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**INVITATION TO BID**

**Date Released:** March 3, 2021

**Bid Number:** 22-003

**Bid Name:** Transit Vans for School Nutrition

The Houston County School District is soliciting bids for transit vans for school nutrition. Specifications, terms and conditions are contained herein. It shall be the intent and purpose of this Invitation to Bid (ITB) to cover the terms and conditions under which a successful Bidder shall be responsible to supply and deliver all products listed on the Bid Response Form to the Houston County School District.

**BID DUE DATE/TIME:** March 23, 2021/2:00 P.M. EST

**LOCATION:** Purchasing Department, 200 Jerry Barker Drive, Warner Robins, GA 31088

**DEADLINE FOR WRITTEN QUESTIONS:** March 16, 2021

**RETURN SEALED BID VIA**: Mail or hand deliver Minimum Specifications Checklist, Bid Response Form, and Attachments B, C, D, and E to the Buyer listed below. Bids must be submitted using the Bid Response Form included in this ITB.

All Bids and supporting documentation must be enclosed in a sealed envelope and marked “ITB # 22-003, Bid Due Date/Time: March 23, 2021/2:00 P.M. EST”

The Houston County School District is not responsible for bids that are not received by the Buyer in the Purchasing Department at the address below by the due date and time. Late bids will not be considered in bid evaluation.

Bids shall be submitted to the attention of the Buyer at the address listed below.

L. Renee Langston, CPPB

200 Jerry Barker Drive

Warner Robins, GA. 31088

Phone: (478) 988-6211

Fax: (478) 988-6212

Email: Renee.Langston@hcbe.net

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

**DEFINITIONS**

**Addendum** - An addition to an ITB or contract document.

**Amendment** - A change or correction to an ITB or contract document.

**Bidder/Vendor** - A firm, individual, or corporation submitting a bid in response to this ITB.

**Bid Unit** - The unit designation, which shall be applicable to all pricing, offered for bid evaluation purposes. Unit cost, freight, fixed fee, estimated usage and the extended cost shall be stated in terms of the designated bid unit. In some instances, the bid unit and the package unit may be the same.

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**Contract Documents** - Consist of the Agreement between the HCSD and the Vendor, terms and conditions, schedule, specifications, drawings, any and all addenda, errata, ITB, and bulletins issued prior to execution of the contract, other documents listed in the Agreement, and modifications issued after execution of the contract.

**Damaged Item**- Refers to an item that has sustained damage that would allow spillage from the original container, a loss or disfigurement of a label that would hinder identification, contaminated package that would affect the content of that package or any other happening that would affect the quality and/or quantity of the original item.

**Dry Food Product**- A dry product that does NOT require freezing or refrigeration.

**HCSD** – Houston County School District, by its duly elected Houston County Board of Education.

**Invitation To Bid** (ITB) - A type of solicitation document used in competitive bidding, where the primary consideration is cost and the expectation is that competitive bids will be received and an acceptance (award) will be made to the most responsive and responsible Bidder whose bid is lowest in price. The ITB must be publicly advertised with sufficient time to respond by the date and time set for opening the bids.

**Pack size** - With some items the bid unit does not represent a package configuration by which the item would normally be purchased. In such instances, the Bidder will be required to bid according to the designated bid unit and state how the product will be packaged and to provide a cost for purchase unit.

**Purchase Unit** - The package configuration (case, carton, box, bag, etc.) by which the product would normally be sold. This shall also mean packaging being referred to when the term "case price" is applicable.

**Solicitation** - A document used by the Houston County School District to acquire goods and/or services. Solicitations must incorporate a clear and accurate description of the technical requirements for the material, product, or service to be procured. Solicitations must also identify all the requirements that the Bidders must fulfill and all other factors to be used in evaluating the bids or proposals. An ITB is a type of solicitation.

