

INVITATION TO BID

Office of the Carter County Finance Department
801 E Elk Avenue
Elizabethton, TN 37643

Bidder shall return bid in **sealed envelope** to:

Carter County Finance Department
Attn: Carter County Schools Type C Conventional 71-77 Passenger Bus (5)
2024-2025
801 E Elk Avenue
Elizabethton, TN 37643

Public opening of the bid will be held at the above address at the bid deadline date and time designated in the Invitation to Bid

DATE ISSUED:	July 26, 2024
BID TITLE:	Carter County Schools Type C Conventional 71-77 Passenger Bus (5) 2024-2025
BID DEADLINE DATE & TIME:	August 12, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time (local prevailing time)
BID OPENING LOCATION:	Carter County Courthouse – Mayors Conference Room 2 nd Floor, Administrative Building
BID CONTACT:	Terry Morley
CONTACT PHONE:	423-547-4052
CONTACT EMAIL:	terrymorley@carterk12.net

Carter County reserves the right to reject any and all bids, maintains the right to negotiate after bid and waive any informalities.

Carter County does not discriminate based on race, color, national origin or age pursuant to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

I	<p>REQUIREMENTS FOR BID SUBMISSION.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. All bids must be received in a SEALED envelope clearly marked with the bid name, date, and time ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE SEALED ENVELOPE.b. All bid specifications must be metc. Vendor Information and Anti-Collusion Statementd. Vendor Certification Iran Divestment Acte. Drug-Free Workplace Affidavit Formf. Copy of Vendor's IRS W-9 Formg. Proof of Liability Insurance and Licenseh. Proof of Worker Compensation Insurancei. Contact Terry Morley by email or by phone to schedule a visit or with questions.
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CARTER COUNTY SCHOOLS
TYPE C CONVENTIONAL – 71-77 PASSENGER

Specifications

The school bus body (or bodies) furnished shall comply with all current Tennessee State and Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards in effect at time of bid. Additionally, Carter County Board of Education is requiring the following supplementary specifications. Any exceptions to these specifications should be concisely noted in the space provided. Equivalency of any exceptions to the items requested will be solely at the discretion of Carter County Board of Education.

Bidder's Name _____

Address _____

Make and Model of Bus Body _____

Five (5) Buses to be bid.

Specifications furnished. Fill in all spaces. Note and explain equivalents or exceptions.

BRAKES

Service brake dual full air brake system designed to meet all requirements of FMVSS-121 in effect at time of manufacture with full ABS.

TYPE: Drum: FRONT: 16.5" X 5", REAR: 16.5" X 7" Brake Size.

ENGINE

Must be CUMMINS 6.7 Diesel.

EXHAUST SYSTEM

Emissions achieved by utilizing exhaust mitigator and Diesel Exhaust Fluid or DEF. Must meet emissions requirements for the year the bus was built.

FUEL TANK

100 gallon capacity minimum meeting all requirements of FMVSS 301. The tank to be located between the frame rails and immediately aft of the front axle this location will provide an increased level of safety and will provide optimum weight distribution. The bus floor shall

include an access plate for servicing the sending unit of the fuel tank. An outside fuel filler door with latch to be provided.

DEF TANK OPENING

Exterior: The exterior DEF fill opening shall be covered with a hinged metal door which contains a positive latch.

TIRES AND BRAKES

Tires and brakes 50% or better.

TRANSMISSION

A2500 automatic.

RADIO

Must be equipped with AM/FM radio.

COLOR

Exterior: Shall be National School Bus Yellow.

BUMPER

Front bumper to be equipped with Crossing Control Arm.

CONSTRUCTION

The bus body shall be constructed to meet or exceed all Tennessee state and federal school bus requirements in effect at the time of manufacture.

Roof Bows – The roof bow frame assembly shall consist of continuous, one-piece, 14 gauge rolled channel hat sections, stretch formed and mounted on 30" centers to provide a roll bar type protection. Roof bows shall be 3 1/16" wide with a cross section modulus of .22³.

Roof Crash Rails – two continuous, one piece 16 gauges rolled channel roof crash rails extending from first to last roof bow shall be applied internally between interior and exterior sheets.

Floor – Shall be constructed of 14 gauge Galvalume steel formed with overlapping joints on 30" centers. Floor will be further reinforced with 11-gauge Z –channel cross member installed on 10" centers and shall extend the full width of the floor except in wheelhouse area. All floor cross members shall be welded to 14 gauge steel floor panels which extend the full length of the body floor on each side. An interior impact panel shall be one piece continuous welded to

the floor and welded at each intersection with body bow. There shall be an 11- gauge floor X-brace reinforced added to wheelhouse area. Wheelhouse shall be stamped 16 – gauge one-piece design.

Vertical Headers – Shall be installed at each roof bow extending from upper side sheet to exterior structural header creating closed box type reinforcement at each roof bow.

