BURKEVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS SCHOOL BUS ACQUISITION

- 1. The Burkeville Independent School District will be accepting bids for the acquisition of two (2)72-passenger type C school buses one with air conditioning and one without starting on February 27, 2019, at the Operation's Office, 231 CR 2099, Burkeville, TX 75932. Public opening of bids will occur immediately following the bid deadline on March 18, 2019, 8:00 A.M. at the Operation Office. Envelopes containing bids should be marked in the lower left-hand corner to read: "Bus Bids".
- 2. We are requesting bids for buses equipped without seatbelts.
- 3. In evaluating bids, the following considerations will be taken into account for award recommendations: purchase price, reputation of the vendor and of the vendor's goods or services, quality of the vendor's goods or services, extent to which the goods or services meet the district's needs, vendor's past relationship with the district, impact on the ability of the district to comply with laws and rules relating to historically underutilized businesses, total long-term cost to the district to acquire the vendor's goods or services, whether the vendor or the vendor's ultimate parent company or majority owner either (A) has its principal place of business in this state or (B) employs at least 500 persons in this state, and delivery date.
- 4. Bids must be submitted on the attached Bid Sheet and Acknowledgment.
- 5. Bids will be awarded at the Burkeville ISD Board Meeting on March 26, 2019.
- 6. The attached Felony Conviction Notice must be completed and returned with each bid.
- 7. Pursuant to Government Code 2252.908, proposer must submit Form 1295, Certificate of Interested Parties, electronically via the Texas Ethics Commission's online portal at www.ethics.state.tx.us/File. Proposer should then print, sign, and notarize the form before submitting it to the district with the proposal response.
- 8. Pursuant to Local Government Code 176.006, bidder must complete and return the attached Conflict of Interest Questionnaire if applicable.
- 9. The Burkeville Independent School District reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids.

BURKEVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL

HB 89 and SB 252 Certification Addendum

The Texas 85th Legislature passed two bills during its regular session that will impact all government contracts for goods and services, regardless of dollar amount, including contracts for professional, consulting, and construction services. This addendum requires review and signature from any vendor/independent contractor ("Contractor") entering into a contract ("Contract") with the Burkeville Independent School District to ensure the Contractor complies with the requirements stipulated herein.

HB 89 - Certification Regarding Israel

House Bill 89 (HB 89) prohibits governmental entities from entering into Contracts for goods and services that do not contain the Contractor's written verification that the Contractor does not, and during the term of the contract will not, boycott Israel.

SB 252 - Verification Regarding Terrorist Organizations

Senate Bill 252 (SB 252) prohibits governmental entities from contracting with parties on the State Comptroller's list of companies known to have contracts with, or provide supplies or services to, an organization designated as a Foreign Terrorist Organization by the U.S. Secretary of State. As a result of the new law, governmental entities are required to verify that vendors are not on the Comptroller's list (the "List") of companies with ties to foreign terrorists. The Comptroller's Office provides and maintains such List and anticipates the List going live on September 1, 2017. The List will be accessible through the Texas Treasury Safekeeping Trust (http://www.ttstc.org/index.php) or through a link on the Texas Comptroller's website (https://comptroller.texas.gov).

Contractor Certification

The Contractor entering into a Contract with the Burkeville Independent School District ("Burkeville ISD") for the provision of goods or services, whether such Contract is in the form of either a written agreement executed between both parties or a duly authorized Burkeville ISD purchase order, Contractor hereby certifies that it is not a company identified on the Texas Comptroller's List of companies known to have contracts with, or provide supplies or services to, a foreign organization designated as a Foreign Terrorist Organization by the U.S. Secretary of State. Contractor further certifies and verifies that neither Contractor, nor any affiliate, subsidiary, or parent company of Contractor, if any (the "Contractor Companies"), boycotts Israel, and Contractor agrees that Contractor and Contractor Companies will not boycott Israel during the term of this Contract. For purposes of this Contract, the term "boycott" shall mean and include terminating business activities or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations with Israel, or with a person or entity doing business in Israel or in an Israelicontrolled territory.

