

## Acknowledgment of Amendments

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

**FY2027 School Bus Bid**

**Bid No: IFB 2027-01**

**Amendment Number One**

**Friday, February 20, 2026**

1. I was trying to locate any Acknowledgement of Amendment. I have failed to find the link. Would you please assist me with this?

**Answer: The Acknowledgement of Amendments form is only available if there is an amendment to the solicitation or for questions and answers.**

2. The non-reflective hood does not appear on the optional equipment section of the bid form; however, it is listed as an available option on the specification sheet. We would like to request that this item be formally added to the optional equipment section for selection.

**Answer: The school bus specifications have long established that the “flat top surface of the hood may be non-reflective national school bus yellow” as indicated under the Color section of the Mississippi School Bus Specifications document. Because this feature is a standard technical requirement for the upper surface – rather than an optional upgrade for the entire hood – it should be accounted for in the base bid requirements. Bidders are expected to provide the vehicle in accordance with the established standards, and no formal changes to the bid form will be made.**

3. We would also like to request that dual-height handrails be added under optional equipment. Rail sizing below:
  - a. Lower rail: 1” diameter
  - b. Upper rail: 1.25” diameter

This feature provides enhanced accessibility and safety for students with varying physical abilities and supports a wider range of user needs.

**Answer: Under the Handrails section, the specifications require that a handrail shall be installed on the left and right sides of the stepwell for all school buses. The handrail shall be a minimum of 1” diameter and shall assist passengers during entry or exit and shall be designed to prevent entanglement. Because the current specification already provides a safe and compliant standard for all students, no alternative rail configurations or additional sizing options will be added to the bid form.**

4. We request adding *track seating* as an available option. This allows for more flexible interior configurations, which is especially important when planning for specialized equipment, wheelchair securements, or varying student populations.

**Answer: While track seating offers flexibility, the current solicitation focuses on standardized layouts that meet the district’s immediate operational requirements for both general and specialized transportation. Bidders should provide pricing based on the fixed seating and wheelchair securement layouts already defined in the specifications. No formal changes to the bid form will be made.**



**NOTE: This amendment one is hereby made a part of the Mississippi Department of Education's Request for 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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Printed Name