

INVITATION TO BID**STATE OF LOUISIANA**Calcasieu Parish School System
Office of Purchasing

BIDS WILL BE PUBLICLY OPENED:

Date & Time: 1/7/14 @ 10:00 A.M.

=====> SOLICITATION #: 2014-37

OPENING DATE: Jan 7, 2014

=====> **VENDOR NAME AND ADDRESS**
Ross Bus & Equipment Sales, Inc
2913 N. Bolton Ave.
Alexandria, LA 71303
Attn: Bruce Ross

**FILL IN VENDOR NAME AND CONTACT NAME,
ADDRESS ABOVE, BEFORE SUBMITTING BID.**

RETURN BID TO

Joseph E. Feucht
Supervisor of Purchasing
Calcasieu Parish School System
3310 Broad Street Room 1300
Lake Charles, LA 70615

BUYER : ANDY ARDOIN
BUYER PHONE : (337) 217-4000
REQ. DEPARTMENT : TRANSPORTATION +
OFFICE OF PURCHASING
VENDOR PHONE :
FISCAL YEAR : 2014
SCHEDULED END DATE : Jan 7, 2014

ITEM(S) FOR: SCHOOL BUSES

TO BE COMPLETED BY VENDOR

1. 90 DELIVERY WILL BE MADE IN THIS NUMBER OF DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF PURCHASE ORDER
2. _____ % CASH DISCOUNT FOR PROMPT PAYMENT IF MADE WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS. CASH DISCOUNTS FOR LESS THAN 30 DAYS OR LESS THAN ONE (1) PERCENT WILL BE ACCEPTED, BUT WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED IN AWARD DETERMINATION.
3. N/R BID BOND ATTACHED, N/R CERTIFIED CHECK ATTACHED, _____ OTHER, IF REQUIRED
4. _____ BID REFERENCE NUMBER. (THIS NUMBER WILL APPEAR ON RESULTING PURCHASE ORDER OR CONTRACT).
2014-37

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

1. X READ THE ENTIRE BID, INCLUDING ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS
 2. X ALL BID PRICES **MUST** BE TYPED OR WRITTEN IN INK. ANY CORRECTIONS, ERASURES OR OTHER FORMS OF ALTERATIONS TO UNIT PRICES SHOULD BE INITIALED BY THE BIDDER.
 3. X THIS BID IS TO BE SIGNED MANUALLY IN INK.
 4. X BID PRICES SHALL INCLUDE DELIVERY OF ALL ITEMS F.O.B. LAKE CHARLES, LA OR AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED. BIDS CONTAINING "PAYMENT IN ADVANCE" OR "C. O. D." REQUIREMENTS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE. PAYMENT IS TO BE MADE WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF PROPERLY EXECUTED INVOICE OR DELIVERY, WHICHEVER IS LATER. NO "SHORT PAYMENT" OF INVOICES ARE ALLOWED
 5. X PERFORMANCE BOND BY SUCCESSFUL VENDOR ON ALL ORDERS WILL BE 50% OF ORDER DUE 10 DAYS AFTER NOTIFICATION OF AWARD.
 6. X DESIRED DELIVERY 45 DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF ORDER OR SOONER
- ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT ANY ITEM SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO BUYER AND PURCHASING DEPARTMENT.

CONDITIONS CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE

VENDOR PHONE NUMBER:

FAX NUMBER: 318-445-3365

TITLE President

DATE 1-6-14

SIGNATURE OF BIDDER
(MUST BE SIGNED)

