



Request for Proposals (RFP)

**#2-RFP-TRNSP-2022 Special Education Buses
TYPE "A" 10 to 12 Passenger School Buses
TYPE "C" 24 + 3 Wheelchair Passenger School Buses**

**Closing Date:
9:00 AM CST
Friday, February 18th, 2022**

IDEA Public Schools is soliciting a Request for Proposal (RFP) for 49 A/C wheelchair accessible semi-new Type "A" 10 to 12 Passenger School Buses and 4 New Type "C" A/C 24 + 3 Wheelchair Passenger School Buses.

IDEA Public Schools reserves the right to revise and amend the specifications prior to the date set for the receipt of proposals. Respondents are requested to clarify any ambiguity, conflict, discrepancy, omission or other error(s) in the RFP in writing. Revisions or amendments, if any, will be made by issuing an addendum. Every effort will be made to send addenda issued to the parties known to have been furnished a complete copy of the RFP. It is the responsibility of each Vendor, prior to submitting the Proposal, to contact IDEA to determine if addenda were issued and, if so, to obtain such addenda for attachment to the Proposal.

Inquiries and requests for information affecting the solicitation must be submitted in writing and shall be directed to Jennifer Ornelas, Procurement Analyst, at Jennifer.ornelas@ideapublicschools.org. All inquiries via email should have the subject line read: **Questions - #2-RFP-TRNSP-2022 Buses – TYPE "A" A/C wheelchair accessible 10 to 12 Passenger School Buses**. To provide IDEA Public Schools and affiliated entities (IDEA), sufficient time to adequately prepare responses to vendor inquiries, all questions must be submitted by **February 8th, 2022 by 3:00 PM (CST)**. Contact with IDEA Public Schools personnel other than Jennifer Ornelas or designee regarding this solicitation may be a reason for elimination from the selection process. Any prospective respondent detecting conflict or ambiguity in the RFP should notify the Procurement Analyst, in writing, setting forth the grounds of the alleged conflict or ambiguity and requesting the issuance of a clarifying addendum.

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PART I – GENERAL INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

1. Introduction and Purpose

IDEA Public Schools prepares students from underserved communities for success in college and citizenship. We are a growing network of 137 high-performing charter schools serving approximately 78,000 students located throughout the Austin, El Paso, Houston, Permian Basin, Rio Grande Valley, San Antonio, Tarrant County in Texas, as well as locations in Louisiana and Florida. IDEA Public Schools is planning to expand to Jacksonville, FL in 2022, Cincinnati, OH in 2022, and Arkansas in 2023. Although IDEA's growth is rapid, it is also well planned and carefully planned. Schools begin with select grade levels and grow as students advance to eventually reach full scale as a Pre-K-12 campus.

The mission of IDEA Public Schools is College for All. IDEA serves primarily low-income students in underserved areas of both rural and urban communities. Over 80% of IDEA students are considered low-income and one of every three students is the first in their family to go to college. Since our first graduating class in 2007, 100% of our seniors have been accepted and matriculated to a college or university every year for fourteen consecutive years. Thanks to a rigorous path to college that begins in Pre-K, IDEA students attend selective universities throughout the country, win national awards and scholarships, and complete college at a rate six times the national average for low-income students.

Note: Separate contracts will be created for each IDEA region/entity with the successful vendor(s).

2. Objectives

Utilizing the Request for Proposals (RFP) method of procurement, IDEA Public Schools is requesting proposals from companies/businesses (Respondents) for delivery of 49 A/C semi-new Type "A" wheelchair accessible 10 to 12 Passenger School Buses and 4 Type "C" A/C 24 + 3 Wheelchair Passenger Buses. All buses under contract shall not be more than five (5) years old and shall not have more than fifty-five thousand odometer miles (55,000) upon arrival to their final destination in Weslaco, Texas or their respective region. The age of vehicles will be determined as of August 01, 2022. New Type "C" units will only be considered for Florida.

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Vehicles by Region

Texas	46
Louisiana	1
Florida	4
Ohio	2

3. Proposal Submissions

Proposals should be prepared in such a way as to demonstrate a straightforward, concise delineation of capabilities that satisfy the requirements of the RFP.

I. To be considered, the Proposal must be prepared according to the following specifications and should include the following information and content:

- a. Title Page
- b. Section I – Preface
- c. Section II – Summary of Experience
- d. Section III – Proposal Response to Scope of Service and Performance Requirements
- e. Cost Summary
- f. References
- g. Required Forms
- h. Additional Documentation

II. Proposals shall be submitted via the web-based software, Tyler Munis Self Service. A signed, submitted proposal submitted via Tyler Munis constitutes an offer to perform work and/or deliver the products specified in the proposal solicitation. [Click here](#) to access the site in a web browser.

III. To be eligible for consideration, electronically locked proposals should be received via [Tyler Munis](#) or by mail to the IDEA Public Schools Headquarters no later than **9:00 AM CST on February 18, 2022** along with the requisite signature pages and certification forms.

All proposals must be received by the deadline. Proposals submitted after the opening time and date will **not** be accepted. Fax or email proposals will **not** be accepted.

- I. IDEA reserves the right to reject any and all Proposals, award service contracts as may appear advantageous to IDEA and waive all formalities in the procurement process. Written notice of award mailed or otherwise furnished to the successful Vendor(s) results in a binding contract without further action by either party. IDEA further reserves the right to tender its own contract for services.
- II. All supplemental information required by the RFP must be included with the Proposal. Failure to provide complete and accurate information may disqualify Vendor from consideration.
- III. All costs incurred in the preparation and submission of the RFP response shall be borne solely by the Vendor. Where Vendors may be required to perform a presentation, give demonstrations, and provide samples and/or technical literature, or participate in any interview process as related to this RFP, all costs shall be borne by the Vendor.
- IV. Vendor shall provide information on any costs that IDEA may incur related to the requested services. Vendor must specify all costs (e.g., administrative fees, processing fees, etc.) associated with providing the services requested herein. Vendor will provide a complete fee and cost detail supporting all elements of its Proposal. The cost detail must include a narrative for each fee or cost element. If Vendor does not expect IDEA to incur any costs, the Proposal shall state “No costs to IDEA.”
- V. IDEA is exempt from federal excise tax, state, and local tax. Do not include tax in cost projections. Any taxes included in cost projections will not be included in the tabulation of any awards.

- VI. Any Proposals submitted in response to this RFP will be irrevocable upon the closing time and remain open for acceptance for 90 days from the closing date whether or not another RFP has been accepted.
- VII. Submission of a Proposal shall be construed to mean that the Vendor agrees to carry out all conditions set forth in this document. Any proposed variation from the specifications, terms, and conditions shall be clearly identified. Please provide details of any non-compliance with stated conditions. If no changes are indicated, IDEA shall expect to receive the service(s) exactly as specified.
- VIII. IDEA reserves the right to select any offer it deems the best value, regardless of price.
- IX. IDEA may accept multiple offers for the same services.
- X. IDEA may increase or decrease the quantity specified in this RFP.
- XI. RFP Timeline

RFP Issue Date:	February 2 nd , 2022
Respondent Question Cut-Off Date:	February 8 th , 2022 at 3:00PM (CST)
Addendum Issue Date:	February 11 th , 2022
Proposal Due Date & Time:	February 18 th , 2022 at 9:00AM (CST)
Evaluation Period	February 18 th -February 25 th , 2022
Board Meeting	March 11 th , 2022

Required Forms (Certifications and Representations)

Vendor shall execute the required forms included with this RFP.

