



**CENTRALBIDDING**  
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**BID 2015.600 MODEL YEAR 2016 OR NEWER DIESEL-POWERED  
7172-PASSENGER SCHOOL BUS(ES)  
Vermilion Parish School Board**

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## NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids will be received by the Vermilion Parish School Board in the Annex Board Room, 216 South Jefferson Street, Abbeville, Louisiana until Two (2:00) P.M. for Bid 2015.600 and Two Twenty (2:20) P.M. for Bid 2015.601 on Tuesday, August 11, 2015 or online @ [www.centralbidding.com](http://www.centralbidding.com) at which time the sealed bids will be publicly opened and read for the following:

- Bid 2015.600 - MODEL YEAR 2016 OR NEWER DIESEL-POWERED SEVENTY-ONE/TWO (FULL 71/72) PASSENGER SCHOOL BUS(ES), AND  
Bid 2015.601 - MODEL YEAR 2016 OR NEWER GAS-POWERED NINETEEN (19) PASSENGER SCHOOL BUS(ES),

Bids must be sealed and the envelope marked either: "BID 2015.600 - Model Year 2016 or Newer, Diesel-Powered Seventy-One/Two (FULL 71/72) Passenger School Bus(es) 2:00 P.M., or BID 2015.601 - Model Year 2016 or Newer Gas-Powered Nineteen (19) Passenger School Bus(es) 2:20P.M. - Tuesday, August 11, 2015."

Specifications and bid forms for the above may be obtained by calling or writing to Rosslyn D. Miguez, Purchasing Agent, Vermilion Parish School Board, 220 South Jefferson Street, or P. O. Drawer 520, Abbeville, Louisiana 70511-0520, Phone (337) 898-5707 or online @ [www.centralbidding.com](http://www.centralbidding.com).

Bids submitted prior to this date and time should be properly marked on the outside of a sealed envelope and should be mailed or delivered to Rosslyn D. Miguez, Purchasing Agent, Vermilion Parish School Board, 220 South Jefferson Street, or P. O. Drawer 520, Abbeville, Louisiana 70510. Written receipts for bids will be issued according to law.

The Vermilion Parish School Board reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids, and to waive any informalities incident thereto.

VERMILION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD



Jerome Puyau  
Secretary-Treasurer

## PUBLICATION DATES:

July 24, and July 31, and August 7, 2015

VERMILION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD  
220 South Jefferson Street  
Abbeville, Louisiana

INVITATION FOR BIDS

TO:

FROM: Vermilion Parish School Board  
220 South Jefferson Street  
Post Office Drawer 520  
Abbeville, Louisiana 70511-0520

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**Bid 2015.600 - Model Year 2016 or Newer Diesel-Powered  
Seventy-One/Two (Full 71/72) Passenger School  
Bus(es)**

**BID OPENING:** Vermilion Parish School Board  
216 South Jefferson Street - Annex Board Room  
Abbeville, Louisiana 70510

Tuesday, August 11, 2015 @ 2:00 P.M.

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**GENERAL CONDITIONS AND INSTRUCTION TO BIDDERS**

**1. SUBMITTING OF BIDS**

- A. BID FORM:** Bids must be submitted on the forms furnished by the Board. All blank lines provided on the BID PROPOSAL FORMS must be filled for a bid to be considered.
- B. BID ENVELOPES:** All bidders shall address envelopes to the Vermilion Parish School Board plainly marked "**Bid 2015.600 - Model Year 2016 or Newer - Diesel-Powered Seventy-One/Two (FULL 71/72) Passenger School Bus(es), Tuesday, August 11, 2015 @2:00 P.M. or submitted online @[www.centralbidding.com](http://www.centralbidding.com).**"
- C.** Only one bid should be submitted in each envelope. Those bids delivered by an express mail service (Federal Express, UPS Overnight, etc.) must contain the sealed bid envelope within the carrier's larger packet. The mail service pack/envelope is only a carrier, and is not considered the sealed bid envelope.
- D. PLACE, DATE AND HOUR:** All bids should be mailed or hand- delivered to **Rosslyn D Mignes, Purchasing Agent, Vermilion Parish School Board, 220 South Jefferson**