Doors – Air Operation

The door shall seal against the bottom step edge and stationary rubber gasket mounted to the door. No part of the door shall ride in the stepwell when closed. Vertical closing edges of the door shall be equipped with flexible material to protect passengers. Air door to be equipped with 3 way position switch.

All entrance and exit doors shall be equipped with a full-width 1" x 3" padding located above the door opening. The service door and side emergency doors shall contain drainage holes in the bottom of the door to allow for drainage of condensation and deter corrosion.

EMERGENCY EXITS

All emergency exits shall conform to FMVSS 217.

Two (2) roof hatches required.

BODY OPTIONS

4 push-out windows, 5/8" plywood floor, 78" headroom, heated rearview mirrors, LED light package, tinted windows, and fireblock upholstery.

FIRE EXTINGUISHER

Each bus shall be equipped with one dry type chemical fire extinguisher to meet state standards.

FIRST AID KIT

Each bus shall be equipped with a first aid kit meeting state standards.

TRIANGLE FLARES

Each bus shall be equipped with a set of triangle flares in accordance with FMVSS. **DOCUMENT**

IDENTIFICATION

The bus shall be lettered in accordance with all Carter County Schools

INTERIOR

The interior of the bus shall be free of all unnecessary projections likely to cause injury. All interior panels shall have lapped edges.

CHASSIS OPTIONS

12V power outlet, Adjustable steering column, Cruise control, Daytime running lights, Engine block heater, mud flaps, Rear air ride suspension and tow hooks.

Driver's seat: Air ride seat shall be high back with adjustable seat back.

BUSES SHOULD INCLUDE

Complete Mechanical Inspection

Address any necessary paint needs

No rips or tears in upholstery

Washed and detailed

Wheels and bumpers painted

All State Provisions

Mileage needs to be less than 65,000 miles

EXTENDED WARRANTY

Bid must include extended warranty price.

60 month/Unlimited miles covering Engine, Transmission, Engine Fuel Injectors, Water Pump, Fuel Pump and ECM. Work done by local licensed mechanic.

CARTER COUNTY GOVERNMENT

VENDOR INFORMATION and ANTI-COLLUSION STATEMENT

Please print or type clearly. Complete each section entirely and verify for accuracy.

By signing this form the bidder agrees that he has not divulged to, discussed, or compared his bid with other bidders and has not colluded with any other bidder or parties to a bid whatsoever. Note: no premiums, rebates or gratuities to any employee or agent are permitted with, prior to, or after any delivery of materials. Any such violation will result in the cancellation and/or return of material (as applicable) and the removal from the bid list and could constitute a felony and result in a fine, imprisonment, as well as civil damages.

In compliance with this Invitation for Bid, and subject to all the conditions thereof, the undersigned offers, if this bid is accepted, to furnish any or all of the items and/or services upon which prices are quoted, at the price set opposite each item, to be delivered at the time and place specified herein. The undersigned certifies that he/she has read, understands, and agrees to all terms, conditions, and requirements of this bid, and is authorized to contract on behalf of the firm named below. This form must be signed personally by the bidder or the bidder's authorized agent. All signatures must be original and not photocopies.

COMPANY NAME:	
CONTACT PERSON:	
CONTACT PERSON TITLE:	
SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE:	
FEDERAL TAX ID # (or Social Security #, if applicable)	
STREET ADDRESS:	
STREET ADDRESS:	
CITY, STATE, ZIP:	
TELEPHONE NUMBER:	
FAX NUMBER:	
EMAIL:	
DATE:	

****By signing this form, the bidder signifies understanding and agreement with Carter County Government Terms and Conditions**

CARTER COUNTY GOVERNMENT

BIDDER'S CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE
WITH
IRAN DIVESTMENT ACT
Tenn. Code Ann. § 12-12-101 et seq.

Comes _____, for and on behalf of
(Printed name of Principal Officer of Company)

_____, (the "Company") and, after being duly authorized
by the Company so to do, makes oath that:

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 the Iran Divestment Act, Tenn. Code Ann. § 12-12-106.

Signature

Title

Date

CARTER COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Model AFFADIVIT
(Must be attached to bid form upon submission)

DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE AFFIDAVIT OF PRIME BIDDER

STATE OF TENNESSEE – COUNTY OF CARTER

NOW COMES AFFIANT, who being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. He/She is the principal officer for (INSERT NAME AND ADDRESS OF BIDDING ENTITY);
2. That the bidding entity has submitted a bid to Carter County Finance Department for the performance of _____;
3. That the bidding entity employs no less than five (5) employees;
4. That Affiant certifies that the bidding entity has in effect, at the time of submission of its bid to perform the _____ referenced above, a drug-free workplace program that complies with §50-9-113, *Tennessee Code Annotated*.
5. That this affidavit is made on personal knowledge.

Further Affiant saith not.

AFFIANT

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this _____ day of _____, 2024.

NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires: _____