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WHITE COUNTY, TENNESSEE
Bid Package
for
Bid Number: 2015-0226-01-003

Model 2015 or later Type C School Buses

Bid Opening:
February 26, 2015
2:00pm Central Time

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Invitation to bid

Description of items/services requested:

The White County Government is soliciting bids for the purchase of one or more 78-passenger, model 2015 or later Type C school buses.

General Requirements:

Proposals, bids, or responses will be accepted by the White County Department of Finance no later than **2:00 p.m. February 26, 2015** (local time). Every document must be enclosed in an envelope clearly marked as a bid document. Any response, bid or proposal received after the above deadline shall be considered late, and will not be opened or considered. Bid prices must be valid for no less than twelve (12) months from the date of the bid.

All documents shall be submitted to the following address:

Chad S. Marcum, Director of Finance
White County Department of Finance
Courthouse Room 204
1 East Bockman Way
Sparta, Tennessee 38583

Specifications:

Type C (Conventional) 78-passenger, model 2015 or later school bus:

- See detailed specifications attached

White County is requiring that all bidders have a fully licensed in-state sales and service facility. Factory direct deliveries are not acceptable; product must have a pre-delivery inspection at an in-state facility. Any bus that is submitted for bid must meet all applicable state and federal school bus requirements.

This bid is being made for the 2016 fiscal year, which begins July 1, 2015. Therefore, White County will not accept invoices for any bus purchased under this bid until after July 1, 2015. However, delivery is required by July 30, 2015.

Alternate bids and specifications are not acceptable unless specifically asked for and /or authorized.



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General Bidding Procedures

Bid Limit: White County requires all purchases over \$10,000 to be acquired by sealed competitive bids. Exceptions: Fuel, emergency purchases, and any items excluded by statute

Location: All bids must be submitted to the White County Department of Finance at or before the announced deadline.

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Bid Document: For certain projects the Owner will supply a bid form to be completed by the bidder. When such forms are issued, only bids returned with the proper forms will be accepted. Envelopes must be sealed and marked as a bid document. Any bid may be withdrawn prior to the day, date and time as set forth in the "bid invitation". On construction related bids, the envelope must contain the following information visible from the outside: TN License number, expiration date, classifications and limitations.

Electronic transmissions: Electronic transmissions will not be accepted except when in the course of the bidding process addendums or other notifications of errors on behalf of the owner places an undue hardship upon prospective bidders. Written notification by the owner must precede the acceptance of Facsimile transmissions.

Bid Bond: For construction related bids, in excess of \$25,000 dollars, the owner requires a bid bond equal to five percent of the total price of the bid. Contracts for the services of a construction manager shall require a bid bond in the amount of ten percent. The owner may request bonds on other services as determined by the Finance Department.

Performance Bond: For construction related bids, in excess of \$25,000 dollars, the owner requires a performance bond equal to one hundred percent of the contract price. The owner may request bonds other services as determined by the Finance Department.

Payment Bond: For construction related bids, in excess of \$25,000 dollars, the owner requires a payment bond equal to one hundred percent of the contract price except as stipulated under T.C.A. 12-4-201. The owner may request bonds other services as determined by the Finance Department.

Disclosures by bidders: For construction bids in excess of \$25,000 interested bidders must include the following information on the outside of the envelope containing the bid document: Name, License number, Expiration date thereof, and license classification of the contractors applying to bid as stated in T.C.A. 62-6-119. For construction bids less than \$25,000, the name only is required. White County maintains a drug-free workplace and requires all bidders for construction contracts to comply with T.C.A. 50-9-114.

Laws and Regulations: The bidder's attention is directed to the fact that all applicable state laws, municipal ordinances, and the rules and regulations of all authorities having jurisdiction over construction of the project shall apply to the contract throughout, and they will be deemed to be included in the contract the same as though herein written out in full. Bidders may be required to provide proof of valid business license and Workers Compensation Insurance if required by law.

Sub-contracts: The Bidder is specifically advised that any person, firm, or other party to whom it is proposed to award a sub-contract under this contract must be acceptable to the Owner.



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Award of Contract: The owner (White County) further reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any and all informalities and to negotiate contract terms with the successful bidder, and the right to disregard all non-conforming, non-responsive or conditional bids. White County may conduct such investigations as it deems necessary to assist in the evaluation of any bid to establish the responsibility, qualifications, and financial ability of the bidder, proposed sub-contractors and other persons and organizations to perform the work in accordance with the contract documents to the bidder who does not pass any such evaluation to the owner's satisfaction. The contract shall be awarded to the lowest, best and most responsible bidder, whose evaluation by the owner indicates to the owner that the award will be in the best interest of White County. It is also understood that the "apparent low bidder" will be announced at the bid opening; however the "successful bidder", who may or may not be the lowest bidder, will not be announced until all issues, which include, but are not limited to quality, service, conformity to specifications, etc. have been resolved and until a period of review has been completed by the County. White County does not enter into contracts which provide for mediation or arbitration.

