

**BID NUMBER: 0085**

**BID TITLE: NEW SCHOOL BUSES**

**BID ENVELOPE/PACKAGE CONTAINING BID:**

**Bids MUST be received in a sealed envelope/package with the bid number, company name and opening date clearly marked. Failure to comply may result in rejection of your entire bid. Late bids, e-mailed bids and faxed bids will not be considered nor returned. Union County will not be responsible for any lost or misdirected mail.**



**UNION COUNTY FINANCE DEPARTMENT  
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**INVITATION TO BID**

**BID NOTICE**

Union County Board of Education is currently accepting bids for (2) 2021 or newer, 72 passenger, Class C Conventional buses. Bid packet of detailed specifications and/or requirements may be obtained at [BID 0085](#) or by email to [ccook@unioncountyttn.org](mailto:ccook@unioncountyttn.org).

Sealed bids must be submitted to Union County Finance Office, 300 Main Street, Maynardville, TN 37807 **ATTN: BID 0085 – NEW SCHOOL BUSES**

**Bids will be accepted until 3:00 p.m. on May 12, 2020** at the Finance Office location. Bids will be opened immediately following the close of the bids. Union County Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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Sealed bids subject to the [General Terms and Conditions](#) of this Formal Bid Invitation to Bid, and any other data attached or incorporated by reference. Bids will be received in the Union County Finance Office until the date and time specified above and at that time publicly opened and read aloud.

**THE UNION COUNTY DIRECTOR OF FINANCE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO WAIVE ANY INFORMALITIES IN OR TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS AND TO ACCEPT THE DEEMED FAVORABLE TO THE BEST INTEREST OF UNION COUNTY.**

Bid documents must be completed in ink or typed, signed in ink, and free from alterations, erasures or mark-throughs.

## SECTION 1 - GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

**1.1 ALTERATIONS OR AMENDMENTS:** Alterations, amendments, changes, modifications or additions to this solicitation shall not be binding on Union County without prior written approval.

**1.2 NO CONTACT POLICY:** After vendor receives a copy of this bid, any contact initiated by any vendor with any Union County representative, other than the Finance Department, concerning this invitation for bid is prohibited and agreements made thereto will not be considered binding on Union County. Any such unauthorized contact may cause the disqualification of the bidder from this procurement transaction.

**1.3 QUESTIONS:** Any questions concerning the bid document must be submitted to [ccook@unioncountyttn.org](mailto:ccook@unioncountyttn.org) no less than ninety-six (96) hours before bid opening date.

**1.4 BID STAMP:** The bid/time stamp in the Union County Finance office will be the time of record.

**1.5 TAXES:** Union County is not liable for Federal excise or State sales tax. Tax exemption certificates will be provided upon request.

**1.6 CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** If requested by the Director of Finance, vendors must complete and submit a "Conflict of Interest Affidavit Statement" prior to contract award, see T.C.A. 5-14-114 and T. C. A. 12-4-101.

**1.7 NON-COLLUSION:** Vendors, by submitting a signed bid, certify that the accompanying bid is not the result of, or affected by, any unlawful act of collusion with any other person or company engaged in the same line of business or commerce, or any other fraudulent act punishable under Tennessee or United States law.

**1.8 NON-DISCRIMINATION:** Vendors, during the performance of this contract, will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, sex, national origin or disability except where religion, sex, national origin or disability is a bona fide occupational qualification reasonably necessary to the normal operation of the contractor.

**1.9 SAME AS OR EQUIVALENT TO:** Vendors are to bid as specified herein or propose an approved equal. Determination of equality is solely Union County's responsibility. The designated brands are for reference purpose only, not a statement of preference. When an alternate manufacturer, brand, model or make is bid, Union County will determine if the item bid does meet or exceed the items as specified. If the bidder does not indicate that an alternate manufacturer, brand, model or make is being bid, it is understood that the item(s) bid are the same manufacturer, brand, model or make as was requested in the Invitation to Bid. Comparable products of other manufacturers will be considered if proof of comparability is contained in the bid. It shall be the responsibility of the vendors, including vendors whose product is referenced to furnish upon request catalog pages, brochures or other data as will provide an adequate basis for determining the quality and functional capabilities of the product offered. Failure to provide this data may be considered valid justification for rejection of bid.