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<p>7. TO ASSURE CONSIDERATION OF YOUR BID, ALL BIDS AND ADDENDA SHOULD BE RETURNED IN AN ENVELOPE OR PACKAGE CLEARLY MARKED WITH THE BID OPENING DATE AND THE BID NUMBER, OR SUBMITTED IN THE SPECIAL ENVELOPE IN FURNISHED FOR THAT PURPOSE</p> <p>8. BIDS SUBMITTED ARE SUBJECT TO PROVISIONS OF THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO L.R.S. 39:1551-1736; PURCHASING RULES AND REGULATIONS; EXECUTIVE ORDERS; STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS; SPECIAL CONDITIONS; AND SPECIFICATIONS LISTED IN THIS SOLICITATION</p> <p>9. IMPORTANT: BY SIGNING THE BID, THE BIDDER CERTIFIED COMPLIANCE WITH ALL INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS, TERMS, CONDITIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS, AND FURTHER CERTIFIED THAT THIS BID IS MADE WITHOUT COLLUSION OR FRAUD. THIS BID IS TO BE MANUALLY SIGNED IN INK BY A PERSON AUTHORIZED TO BIND THE VENDOR (SEE NO. 30). ALL BID INFORMATION SHALL BE MADE WITH INK OR TYPEWRITTEN</p> <p>10. ADDRESS ALL INQUIRIES AND CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BUYER AT THE PHONE AND ADDRESS SHOWN ABOVE.</p> <p>11. CONFERENCE: IN SOME CASES, NON-MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCES MAY BE HELD.</p> <p>12. BID FORMS. ALL WRITTEN BIDS, UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED FOR, MUST BE SUBMITTED ON, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH, FORMS PROVIDED, PROPERLY SIGNED (SEE NO. 30). BIDS SUBMITTED IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED: A. BID CONTAINS NO SIGNATURE INDICATING INTENT TO BE BOUND; B. BID FILLED OUT IN PENCIL; AND C. BID NOT SUBMITTED ON THE DISTRICT'S STANDARD FORMS. D. BIDS WITH MORE THAN ONE PRICE PER ITEM BIDS MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE ADDRESS SPECIFIED IN THE SOLICITATION PRIOR TO BID OPENING TIME IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED. TELEGRAPHIC AND FAX ALTERATIONS TO BIDS RECEIVED BEFORE BID OPENING TIME WILL BE CONSIDERED PROVIDED FORMAL BID AND WRITTEN ALTERATION HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AND TIME-STAMPED BEFORE BID OPENING TIME. ENTIRE BID SHOULD BE RETURNED, EXCEPT ITEM PAGES NOT BID.</p> <p>13. STANDARDS OF QUALITY. ANY PRODUCT OR SERVICE BID SHALL CONFORM TO ALL APPLICABLE FEDERAL AND STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS AND THE SPECIFICATIONS CONTAINED IN THE SOLICITATION. UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED IN THE SOLICITATION, ANY MANUFACTURER'S NAME, TRADE NAME, BRAND NAME, OR CATALOG NUMBER USED IN THE SPECIFICATION IS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DESCRIBING THE STANDARD OF QUALITY, PERFORMANCE, AND CHARACTERISTICS DESIRED AND IS NOT INTENDED TO LIMIT OR RESTRICT COMPETITION. BIDDER MUST SPECIFY THE BRAND AND MODEL NUMBER OF THE PRODUCT OFFERED IN HIS BID. BIDS NOT SPECIFYING BRAND AND MODEL NUMBER SHALL BE CONSIDERED AS OFFERING THE EXACT PRODUCTS SPECIFIED IN THE SOLICITATION.</p> <p>14. DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION. BIDDERS PROPOSING AN EQUIVALENT BRAND OR MODEL SHOULD SUBMIT WITH THE BID INFORMATION (SUCH AS ILLUSTRATIONS, DESCRIPTIVE LITERATURE, TECHNICAL DATA) SUFFICIENT FOR CALCASIEU PARISH SCHOOL BOARD TO EVALUATE QUALITY, SUITABILITY, AND COMPLIANCE WITH THE SPECIFICATIONS IN THE SOLICITATION. FAILURE TO SUBMIT DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION MAY CAUSE BID TO BE REJECTED. ANY CHANGE MADE TO A MANUFACTURER'S PUBLISHED SPECIFICATIONS SUBMITTED FOR A PRODUCT SHALL BE VERIFIABLE BY THE MANUFACTURER. IF ITEM(S) BID DO NOT FULLY COMPLY WITH SPECIFICATIONS (INCLUDING BRAND AND/OR PRODUCT NUMBER), BIDDER MUST STATE IN WHAT RESPECT ITEM(S) DEVIATE. FAILURE TO NOTE EXCEPTIONS ON THE BID FORM WILL NOT RELIEVE THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER(S) FROM SUPPLYING THE ACTUAL PRODUCTS REQUESTED.</p> <p>15. BID OPENING. BIDDERS MAY ATTEND THE BID OPENING, BUT NO INFORMATION OR OPINIONS CONCERNING THE ULTIMATE CONTRACT AWARD WILL BE GIVEN AT THE BID OPENING OR DURING THE EVALUATION PROCESS. BIDS MAY BE EXAMINED WITHIN 72 HOURS AFTER BID OPENING. INFORMATION PERTAINING TO COMPLETED FILES MAY BE SECURED BY VISITING THE CALCASIEU PARISH SCHOOL BOARD DURING NORMAL WORKING HOURS. WRITTEN BID TABULATIONS WILL NOT BE FURNISHED UNLESS VENDOR HAS PROVIDED A SELF ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE IN ORIGINAL BID PACKET.</p> <p>16. AWARDS. THE CALCASIEU PARISH SCHOOL BOARD RESERVES THE RIGHT TO AWARD ITEMS SEPARATELY, GROUPED OR ON AN ALL-OR-NONE BASIS AND TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS THAT ARE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CALCASIEU PARISH SCHOOL BOARD.</p> <p>17. PRICES. UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED BY THE CALCASIEU PARISH SCHOOL BOARD IN THE SOLICITATION, BID PRICES MUST BE COMPLETE, INCLUDING TRANSPORTATION PREPAID TO OUR DOCK AT 3310 BROAD STREET, PRICES MUST BE FIRM FOR THE CONTRACTUAL PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED ONE CALENDAR YEAR. BIDS OTHER THAN F.O.B. DESTINATION MAY BE REJECTED. PRICES SHOULD BE QUOTED IN THE UNIT (EACH, BOX, CASE, ETC.) AS SPECIFIED IN THE SOLICITATION.</p> <p>18. DELIVERIES. BIDS MAY BE REJECTED IF THE DELIVERY TIME INDICATED IS LONGER THAN THAT SPECIFIED IN THE SOLICITATION AS INDICATED BY THE BIDDER.</p> <p>19. TAXES. VENDOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR INCLUDING ALL APPLICABLE TAXES IN THE BID PRICE. AS A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION IN THE STATE OF LOUISIANA IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATUTE, THE CALCASIEU PARISH SCHOOL SYSTEM IS EXEMPT FROM ALL STATE AND LOCAL SALES AND USE TAXES.</p> <p>20. NEW PRODUCTS. UNLESS SPECIFICALLY CALLED FOR IN THE SOLICITATION, ALL PRODUCTS FOR PURCHASE MUST BE NEW, NEVER PREVIOUSLY USED, AND THE CURRENT MODEL AND/OR PACKAGING. NO REMANUFACTURED, DEMONSTRATOR, USED OR IRREGULAR PRODUCT WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR PURCHASE UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED IN THE SOLICITATION. THE MANUFACTURER'S STANDARD WARRANTY WILL APPLY UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED IN THE SOLICITATION.</p> <p>21. CONTRACT RENEWALS. UPON AGREEMENT OF THE CALCASIEU PARISH SCHOOL BOARD AND THE VENDOR, A TERM CONTRACT MAY BE EXTENDED FOR 2 ADDITIONAL 12-MONTH PERIODS AT THE SAME PRICES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS. IN SUCH CASES, THE TOTAL CONTRACT TERM CANNOT EXCEED 36 MONTHS.</p>			

