. There shall be a minimum of 2" thick blanket-type polyester insulation mounted in the ceiling. The ceiling panels area are to be sound deadening, acoustical panels full length.

Exception: _____

5. Heating system: Must include 90,000 BTU front left hand heater and defroster and a 50,000 BTU rear heater with its own switch.

Exception: _____

6. 6" defroster driver's fan, mounted over driver's window above driver.

Exception: _____

7. Driver's seat to be air ride, black vinyl with cloth inserts. Right and Left side armrest. Panel will not be considered as an armrest, must be mounted to the seat.

Exception: _____

8. Driver's seat belt, 3 – point with 71/2" vertical adjustment. Orange.

Exception: _____

9. Passenger seats to be of fire resistance material.

Exception: _____

10. The roof shall be painted white. All paint including base, trim and roof shall be heat cured.
Exception: _____
11. Stop arm, strobe and L.E.D. and crossing gate shall be electric operated. Crossing arm motor to be mounted behind front bumper.
Exception: _____
12. Exterior mirrors: rearview must be Rosco type, encased in black plastic, Cross view mirrors must be 11" x 13" oval shape.
Exception: _____
13. Each bus shall be equipped with a body and chassis specific line setting ticket with a complete list of parts by quantity, parts number, and description in order to accurately facilitate parts replacement. Two parts and service manuals.
Exception: _____
14. If more than one unit, all units must be keyed alike.
Exception: _____
15. Entrance door must be electric operated. Controls mounted to the right of the driver. Yellow Grab Rails on RH & LH Side of Stepwell.
Exception: _____
16. Roof hatches: Transpec or pre-approved equivalent low profile.
Exception: _____
17. Windshield to be one piece bonded.
Exception: _____
18. Video surveillance system – DVR camera, SEON TL-04 with 4 interior cameras.
Exception: _____
19. Overhead storage compartment for all safety equipment in front bulkhead and a compartment over driver's window to house the DVR.
Exception: _____
20. Bus must be equipped with a Driver's Pre-Trip Light Inspection System. System shall systematically power all lights individually while the driver performs his/her pre-trip inspection. System shall also activate stop arm, crossing arm and blow horn when done.
Exception: _____
21. Lower side skirts shall be "quick change" replaceable design installed with threaded fasteners.
Exception: _____
22. Buses must be State inspected and pass on-site inspection before being accepted.
No Exception
23. Must be pre wired for a two-way radio
Exception: _____

SPECIAL NEEDS BUS

72 Passenger Special Needs Bus to meet all the above specifications with the below deviations:

1. (9) Permanent 39" Seats on driver's side, first seat to have (2) ICS.
Exception: _____
2. (2) L-Track WC positions in the rear.
Exception: _____
3. (7) Permanent 30" Seats on the passenger side, first seat to have (1) ICS.
Exception: _____
4. (1) L-Track WC Position in front of a Braun Lift. Lift Door to be in the Rear.
Exception: _____
5. Flat Floor.
Exception: _____
6. Left and RH Assist Rail to be Yellow.
Exception: _____
7. 126,000 BTU **AC** with Dash Air, Front and Rear In-Wall Evaporators,
(2) CM-3 Skirt Mounted condensers, Must be Factory Installed.
Exception: _____

WARRANTY DATA

Chassis warranty should be as follows and warranty certificates must be included with bid:

engine -5 years / 100,000 miles	_____
bumper to bumper - 3 year / 50,000 miles (Body and Chassis)	_____
drivetrain - 4 years / unlimited mileage	_____
transmission - 7 years / unlimited mileage, must include electronic components (5 year towing) warranty shall include Transynd Fluid at initial fill at factory.	_____ _____ _____
towing (other than engine and trans.) – 6 months	_____
Warranty repairs to be made On-site at Marion Co Bus Shop unless authorized by Director to be done Off-Site. Response time for repair within 72 hours.	_____ _____

OPTIONS:

All bidders will list the price for optional air conditioning.

Contact Keith Brumley at 205 921-3771, if you have any questions.

**MARION COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
BID RESPONSE FORM
BID #2017-04 SCHOOL BUSES
BID OPENING 2:30 pm, MARCH 27, 2017**

Regular Seating School Bus as described in the above bid specifications
(Bidder must list any exceptions to required specs.)

2018 Model 72 passenger bus \$ _____ (per bus)

2018 Model 65 passenger bus \$ _____ (per bus)

2018 Model 72 passenger Special Needs Bus w/AC \$ _____ (per bus)

OPTIONS:

Air Conditioning on standard bus \$ _____ (per bus)(attach specs.)

Company:

Address:

Date: _____ Telephone # () _____

Printed name of representative: _____

Authorized signature:

Mail Response Form and any exceptions to required specifications to:

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