

# **Bedford County Department of Finance**

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## **Request for Proposal**

### **Transit Style Special Needs School Bus Bid No. 21-18**

The Bedford County Department of Finance is requesting proposals for a Transit Style Special Needs School Bus. **Sealed bids will be received until 2:00 p.m., Monday, April 12, 2021**, in the office of the Bedford County Department of Finance and will be opened publicly at that time. The Department of Finance reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive any irregularities for the purpose of ensuring the award given is in the best interest of Bedford County. Any bids received after the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids will be returned to the bidder unopened.

## GENERAL BID TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Proposals from all responsible bidders will be considered. To qualify as a responsible bidder, the proposal submitted must:

1. **Meet or exceed the minimum requirements specified.**
2. **Furnish all documents requested by the representative of the Bedford County Department of Finance prior to and following the bid opening.**
3. **Submit their completed bid prior to the bid opening date and time.**
4. **Have bid name and bid number placed on the outside lower left corner of the sealed envelope containing the bid form. (Facsimile bids will not be considered.)**

### **Award**

A Purchase Order from the Bedford County Department of Finance will be issued to the successful bidder acknowledging the award. A copy of these terms and conditions, specifications and the vendor's proposal form will become a part of the purchase order.

Payment will not be made until the buses are inspected and approved as meeting all specifications by the Bedford County Department of Finance.

**Prospective bidders should be prepared to submit a similarly equipped unit for inspection in Shelbyville, Tennessee.**

Prospective bidders may contact Kenny Parker at the School Transportation Department, 931-684-1500, for any questions as to the specifications of the bid.

Lowest and/or best bid will be awarded.

**All prices shall include delivery (FOB Destination).**

Bids will be good through fiscal year ending June 30, 2022.

### **Other Considerations**

Bedford County Department of Finance reserves the right to purchase only those bid items and quantities that conform to overall budgetary, functional, and performance constraints.

The terms of this bid will be extended to other local government agencies, other municipalities, and Boards of Education. Bedford County is responsible only for purchases made and received by Bedford County.

Bedford County of Tennessee ensures compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; 49 CFR, part 26; related statues and regulations to the end that no person shall be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Transportation on the grounds of race, color, sex or national origin.

### **INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS**

**All Proposals are to be made on the Proposal Form provided.** Bids must be delivered in hand or by a mail service in a sealed envelope marked on the outside lower left corner, **Bid No. 21-18 Special Needs School Bus.** Bids will be received and opened on **Monday, April 12, 2021, at 2:00 p.m.** Any bids received after the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids will be returned to the bidder unopened.

Proposals are to be made complete in every detail as required and called for by said Proposal Form. Proposals that are incomplete, conditional, contain irregularities of any kind, or which are not in accord with the Instructions to Bidders and Proposal Form furnished by the Department of Finance may be rejected as informal.

The submission of a proposal will signify that the Bidder has thoroughly familiarized himself with all conditions and that he fully understands what will be expected of the successful bidder.

The Department of Finance reserves the right to accept or reject in whole or in part any or all proposals submitted, without liability whatsoever, and waive informalities therein, if deemed by the Department of Finance in their best interest to do so.

**PROPOSAL FORM**

**TO: Bedford County Department of Finance  
200 Dover Street, Suite 102  
Shelbyville, Tennessee 37160**

**Re: Bid No. 21-18**

Gentlemen:

Having examined the specifications for a **School Buses**, we (I) submit the following proposal:

**Transit Style Special Needs School Bus - each** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Deduction for FOB Shipping Point (Body Plant) per unit** \_\_\_\_\_

**Calendar Delivery Days after Receipt of Purchase order** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\* Failure to deliver complete bus units on the agreed date will result in a penalty of \$100.00 per day until delivery. \*\*\***

**Company Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Signature and Title of Bidder:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

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<b>Name of Dealer</b>	
<b>Dealer's address:</b>	
<b>Dealer's Phone #:</b>	
<b>Sales Contact:</b>	
<b>Service Location:</b>	
<b>Bus Model:</b>	
<b>Unit Price:</b>	\$ _____ each
<b>Delivery date:</b>	
<b>Signature:</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	

