

Ohio Schools Council Cooperative advertising and receiving bids for school bus chassis and bodies

WHEREAS, the Beaver Local Schools Board of Education wishes to advertise and receive bids for the purchase of 1- 71 passenger conventional school bus chassis and bodies.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Beaver Local Schools Board of Education wishes to participate and authorizes the Ohio Schools Council to advertise and receive bids on behalf of said Board as per the specifications submitted for the cooperative purchase of 1-71 passenger school bus chassis and bodies.

Motion	_____	2nd	_____
Aye	_____	Nay	_____



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January 6, 2016

Dear Superintendent:

The Ohio Schools Council (OSC) Cooperative School Bus Purchasing Committee is preparing for the formulation of the 2016-17 School Bus Bids requesting school buses for delivery by May, 2017. This will constitute the twenty-fifth year of this program having advertised and received bids for member school districts at an estimated savings of \$1,500 per unit, plus employee time and cost of legal advertisement. Fifty-four (54) districts participated in the 2015-16 program with purchases of one hundred fifty-six (156) buses totaling \$13,657,958.66.

Bids will be opened mid-May, which will allow a district to use funds from FY15 or FY16, whichever you choose.

The Ohio Schools Council Cooperative School Bus Purchasing Program invites your school district to participate in the 2016-17 Program. The following are the necessary procedures for participation:

1. Complete and return enclosed school bus Survey on or before January 29, 2016.
2. School Bus Specification Commitments (mailed to district representative on February 22, 2016) to be completed and returned by March 11, 2016.
3. Provide Board Resolution of intent to participate in OSC School Bus Purchase by March 21, 2016.
4. Provide list of school bus trade-ins, chassis year, make, capacity, State ID number, District number and address where unit may be inspected (to be included with school district specification commitment).

5. School District representative attends meeting on May 26, 2016 to review and pick up all bus bids received.
6. School district Board of Education review, accept and award school bus chassis and bodies selected and award contract for purchase.
7. Delivery of School Buses by May, 2017.

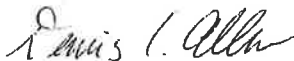
The OSC's Board of Directors has waived the annual fee for this School Bus Purchasing Program. This program is now available to all OSC members at no additional cost.

Please find enclosed information for your school district to review to become a part of a quality dollar saving program guided by an outstanding group of advisory committee members:

School Bus Purchasing Survey
Bus Type Classification
School Bus Purchasing Sample Resolution
School Bus Purchasing Calendar
School Bus Purchasing Committee
2015-16 Summary of School Buses Purchased

The Ohio Schools Council and School Bus Purchasing Committee have appreciated the support, participation and staff service over the past few years. It is the hope that more districts will take advantage of this classic cooperative program, which is unique in the State of Ohio. If you have any questions, comments, thoughts or ideas, please convey them to us.

Sincerely,



Dennis L. Allen
Assistant Executive Director

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Enclosures

cc: Bus Program Contact Person



OHIO SCHOOLS COUNCIL

SURVEY FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE COOPERATIVE SCHOOL BUS PURCHASING PROGRAM FY 17

School District _____

Address _____

Contact Person _____

Contact Person's Telephone # _____ Email _____

Based on school district interest, the OSC Cooperative School Bus Purchasing Program will be advertising and requesting bids for school buses in April, 2016 for purchase and delivery by May of 2017. Is your district interested in purchasing buses?

Please circle. Yes No

If yes, please complete the following information:

1. Minimum number of units to be purchased (not a range): _____

2. Number, type and size of buses to be purchased: (i.e., 2- 71 passenger, diesel, conventional, transit puller or transit pusher w/lift)



Type A



Conventional



Transit Puller
or Pusher

Quantity:
(Single Number,
not a range)

Size:

Circle:

Model:
(Type A-I, A-II, conventional,
transit puller, transit pusher – see
pictures above)

With
wheelchair lift?