**NSLP** - National School Lunch Program

**SBP** - School Breakfast Program

**SNP** – School Nutrition Program

1. **GENERAL INFORMATION FOR BIDDERS**
2. From the issue date of this Invitation to Bid (ITB) until an award has been announced, Vendors shall not communicate with any HCSD employee, with the exception of the name stated on page one of this document or the Director of Purchasing, concerning this ITB or any information herein. The Houston County School District reserves the right to reject the bid response of any Bidder violating this provision.
3. Whenever the terms “shall,” “must,” “will,” or “is required” are used in this ITB, the item being referred to is a mandatory requirement of this ITB and failure to meet any mandatory requirement may be cause for rejection of the bid.
4. Contracts are non-exclusive as the HCSD reserves the right to purchase any products from any Vendor at any time.
5. **BIDS**
6. The HCSD reserves the right to:
7. Waive formalities and technicalities in any bid.
8. Reject any and/or all bids when it will be in the best interest of the HCSD.
9. Accept the bid that in HCSD’s judgment will be in our best interest.
10. Purchase from any source, in part or in whole, any supplies, equipment or services.
11. Award on individual items or on a lump sum basis.
12. Award this bid to the Vendor who in the HCSD's opinion is most responsive and responsible and will perform in the best interest of HCSD.
13. Price alone may not be the determining factor in award of this bid.
14. The Bidder may give bids on any one or more items. Bidders must bid on specific brand and item number if listed. However, Bidders may offer alternates on a separate list that meet or exceed the product number listed.
15. In the event of one or more Vendors quoting the exact same price and this being the lowest price bid, the tie will be broken by a coin toss conducted by someone other than the buyer responsible for this ITB.
16. Where applicable, in the case of discrepancy between the unit price or rate and the extension of that unit price or rate, the unit price or rate shall govern.
17. The HCSD will not be responsible for any bid responses not received at the correct time/location prior to bid due date/time. It is the responsibility of the Vendor to insure bids are received at the proper time/location regardless of delivery method.
18. Bids cannot be modified after receipt of bids. Care should be taken to ensure that information provided is accurate, complete, and consistent. Omission of any of the required information may subject the Bidder to disqualification. The HCSD reserves the right to request information or respond to inquiries for clarification purposes only.
19. Bidders may withdraw bids at any time up to the scheduled time for receipt of bids. Bidders desiring to withdraw their bid may do so by submitting a request in writing to the Buyer listed on page one of this document. Bidders may resubmit bids provided it is prior to the scheduled time for receipt of bids.
20. It is the responsibility of each Bidder to examine the entire solicitation, seek clarification in writing, and check its offer for accuracy before submitting the offer. Lack of care in preparing an offer shall not be grounds for withdrawing the offer after the offer due date and time, and it shall not give rise to any contract claim.
21. Any Bidder who has demonstrated consistently poor performance with HCSD or other similar entities or has had a contract canceled by HCSD due to poor performance during a current or previous Agreement with the HCSD may be considered a non-responsible Bidder and their bid may be rejected. The HCSD reserves the right to exercise this option as is deemed to be in the best interest of the HCSD.
22. Once a bid is awarded, if the awarded Bidder declines their award, the Bidder will be considered a non-responsible Bidder and future bids may be rejected for up to three years.
23. **PRICE**

Prices quoted shall include all costs and charges to include, but not limited to, purchasing, packing, services described herein, and transporting the item(s) to specified location(s). HCSD is exempt from State Sales Tax and Federal Excise Tax. All fees shall be included in the bid price. Bidders must bid based on the bid unit listed using Bid Response Form(s) included with this ITB. The HCSD reserves the right to reject the bid response of any Bidder violating this provision. Prices bid must remain valid for the duration of the contract.

1. **SAMPLES**

No samples are required for this bid.

1. **QUESTIONS**

Questions regarding this Invitation to Bid shall be directed in writing only to the Buyer listed on page one of this document. All questions and answers will be posted on the HCSD website as they are received at [www.hcbe.net](http://www.hcbe.net) under “Departments,” “Purchasing,” “Bids/Proposals.” It is the responsibility of each Bidder to inquire about any aspect of the ITB that is not fully understood or is believed to be susceptible to more than one interpretation. The HCSD will accept only written inquiries regarding this ITB up to 5 business days prior to bid closing date.

1. **AMENDMENTS/ADDENDUMS**

All amendments/addendums will be posted to the HCSD website at [www.hcbe.net](http://www.hcbe.net) under “Departments,” “Purchasing,” “Bids/Proposals,” and it is the Bidders’ responsibility to view any posted items. It is recommended that Vendors refer to the website on a regular basis during the course of this bid.No amendments/addendums will be posted within 5 days prior to bid closing.

1. **COST OF SUBMITTING RESPONSE**

The HCSD is not liable for any costs incurred by Bidders prior to issuance of or entering into a contract. Costs associated with developing the bid, preparing for oral presentations, and any other expenses incurred by the Bidder in responding to this ITB are entirely the responsibility of the Bidder and shall not be reimbursed in any manner by HCSD.

1. **AWARD**

This bid may be awarded to one or more Vendors. Award is contingent upon available funds and necessary approvals. Award will be made within sixty (60) days of the bid opening date. The selected Vendor(s) shall provide products in accordance with the specifications, all terms and conditions, instructions and applicable amendments/addendums in this ITB. Notification will be forwarded by HCSD to the successful Bidder after bid selection. HCSD has the right to cancel the bid and make no award if it is in the best interest of the HCSD.

