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**REQUEST FOR BID PROPOSALS**

Sealed bids for the following item will be received by the Finance Director of Cumberland County until **January 08, 2026 at 2:00 P.M.**, local time, and publicly opened immediately thereafter on the same day:

**Three (3) each - 78-Passenger Units**

Requirements for this procurement are attached.

Any bid received after the stated time, notwithstanding, shall be rejected. Cumberland County reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids and to waive formalities and technicalities insofar as it is legally authorized to do so in the interest of the County.

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## **REQUEST FOR BID PROPOSALS**

### **S P E C I F I C A T I O N S**

#### **SCHOOL BUS**

The Government of Cumberland County, Tennessee is requesting sealed bid proposals for school buses for use by the Board of Education. All proposals must be for new equipment of current production. Used or refurbished equipment is not acceptable.

All units must meet or exceed the most recent edition of Tennessee Minimum School Bus Standards as published by the Tennessee State Board of Education.

The following buses are anticipated to be procured, subject to budgetary restraints:

#### **Three (3) each - 78-Passenger Units**

Units must be bid F.O.B. Crossville, Tennessee – properly operating and ready to place in service.

#### **BENCHMARK**

The attached specifications have been approved by the Cumberland County Board of Education and are included for reference as a benchmark of quality for school buses. These specifications are for reference as equipment that has been determined “acceptable”. The specifications are not intended to restrict or eliminate vendors from proposing other brands of equipment. Deviations from these specifications are expected. The intent is to provide a benchmark for all competitors to base their proposals on. **PROPOSALS FROM ALL BUS MANUFACTURERS ARE ENCOURAGED AND EXPECTED.**

#### **DELIVERY**

Bidder shall state date of delivery for buses. Date of delivery will be one of the criteria in determining bid award.

#### **WARRANTY**

Vendor shall submit a complete copy of equipment warranty with bid proposal. Information must include coverage, duration and site location.

#### **CONTRACT AWARD**

If a purchase contract is awarded, the award shall be based upon the bid proposal that the County determines is in the best interest of Cumberland County in regard to product safety, performance, durability, delivery date, suitability for use by the Board of Education, cost of acquisition, warranty and cost of maintenance.

## REFERENCES

Each vendor is required to submit with their proposal a list of references of current users of the equipment being proposed. The list shall consist of name, address, contact person and telephone number of the user.

## CONTACT PERSON

The contact person for delivery coordination on this bid is Mrs. Kathleen Martin, Transportation Supervisor. She may be reached at (931) 484-6762 during regular business hours.

No revisions to these specifications are official unless a bid addendum is issued by the Finance Department.

## SEALED BID

Bidder shall submit the **original and two (2) copies** of their bid proposal. Bid envelope shall be sealed with the name, address and telephone number of the bidder on the outside of the envelope and clearly marked: **“Sealed Bid – School Buses”** and delivered to:

Cumberland County Finance Department  
Attn: Jennifer Turner, Finance Director  
Cumberland County Courthouse  
2 North Main Street; Suite 101  
Crossville, Tennessee 38555

Bids delivered to any other department or location will not be considered. Cumberland County reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids and to waive formalities and technicalities; insofar as it is legally authorized to do so in the interest of the County.

***Note: Bids may NOT be submitted via facsimile, e-mail, or other electronic media.***

**Conflict of Interest:** Tennessee Code Annotated 5-21-121 is attached for bidders reference. Any firm, corporation, partnership, association or individual submitting a bid on this procurement affirms that they are in compliance with the State of Tennessee statute.

**Investment Activities with Iran:** Tennessee Code Annotated 12-12-106 is attached for bidders reference. Any firm, corporation, partnership, association or individual submitting a bid on this procurement must affirm that they are in compliance with the State of Tennessee statute.

**Boycott of Israel:** The Contractor certifies that it is not currently engaged in, and will not for the duration of the contract engage in, a boycott of Israel as defined by Tenn. Code Ann. § 12-4-119. This provision shall not apply to contracts with a total value of less than two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) or to contractors with less than ten (10) employees. Any firm, corporation, partnership, association or individual submitting a bid on this procurement must affirm that they are in compliance with the State of Tennessee statute.

## CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Name of Dealer			
Dealer's address:			
Dealer's Phone #:			
Sales Contact:			
Service Location:			
Bus Model:			
Unit Price:	\$	each	
Delivery date:			
Signature:			
Date:			
Bus Specifications		Check one	List / Explain Exception
		YES	NO
Year Model	new 2025 or later model Transit style School Bus		
Seating Capacity	78 passengers built on 84 passenger shell		
Delivery	Delivered to the Cumberland County School Bus Garage		
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 with 24,000 miles bumper to bumper		
Engine Warranty	5 years / 100,000 miles		
Transmission Warranty	7 years unlimited miles		
Towing Coverage	engine problems minimum two years		

Bus Specifications		Check one		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 18.7 CFM			
Air dryer	Bendix AD-IP with heater			
Air tanks	3 to 4 tanks and minimum of 5,900 cubic inch capacity			
Air tanks	remote skirt mtd access door to drain all air tanks			
Alternator	240 amp Leece Neville			
Axle , front	13,200 lbs. w/ oil lubed hubs			
Axle, rear	20,000 lbs.			
Batteries	three group 31 w/3000 CCA minimum			
Batteries	battery tray to include heavy duty roller ball bearings			
Battery	battery cut-off switch located exterior away from driver			
Block Heater	Minimum 750 watt w/ receptacle mtd to frt fender area			
Brakes	Air operated Disc Front and rear			
Brakes	ABS with electronic stability control			
Brakes, front	Air Disc, largest possible			
Brakes, rear	Air Disc, largest possible			
Bumper 3/16" steel, front	reinforced w/ air operated crossing arm			
Bumper 1/4" steel, rear	reinforced			
Driveline	Guards around each shaft			
Engine Rating	minimum 220 HP and 600 ft. lbs tq.			
Engine Type	Inline 6 cylinder diesel			
Engine Warranty	5 years - 100K miles			
Engine Exhaust Brake	Include engine turbo 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	Hourmeter, Transmission temperature gauge,			
Instruments	Air filter restriction indicator, tachometer, fuel gauge			
Instruments	Cruise Control			
Instruments	Heavy Duty turn signal steering column mtd			
Shocks	front and rear			
Suspension, front	springs front suspension w/ 13,200 lb minimum GVWR			
Springs, rear	Air ride rear suspension w/ 20,000 lb minimum GVWR			

	Bus Specifications	Check one		List / Explain Exception
		YES	NO	
Starting aid	Grid heater			
Steering wheel	Tilt & Telescope			
Tires	Front tires to be balanced and aligned			
Tires	6 - Tubeless radial 11R22.5 16 ply			
Tires	HanKook or Michelin			
Tow hooks	Front & rear mounted			
Transmission	Allison PTS 2500 Series automatic 5 speed, 7 year warranty			
Transmission	With internal or external cooler, and water filter			
Wheel Base	211" to 232" needed for 27" knee clearance			
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 with lock			
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 powere 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,			
Document Holder	6" x 9" document holder mounted at front header			
Driver's Storage	Driver's storage pouch at rear of driver's seat or barrier			
Fenders	Frt & Rear rubber or metal fenders over each wheelwell			
Header Storage	Safety Compartment in front header - 10" x 42"			
Emergency exits	4 - push out windows w/ buzzers			
Emergency exits	2 - roof hatches w/ buzzers			
Flooring	Black			
Flooring	Composite aisle trim			
Flooring	rubber over wheelhousings			
Flooring	5/8" exterior grade plywood subfloor for complete bus			
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 heater booster pump for rear heater			
Heaters	Dash mounted water regulator valve			
Heaters	Dual heater cut off valves			

