

OFFICE OF SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT, OVERSIGHT AND RECOVERY
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
Consent Agenda
September 13-14, 2012

OFFICE OF SAFE AND ORDERLY SCHOOLS

C. Approval of Pupil Transportation Equipment Bids

Executive Summary

As per MS Code Section 37- 41-101 (1), (2) and State Board of Education Policy 7901, the State Board of Education is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to advertise for and receive sealed bids and proposals for sale of school bus bodies and school buses sold as complete units to the school boards of school districts in the state. The State Board of Education shall approve persons, firms, corporations or associations authorized to sell bus bodies and school buses sold as complete units, and shall establish prices relative thereto based upon the lowest and best bids, which school districts may not exceed in purchasing such equipment.

Sealed bids were received and opened on July 23, 2012, and these prices reflected total cost, including freight, and shall be effective through September 30, 2013.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached



Mississippi Department of Education

DESCRIPTOR TERM: Bids	CODE: 7901
ADOPTION DATE: July 17, 1992	REVISION: March 27, 2012

STATE BOARD POLICY

When advertising and receiving bids for school buses, bus bodies, other school transportation equipment, sale of unneeded school transportation equipment, driver education and training equipment and visual and training aids and devices, the State Board of Education does hereby designate the Director of the Bureau of Administration and Finance, the Director of Pupil Transportation, Office of Safe and Orderly Schools, and a representative from the State Attorney General's Office (appointed by the State Attorney General) as its official agents to receive bids, to tabulate the bids in an open meeting as advertised by law and a recording secretary shall be in attendance to record the bid quotes. They shall file with the State Board of Education a full written report of their actions at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

§ 37-41-101. Advertising and receiving bids by state board of education for school buses and bus bodies; purchase of buses and bodies by counties and school districts; purchase of other school transportation equipment; sale of unneeded school transportation equipment

(1) The State Board of Education is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to advertise for and receive sealed bids and proposals for sale of school bus bodies and school buses sold as complete units to the school boards of school districts in this state. The State Board of Education shall approve persons, firms, corporations or associations authorized to sell school bus bodies and school buses sold as complete units, and shall establish prices relative thereto based upon the lowest and best bids, which school districts may not exceed in purchasing such equipment. In determining the lowest and best bids received for such equipment, there shall be included as part of the total cost thereof any transportation or freight charges which will be incurred. The State Board of Education may permit all such bidders to sell said equipment provided that the bidders agree to sell the equipment at prices established based upon the lowest and best bid and in compliance with rules and regulations relative thereto promulgated by the state board. Persons, firms, corporations or associations permitted to sell school bus bodies and school buses sold as complete units shall be limited to those actually submitting bids for consideration by the State Board of Education. The State Board of Education shall reserve the right to reject any and all bids submitted.

(2) School boards may purchase school bus bodies and school buses sold as complete units without additional advertisement for bids, provided that the prices for such equipment do not exceed the maximum allowable prices established under the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, and that said purchases are in compliance with the conditions specified therein. All such purchases shall be subject to the approval of the State Department of Education, which shall verify compliance with the applicable specifications, rules and regulations promulgated by the State Board of Education.

(3) In addition to the method of purchasing authorized under this section, school boards are hereby authorized to advertise for and accept the lowest and best bid received for the purchase of school bus chassis and/or pupil transportation service vehicles. Provided, however, that local school governing boards may purchase school bus chassis and/or pupil transportation service vehicles from any motor vehicle dealer domiciled within the county of such governing board, whose bid does not exceed a sum equal to three percent (3%) greater than the price or cost which the dealer pays the manufacturer, as evidenced by the factory invoice for such vehicles. In the event said county does not have an authorized motor vehicle dealer, said board may, in like manner, receive and accept bids from motor vehicle dealers in any adjoining county. No purchase of school bus chassis or service vehicles under the provisions of this subsection shall be valid unless the purchase is made according to statutory bidding and licensing requirements. All purchases under provisions of this subsection shall be subject to the approval of the State Department of Education, which shall verify compliance with the applicable specifications, rules and regulations promulgated by the State Board of Education.