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22. CONTRACT CANCELLATION.

THE CALCASIEU PARISH SCHOOL BOARD HAS THE RIGHT TO CANCEL ANY CONTRACT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PURCHASING RULES AND REGULATIONS, FOR CAUSE, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING:

- (1) FAILURE TO DELIVER WITHIN THE TIME SPECIFIED IN THE CONTRACT;
- (2) FAILURE OF THE PRODUCT OR SERVICE TO MEET SPECIFICATIONS, CONFORM TO SAMPLE QUALITY OR TO BE DELIVERED IN GOOD CONDITION;
- (3) MISREPRESENTATION BY THE VENDOR;
- (4) FRAUD, COLLUSION, CONSPIRACY OR OTHER UNLAWFUL MEANS OF OBTAINING ANY CONTRACT WITH THE DISTRICT;
- (5) CONFLICT OF CONTRACT PROVISIONS WITH CONSTITUTIONAL OR STATUTORY PROVISIONS OF STATE OR FEDERAL LAW;
- (6) ANY OTHER BREACH OF CONTRACT.

23. DEFAULT OF CONTRACTOR.

FAILURE TO DELIVER WITHIN THE TIME SPECIFIED IN THE BID WILL CONSTITUTE A DEFAULT AND MAY CAUSE CANCELLATION OF THE CONTRACT. WHERE THE DISTRICT HAS DETERMINED THE VENDOR TO BE IN DEFAULT, THE DISTRICT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO PURCHASE ANY OR ALL PRODUCTS OR SERVICES COVERED BY THE CONTRACT ON THE OPEN MARKET AND TO CHARGE THE CONTRACTOR WITH COST IN EXCESS OF THE CONTRACT PRICE. UNTIL SUCH ASSESSED CHARGES HAVE BEEN PAID, NO SUBSEQUENT BID FROM THE DEFAULTING CONTRACTOR WILL BE CONSIDERED.

24. ORDER OF PRIORITY.

IN THE EVENT THERE IS A CONFLICT BETWEEN THE INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS OR STANDARD CONDITIONS AND THE SPECIAL CONDITIONS, THE SPECIAL CONDITIONS SHALL GOVERN.