_____	84 passenger	Gas / Diesel	_____	_____
_____	78 passenger	Gas / Diesel	_____	_____
_____	77 passenger	Gas / Diesel	_____	_____
_____	72 passenger	Gas / Diesel	_____	_____
_____	71 passenger	Gas / Diesel	_____	_____
_____	65 passenger	Gas / Diesel	_____	_____
_____	54 passenger	Gas / Diesel	_____	_____
_____	47 passenger	Gas / Diesel	_____	_____
_____	35 passenger	Gas / Diesel	_____	_____
_____	Type A-I, A-II	Gas / Diesel	_____	_____
_____	Other _____	Gas / Diesel	_____	_____

3. Please indicate your school district preference for chassis and body supplier:

First choice

Second choice

Chassis:

Chassis:

Body:

Body:

4. Districts will have the opportunity to add special equipment to the specifications.
5. Please return by fax, mail or email **ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 29, 2016** to:

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Upon returning survey, those districts that have indicated an interest in purchasing will be forwarded a commitment packet on February 22, 2016. Participating school boards must pass a resolution (sample included) before March 21, 2016.

Bus Type Classification

There are seven styles of buses that can be manufactured to federal motor vehicle safety standards for school buses. Plus one style of vehicle that is often used for school transportation purposes, but does not meet the applicable FMVSS. The following chart describes each of these types and styles of vehicle.

The **Type A** school bus is a conversion or body constructed upon a van-type or cutaway front-section vehicle with a left side driver's door, designed for carrying more than 10 persons. This definition shall include two classifications: **Type A-1**, with a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) of 10,000 pounds or less, and a **Type A-2**, with a GVWR of 10,000 pounds or more.



Type A



Type B

The **Type B** school bus is a conversion or body constructed and installed upon a front-section vehicle chassis, or stripped chassis, with a gross vehicle weight rating of more than 10,000 pounds, designed for carrying more than 10 persons. Part of the engine is beneath and/or behind the windshield and beside the driver's seat. The entrance door is behind the front wheels.

The **Type C** school bus is a body installed upon a flat-back cowl chassis with a gross vehicle weight rating of more than 10,000 pounds, designed for carrying more than 10 persons. The entire engine is in front of the windshield and the entrance door is behind the front wheels. [Editor's note: The Type C school buses are referred to as "conventional" buses.]



Type C



Type D

The **Type D** school bus is a body installed upon a chassis, with the engine mounted in the front, mid-ship, or rear with a gross vehicle weight rating of more than 10,000 pounds, and designed for carrying more than 10 persons. The engine may be behind the windshield and beside the driver's seat; it may be at the rear of the bus, behind the rear wheels; or mid-ship between the front and rear axles. The entrance door is ahead of the front wheels. [Editor's note: Type D school buses are referred to as "transit-style," RE for "rear-engine," or FC for "forward control."]

Multifunction School Activity Buses are defined as a vehicle sold for purposes that do not include transportation between home and school for students from kindergarten through grade 12. Schools and school districts are specifically prohibited from using MFSAB's to transport school children in regular route school bus transportation service. Since they are not intended to be used for picking up or discharging students on public roadways MFSAB are exempt from the traffic control requirements and devices — stop arm, flashing lights — designed to control traffic. While the MFSAB's are exempt from the traffic control requirements, they are required to comply with all school bus crashworthiness standards, all other requirements in the school bus crash avoidance and conspicuity safety standards, and all post-crash school bus standards.



A school van is a van converted to full school bus specifications. Major alterations are made to the vehicle including cutting the roof off and welding in a full roll cage, along with dozens of other major alterations. When complete, the vehicle rides like a regular van, but meets the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards for school buses.

Allowable Alternate Vehicles meet all federal school bus crashworthiness standards, but do not meet conspicuity regulations or traffic control standards, i.e. flashing red lights, school bus yellow paint, and left side stop arm. Intended primarily for use in Head Start transportation.



Non-conforming Vans are vehicles which do not conform to the applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards for school buses. Hence the term "non-conforming van." Most 15-passenger vans are little more than cargo vehicles converted to passenger application. Most do not even have the basic safety features of traditional passenger vehicles.

