March 2025

Bidder Must Deposit With

Bid – **CERTIFIED CHECK** Or

BID BOND 5% of Total Bid

**BID ON –** Two (2) 2024 Conventional Gas 72 Passenger School Buses

## The Board of Directors

of the School District

of the City of Erie, PA

Gentlemen:

We, the undersigned, propose to furnish and install the following **BID on Two (2) 2024 Conventional Gas 72 Passenger School Buses:**

DOLLARS ($\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)

Bids shall be sealed and endorsed on the envelope, or on the subject line on electronic submissions, **“2024 Conventional Gas 72 Passenger School Buses”** and delivered to School District of the City of Erie, Administration Building1910 Sassafras Street, Erie, PA 16502, Board Secretary Office, ATTN: BIDS, by April 9th by 12:00 pm. Bids shall be delivered either in person, via USPS, a contract carrier such as UPS, FedEx, etc., or via electronic submission to bids@eriesd.org.  Late bids will be rejected.  Bids will be opened utilizing an online format on April 10, 2025 at 11:15 am. Award of bid may be made at the regular meeting of the Board onMay 14, 2025 at 6:00 pm.

The School District will conduct the bid opening utilizing an online format at the date and time identified above. The School District will provide interested proposers with a link to participate in the bid opening. If an interested proposer requires reasonable accommodations to participate in an online format bid opening due to a disability, if the interested proposer wishes to participate in the meeting but does not have internet access, or if a member of the public wishes to view the opening electronically, contact Neal Brokman, Assistant Superintendent, at [nbrokman@eriesd.org](mailto:nbrokman@eriesd.org).

The Board of School Directors will consider accepting the bid of the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications, kind, quality and material being equal, but shall have the right to reject any and all bids and to waive defects in form. The Board is not obligated to accept the lowest or any other bid.

Respectfully submitted:

The School District City of Erie, PA

***Brian J. Polito, CPA District Administration Building***

***Superintendent of Schools 1910 Sassafras Street Erie PA 16502***

# GENERAL CONDITIONS

Bids shall be submitted on the Bidding Blank attached hereto, and should be submitted through the means identified on the Bidding Blank.

No bids will be entertained unless accompanied by a deposit, as a **CERTIFIED CHECK or BID BOND** in the amount of five per cent (5%) of the total bid, made payable to The School District City of Erie and enclosed in the envelope containing the bid.

No bid received can be withdrawn prior to the close of the regular meeting of the Board of School Directors next succeeding the opening of the bids. Bidder agrees that the School District of the City of Erie shall have up to sixty (60) days to accept or reject the bid and bidder agrees that the bid quote shall remain open for that period. The Board of School Directors may reject any bid, or portion of any bid, for any reason or no reason.

The special attention of the bidders is directed to the fact that no claims for relief on account of mistakes or omissions in the bidding will be considered and the contractors will be held strictly to their bids, or, alternatively, and at the sole discretion of the Board of School Directors, their deposit may be forfeited. In addition to other remedies available to the School District, the deposit shall be forfeited if the successful bidder fails to execute an agreement or perform as required.

**Standard of Quality**: The specific mention of a manufacturer’s name shall be understood to indicate a standard of quality or design, and not as limiting competition thereon or excluding other goods equal in every respect to the materials or goods specified in the opinion of the Controller or his designee. If you do not bid on our specifications as listed, please fill in manufacturer’s name and model number of items you intend to furnish as an equal alternate. The Assistant Superintendent, or his designee, shall determine, in his sole discretion, whether the alternate item is an approved equal.

Bidders are to submit prices on both the rate and the total. Bidders please indicate length of time prices will remain firm. If a “Rate” is given on an item, a “Total” must be given on the item. Awards may be made item by item and bidders hereby agree to furnish the items awarded to them. All supplies furnished upon the contract not up to specifications will be rejected.

All charges for transportation, freight, express and parcel post are to be paid by the successful bidder. It is understood that the bidder agrees to deliver any items on which bids are accepted.

Completion of contract shall not exceed sixty days after award is made. The successful bidder will be required to execute a contract with the School District if identified as the apparent low bidder. A fully executed contract must be received by the School District prior to final award by the Board of School Directors. The form of the contract is enclosed with this bid packet.

All items to be delivered to the Erie School District Service Center 1157 West 16th St.. If you have any questions, please contact Randy Pruchnicki, Director of Non-Instructional Support Services at 814-874-6137 or [rpruchnicki@eriesd.org](mailto:rpruchnicki@eriesd.org).

**SPECIFICATIONS**

The following specifications are approved for purchase or approved equal by the Director of Non-Instructional Support Services.