**1.10 MULTIPLE BIDS/AWARDS:** Union County will consider multiple bids that meet specifications. Bid awards may include multiple approved vendors and the list of approved vendors may be added to or deleted from at anytime.

**1.11 STATE OF TENNESSEE CONTRACTORS' LICENSE LAW (T.C.A. 62-6-119 b):** No bid will be opened or considered for which the total cost of the project is twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) or more, unless the outside of the sealed bid envelope/package containing the bid provides the following information: the Company Name, the Contractor's license number, license classification, the date of the license expiration and that part of each license classification applying to the bid. In addition, each heating ventilation or air conditioning, plumbing and electrical subcontractor's license number, date of the license expiration and that part of each classification applying to the bid if the value of the work is \$25,000 or greater, must be notated. If the value of either the contractor or the subcontractor's work is less than \$25,000, the bid envelope/package containing the bid is to be notated with the phrase "Contractor or Subcontractor's Bid is Less than \$25,000" after each appropriate heading. In the case of joint ventures, each party submitting the bid must provide this information. If no subcontractors are being used, the outside of the envelope/package containing the bid must state, "No Subcontractors are being used on this project."

**1.12 ACCEPTANCE:** Vendors shall hold their price firm and subject to acceptance by Union County for a minimum period of sixty (60) working days from the date of the bid opening, unless otherwise indicated in their bid. to be supplied, their conformity with specifications, their suitability to the requirements of Union County and the delivery terms. Any or all bids may be rejected for good cause.

**1.13 BID AWARDS:** Bids will be awarded to the lowest and best bidder, taking into consideration the qualities of the articles to be supplied, their conformity with specifications, their suitability to the requirements of Union County and the delivery terms. Union County also reserves the right to not award this bid.

**1.14 PROTEST:** Any vendor wishing to protest the bid award shall notify in writing the Union County Director of Finance, 300 Main Street, Maynardville TN 37807. No protest will be accepted, except those protests made in writing and received within (10) ten calendar days of the bid award. Protests must be in writing and envelopes/package containing protest must be clearly marked with bid number and words "BID PROTEST". The Director of Finance, in conjunction with the Finance Committee, and with the advice and counsel of the County Attorney, shall review and make a final decision as to any bid protest. Appeals shall be filed in the Circuit or Chancery Courts of Union County within sixty (60) days of the final decision.

VENDORS PLEASE NOTE: UNION COUNTY WILL NOT STOP THE PURCHASE PROCESS. THE PURCHASE MAY BE COMPLETED OR THE PROJECT MAY BE RE-BID WHILE THE PROTEST PROCEDURE IS STILL IN OPERATION. IF A RE-BID IS MADE, THE PROTESTING VENDOR SHOULD SUBMIT A NEW BID. OTHERWISE, THEY WILL BE WITHOUT A BID ON THE RE-BID. FURTHER, THE RE-BIDDING WILL NOT END THE APPEALS PROCESS. IT WILL CONTINUE UNTIL A FINAL DECISION IS REACHER OR THE COMPLAINANT WITHDRAWS THE APPEAL.

**1.15 DELIVERY:** Bid pricing is to include complete supply and delivery to Union County, Tennessee. Vendors are to state the delivery time in the bid. Union County requires that vendors deliver all products "free on board" to final destination unless indicated otherwise in their bid, reference Terms & Conditions section 2.4.

**1.16 PROOF OF FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS CAPABILITY:** Bidders must, upon the request of Union County, provide satisfactory evidence of their ability to furnish products or services in accordance with the terms and conditions of these specifications. Union County will make the final determination as to the bidder's ability.

**1.17 VENDOR'S DEFAULT:** Union County reserves the right, in case of vendor default, to procure the articles or services from other sources and hold the defaulting vendor responsible for any excess costs occasioned thereby.

**1.18 DUPLICATE COPIES:** Union County requires that all vendors submit one original and one exact copy of their bids, including brochures; unless additional copies are requested in bid specifications.

**1.19 DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE:** Under the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated §50-9-113 enacted by the General Assembly effective 2001, all employers with five (5) or more employees who contract with either the state or a local government to provide construction services are required to submit an affidavit stating that they have a drug free workplace program that complies with Title 50, Chapter 9, in effect at the time of submission of a bid at least to the extent required of governmental entities. The statute imposes other requirements on the contractor and contractors should consult private legal counsel if legal questions arise under this section or any other provision of this document. All contractors shall provide a written affidavit signed by the principal officer of a covered employer acknowledging that the contracting entity is in compliance with the Drug Free Workplace laws of State of Tennessee.

