

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed proposals will be received for approximately eighty-one (81) or more school buses by the Metropolitan Educational Council (MEC) on behalf of twenty-four (24) or more member School Boards of Education and DD at the office of the MEC, 2100 City Gate Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43219 until 12:00 noon EDST, Friday, October 2, 2009, and will be publicly opened and recorded thereafter. All current members of the MEC are eligible to participate in this bid. No bid shall be permitted to be withdrawn without the express approval of the MEC except as provided under the Ohio Revised Code and said bid shall be firm for sixty-five days (65) from date received. All bids and the MEC Cooperative School Bus Program evaluations will be sent to each participating member Boards of Education that will then review and accept or reject their desired bids.

Separate and independent bids will be received with respect to the chassis/body type or integrated units and will state that the buses when assembled and prior to delivery, shall comply with all participating member school district specifications, all safety regulations and current Ohio minimum standards for school bus construction as per the Department of Education adopted by and with the consent of the director of highway safety pursuant to section 4511.01 of the Ohio Revised Code and all other pertinent provisions of law for the following school bus chassis and bodies:

- 7 - 47/48 passenger conventional handicapped buses
- 10 - 48/54 passenger transit diesel handicapped buses
- 4 - 65/66 passenger conventional diesel handicapped buses
- 4 - 71 passenger conventional diesel handicapped buses
- 8 - 72 passenger transit diesel puller (forward control) handicapped buses
- 2 - 78 passenger transit diesel handicapped buses
- 16 - 71/72 passenger conventional diesel buses
- 7 - 72 passenger transit diesel puller (forward control) buses
- 4 - 77/78 passenger conventional diesel buses
- 4 - 78 passenger transit diesel puller (forward control) buses
- 15 - 84 passenger transit diesel puller (forward control) buses

Instructions to bidders and specifications for the above bus units are on file and may be obtained at the office of the MEC, 2100 CityGate Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43219 on behalf of the Boards of Education of the following participating member school districts:

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| Amanda-Clearcreek Local, Fairfield County | New Albany-Plain Local, Franklin County |
| Circleville City, Pickaway County | Northmor Local, Morrow County |
| Centerburg Local, Knox County | North Union Local, Union County |
| Clear Fork Local, Richland County | Pleasant Local, Marion County |
| Delaware City, Delaware County | Riverside Local, Logan County |
| Fairfield Union Local, Fairfield County | Rootstown Local, Portage County |
| Franklin Co. Board of DD, Franklin County | Teays Valley, Pickaway County |
| Granville Ex. Village, Licking County | Upper Arlington City, Franklin County |
| Hamilton Local Schools, Franklin County | Urbana City, Champaign County |
| Hilliard City, Franklin County | Valley Local, Scioto County |
| Jefferson Local, Madison County | Westerville City, Franklin County |
| Liberty Union-Thurston Local, Fairfield County | Worthington City, Franklin County |

A bid bond in the full amount of the bid, or a certified check in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the combined base bid plus additive alternatives made out in favor of the Fiscal Officer of the Metropolitan Educational Council is required with all bids.

The MEC and participating member Boards of Education/DD reserve the right to accept or reject any and all bids. Each participating member Board of Education/DD shall accept or reject and contract directly with the School Bus Chassis and Body supplier as per specifications as provided and selected by said member Board of Education.

Metropolitan Educational Council
Susan K. Ward, Fiscal Officer
P.D. September 3 & 10, 2009