25. APPLICABLE LAW.

ALL CONTRACTS SHALL BE CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AND GOVERNED BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA.

26. COMPLIANCE WITH CIVIL RIGHTS LAWS.

BY SUBMITTING AND SIGNING THIS BID, BIDDER AGREES TO ABIDE BY THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE FOLLOWING AS APPLICABLE: TITLE VI AND VII OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964, AS AMENDED BY THE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY ACT OF 1972, FEDERAL EXECUTIVE ORDER 11246, FEDERAL REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973, AS AMENDED, THE VETERAN'S READJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1974, TITLE IX OF THE EDUCATION AMENDMENTS OF 1972, THE AGE ACT OF 1975, AND BIDDER AGREES TO ABIDE BY THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990. BIDDER AGREES NOT TO DISCRIMINATE IN ITS EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES, AND WILL RENDER SERVICES UNDER ANY CONTRACT

ENTERED INTO AS A RESULT OF THIS SOLICITATION WITHOUT REGARD TO RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, NATIONAL ORIGIN, VETERAN STATUS, POLITICAL AFFILIATION, OR DISABILITIES. ANY ACT OF DISCRIMINATION COMMITTED BY BIDDER, OR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THESE STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS WHEN APPLICABLE, SHALL BE GROUNDS FOR TERMINATION OF ANY CONTRACT ENTERED INTO AS A RESULT OF THIS SOLICITATION.

27. SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION.

ANY "QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY" AS DEFINED BY THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT WHO HAS SUBMITTED A BID AND DESIRES TO ATTEND THE BID OPENING, MUST NOTIFY THIS OFFICE IN WRITING NOT LATER THAN SEVEN DAYS PRIOR TO THE BID OPENING DATE OF THEIR NEED FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS. IF THE REQUEST CANNOT BE REASONABLY PROVIDED, THE INDIVIDUAL WILL BE INFORMED PRIOR TO THE BID OPENING.

28. INDEMNITY.

VENDOR AGREES, UPON RECEIPT OF WRITTEN NOTICE OF A CLAIM OR ACTION, TO DEFEND THE CLAIM OR ACTION, OR TAKE OTHER APPROPRIATE MEASURE, TO INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD HARMLESS, THE CALCASIEU PARISH SCHOOL BOARD, ITS OFFICERS, ITS AGENTS AND ITS EMPLOYEES FROM AND AGAINST ALL CLAIMS AND ACTIONS FOR BODILY INJURY, DEATH OR PROPERTY DAMAGES CAUSED BY THE FAULT OF THE VENDOR, ITS OFFICERS, ITS AGENTS, OR ITS EMPLOYEES. CONTRACTOR IS OBLIGATED TO INDEMNIFY ONLY TO THE EXTENT OF THE FAULT OF THE CONTRACTOR, ITS OFFICERS, ITS AGENTS, OR ITS EMPLOYEES. HOWEVER, THE VENDOR SHALL HAVE NO OBLIGATION AS SET FORTH ABOVE WITH RESPECT TO ANY CLAIM OR ACTION FROM BODILY INJURY, DEATH OR PROPERTY DAMAGES ARISING OUT OF THE FAULT OF THE DISTRICT, ITS OFFICERS, ITS AGENTS OR ITS EMPLOYEES.

29. OTHER CONDITIONS.

VENDOR AGREES IN THE SUBMISSION OF HIS/HER BID, THAT THEY FULLY UNDERSTAND THE CONDITIONS SET FORTH IN WHICH A PERFORMANCE BOND OF FIFTY (50) PERCENT IS REQUIRED ONLY FOR THOSE ITEMS IN WHICH THE VENDOR WAS THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER. VENDOR ALSO ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THIS BOND SHALL BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TEN (10) WORKING DAYS AFTER NOTIFICATION OF AWARD IS GIVEN UNLESS ADDITIONAL TIME IS AGREED TO BY CPSB AND ITS AGENT IN CHARGE OF THIS BID.

30. SIGNATURE AUTHORITY.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH L.R.S. 39:1594 (ACT 121), THE PERSON SIGNING THE BID MUST BE:

1. A CURRENT CORPORATE OFFICER, PARTNERSHIP MEMBER OR OTHER INDIVIDUAL SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT A BID AS REFLECTED IN THE APPROPRIATE RECORDS ON FILE WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE; OR
2. AN INDIVIDUAL AUTHORIZED TO BIND THE VENDOR AS REFLECTED BY A CORPORATE RESOLUTION, CERTIFICATE OR AFFIDAVIT; OR
3. OTHER DOCUMENTS INDICATING AUTHORITY WHICH ARE ACCEPTABLE TO THE PUBLIC ENTITY.