1. **BRAND NAME**

Bidders are required to indicate the brands and models of merchandise and/or services bid.

1. **MARKING**

Merchandise in full cases shall have an identification marking on the outside of the case. Packing slip/list shall include the Purchase Order Number or contact name supplied by SNP.

1. **SAFETY**

Material Safety Data Sheets shall be provided for all applicable items and must accompany delivery.

1. **ORDERS**

A purchase order will be entered after the bid award.

1. **DELIVERY**
2. Vendor is responsible for all delivery costs (FOB Destination).
3. Vendor shall be responsible for the removal of all packing material and debris when delivering items that need to be unpacked or installed by the Vendor.
4. All pallets/packaging will become property of HCSD at time of delivery.
5. Delivery date may be used as part of the award criteria.
6. Delivery appointments are appreciated for large deliveries and truck loads. Appointments may be made by calling 478-322-3308.
7. Delivery of all materials from this bid will be made between 7:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. to:

Houston County School Nutrition

200 Jerry Barker Dr.

Warner Robins, Ga. 31088

1. **INSPECTION**

All merchandise and services shall be subject to inspection after arrival at HCSD or completion of work. In the case any items are found to be defective or otherwise not in conformity with specifications, the HCSD has the right to reject such items and/or services and return them at Bidder’s expense or require that Bidder return to site (if service is performed on HCSD property to correct the issue). Problems found with products due to concealed damage will be addressed as soon as damage is revealed and on a case-by-case basis. Rejected products must be picked up no later than the next delivery date.

1. **PAYMENT**
2. SNP shall make payment for goods and services within thirty (30) days upon receipt, inspection and acceptance by SNP personnel, and receipt of invoice. Advance billings are not allowed.
3. Where partial delivery is made, invoice for such part shall be made upon delivery, and payment made within thirty (30) days under conditions as above.
4. Payment may be made by check or by credit card. If a fee will be added to the invoice for use of a VISA credit card, it must be noted on Attachment B, Certification Letter.
5. **INVOICES**
6. All invoices shall be addressed as follows:

Houston County School District

School Nutrition Program

Attn: Diana Roberts

1100 Main Street

Perry, Georgia 31069

1. All copies of the invoice must be signed at the time of delivery by the School Nutrition Designee.
2. **FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT**

The Bidder shall be responsible for the protection of HCSD premises and property, and will be held liable for any damages caused by the Bidder, Bidder’s employee(s) or Bidder’s agent(s) during the execution of delivery/installation of goods/services resulting from this ITB.

1. **INDEMNIFICATION**
2. The Bidder does hereby indemnify and shall hold harmless HCSD, its Board members, employees, agents, and servants (each of the forgoing being hereafter referred to individually as “Indemnified Party”) against all claims, demands, causes of actions, actions, judgments or other liability including attorney’s fees (other than liability solely the fault of the Indemnified Party) arising out of, resulting from or in connection with the Bidder’s performance or failure to perform this agreement, including but not limited to:
3. All injuries or death to persons or damage to property, including theft.
4. Bidder’s failure to perform all obligations owed to the Bidder’s employees including any claim the Bidder’s employees might have or make for privilege, compensation or benefits under any HCSD benefit plan.
5. Any and all sums that are due and owing to the Internal Revenue Service for withholding FICA, and unemployment or other State and Federal taxes.
6. The Bidder’s obligation to indemnify the Indemnified Party will survive the expiration or termination of this agreement.
7. **TERM OF CONTRACT**

Code section 20-2-506 of the laws of the State of Georgia as of this date and as may be amended apply to this agreement. In addition to other requirements, the following are specifically enumerated.

1. A contract will not be established for this bid. Vendors are asked to include on their Bid Response Form the length of time their bid prices will be held as future purchases may be made from this ITB as needed.
2. **TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT, CONTRACT, or AWARD**

Any agreement, contract, or award resulting from this ITB may be canceled by either party for just cause in writing 30 days prior to termination.

1. **FAILURE TO BID**

If you do not wish to bid, please return this bid and state reason(s).

1. **BID SUMMARY**

A bid summary shall be sent to all responding Bidders and will be placed on the HCSD website.

**STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

1. **LOBBYING CERTIFICATE** (for bids over $100k)

Per CFR 7.3018 - A Lobbying Certification and Disclosure must be completed for all bids $100,000 and over. Please see and complete Attachment E.