Construction Contracts – Retainage: The Owner will retain five percent of funds on contracts over \$500,000 dollars per T.C.A. 66-11-144.

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964: All interested parties, without regard of race, color or national origin, shall be afforded the opportunity to bid and shall receive equal consideration. Title VI states "No person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program activity receiving Federal financial assistance." White County strives to protect individuals' civil rights through active compliance with the requirements of Title VI.

Warranty: The vendor shall provide warranty information on the equipment, components and items bid with the bid submittal.

Payments: Invoices that are submitted by the awarded bidder are required to provide accurate and current addresses. Payment terms shall be specified in the bid response, including any discounts for early payment. The Finance Department of White County discourages the practice of picking up checks in person, unless there is an emergency situation.

Errors in Bids: When an error is made in extending total prices, the unit bid price will govern. Carelessness in quoting prices or in preparation of bid otherwise, will not relieve the bidder. Erasures or changes to bids must be initialed. Any alteration, erasure, addition to or omission of required information, change of the specifications or bidding schedule, is made at the risk of the bidder.

Taxes: White County is tax exempt.

Tie Bids: If two or more bidders submit identical bids and is equally qualified; selection shall be made at the discretion of the county based on performance.

Contractors, Subcontractors and employees: If work is to be performed during regular school hours when children are present, the county reserves the right to require background checks, dress codes and certain ethical standards of all employees on school property.

Specification details: These specifications have been designed to meet a certain level of quality as well as to standardize certain components. In numerous places reference to specific brands of components may have been made. This has been done to establish a certain level of quality and in no way is an attempt to write out vendors of similar or equal equipment components.



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Bid Form

Project: 78-passenger, model 2015 or later Type C school bus

Bid Date: February 26, 2015; 2:00p.m. central time

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Contact: _____

Email Address: _____

Bid Item: Type C (Conventional) 78-passenger, model 2015 or later school bus

Bid Amount: _____ Dollars.

(\$ _____) (*per bus price*)

Anticipated Delivery Date: _____

All responses must be accompanied by the attached specifications indicating all exceptions and deviations.

Signature: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____



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Advertisement for Bid

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Bid No. 2015-0226-01-003

Take notice that the Director of Finance for White County shall accept sealed written bids for the purchase of one or more 78-passenger, model 2015 or later Type C school buses.

Proposals, bids, or responses must be submitted to the office of the Director of Finance, Room 204, White County Courthouse, Sparta, Tennessee, 38583, no later than 2:00 P.M. central time, February 26, 2015 at which time the bids will be opened and considered.

Copies of bid documents may be obtained at whitecountyttn.gov/bids

The owner (White County) further reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any and all informalities and to negotiate contract terms with the successful bidder, and the right to disregard all nonconforming, non-responsive or conditional bids.

Chad S. Marcum
Director of Finance
Publication Date: 02/12/2015

White County, Tennessee
School Bus Detailed Specifications
78 Passenger Conventional

Name of Bidder: _____

1. Bidder must have a fully licensed in-state sales and service facility.
 State Dealer's License Number: _____
2. Salesman's License Number: _____
3. You **must** return a copy of these specs with your bid response noting all exceptions and deviations.
4. Factory direct deliveries are not acceptable, product must have a pre-delivery inspection at in-state facility.
5. All bids must meet ALL state and federal school bus requirements.

<i>Equipment</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>YES</i>	<i>NO</i>	<i>List Exception</i>
Bus Type	New 2015 or later, Type C			
Seating Capacity	78			
Delivery	763 Millers Point Road; Sparta, TN 38583			
Service Training	Provide a minimum of 12 hours product service training at no charge for body and chassis components			
Bid Price	Bid price should be valid and firm for a period of 12 months from the bid opening date.			
Bus Warranty	24 months/24,000 miles bumper to bumper (minimum)			
Engine warranty	5 years/100,000 miles min 2 years towing			
Transmission	5 years/unlimited mileage			
Manual	include manual with bus			

<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>List Exception</u>
<u>CHASSIS</u>				
Axle Ratio	capable of 75 mph; minimum TN requirements			
Air Cleaner	Replaceable element			
Air Compressor	18.0 CFM or equivalent			
Air dryer	Minimum TN Requirements			
Air tanks	Minimum TN Requirements			
Alternator	Minimum TN Requirements			
Axle , front	12,000 lbs. utilizing king pin needle bearings, oil bath bearings, greaseable tire rod ends			
Axle, rear	21,000 lbs.			
Batteries	Three Batteries, Group31 2100 CCAs or equivalent			
Block Heater	750 watts or equivalent			
Brakes	Minimum TN Requirements			
Bumper	Minimum TN Requirements			
Driveline	Guards around each shaft			
Engine Rating	520 FT 200 H.P. minimum			
Engine Rating	To meet EPA emissions with On Board Diagnostics			
Engine Type	Cummins 6.7 Inline 6 cylinder diesel w/exhaust brake			
Exhaust	Minimum TN Requirements			
Frame	50,000 lbs. psi			
Fuel filter	Spin on type at the engine			