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Bid Delivery Instructions for Calcasieu Parish School System:

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BIDDERS ARE HEREBY ADVISED THAT THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE DOES NOT ALWAYS MAKE DELIVERIES TO OUR PHYSICAL LOCATION.

Bids may be mailed through the U.S. Postal Service to our Box at:

Purchasing Department
P.O. Box 800
Lake Charles, LA 70601-0800

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<p>Bids may also be delivered by hand or courier service to our physical location as follows:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> Purchasing Department Room 1300 3310 Broad Street Lake Charles, LA 70615 </p> <p>Bids may also be submitted electronically in accordance with Act 690 of the 2008 Louisiana Legislature at</p> <p style="text-align: center;">www.centralbidding.com</p> <p style="text-align: center;">=====</p> <p style="text-align: center;">EXTREMELY IMPORTANT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">=====</p> <p>BIDDER IS SOLEY RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THAT ITS COURIER SERVICE PROVIDER MAKES <u>INSIDE DELIVERIES</u> TO OUR <u>PHYSICAL ROOM NUMBER</u> LOCATION NOTED ABOVE. BIDS SPECIFICALLY NOT DELIVERED TO ROOM 1300 AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS BY COURIER OR USPS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.</p> <p>BID DELIVERY DELAYS: the Calcasieu Parish School System is not responsible for any delays caused by the bidder's chosen means of bid delivery. Bidder is solely responsible for the timely delivery of its bid. Failure to meet the bid opening date & time shall result in rejection of the bid.</p> <p>=====</p> <p>Publicizing Awards: In accordance with bid provisions, unsuccessful bidders will be notified of the award provided they submit with their bid a self-addressed stamped envelope requesting this information.</p> <p>=====</p> <p>Terms & Conditions: This solicitation contains all terms and conditions with respect to the items herein. Any vendor contracts, forms, terms or other materials submitted with bid may cause bid to be rejected.</p> <p>The purchase order is the only binding document to be issued against this contract. Signing of vendor's forms is not allowed.</p> <p>Substitutes: Only brands and numbers stated in the award are approved for delivery under this contract and any substitution must receive "prior" written approval of the Supervisor of Purchasing or his designee.</p> <p>Price Reductions: Whenever there is a reduction in price, which is lower than originally submitted on bid, that is offered to similarly customers contracting for the same period and under the same terms and conditions, said reduction must be presented directly to the Supervisor of Purchasing for the Calcasieu Parish School System. All price offers apply to all entities of the Calcasieu Parish School Board.</p> <p>Invoices: Invoices for items on purchase orders issued will be submitted to the Calcasieu Parish School System Accounts Payable Department. Invoices <u>must</u> include the purchase order number and shall have reference to the delivery ticket number, delivery date, quantities, unit prices and delivery point. A separate invoice for each order delivered and accepted shall be submitted by the vendor in duplicate directly to the Accounts Payable department. Invoices shall show the amount of any cash discount and shall be submitted on the vendor's own invoice form.</p> <p>Payment: Payments to invoices will be made either on the basis of unit price as listed in this contract for items received only. Back ordered items, damaged or "pending" replacement items will not be paid until all items are received. These payments in no way relieved the vendor of his responsibility to effect shipment of the balance of any order. Payment will be made to vendor and address as shown on the order. The Calcasieu Parish School System cannot "short-pay" any invoice as it would be in violation of district accounting policies.</p> <p>Vendor List: The bidder who signs the bid will be designated as prime vendor on any aspect of this solicitation. If additional vendor distributors are authorized to fulfill in whole or part any portion of this solicitation, the bidder must submit with the bid, a list of those additional authorized agents or distributors, including the complete business address. The prime vendor will be responsible for the actions of any distributor and or authorized agents listed.</p> <p>Contractual Period: the Calcasieu Parish School Board intends to award all items in this solicitation for an initial period, not to exceed 12 months. Delays in awarding, beyond the anticipated starting date, may result in a change in the contract period. If this situation occurs, an award may be made for less than twelve (12) months.</p> <p>Quantities: This is an open-ended requirements solicitation. Quantities shown are based on previous usages or estimates. Where usage is not available, a quantity of one (1) may indicate a lack of history on the item. The successful bidder must supply at bid prices actual requirements as ordered whether the total of such requirements is more or less than the quantities shown.</p> <p>CDBG / EEOC Compliance Rider: By submitting and signing this bid, the bidder certifies that he agrees to adhere to the mandates dictated by Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 as amended and section 109 of the housing and community act of 1974.</p> <p>Certification of No Suspension or Debarment: By signing and submitting any bid for \$25,000 or more, the bidder certifies that their company, any subcontractors, or principals are not suspended or debarred by the General Services Administration (GSA) in accordance with the requirements in OMB Circular A-133</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A list of parties who have been suspended or debarred can be viewed via the internet at www.epls.gov</p>			

