



## **Acknowledgment of Amendments**

### ***Request for Information (Q&A)***

**FY2026 School Bus Bid**

**Bid No: IFB 2026-01**

**Amendment Number Two**

**Friday, March 21, 2025**

1. The passenger capacity for each line item has a minimum and a maximum capacity. Which capacity should be detailed for the floor plan submission: the minimum capacity or max capacity?

Answer: The passenger seating capacity for each line item is not a minimum and maximum capacity. It is the allowable passenger seating capacity range group. The floor plan with the maximum capacity in the capacity range group may be submitted but not required through school bus bidding process. Floor plans must be provided to the local school district when the local school district orders a new bus based on the allowable passenger capacity in the range group for the type of bus as indicated in the Table of Type and Capacity (page 6) of the School Bus Specification 2025-2026.

Ex: Type C 29-41 passenger capacity group includes 29, 35, or 41 passenger seating (shell) capacity.

2. Would an OEM be required to have a dealer in the state of Mississippi in order to submit a bid response? If yes, is the dealer required to submit said bid?

Answer: Please review the bidder requirements section (page 26-27) of the solicitation. Vendors shall have a licensed repair facility or contracted with a licensed repair facility within the boundaries of the State of Mississippi and provide proof of a having a licensed repair facility or contracted with a licensed repair facility at the time of bidding.

3. As an OEM, do we need to have their vehicles registered with Mississippi DOT in order to submit a bid, or can this be done after award?

Answer: No, vehicles do not have to be registered with Mississippi DOT in order to bid.

4. Is the OEM required to be registered with the Secretary of State, Mississippi in order to do business in the State or would this be required by the dealer?

Answer: Yes, both the OEM and the dealer are required to be registered with the Mississippi Secretary of State.

5. In what way does MDE is requesting that we provide proof of the MAGIC registration? Print the screen via PDF, please clarify?

Answer: PDF is preferred.

6. Will MDE consider extending the bid 2 weeks more from the due date?

Answer: No. The deadline for submitting bids is Friday, April 4, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. CST.

7. Will MDE consider another date for additional questions after MDE release responses to the submission of these questions?

Answer: No. The deadline for submitting questions was March 21, 2025, as found on Page 2 of the solicitation.

8. Is MDE only seeking the standard warranty from the bidder?

Answer: Per the Scope section (page 24) of the solicitation: "The equipment is warranted to be free from defects in materials and workmanship. It is determined that this equipment is defective, our company agrees to replace or to provide repairs at our discretion. Our company agrees to furnish manufacturer's warranty on each piece of equipment delivered to purchasing local education agencies." An extended warranty can be offered as stated in the optional equipment sections.

9. What extended warranty is MDE seeking, any extended warranty provided or does MDE have a required list?

Answer: Per the optional equipment section (page 34), vendors may bid on extended warranty of the chassis, extended warranty for electric vehicle high voltage battery, and an extended warranty for the body of the bus.

10. Would MDE please clarify if this bid is required to be ship or an electronic submission? Page 3 – Preparation of Bid indicates bid to be shipped, whereas pg. 4, 6.Submission of bid, Item a. indicated that electronic submission accepted. Is the option available to the bidder? If not, would MDE consider an electronic submission?

Answer: Per the Preparation of Bid section (page 3), the IFB must be **shipped** to the Mississippi Department of Education via USPS, UPS, or Fed Ex to the information provided. No electronic submission will be accepted.

The Mississippi Department of Education  
(FY2026 School Bus Bid – April 4, 2025)  
ATTN: Jonathan J. Tillman, Sr.  
Office of Safe and Orderly Schools  
359 North West Street Jackson, MS 39201 (DO NOT OPEN)

11. Attachment A does not include FOB or shipment cost. Will this form be modified to include it? Also, will MDE consider renaming Bid Price Form?

Answer: No. The attachment will not be modified, and the form will not be renamed.

12. Would MDE please indicate the validity of the pricing?

Answer: Please review section 16. Award on pg. 6. It is the intent of MDE to award a contract to the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications when all parties sign from July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026.

13. Letter representing that buses will meet all Mississippi School Bus attached specifications 2025-2026, effective July 1, 2025, and all Federal Motor Vehicle Standards. Is a letter that the bidder must develop and submit with the bid response?

Answer: Yes, vendors must certify in a letter that any school bus chassis or body sold will meet all FMVSS requirements and the standards and specifications set forth in the Mississippi School Bus Specifications 2025-2026, to include the certifications in Appendix A and Appendix B in the Mississippi School Bus Specifications 2025-2026.

14. Will MDE consider extending this bid 2 weeks out from the 4/4/2025 due date?

Answer: No. Per the submission of bid section, bids, bid modifications, or corrections received after 10:00 a.m. CST on Friday, April 4, 2025, will not be accepted.

15. Is contract redlines allowed for this bid? If yes, will this be required with submission?

Answer: No, contract redlines are not allowed.

16. Will this contract be considered a cooperative contract? Will other agencies be able to purchase from this contract?

Answer: Per the Scope section and Miss. Code Ann. §37-41-101, the State Board of Education is 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. Prices are made available to the boards of education of the local school districts in Mississippi.

17. Are there any historical pricings/contracts from the past openings of this bid that we can obtain for reference?

Answer: Please contact the Office of Public Reporting, Mississippi Department of Education, P.O. Box 771, Jackson, MS 39205-0771, (601) 359-3857, email: [reporting@mdek12.org](mailto:reporting@mdek12.org)

You may also review the current 2024-2025 School Bus Price list and Approved Companies on the Pupil Transportation page. <https://mdek12.org/safeorderlyschoools/pt/>

18. Please clarify how many vendors will be awarded? Is it one vender per vehicle category?

Answer: Per the evaluation and awards section, the MDE will award all items to one vendor, or multiple vendors based on the commodities listed.

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## Amendment Number Two

**NOTE:** *This amendment two is hereby made a part of the Mississippi Department of Education's Request for Proposals/Applications/Qualifications/Invitation for Bid. The Vendor acknowledges receipt of said amendment and is made aware of the changes contained therein. By signing this form, the Offeror accepts the changes as part of the contract requirement.*

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Authorized Signature

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Date

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Printed Name