

**Weakley County, Tennessee
Invitation to Bid
Bid #2026-16**

The Weakley County, Tennessee Department of Finance will be accepting bids on the following:

**Two (2) New or Used 2015 or later model Special Needs Lift School Buses
for the Weakley County BOE Transportation Department**

Information can be obtained from the Department of Finance, 8319 Highway 22, Suite B, Dresden, TN 38225, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. or online at www.weakleycountyttn.gov.

Bids will be accepted **until 3:00 P.M., April 23, 2026**. Bids received after this time will be deemed late and will not be considered.

Bids must be sealed and marked on the outside of the envelope:

“SEALED BID #2026-16, BOE Two New or Used Special Needs Lift Buses”

Nothing herein is intended to exclude any responsible vendor, his or her product or service, or in any way restrain or restrict competition. On the contrary, all responsible vendors are encouraged to offer a proposal. Weakley County is compliant with Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act and as a result, does not discriminate on the grounds of race, creed, national origin or gender.

Bids may be hand delivered or mailed to:

**John H. Liggett
Director of Finance
Weakley County, Tennessee
8319 Highway 22, Suite B
Dresden, TN 38225**

Any questions concerning the bid should be directed to John Liggett, Director of Finance (731-364-5429).

**WEAKLEY COUNTY
BID INFORMATION
BID #2026-16**

Bidder may bid on any or all items as specified on the attached bid forms. Bids may be submitted by using the attached forms or in another format, but bid prices should be clearly evident and easy to comprehend.

Bidder should include any technical data sheets or statements that would be helpful in determining bid compliance with minimum specifications. Bids are contingent upon funds being approved by the Weakley County Commission.

Bid Specifications

The Weakley County Department of Finance is requesting bids for up to two (2) 2015 or newer Year Model New or Used Special Needs Lift School Buses. A list of specifications is below; however, all bids should meet Tennessee School Bus Specifications issued by Tennessee State Board of Education.

Exceptions or deviations from the attached specifications may not necessarily disqualify a bid, but MUST be noted.

Bids will be reviewed and awarded on the basis of the lowest and best bid as determined by the Director of Finance. Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids. No bidder may withdraw his bid within 60 days of the actual opening thereof.

Any questions concerning the bid should be directed to the John Liggett, Director of Finance, at (731) 364-5429.

BID FORM:

The bid must be submitted on the proper form enclosed to receive consideration.

REQUIRED FORMS:

A copy of the following required documents should be submitted with the bid:

- Bid Form
- Exceptions/Deviations from Specifications
- Bidder's Certification
- Bidder's Certification of Compliance with Iran Divestment Act

**WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE
BID #2026-16
BID FORM**

<u>Product</u>	<u>Make/Model</u>	<u>Price Per Item</u>
Two (2) New or Used School Buses	_____	_____
Total Price		_____

EXPECTED DELIVERY DATE: _____

Comments:

Bidder's Name/Company: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Email : _____

Signature & Date: _____

BIDDER CERTIFICATION

The Director of Finance requests, as a matter of policy, that any consultant or firm receiving a contract or award resulting from this Request for Sealed Bid issued by the County of Weakley, Tennessee, shall make certification as below. Receipt of such certification, under oath, shall be a prerequisite to the award of contract and payment thereof.

I (we) hereby certify that if the contract is awarded to our firm, partnership or corporation that no members of the elected governing body of Weakley County or member of his or her immediate family, including spouse, parents or children or any person representing or purporting to represent any member or members of the elected governing body, has received or has been promised, directly or indirectly any financial benefit, by way of fee, commission, finder's fee, political contribution or any similar form of remuneration on account of the act of awarding and/or executing this contract under a Request for Proposal.

