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DATE: February 7, 2007

TO: District School Superintendents

FROM: Linda Champion

SUBJECT: Award of Bid for School Buses (FDOE Bid Number 2007-09)

Attached please find the Pricing and Ordering Guide for School Buses 2007 for Florida Department of Education (FDOE) Bid Number 2007-09, as awarded on December 5, 2006. Bid awards for Bid Number 2007-09 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.

Buses ordered from Bid Number 2007-09 are required to be produced and completed within 210 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 24, 2007, the required delivery date will be August 22, 2007. The required delivery date will be clearly specified on the FDOE cover sheet transmitted to the bidder with the district purchase order.

Due to manufacturing requirements and lead time, **purchase orders for buses to be purchased via this contract must be received by the FDOE no later than April 23, 2007.**

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The time lines for ordering and delivery and other applicable ordering information (base prices, options, etc.) are included in the Pricing and Ordering Guide.

The contract requirements for the delivery dates are insured by performance bonds that were required from the bidders. Provisions for per-day liquidated damages for late delivery are specified in the contract.

Districts purchasing units with air conditioners will have a choice of models, manufacturers, and base system designs. Please review the attached excerpt from Florida School Bus Specifications, Revised 2006, for details. Separate pricing information for buses with System A and System B air conditioner units has been provided for all applicable configurations. If you are purchasing a unit with an air conditioner, please make sure your purchase order clearly indicates whether you are purchasing a System A or System B air conditioner system.

The 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 type and manufacturer of equipment that best fits its needs.

All Types A, C, and D school buses were bid as complete school buses and require just one purchase order, i.e., districts no longer are required to issue separate purchase orders for chassis and bodies. 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.

If you have questions or need any other assistance with the school bus ordering process, please call Terri Egler or Bill Schroyer at (850) 245-9795 or Suncom 205-9795.

CFH: wrs

Attachments: Pricing and Ordering Guide For School Buses 2007
Excerpt from 2006 Florida School Bus Specifications, Section V, Air Conditioner Specifications

cc: Transportation Directors
Service Managers
Florida School Bus Bidders and Representatives