Street, P.O. Drawer 220, Abbeville, Louisiana, 70511-0520 or submitted online @[www.centralbidding.com](http://www.centralbidding.com). Written receipts for bids will be issued according to law. **Bids will be received until 2:00 P.M., Tuesday, August 11, 2015; late bids arriving after the stated date and time will not be considered.**

- E.** On the Bid Proposal Form, the bid amount quoted for the unit price shall be in accordance with the specifications listed on the specification sheet.
- F.** Successful bidder must be authorized by the Secretary of State to do business in Louisiana pursuant to applicable law. Documentation of such authorization must be provided if requested by the School Board.
- G.** Bids are to be submitted without State, City or Parish Sales and Used Taxes.

## **II. BID OPENING**

The opening of bids will be for reading only. Award of the bid will be made following tabulation and evaluation by the staff for compliance with specifications.

## **III. REJECTION OF BIDS**

The Vermilion Parish School Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informality.

## **IV. CHANGE OR WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS**

- A. PRIOR TO BID OPENING:** Should the bidder desire to change or withdraw his bid, he shall do so in writing, this communication to be received by the Purchasing Agent prior to date and hour of bid opening.
- B. AFTER BID OPENING:** No bids may be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days following the scheduled opening date. In the event of an error on a bid form submitted, unit prices offered will prevail and totals will be adjusted if necessary. Any bid on any item should include a unit price and total price.
- C.** Bids containing blatantly obvious mechanical, clerical, or mathematical errors may be withdrawn by the bidder if clear and convincing sworn, written evidence of such errors is furnished to the School Board within forty-eight (48) hours of the bid opening excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays. If the School Board determines that the error is a blatantly obvious

mechanical, clerical, or mathematical error, it shall accept the withdrawal.

#### V. BID PRICES

- A. All bid prices shall include delivery.
- B. No invoice shall be paid before all conditions of this bid have been completed to the satisfaction of the Vermilion Parish School Board.

#### VI. DELIVERY

- A. **PLACE, DATE and HOUR:** In order for your bid to be considered, the delivery date on all buses shall be on or before January 31, 2016. All bus(es) should be delivered to the Vermilion Parish School Board, Transportation Department, 1731 West Port Street, Abbeville, Louisiana, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 3:30 P.M., Monday through Friday. *Comply*

#### VIII. AWARDING OF BIDS

- A. **BASIS OF AWARD:** The Vermilion Parish School Board, in making the award, will consider the quality and all-around utility as well as price and will not necessary purchase the lowest priced item offered.
- B. **TIE BID:** If all other factors are equal, tie bids will be decided on the basis of drawing lots, unless only one local vendor is involved. In these cases, preference will be given to the local vendor.

#### IX. PROCUREMENT

Signed purchase orders will be issued for bus(es) after approval detailing each need.

#### CONTACT PERSON:

Any questions concerning this Invitation to Bid should be directed to:

**Kenyatta Small**  
**Supervisor of Transportation**

Vermilion Parish School Board Transportation  
 1731 West Port Street  
 Abbeville, Louisiana 70510

**Telephone Number (337) 898-5709**

**VERMILION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD    BID 2015.600    Opening: 08/11/15 2:00pm**  
**BODY SPECIFICATIONS    Model 2016 OR NEWER DIESEL POWERED SEVENTY-**  
**ONE/TWO (FULL 71/72) PASSENGER SCHOOL BUS(ES)**

Seventy-One/Two (Full 71/72) passenger diesel powered school bus(es) meeting or surpassing all Federal and Louisiana Specifications of "Minimum Standards and comply to Statutes Of Louisiana Legislature for School Buses in Bulletin 119. Successful bidder must certify that vehicles comply with applicable Motor Vehicle Safety Standards as required by law. *comply*

**Body:** Thomas or Bluebird, IC or **EQUAL** *comply*

**Paint:** Polyurethane or Baked Enamel *comply*

**Engine:** Diesel powered 6-cylinder in line, minimum 6.7 liter engine, & minimum 220 horsepower with oil cooler and with five (5) year unlimited warranty. *comply*  
Engine is to meet Federal Standards without the use of Credits.