	Bus Specifications	Check one		List / Explain Exception
		YES	NO	
Identification	6" Black letters, " <b>CUMBERLAND COUNTY SCHOOLS</b> "			
Identification	6" numbers, sides, front, rear			
Insulation	2" thick insulation in roof, front, rear, and side walls			
Insulation	1/2" sound absorbing foam installed under driver toeboard			
Insulation	Noise reduction pkg, include perforated ceiling driver" area			
Lights	Side mounted directional, front & rear amber directional 7"			
Lights	Exterior stepwell light mounted at side skirt			
Lights	headlights w/daytime running & alternating w/ warnings			
Lights	Warning lights to be halogen bulbs with individual hoods			
Lights	Clearance & Cluster lights to be flush mounted or armored			
Lights	LED reverse light mounted under body behind rear axle			
Lights	Rear roof mounted strobe light w/ guard			
Lights	16 light Monitor mtd front bulkhead area			
Luggage	34 cu. ft. box mtd curb side between the wheelwells			
Luggage	include locks, lights, and shocks to hold door up			
Mirrors	Interior - 6" 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 & meet fmvss standard			
Mud Flaps	Front and rear mud flaps full length			
Noise Switch	Maintained switch - dash mounted			
Paint	Roof to be painted white			
Parts Report	Copy of complete Bus Parts printout			
Radio	AM/FM/PA/CD/w/ 8 speakers, weather band, reverse mute			
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	All Out warning device to include dome lights activation			
Safety Compartment	Flares to be mounted in bulk head compartment			
Seat Frames	Frames to be black powder coated			
Seat Space	27" minimum knee space, built on 84 passenger shell			
Seat Space	Include floorplan demonstrating 27" knee room and 29" minimum seat spacing needed for our larger students			
Seat Space				
Seats / Driver	Heated high back, air operated with dual shocks			
Seats / Driver	include tilt back, fabric insert, adjustable back			
Seats / Driver	Lap and shoulder belt , right and left side arm rest			
Seats / Driver	drivers storage pouch and seat belt cutter			

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		YES	NO	
Seats / Passenger	39" DOT fire block upholstery- Brown or gray			
Side Panels	Interior - Aluminized steel side walls			
Solenoid	Disconnect all body circuits			
Stepwell	3 step, include stepwell guard under entrance door			
Stepwell	To include white floor step nosing			
Stoparms (2)	Dual signs-reflectorized upper & lower strobing LED lights			
Two Way Radio	Installed two-way radio compatible with existing fleet			
Vents	2 - driver's fresh air & static roof vent			
Windows, Passenger	Black aluminum frames , 12" opening w/ dark tint include rear			
Windows Driver	Double sliding, aluminum sash, tempered			
Windshield	One piece for maximum driver's sight, tinted & shaded			
Windshield	2 grip handles above windshield			
Wipers	Dual switches with high, low, & Intermittent speeds			
Wiring	Color & number coded			
Wiring/ Accessory	12 volt outlet for cell phone in instrument panel			
Circuit Breakers	manually resetting breakers for body and chassis			
<b>ADD TO BUS UNIT PRICE</b>				
Camera	Seon TH6- digital 4 camera system to include triggers, GPS, and wide angle lenses. Two 20' cables and two 50' cables, part numbers 2-HDU01AN20, 2-HD3U01AN50. Complete installation of camera system.		\$	

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

**5-21-121. Conflicts of interest.**

**(a)**

**(1)** The director, purchasing agent, members of the committee, members of the county legislative body, other officials of the county, members of the board of education, members of the highway commission, and employees of the finance department and purchasing department shall not have a direct interest in the purchase of supplies, materials, equipment, or contractual services for the county. As used in this subdivision (a)(1):

**(A)** "Controlling interest" means sufficient ownership in a business or company to control policy and management, including the ownership or control of the largest number of outstanding shares owned by any single individual in a business or company; and

**(B)** "Direct interest" means a contract with a person personally or with a business in which the person is the proprietor, a partner, or the person having the controlling interest in the business.

**(2)** Such persons shall not have an indirect interest in the purchase of supplies, materials, equipment, or contractual services for the county unless the person publicly acknowledges the interest. A person who is not a member of a governing body and who is required to publicly acknowledge an indirect interest must do so by reporting the interest to the office of the county mayor to be compiled into a list that must be maintained as a public record. As used in this subdivision (a)(2), "indirect interest" means a contract in which a person is interested, but not directly so, and includes contracts where the person is directly interested and is the sole supplier of goods or services in the county.

**(b)** No firm, corporation, partnership, association or individual furnishing any such supplies, materials, equipment or contractual services, shall give or offer nor shall the director or purchasing agent or any assistant or employee accept or receive directly or indirectly from any person, firm, corporation, partnership or association to whom any contract may be awarded, by rebate, gift or otherwise, any money or other things of value whatsoever, or any promise, obligation or contract for future reward or compensation.

**Receipt is acknowledged and confirmation of compliance with the statute is hereby affirmed:**

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

**Authorized Representative Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Print Name & Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

\*\*\* Current through 2017 Regular Session (Chapter 453) \*\*\*

Title 12 Public Property, Printing And Contracts  
Chapter 12 Iran Divestment Act

Tenn. Code Ann. § 12-12-106 (2017)

**12-12-106. List of persons engaging in investment activities in Iran -- Ineligibility to contract with state.**

**(a) (1)** No more than one hundred twenty (120) days after July 1, 2016, the state chief procurement officer shall publish, using credible information freely available to the public, a list of persons it determines engage in investment activities in Iran, as described in § 12-12-105. The list, when completed, shall be posted on the state's web site.