Contractor Business Name:		
Full Name of Company Official:		
Signature:	_Date:	

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BURKEVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL BID SHEET AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT SCHOOL BUS ACQUISITION

The undersigned agrees to provide three (2) 72-passenger type C school buses in accordance with the specification incorporated in this bid at the following price.

WITHOUT AIR CONDITIONG OPTION

	72-passenger type C school bus
Quantity Desired	2
Price per bus	
Total Price for Quantity Desired	
Delivery Date	On or before May 1, 2019
Chassis Model and Year	
Engine Model and Year	
Body Model and Year	

WITH AIR CONDITIONG OPTION

	72-passenger type C school bus
Quantity Desired	2
Price per bus	
Total Price for Quantity Desired	
Delivery Date	On or before May 1, 2019
Chassis Model and Year	
Engine Model and Year	
Body Model and Year	

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The undersigned affirms that they are duly authorized to execute this contract, that this company, corporation, firm, partnership or individual has not prepared this bid in collusion with any other Bidder and that the contents of this bid as to prices, terms or conditions of said bid have not been communicated by the undersigned nor any employee or agent to any other person engaged in this type of business prior to the official opening of this bid.

Company:			
Authorized Representative:			
	Printed Name		
Signature:		Date:	
Telephone Number:		-	
Fax Number:			

BURKEVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL BUS SPECIFICATIONS 72 PASSENGER TYPE C - CONVENTIONAL STYLE

The bus bid must meet or exceed all current State of Texas specifications for school buses as published by the Texas Department of Public Safety. The specifications that follow are the minimum basic requirement as defined by the Burkeville ISD. Only the Burkeville ISD will determine if a product substitution is equal to, or exceeds bid specifications. For this reason bidders must describe any deviations in the space provided. If additional room is needed to describe deviations, please attach a separate sheet with reference to the specification addressed. Failure to provide descriptions of deviations may result in rejection of the bid or product for non-compliance.

GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	DEVIATIONS-SPECIFY IF DEVIATION PERTAINS TO WITH A/C OR WITHOUT A/C
Size:	72 passenger	
Quantity:	2 with A/C or without A/C	
Delivery Date:	No later than 5/1/2019	
Model Year:	2017 or newer	
Bus Chassis:	Blue Bird, Freightliner, Thomas, or International	
Engine:	Diesel engine; 190 horsepower minimum	
Width:	Max. 102 inches (excluding mirrors)	
Overall Height:	121 inches	
Wheelbase	252 inches	
Headroom	73 inch interior headroom	
Transmission:	Automatic Transmission	
Brakes: Anti-Lock Brakes	Air Brakes	
Frame:	.25" thick steel channel, 9.625" web with 3:	
	flanges; minimum 50,000 psi yield strength.	
Fuel Tank:	100 gallon aluminized steel fuel tank. Fueled	
	from right with spring loaded fuel tank door.	
	Fuel tank sender access plate in floor of bus	
	body.	
Alternator:	170 Amp minimum	
Tires:	Steel belted radials, 11R22.5G	
Wheels:	Hub Piloted Disc Wheels	