**Transmission:** Five (5) speed Allison Automatic Transmission with auxiliary *comply*  
cooler

**Brakes:** Air Brakes {Air Dryer to be included} *comply*

**Radiator:** Heavy Duty *comply*

**Steering:** Power *comply*

**Undercoating:** Completely undercoated *comply*

**Fan:** Dual fan *comply*

**Front/Rear Axle** The front and rear axle and suspension systems shall have a gross Axle weight rating (GAWR) at ground commensurate with the *comply*  
Respective front and rear weight loads of the bus loaded to the  
Rated passenger capacity.

**Shocks:** Heavy Duty front and rear *comply*

**Door:** Security Lock for 0/0 Door *comply*  
Sliding Bolt Vandal Lock --RCED  
Air controlled

**Battery:** Dual batteries minimum 950 CCA each *Exceed w/ 3 Batteries*  
*1950 CCA Total*

**Horn:** Dual electric *comply*

**Alternator:** Minimum 160 amps *Exceed w/ 200 amp*

**Fuel Tank:** Minimum 60 gallons *Exceed w/ 65 gallons*

**Electrical Circuit:** Circuit breakers in lieu of fuses *comply*

**Driver Seat:** **AIR RIDE** High back with shoulder harness and dual arm rests *Exception w/*  
*right Arm rest & left console arm rest*

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| <b>Seats:</b>                | All passenger seats are to be seat belt ready with {39" CUSHIONS} belts not included. Seat belt cutter included. <i>Comply</i>   |
| <b>Seat Upholstery</b>       | Seats are to meet the Criteria of The School Bus Seat Upholstery <i>Comply</i><br>Fire Block Test.   |
| <b>Side Skirts</b>           | School Bus body side skirts between the front and rear axles shall <i>comply &amp; extend down to within two inches plus or minus, of the horizontal deduct \$121.00 line from the center of the front spindle to the center of the rear for compliant 14 1/2" skirts</i><br>axle.   |
| <b>Ceiling:</b>              | Acoustical ceiling throughout with driver acoustical floor mat. <i>comply</i><br>Acoustical headlining complete and sound deadening insulation around engine firewall.   |
| <b>Strobe Light:</b>         | 4 3/4" high roof mounted within two (2) feet forward of rear body <i>Exception</i> with protective guard. <u>Must be 13 joule to be connected and w/ 4.25 ft</u> <i>with seal</i><br><u>controlled with a Strobe light switch</u>  |
| <b>Crossing Control Arm:</b> | Required with yellow marking – Air Controlled <i>Comply</i>  |
| <b>Electrical System:</b>    | A 12-volt electrical system including all gauges is required. <i>Comply &amp; Exceed</i><br>Gauges package must include odometer, voltmeter, oil pressure, oil pressure, w/ AHT, battery water temperature, fuel, vacuum, low oil pressure, high water temperature, warning light and buzzer gauges. The alternator shall <i>&amp; trans temp</i> be capable of delivering 160 amperage. Dual batteries minimum <i>ga:</i> 950 CCA each. |
| <b>Reflective Marketing:</b> | "3M" diamond grade reflective vinyl or equal shall be installed as <i>Comply &amp; Exceed</i> follows: <b>a:</b> at 8 inch "school bus" letters on front and rear roof <i>Exceed w/ cap; b:</i> inch wide strip full length of body sides at floor line; <b>c:</b> 2" at floor line framing rear of vehicle 1 3/4 inch strip top and bottom, 2 inch strip vertically at right and left sides.  |
| <b>Fire Extinguisher:</b>    | To be equipped with one (1) 5lb. ABC type fire extinguisher. <i>Comply</i>   |
| <b>Triangle Set:</b>         | Triangle Flare Kit <i>Comply</i>   |
| <b>First Aid Kit:</b>        | In accordance with Bulletin 119 one body fluid clean-up kit <i>comply</i><br>mounted next to first aid kit.  |
| <b>Heaters:</b>              | Fresh air heater with factory installed blown hot air defrosted on <i>comply</i><br>both sides of windshield.  |
| <b>Mirrors:</b>              | Open - View mirrors, in one frame with top mirror no less than fifty (50) square inch flat mirror, convex mirror underneath with minimum of <i>comply</i> twenty (20) square inch.   |