**SPECIFICATIONS FOR**

**TWO (2) 2024 CONVENTIONAL GAS POWERED 72-PASSENGER SCHOOL BUSES**

**Chassis Specifications**:

* 273” wheel base
* 21,000 lb. rear axle
* 5.29 to 1 ratio
* Hendrickson rear air ride suspension
* 12,000 lb. front axle with 10,000 lb. springs
* Front and rear shocks
* Full air brake system: 16.5” x 5” front lining, 16.5” X 7” rear lining
* Automatic slack adjusters
* Dust shields
* Bendix-Westinghouse AD-IP air dryer
* 4-channel A.B.S. braking system
* 13.2 cfm compressor
* Heavy duty bumper – 15”
* Ford 6.8 liter, V-10, 320 horsepower with 460 ft. lbs. of torque
* Ford torque shift 6-speed 6R140 automatic transmission
* Engine alarm system
* 11R x 22.5 tubeless radial tires, highway front and traction rear – Hankook AH12/Z35A, 14-ply
* 8.25 x 22.5 hub piloted wheels – Aluminum (6)
* Three (3) Group 31 batteries, 2100 cca
* 240 amp alternator – Leece/Neville
* Dual horns
* 100 usable gallon fuel tank mounted between rear frame rails
* Fiberglass tilt hood with fender mounted L.E.D. turn signals, 9 lb. maximum effort to open
* Voltmeter/ammeter
* Tachometer
* Telescopic/tilt steering column
* Daytime running lights
* Front axle oil seals
* Front and rear tow hooks
* Halogen headlights
* Silver grille and headlight trim
* Transmission temperature gauge
* Trip odometer
* Digital dash clock
* Cruise Control
* Cooling hoses with constant tension clamps
* Anti-freeze protected to -34 degrees
* Circuit Breakers
* Power steering with 50 degrees wheel cut
* Rear exit exhaust through rear bumper—stainless steel
* Multi-Plex wiring with L.E.D. readout in dash
* 5-year/unlimited mile engine and transmission warranty

**Body Specifications:**

* Dual heater cut-off valves
* Complete insulation

**Body Specifications (continued):**

* Locking fuel tank door
* Locking battery compartment
* Aluminized interior side panels
* Extended seat rub rail
* 4-applied side body rub rails
* 4-piece tinted/shaded windshield
* Lower glass rear emergency door with expanded metal screen
* Four (4) side emergency push-out windows, two (2) per side – Vertical hinge
* Two (2) roof escape hatch/ventilators
* Heavy duty DOT construction
* 12” rear bumper
* Bumper rub rail
* 77” interior headroom with 12” split sash windows
* 3-step stainless steel step well
* Outward opening entrance door – air operated
* Dash mounted glove box
* Vandal locks for service and emergency doors
* Aluminum aisle trim
* All rub rails to be caulked
* Fuel sender plate
* Black window frames
* Rubber body isolators front and rear
* 16-gauge steel exterior side panels – smooth

**Electrical Specifications:**

* Two (2) auxiliary windshield defroster fans
* 90,000 BTU left front heater/defroster; 50,000 BTU recessed stepwell heater; 80,000 BTU rear under seat heater; full-width windshield and driver’s window defroster; 3-speed defroster and driver’s heater switches; cleanable filter
* 7” stop and turn signals – L.E.D.
* Locking exterior electrical compartment mounted below driver’s window
* Drivers dome light, 15 candlepower
* Interior dome lights – double row, 15 candlepower
* Side body directional signals - two (2) per side – L.E.D.
* Hooded 8-lamp warning system – L.E.D. lamps
* Air operated side body stop-arm with L.E.D. lights and crossing control arm
* Constant torque heater hose clamps
* 4” stop and tail lights – L.E.D.
* Clearance lights – L.E.D.
* Exterior entrance door approach light – L.E.D.
* Cell phone plug-in
* Back-up alarm
* Body solenoid switch
* Stepwell light – 15 candle power
* 7” back-up lights – L.E.D.
* Roof mounted L.E.D. strobe light
* Buzzer for rear emergency door
* Automatic resetting circuit breakers
* AM/FM stereo/PA with USB port, MP3 compatible and eight (8) speakers
* Color- and number-coded wiring
* Low mount L.E.D. clearance lights

**Electrical Specifications (continued):**

* Child check system
* Video camera pre-wire
* Heater water pump
* Pre-trip exterior light check

**Paint and Lettering Specifications:**

* N.S.B.C. exterior - polyurethane
* White roof
* All required “School Bus” lettering
* 3M diamond-grade reflective tape
* Astro-white interior color

**Seating Specifications:**

* Fully-padded DOT seats and barriers – high back
* Driver’s Air Ride Seat (preferred)
* Heavy duty teal upholstery “fire block”
* National adjustable high-back driver’s seat with fabric insert, retractable shoulder harness seat belt and one (1) arm rest
* Tilt-up seat cushions
* 72-passenger capacity