1. **DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION VERIFICATION**

By signing the Debarment Form, Attachment C, Vendor certifies that the Vendor and/or any of its sub Vendors have not been debarred, suspended, or declared ineligible by any agency of the State of Georgia or the HCSD or as defined in the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 48 C.F.R. Ch.1 Subpart 9.4. Vendor will immediately notify the HCSD Purchasing Department and the Director of School Nutrition if Vendor is debarred or placed on the Consolidated List of Debarred, Suspended, and Ineligible Vendors by a federal entity.

1. **BUY AMERICAN STATEMENT**

Vendor must comply with the William F. Goodling Child Nutrition Reauthorization Act of 1998 (BuyAmerican Act -7 CFR 210.21), which requires schools and institutions participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) in the contiguous United States to purchase, to maximum extent practicable, domestic commodities or products for use in meals served under the NSLP and SBP. Buy American - (1) Definition of domestic commodity or product. In this paragraph, the term ‘domestic commodity or product’ means—(i) An agricultural commodity that is produced in the United States; and (ii) A food product that is processed in the United States substantially using agricultural commodities that are produced in the United States.

1. **REMEDY FOR NON-PERFORMANCE/TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT, CONTRACT, OR AWARD**

In the event that a vendor does not perform according to the standards and conditions described in this ITB that is made a part of the contract with HCSD, HCSD may take measures to remedy the default. The optional remedies for non-performance are listed below. HCSD and Vendor agree that the damages caused by a breach of the ITB terms incorporated into a subsequent contract are difficult or impossible of estimation due to labor costs and costs to cure when Vendor does not deliver as stated in the ITB and Vendor acceptance. In order to provide for damages and estimate a reasonable probable loss, HCSD and Vendor agree to the following damage calculation as an optional remedy for the Vendor’s breach.

1. **Damages -** Payment for Damages will be accepted in the form of credits on the following month’s statement.

Non-Delivery: In the event that a delivery does not occur at all on the scheduled delivery day, the Vendor may be assessed damages for up to 20% of the cost of the missing order for each school that did not receive a delivery.

Late Delivery: In the event that the entire delivery is not delivered by the required delivery date, the contractor may be assessed a financial penalty for up to 20% of the cost of the late order. Backorders are considered a late delivery if not delivered prior to the stated date listed in this ITB.

Incorrect Shipment and Delivery: Failure to deliver all items according to the delivery requirements listed in this ITB may result in the Bidder being assessed a financial penalty for up to 20% of the cost of the items that were shipped incorrectly.

The company that is awarded this bid will be responsible for any fees assessed by SNP, regardless of other entities or services that may have been involved in the production or delivery of the product.

1. **Suspension –** In the event that either the Vendor or the Board defaults in the performance of any obligation specified in the agreement, contract, or award, the non-defaulting party shall notify the other party in writing and may suspend the agreement, contract, or award in whole or in part, pending remedy of the default. If such default is not remedied within fifteen (15) days from the date of receipt of such notice or if the other party is diligently attempting to cure such default but is unable to cure such default within thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of such notice, then the non-defaulting party shall have the right to terminate the contract immediately by providing written notice of termination to the other party.
2. **Termination –** The Houston County School District reserves the right, at any time and for its convenience, to terminate the agreement, contract, or award in whole or in any separable part by written notice to vendor. Such notice shall be provided at least thirty (30) days prior to the intended termination date. Vendor shall be compensated for Goods accepted and for Services performed in accordance with the provisions of the agreement, award, or contract up to the effective date of termination, less any payments previously made by the Board/SNP for such Goods or Services, but in no event shall the vendor be entitled to recover loss of profits.
3. **HUB STATEMENT** (7CFR3016.36(e))

It is the intent of the HCSD to provide maximum practicable opportunities in its solicitations to minority firms, women's business enterprises and labor surplus area firms.

1. **EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMPLIANCE STATEMENT**

In accordance with Federal Law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, and where applicable, sex, marital status, familial status, parental status, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information, political beliefs, reprisal, or because all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call toll free (866) 632-9992. (Voice) Individuals who are hearing impaired or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339; or (800) 845-6136 (Spanish). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

1. **ENERGY POLICY AND CONSERVATION ACT STATEMENT**

Compliance with mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (Public Law 94-163, 89 Stat.871).

1. **CLEAN AIR/ CLEAN WATER STATEMENT** (for bids over $100k)

Compliance with all applicable standards, orders, or requirements issued under section 306 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 1857(h)) Clean Air and Water Certification. Vendor certifies that none of the facilities it uses to produce goods provided under the Contract are on the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) List of Violating Facilities. Vendor will immediately notify the School Food Authority of the receipt of any communication indicating that any of Vendor’s facilities are under consideration to be listed on the EPA List of Violating Facilities.

