



070C - School and Activity Buses
Type C - Conventional

Division of Purchase and Contract

State Term Contract

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| Bid Number | 201500915 |
| Effective Dates | November 25, 2015 through November 24, 2018 |
| Vendors and Contacts | <p>Gregory Poole Bus (Blue Bird)</p> <p>Walt Brandenburg - walter.brandenburg@gregpoole.com - 919-755-7021</p> <p>White's Tractor (IC Bus)</p> <p>Dave Sluder - ds@whitetractor.com - 828-254-4263</p> <p>Carolina Thomas (Thomas Bus)</p> <p>Tom Schaaf - tschaaf@carolinathomas.com - 336-851-1718</p> |
| Awarded Items | Award of specific items to Vendors are found on the Pricing Sheet and can be accessed by clicking here or on the contract link below. |
| Contract Covers | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Type C School Buses 2. Type C Activity Buses |
| What Is Not Allowed Through The Contract | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chassis configurations that aren't specifically listed in the award (Type A, B and D) 2. Prisoner Transport Buses |
| Authorized Users | <p>This contract is for use by all state agencies, departments, institutions, universities, community colleges (except those exempted by statute), and certain non-state agencies. The primary user of this contract will be Local Education Authorities.</p> <p>The Department of Public Instruction (DPI) manages the process of replacement school buses for North Carolina's Public Schools. Based on years and mileage criteria, DPI annually identifies which buses in the state fleet are subject to replacement. If the legislative appropriation is insufficient to replace all buses meeting the criteria, then the buses eligible for replacement are prioritized by DPI and those eligible – within available resources – are designated for replacement in priority order.</p> <p>To best meet their needs, LEAs may select any size bus as a replacement for the one being replaced. In order to replace more than one NON-LIFT BUS with a LIFT BUS the LEA must pay the cost of the additional LIFT(s) and the LEA must usually pay the cost of a "flat floor" configuration.</p> <p>In the event that more than one vendor is awarded a contract for a particular size (capacity) bus, DPI anticipates that it will consider the "default vendor" in each school bus size/ configuration category to be the one offering the lowest price. However, if an LEA's fleet operation needs would be best met by selecting another bus from the contract, it may select the alternate bus as its state replacement bus, provided that the LEA must submit its justification to DPI along with its purchase order.</p> |



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| <p>Delivery</p> | <p>Delivery shall be made within 210 consecutive calendar days of the receipt of a purchase order. Delivery shall be made to the designated pickup sites listed below for each vendor.</p> <p>Gregory Poole (Blue Bird) - 400 Gregory Poole Lane, Mebane, NC</p> <p>Carolina Thomas (Thomas Bus) - 6643 Auction Road, Archdale, NC</p> <p>Whites IC (IC Bus) - 7045 Albert Pick Road, Greensboro, NC</p> |
| <p>Ordering Instructions</p> | <p>Local Education Agencies (LEA) must submit purchase orders for school and activity buses through the Department of Public Instruction, Transportation Services for verification and/or approval.</p> <p>Original purchase orders for school buses must be mailed.</p> <p>Copies of original purchase orders for activity buses can be mailed or faxed.</p> <p>Copies of E-Procurement orders can be mailed or faxed.</p> <p>School and Activity Bus Dealers are instructed not to process orders without approval from DPI Transportation Services.</p> <p>All Non-LEA users are to place orders directly with the vendor.</p> |
| | <p>The following information needs to be included in your purchase order. It is important that you follow all steps in the process to minimize errors.</p> <p>Address purchase order to the contractor.</p> <p>Charge to Address: Indicate correct "charge to" for billing purposes.</p> <p>Title Information:</p> <p>On the purchase order, you must designate how the vehicle is to be titled.</p> <p>Example: _____ County Board of Education or _____ City Board of Education</p> <p>Contractor will provide "Application For Title" to obtain license and title of vehicle.</p> <p>Contact Person: Ordering agencies should list a designated contact person and telephone number who can answer questions concerning the order and who can be notified by the contractor when the vehicle is ready for pickup.</p> <p>Color or Lettering: Indicate color as school bus yellow and also indicate the format for your county lettering designation.</p> |
| <p>Contract Price Link</p> | <p>http://www.pandc.nc.gov/Documents/TCDocuments/070C_School_Activity_Bus_Price_Award.xlsx</p> |
| <p>Contract Administrator</p> | <p>Chris Tart (919) 807-4540 chris.tart@doa.nc.gov</p> |
| <p>Last Revised</p> | <p>December 18, 2015</p> |