RFP Clarification

Questions must be submitted via email to **Jennifer Ornelas, Procurement Analyst at Jennifer.ornelas@ideapublicschools.org**. The email subject line should read: **Questions - #2-RFP-TRNSP-2022 Buses – TYPE “A” A/C wheelchair accessible 10 to 12 Passenger School Buses**. Questions submitted by respondents and answers prepared by IDEA, along with Addenda to this RFP, if applicable, will be posted on the [Tyler Munis Self Service](#) website. Oral answers provided by IDEA, or its agents shall not be binding. No modification or amendment to this RFP shall be valid unless it is set forth in writing, via a signed addendum or amendment from IDEA.

Proposer Responsibility

IDEA expects Vendors to be thoroughly familiar with all specifications and requirements of this RFP. Vendor’s failure or omission to examine any relevant form, article, site, or document will not relieve Vendor from any obligation regarding this RFP. By submitting a Proposal, Vendor is presumed to concur with all terms, conditions, and specifications of this RFP. Any exception must be clearly defined and referenced to the proper paragraph in this RFP. Objections considered by IDEA as excessive or affecting vital terms may reduce or eliminate Vendor’s prospects for award.

Completeness

Proposals will represent a true and correct statement and shall contain no cause for claim of omission or error. Request for withdrawal of a Proposal is allowed based on proof of mechanical error; however, Vendor may be removed from approved vendor list.

False/Misleading Statements

Proposals which contain false or misleading statements, or which provide references which do not support an attribute or capability of the proposed system or service, may be rejected. If, in the opinion of IDEA, such information was intended to mislead IDEA in its evaluation of the Proposal and the attribute, condition, or capability as a requirement of the RFP, the Proposal shall be rejected.

Proposal Signatures

The Proposal must be signed by an individual with proper authority. The signature should indicate the title or position that the individual holds in the partner (if applicable).

Selection of Vendor(s)

IDEA may award this RFP to multiple Vendors or to the Vendor IDEA determines, in its sole discretion, provides the best value to IDEA, based upon the evaluation of proposals. Thus, the result will not be determined by price alone but upon the applicable criteria as listed under Evaluation Criteria referenced in this RFP.

A contract or letter agreement for TYPE "A" A/C wheelchair accessible 10 to 12 Passenger School Buses and/or Type "C" A/C 24 + 3 Wheelchair Passenger Buses may be executed for each entity listed in this solicitation with successful vendor(s) as a result of this process, and the successful vendor(s) agree(s) that fulfillment of the award under this RFP is conditioned on agreement to and compliance with the terms of this RFP and any subsequent written agreement or contract.

Partnership Responsibilities

IDEA reserves the right to cancel service(s) due to unacceptable price variances. Advance notice/notification is expected (from awarded vendor) when a large market price (increase) occurs for a particular item. This will allow IDEA an opportunity to search and approve a substitute item or services of equal or greater quality.

All pricing and any award under this RFP shall be good for IDEA and any other entity purchasing through IDEA.

- a. Prices may be decreased at any time after award through written contract amendment. If prices are affected by statute, regulation, administrative or judicial order, vendors may not include additional costs in billing to the end-user. Vendors must first provide IDEA written justification for any increase and IDEA must decide of applicability of the increase to the contract. In the event a vendor offers to provide a decrease in rates to its customers or potential customers for the same services provided for IDEA pursuant to its contract, the vendor must provide the same decrease in rates for IDEA. It is recommended that the vendor provide said rate decreases voluntarily. If IDEA learns of a decrease in rates and the decreased rate from the date of said decrease or the vendor's contract will be subject to cancellation at the discretion of IDEA.

Any charges not proposed but required to make this services viable will be considered a hidden cost and will be provided by the vendor at no additional cost to IDEA for the term of the contract.

Contract Period

The agreement(s) resulting from this solicitation will be in effect at a date established by mutual consent of IDEA Public Schools and selected partner(s).

Administrative Procedure for Bidder Complaints

Members of the public having complaints regarding IDEA's purchasing procedures or operations may present their complaints or concerns to IDEA in writing to the following address:

**IDEA Public Schools
Attn. Purchasing Department
2115 West Pike Blvd
Weslaco, TX 78596
956-377-8000**

Insurance Requirements

Minimum Requirements: The insurance coverages specified in this Agreement are the minimum requirements, and these requirements do not lessen or limit the liability of the Contractor. The Contractor shall maintain, at its own expense, any additional kinds or amounts of insurance that it may deem necessary to cover its obligations and liabilities under this Agreement.

Worker's Compensation is required for this RFP. Insurance Certificates must be submitted with vendor's proposal. This document is titled Certificate of Insurance (ACORD 25). IDEA Public Schools reserves the right to review all insurance policies pertaining to this solicitation to guarantee that the proper coverage is obtained by the contractor.

Contractor will be required to maintain in full-force and in-effect the following types of insurance:

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| a) Worker's Compensation | \$100,000 per occurrence for each bodily injury claim
\$100,000 per occurrence for each bodily injury caused by disease claim, and
\$500,000 aggregate for all bodily injuries caused by disease |
| b) Comprehensive General Liability | \$1,000,000 Per Occurrence/\$2,000,000 aggregate |
| c) Property Damage Liability (CSL)* | \$300,000 |

*Combined Single Limit

Each insurance policy to be furnished by the successful contractor shall include IDEA Public Schools as a certificate holder and include a waiver of subrogation clause. Additionally, each insurance policy shall, by endorsement to the policy, a statement that a notice shall be given to IDEA by certified mail thirty (30) days prior to cancellation or upon any material changes to coverage.

Contractor may not commence services or work relating to the Agreement prior to placement of coverage. Contractor shall keep the required insurance coverage in force at all times during the term of the Agreement, or any extension thereof, during any warranty period, of the Agreement.

PART II – SCOPE OF WORK AND PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

IDEA is requesting the following buses for: TEXAS, LOUISIANA, FLORIDA AND OHIO

1. Successful vendor(s) agree to execute multiple contracts and provide separate invoices related to each contracted entity
2. The specifications that follow are minimum basic requirements-
3. The factory name and location shall be submitted with the bid. Any installation of equipment that is not to be performed at the vendor site/location shall be listed with location and vendor performing installation.
4. The district intends to purchase the types and quantities of buses listed in the RFP. The actual number purchased of any size bus may be adjusted up or down according to the district's needs and funding.
5. All engines shall have the most current EPA Emissions Standards at the time of bid for the buses.
6. Periodic inspections by IDEA staff may be made to assure the buses are in accordance with Federal, State, and IDEA standards and good manufacturing principles. The district will incur the costs of the inspections and may bring in outside inspectors such as Certified Welding Inspectors and Mechanics. There shall be one inspection of each bus prior to full delivery of all buses. IDEA shall inspect these buses at the vendor location. This is to help insure a faster delivery and fewer problems with buses meeting IDEA specifications.
7. Vehicles bid shall meet all FMVSS requirements and current state of Texas standards for school buses as published in the latest version by the Texas Education Agency and Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas, or whichever state the vehicle is being requested for, (see page 3 of the RFP). **Example:** 2 SPED vehicles are being requested from Ohio, therefore 2 must comply with Ohio specs.
8. The vendor shall supply one black spare rim for each bus purchased, or the color required for which the vehicle operates in.
9. Floor diagrams must be included in the submittals.
10. IDEA Public Schools shall have the right to perform warranty repairs at their location and be reimbursed at full vendor's rate for approved equal parts and labor. Proposer shall state their reimbursement labor rate per hour in their response.
11. General warranties are to include but will not be limited to
 - a. Warranty shall be 3-Year/50,000 miles (starting from delivery date) of power train to include all internal engine parts, fuel system, computer software, hardware, programming, emissions controls/hardware and engine-driven accessories (excluding Air-Conditioning compressors), transmission, drive-line components, front & rear axle components (except consumable brake parts).
 - b. Starter and alternator shall have a 1-year warranty.
12. Vendor must submit a contingency plan if vehicles cannot be delivered by the requested date of the RFP. An uncontrollable, unforeseen, out of normal operations event, such as an Act of God, would constitute a contingency plan.
13. Deadline for vehicle delivery is July 1st.