(4) Upon application to and approval by the State Department of Education, school governing boards are hereby authorized to purchase used school buses and used pupil transportation service vehicles, provided that said vehicles meet applicable specifications and the purchase price does not exceed their fair market value. Said fair market value shall be determined by an appraisal by three (3) experienced and impartial citizens, the selection of whom shall be mutually agreed upon by the parties thereto. Said appraisers may be subject to approval by the State Department of Education. Maximum regard for pupil safety

and adequate protection of health shall be primary requirements which shall be observed by local school governing boards in purchasing used school buses. The State Department of Education may inspect or have inspected any used school bus prior to purchase to determine whether said bus meets requirements of law and regulations of the state board.

(5) In the event the school board shall have determined that school buses or pupil transportation service vehicles are no longer needed for the transportation of pupils in such school district, such equipment may be sold to another school district without the necessity of advertising for bids. The school district proposing to sell the buses or service vehicles and the school district proposing to purchase such equipment shall agree upon a fair and reasonable price therefor. The agreement shall be spread upon the minutes of the boards of the respective school districts and shall be subject to the prior approval of the State Department of Education, which shall verify compliance with applicable specifications, rules and regulations of the State Board of Education.

HISTORY: SOURCES: Codes, 1942, § 6367-12; Laws, 1953, Ex Sess, ch. 18, § 12; Laws, 1970, ch. 340; Laws, 1981, ch. 482, § 1; Laws, 1986, ch. 492, § 156, eff from and after July 1, 1987.

**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF SAFE AND ORDERLY SCHOOLS
DIVISION OF PUPIL TRANSPORTATION
SCHOOL BUS BID COMPARISON
July 31, 2012**

TYPE A-I CONVERTED CUTAWAY VAN TYPE SCHOOL BUSES (COMPLETE UNITS)

	2011-2012 APPROVED PRICE	2012-2013 LOWEST & BEST BID	DIFFERENCE	PERCENTAGE OF INCREASE/DECREASE	LOW BIDDER
16 - 17 Cap. Gas	\$54,070.00	\$55,151.00	\$1,081.00	1.99% increase	Burroughs Bus Sales
16 - 17 Cap. Diesel	\$63,450.00	\$64,719.00	\$1,269.00	2.00% increase	Burroughs Bus Sales
18 - 20 Cap. Gas	\$55,500.00	\$56,610.00	\$1,110.00	2.00% increase	Burroughs Bus Sales
18 - 20 Cap. Diesel	\$64,400.00	\$65,688.00	\$1,288.00	2.00% increase	Burroughs Bus Sales

TYPE A -I-CUTAWAY VAN TYPE SCHOOL BUSES (COMPLETE UNITS) (DUAL WHEELS)

16 - 24 Cap. Gas	\$56,050.00	\$57,171.00	\$1,121.00	2.00% increase	Burroughs Bus Sales
13 - 19 Cap. Diesel	\$60,000.00	\$61,200.00	\$1,200.00	2.00% increase	Burroughs Bus Sales
16 - 19 Cap. Gas	\$64,600.00	\$65,892.00	\$1,292.00	2.00% increase	Burroughs Bus Sales

TYPE A-2-CUTAWAY VAN TYPE SCHOOL BUSES (DUAL WHEELS) (COMPLETE UNITS)

24 Cap. Gas	\$63,750.00	\$65,025.00	\$1,275.00	2.00% increase	Burroughs Bus Sales
24 Cap. Diesel	\$71,400.00	\$72,828.00	\$1,428.00	2.00% increase	Burroughs Bus Sales
30 Cap. Diesel	\$72,592.00	\$74,044.00	\$1,452.00	2.00% increase	Burroughs Bus Sales

TYPE C - CONVENTIONAL TYPE SCHOOL BUSES (COMPLETE UNITS)