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SPECIFICATIONS CONTINUED

FEATURES AND OPTIONS

ITEM	DESCRIPTION DESCRIPTION	DEVIATIONS
Construction:	Continuous, one-piece roof bows with no welds.	
	Formed-in, individual rain visors to allow window	
	opening in rain.	
Front Heater:	Heating system shall be capable of maintaining bus	
	interior temperatures as specified in SAE test	
	procedure J2233. System must have a washable air	
	filter with easy access. Cut off valve must be available	
	so driver can isolate system from engine and radiator	
	when necessary.	
Passenger Seats:	All cushioned seating, backing and barrier surfaces shall	
	be covered with a vinyl resin-coated	
	upholstering material or equivalent. All restraining	
	barriers and passenger seats shall be	
	constructed with materials that enable them to meet the	
	criteria contained in the School Bus	
	Seat Upholstery Fire Block Test. (See Appendix B, of	
	National School Transportation	
~	Specifications and Procedures)	
Stop Arm:	Two driver side electric operated stop signals.	
Roof Hatches:	Two Transpec roof hatches.	
Push Outs:	Four push out windows, two on each side of the bus.	
Safety Equipment:	Enlarged first aid kit to meet Texas specifications.	
	Body fluid cleanup kit to meet Texas specifications.	
	5 lb. Fire extinguisher to meet Texas specifications.	
	Triangle reflector kit to meet Texas specifications and	
	mounted behind the driver on the floor.	
Driver's Seat:	Adjustable high-back driver's seat with air suspension	
	pedestal with lumbar adjustment. Driver shoulder belt	
	shall be a 3 point adjustable lap/shoulder belt.	
Exterior Mirror:	Double nickel mirrors on left and right sides and cross	
	view mirrors. Rear vision mirrors must be motorized.	
Body Paint:	Exterior: Polyurethane paint, heat-cured, national	
	school bus yellow with black rubrails. Exterior top	
	shall also be colored white with polyurethane paint.	
Reflective Material:	Reflective Vinyl, 8" "SCHOOL BUS" signs on the	
	front and rear of the bus. Reflective Vinyl Tape down	
	the sides of the bus and outlining the rear of the bus	
T 11 T 1 T	and emergency exits.	
Full Insulation:	Fiberglass insulation of 1 1/2" minimum thickness	
	shall be installed in roof, front, rear, and sides of body.	
	Rear bow cavities shall be insulated.	

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ITEM	DESCRIPTION	DEVIATIONS
Sound Abatement:	Acoustical headliner in first two sections.	
Floor:	An elastomer floor covering meeting minimum Texas	
	State Standards.	
Entrance Door:	Door is outward opening and manually controlled with	
	(2) 20" handrails-one on each side of entrance	
Emergency Doors:	One 35" emergency door installed in the rear of the	
	bus. Positive holding device on door.	
Lettering:	BURKEVILLE I.S.D. on both sides of bus in 6 inch tall	
	letters.	
Windows:	Tinted, aluminum split sash design, 9" clear opening	
	passenger windows. There shall be one passenger	
	window for each passenger seat. Driver window	
	double sliding with positive latch front and rear. All	
	side and rear vision glass shall be tinted. Drivers	
	window and entrance door are tinted as per state	
	specifications.	
Rear Heater:	75,000 BTU Rear heater with auxiliary pump.	
Visor:	Shaded see-thru Plexiglas visor shall be on driver's	
	side of windshield, 6" x 30" minimum.	
Manuals/Diagnostic	A complete operator's manual with preventative	
Software:	maintenance schedules, wiring schematics and parts	
	listing. CD Rom version of all available diagnostic	
	software.	
Dome lights:	Shall be front and rear and activated with push/pull or	
	rocker switch and is independent of the ignition	
	switch.	
Strobe:	8 joule, low profile strobe light mounted on the last	
	section of the bus.	
Vandal Locks:	Front and rear vandal locks. Front is key activated.	
	Rear is interlocked into ignition so as to not allow bus	
	to start prior to unlocking.	
Warning System:	8-light warning system. Lights must be LED	
Child Check System	An electronic and visual warning device that requires	
	deactivation after the driver walks to the rear exit	
	checking for children	
Noise Abatement	A manual noise abatement switch installed in the	
Switch	control panel.	
AM/FM radio with	An AM/FM radio with 6 speakers and an integrated	
PA	PA system	
Driver Defog Fan	Defog fan installed near windshield to aide in removal	
	of fog	
Air Conditioning	Two air conditioning units which meet minimum TX	
Option	School Bus Standards	

WARRANTY, PREPARATION, DELIVERY

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	DEVIATION
Warranty:	Five (5) Year/100,000 mile warranty on the chassis frame and cross members, body shell, paint adhesion, seat frames and diesel engine. Two (2) year unlimited mileage warranty on the chassis. Vendor shall include warranty certificates with coverage information with proposal. Vendor shall supply a complete comprehensive parts manual for body components and quick reference materials	
Service:	after delivery of units. Vendor's service department must be available during normal business hours with phone assistance available for district to use. Body warranty issues can be resolved onsite by school staff or arrangements can be made to bring into facility. The chassis shall be covered by the nearest dealer.	
Preparation:	All pre-delivery service must be provided directly by the body manufacturer or distributor identified in the proposal. Third-party subcontractors shall not perform pre-delivery service or preparation work on any buses ordered. A copy of the unit pre-delivery check-out form for the chassis and body must be included upon delivery and must indicate the identity of any party performing pre-delivery work.	
Delivery:	Vendor shall deliver vehicles to Burkeville ISD. Tow vehicles shall not be utilized in any facet of the delivery process. Delivery date must be on or before 5/1/2019.	