SPECIFICATIONS

A/C EQUIPPED TYPE "A" wheelchair accessible 10 to 12 - PASSENGER CHASSIS

A/C EQUIPPED TYPE "C" wheelchair accessible 24+3 - PASSENGER CHASSIS

(All bus specifications are to be as stated in this RFP)

1. Diagrams for all submittals must be included for buses.
2. All submittals are to be for the purchase of 2018 or newer model buses that include 2018 or newer model components and not limited to engines, transmissions, etc. and must follow Federal and Texas or where the vehicle stated to operate within, guidelines for 2018 or newer, if published, but can also be superseded by IDEA specifications if they exceed Federal and State specifications. If requested, documentation must be made available and provided to IDEA Public Schools.
3. All buses shall be keyed alike.
4. Bus paint and all details must be warranty covered as stated in the state they will be used. This includes the body and the cabin, inside and out.
5. Gross Vehicle Weight Rating shall be rated at 29,000 lbs.
6. Front Axle Capacity shall be rated at 10,000 lbs.
7. Rear Axle Capacity shall be rated at 19,000 lbs. with no Hub Odometer. Differential shall be equipped with a magnetic drain trap.
8. 1 bus offered must have dual stop signs driver side front and rear due to Louisiana state law requirements.
9. Front Springs (Parabolic) shall be rated at 10,000 lbs.
10. Front spring pins shall be equipped with grease fitting.
11. Rear Springs (Air Suspension) shall be rated at least 21,000 lbs.
12. Frame is to be rated at 50,000-psi yield strength, with a 10" web, 3" flanges, and 5/16" thick.
13. Front Axle shall allow a 50-degree wheel cut as measured on inside wheel at full- lock.
14. Tie-Rod Ends and Drag Link shall be equipped with grease fittings.
15. Engine Oil Pan shall be equipped with a magnetic trap or drain plug.
16. Engine type is preferred (but not required) to be any Cummins model which includes all series whether on an International, Thomas or Freightliner.
17. Automatic Transmission shall be an Allison PTS 3000 5-Speed automatic with lock-up torque converter. Shall have TES-295 fluid installed from the factory.
18. Air Brakes required for all Buses in this RFP
19. All Air-Break lines be in optimal condition with no existing leaks or rust.
20. Oil Seal Front Hubs covers should be installed.
21. Tire Size shall be 295/11R22.5 Load Range G, 14 ply. (Minimum of 12/32 tire tread)
22. Tire Brand & Model shall be noted in the bid.
23. Tire Rim Size shall be 8.25 x 22.5 Disc, Hub Piloted, 2-hand hole.
24. Alternator shall be rated at 270-amp High Output/Low RPM or higher.
25. 12-Volt Batteries (two) shall total 1200 CCA (minimal).
26. Instrument Panel Gauges shall consist of the following: 7-Digit Odometer (million-mile), Speedometer, Tachometer, Transmission Temp gauge, Voltmeter, Oil Pressure gauge, Coolant Temp gauge, Fuel gauge and Hour Meter.
27. Install Low Coolant light on instrument panel.
28. Heater Control Valves shall be one inside and two under the hood that are easily accessible.
29. Circuit Breakers shall be installed in lieu of fuses.
30. Install Maximum Sound & Heat Insulation behind firewall, under driver floor, under hood and fenders.
31. Install Maximum Size Radiator and Air Charge, aluminum.

32. Install Constant Torque Hose Clamps on radiator, air charge, and heater hose connections.
33. All buses must come with tinted windows. Maximum tinting shall be furnished with air-conditioned buses. All tinting shall conform to Texas Administrative Code Title 37, Part 1, Chapter 23, Subchapter C, Rule 23.42.
34. A/C Requirements. School buses should be capable of lowering the inside temperature from 110° F maximum (100° F minimum) and a humidity rating no less than fifty (50) percent to a comfort range of 30° F cooler than the outside ambient temperature plus or minus 3° F in thirty (30) minutes or less with all the doors and windows closed and the main engine operating at three fourths (3/4) of maximum rated RPM, tested in a controlled facility environment. Measurements will be taken four (4) feet above the floor along the aisle at the following locations:
 - a. Driver's seat
 - b. In the center or mid-point of the bus
 - c. Over the rear drive axle
 - d. None can be in the direct path of the air exiting the evaporator
35. All buses must come equipped with an onboard camera system (4 cameras): Current IDEA fleet has Safety Vision, see **Attachment Q**. Safety vision or equivalent.

NOTE: All buses should be in full compliance with State DOT specifications in areas where the buses will be operating. Ex: 1 Louisiana bus must be in full compliance with Louisiana State DOT specifications, 46 Texas buses must be in full compliance with Texas State DOT specifications, 2 Ohio buses must be in full compliance with Ohio State DOT and 4 Florida buses must be in full compliance with the most up to date Florida State DOT/DOE.

PART III – PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Describe how your organization will maintain consistent communication about delivery, service issues or delays in delivery with IDEA Public Schools.

Proposal Opening

Proposal Opening is scheduled for February 18, 2022 at 9:00AM (CST). A formal “opening” will not be held and pricing will not be read. Trade secrets and confidential information contained in proposals shall not generally be open for public inspection, but IDEA’s records are a matter of public record.

Who is eligible to respond

Respondents who can meet the technical specifications for quality and other terms of this RFP package, and who are not debarred and/or suspended from conducting business with IDEA, federal and state funded agencies are invited to respond. A prospective respondent must affirmatively demonstrate respondent’s responsibility. A prospective respondent, by submitting a proposal, represents to IDEA Public Schools that it meets the following requirements:

- Possess or is able to obtain adequate financial resources as required to perform under this RFP
- Is able to comply with the required scope of the RFP
- Have a satisfactory record of integrity to ethics
- Be otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award
- Be in good standing with the applicable national or state associations

PART IV – SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS AND EVALUATION CRITERIA

Proposal Response

Proposals may be submitted using the [Tyler Munis Self Service](#) site, or by sending a hard copy to:

IDEA Public Schools
Attn. Purchasing Department
2115 West Pike Blvd
Weslaco, TX 78596
956-377-8000

Proposals sent by mail must be in a sealed envelope marked with the RFP Number and Title and include:

1. One (1) clearly identified hard copy ORIGINAL of the Proposal response.
2. Five (5) clearly identified PAPER COPIES of the proposal.
3. Five (5) copies of the proposal on FLASH DRIVES, marked with your company name.

Note: FAX or e-mail proposals will not be accepted.

The vendor's proposal itself shall be organized in the following order, with each section clearly indexed:

- a. **Section I – Preface:** The Proposer shall provide an Executive Summary of two (2) pages or less, which gives in brief, concise terms, a summation of the proposal. Please include business name, address, point of contact and contact information.
- b. **Section II – Summary of Experience:** This section shall contain the full name and address of the vendor submitting the proposal.
- c. **Section III – Proposal Response to Scope of Service and Performance Requirements:** The Proposer shall provide a description of products or services and capabilities as outlined in the Scope of Service and Performance Requirements section of this RFP. Clearly state any exceptions taken to the specifications of this RFP, or any conditions of the proposal. The response shall be clear and succinct. If any service or requirement cannot be performed, the Proposer shall state 'not applicable' or 'unable to perform.'