29 Capacity Diesel Automatic	\$76,000.00	\$77,520.00	\$1,520.00	2.00% increase	Burroughs Bus Sales
35 Capacity Diesel Automatic	\$77,000.00	\$78,540.00	\$1,540.00	2.00% increase	Burroughs Bus Sales
41 Capacity Diesel Automatic	\$78,100.00	\$79,622.00	\$1,522.00	1.94% increase	Burroughs Bus Sales
47 Capacity Diesel Automatic	\$78,900.00	\$80,478.00	\$1,578.00	2.00% increase	Burroughs Bus Sales
53 Capacity Diesel Automatic	\$80,200.00	\$81,804.00	\$1,604.00	2.00% increase	Burroughs Bus Sales
59 Capacity Diesel Automatic	\$81,500.00	\$83,130.00	\$1,630.00	2.00% increase	Burroughs Bus Sales
65 Capacity Diesel Automatic	\$83,000.00	\$84,660.00	\$1,660.00	2.00% increase	Burroughs Bus Sales
71 Capacity Diesel Automatic	\$84,500.00	\$86,190.00	\$1,690.00	2.00% increase	Burroughs Bus Sales
77 Capacity Diesel Automatic	\$85,100.00	\$86,802.00	\$1,702.00	2.00% increase	Burroughs Bus Sales

TYPE D - TRANSIT (MID-RANGE) SCHOOL BUSES (FRONT-MOUNTED ENGINES)

	CURRENT APPROVED PRICE	2011 LOWEST & BEST BID	AMOUNT INCREASE	PERCENTAGE OF INCREASE	LOW BIDDER
41 Capacity Diesel Automatic	\$92,600.00	\$94,452.00	\$1,852.00	2.00% increase	Burroughs Bus Sales
47 Capacity Diesel Automatic	\$93,300.00	\$95,166.00	\$1,866.00	2.00% increase	Burroughs Bus Sales
53 Capacity Diesel Automatic	\$94,050.00	\$95,931.00	\$1,881.00	2.00% increase	Burroughs Bus Sales
59 Capacity Diesel Automatic	\$96,075.00	\$97,996.00	\$1,921.00	1.99% increase	Burroughs Bus Sales
65 Capacity Diesel Automatic	\$97,500.00	\$99,450.00	\$1,950.00	2.00% increase	Burroughs Bus Sales
71 Capacity Diesel Automatic	\$98,500.00	\$100,470.00	\$1,970.00	2.00% increase	Burroughs Bus Sales
77 Capacity Diesel Automatic	\$99,500.00	\$101,490.00	\$1,990.00	2.00% increase	Burroughs Bus Sales
84 Capacity Diesel Automatic	\$101,000.00	\$103,020.00	\$2,020.00	2.00% increase	Burroughs Bus Sales

TYPE D-TRANSIT (MID-RANGE) SCHOOL BUSES (REAR-MOUNTED ENGINES)

53 Capacity Diesel Automatic	\$95,000.00	\$96,900.00	\$1,900.00	2.00% increase	Burroughs Bus Sales
59 Capacity Diesel Automatic	\$96,500.00	\$98,430.00	\$1,930.00	2.00% increase	Burroughs Bus Sales
65 Capacity Diesel Automatic	\$98,000.00	\$99,960.00	\$1,960.00	2.00% increase	Burroughs Bus Sales
71 Capacity Diesel Automatic	\$99,500.00	\$101,490.00	\$1,990.00	2.00% increase	Burroughs Bus Sales
77 Capacity Diesel Automatic	\$101,000.00	\$103,020.00	\$2,020.00	2.00% increase	Burroughs Bus Sales
84 Capacity Diesel Automatic	\$103,000.00	\$105,060.00	\$2,060.00	2.00% increase	Burroughs Bus Sales

TYPE D-TRANSIT SCHOOL BUSES (FRONT-MOUNTED ENGINES)

77 Capacity Diesel Automatic	\$115,000.00	\$117,300.00	\$2,300.00	2.00% increase	Burroughs Bus Sales
83 Capacity Diesel Automatic	\$116,800.00	\$119,136.00	\$2,336.00	2.00% increase	Burroughs Bus Sales