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<p>Contract Performance Evaluation: In an effort to improve our solicitations to meet the needs of the individuals we serve, the vendor's performance will be monitored. Individual feedback will be requested regarding customer service, delivery, product quality, billing, overall effectiveness of the contract, and any needed changes. Their responses will be considered in determining our options for renewals or revisions and rebidding. To view the content of the contract performance evaluation, please go to: www.cpsb.org and select the tab entitled "Current Bids". Individual reports of deficient performance will be appropriately addressed during the term of this contract.</p> <p>Extensions: At the option of the Calcasieu Parish School System and acceptance by the vendor, this contract may be extended for two additional twelve (12) month periods at the same price, terms and conditions. Total contract time may not exceed thirty-six (36) months.</p> <p>Licensing: Bidders must be properly licensed by the State of Louisiana in order to conduct business through this contract. In areas of solicitation where no license is required, bidder must be currently registered with the State of Louisiana, Secretary of State Corporations Database. Failure to be currently registered shall be reason for bid rejection.</p> <p>Permitting: By signing this document, the bidder assures the Calcasieu Parish School System that he has obtained all required permits and or certificates necessary to legally perform business transactions within the jurisdiction of the Parish of Calcasieu, and the State of Louisiana</p>			
..... END-Standard Terms & Conditions (The following pages are Product Specifications and Pricing Sheets)			
<h2>ADDITIONAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR BID</h2>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See attached specifications for Type "C" buses with lift. • Use attached VENDOR SUBMISSION SHEET for pricing. 			
<p><u>FOR SUCCESSFUL BIDDER – A PERFORMANCE BOND OR IRREVOCABLE LETTER OF CREDIT WILL BE REQUIRED FOR 50% OF CONTRACT VALUE WITHIN 10 DAYS OF ISSUANCE OF PURCHASE ORDER</u></p>			

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LINE NO.	COMMODITY/SERVICE DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY FORM/TO	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	EXTENDED TOTAL
1	SPECIAL NEEDS TYPE "C" BUS WITH LIFT	4	EA	\$82,535.00	\$330,140.00

CALCASIEU PARISH SCHOOL SYSTEM TRANSPORTATION DIVISION

SPECIAL NEEDS BUS TYPE "C" WITH LIFT

SPECIFICATIONS

Vendor bidding other than "as specified" must attach complete illustration and specifications on their exception.

Minimum Standards: State of Louisiana, Department of Education, Minimum Standard for School Buses Bulletin No. 1213 of 1998 (Revised). All school buses submitted for bid hereunder shall be **TYPE C VEHICLE** and must meet or exceed all standards and requirements of the State of Louisiana as contained in the Minimum Standards Bulletin 1213 of 1998. The vehicles shall meet all requirements of the Federal Motor Vehicles Safety Standards (FMVSS) governing school buses and all provisions of Highway Safety Program Standard 17 for "Pupil Transportation Safety".

Certification: Each bidder must certify his vehicle does comply with these standards and minimum requirements by signing the statement of certification on the Bid Proposal Form.

Servicing and Warranties: Each unit shall be completely serviced and checked before being delivered to the Calcasieu Parish School System. In addition, each unit shall be road tested under Calcasieu Parish School System's directions and supervision before delivery and acceptance. This road test does not relieve supplier from the usual warranties.

Chassis, Warranties, and Service: Warranty and service work must be performed by the manufacturer's authorized service dealer with service parts regularly available in five (5) working days, based on the date of notification.

All prices shall be firm for a minimum of forty (40) days. Each bidder shall supply literature, catalogs, manufacturer's brochures, specification sheets or other brand or product information to clearly describe the equipment being offered. Failure to comply may result in disqualification of bid.

All inquiries regarding the bid should be addressed to Mr. Joseph Feucht, Purchasing, PO Box 800, Lake Charles, LA 70602.