SAMPLE RESOLUTION

Ohio Schools Council Cooperative advertising and receiving bids for school bus chassis and bodies

WHEREAS, the _____ Schools Board of Education wishes to advertise and receive bids for the purchase of _____ - _____ school bus chassis and bodies.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the _____ Schools Board of Education wishes to participate and authorizes the Ohio Schools Council to advertise and receive bids on behalf of said Board as per the specifications submitted for the cooperative purchase of _____ - _____ school bus chassis and bodies.

Motion _____ 2nd _____
Aye _____ Nay _____

e.g.:

Ohio Schools Council Cooperative advertising and receiving bids for school bus chassis and bodies

WHEREAS, the _____ Schools Board of Education wishes to advertise and receive bids for the purchase of 3 - 65 passenger unitized conventional school bus chassis and bodies.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the _____ Schools Board of Education wishes to participate and authorizes the Ohio Schools Council to advertise and receive bids on behalf of said Board as per the specifications submitted for the cooperative purchase of 3 - 65 passenger unitized conventional school bus chassis and bodies

Motion _____ 2nd _____
Aye _____ Nay _____



OSC Cooperative School Bus Purchasing Program

2016-17 CALENDAR

School Bus Purchase survey to OSC member districts	Wednesday, January 6, 2016
School Bus Surveys due to OSC	Friday, January 29, 2016
Mail draft specifications to vendors for review	Monday, February 1, 2016
Meeting with vendors to review specifications	Tuesday, February 16, 2016, 10:00 a.m. (OSC Building Conference Room)
Commitments mailed to district representatives	Monday, February 22, 2016
District Commitments Due to OSC	Friday, March 11, 2016
School district passes board resolution of intent to participate (January, February, March, 2016) due to OSC	Monday, March 21, 2016
Legal notice advertising for request for bids and Pre-bid Meeting notice (2 weeks)	Friday, April 1 and 8, 2016
Pre-bid Meeting - Committee with vendors present	Thursday, April 7, 2016, 10:00 a.m. (OSC Building Conference Room)
Bids available to vendors	Thursday, April 7, 2016
Bus Show with committee, district representatives and vendors	Thursday, May 12, 2016, 9:00 a.m. (OSC Vendor Fair / LaCentre Event and Conference Center)
Chassis and Body Bids due and opened (Public opening)	Thursday, May 19, 2016, 10:00 a.m. (OSC Building Conference Room)
Committee review and evaluate bids	Thursday, May 19, 2016, 11:00 a.m. (OSC Building Conference Room)
Bids shall be firm for sixty (60) days:	Thursday, May 19, 2016 To Monday July 18, 2016
Representatives from participating school districts receive, review bids and purchasing procedures	Thursday, May 26, 2016, 9:30 a.m. (OSC Building Conference Room)
School Boards may accept or reject bids and award contracts for school bus chassis and body(ies)	August 17, 2016