1. **CIVIL RIGHTS STATEMENT**

In accordance with Federal Law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age and disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call (202) 720-5964 (voice and TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

1. **CIVIL RIGHTS ASSURANCE**

The program applicant hereby agrees that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq.), Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. § 1681 et seq.), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. § 794), the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. § 6101 et seq.); all provisions required by the implementing regulations of the Department of Agriculture; Department of Justice Enforcement Guidelines, 28 CFR Part 50.3 and 42; and FNS directives and guidelines, to the effect that, no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied benefits of, or otherwise be subject to discrimination under any program or activity for which the program applicant receives Federal financial assistance from FNS; and hereby gives assurance that it will immediately take measures necessary to effectuate this agreement.

1. **RECORD RETENTION AND ACCESS CLAUSE**

The Vendor shall maintain books, records and documents in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and procedures and which sufficiently and properly document and calculate all charges billed to the HCSD, School Nutrition Program throughout the term of the Contract and for a period of at least five (5) years following the date of final payment or completion of any required audit, whichever is later. Records to be maintained include both financial records and service records.

The Vendor shall permit the Auditor of the State of Georgia or any authorized representative of the HCSD School Nutrition Program and where federal funds are involved, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any other authorized representative of the United States government, to access and examine, audit, excerpt and transcribe any directly pertinent books, documents, papers, electronic or optically stored and created records or other records of the Vendor relating to orders, invoices or payments or any other documentation or materials pertaining to the Contract, wherever such records may be located during normal business hours. The Vendor shall not impose a charge for audit or examination of the Vendor’s books and records. If an audit discloses incorrect billings or improprieties, the State and/or the HCSD reserve the right to charge the Vendor for the cost of the audit and appropriate reimbursement. Evidence of criminal conduct will be turned over to the proper authorities.

1. **BID PROTEST PROCEDURES**
2. Any protests arising from this solicitation and award shall be made in writing and shall be delivered to the Superintendent as the acting protest official of the Houston County School District at 1100 Main Street, Perry, GA 31069. The protest shall be filed no later than ten (10) days from the award notice and shall include:

* The name, address, and telephone number of the protester;
* The signature of the protester or an authorized representative of the protester;
* Identification of the purchasing agency and the solicitation or contract number;
* A detailed statement of the legal and factual grounds of the protest including copies of relevant documents;
* The form of relief requested.

1. A written response to the protest will be made within 30 days from receipt of the protest (with above documentation).
2. The HCSD shall in all instances disclose information regarding protests to State Board of Education.
3. **CODE OF CONDUCT**

HCSD maintains a written code of conduct governing the performance of its employees engaged in the award and administration of contracts. The code of conduct outlines the responsibilities of, or proper practices for, HCSD employees. HCSD code of conduct governs the performance of the officers, employees, or agents engaged in any contract awards. All HCSD purchasing policies can be located at www.HCBE.net. Specific purchasing policies include Policy DJE: Purchasing, Policy DJEA: Purchasing Authority, Policy DJED: Bids and Quotations, Policy DJEE: Local Purchasing, Policy DJEI: Vendor Relations, and Policy DJEG: Purchase Orders and Contracts.

1. **EXCEPTIONS TO TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

Any bid that takes exception to a requirement of any part of this solicitation shall be rejected.

1. **ASSIGNMENT**

The agreement with the HCSD resulting from this ITB shall remain with the Vendor awarded. The Vendor shall not assign, transfer, convey, delegate, sublet, or otherwise dispose of the agreement, or its rights, title, or interest herein, or its power to execute such agreement, to any other person, company, or corporation without the previous consent and written approval by the HCSD.

1. **PROPRIETARY INFORMATION/OPEN RECORDS REQUEST**

If a Bidder submits any document with the bid that is considered to be proprietary in nature or is considered to be a trade secret, the Bidder shall note such in the documents included in the bid. The school district will honor the request unless or until a competing Bidder requests access to the information under the Open Records Act. In such case, the school district will notify the affected Bidder that a challenge has been made. If the affected Bidder can produce a court issued restraining order within ten calendar days subsequent to the notification, the information will remain confidential and shall not be released pending subsequent court action. If the restraining order is not received within the ten working day period, the information will be released and the school district shall not be held liable.