Re-Delivery and Servicing and Adjustment: The dealer shall not attach any dealer identification advertising or similar material to the bus prior to acceptance by the Calcasieu Parish School System. The dealer shall service and adjust each bus for operational use, to include as a minimum, the following:

- Set speed control to 61 MPH

- Focusing of lights
- Tuning of engine
- Adjustment of accessories
- Checking of electrical, braking and suspension systems
- Charging of battery
- Alignment of front end
- Inflation of tires
- Balancing of all wheels
- Complete lubrication of engine, chassis and operating mechanisms with recommended grades of lubricants for the ambient air temperature at the point of delivery
- Servicing of windshield washer reservoir with water and appropriate additives
- A minimum of five (5) gallons of fuel
- A Louisiana Safety Inspection Sticker (unless otherwise specified on purchase order)
- A Louisiana temporary license plate
- Shop manuals for body and chassis, lift and air conditioning unit shall be provided

Required Literature: When the bid invitation is soliciting a bid for a product (as opposed to a service), each bidder is to enclose complete descriptive information to fully identify the product quoted. This may be in the form of a catalog, manufacturer's brochure, specification sheet, cut sheet, schematic, or other brand or product information. Failure to do so may prevent consideration of the item bid.

**FOUR (4) 2013/2014 NEW, NEVER TITLED 30-PASSENGER SPECIAL NEEDS TYPE
"C" SCHOOL BUS WITH LIFT PLUS THREE (3) WHEEL CHAIR POSITIONS WITH
LIFTS**

ALTERNATOR	200 amps minimum
AXLES, SPRING & SHOCK ABSORBERS	10,000# minimum front lubed bearings, and 19,800# rear, 5:29:1 ratio minimum, rear suspension, 19,000# minimum shock absorbers front and rear.
BACKUP ALARM	An audible automatic warning device to indicate when the bus is backing is required. The device shall automatically activated upon transmission being placed in reverse gear. The warning device shall not be the bell clanging system. The audible warning shall be heard from a distance of 100 feet. An electronic device is required such as a backup beeper or alarm in place of a mechanical device.
BATTERIES	Three units, maintenance-free, minimum 1950CCA at 12 volts each. Batteries shall be securely attached on slide-out tray in closed, vented compartment in body skirt (driver's side) and where batteries may be exposed to outside for convenient

	adequate and conveniently operated latch with key lock.
BRAKES	Air brake system with air dryer and brake interlock for lift. Chassis must be equipped with parking brake. A parking warning device is required.
COOLING SYSTEM	Heavy duty system.
ENGINE	A 6.7L liter minimum/In-Line six cylinder diesel engine or an International Maxxforce DT diesel engine or pre-approved equal is required. Minimum horsepower of 200, meet latest EPA emission standards, 750 watt engine block heater.
EXHAUST SYSTEM	Stainless steel tailpipe (exit through rear bumper).
FUEL SYSTEM	Sixty (60) gallons or larger. To be safety designed as required by State and Federal Standards. Vehicle must meet the requirements of FMVSS 301 "Fuel System Integrity" and shall be equipped with required fuel tank guard. Fuel filter to be two-stage type separating heavy solids and liquid contaminants from fuel.
FUEL GAUGE	A fuel gauge inspection plate is to be installed. Buses shall have body opening for fuel tank fill pipe which shall be covered with a hinged door mounted flush with the bus body side. LOCK REQUIRED. Labeled DIESEL ONLY.
INSTRUMENTS	Speedometer with trip meter, tachometer, hour meter, dash mounted clock, voltmeter, oil pressure, water temperature, air gauge, fuel gauge, audible low-pressure indicator.
STEERING	Hydraulic power, tilt and telescopic steering wheel.
TIRES/WHEELS	Front and rear tires shall be 11R22.5, tubeless radial tires, wheel 22.5 x 8.25 10-stud, hub piloted, disc rims.
TRANSMISSION	Allisons 2500PTS or approved equal five-speed forward with overdrive. Trans Syndr synthetic transmission fluid, external transmission oil filter, transmission oil cooler.

BODY

SEATING	Four (4) rows of standard 39" seats belts each. See FMVSS regarding seat spacing with SRP measurements and Bulletin 1213.
ELECTRIC PANELS	Exterior below driver window with lock.

