

**AUTHORIZE A NEW AGREEMENT WITH VARIOUS VENDORS FOR THE PURCHASE OF
MULTI-FUNCTION SCHOOL ACTIVITY BUSES (MFSABs), RELATED ACCESSORIES AND
SERVICES**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Authorize a new agreement with various vendors for the purchase of Multi-Function School Activity Buses (MFSABs), related accessories and services for the Student Transportation Services department at an estimated annual cost set forth in the Financial Section of this report. Vendors were selected on a competitive basis pursuant to Board Rule 7-4.

Request For Proposal Specification Number 063020 was issued by the State of Minnesota as the Lead Public Agency with the assistance of Sourcewell. Subsequently, Sourcewell entered into Contract No. 063020-BBB with Central States Bus Sales, Inc. (Blue Bird Body Company).

Request For Proposal Specification Number 102623 was issued by the State of Minnesota as the Lead Public Agency with the assistance of Sourcewell. Subsequently, Sourcewell entered into Contract No. 102623-TBB with Midwest Bus Sales, Inc. (Thomas Built Buses, Inc.).

Request For Proposal Specification Number 102623 was issued by the State of Minnesota as the Lead Public Agency with the assistance of Sourcewell. Subsequently, Sourcewell entered into Contract No. 102623-ICB with Midwest Transit Equipment, Inc. (IC Bus, LLC).

The Board desires to purchase Multi-Function School Activity Buses (MFSABs), related accessories and services based upon the aforementioned vendor contract pursuant to Board Rule 7-4(e), which authorizes the Board to purchase non-biddable items and biddable items procured from another governmental agency and offered by or through a government purchasing cooperative in which the contracts were entered into in accordance with the purchasing laws and regulations of the procuring government entity.

A written agreement for this purchase is currently being negotiated. No goods may be ordered or received and no payment shall be made to Vendor prior to the execution of their written agreement. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written agreement is not executed within 90 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this agreement is stated below.

Specification Number : Multiple Government Purchasing Cooperatives

Contract Administrator : Burton, Safaya / 773-553-2280

VENDOR:

- 1) Vendor # 43129
Central States Bus Sales, Inc.
30 Baseline Rd
Oswego, IL 60543

Jeff Reitz
800 376-1644

For Profit Corporation; CSBS Holdings LLC
100%

- 2) Vendor # 95422
MIDWEST BUS SALES, INC.
18 SKYVIEW DRIVE
LITCHFIELD, IL 62056

Lissette Jones
217 324-2119

For Profit Corporation; Van Pool
Transportation, LLC 100%

- 3) Vendor # 95423
MIDWEST TRANSIT EQUIPMENT, INC.
146 W ISSERT DRIVE
KANKAKEE, IL 60901

Scott Sochacki
630 776-3656

For Profit Corporation; Midwest Transit
Holdings, Inc. 100%

USER INFORMATION :

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TERM:

The term of this agreement shall commence on October 1, 2024 and shall end September 30, 2027. This agreement shall have two (2) options to renew for periods of two (2) years each.

EARLY TERMINATION RIGHT:

The Board shall have the right to terminate this agreement with 30 days written notice.

SCOPE OF SERVICES:

The selected vendor(s) will be responsible for supplying MFSABs (Multi-Function School Activity Buses) that comply with all relevant federal, state, and local regulations, and providing warranty support. The primary objectives of this procurement are to acquire MFSABs that meet the transportation needs of Chicago Public Schools High Schools, ensure compliance with all safety, operational, and environmental standards, and provide warranty support for the MFSABs. The reference contract for each of these vendors is between Sourcewell and the manufacturer. The manufacturers do not sell products directly, only through a designated network of authorized dealers. Accordingly, the Board will be entering into agreements directly with the dealers, who have been onboarded as CPS vendors.

DELIVERABLES:

All equipment, products, supplies, and services must be backed by a warranty that meets or exceeds industry standards. Vendors must ensure that all MFSABs comply with federal, state, and local regulations, including emissions standards and safety requirements, and meet or exceed the environmental standards set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). The delivery schedule must be adhered to, ensuring all MFSABs are delivered within the agreed timeframe. Warranty and after-sales support should include a comprehensive outline of warranty coverage for the MFSABs, along with after-sales support options such as extended warranties, service contracts, and upgrade options.

OUTCOMES:

Chicago Public Schools is seeking to purchase MFSABs to significantly enhance student travel by providing safe, reliable, and convenient transportation for a variety of school-related activities. For sports teams, academic competitions, field trips, or extracurricular events, a MFSAB ensures that students can travel together efficiently and comfortably. This not only reduces the logistical challenges of coordinating multiple vehicles but also fosters a sense of community and teamwork among students. Additionally, having dedicated transportation like a MFSAB helps schools better manage travel schedules, ensuring students arrive on time and return safely. By streamlining student travel, activity buses support the overall educational experience, enabling students to participate in enriching activities that contribute to their academic and personal growth.

REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES:

None

AUTHORIZATION:

Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and conditions in the written agreement. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the agreement. Authorize Executive Director of Student Transportation to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this agreement.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:

Pursuant to the Remedial Policy for Minority-Owned Business Enterprise (MBE) and Women-Owned Business Enterprise (WBE) policy participation in Goods and Services contracts with aspirational goals of 30% MBE and 7% WBE. The Office of Business Diversity has granted a qualified exclusion. This transaction is a government piggyback procurement instrument. Vendor to provide Good-Faith-Efforts.

LSC REVIEW:

Local School Council approval is not applicable to this report.

FINANCIAL:

Fund 115
Unit 11870 - Student Transportation

FY25 - 1,250,000
FY26 - 1,250,000
FY27 - 1,250,000

Not to exceed \$ 3,750,000 for the three (3) year term. Future year funding is contingent upon budget appropriation and approval.

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

The agreement shall contain general conditions including but not limited to the following: Inspector General provision, in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-13.1; Conflicts provision, in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3; Indebtedness provision, in accordance with the Board's Indebtedness Policy adopted June 26, 1996 pursuant to Board Report 96-0626-PO3; Ethics provision, in accordance with the Board's Ethics Code as amended; and, Contingent Liability provision.

Approved for Consideration:



PATRICIA HERNANDEZ
Chief Procurement Officer

Approved:



PEDRO MARTINEZ
Chief Executive Officer

Approved as to Legal Form: 



RUCHI VERMA
General Counsel