<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>List Exception</u>
Fuel / Water separator	Minimum TN Requirements			
Fuel Tank	Minimum TN Requirements			
High/low Idle switch	Dash mounted			
Instrument cluster	displays active fault codes for engine and ABS, 12 volt outlet			
Gauges	Speedometer, Voltmeter, Oil Pressure, Dual Air Gauges, Trip Hours, Trip Miles, Engine Hours, Odometer, Cruise Control, Tachometer			
Gauges	Displays Active Fault Codes of Engine			
Gauges	Air Filter Restriction Indicator			
Gauges	Transmission Temperature			
Shocks	Front and Rear			
Springs, front	Minimum TN Requirements			
Springs, rear	Minimum TN Requirements			
Starting aid	Grid heater			
Steering	Tilt / Telescope adjustments			
Tires	6 - Tubeless radial 11R22.5 front 16 ply, HWY tread (No PDF groove) Rear 16 ply HWY tread. All tires to be balanced.			
Tow hooks	Front and rear mounted			
Transmission	Allison 2500 Series automatic 5 speed, with cooler; Transynd fluid installed			
Wheels	Disc, 22.5 X 7.5 or equivalent; Hub piloted			
Wiring	Color & number coded, main harness protected by loom			
<u>BODY</u>				
Paint	Minimum TN Requirements			

<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>List Exception</u>
Paint	White Roof (list as optional addition, <u>do not</u> include in bid price)			
Backing Horn	Minimum TN Requirements			
Battery Box	with Sliding Tray			
Body Mounts	Minimum TN Requirements			
Compartment	glove box for driver storage			
Child Reminder	installed system that meets state spec			
Crossing Arm	Minimum TN Requirements			
Defroster fans	Dual 6" dash mounted fans			
Door, emergency	Minimum TN Requirements			
Door, entrance	Outward opening air operated, 3-way switch, vandal lock			
Document Holder	9.5" x 13" document holder mounted at front header			
Driver's Storage	Driver's storage pouch at rear of driver's seat or barrier			
Emergency exits	Minimum TN Requirements			
Fenders	Minimum TN Requirements			
Flooring	Minimum TN Requirements			
Fuel Door	Fuel door with latch and "DIESEL FUEL" label			
Headroom	Minimum TN Requirements			
Heaters	Front and Rear Heater; Defrost System			
Heaters	Rear heater booster pump			
Heaters	Dual heater cut off valves			

<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>List Exception</u>
Identification	6" Black letters, both sides			
Identification	6" numbers, sides, front, rear			
Insulation	Minimum TN Requirements			
Lights	Minimum TN Requirements			
Mirrors	Minimum TN Requirements			
Mirrors	Heated Exterior - double 7" x10"			
Mirrors	Heated Crossover mirrors			
Monitor	Exterior Light Monitor (viewable from driver seat)			
Mud Flaps	Front and Rear			
Noise	Dash mounted noise suppression switch			
Radio	AM, FM, CD with PA system, 8 speakers			
Reflective Tape	Minimum TN Requirements			
Reflectors	to be mechanically attached			
Roof Bows	Minimum TN Requirements			
Rub rails	Minimum TN Requirements			
Safety	Fire extinguishers, Body fluid kit, Triangles, First aid kit			
Seat Frames	Minimum TN Requirements			
Seat Space	Minimum TN Knee Space, <u>include seat plan drawing</u>			
Seats / Driver	Air, High back with tilt back, fabric insert, lumbar adjustment			
Seats / Driver	Lap and adjustable shoulder belt			

<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>List Exception</u>
Seats / Passenger	Minimum TN Requirements			
Side Panels	Minimum TN Requirements			
Solenoid	Disconnect all body circuits			
Step Well	Minimum TN Requirements			
Stop Arm	Air operated with LED lights			
Vents	Minimum TN Requirements			
Surveillance System	R4w01 REI Digital Bus Watch System with 3 IR Cameras (2-2.8, 1-4.0); Event Marker; GPS.			
Surveillance System	Placement of cameras in bus to be determined in consultation with White County.			
Two-Way Radio	Two-Way Radio Installed; Radio must be compatible with current fleet equipment			
Windows, Passenger	Dark Tinted Glass			
Windows Driver	Double sliding, aluminum sash, tempered			
Windshield	Minimum TN Requirements			
Wipers	Intermittent wipers			
Wiring	Body harness integrated into chassis harness, solid state protection, Multiplex wiring system, color and number coded			

This form must be completed and returned with the Bid Form, which indicates the bid price.