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FELONY CONVICTION NOTICE

State of Texas Legislative Senate Bill No. 9, Section 44.034, Notification of Criminal History, Subsection (a), states "a person of 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."

Subsection (b) states "a school district may terminate a contact with a person or business entity if the district determines that the person or business entity failed to give notice as required by Subsection (a) or misrepresented the conduct resulting in the conviction. The district must compensate the person or business entity for services performed before the termination of the contract."

CRIMINAL HISTORY REVIEW OF CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEES

Texas Education Agency Amendment to 19 TAC 153.1101 and new rule 19 TAC 153.117 regarding criminal history checks of contractor employees provide the school district with rules interpreting Texas Education Code ~22.0834. The rules define continuing contract duties, direct contact with students and other relevant terms within the statute.

Except as otherwise provided herein, Contractor will obtain and certify in writing, before work begins, and at least annually, a criminal history record information that relates to an employee, applicant, agent or Subcontractor of the Contractor or a Subcontractor, if the person has or will have continuing duties related to the Project, and the duties are or will be performed on Owner's property where students are regularly present or at another location where students are regularly present. Contractor shall assume all expenses associated with the background checks and shall immediately remove any employee or agent who was convicted of, received probation for, or received deferred adjudication for any felony as outlined below or any misdemeanor involving moral turpitude, from Owner's property or other location where students are regularly present. Owner shall determine what constitutes "moral turpitude" or "a location where students are regularly present." Contractor or sub-contractors may not work on District property where students are present when they have been convicted, received probation or deferred adjudication for the following felony offenses:

- 1. Any offense against a person who was, at the time the offense occurred, under 18 years of age or enrolled at a public school;
- 2. Any sex offense;
- 3. Any crimes against persons involving:
 - a. Controlled substances; or
 - b. Property; or
- 4. Any other offense the District believes might compromise the safety of students, Staff or property.

This notice is not required of a publicly-held corporation.

I, the undersigned agent for the firm named below, certify that I have reviewed the information concerning notification of felony convictions and required criminal history checks and that ALL information furnished is true to the best of my knowledge.

Vendor's	Name:	<u> </u>
Authoriz	ed Company Official's Name (please print):	<u> </u>
A.	My firm is a publicly-held corporation; therefore, this reporting requirement is not applicable: Signature of Company Official:	
В.	My firm is not owned or operated by anyone who has been convicted of a felony. Signature of Company Official:	
C.	My firm is owned or operated by the following individual(s) who has/have been convicted of a felony: Name of Felon(s):	Details of Conviction(s):
	Signature of Company Official:Date:	<u> </u>

Contractor is responsible for the performance of the persons, employees and/or subcontractors Contractor assigns to provide services for the Lufkin ISD pursuant to this contract on any and all Lufkin ISD campuses or facilities. Contractor will not assign individuals to provide services at a Lufkin ISD campus or facility who have a history of violent, unacceptable, or grossly negligent behavior or who have a felony conviction, without the prior written consent of the Lufkin ISD Purchasing Department. If at anytime during performance of this contract, there is a change in felony status of any persons, employees, and/or subcontractors providing services to the Lufkin ISD, Contractor will immediately update the above form and provide such form to the Lufkin ISD Business Office within five business days of becoming aware of the change in status.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

For vendor doing business with local governmental entity

A complete copy of Chapter 176 of the Local Government Code may be found at http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/LG/htm/LG.176.htm. For easy reference, below are some of the sections cited on this form.

<u>Local Government Code§ 176.001(1-a)</u>: "Business relationship" means a connection between two or more parties based on commercial activity of one of the parties. The term does not include a connection based on:

- (A) a transaction that is subject to rate or fee regulation by a federal, state, or local governmental entity or an agency of a federal, state, or local governmental entity;
- (B) a transaction conducted at a price and subject to terms available to the public; or
- (C) a purchase or lease of goods or services from a person that is chartered by a state or federal agency and that is subject to regular examination by, and reporting to, that agency.