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SUMMARY OF PURCHASES

2015-16 SUMMARY	OSC Fee	Type of School Bus Ordered	Bus Unit Order	Bus Trade -In	Trade-in Deducts	Manufacturer and Supplier	School Bus Cost Per Unit	Total Cost All Buses Purchased
Amherst Exempted Village Schools	325.00	71 pass. Transit Puller	1	1	\$2,250.00	Cardinal - Blue Bird	\$87,284.00	\$85,034.00
Barberton City Schools	325.00	78 pass. Transit Puller	4			Cardinal - Blue Bird	\$105,142.59	\$420,570.36
Bedford City Schools	325.00	72 pass. Conventional 54 pass. Conventional	2 2	2 2	\$3,000.00 \$4,000.00	Bobby's Truck - Lion Bus Rush Truck - IC Corp.	\$105,574.00 \$82,285.00	\$368,718.00
Bellevue Local Schools	325.00	78 pass. Conventional 78 pass. Conventional	2 2	2	\$3,000.00	Cardinal - Blue Bird Cardinal - Blue Bird	\$80,640.00 \$80,640.00	\$319,560.00
Borea City Schools	325.00	72 pass. Conventional 54 pass. Conventional w/lift	4 1			Cardinal - Blue Bird Cardinal - Blue Bird	\$77,664.00 \$83,898.00	\$394,554.00
Berkshire Local Schools	325.00	72 pass. Conventional	2			Myers Equip. - Thomas	\$81,690.00	\$163,380.00
Black River Local Schools	325.00	77 pass. Conventional	2			Rush Truck - IC Corp.	\$89,835.00	\$179,670.00
Breeksville-Broadview Hts. City Schools	325.00	54 pass. Conventional w/lift 65 pass. Conventional	1 2			Cardinal - Blue Bird Cardinal - Blue Bird	\$91,320.00 \$84,726.00	\$260,772.00
Bucyrus City Schools	325.00	77 pass. Conventional	1			Cardinal - Blue Bird	\$85,451.00	\$85,451.00
Chagrin Falls Es. Village Schools	325.00	72 pass. Transit Puller	1	1	\$2,500.00	Cardinal - Blue Bird	\$85,220.00	\$82,720.00
Cleveland Hts.-University Hts. City Schools	325.00	71 pass. Conventional	5			Myers Equip. - Thomas	\$86,297.60	\$431,488.00
Cloverleaf Local Schools	325.00	no purchase information received						\$0.00
Copley-Fairlawn City Schools	325.00	72 pass. Transit Puller	3			Cardinal - Blue Bird	\$86,183.00	\$258,549.00
Cuyahoga Falls City Schools	325.00	72 pass. Conventional 78 pass. Conventional	4 4			Cardinal - Blue Bird Cardinal - Blue Bird	\$80,064.00 \$83,065.00	\$652,516.00
Cuyahoga Heights Local Schools	325.00	no purchases						\$0.00

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Eastwood Local Schools	325.00	78 pass. Conventional	2	2	\$3,200.00	Rush Truck - IC Corp.	\$80,884.00	\$158,568.00
Findlay City Schools	325.00	no purchases at the time of print						\$0.00
Grand Valley Local Schools	325.00	77 pass. Conventional	2			Rush Truck - IC Corp.	\$80,533.00	\$161,066.00
Hudson City Schools	325.00	no purchase information received						\$0.00
Huron City Schools	325.00	78 pass. Conventional	3			Cardinal - Blue Bird	\$66,359.10	\$199,077.30
Kenston Local Schools	325.00	66 pass. Conventional w/lift 72 pass. Conventional 78 pass. Conventional 84 pass. Transit Puller	3 5 10 10	24	\$57,800.00	Cardinal - Blue Bird Cardinal - Blue Bird Cardinal - Blue Bird Cardinal - Blue Bird	\$91,000.00 \$87,300.00 \$89,600.00 \$97,800.00	\$2,525,700.00
Keystone Local Schools	325.00	no purchase information received						\$0.00
Kirtland Local Schools	325.00	Type A w/lift 84 pass. Transit Puller	1 1	2	\$4,200.00	Myers Equip. - Thomas Myers Equip. - Thomas	\$56,000.00 \$90,391.00	\$390,237.00
Madison Local Schools (Lake)	325.00	78 pass. Transit Puller	3			Myers Equip. - Thomas	\$82,682.00	\$248,046.00
Mahoning County Board of DD	325.00	no purchase information received						\$0.00
Maple Heights City Schools	325.00	no purchase information received						\$0.00
Mentor Exempted Village Schools	325.00	71 pass. Conventional	4			Rush Truck - IC Corp.	\$96,000.00	\$384,000.00
Midview Local Schools	325.00	no purchase information received						\$0.00
Newbury Local Schools	325.00	72 pass. Conventional	1			Rush Truck - IC Corp.	\$88,200.00	\$88,200.00
North Olmsted City Schools	325.00	71 pass. Conventional	3			Rush Truck - IC Corp.	\$79,912.00	\$239,736.00