**1.20 RESTRICTIVE OR AMBIGUOUS SPECIFICATIONS:** It is the responsibility of the bidder to review the entire Invitation to Bid document and to notify the Finance Department if the Invitation to Bid is formulated in a manner that would unnecessarily restrict competition or if it is ambiguous in what is being requested. The Director of Finance must receive questions regarding the specifications or bid procedures not less than seventy-two (72) hours prior to the time set for the bid opening.

**1.21 SCHOOL CAFETERIA BIDS:** If this bid is for Union County School's Cafeteria Food Service Department, bidders must be in compliance with Section 104(d) of the William F. Goodling Child Nutrition Reauthorization Act of 1998 which requires school and institutions participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to "Buy American" to the maximum extent practicable.

**1.22 TERMINATION:** Union County reserves the right to terminate this contract in whole or in part with thirty (30) days written notification to the contractor. In the event of termination, the County shall not be liable for any costs other than the cost of services performed and materials delivered and accepted prior to termination date.

**1.23 OSHA SAFETY:** The Contractor is responsible for training their employees in Safety and Health Regulations for the job, assuring compliance with Tennessee Occupational Safety and Health regulations and any other Regulatory Agency.

**1.24 PERFORMANCE BOND:** A standard surety or performance bond or an irrevocable letter of credit in favor of Union County Government at a federally insured financial institution will be required to be submitted with bid, if indicated in section four, item six insurance requirement checklist.

**1.25 BACKGROUND CHECKS:** Contractors shall comply with Public Chapter 587 of 2007, as codified in Tennessee Code Annotated Section 49-5-413, which requires all contractors to facilitate a criminal history records check conducted by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation for each employee prior to permitting the employee to have contact with students or enter school grounds when students are present.

**1.26 AWARD RESULTS:** As soon as practicable after proposal or bid evaluations, the award results will be posted on Vendor Registry. Interested parties may request results by contacting [ccook@unioncountyttn.org](mailto:ccook@unioncountyttn.org). Individual notices are normally not mailed or e-mailed except to the successful vendor.

**1.27 PRICE INCREASE/DELIVERY CHARGES:** Request for price or delivery charge increases must be received in writing 30-days prior to implementation. The Union County Director of Finance will review requests and make a determination to continue or cancel services.

**1.28 INDEMNIFICATION/HOLD HARMLESS:** Contractor shall indemnify, defend, save and hold harmless Union County and, its officers, agents and employees from all suits, claims, actions or damages of any nature brought because of, arising out of, or due to breach of the agreement by Contractor, its subcontractors, suppliers, agents, or employees or due to any negligent act or occurrence or any omission or commission of Contractor, its subcontractors, suppliers, agents or employees.

**1.29 DECLARATIVE STATEMENT:** Any statement or words (i.e.: must, shall, will, etc) are declarative statements and the proposer must comply with the condition. Failure to comply with any such condition may result in their bid being non-responsive and disqualified.

**1.30 WAIVING OF INFORMALITIES:** Union County reserves the right to waive minor informalities or technicalities when it is in the best interest of Union County.

**1.31 APPROPRIATION:** In the event no funds are appropriated by Union County for the goods or services in any fiscal year or insufficient funds exist to purchase the goods or services, then the Contract shall expire upon the expenditure of previously appropriated funds or the end of the current fiscal year, whichever occurs first, with no further obligations owed to or by either party.

**1.32 ASSIGNMENT:** Contractor shall not assign or sub-contract this agreement, its obligations or rights hereunder to any party, company, partnership, incorporation or person without the prior written specific consent of Union County.

**1.33 QUANTITIES:** Union County does not guarantee quantities to be purchased off this bid.

**1.34 UNIT PRICE:** Unit price for each unit bid shall be shown and such price shall include packing unless otherwise specified. A total shall be entered in the amount column of the pricing page for each item bid. In case of discrepancy between any unit price and an extended price, the unit price will be presumed to be correct, subject, however, to correction to the same extent and in the same manner as any other mistake.

