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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 8, 2008

TO: District School Superintendents

FROM: Linda Champion

SUBJECT: Award of Bid for School Buses (FDOE Bid Number 2008-16)

Attached please find the Pricing and Ordering Guide for School Buses 2008-2009 for Florida Department of Education (FDOE) Invitation-to-Bid (ITB) Number 2008-16, as awarded on June 20, 2008. Bid awards were made in accordance with applicable state purchasing laws and rules. Bids were received and awarded on Types A, C, and D complete school buses and optional equipment.

The accepted bid includes a provision for awards to multiple suppliers within each bus configuration. All approved suppliers that were within ten percent of the low bid for each configuration received an award. This award method provides flexibility to school districts in determining the types and manufacturers of equipment that best fit their needs.

An explanation of how to complete purchase orders is provided on pages 2-5 of the Pricing and Ordering Guide. Page 9 of the Pricing and Ordering Guide provides a sample for completing purchase orders.

Please note that Thomas Built Buses must be ordered from the appropriate designated dealer. See page 8 of the Pricing and Ordering Guide for district listings and a map to find which Thomas dealer has been designated for your district.

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Ordering Time Lines

Purchase orders for buses to be purchased via this contract must be received by the FDOE no later than June 26, 2009. The time lines for ordering and delivery and other applicable ordering information (base prices, options, etc.) are included in the Pricing and Ordering Guide.

Delivery Requirements

Buses ordered from Bid Number 2008-16 are required to be produced and completed within 240 days from the date the bidder receives the purchase order. For example, if the FDOE forwards a district purchase order to a bidder on January 23, 2009, the required delivery date will be September 20, 2009. The required delivery date will be clearly specified on the FDOE cover sheet transmitted to the bidder with the district purchase order.

Optional Straight Floor

The straight floor is offered as an option available on the appropriate pricing page. Please note that options such as air ride rear suspension and low-profile tires may be standard with the straight floor option. Bidders' notes to this effect are located in the option pricing pages.

Optional Air Conditioner (A/C) Systems

Districts purchasing units with air conditioners may choose the manufacturer, model, and system configuration. Please review the air conditioner specifications from Florida School Bus Specifications, Revised 2008, Section V, for details. Pricing information for buses with System A and System B air conditioner units has been provided for all applicable configurations. If your district is purchasing buses with air conditioners, please make sure the purchase order clearly indicates the price and the A/C (Air Conditioner) Code. The code can be located in the first column of the A/C information. As an example, in the A/C configuration below, the A/C code is IC001 and the price is \$10,327.

A/C CODE	Body Type	A/C MAKE	A/C MODEL	COM-PRESSOR	IMACA #250 (CITY) BTU OUTPUT	TOTAL CURRENT DRAW (AMPS)	NUMBER OF:		PRICE:
							EVAPOR-ATORS	CONDEN-SERS	
IC001	Type C	Carrier	AC-9231R3	Seltec TM21, 13.1	90K BTU	67	2	2	\$10,327

Lap/Shoulder Belts Available

Consistent with proposed federal rulemaking encouraging states to consider equipping school buses with three-point lap/shoulder belts, some buses are again available with the belts as optional

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equipment (see the Pricing and Ordering Guide, Appendix L, for price and additional information). Two-point lap belts remain standard equipment according to the requirements of Section 316.6145, Florida Statutes, and Florida School Bus Specifications. The lap/shoulder belts available this year incorporate the flexible seating design, with three sets of belts per 3-passenger 39" bench seat. These systems minimize loss of seating capacity. Districts wishing to purchase optional lap/shoulder belt systems should call Terri Egler at (850) 245-9795 to discuss availability and pilot testing requirements.

If you have questions or need any other assistance with the school bus ordering process, please call Terri Egler at (850) 245-9795.

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Attachments: [Pricing and Ordering Guide For School Buses 2008-2009](#)

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