	Bus Specifications	Check one		List / Explain Exception
		YES	NO	
Year Model	new 2022 or later model Transit style Special Needs, lift equipped School Bus			
Seating Capacity	At two per seat - Delivered as 34+1w/c =35 passenger that converts to 30+2w/c =32 passenegrs and converts again to 26 +3w/c =29 and 22+4w/c = 26 after the removal of the track mtd seats. To be built on a 60 passenger shell bus			
Delivery	Delivered to the Bedford County School Bus Garage within 30 days of order			
Delivery	Can you meet delivery?	<b>Yes</b> _____ <b>No</b> _____		
Manuals	Include owners manual			
Service Training	Provide a minimum of 12 hours product service training at no charge for body and chassis components			
Warranty	12 to 24 months w/24,000 or more miles bumper to bumper			
Engine Warranty	5 years / 100,000 miles			
Transmission Warranty	7 years unlimited miles			
Towing Coverage	engine problems minimum two years			
Mobile Repair Service	Must include 24 hour response and on-site service for warranty repairs			
Recommended Parts Stocking list	Please include with this bid a list of parts with pricing of what you suggest that we should keep in stock for the buses that you are bidding			
State of Tennessee and Federal School Bus Standards	These buses shall meet all current state of Tennessee and Federal minimum standards for School Buses. Payment will not be made until they pass the state's inspection process			

Body - Chassis	Bus Specifications	100% meet specification, Check		List / Explain Exception
		YES	NO	
<b>CHASSIS</b>	<b>CHASSIS</b>			
Axle Ratio	Geared to go 75 MPH and governed at 70mph			
Air Compressor	Minimum of 18.7CFM			
Air dryer	Bendix AD-IP with heater			
Air tanks	qty 3 or 4 tanks to exceed 5,850 cubic inch capacity			
Air tanks	remote skirt mtd access door to drain all air tanks			
Alternator	minimum 270 amp A.C. Delco			
Axle , front	13,200 lbs. w/ synthetic lubed hubs			
Axle, rear	minimum 20,000 lbs. w/ synthetic lubed hubs			
Batteries	three group 31 w/3000 CCA minimum			
Batteries	battery tray to include heavy duty roller ball bearings			
Battery	battery cut-off switch located in battery compartment			
Block Heater	Minimum 750 watt w/ receptacle mtd to frt fender area			
Body Length	The body shall not exceed 35' long. Approx 60 passenger shell			
Brakes	Air operated Front and rear			
Brakes	ABS			
Brakes, front	Air Disc - largest available			
Brakes, rear	Air Disc - Largest available			
Bumper 3/16" steel, front	reinforced w/ air or electric operated crossing arm w/ retainer			
Bumper 1/4" steel, rear	reinforced			
Driveline	Guards around each shaft			
Engine Rating	minimum 220 HP and minimum 600 ft. lbs. tq.			
Engine Type	Inline 6 cylinder diesel			
Engine Warranty	5 years - 100K miles			
Engine Exhaust Brake	Include Turbo Engine exhaust brake...i.e. Jake Brake			
Exhaust	Left side under bumper			
Frame	50,000 lbs. psi			
Fuel filter	Spin on type at the engine			
Fuel / Water separator	heated Racor w/ see through bowl			
Fuel Tank	100 gal. between frame rails, include protective skid plate			
Fuel Tank	Include fuel fill door & sender access plate at interior floor			
Fuel Tank	fuel door to include positive thumb latch			
High/low Idle switch	Dash mounted			
Instruments	Speedometer, Voltmeter, Oil pressure, Dual air gauges			
Instruments	Hour meter, Transmission temperature gauge,			
Instruments	Air filter restriction indicator, tachometer, fuel gauge			
Instruments	Cruise Control			
Instruments	Heavy Duty turn signal steering column mtd			
Radiator	Shall be stationary and shall not include swing out feature to avoid potential leaks			
Shocks	front and rear			
Suspension, front	springs front suspension w/ 13,200 lbs. minimum GVWR			
Springs, rear	Air Ride rear suspension w/ 20,000 lbs. minimum GVWR			