**1.35 MODIFICATION OR WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS** When it is certain that a mistake has been made in the preparation of the bid, a request will be made to the bidder to confirm the bid. Provisions must be made so that mistakes can be taken care of and the ambiguity resolved satisfactorily. Bids may be modified or withdrawn by written notice received in the Finance Department prior to the time and date set for the bid opening. The changes or withdrawal of the bids should be in writing and signed by an official of the company. The envelope containing the modification should clearly state "modification to bid: Either the entire bid or a particular item may be withdrawn or modified in this manner.

**1.36 PRE-BID CONFERENCES** – Attendance at Pre-bid Conference is strongly encouraged. When deemed necessary a Mandatory Pre-bid Conference will be held. A company representative **MUST** be in attendance and sign the Pre-bid sign-in sheet in order to be awarded the bid.

**1.37 ADDENDUM** -Union County Government reserves the right to amend this solicitation by addendum. Addendum will be emailed up to 48 hours in advance of the bid/proposals due date and time. It is the bidder's responsibility to check for addendum. If in the County's opinion revisions are of such a magnitude, the deadline for this solicitation may be extended in an addendum. In addition, addendum can change specifications, reply sheets, and times and dates for pre-bid meetings as well as due dates/deadlines for questions and bids/proposals.

**BID NUMBER: 0085**  
**BID TITLE: NEW SCHOOL BUSES**

**Specifications: (2) 2021 or newer, 72 passenger, Class C Conventional Buses**  
**Must meet ALL Federal and State of TN specifications and requirements for new school bus**

Air Compressor	Minimum 15 cubic feet per minute
Air Dryer	Bendix AD-9 Heated
Air Tanks	Minimum 3400 cubic inch capacity
Alternator	Minimum 200 Amp
Axle, Front	Minimum 10000 Lbs
Axle, Rear	Minimum 21000 Lbs
Batteries	Minimum 3 batteries totaling 2100 CCA with cutoff
Block Heater	750 watts minimum to be included with bumper mounted receptacle
Brakes, Front	minimum 15x5 Air with Auto Adj
Brakes, Rear	16.5x7
Bumper, front	12" with Crossing Arm
Bumper, rear	1 piece wraparound
Driveline	Guards around shafts
Engine Rating	Minimum 220 HP 600 ft/lb TQ , meets EPA requirements
Engine	Inline 6 cylinder diesel
Exhaust	Exhaust to exit below rear bumper
Frame	50000 LB psi with rear tow hooks
Fuel/Water Separator	To include heater
Fuel Tank	60 gal between frame rails
Fuel Tank Door/Plate	Includes door and access plate on floor
Horn	Electric with High and Low Note
Steering	Tilt and Telescoping Wheel
Suspension front	Leaf springs with 10000 lb rating
Suspension rear	Air ride with 21000 lb rating
Starting Aid	Grid Heater
Tires	11R22.5 16 ply highway tread
Tow Hooks	Front and Rear Mounted
Transmission	Allison 2500 Series 5 speed w/Transynd
Warranty	2 year minimum comprehensive, 5 year engine, 7 year transmission
Wheels	Disc hub piloted 22.5x8.25
Wiring	Multiplex wiring
Backup Alarm	Meets or exceeds SAE J994b
Child Reminder	Child Reminder System integrated horn and interior/exterior lights
Camera	Pro-Vision DVR-808 with 3 cameras. Front of bus, rear of bus, and over driver compartment facing doorway
Capacity	72 passenger
Defroster Fans	Dual 6" fans, left and center of driver's compartment
Door, Emergency	Upper and Lower Tinted Glass, able to lock in open position

