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TO:

All Interested Bidders

FROM:

Brian D Feick

DATE:

July 20, 2022

SUBJECT:

Bus Bid Specifications - 77 Passenger

Sealed proposals for the purchase of two (2) 77 passenger new 2022 school buses as specified herein with alternate specifications for propane powered buses will be received by the Board of School Directors, Exeter Township School District, 200 Elm Street, Reading, PA 19606 until 2:30 p.m., Thursday, August 11, 2022. Bids will be opened and publicly read at the Exeter Township School District Administration Building at 3:00 p.m., on Thursday, August 11, 2022. Bid envelope must indicate "Bus Bids - 77 Passenger".

## **BID CONDITIONS**

- A. We invite you to bid on furnishing up to two (2) 77 passenger new buses as described herein with an alternative request for propane powered buses. The buses shall be completely ready for operation, after Pennsylvania State Police inspection which will occur at the Exeter facility. The buses shall meet all standards on the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to operate as school buses.
- B. The District intends to accept the bid of the lowest responsible bidder complying with all bidding requirements. The District reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to waive any bid irregularities as permitted under Pennsylvania law.
- C. Each proposal shall be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check, or surety company bid bond satisfactory to the School Board, for not less than ten percent (10 %) of the bid, payable to the Exeter Township School District. Failure to include said bid bond will result in disqualification of bidder.
- D. No bid may be withdrawn for sixty (60) days after the date of reading of the bids.
- E. Copies of bid specifications are available on the Exeter Township District Website (www.exetersd.org). One (1) complete set, properly executed, must be returned to the school district.

- F. The School Board reserves the right to award all or part of the bid scope specified.
- G. Non-Collusion Affidavit In accordance with the Pennsylvania Antibid-Rigging Act, 73 P.S. 1611 et. seq., a non-collusion affidavit must be submitted with the bid.
- H. No Cash Allowances No cash allowances for any purposes are included in the specifications of this project.

## 2. SCOPE

- A. Furnish two (2) new seventy-seven (77) passenger school buses with diesel engine and an alternative request for propane powered buses. The buses are to be completely serviced and ready for Pennsylvania State Police inspection and delivered directly to the school district bus garage.
- B. Inspection by Pennsylvania State Police at the Exeter facility after delivery. If the bus fails inspection, any and all expenses incurred by the District to correct the failed unit will be deducted from final payment.
- C. The chassis and body must conform to the latest "Minimum Standards for School Buses" as revised and amended, and to all other standards promulgated by the Department of Education and the Department of Transportation of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. In addition to meeting the minimum standards, bidders shall meet the additional requirements in the specifications as established by the school district. Bidder to indicate compliance or noncompliance with individual item specifications on returned copy of bid.
- D. Trade in. The District intends to offer two (2) buses in trade as noted. The District reserves the right to withdraw trade in buses.
- E. Units are to be delivered after October 1, 2022 but prior to June 30, 2023.