Cost Summary

Ancillary to the proposal, the Proposer shall provide information on any costs that IDEA may incur. The Proposer must specify all costs (e.g., administrative fees, processing fees, etc.) associated with providing the products or services required herein. Proposer will provide a complete fee and cost detail supporting all elements of its Proposal. The cost detail must include a narrative for each fee or cost element. If the Proposer does not expect for IDEA to incur any costs, the Proposer shall state 'No costs to IDEA.' Utilize **Attachment R SPED Bus Bid Form** for pricing. Please note that respondents are not required to bid on each vehicle type. For the vehicle types, you wish not to bid on please reference the make/model and indicate "No Bid".

References

The Proposer shall submit a minimum of three (3) verifiable references. It is desired that if the Proposer has performed this type of service previously, those references be listed. It is recommended that the Proposer provide references that are similar or as closely related to this unique agreement, if possible. Each reference provided shall include:

- Reference's Name
- Contact Person
- Address, City, State, and Zip
- Contact Person Phone Number
- Contact Person Email Address
- Brief Project Scope
- Time Frame

Required Forms (Certifications and Representations)

Vendor shall execute the following required forms (located at the end of this solicitation) and return the signed originals with the proposal.

Additional Documentation

Additional pages may be included within the Proposal response but must be included within the bound copy of the Proposal response and cross-referenced as necessary. Unnecessarily lengthy documents are discouraged. IDEA reserves the right to tender its own contract.

Competitive Selection and Proposal Evaluation

This is a negotiated procurement and as such, award will not necessarily be made to the lowest priced proposal. Award will be made to the partner submitting the best responsive proposal satisfying IDEA's requirements, price, and other factors. If one vendor cannot meet all of the requirements outlined in this document, the award may be divided among several qualified vendors.

Proposals will be evaluated on criteria deemed to be in IDEA's best interest, including but not limited to:

- Purchase price
- The reputation of the vendor and of the vendor's goods and services
- The quality of the vendor's goods and services
- The extent to which the vendor's goods and services meet the needs of IDEA
- Vendor's past relationship, if any, with IDEA or other charter schools
- Long term cost to IDEA
- Vendor's principal place of business
- Any other relevant factor listed in the RFP

IDEA will also evaluate each proposal(s) in the areas of the proposed plan, experience/service capabilities, and value on the following pre-determined criteria. The committee evaluating the proposals submitted in response to this RFP may require any or all vendors to give an oral presentation to clarify or elaborate on their proposal. Upon completion of oral presentations or discussions, vendors may be requested to revise any or all portions of their proposals.

	Evaluation Criteria
40 Points	Cost Proposal: Proposed cost for buses-Utilize Attachment R SPED Bus Bid Form
40 Points	Vendor's Capabilities: Delivery Schedule to meet July 1 st , provided a timeline of transition from vendor to IDEA, Warranty and Service History; contingency plan for vehicles held up
20 Points	References: The quality of the vendor's services, vendor's past relationship with the district or other districts.
100 Points	Total Possible Score

PART V – GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Proposal Submission: Proposals must be submitted using this document only and must be submitted on or before the hour and date specified. Late submittals will be returned unopened.

NOTE: Faxed or Emailed proposals will not be accepted.

Public Record: All Proposals become the property of IDEA. Vendor acknowledges that IDEA is a public school subject to requests for information under the Texas Public Information Act (“TPIA”), Chapter 552, Texas Government Code. Under the TPIA, there are exceptions to requests for disclosure which include, but are not limited to, information confidential by law and certain commercial information and trade secrets. The Texas Attorney General’s office makes the final determination whether or not requested information is to be disclosed on a case-by-case basis after reviewing the materials and assertions against disclosure. If proprietary information is requested, the TPIA requires IDEA to provide written notice to the party whose proprietary information may be subject to the request, and that party may also submit information to the Texas Attorney General to establish that disclosure of the information would cause substantial competitive harm.

Rejection/Award: IDEA reserves the right to reject and and/or all submittals, to award contracts as may appear advantageous to IDEA, and to waive all formalities in the procurement process. Written notice of award mailed or otherwise furnished to the successful respondent results in a binding contract without further action by either party.

Evaluation of Proposals: Proposal evaluation will be completed based on the information provided by Vendor. It is very important that Vendor provide all required information as part of the Proposal. Failure to provide necessary information and documents could result in the Proposal being rejected.

Applicability: These conditions are applicable and form a part of the contract documents in each supply and/or service contract and are a part of the terms of each purchase order for items of equipment and/or service included in the specifications and solicitation forms issued herewith.

Supplemental Information: All supplemental information required by the proposal documents must be included with the proposal response. Failure to provide complete and accurate information may disqualify the vendor from consideration.

Proposal Errors: Proposals will represent a true and correct statement and shall contain no cause for claim of omission or error. Request for withdrawal of proposal is allowed based on proof of mechanical error; however, the vendor may be removed from consideration or from any approved vendor list.

Changes to Proposal: IDEA reserves the right to negotiate changes in a Proposal by any Vendor, and to reject any or all Proposals.

Use of Brand Names: The use of brand and manufacturer’s names is for the purpose of brevity in establishing type and quality of merchandise and is not restrictive. Manufacturer, trade, and/or brand name must be indicated for each article and, when omitted, IDEA will consider bid to be as specified. Illustrations and complete description must be included with the bid if bidding other than specified.

Undue Influence: In order to ensure the integrity of the selection process, the vendor's officers, employees, agents, or other representatives shall not lobby or attempt to influence a vote or recommendation related to the vendor's proposal, directly or indirectly, through any contact with IDEA board members or other school officials from the date this solicitation is released until the award of a contract by IDEA. By submitting a proposal, the vendor affirms that the vendor has not given, offered to give, nor intends to give at any time hereafter any economic opportunity, future employment, gift, loan, gratuity, special discount, trip, favor, or service to any IDEA representative in connection with the proposal submitted.

Gratuities: IDEA may, by written notice to Vendor, cancel any service agreement without liability to IDEA if it is determined by IDEA that gratuities, in the form of entertainment, gifts, or otherwise, were offered or given by Vendor, or any agent or representative of Vendor, to any officer or employee of IDEA with a view toward securing a contract or securing favorable treatment with respect to the awarding or amending, or the making of any determination with respect to the performing of such a contract. In the event this contract is cancelled by IDEA pursuant to this provision, IDEA shall be entitled, in addition to any other rights and remedies, to recover or withhold the amount of the cost incurred by Vendor in providing such gratuities.

Payment Terms: Unless a prompt payment discount with a payment term of at least 10 days is offered and accepted by IDEA, payment terms shall be Net Sixty 60 days from date of acceptance or receipt of a properly prepared and submitted invoice, whichever is later. Vendor must have the ability to execute multiple contracts and provide invoices related to each contracted entity.

Independent Contractor: Nothing herein shall be construed as creating the relationship of employer or employee between IDEA and the Contractor or between IDEA and the Contractor's employees. IDEA shall not be subject to any obligations or liabilities of the Contractor or the Contractor's employees incurred in the performance of the contract unless otherwise herein authorized. Neither the Contractor nor its employee shall be entitled to any of the benefits established for IDEA employees, nor be covered by IDEA's Workers' Compensation Program.