Door, Entrance	3 position air operated, outward opening
Emergency Exits - Windows	4 push out windows with buzzers
Emergency Exits - Roof	2 roof hatches with buzzers
Flooring	Gray rubber floor covering and entrance
Headroom	Minimum 74 inches
Heaters	Minimum 90000 BTU front 80000 BTU rear , 30000 BTU stepwell w/removable filter for all
Heaters	Driver area water valve shutoff
Heaters	Booster pump
Heaters	Dual heater cutoff valve
Identification	6" black letters, both sides
Identification	6" black numbers, both sides, front, and rear
Insulation	minimum 1.5" thick R value 5.75
Lights - Clearance and Cluster	To meet State specs
Lights - Dome	Dual row, driver's area, with separate switches
Lights - Headlights	Alternately flashing when Red lights activated
Lights - Strobe	Roof mounted with brush guard
Lights - Warning System	8 light sequential, Warning lights to be halogen bulbs
Mirrors - Interior	6" x 30" non-glare laminated safety glass
Mirrors - Exterior	Must meet or exceed FMVSS No. 111, Heated and Remote Controlled
Mud Flaps	Front and Rear Wheels
Paint	National School bus Yellow, White Roof, black trim
Parts Report	Copy of complete bus parts printout on-line at no charge
Power Accessory	12V socket in drivers areas
Radio	AM/FM/PA with minimum 6 speakers
Reflective Tape	"School Bus" front and rear, around Side pushouts and around rear and floor level of bus
Reflectors	Attached mechanically or with adhesive
Roof Bows	One-piece
Rub Rails	4 full length painted black
Safety	Fire Ext, Body Fluid, 1st Aid, Seat Belt Cutter to meet TN specs
Safety	Above safety items mounted in driver compartment
Seat - Driver	Air Ride, high back fabric insert, adj. back
Seatbelt	Lap and shoulder belt, seat belt warning light
Seats - Passenger	Fire Block Vinyl, Gray
Seats- Passenger	All students seats equipped with (3) 3 point seat belts
Solenoid	Disconnect all body circuits
Stop Arm	Electric, hi-intensity reflective with LED lights
Windows - Passenger	Split sash, tempered and tinted safety glass (4 pushouts)
Windshield - handles	Black grip handles mounted in rt and lt cowl with fold-up step
Wipers	Intermittent
Document Holder	To meet State specs
Noise switch	Noise suppression switch to be provided
Crossing arm	Electric operated with stowage bracket

**BID NUMBER: 0060**  
**BID TITLE: 2019 or Newer 72 Passenger Bus**

**BID SUBMISSION FORM:**

Bus #1, Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Bus #2, Year: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Passenger: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Passenger: \_\_\_\_\_

Price: \_\_\_\_\_

Price: \_\_\_\_\_

Bidder must have a fully licensed in-state sales and service facility: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Days to delivery from bid award: \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-delivery inspection location/facility: \_\_\_\_\_

Delivery Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Meets All Federal and TN State specifications and requirements: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**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 Tennessee Code Annotated § 12-12-106.**

Authorizing Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
(Sign in blue ink)

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Vendor Name                      Vendor Contact Name                      Email:                      Phone:



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**Section 2. BID INFORMATION**

- 2.1 I acknowledge the receipt of:  
(Please write "Yes" if you received)  
Addenda 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Addenda 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
Addenda 3 \_\_\_\_\_ Addenda 4 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2.2 Please list and include in your bid packed all warranty information concerning length and coverage below  
("Standard Mfg Warranty" is unacceptable)
- 2.3 Guaranteed days till deliver after receipt of purchase order
- 2.4 Additional Shipping, Freight, or Handling Fees  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total (To be added to bid)
- 2.5 If bid varies from specification, make full explanation
- 2.6 Payment terms shall be \_\_\_\_\_% \_\_\_\_\_ days  
Offers of less than 20 days will not be considered in bid evaluation. Union County's normal payment terms of Net 30 days will be adopted if no other terms are quoted and accepted
- 2.7 Bid pricing will remain stable \_\_\_\_\_ days from bid opening
- 2.8 Bidding on "all or none" basis \_\_\_\_\_. Bidding on "low item" basis \_\_\_\_\_. (Please check one)
- 2.9 Will you honor additional purchases at this same price? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
- 2.10 Cooperative Purchasing Agreement: Vendor are to indicate if it is permissible for other governmental agencies in the State of Tennessee to purchase these items or services at the same price. Freight charges may be adjusted to reflect differences in delivery cost to other locations
- Please indicate vendor's approval of the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement  
\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No
- The undersigned agrees if bid is accepted, to furnish all license information

**Section 3. VENDOR INFORMATION**

Vendor Name

Vendor Address

City, State

Zip Code

Telephone

Fax Number

Contact Person (Please Print)

Email Address

Tax Payer Identification Number: Social Security, Employer Identification Number

What is the major service or product your company provides?  
(Explain/Describe)

Authorizing Signature

(Please sign original in blue ink)

I agree to abide by all Terms and conditions of this Invitation to Bid and certify that I am authorized to sign this bid for the vendor. Failure to include any information mentioned in the bid or to comply with these bid instructions may result in rejection of your bid.