1. **FORCE MAJEURE**

Except for payments of sums due, neither party shall be liable to the other nor deemed in default under this contract if and to the extent that such party’s performance of this contract is prevented by reason of Force Majeure. The term “Force Majeure” means an occurrence that is beyond the control of the party affected and occurs without its fault or negligence. Without limiting the forgoing, Force Majeure includes acts of God; fire; flood; or other similar occurrences beyond the control of the Vendor or the school district.

1. **EVIDENCE OF INSURANCE**
2. The successful Vendor, at its expense, shall carry and maintain in full force at all times during the term of the contract resulting from this ITB the following insurance:

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| Coverage Limits of Liability | |
| Workmen’s Compensation | Statutory |
| General Liability/Property Damage | $1,000,000 each occurrence  $2,000,000 aggregate |
| Personal Injury | $1,000,000 each occurrence  $2,000,000 aggregate |
| Automobile Liability/Property Damage | $1,000,000 each occurrence |
| Bodily Injury | $500,000 each occurrence  $1,000,000 aggregate |

1. Prior to commencement of performance of this Agreement, Vendor shall furnish to HCSD a certificate of liability insurance evidencing all required coverage in at least the limits required herein, naming the HCSD, its elected officials, agents, and employees as additional insured under the Comprehensive General Liability coverage, and providing that no policies may be canceled without ten (10) days advance written notice to the HCSD. Such certificate shall be issued to: Houston County School District.
2. Said policies shall remain in full force and effect until the expiration of the terms of the contract or until completion of all duties to be performed hereunder by the Vendor, whichever shall occur later.
3. **WARRANTY**

A successful Vendor shall fully warrant all products furnished under the terms of this contract, against poor and inferior quality. Time is of the essence of this contract. While under warranty, a successful Vendor shall replace any damaged or inferior product in a timely manner to minimize the disruption of HCSD’s regular and daily operations.

**MINIMUM SPECIFICATIONS**

**ITB 22-003**

Please complete the checklist in addition to the Bid Response Form on the next page. Please indicate if bid meets requirements. A complete bid must include this check list. Requesting delivery prior to May 21, 2021. Vehicles must be titled in the name of Houston County School District.

**Four (4) NEW Ford S8 T-350 Cargo Mid Roof Vans**

Each vehicle should contain the following:

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| **Requirement** | **YES** | **NO** |
| All standard features from factory |  |  |
| W1Y - T350 9500# GVWR |  |  |
| 1C - Medium Roof w/ Sliding Door |  |  |
| 43B - Back Up Alarm |  |  |
| 43R - Reverse Sensing |  |  |
| 17A - Rear Door Glass |  |  |
| 17B - Passenger Side Door Glass |  |  |
| 57G - High Cap Front/Rear Air/Heat |  |  |
| 86F - 2 Extra Laser Cut Keys |  |  |
| 942 - Day Time Running Lights |  |  |
| 58X - AM/FM/SYNC 3 w/ 8" Screen |  |  |
| 66C - D Pillar Asst Handles |  |  |
| YZ - Oxford White |  |  |
| Front mounted license plate holder |  |  |
| 2 Rows of E-Track installed on both sides of the inside of the back of vehicle, total of 42 feet |  |  |
| 4, 20 foot E-track [2" Sliding Heavy Duty E Track Ratchet Straps W/ Spring E-Fittings](https://www.uscargocontrol.com/2-12-Yellow-Sliding-E-Track-Ratchet-Strap-w-Spring-E-Fittings) |  |  |
| Jump seat with seat belt installed behind driver’s seat facing sliding door |  |  |
| Box installed for waterproofing A/C unit in rear of vehicle |  |  |

No substitutes will be accepted without expressed written consent on both parties prior to delivery.

**BID RESPONSE FORM**

**Bid Number:** 22-003

Complete all fields

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| **Item #** | **Model Product #** | **Qty.** | **Description** | **Unit Price** | **Total Price** |
| 1 |  | 4 | **NEW S8 T-350 Cargo Mid Roof Van -**per specifications document provided (cost must include accessories and delivery as specified) |  |  |

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| Can payment be made via credit card? |  |
| Credit card fee: |  |
| Brand/Model Bid: |  |
| Prices held firm until: |  |
| Delivery/Install Date ARO (requesting prior to 06/30/21): |  |
| Vendor Name: |  |
| Address: |  |
| Address: |  |
| Phone: |  |
| Fax: |  |
| Web Site: |  |
| Email: |  |
| Signature of Bidder: |  |
| Printed Name of Bidder: |  |
| Date: |  |

**COMMENTS:**

**ATTACHMENT B**

**Certification Letter**

(Form must be completed and returned with bid.)