Handwritten Signature of Authorized Principal(s):

Name: _____

Title: _____

Name of Firm/Partnership/Corporation:

Date: _____

WEAKLEY COUNTY IRAN DIVESTMENT ACT COMPLIANCE

The Iran Divestment Act of 2016, effective as of July 1, 2016, is codified at Tenn. Code Ann. § 12-12-101 et seq. The Iran Divestment Act, with certain exceptions, prohibits local governments, including Weakley County, from entering into contracts with persons or entities engaged in investment activities in the energy sector of Iran. Pursuant to the terms set forth in Tenn. Code Ann. § 12-12-105, a person engages in investment activities in the energy sector of Iran if:

(1) The person provides goods or services of twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) or more in the energy sector of Iran, including a person that provides oil or liquefied natural gas tankers, or products used to construct or maintain pipelines used to transport oil or liquefied natural gas, for the energy sector of Iran; or

(2) The person is a financial institution that extends twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) or more in credit to another person, for forty-five (45) days or more, if that person will use the credit to provide goods or services in the energy sector in Iran and is identified on a list, created pursuant to § 12-12-106, as a person engaging in investment activities in Iran as described in this section.

This Act requires the State of Tennessee's chief procurement officer to publish on the State's web site a list of persons it determines engage in investment activities in Iran (the "Prohibited Entities List").

Any BIDDER that is on the Prohibited Entities List will be ineligible to contract with Weakley County.

Pursuant to the Act, any BIDDER that attempts to contract with Weakley County must certify, at the time the bid is submitted, that the BIDDER is not identified on the Prohibited Entities List. A bid shall not be considered for award, nor shall any award be made, where the BIDDER fails to submit a signed and verified Bidder's Certification.

**BIDDER'S CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE
WITH IRAN DIVESTMENT ACT**

Tenn. Code Ann. § 12-12-101 et seq.

Comes _____ (Printed name of Principal Officer of
Company), for and on behalf of _____, (the "Company")
and, after being duly authorized by the Company so to do, makes oath that:

By submission of this bid, each bidder and each person signing on behalf of any
bidder certifies, and in the case of a joint bid each party thereto certifies as to its
own organization, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of its knowledge and
belief that each bidder is not on the list created pursuant to the Iran Divestment
Act, Tenn. Code Ann. § 12-12-106.

Signature

Title: _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me, a Notary Public, this ____ day of

_____, 20 ____.

_____ Notary Public

My Commission Expires: _____

WEAKLEY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Name of Dealer				
Dealer's address:				
Dealer's Phone #:				
Sales Contact:				
Service Location:				
Bus Year & Model:				
VIN & Miles:				
Unit Price		\$ _____ each		
Delivery Date:				
Signature:				
Date:				
		Check one		List/Explain Exception
		YES	NO	
Bus Specifications				
Year Model	Bus quantity is one to two- Used 2015 or later model Conventional style School Bus			
Seating Capacity	Minimum of 27 + 2 W/C			
Delivery	Delivery to the Weakley County School Bus Garage within 90 days of order			
Manuals	Include owners manual			
Payment	100% payment will be made 10 days after bus passes county inspection and State of Tennessee inspection			
Acceptable mileage	We request that the buses have no more than 125,000 miles at delivery			
State of TN and FMVSS	Buses must meet all FMVSS and State of Tennessee requirements for school buses as of body build date.			
Building of Materials	Please include a copy of the bus manufacturer's building of materials showing all items included on this bus at the date of manufacturing. Also, include a copy of the floorplan.			
Visitation of bus	Upon request, bidder shall deliver bus for the transportation director to review and inspect before purchase.			
Years of Service	Any bus bid shall have a minimum of 7 years remaining of life to run as a school bus in the state of Tennessee.			
CHASSIS		CHASSIS		
Axle Ratio	Geared to go 75 MPH and governed at 75mph			
Air Compressor	Minimum of 18.2 CFM			
Air dryer	Bendix AD-9 with heater			
Air tanks	3 to 4 tanks and minimum of 5,800 cubic inch capacity			
Air tanks	Petcock drain valves on all tanks			
Alternator	minimum 200 amp			
Axle , front	minimum 10,000 lbs. GVWR w/ oil lubed hubs			
Axle, rear	minimum 20,000 lbs GVWR			
Batteries	two group 31 brand new			
Batteries	battery tray to include heavy duty roller ball bearings			
Battery	battery cut-off switch located exterior away from driver			
Block Heater	Minimum 750 watt w/ receptacle mtd to frt fender area			
Brakes	Air operated Front and rear			
Brakes	ABS			
Brakes, front	15" x 5" Rockwell w/ dust shields			
Brakes, rear	16" x 7" Rockwell w/ dust shields			

