

Statewide Term Contract

7811C- Type C (Conventional) School & Activity Buses

Bid Number	DPC-924516120-SP
Contract Name	Type C (Conventional) School & Activity Buses
Effective Dates	May 1, 2024 - April 30, 2027
Awarded Vendors and Contacts	<p>Carolina Thomas LLC Kelly Rivera (800) 440-3492 (336) 687-4765</p> <p>Gregory Poole Bus Sales - Blue Bird Walt Brandenburg (919) 755-7051</p> <p>White's International Trucks - IC Bus Mark Hunt (800) 632-1050 (336) 553-4738</p>
Contract Covers	<p>This contract is intended to cover the state's normal requirements for the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Type C School Buses • Type C Activity Buses
Contract Does Not Cover	<p>This contract does not cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chassis configurations that aren't specifically listed in the award (Type A, B and D) • Prisoner transport buses
Mandatory Contract	<p>This is a mandatory statewide term contract for state agencies, departments, institutions, universities, community colleges, and non-mandatory entities including schools and local governments.</p>
Special Note	<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. 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>If more than one vendor is awarded a contract for a particular bus size (capacity), 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 submits its justification to DPI along with its purchase order.</p>
Contract Items and Pricing	<p>Award of specific items to vendors can be found on the Pricing Sheet.</p>
Delivery	<p>Delivery shall be made to the designated pickup sites listed below for each vendor:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carolina Thomas LLC (Thomas Bus) - 6643 Auction Road, Archdale, NC • Gregory Poole Bus Sales (Blue Bird) - 400 Gregory Poole Lane, Mebane, NC • White's International Trucks (IC Bus) - 7045 Albert Pick Road, Greensboro, NC <p>The vendor's distribution point shall be within a 100-mile radius of Raleigh, NC with all transportation charges prepaid and included in the bid prices. All buses will be picked up by the ordering agency at the vendor's distribution point. Vendor to include the distribution complete physical address.</p> <p>Deliveries shall be completed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The vendor shall complete delivery of school buses within 210 consecutive calendar days after receipt of purchase order. • The vendor shall complete delivery of activity buses within 240 consecutive calendar days after receipt of purchase order.
<p>Order Placement</p>	<p>Vendors are required, upon request, to provide the buying entity with catalogs and descriptive literature, and/or a URL address with bus manufacturer descriptive literature, including exterior and interior colors, manufacturer's user-accessible URL for MSRP of all OEM options and/or aftermarket components, and NC pricing for OEM options and/or aftermarket components. This information is to be provided to the buying entity within three (3) business days of the request. Such information shall be provided at no charge to the buying entity.</p> <p>Vendors are required to provide the buying entity with all information pertinent to the placement of and payment for orders, including the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract number • Vendor business name • General description of bus • Make, model and model code of the bus • Option code(s) and descriptions, if applicable • Make, model, part numbers and descriptions, of aftermarket components/options, if applicable • NC contract price for bus • Quantity ordered • Total price • Total aftermarket component/options cost, if applicable <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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Original purchase orders for school buses must be mailed. • Copies of original purchase orders for activity buses can be mailed or faxed. • Copies of eProcurement orders can be mailed or faxed. • School and activity bus dealers are instructed not to process orders without approval from DPI Transportation Services. • All non-LEA users are to place orders directly with the vendor. <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>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address purchase order to the contractor. • Charge to Address: Indicate correct "charge to" for billing purposes. • Title Information: On the purchase order, you must designate how the vehicle is to be titled. Example: _____ County Board of Education or _____ City Board of Education Contractor will provide "Application for Title" to obtain license and title of vehicle. • Contact Person: Ordering agencies should list a designated contact person and telephone number for answering questions concerning the order and for notification by the contractor when the vehicle is ready for pickup. • Color or Lettering: Indicate color as school bus yellow and indicate the format for your county lettering designation.
Loaded into eProcurement	No. Catalogs are not loaded in eProcurement .
eProcurement Help Desk	(888) 211-7440
Contract Manager	Jonathan Davis (984) 236-0225 Please reach out to the awarded vendors for specific questions regarding the goods for this contract.
Contract Attachments	Carolina Thomas LLC Gregory Poole Bus Sales White's International Trucks
Contract Addenda	9/18/2024: Contract Manager changed to Jonathan Davis