Stability Control	To include stability control		
Starting aid	Grid heater		
Steering wheel	Tilt & Telescope		
Tires	Front and rear tires to be balanced and aligned		
Tires	6 - Tubeless radial 255/70RLow Profile 16 ply		
Tires	Front and rear to be Highway tread,		
Tires	Michelin or Hankook		
Tow hooks	Front & rear mounted		
Transmission	Allison PTS 2500 Series automatic w/ 6 speeds & reverse		
Transmission	With internal or external cooler, and water filter		
Transmission	To include Allison "Fuel Sense" for maximum MPG efficiency		
Wheel Base	Approx 174" for 60 passenger shell		
Wheels	Disc hub piloted, 22.5 X 8.25 painted black		
Wiring	Color & number coded		
Wiring	Include manual resetting circuit breakers for body items		
<b>BODY</b>	<b>BODY</b>		
Access Panel	access panel below driver's window with lock		
Access Panels	3 - Located below windshield & must include locking devise		
Air Horn	Roof mounted Air Horn		
Assist Rail	include left & right side assist/ handrails at stepwell		
Backing Horn	112 DBS - installed under rear bumper area		
Cell phone power outlet	driver's dash area mounted		
Defroster fans	three 6" dash mounted fans		
Door, emergency	upper & lower glass, 3 point latch, & retainer		
Door, entrance	Outward opening, Air operation w/ 3 position switch		
Door, entrance	Include vandal lock located in electrical comp below driver's window		
Door, Lift	rear right side mounted with upper tinted window, include interior light and exterior light		
Document Holder	6" x 9" document holder mounted at front header		
Driver's Storage	Driver's storage pouch at rear of driver's seat		
Driver's Storage	Glove box mounted right side dash area with locking key		
Fenders	Frt & Rear steel or rubber fenders over each wheel well		
Emergency exits	2 - push out windows w/ buzzers		
Emergency exits	1 - roof hatches w/ buzzers		
Flooring	Black koroseal		
Flooring	Metal aisle trim		
Flooring	Rear bus floor to include Flat Floor		
Flooring	5/8" exterior grade plywood subfloor glued down		
Headroom	Minimum 78 inches		
Heaters	min 91K BTU front w/ removable filter		
Heaters	min 15K BTU driver's foot htr or 50K BTU stepwell htr		
Heaters	min 84K BTU rear w/ removable filter behind rear axle		
Heaters	Include heavy duty metal heater booster pump for rear heater		
Heaters	Please list your total Heater BTU's offered for this bid		
Heaters	Dual heater cut off and Dash mounted water regulator valve		