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North Ridgeville City Schools	325.00	84 pass. Transit Puller	2	2	\$5,000.00	Cardinal Bus - Blue Bird	\$98,880.00	\$478,262.00
		72 pass. Conventional w/lift	2	2	\$4,500.00	Cardinal Bus - Blue Bird	\$98,644.00	
		54 pass. Conventional w/lift	1	1	\$2,250.00	Cardinal Bus - Blue Bird	\$94,964.00	
North Royalton City Schools	325.00	71 pass. Conventional	3			Cardinal Bus - Blue Bird	\$91,598.00	\$386,230.00
		54 pass. Conventional w/lift	1			Cardinal Bus - Blue Bird	\$111,436.00	
Northwood Local Schools	325.00	no purchase information received						\$0.00
Norton City Schools	325.00	no purchase information received						\$0.00
Oberlin City Schools	325.00	no purchases at this time						\$0.00
Olmsted Falls City Schools	325.00	84 pass. Transit Pusher	1			Rush Truck - IC Corp.	\$109,818.00	\$109,818.00
Painesville City Schools	325.00	77 pass. Conventional	5	6	\$12,800.00	Rush Truck - IC Corp.	\$82,923.00	\$478,685.00
		47 pass. Conventional	1			Rush Truck - IC Corp.	\$76,870.00	
Perry Local Schools (Lake)	325.00	84 pass. Transit Puller	1	1	\$2,750.00	Cardinal Bus - Blue Bird	\$90,049.00	\$87,299.00
Revere Local Schools	325.00	72 pass. Conventional	7			Rush Truck - IC Corp.	\$79,386.00	\$555,702.00
Riverside Local Schools (Lake)	325.00	no purchase information received						\$0.00
Rocky River City Schools	325.00	72 pass. Conventional	2	1	\$2,500.00	Cardinal Bus - Blue Bird	\$88,559.00	\$174,578.00
Sebring Local Schools	325.00	72 pass. Conventional	1			Cardinal Bus - Blue Bird	\$74,670.00	\$74,670.00
Shaker Heights City Schools	325.00	71 pass. Conventional	3	3	\$12,000.00	Cardinal - Blue Bird	\$89,301.00	\$357,187.00
		71 pass. Conventional w/lift	1	1	\$4,000.00	Cardinal - Blue Bird	\$105,284.00	
Solon City Schools	325.00	78 pass. Conventional	5			Rush Truck - IC Corp.	\$83,525.80	\$417,629.00
South Euclid-Lyndhurst City Schools	325.00	78 pass. Conventional	3			Rush Truck - IC Corp.	\$84,984.00	\$254,952.00

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Stow-Monroe Falls City Schools	325.00	77 pass. Conventional 77 pass. Conventional w/lift	4 1			Rush Truck - IC Corp. Rush Truck - IC Corp.	\$82,881.60 \$82,881.60	\$414,408.00
Strongsville City Schools	325.00	65 pass. Conventional	5			Myers Equip. - Thomas	\$87,871.00	\$439,355.00
Twinsburg City Schools	325.00	72 pass. Conventional	3			Myers Equip. - Thomas	\$78,189.00	\$234,567.00
Vanguard-Sentinel Career & Tech Center	325.00	72 pass. Conventional 72 pass. Conventional	1 1			Bobby's Truck - Lion Bus Cardinal - Blue Bird	\$99,345.00 \$80,290.00	\$179,635.00
Warrensville Heights City Schools	325.00	no purchases						\$0.00
Washington Local Schools	325.00	84 pass. Transit Puller 72 pass. Conventional	2 3			Cardinal Bus - Blue Bird	\$88,391.00 \$77,273.00	\$408,601.00
West Branch Local Schools	325.00	72 pass. Conventional	2			Myers Equip. - Thomas	\$80,831.00	\$161,662.00
West Geauga Local Schools	325.00	72 pass. Conventional	3			Rush Truck - IC Corp.	\$82,648.00	\$247,944.00
Woodridge Local Schools	325.00	65 pass. Transit Puller	1			Myers Equip - Thomas	\$99,162.00	\$99,162.00
Total	17,550.00		156	53	\$125,750.00			\$13,657,958.66