I certify that I have read and understand the terms and conditions herein. I further state that I am and/or my Vendor is capable, able to, and will provide the requested product(s) and/or service(s) described herein. I am the owner or agent of the Vendor stated below and am authorized and empowered to contract. By my signature on this ITB, I/we guarantee and certify that all items included in my bid meet or exceed specifications.

I certify that this bid is made without prior understanding, agreement, or connection with any corporation, firm or person submitting a bid for the same materials, supplies, equipment, or services and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. I understand collusive bidding is a violation of State and Federal Law and can result in fines, prison sentences, and civil damage awards. I agree to abide by all conditions of this ITB and certify that I am authorized to sign this bid for the Vendor.

By signing below I warrant that the bid price(s), terms and conditions stated in my response to ITB # 22-003 shall be firm through the bid process and until the time the award is made at which time prices shall remain firm and fixed for the entire contract period.

SUBMITTED BY\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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VENDOR WEBSITE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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DO YOU ACCEPT VISA? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL FEE IF PAYMENT MADE WITH VISA: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**ATTACHMENT C**

**Certificate Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility**

(Form must be completed and returned with bid.)

**This form is available electronically.** OMB Control No. 0505-0027 Expiration Date: 04/30/2022

**USDA LOGO Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion AD-1048**

**Lower Tier Covered Transactions**

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| *The following statement is made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. § 552a, as amended). This certification is required by the regulations implementing Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, and 2 C.F.R. §§ 180.300, 180.335, Participants' responsibilities. The regulations were amended and published on August 31, 2005, in 70 Fed. Reg. 51865-51880. Copies of the regulations may be obtained by contacting the Department of Agriculture agency offering the proposed covered transaction.*  *According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0505-0027. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 15 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. The provisions of appropriate criminal, civil, fraud, privacy, and other statutes may be applicable to the information provided.* | | |
| ***(Read instructions on page two before completing certification.)***   1. The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency; 2. Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal. | | |
| ORGANIZATION NAME | PR/AWARD NUMBER OR PROJECT NAME | |
| NAME(S) AND TITLE(S) OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE(S) | | |
| SIGNATURE(S) |  | DATE |

*In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs). Remedies and complaint filing deadlines vary by program or incident.*

*Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.) should contact the responsible agency or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.*

*To file a program discrimination complaint, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, AD-3027, found online at How to File a Program Discrimination Complaint* [*(https://www.ascr.usda.gov/filing-program-discrimination-complaint-usda-customer)*](https://www.ascr.usda.gov/filing-program-discrimination-complaint-usda-customer) *and at any USDA office or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by: (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; (2) fax: (202) 690-7442.*

***Instructions for Certification***

1. By signing and submitting this form, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the certification set out on page 1 in accordance with these instructions.
2. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension or debarment.
3. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person(s) to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
4. The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "lower tier covered transaction," "participant," "person," "primary covered transaction," "principal," "proposal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of the rules implementing Executive Order 12549, at 2 C.F.R. Parts 180 and 417. You may contact the department or agency to which this proposal is being submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
5. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this form that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.
6. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this form that it will include this clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion - Lower Tier Covered Transactions," without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the System for Award Management (SAM) database.
8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
9. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph (5) of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

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**ATTACHMENT D**

**Non-Collusion Affidavit**

(Form must be completed and returned with bid.)

Houston County School District C/O HCSD, Perry, GA 31069

I state that I am \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Title Name of Vendor

And that I am authorized to make this affidavit on behalf of my firm, and its owners, directors, and officers. I am the person responsible in my firm for the price(s) and the amount of this bid and I state that this bid is made in good faith.

I state that:

1. The price(s) and amounts of this bid have been arrived at independently and without consultation, communication or agreement with any other Vendor, Bidder, or potential Bidder; neither the approximate price(s) have been disclosed nor will they be disclosed before bid opening to any other Vendor, Bidder or potential Bidder.
2. No attempt has been made or will be made to induce any firm or person to refrain from bidding on this contract, or to submit a bid higher than this bid, or to submit any intentionally high or noncompetitive bid or other form of complimentary bid.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, its affiliates, subsidiaries, officers,

Name of Vendor

Directors and employees are not currently under investigation by any government agency and have not in the last three years been convicted or found liable for any act prohibited by State or Federal law in any jurisdiction, involving conspiracy or collusion with respect to bidding on any public contract.

I understand and my firm understands that any misstatement in this affidavit is and shall be treated as fraudulent concealment from the HCSD of the true facts relating to submission of bids for this contract.