**(2)** The chief procurement officer shall update the list every one hundred eighty (180) days, using credible, freely available, public information regarding the persons or entities described in subdivision (a)(1).

**(3)** Before finalizing an initial list or an updated list, as reasonably practicable, the chief procurement officer shall do all of the following before a person is included on the list:

**(A)** Provide ninety (90) days' written notice of the chief procurement officer's intent to include the person on the list, if the state is reasonably able to provide the written notice by electronic communication or through the U.S. postal service. The notice shall inform the person that inclusion on the list would make the person ineligible to contract with the state. The notice shall specify that the person, if it ceases its engagement in investment activities in Iran, may be removed from the list.

**(B)** The chief procurement officer shall provide a person with an informal opportunity to comment in writing that it is not engaged in investment activities in Iran. If the person demonstrates to the chief procurement officer that the person is not engaged in investment activities in Iran, the person shall not be included on the list. Nothing in this section requires a contested case hearing as set forth in the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5. A person contesting being placed on the list described in subsection (a) shall exhaust all administrative remedies provided in this section prior to the initiation of any judicial review of being placed on such list.

**(4)** The chief procurement officer shall make every effort to avoid erroneously including a person on the list.

**(b)** A person that is identified on a list created pursuant to subsection (a) as a person engaging in investment activities in Iran as described in § 12-12-105, is ineligible to contract with the state.

**(c)** Any contract entered into with a person that is ineligible to contract with the state shall be terminated by the state.

**HISTORY:** Acts 2016, ch. 817, § 1.

“By submission of this bid, each bidder and each person signing on behalf of any bidder certifies, and in the case of a joint bid each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of its knowledge and belief that each bidder is not on the list created pursuant to §12-12-106.”

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

**Authorized Representative Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Print Name & Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

## Tenn. Code Ann. § 12-4-119

Copy Citation

Current through the 2022 Regular Session.

### **12-4-119. Certification that company not engaged in boycott of Israel.**

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(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Boycott of Israel" means engaging in refusals to deal, terminating business activities, or other commercial actions that are intended to limit commercial relations with Israel, or companies doing business in or with Israel or authorized by, licensed by, or organized under the laws of the State of Israel to do business, or persons or entities doing business in Israel, when such actions are taken:

(A) In compliance with, or adherence to, calls for a boycott of Israel; or

(B) In a manner that discriminates on the basis of nationality, national origin, religion, or other unreasonable basis, and is not based on a valid business reason;

(2) "Company" means a for-profit or not-for-profit organization, association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, limited liability company, or other entity or business association, including all wholly owned subsidiaries, majority-owned subsidiaries, parent companies, or affiliates of those entities or business associations;

(3) "Israel" means the State of Israel and Israeli-controlled territories; and

(4) "Public entity" means this state or any political subdivision thereof, including all boards, commissions, agencies, institutions, authorities, counties, municipalities, and other bodies politic and corporate of this state, created by or in accordance with state law or rule.

(b) A public entity shall not enter into a contract with a company to acquire or dispose of services, supplies, information technology, or construction unless the contract includes a written certification that the company is not currently engaged in, and will not for the duration of the contract engage in, a boycott of Israel.

(c) This section does not apply to a contract with a total potential value of less than two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) or to contractors with less than ten (10) employees.

(d) A contract entered into on or after July 1, 2022, that fails to comply with this section is void.

(e) The commissioner of finance and administration or the commissioner's designee may promulgate rules to implement this section so long as the rules are consistent with this section and do not create exceptions to it.

(f) This section does not diminish or infringe upon a right protected under the constitution of this state or the first amendment to the constitution of the United States.

(g) This section must not be construed to conflict with local, state, or federal discrimination laws.

***Boycott of Israel. The Contractor certifies that it is not currently engaged in, and will not for the duration of the contract engage in, a boycott of Israel as defined by Tenn. Code Ann. § 12-4-119. This provision shall not apply to contracts with a total value of less than two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) or to contractors with less than ten (10) employees.***

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

**Authorized Representative Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Print Name & Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

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