Fund Availability: This agreement is conditioned upon continued funding and appropriation and allotment of funds by the Texas State Legislature and/or the Texas Education Agency (TEA) pursuant to IDEA's open enrollment charter. This Agreement is further conditioned on continued allocation of funds by the IDEA's Board of Directors (the "Board"). If the Legislature and/or the TEA fails to appropriate or allot the necessary funds, or the Board fails to allocate the necessary funds at the end of IDEA's fiscal year, then IDEA will issue written notice to Contractor and IDEA may terminate this Agreement without further duty or obligation hereunder.

Modifications: The contract may only be modified, altered, or changed by a written agreement signed by both parties or their duly authorized agents.

INDEMNIFICATION: THE CONTRACTOR SHALL INDEMNIFY, DEFEND AND HOLD HARMLESS IDEA PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, AGENTS, AND EMPLOYEES (COLLECTIVELEY THE "IDEA INDEMNITEES") IN THEIR OFFICIAL AND INDIVIDUAL CAPACITIES FROM AND AGAINST ALL DAMAGE, LOSSES, LIENS, CAUSES OF ACTION, SUITS, JUDGEMENTS, EXPENSES,

AND OTHER CLAIMS OF ANY NATURE, KIND, OR DESCRIPTION, INCLUDING ATTORNEYS' FEES INCURRED IN INVESTIGATING, DEFENDING, OR SETTLING ANY OF THE FORGOING BY ANY PERSON OR ENTITY, ARISING OUT OF, CAUSED BY, OR RESULTING FROM THE CONTRACTOR'S PERFORMANCE UNDER OR BREACH OF THIS AGREEMENT AND THAT ARE CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY ANY ACT OR OMISSION, OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT OF THE CONTRACTOR, ANYONE DIRECTLY EMPLOYED BY THE CONTRACTOR, OR ANYONE FOR WHOSE ACTS THE CONTRACTOR MAY BE LIABLE. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION WILL NOT BE CONSTRUED TO ELIMINATE OR REDUCE ANY OTHER INDEMNIFICATION OR RIGHT WHICH ANY IDEA INDEMNITEE HAS BY LAW OR EQUITY. ALL PARTIES WILL BE ENTITLED TO BE REPRESENTED BY COUNSEL AT THEIR OWN EXPENSE. THE CONTRACTOR'S OBLIGATIONS CONTAINED IN THIS SECTION SURVIVE TERMINATION OR EXPIRATION OF THIS AGREEMENT AND CONTINUE ON INDEFINITELY AND CANNOT BE WAIVED OR VARIED.

Termination. IDEA reserves the right to terminate this agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice to the vendor; (2) upon default by the vendor, for delay or nonperformance by the vendor or, (3) if it is deemed in the best interest of IDEA, for convenience.

Unsatisfactory Performance by Vendor Staff: If any person employed by Vendor fails or refuses to carry out the services contemplated in this agreement or is, in the opinion of IDEA's designated representative(s), incompetent, unfaithful, intemperate, or disorderly, or uses threatening or abusive language to an IDEA student, parent, or representative, or if otherwise unsatisfactory, he or she shall be removed from the work under this agreement immediately and shall not again provide services to IDEA except upon consent of IDEA's representative.

Criminal Background Check: All Vendors who have a contract for services with continuing duties related to the contract and have direct contact with students must coordinate and cooperate with IDEA to ensure that an appropriate criminal history record information review as required by Texas Education Code § 22.0834 is conducted for Vendor and any of Vendor's personnel who will have continuing duties related to this Agreement and will have direct contact with students. The cost of the review shall be paid by Vendor. Covered employees with disqualifying criminal histories are prohibited from providing services to IDEA. Vendor may also be required to provide a list of personnel who will be assigned to do the work. When requested, this information must be furnished within 48 hours and shall apply to any new personnel due to employee turnover. Vendor shall certify to IDEA that all employees assigned to work under a contract have successfully passed a criminal background check, prior to assignment. Any person or persons not acceptable to IDEA shall be prohibited from working on the contract.

Enforcement: It is acknowledged and agreed that Vendor's services to IDEA are unique, which gives Vendor a peculiar value to IDEA and for the loss of which IDEA cannot be reasonably and adequately compensated in damages. Accordingly, Vendor acknowledges and agrees that a breach by Vendor of the provisions hereof will cause IDEA irreparable injury and damage. Vendor therefore expressly agrees that IDEA shall be entitled to injunctive and/or other equitable relief in any court of competent jurisdiction to prevent or otherwise restrain a breach of this agreement, but only if IDEA is not in breach of this agreement.

LIMITATIONS AND NO WAIVER OF GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY: THE PARTIES ARE AWARE THAT THERE ARE CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY LIMITATIONS ON THE AUTHORITY OF IDEA (A PUBLIC SCHOOL) TO ENTER INTO CERTAIN TYPES OF CONTRACTS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ANY TERMS AND CONDITIONS RELATING TO LIENS ON IDEA'S PROPERTY; DISCLAIMERS AND LIMITATIONS OF WARRANTIES; DISCLAIMERS AND LIMITATIONS OF LIABILITY FOR DAMAGES; WAIVERS, DISCLAIMERS AND LIMITATIONS OF LEGAL RIGHTS, REMEDIES, REQUIREMENTS AND PROCESSES; LIMITATIONS OF PERIODS TO BRING LEGAL ACTION; GRANTING CONTROL OF LITIGATION OR SETTLEMENT TO ANOTHER PARTY; LIABILITY FOR ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF THIRD PARTIES; PAYMENT OF ATTORNEYS' FEES; DISPUTE RESOLUTION; INDEMNITIES; AND CONFIDENTIALITY (COLLECTIVELY, THE "LIMITATIONS"), AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS RELATED TO THE LIMITATIONS WILL NOT BE BINDING ON IDEA EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT AUTHORIZED BY THE LAWS AND CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF TEXAS. THE VENDOR FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGES, STIPULATES AND AGREES THAT NOTHING IN THIS SOLICITATION AND/OR IN ANY RESULTING CONTRACT WITH IDEA SHALL BE CONSTRUED AS A WAIVER OF ANY GOVERNMENTAL, STATUTORY OR SOVERIGN IMMUNITY FROM SUIT AND LIABILITY AVAILABLE TO IDEA UNDER APPLICABLE LAW.

Assignment/Delegation: No right or interest in this agreement shall be assigned or delegation of any obligation made by Vendor without the written permission of IDEA. Any attempted assignment or delegation by Vendor shall be wholly void and totally ineffective for all purposes unless made in conformity with this provision.

Waiver: No claim or right arising out of a breach of any contract can be discharged in whole or in part a waiver or renunciation of the claim or right unless the waiver or renunciation is supported by consideration and is in writing signed by the aggrieved party.

Interpretation of Evidence: No course of prior dealings between the parties and no usage of the trade shall be relevant to supplement or explain any term used in a contract. Acceptance or acquiescence in a course of performance rendered under a contract shall not be relevant to determine the meaning of the contract, even though the accepting or acquiescing party has knowledge of the performance and opportunity for objection. Whenever a term defined by the Uniform Commercial Code is used in the contract, the definition contained in the Code is to control.

Applicable Law: This contract shall be governed by the policies of IDEA's Board of Directors, laws of the State of Texas and the Uniform Commercial Code, without regard to the conflict of interest principles of the State of Texas. Wherever the term "Uniform Commercial Code" is used, it shall be construed as meaning the Uniform Commercial Code as adopted in the State of Texas as effective and in force on the date of this contract. IDEA Board Policies can be accessed by contacting IDEA.

Record Keeping: IDEA, the United States Department of Education, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any other duly authorized representatives must have access to any books, documents, papers, and records of Vendor that are directly pertinent to a federal program for the purpose of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions.

Equal Opportunity: Vendor shall comply with E.O. 11246—Equal Employment Opportunity, as amended by E.O. 11375—Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity, and as supplemented by regulations at 41 CFR Part 60—Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor.