COMPARTMENTS	Glove box is above windshield on right side with door and latch.
DOORS	Entrance – double outward type air door with key lock (power doors); 3-step step well with rubber covered steps. Exit – rear center mounted with upper/lower glass, must be equipped with buzzer.
DOOR CONTROL	The passenger door and rear emergency exit have a factory installed security system. The passenger door shall have a key operated locking mechanism, shall not be operable from inside of bus. The ignition systems shall be inoperable whenever the rear emergency exit is locked.
CHILD CHECK	Doran child check system or equal.
MIRRORS	All steel mirror brackets are to be black powder coated; all exterior mirrors.
INTERIOR PANELS	All panels fastened with screws.
HEADROOM	74 inches at center aisle.
HEATER/DEFROSTER	90,000 BTU front system with continuous defroster, duct under windshield and driver's window. Heater duct should extend to third row of seats. Rear wall mounted 40,000 BTU. Auxiliary defrosted fans (one upper left and one upper center).
WIPERS	Electronic, single switch, intermittent speed.
MUD FLAPS	Front and rear mud flaps.
RUB RAILS	Four (4) exterior body rub rails painted black securely attached to bus body by bolting, riveting or welding. See Bulletin 1213. attachment by sheet metal screws is NOT acceptable.
SEAT (DRIVER)	Hi-back air seat with armrest. Seat belt shall be a lap-shoulder safety harness factory installed and be retractable. Safety harness shall be installed in accordance with Bulletin 1213 and FMVSS 208. Upholstery cloth inserts with vinyl trim.
STOP ARM	Two (2) 18" octagon sign with flashing lights, LED type.
LIGHTS	Clearance lights: 2 amber front/2 red rear Cluster lights: 3 amber front/3 red rear Stepwell lights: operates with entrance door control Warning lights: 8 light system with hoods Strobe lights: 11 joule (minimum) roof mounted with

	metal guard Head lights: daytime running lights
VENTILATION	Two roof mounted ventilator type roof hatches.
WINDOWS	Side windows must be split sash type with only the upper sash that can be lowered. Factory dark tint 28% (minimum) light transmission.
INSULATION	Insulation noise reduction NR-2.5 bds in driver's area.
IDENTIFICATION	See details in Standard 17, Section IVb, and c. Include words CALCASIEU PARISH SCHOOLS in black lettering on both sides and assigned number will appear in no less than five (5) inches in height.
PAINT	Exterior National School Bus yellow with black trim, exterior roof to be painted white.
TOW HOOKS	Two (2) mounted on front bumper.
AIR CONDITIONING	120,000 BTU free-blow unit with dual TM-21 engine run Compressors; rear evaporator shall be recessed into rear bulkhead. Front and rear air conditioning.
FLOOR COVERING	Heavy duty rubber with aluminum aisle trim, 5/8 Marine Grade Plywood Sub-Floor (screwed down).
REFLECTIVE TAPE	3-M diamond grade, reflective vinyl "SCHOOL BUS" 8 inch on roof cap emboss front and rear, 2 inch wide strip each side of bus, at floor line just below floor rub rail, 1.75 inch wide strip on rear of bus at top and bottom and vertically on each side of rear. One inch minimum width strip surround each emergency exit. Vinyl lettering is acceptable.
EMERGENCY EXITS	Roof hatches: two (2) combination/escape hatch/vents. Push out Windows: one (1) per side; two (2) per bus.
UNDERCOATING	Body floor, skirt and wheel housing must be undercoated.
WARRANTY	Engine 5 years Transmission 5 years Base Chassis & Body 1 year
WINDSHIELD WASHERS	Electric with one (1) gallon capacity.
RADIO	AM/FM/CD/PA with four interior speakers.

FIRE EXTINGUISHER	One (1) five-pound ABC with mounting bracket must be Provided.
FIRST AID KIT	First Air Kit must meet requirements of Bulletin 1213.
BODY FLUID KIT	Body Fluid Kit must meet requirements of Bulletin 1213.
REFLECTIVE TRIANGLE	Three (3) red/orange warning reflective triangles capable to stand on end and be seen at least 100 feet.
OTHERS	Include all other standard and necessary equipment and features For proper and adequate transportation.

LIFT

Vehicles designed to transport students with disabilities shall comply generally with all minimum standard for school buses.

Ricon S5010 lift or approved equal, rear mount with three (3) auto retracing tie downs to be in rear area of bus must meet current FMVSS.

The door shall be equipped with a device that will actuate an audible or visible signal located in the driver's compartment when the doors are not secured.

Controls shall be provided that enable the operator to activate the lift mechanism from either inside or outside of the bus.

A device shall be installed on the lift to prevent its operation until the door or doors are opened.

Circuit breaker shall be used, NOT fuses.

All aisles leading to the emergency door(s) from the wheelchair area shall be of sufficient width (minimum thirty (30) inches) to permit passage of a maximum sized wheelchair in rear section.

Calcasieu Parish School System has limited funds with which to purchase school buses. Should the lowest acceptable bid exceed the budgeted amount, Calcasieu Parish Schools System reserves the right to reduce the quantity herein to remain with the amount allocated. Calcasieu Parish School System also reserves the right to purchase additional buses at the unit price should additional funds be available with the budgeted account for one (1) year.