**Accessory Specifications:**

* All required safety and emergency equipment
* Header pads for service door and emergency door
* Front and rear mud flaps
* 5/8” marine grade plywood sub-floor, screwed down
* Gray rubber transit floor and step treads
* Molded interior rear wheelhouse covers
* Molded exterior rear rubber fenders
* 6” x 30” clear interior mirror and 6” x 30” Plexiglass visor
* Forward Grab Rail
* Locking overhead storage compartment above driver’s window
* Wet-arm wiper blades
* Dual electric windshield wipers with intermittent switch
* Cup holder
* Noise reduction panels – first two (2) ceiling panels above driver
* 28% bronze tint for all side and rear glass
* Rosco heated rear view exterior mirrors – remote controlled
* Heated crossview mirrors with bell mount brackets
* Stainless steel mirror brackets
* Premium was undercoat for fuel tank and underbody
* 5-year/100,000 mile limited body warranty (2 year premium)

NAME OF VENDOR

ADDRESS

CONTACT PERSON

TELEPHONE NUMBER

First, the undersigned having carefully examined the **Bid for Two (2) 2024 Conventional Gas 72 Passenger School Buses** in accordance with the specifications of the proposal, submits this proposal and agrees to furnish and perform the specified **Two (2) 2024 Conventional Gas 72 Passenger School Buses** for the School District of the City of Erie for the amounts indicated on page 1 of the Bid.

Second, the undersigned agrees to enter into a written contract to furnish such materials and services as required in the proposal specifications.

Third, the following quotation prices are listed as firm for a period of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ after the due date of this request for bid.

**NOTE: The School District of the City of Erie will not be liable and will not pay for any applicable costs not included and detailed in the Bid.**

Signature

Date

Title or Office

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT**

1. This Non-Collusion Affidavit is material to any contract awarded pursuant to this RFP. According to the Pennsylvania Antibid-Rigging Act. 73 P.S. 1611 et seq. governmental agencies may require Non-Collusion Affidavits to be submitted together with bids or RFP’s.
2. This Non-Collusion Affidavit must be executed by the member, officer or employee of the Vendor who makes the final decision on prices and amounts quoted in the RFP.
3. Bid/RFP rigging and other efforts to restrain competition, and the making of false sworn statements in connection with the submission of bids or RFP’s are unlawful and may be subject to criminal prosecution. The person who signs the affidavit should examine it carefully before signing and assure himself/herself that each statement is true and accurate, making diligent inquiry, as necessary, of all other persons employed by or associated with the Vendor with responsibilities for the preparation, approval, or submissions of the RFP.
4. In case of a RFP submitted by a joint venture, each party to the venture must be identified in the RFP/Bid documents, and an affidavit must be submitted separately on behalf of each party.
5. The term “complementary RFP” as used in the Affidavit has the meaning commonly associated with that term in the bidding/RFP process, and includes the knowing submission of RFP’s higher than the RFP of another Vendor, any intentionally high or noncompetitive RFP, and any other form of RFP submitted for the purpose of giving a false appearance of competition.
6. Failure to file an Affidavit in compliance with these instructions will result in disqualification of the RFP.

**NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT**

**BID ON – Two (2) 2024 Conventional Gas 72 Passenger School Buses**

State of

County of

I state that I am of

(Title) (Name of Vendor)

and that I am authorized to make this affidavit on behalf of my company, and its owners, directors, and officers, I am the person responsible in my company for the price(s) and the amount of this Request for Proposal (RFP).

I state that:

1. The price(s) and amount of this RFP have been arrived at independently and without consultation, communication, or agreement with any other Vendor.
2. Neither the price(s) nor the amount of this RFP, and neither the approximate price(s) nor the approximate amount of this RFP, have been disclosed to any other Vendor, and they will not be disclosed before the RFP submission to The School District of the City of Erie.
3. No attempt has been made or will be made to induce any Vendor or person to refrain from submitting an RFP to The School District of the City of Erie, or to submit an RFP higher than this RFP, or to submit any intentionally high or noncompetitive RFP or other form of complementary RFP.
4. The RFP of my company is made in good faith and not pursuant to any agreement or discussion with or inducement from, any Vendor or person to submit a complementary or other noncompetitive RFP.
5. , its affiliates, subsidiaries, officers, directors and employees

(Name of my Company)

are not currently under investigation by any governmental agency and have not in the last four years been convicted or found liable for any act prohibited by State or Federal law in any jurisdiction, involving conspiracy or collusion with respect to submitting an RFP to any public entity, except as follows:

I state that understand and acknowledges that the above

(Name of my Company)

representations are material and important, and will be relied on by The School District of the City of Erie when recommending for award the agreement for which this RFP is submitted, I understand and my company understands that any misstatement in this affidavit is and shall be treated as fraudulent concealment from the School District of the City of Erie of the true facts relating to the submission of RFP’s for this agreement.

Signature of Authorized Person

(Print Name of Authorized Person and Company Position)

Sworn to and subscribed before

Me this day of

, 20

(Notary Public) (My Commission Expires)