Debarment and Suspension: Neither the vendor nor any of its officer, directors, owners, members, employees, or agents is listed on the General Services Administration’s List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement or Non-procurement Programs in accordance with E.O. 12549 and E.O. 12689—Debarment and Suspension. This list contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, and vendors declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than E.O. 12549.

Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement: Vendor acknowledges and agrees that any intellectual property, processes, procedures, or product developed in furtherance of this agreement belongs to IDEA as work-for-hire and all rights are reserved by IDEA and/or the federal government in accordance with applicable federal law.

Advertising: The Vendor shall not advertise or publish, without IDEA’s prior consent, the fact that IDEA has entered into any contract, except to the extent necessary to comply with proper request for information from an authorized representative of the federal, state, or local government.

Legal Venue: Both parties agree that venue for any litigation arising from the contract shall lie in Hidalgo County, Texas.

Standing: Vendor **must be registered to conduct business in Texas and in good standing with the Texas Secretary of State and Comptroller.**

Ineligibility for Nonpayment of Child Support: Pursuant to Texas Family Code 231.006(d), regarding child support, the Vendor certifies that the Vendor is not ineligible to receive funds under a contract paid by state funds and acknowledges that any agreement between the successful bidder and IDEA may be terminated and payment may be withheld if this certification is inaccurate.

Signature Authority: By submitting the Response, the Vendor represents and warrants that the individual submitting this document and the documents made part of this Response is authorized to sign such documents on behalf of the Vendor and to bind the Vendor under any contract that may result from the submission on this Response.

Terms and Conditions Attached to Response: Any terms and conditions attached to a Response will not be considered unless specifically referred to in the Response.

PART VI – REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

The attachments listed below are required and should be included with the Proposal.

ALL FORMS REQUIRING SIGNATURE MUST BE SIGNED AS INDICATED.

1. Attachment A – Title Page. This form must be completed and included as the cover sheet for Proposals submitted in response to this RFP.
2. Attachment B – Vendor Information
3. Attachment C – Vendor Certification
4. Attachment D – Proof of Insurance or Bonding
5. Attachment E – Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace
6. Attachment F – IDEA Conflict of Interest Form
7. Attachment G – Conflict of Interest Form CIQ
8. Attachment H – Equal Opportunity and Nondiscrimination
9. Attachment I – Felony Conviction Disclosure Statement
10. Attachment J – Certification Regarding Lobbying
11. Attachment K – Debarment or Suspension Certificate
12. Attachment L – Contract Provisions for Contracts Involving Federal Funds
13. Attachment M – Criminal History Certification
14. Attachment N – Reference Sheet
15. Attachment O – Proposed Pricing
16. Attachment P – W-9 Form
17. Attachment Q – Bus Camera Specs
18. Attachment R – SPED Bus Bid Form

Attachment A – Title Page

A Proposal Submitted in Response to

IDEA

Request for Proposals
#2-RFP-TRNSP-2022 Special Education Buses

TYPE “A” A/C Wheelchair Accessible 10 to 12 Passenger School Buses
TYPE “C” 24 + 3 Wheelchair Passenger School Buses

Submitted By:

(Full Legal Name of

Vendor)On:

(Date of Submission)

Attachment B – Vendor Information

Enter Vendor's name and address below.

1. Vendor Name: _____

2. Street Address: _____

3. City, State, and Zip Code: _____

Additional Requirements:

Proposal must include name of each person with at least 25% ownership of Vendor.

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Attachment C – Vendor Certification

I, the undersigned, submit this Proposal and have read the specifications, which are a part of this RFP. My signature also certifies that I am authorized to submit this Proposal, sign as a representative for Vendor, and carry out services solicited in this RFP.

Signature of Authorized Agent: _____

Printed Name and Title of Agent: _____

Vendor Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____

Contact Person: _____

Email Address (if applicable): _____

Web Site Address (if applicable): _____

Attachment D – Proof of Insurance or Bonding

Please provide proof of insurance or bonding.

Attachment E – Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace

This certification is required by the Federal Regulations Implementing Sections 5151-5160 of the Drug-Free Workplace Act, 41 U.S.C. 701, for the Department of Agriculture (7 CFR Part 3017), Department of Labor (29 CFR Part 98), Department of Education (34 CFR Parts 85, 668 and 682), Department of Health and Human Services (45 CFR Part 76).

The undersigned Vendor certifies it will provide a drug-free workplace by:

- Publishing a policy statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the workplace and specifying the consequences of any such action by an employee.
- Establishing an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform employees of the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace, Vendor's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace, the availability of counseling, rehabilitation and employee assistance programs, and the penalties that may be imposed on employees for drug violations in the workplace.
- Providing each employee with a copy of Vendor's policy statement.
- Notifying the employees through Vendor's policy statement that as a condition of services to IDEA, employees shall abide by the terms of the policy statement and notifying Vendor in writing within five days after any conviction for a violation by the employee of a criminal drug abuse statute in the workplace.
- Notifying IDEA within ten (10) days of Vendor's receipt of a notice of a conviction of any employee; and,
- Taking appropriate personnel action against an employee convicted of violating a criminal drug statute or requires such employee to participate in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program.

Vendor Name

Signature of Authorized Representative

Date

Printed Name and Title of Authorized Representative

Attachment F – IDEA Conflict of Interest Form

By signature of this Proposal, Vendor covenants and affirms that:

- No manager, employee or paid consultant of Vendor is a member of the IDEA Board of Directors or an employee of IDEA.
- No manager or paid consultant of Vendor is married to a member of the IDEA Board of Directors, IDEA's Chief Executive officer, or an employee of IDEA.
- No member of the IDEA Board of Directors, IDEA's Chief Executive Officer, or employee of IDEA is a manager or paid consultant of Vendor.
- Neither any member of the IDEA Board of Directors, IDEA's Chief Executive officer, nor any employee of IDEA owns or controls more than 10% in Vendor.
- Neither any member of the IDEA Board of Directors, IDEA's Chief Executive officer, nor any employee of IDEA receives compensation from Vendor for lobbying activities as defined in Chapter 305 of the Texas Government Code.
- Vendor has disclosed within the Proposal any interest, fact or circumstance which does or may present a potential conflict of interest.
- Should Vendor fail to abide by the foregoing covenants and affirmations regarding conflict of interest, Vendor shall not be entitled to the recovery of any costs or expenses incurred in relation to any contract with IDEA and shall further be liable for any costs incurred or damages sustained by IDEA relating to that contract.

Vendor Name

Signature of Authorized Representative

Date

Printed Name and Title of Authorized Representative

Attachment G – Conflict of Interest Form CIQ

This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 23, 84th Leg., Regular Session. This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code, by a vendor who has a business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a) with a local governmental entity and the vendor meets requirements under Section 176.006(a). By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the local governmental entity not later than the 7th business day after the date the vendor becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006(a-1), Local Government Code. A vendor commits an offense if the vendor knowingly violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a misdemeanor.

Respondent must fill-out the Conflict of Interest Form CIQ and submit with their proposal.

The Conflict of Interest Form CIQ can be found at the following link:

<https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/forms/conflict/CIQ.pdf>

Attachment H – Equal Opportunity and Nondiscrimination

Vendor promotes employment opportunity through a program designed to provide equal opportunity without regard to race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, or political affiliation or belief. Additionally, discrimination is prohibited against any beneficiary of programs funded under Title I of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, on the basis of the beneficiary's citizenship/status as a lawfully admitted immigrant authorized to work in the United States, or his/her participation in any WIA Title I financially assisted program or activity. Vendor conforms to all applicable federal and state laws, rules, guidelines, regulations, and provides equal employment opportunity in all employment and employee relations.

