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To: Superintendents, Business Managers, and Transportation Directors
From: Ali Stolzman, Interim Director Student Transportation
Date: February 14, 2023
Re: Idaho Basic Bus Bids

In accordance with Idaho Code 33-1006 and Standards for Idaho School Buses and Operations, the State Department of Education recently solicited bids for Conventional and Transit basic school buses.

School districts will continue to independently bid buses in accordance with bidding requirements outlined in Idaho Code. Districts may bid for school buses using individual specifications or may bid using the state basic bus specifications. Idaho basic bus specifications are available online at <http://www.sde.idaho.gov/student-transportation/index.html>. New school bus depreciation reimbursements will be limited to the state basic bus low bid plus any pre-approved safety options. The following table lists maximum depreciation allowed on district bus bids accepted between **February 1, 2023 and December 31, 2023**. Districts will submit a copy of school board meeting minutes as documentation of the bid acceptance date.

SDE will solicit bids again in December 2023 to set maximum depreciation allowed for the following year.

Diesel	Actual Passenger Capacity (Lift buses based on rated capacity)					
	41-42	53-54	65-66	71-72	77-78	83-84
Conventional	\$123,800	\$125,960	\$128,900	\$131,980	\$134,485	\$137,400
Transit FE	\$189,920	\$142,988	\$145,403	\$147,101	\$149,701	\$153,290
Transit RE	\$217,396	\$149,886	\$152,271	\$155,697	\$158,723	\$161,080
Gasoline	Actual Passenger Capacity (Lift buses based on rated capacity)					
	41-42	53-54	65-66	71-72	77-78	83-84
Conventional	\$133,105	\$136,911	\$139,009	\$141,892	\$143,529	\$182,987

Type A	Actual Passenger Capacity (Lift buses based on rated capacity)
Passengers	29-30
Diesel	\$109,960
Gasoline	\$83,500
Alternative Fuel LPG or CNG (specify)	\$120,670

In addition to the above listed maximum depreciation, the following safety options may be allowed as additional reimbursement. **Bus safety options listed below do not need pre-approval.** The following table reports the maximum reimbursement added to the basic bus for each safety option and the amount removed for non-reimbursable options.

Safety Options Reimbursable	
Additional Integrated Child Restraint Seats and include LATCH attachments cost per seat	\$850
Air Conditioning (Full Bus) IEP Driven	\$15,509
Air Conditioning (Driver Compartment only) Conventional	\$2,460
Air Conditioning (Driver Compartment only) Transit FE	\$9,161
Air Conditioning (Driver Compartment only) Transit RE	\$4,800
Air conditioning vest	\$500
Alternative fuel compressed natural gas engine-CNG engine	N/A
Alternative fuel liquefied petroleum gas engine-propane-LPG engine	\$19,600
Automatic chains	\$3,100
Cost per wheel chair station (To include securement equipment needed for each station)	\$1,850
Driver's side window sun visor	\$125
Electromagnetic driveline retarder	\$16,500
Flat floor	\$4,200
Tinted passenger window (28%)	\$860
Front bumper mounted student crossing arm	\$680

Full track seating 72 passengers	\$15,600
Heated entry steps	\$800
Passenger three-point seat belts, cost per seat	\$830
Roof mounted air deflector	\$850
Second stop arm – left side rear	\$700
Track seating per station	\$400
Track seats to be installed, cost per seat	\$600
Wheel chair lift package # lbs. cap.1000, w/seat belt cutter having a full width handgrip to be included.	\$12,000
Stop Arm HD Camera System that will capture views of the event from both directions – In-lieu of one of the four interior cameras	\$850
Safety Options Non-Reimbursable	
Additional price per camera for passenger surveillance system with more than four cameras	\$202
Fire block seating per seat in-lieu of standard seat	\$23
White roof	\$223

Non-Reimbursable Warranties	Extended	Engine	Blue Bird	International	Thomas
5 year 150,000 miles extended any major component			N/A	N/A	\$600
7 year 150,000 miles extended coverage			\$2,128	\$2,300	\$2,600
7 year 150,000 miles extended any major component			\$784	\$950	\$850
10 year 200,000 miles extended coverage			\$3,608	\$3,500	\$4,350
10 year 200,000 miles extended any major component			\$968	\$950	\$1,300
10 year Unlimited miles extended coverage			\$4,058	\$3,600	\$5,150

Please contact SDE with any questions on the new basic bus bids or maximum depreciation. Bus sizes or types that fall outside the basic bus specifications will be depreciated at a rate not to exceed the prior year's average low bid price.