Bumper 3/16" steel, front	reinforced w/ electric operated crossing arm w/ retainer		
Bumper 1/4" steel, rear	reinforced		
Driveline	Guards around each shaft		
Engine Rating	minimum 220 HP and 600 ft. lbs tq.		
Engine Type	Inline 6 cylinder diesel		
Engine Exhaust Brake	Include Turbo Engine exhaust brake...i.e. Jake Brake		
Exhaust	Left side under bumper		
Frame	80,000 lbs. psi		
Fuel filter	Spin on type at the engine		
Fuel / Water separator	heated Racor w/ see through bowl		
Fuel Tank	100 gal. between frame rails, include protective skid plate		
High/low Idle switch	Dash mounted		
Instruments	Speedometer, Voltmeter, Oil pressure, Dual air gauges		
Instruments	Hourmeter, Transmission temperature gauge,		
Instruments	Air filter restriction indicator, tachometer, fuel gauge		
Instruments	Heavy Duty turn signal steering column mtd		
Shocks	front and rear		
Suspension, front	springs front suspension w/ 10,000 lb minimum GVWR		
Suspension, front	Tio include stability control		
Springs, rear	Air Ride rear suspension w/ 23,000 lb minimum GVWR		
Starting aid	Grid heater		
Steering wheel	Tilt		
Tires	Front and rear tires to be balanced and aligned		
Tires	6 - Tubeless radial 255-70R 16 ply LoPro		
Tires	Front and rear to be Highway tread,		
Tow hooks	Front & rear mounted		
Transmission	Allison PTS 2500 Series automatic 6 speed		
Transmission	With internal or external cooler, and water filter		
Wheel Base	approx 258" for 27+2 W/C capacity		
Wheels	Disc hub piloted, 22.5 X 8.25 painted black		
Wiring	Color & number coded		
Wiring	Include manual resetting circuit breakers for body items		
BODY	BODY		
Air Conditioning	total of 120,000 BTU's two or more evaporators. There shall be dual compressors and skirt mounted condensers. This shall be a true split system. Also include driver's front dash a/c if possible		
Assist Rail	include left side assist/handrails at stepwell. Right and left rails are preferred.		
Backing Horn	112 DBS - installed under rear bumper area		
Defroster fans	three 6" dash mounted fans		
Door, emergency	upper & lower glass, 3 point latch, & retainer		
Door, entrance	Outward opening, Air operation w/ 3 position switch, ext handle		
Door, entrance	Include vandal lock located in electrical comp below driver's window		
Document Holder	6" x 9" document holder mounted at front header		
Driver's Storage	Driver's 5 pocket storage pouch at rear of driver's seat or barrier		
Fenders	Frt & Rear metal fenders over each wheelwell		
Emergency exits	minimum 2- push out windows w/ buzzers		
Emergency exits	minimum 1- roof hatches w/ buzzers		
Flooring	Black		
Flooring	Metal aisle trim		
Flooring	black koroseal over wheel housings		
Flooring	Stepwell to be Dark Grey Pebble		
Flooring	5/8" exterior grade plywood subfloor glued down		
Headroom	Minimum 78 inches		
Heaters	min 90K BTU front w/ removable filter		
Heaters	min 84K BTU rear w/ removable filter behind rear axle		
Heaters	Dual heater cut off and Dash mounted water regulator valve		
Insulation	2" fiberglass insulation in roof, front, rear, and side walls		