EEO Laws, Rules, Guidelines, Regulations

Vendor provides equal opportunities consistent with applicable federal and state laws, rules, guidelines, regulations, and executive orders. Such regulations include:

- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, which prohibits discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.
- Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, and its implementing regulations at 29 CFR Part 37 which prohibit discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, or national origin in any term, condition, or privilege of employment.
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, which prohibits discrimination against qualified individuals because of disability.
- Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, as amended, which prohibits discrimination against individuals 40 years of age and older.
- Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, which prohibits discrimination against qualified individuals with disabilities.
- Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, which prohibits discrimination based on age in programs receiving federal financial assistance.
- Texas Commission on Human Rights Act, as amended, which prohibits discrimination in employment based on race, color, handicap, religion, sex, national origin, or age.
- Equal Pay Act of 1963, as amended, which requires equal pay for men and women performing equal work.
- Pregnancy Discrimination Act of 1978, which prohibits discrimination against pregnant women.

Vendor is committed to promoting equal employment opportunity through a progressive program designed to provide equal opportunity without regard to race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, or political affiliation or belief. Vendor takes positive steps to eliminate any systematic discrimination from personnel practices. Vendor recruits, hires, trains, and promotes into all job levels the most qualified persons without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, or disability status.

Staff at all levels is responsible for active program support and personal leadership in establishing, maintaining, and carrying out an effective equal employment opportunity program.

Vendor Name

Signature of Authorized Representative

Date

Printed Name and Title of Authorized Representative

Attachment I – Felony Conviction
Disclosure Statement

Pursuant to Texas Education Code Section 44.034, Notification of Criminal History of Contractor, “A person or business entity that enters into a contract with a school district must give advance notice to the district if the person or an owner or operator of the business entity has been convicted of a felony. The notice must include a general description of the conduct resulting in the conviction of a felony.” Additionally, in accordance with this state law, “A school district may terminate a contract with a person or business entity if the district determines that the person or business entity failed to give notice as required [...] or misrepresented the conduct resulting in the conviction.” In this event, “The district must compensate the person or business entity for services performed before the termination of the contract.” Section 44.034 “does not apply to a publicly held corporation.”

I, the undersigned agent for _____ (“Respondent”), certify that the information concerning notification of felony conviction has been reviewed by me and the following information furnished is true to the best of my knowledge.

- Respondent is a publicly held corporation; therefore, this reporting requirement is not applicable.
- Respondent is not owned or operated by anyone who has been convicted of a felony.
- Respondent is owned or operated by the following individual(s) who has/have been convicted of a felony, as disclosed below:

Name of Individual(s): _____

General description of the conduct resulting in the conviction of a felony:

Name of Individual: _____

General description of the conduct resulting in the conviction of a felony:

Signature of Authorized Representative

Date Signed

Attachment J – Certification Regarding Lobbying

Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction and is imposed by section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Any person who fails to file the required certifications shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an office or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, or an officer or employee of Congress, an employee of a Member of Congress, or any Board Member, officer, or employee of IDEA in connection with the awarding of Federal contract, the making of a Federal grant, the making of a Federal Loan, the entering into a cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of a Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, an employee of a Member of Congress, or any Board Member, officer, or employee of IDEA in connection with this Federal grant or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form –LLL, “Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying”, in accordance with its instructions.

The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the awarded documents for all covered sub-awards exceeding \$100,000 in Federal funds at all appropriate tiers and that all sub-recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Vendor Name

Signature of Authorized Representative

Date

Printed Name and Title of Authorized Representative

Attachment K – Debarment or Suspension Certificate

IDEA is prohibited from contracting with or making sub-awards under covered transaction to parties that are suspended or debarred or whose owners/members/principals and certain employees are suspended or debarred. Vendor must certify that it and its owners/members/principals are not suspended or debarred under federal law and rule.

By submitting signing contract and this certificate, Vendor certifies that no suspension or debarment is in place, which would otherwise preclude Vendor or its Owner/Members/Principals or employees from receiving a federally funded contract under applicable federal regulations and federal OMB Circulars.

Vendor Name

Signature of Authorized Representative

Date

Printed Name and Title of Authorized Representative

Attachment L – Contract Provisions for Contracts Involving Federal Funds

With respect to the use of federal funds for the procurement of goods and services, 2 CFR 200.326 and Appendix II to 2 CFR 200 require the inclusion of the following contract provisions.

1. Remedies for Contract Breach or Violations. Contracts for more than the simplified acquisition threshold currently set at \$250,000 must address administrative, contractual, or legal remedies in instances where contractors violate or breach contract terms and provide for such sanctions and penalties as appropriate.
2. Termination for Cause and Convenience. All contracts in excess of \$10,000 must address termination for cause and for convenience by THE SCHOOL including the manner by which it will be affected and the basis for settlement.
3. Equal Employment Opportunity. Except as otherwise provided under 41 CFR 60, all contracts that meet the definition of “federally assisted construction contract” in 41 CFR 60–1.3 must include the equal opportunity clause provided under 41 CFR 60–1.4(b), in accordance with Executive Order 11246, “Equal Employment Opportunity” (30 FR 12319, 12935, 3 CFR 1964–1965 Comp., p. 339), as amended by Executive Order 11375, “Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity,” and implementing regulations at 41 CFR 60, “Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor.”
4. Davis-Bacon Act. When required by Federal program legislation, all prime construction contracts in excess of \$2,000 awarded by the school and the charter districts must include a provision for compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141–3144, and 3146–3148) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR 5, “Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction”). In accordance with the statute, contractors must be required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, contractors must be required to pay wages not less than once a week. The school and the charter districts must place a copy of the current prevailing wage determination issued by the Department of Labor in each solicitation. The decision to award a contract or subcontract must be conditioned upon the acceptance of the wage determination. The school and the charter districts must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency. The contracts must also include a provision for compliance with the Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act (40 U.S.C. 3145), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR 3, “Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States”). The Act provides that each contractor or subrecipient must be prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled. The school and the charter districts must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency.
5. Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act. Where applicable, all contracts awarded by the school and the charter districts in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers must include a provision for compliance with 40 U.S.C. 3702 and 3704,

as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR 5). Under 40 U.S.C. 3702 of the Act, each contractor must be required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week. The requirements of 40 U.S.C. 3704 are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic must be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous, or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.

6. *Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement*. If the Federal award meets the definition of "funding agreement" under 37 CFR 401.2 (a) and the recipient or subrecipient wishes to enter into a contract with a small business firm or nonprofit organization regarding the substitution of parties, assignment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under that "funding agreement," the recipient or subrecipient must comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 401, "Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements," and any implementing regulations issued by the awarding agency.
7. *Clean Air Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act*. Contracts and subgrants of amounts in excess of \$150,000 must contain a provision that requires the contractor to agree to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401–7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251–1387). Violations must be reported to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).
8. *Energy Efficiency Standards and Policies*. Mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6201).
9. *Debarment and Suspension*. A contract award (see 2 CFR 180.220) must not be made to parties listed on the governmentwide Excluded Parties List System in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 CFR 180 that implement Executive Orders 12549 (3 CFR Part 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 CFR Part 1989 Comp., p. 235), "Debarment and Suspension." The Excluded Parties List System in SAM contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549.
10. *Byrd Anti-Lobbying*. Contractors that apply or bid for an award of \$100,000 or more must file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Each tier must also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection

with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier.