Identification	6" Black letters, "BEDFORD COUNTY SCHOOLS"			
Identification	6" numbers, sides, front, rear			
Identification	3" yellow vinyl year model numbers "2022" on reaar bumper			
Identification	"x6" reflective blue Handicap sticker at lift door & rear of bus			
Insulation	2" fiberglass insulation in roof, front, rear, and side walls			
Insulation	1/2" sound absorbing foam installed under driver toe board			
Insulation	Noise reduction pkg, include perforated ceiling driver" area			
Lift, Wheelchair	Lift to be installed right side rear of bus. To be Braun w/800 to 1000 lbs lifting capacity			
Lights	Side mounted directional			
Lights	Dome lights to be LED include driver's and Stepwell			
Lights	Exterior LED lights mounted entrance and lift doors			
Lights	headlights w/daytime running & alternating w/ warnings			
Lights	Warning lights to be halogen bulbs with individual hoods			
Lights	Clearance & Cluster lights to be LED			
Lights	Front & rear amber directionals 7"			
Lights	Rear roof mounted strobe light w/ guard			
Lights	16 light Monitor mtd front bulkhead area			
Mirrors	Interior - 8" X 30" clear with integrated Back up camera monitor that automatically comes on when the bus transmission is shifted into reverse			
Mirrors	Exterior - all to be heated & remote controlled			
Mud Flaps	Front and rear mud flaps full length			
Noise Switch	Maintained switch - dash mounted			
Paint roof	Roof to be painted white,			
Paint roof	area above side windows shall be yellow and white only			
Parts Report	Copy of complete Bus Parts printout			
Radio	AM/FM/PA/CD/w/ 8 speakers			
Reflective Tape	"SCHOOL BUS" front and rear caps to be reflective			
Reflective Tape	Reflective tape at all exits, rear, sides full length			
Reflectors	to be mechanically attached			
Roof Bows	one piece			
Roof rails	Roof crash rails mounted inside roof panels			
Rub rails	provide four rubrails all painted black			
Rub rails	Include bumper and window wrap around rubrails			
Safety	Fire extinguishers, Body fluid kit, Flares, First aid kit			
Safety	Windshield Hammer & seat belt cutter			
Safety	All Out warning device to include dome lights activation			
Safety Compartment	Flares to be mounted in bulk head compartment			
Seat Barriers	Include 5 pocket barrier cover on Right side			
Seat Frames	Frames to be black powder coated and belt ready			
Seat Space	31" minimum seat spacing or 29" minimum Knee spacing			
Seat Space	Include copy of the floorplan you are bidding to demonstrate 29" knee room & two per seat - 34+1w/c = 35 Pax capacity all w/ 29" knee room & to include three covered wheelchair positions for future use."			
Seats / Driver	High Back , Air operated with shocks			
Seats / Driver	include tilt back, fabric insert, adjustable back and heated seat cushioning			





Camera	Camera brand to be compatible w/ current fleet			
Camera	digital 8 camera system w/3 head include triggers, panic, GPS	Add	\$	per bus
Camera	digital 8 camera system w/4 head include triggers, panic, GPS	Add	\$	per bus
Camera	digital 8 camera system w/5 head include triggers, panic, GPS	Add	\$	per bus
Camera	digital 8 camera system w/6 head include triggers, panic, GPS	Add	\$	per bus
Camera	each additional camera head	Add	\$	per bus
Stop Arm	Additional stop arm mtd driver's side rear of bus	Add	\$	per bus
Driver Alert Sign	Rear door Mtd "Driver Alert Sign" warning light activated	Add	\$	per bus
Air Drum Brakes	Front and rear Air Drum brakes w/ rear Air ride suspension 5" front and 7" rear	Save	\$	per bus
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Engine	Cummins ISB 240 HP Engine w/ 600 ft. lbs. tq.	Add	\$	per bus
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Transmission	Allison with 6 speeds PTS 3000 w/ 5 yr warranty	Add	\$	per bus
Two Way radio	Two way radio compatible with county's fleet	Add	\$	per bus
LED Lights	All exterior lights to be LED	Add	\$	per bus
LED Warning Lights	Only exterior Warning lights to be LED and Strobing	Add	\$	per bus
Integrated Child Seat	Integrated Child seats added or removed from existing seat		\$	per bus
Air Conditioning	MCC Brand, minimum 126K BTU w/ inwall front & inwall rear evaporator, skirt condensers, dual compressors	Add	\$	per bus
Rear Axle and Suspension	Both to be 23,000 lbs. minimum GVWR and airride	Add	\$	per bus
Front Axle	14,600 lbs. minimum GVWR	Add	\$	per bus
Front Suspension	14,600 lbs. minimum GVWR	Add	\$	per bus
Seats	cost to add or delete a 39" high back track mounted seat.	Add/save	\$	per seat per bu
Seats	cost to add or delete 39" high back seat w/ ICS	Add/save	\$	per seat per b
W/C	Cost to add or delete one w/c position, tracks, & tiedowns	Add/save	\$	per position per bus

**This bid is good for one (1) year from opening date and it may be shared with other Local Education Agencies in the state of Tennessee.**

**Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_**