Insulation	1/2" sound absorbing foam installed under driver toeboard		
Insulation	Noise reduction pkg, include perforated ceiling driver" area		
Lights	LED Side mounted directionals located, front , middle & rear		
Lights	Interior stepwell LED & Exterior stepwell LED light mounted at side skirt		
Lights	LED headlights w/ heater & w/daytime running & alternating w/ warnings		
Lights	Warning lights to be strobing LED with individual hoods		
Lights	LED Clearance & LED Cluster lights		
Lights	8 rows of dual LED Dome lights w/ separate driver's switch		
Lights	All Front to be LED & all rear to be LED		
lights	Exterior LED lghst mtd at rear wheel wells wired to come on when bus is put in reverse.		
Lights	Rear roof mounted strobe light w/ guard		
Lights	16 light Monitor mtd front bulkhead area		
Luggage	skirt mtd luggage boxes positioned between wheelwells both left and right side of bus, minimum of 100" long each, with shocks for doors, and locks		
Mirrors	Interior - 6" X 30" clear with integrated Back up camera monitor that automatically comes on when the bus transmission is shifted into reverse		
Mirrors	Exterior - all to be heated & remote controlled & meet fmvs standard		
Mud Flaps	Front and rear mud flaps full length		
Noise Switch	Maintained switch - dash mounted		
Paint roof	Roof to be painted white,		
Paint roof	area above windows shall be yellow and white only		
Parts Report	Copy of complete Bus Parts printout		
Radio	AM/FM/PA/AUX/w/ 8 speakers		
Reflective Tape	Reflective tape at all exits, rear, sides full length		
Reflectors	to be mechanically attached		
Roof Bows	one piece		
Roof rails	Roof crash rails mounted inside roof panels		
Rub rails	provide four rubrails all painted black		
Rub rails	Include bumper and window wrap around rubrails		
Safety	Fire extinguishers, Body fluid kit, Flares, First aid kit, seat belt cutter		
Safety	All Out warning device to include dome lights activation		
Safety Compartment	Flares to be mounted in bulk head compartment		
Seat Frames	Frames to be black powder coated		
Seat Space	Include floorplan demonstrating 27+2 W/C all seats to be 29" knee room.		
Seats / Driver	High Back , Air operated , heated cushion, dual arm rests		
Seats / Driver	include tilt back, fabric insert, adjustable back		
Seats / Driver	drivers storage pouch and seat belt cutter		
Seats / Passenger	Driver's side- 39" seats track mounted w/ fire block upholstery- Brown or Black		
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Side Panels	Interior - Aluminized steel side walls		
Solenoid	Disconnect all body circuits		
Stepwell	3 step, include stepwell guard under entrance door		
Stepwell	To include white floor step nosing		
Stoparm	Reflectorized upper & lower strobeing & LED lights		
Tiedowns	There shall be qty 2 W/C tiedowns to be auto retracting w/ "J" hook and lap and shoulder belts w/ wall mounted storage bag.		
Vents	2 - driver's fresh air & static roof vent		
Windows, Passenger	Black aluminum frames , 12" opening w/ dark tint include rear		
Windows Driver	Double sliding, black aluminum sash, tempered		
Windshield	two piece curved for maximum driver's sight, tinted & shaded		

Windshield	2 grip handles above windshield			
Wipers	Dual switches with high, low, & Intermittent speeds			
Wiring	Color & number coded			
Wiring/ Accessory	12 volt outlet for cell phone in instrument panel			
Clean and Washed	The bus shall be delivered clean and washed inside and out			
Engine Warning lights	There shall not be any active warning codes			
Full Service-prior to delivery	All bus fluids shall be drained and replaced w/ new correct fluids to the full mark. (Oil, trans, steering, brake coolant, etc). Brakes shall be in good working order w/ 50% life remaining. All fittings shall be greased. Oil hub seals to be replaced.			
No rust	This bus shall be free from rust or shall be sand blasted and undercoating shall be reapplied.			