11. *Procurement of Recovered Materials*. The school, the charter districts and their contractors must comply with section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. The requirements of Section 6002 include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 CFR 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired by the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000; procuring solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery; and establishing an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.

Attachment M – Criminal History Review of Contractor Employees

Texas Education Code § 22.0834 requires entities that contract with school districts or charter schools to provide services to obtain named based criminal history and/or fingerprinting record information regarding “covered employees.”

Definitions:

“*Covered Employees*”: Any employee of a contractor or subcontractor who (1) has or will have continuing duties related to the contracted services and (2) has or will have direct contact with students. IDEA Public Schools (the “School”) retains the discretion to determine what constitutes direct contact with students.

“*Disqualifying Criminal History*”: Any conviction or other criminal information designated by the School, including one or more of the following offenses:

1. A felony or misdemeanor offense that would prevent a person from obtaining certification as an educator under Texas Education Code § 21.060, including:
 - a. Crimes involving moral turpitude;
 - b. Crimes involving any form of sexual or physical abuse or neglect of a student or minor or other illegal conduct with a student or minor;
 - c. Crimes involving felony possession or conspiracy to possess, or any misdemeanor or felony transfer, sale, distribution, or conspiracy to transfer, sell, or distribute any controlled substance defined in Chapter 481, Texas Health and Safety Code;
 - d. Crimes involving school property or funds;
 - e. Crimes involving any attempt by fraudulent or unauthorized means to obtain or alter any certificate or permit that would entitle any person to hold or obtain a position as an educator;
 - f. Crimes occurring wholly or in part on school property or at a school-sponsored activity; and
 - g. Felonies involving driving while intoxicated.
2. A felony offense under Title 5, Penal Code.
3. An offense on conviction of which a defendant is required to register as a sex offender.
4. An offense under the laws of another state or federal law that is equivalent to an offense under items (2) and (3) above where, at the time the offense occurred, the victim of the offense was under 18 years of age or was enrolled in a public school.
5. Any other offense that the School believes might compromise the safety of students, staff, or property.

All contractors must work with the School to comply with the requirements of Texas Education Code § 22.0834 prior to beginning services to the School.

CRIMINAL HISTORY REVIEW OF CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEES

Please complete the information below:

I, the undersigned agent for <<Contractor Name>> (“Contractor”), certify that [check one]:

None of the employees of Contractor and any subcontractors are “covered employees” as defined above. If this box is checked, I further certify that Contractor has taken precautions or imposed conditions to ensure that the employees of Contractor and any subcontractor will not become covered employees. Contractor will maintain these precautions or conditions throughout the time the contracted services are provided.

Or

Some or all of the employees of Contractor and any subcontractor are “covered employees.” If this box is checked, I further certify that:

1. If Contractor receives information that a covered employee subsequently has a reported criminal history, Contractor will immediately remove the covered employee from contract duties and notify the School in writing within three business days.
2. Upon request, Contractor will provide the School with the name and any other requested information regarding covered employees so that the School may obtain criminal history record information on the covered employees.
3. If the School objects to the assignment of a covered employee on the basis of the covered employee’s criminal history record information, Contractor agrees to discontinue using that covered employee to provide services to the School.
4. All covered employees hired after January 1, 2008 have completed the required background check process prior to performing any duties related to the School or having any direct contact with students.

I understand that non-compliance with this certification by Contractor may be grounds for contract termination and/or barring disqualified persons from performing the work.

Signature of Contractor Official

Date

Attachment N – Reference Sheet

Please list a minimum of three references of agencies (governments, charter schools or ISDs) that have used your services. We would prefer some of the references to be new customers in the last year, and Texas agencies are preferred:

1.

COMPANY NAME OR CONTACT PERSON

STREET ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP
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CONTACT PERSON	TELEPHONE NUMBER
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PRODUCTS/SERVICES USED

DESCRIBE AND DOCUMENT YOUR INVOLVEMENT WITH OTHER COMMUNITIES IN SIMILAR TYPE OF WORK

2.

COMPANY NAME OR CONTACT PERSON

STREET ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP
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CONTACT PERSON	TELEPHONE NUMBER
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PRODUCTS/SERVICES USED

DESCRIBE AND DOCUMENT YOUR INVOLVEMENT WITH OTHER COMMUNITIES IN SIMILAR TYPE OF WORK

3.

COMPANY NAME OR CONTACT PERSON

STREET ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

CONTACT PERSON

TELEPHONE NUMBER

PRODUCTS/SERVICES USED

DESCRIBE AND DOCUMENT YOUR INVOLVEMENT WITH OTHER COMMUNITIES IN SIMILAR TYPE OF WORK

Attachment O – Proposed Pricing

Respondent shall provide pricing / price schedule referencing: “ATTACHMENT “O” in their submitted proposal.”

Attachment P – Respondent’s W-9

The W-9 is an official form furnished by the IRS **for employers or other entities to verify the name, address, and tax identification number of an individual receiving income.** The information taken from a W-9 form is often used to generate a 1099 tax form, which is required for income tax filing purposes.

Respondent must fill-out the W-9 and submit with their proposal.

Respondent can obtain the W-9 Form at the following link:

<https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf>

Attachment Q – Bus Camera System Specs

Safety Vision

6100 W.

Sam

Houston

Pkwy. N.

Houston,

TX 77041

Direct: 713-896-6600

Fax: 713-896-6640

4112HVR 4 Camera Complete
System1TB Hard Drive

3 Year Warranty + 2 Year Extended Warranty Included

4112-HVR-1TBHDD 4112-HVR Kit With
Standard 1TB Hard Drive.41-GPS GPS Module
for 41 Series

41-PWRHRNS Power Harness 4000/4100/4108/4112/4116

41-TRIGGER Trigger Harness for 41 Series

4112-1TB-HDD 1 TB hard drive

4112-HVR 12 chan rec-8 analog 4 IP cam

SV-BATTERY-AAA Alkaline AAA Battery

Panic Button + Decals

41-PANIC-KIT Panic Button Kit for 41's

41-PANIC Panic Button for 4108/4112/4116

41-PANIC-CABLE Cable for 41-Panic. Use
with all but the 4000HYBSV-DECAL Audio & Video
Recording in Progress

Front WS Camera

AHD-H2.8M-BK 1080 AHD BLACK CAMERA W/OUT IR'S

SVS-5MMF 16ft 4in M/F THREADED CABLE

41-WS-BRKT front windshield bracket

Wide Angle Left of Driver Facing Doorway

AHD-WV AHD Wide View Camera

SVS-5MMF 16ft 4in M/F THREADED CABLE

Wide Angle Staggered Throughout Back of Bus

AHD-WV AHD Wide View Camera

SVS-10MMF 32ft 8in M/F THREADED CABLE

SVS-15MMF 49ft 4in M/F THREADED CABLE

Lifetime Software Updates, Maintenance, & Technical Support Charge INCLUDED

/4112/4120 Maintenance & Tech Support

WiFi Antenna

41-ANT-FEMALE wifi antenna for the 4100, 4108 & 4116

SPED BUS BID FORM

TYPE A: _____

VEHICLE # _____

VEHICLE DESCRIPTION _____

BID AMOUNT _____

OTHER Fees _____

VENDOR NAME (print) _____

Please note that respondents are not required to bid on each vehicle type. For the vehicle types, you wish not to bid on please reference the make/model and indicate "No Bid".

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

TYPE C: _____

VEHICLE # _____

VEHICLE DESCRIPTION _____

BID AMOUNT _____

OTHER Fees _____

VENDOR NAME (print) _____

Please note that respondents are not required to bid on each vehicle type. For the vehicle types, you wish not to bid on please reference the make/model and indicate "No Bid".

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

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