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| <b>Suspension System</b>  | The capacity of springs or suspension assemblies shall be commensurate with the chassis manufacturer's GVWR. <i>Comply</i>   |               |
| <b>Tires:</b>             | 11R x 22.5 unisteel radial   | <i>Comply</i> |
| <b>Wheels:</b>            | Disc   | <i>Comply</i> |
| <b>Windows:</b>           | Factory tinted   | <i>Comply</i> |
| <b>Windshield Wipers:</b> | Electric, intermittent   | <i>Comply</i> |
| <b>Stop Signal Arms:</b>  | Air controlled   | <i>Comply</i> |
| <b>Emergency Escape:</b>  | Two (2) push out windows on each side and (2) Emergency Hatches <i>Comply</i>  |               |
| <b>Flooring:</b>          | At least 5/8 inch thick, marine plywood floor  | <i>Comply</i> |
| <b>Lettering:</b>         | Must be lettered Vermilion Parish Schools and numbered (number will be issued upon bid approval) . Owned and Operated by Vermilion Parish School Board, Abbeville LA <i>Comply</i>   |               |
| <b>Headroom:</b>          | Standard   | <i>Comply</i> |
| <b>Radio:</b>             | AM/FM/CD/PA system with speakers   | <i>Comply</i> |
| <b>Camera:</b>            | Pro-Vision DVR-704 / 4 Channel Solid State with (4) 2.8mm Camera's (installed)   | <i>Comply</i> |
| <b>Outlet:</b>            | Cell phone jack outlet   | <i>Comply</i> |
| <b>Roof:</b>              | White  | <i>Comply</i> |
| <b>Road Speed:</b>        | Maximum 65 MPH   | <i>Comply</i> |
| <b>Warranty:</b>          | Chassis and Body warranty work must be available within a 30 mile radius. <i>Comply</i>  |               |
| <b>Warranty:</b>          | In the event that a bus is out of service for warranty repair and is required to be kept by a repair agency for more than two working days ;then a temporary bus must be provided commencing on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> day the bus is out of service. <i>Comply</i> |               |



VERMILION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

BID PROPOSAL FORM

Date: 8/6/15

Vermilion Parish School Board  
P. O. Drawer 520  
Abbeville, Louisiana 70511-0520

RE: Bid 2015.600 - Model Year 2016 or Newer Diesel-  
Powered Seventy-One/Two (FULL  
71/72) PASSENGER School Bus(es)

Gentlemen:

The undersigned hereby submits this proposal for Model Year 2016  
or Newer, Diesel-Powered Seventy-One/Two (Full 71/72) Passenger  
School Bus(es).

In compliance with this request for bid and subject to all the  
conditions and specifications listed herein, the undersigned offers  
and agrees to the sale of buses on which prices are quoted.

MAKE: TC MODEL: PB105

TOTAL: \$ 75,735.<sup>00</sup> /each

Timmons Truck Center  
Name of Firm

Robert Morris Andrew Morris  
Signed By Print Name

Sales Manager  
Title

763 O'Neal Lane  
Address

Baton Rouge LA 70816  
City State Zip