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Name/Date Title or Position

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Signature

**ATTACHMENT E**

**Lobbying Form & Disclosure**

Approved by OMB

0348-0046

**Disclosure of Lobbying Activities**

Complete this form to disclose lobbying activities pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352

(See reverse for public burden disclosure)

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| 1. **Type of Federal Action:**   a. contract  \_\_\_\_ b. grant  c. cooperative agreement  d. loan  e. loan guarantee  f. loan insurance | 1. **Status of Federal Action:**   a. bid/offer/application  \_\_\_\_\_ b. initial award  c. post-award | | 1. **Report Type:**   a. initial filing  \_\_\_\_\_ b. material change  **For material change only:**  Year \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ quarter \_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Date of last report\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| 1. **Name and Address of Reporting Entity:**   \_\_\_\_ Prime \_\_\_\_\_ Sub awardee  Tier\_\_\_\_\_\_, if Known:  **Congressional District*,*** *if known***:** | | 1. **If Reporting Entity in No. 4 is Sub awardee,**   Enter Name and Address of Prime:  **Congressional District*,*** *if known***:** | |
| 1. **Federal Department/Agency:** | | 1. **Federal Program Name/Description:**   CFDA Number, *if applicable*: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | |
| 1. **Federal Action Number,** *if known:* | | 1. **Award Amount**, *if known:*   **$** | |
| **10. a. Name and Address of Lobbying Registrant**  *(if individual, last name, first name, MI):* | | **b. Individuals Performing Services** *(including address if different from No. 10a)*  *(last name, first name, MI):* | |
| **11. Information requested through this form is authorized by title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. This disclosure of lobbying activities is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed by the tier above when this transaction was made or entered into. This disclosure is required pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352. This information will be reported to the Congress semi-annually and will be available for public inspection. Any person who fails to file the required disclosure shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than $10,000 and not more than $100,000 for each such failure.** | | **Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_**  **Title: \_\_\_\_\_**  **Telephone No.: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_** | |
| **Federal Use Only** | | **Authorized for Local Reproduction**  **Standard Form - LLL (Rev. 7-97)** | |

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF SF-LLL, DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES**

This disclosure form shall be completed by the reporting entity, whether sub awardee or prime Federal recipient, at the initiation or receipt of a covered Federal action, or a material change to a previous filing, pursuant to title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. The filing of a form is required for each payment or agreement to make payment to any lobbying entity for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with a covered Federal action. Complete all items that apply for both the initial filing and material change report. Refer to the implementing guidance published by the Office of Management and Budget for additional information.

1. Identify the type of covered Federal action for which lobbying activity is and/or has been secured to influence the outcome of a covered Federal action.

2. Identify the status of the covered Federal action.

3. Identify the appropriate classification of this report. If this is a follow-up report caused by a material change to the information previously reported, enter the year and quarter in which the change occurred. Enter the date of the last previously submitted report by this reporting entity for this covered Federal action.

4. Enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the reporting entity. Include Congressional District, if known. Check the appropriate classification of the reporting entity that designates if it is, or expects to be, a prime or subaward recipient. Identify the tier of the sub awardee, e.g., the first sub awardee of the prime is the 1st tier. Subawards include but are not limited to subcontracts, subgrants and contract awards under grants.

5. If the organization filing the report in item 4 checks “Sub awardee,” then enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the prime Federal recipient. Include Congressional District, if known.

6. Enter the name of the federal agency making the award or loan commitment. Include at least one organizational level below agency name, if known. For example, Department of Transportation, United States Coast Guard.

7. Enter the Federal program name or description for the covered Federal action (item 1). If known, enter the full Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for grants, cooperative agreements, loans, and loan commitments.

8. Enter the most appropriate Federal identifying number available for the Federal action identified in item 1 (e.g., Request for Proposal (RFP) number; Invitations for Bid (IFB) number; grant announcement number; the contract, grant, or loan award number; the application/proposal control number assigned by the Federal agency). Included prefixes, e.g., “RFP-DE-90-001.”

9. For a covered Federal action where there has been an award or loan commitment by the Federal agency, enter the Federal amount of the award/loan commitment for the prime entity identified in item 4 or 5.

10. (a) Enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the lobbying registrant under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 engaged by the reporting entity identified in item 4 to influence the covered Federal action.

(b) Enter the full names of the individual(s) performing services and include full address if different from 10(a). Enter Last Name, First Name, and Middle Initial (MI).

11. The certifying official shall sign and date the form, print his/her name, title, and telephone number.

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act, as amended, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control Number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is OMB No. 0348-0046. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 10 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (0348-0046), Washington, DC 20503