Local Government Code 176.003(a)(2)(A) and (B):

- (a) A local government officer shall file a conflicts disclosure statement with respect to a vendor if:
 - (2) the vendor:
 - (A) has an employment or other business relationship with the local government officer or a family member of the officer that results in the officer or family member receiving taxable income, other than investment income, that exceeds \$2,500 during the 12-month period preceding the date that the officer becomes aware that
 - (i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed; or
 - (ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor (B) has given to the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts that have an aggregate value of more than \$100 in the 12-month period preceding the date the officer becomes aware that:
 - (i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed; or
 - (ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor.

Local Government Code 176.006(a) and (a-1)

- (a) A vendor shall file a completed conflict of interest questionnaire if the vendor has a business relationship with a local governmental entity and:
 - (1) has an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A);
 - (2) has given a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, one or more gifts with the aggregate value specified by Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding any gift described by Section 176.003(a-1); or
 - (3) has a family relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity.
- (a-1) The completed conflict of interest questionnaire must be filed with the appropriate records administrator not later than the seventh business day after the later of:
 - (1) the date that the vendor:
 - (A) begins discussions or negotiations to enter into a contract with the local governmental entity; or
 - (B) submits to the local governmental entity an application, response to a request for proposals or bids, correspondence, or another writing related to a potential contract with the local governmental entity; or
 - (2) the date the vendor becomes aware:
 - (A) of an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer, or a family member of the officer, described by Subsection(a);

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

FORM CIQ

For vendor doing business with local governmental entity

For vendor doing business with local governmental entity			
This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 23, 84th Leg., Regular Session.	OFFICE USE ONLY		
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).	Date Received		
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.			
Name of vendor who has a business relationship with local governmental entity.			
Check this box if you are filing an update to a previously filed questionnaire. (The law recompleted questionnaire with the appropriate filing authority not later than the 7th busines you became aware that the originally filed questionnaire was incomplete or inaccurate.)	s day after the date on which		
Name of local government officer about whom the information is being disclosed.			
Name of Officer			
Describe each employment or other business relationship with the local government officer, as described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A). Also describe any family relationship with Complete subparts A and B for each employment or business relationship described. Attack CIQ as necessary. A. Is the local government officer or a family member of the officer receiving or lother than investment income, from the vendor? Yes No B. Is the vendor receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment of the local government officer or a family member of the officer AND the taxable local governmental entity? Yes No Describe each employment or business relationship that the vendor named in Section 1 notations.	t income, from or at the direction income is not received from the		
other business entity with respect to which the local government officer serves as an ownership interest of one percent or more.	officer or director, or holds an		
Check this box if the vendor has given the local government officer or a family member as described in Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding gifts described in Section 176.	003(a-1).		
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Signature of vendor doing business with the governmental entity	Date		

(Rev. August 2013) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

Give Form to the requester. Do not send to the IRS.

	Name (se shows a second				
	Name (as shown on your income tax return)				
	Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above				
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See	City, state, and ZIP code				
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Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Future developments. The IRS has created a page on IRS.gov for information about Form W-9, at www.irs.gov/w9. Information about any future developments affecting Form W-9 (such as legislation enacted after we release it) will be posted

Purpose of Form

A person who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) to report, for example, income paid to you, payments made to you in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, real estate transactions, mortgage interest you paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, or contributions you made

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN to the person requesting it (the requester) and, when applicable, to:

- 1. Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued).
- 2. Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
- 3. Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the

4. Certify that FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that you are exempt from the FATCA reporting, is correct.

Note. If you are a U.S. person and a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

Definition of a U.S. person. For federal tax purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are:

- · An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien,
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States,
- · An estate (other than a foreign estate), or
- A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

Special rules for partnerships. Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax under section 1446 on any foreign partners' share of effectively connected taxable income from 1446 on any foreign partners' share or effectively connected taxable income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, the rules under section 1446 require a partnership to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the section 1446 withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid section 1446 withholding on your share of partnership income.