TYPE D - TRANSIT SCHOOL BUSES (REAR-MOUNTED ENGINES)

77 Capacity Diesel Automatic	\$125,500.00	\$128,010.00	\$2,510.00	2.00% increase	Burroughs Bus Sales
83 Capacity Diesel Automatic	\$127,500.00	\$130,050.00	\$2,550.00	2.00% increase	Burroughs Bus Sales

Optional Equipment (Furnished and Installed)

ITEM	ITEM	LOW BID	DIFFERENCE	% INCREASE OR DECREASE	LOW BIDDER
1. Additional Heater	\$750.00	\$750.00	0	0	Burroughs Bus Sales
2. Air Brakes	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	0	0	Burroughs Bus Sales
3. Air Conditioner 16-24 Capacity	\$5,100.00	\$5,100.00	0	0	Burroughs Bus Sales
4. Air Conditioner 25-47 Capacity	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00	0	0	Burroughs Bus Sales Empire Truck Sales
5. Air Conditioner 48-71 Capacity	\$13,000.00	\$13,000.00	0	0	Burroughs Bus Sales Empire Truck Sales
6. Air Conditioner 72-89 Capacity	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00	0	0	Burroughs Bus Sales Empire Truck Sales
7. Alternative Fuel Engine	\$37,000.00	\$37,000.00	0	0	Burroughs Bus Sales Empire Truck Sales
8. Auxiliary Fan	\$150.00	\$150.00	0	0	Burroughs Bus Sales
9. Door Lock	\$400.00	\$400.00	0	0	Burroughs Bus Sales Empire Truck Sales
10. Driver's Seat Highback Type	\$100.00	\$100.00	0	0	Burroughs Bus Sales
11. Extended Warranty			0	0	Burroughs Bus

(Chassis)	\$3,200.00	\$3,200.00			Sales Empire Truck Sales
12. Flat Floor-Specially Equipped Bus	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	0	0	Burroughs Bus Sales
13. Fuel Tank – Sixty Gallon	\$400.00	\$400.00	0	0	Burroughs Bus Sales
14. Heat Booster Pump	\$400.00	\$400.00	0	0	Burroughs Bus Sales Empire Truck Sales
15. Power Lift	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	0	0	Burroughs Bus Sales Empire Truck Sales
16. Public Address System	\$500.00	\$500.00	0	0	Burroughs Bus Sales
17. Ramp	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	0	0	Burroughs Bus Sales Empire Truck Sales
18. Reflective Material (per bus)	\$140.00	\$140.00	0	0	Burroughs Bus Sales
19. Restraining Device (per device)	\$180.00	\$180.00	0	0	Burroughs Bus Sales
20. Special Service Entrance Door	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	0	0	Burroughs Bus Sales
21. Stop Arm -Air Operated	\$350.00	\$350.00	0	0	Burroughs Bus Sales Empire Truck Sales
22. Stop Arm- Vacuum Operated	\$350.00	\$350.00	0	0	Burroughs Bus Sales
23. Storage Box	\$475.00	\$475.00	0	0	Burroughs Bus Sales Empire Truck Sales
24. Storage Compartment (Luggage) 10-15 Cu. Ft.	\$700.00	\$700.00	0	0	Burroughs Bus Sales
25. Storage Compartment (Luggage) 16-23 Cu. Ft.	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	0	0	Burroughs Bus Sales
26. Storage Compartment (Luggage) 24-30 Cu. Ft.	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	0	0	Burroughs Bus Sales

27. Tinted Glazing	\$850.00	\$850.00	0	0	Burroughs Bus Sales
28. Wheelchair Tie Downs (Per seating position)	\$800.00	\$800.00	0	0	Burroughs Bus Sales
29. White Roof	\$850.00	\$850.00	0	0	Burroughs Bus Sales

Approval of school transportation equipment bids

September 14, 2012

School transportation equipment bids were received and opened on July 23, 2012 in compliance with State Mississippi Board of Education policy (ED-1). This office recommends approval of the lowest and the best bids.

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Pupil Transportation**