INVITATION TO BID (ITB)

NUMBER: 20180925-02-BOE

SUMNER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

This solicitation document serves as the written determination of the SCS Purchasing Supervisor that the use of Competitive Sealed Proposal for this solicitation is in the best interest of SCS.

RFP Title: 78 Passenger Conventional School Bus

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Release Date: September 10, 2018	**Proposal Due Date**: September 25, 2018 @ 10:15 a.m. Local Time

Any altercations to this document made by the proposer may be grounds for rejection of proposals, cancellation of any subsequent award, or any other legal remedies available to the Sumner County Board of Education.

NOTICE TO PROPOSERS

There may be one or more amendments to this ITB. In order to receive communication for any such amendments issued specifically to this ITB, the proposer must provide the information requested below to the Sumner County Board of Education (SCS) Purchasing Department. The information may be sent by email to: Chris Harrison, Purchasing Supervisor, chris.harrison@sumnerschools.org. SCS will send amendments only to those proposers which complete and return this information in a timely manner.

ITB Number: **20180925-02-BOE 78 Passenger Conventional School Bus**

Company Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

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_____

Phone Number: _____

Contact Person: _____

Email Address: _____

Authorized Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

Emailed amendments will be sent in a Microsoft Word (Office for Windows) or Portable Document Format (pdf) format. Any alterations to the document made by the proposer may be grounds for rejection of proposal, cancellation of any subsequent award or any other legal remedies available to SCS.

Amendments will also be posted on the SCS website **https://sumnerschools.org/index.php/current-bids-and-rfps** and attached to the solicitation listing as a PDF or WORD file. Check the particular solicitation on the Current Bids and RFPs webpage for any posted amendments.

By completing and returning this form, the Proposer has expressed its intent to provide a proposal for **20180925-02-BOE 78 Passenger Conventional School Bus.**

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1. Specification

   SEE ATTACHED "BID SHEET" FOR SPECIFICATIONS.

2. Source Selection and Contract Award

   - Award, if made, will be made to the proposer submitting the lowest cost proposal and whom is also determined to be Responsive.

     - General Criteria to be determined "Responsive"
       - Does the proposal include all required information?
       - Does the proposal include completed attachment forms?
       - Was the proposal delivered on or before the stated deadline?

   - SCS reserves the right to reject any proposal that takes exception to the specifications unless prior approval is requested and granted by SCS.

   - Upon mutual agreement by both parties, SCS shall grant the right to extend the terms, conditions and prices of contract(s) awarded from this ITB to other Institutions (such as State, Local and/or Public Agencies) who express an interest in participating in any contract that results from this ITB. Each of the "piggyback" Institutions will issue their own purchasing documents for purchase of the goods/services. Proposer agrees that SCS shall bear no responsibility or liability for any agreements between Proposer and the other Institution(s) who desire to exercise this option.

3. Schedule of Events

RFP Issued	September 10, 2018
Questions DEADLINE	September 19, 2018
RFP Submission DEADLINE	September 25, 2018 @ 10:15 a.m. Local Time

4. Delivery of Proposals

   Sealed proposals will be accepted until **September 25, 2018 @ 10:15 a.m. Local Time**. Proposals received after that time will be deemed invalid. Vendors mailing proposal packages must allow sufficient time to ensure receipt of their package by the time specified. There will be no exceptions. Proposals will be opened and read aloud. The reading of the bids will begin at **10:15 a.m. Local Time**.

   Due to the nature of deliveries to the SCS Support Services Facility by carriers such as UPS, FedEx and such like; the proposal package will be accepted if the date and time on the delivery confirmation are indicated to be on or before the Proposal Deadline.

   Delivery Address: Sumner County Board of Education
   Attn: Purchasing Supervisor
   1500 Airport Road
   Gallatin, TN 37066

The package containing the proposal must be sealed and clearly marked on the outside of the package:

"20180925-02-BOE 78 Passenger Conventional School Bus"
DO NOT OPEN

5. Protests

In the event that any interested party finds any part of the listed specifications, terms or conditions to be discrepant, incomplete or otherwise questionable in any respect; it shall be the responsibility of the concerned party to notify the SCS Purchasing Office of such matters immediately upon receipt of the ITB. All notifications must be sent to the Purchasing Supervisor via email at purchasing@sumnerschools.org.

Any actual or prospective Proposer who is aggrieved in connection with the ITB or award of a contract may protest to the Purchasing Supervisor and/or the Sumner County Board of Education at its regularly scheduled meeting.

6. New Vendors

- To comply with Internal Revenue Service requirements, all vendors who perform any type of service are required to have a current IRS Form W-9 on file with the SCS Finance Department. It is a mandatory requirement to complete the IRS Form W-9 (Attachment 1) included in this RFP.

- To comply with the Tennessee Lawful Employment Act (50-1-702 and 50-1-703), non-employees (individuals paid directly by the employer in exchange for the individual's labor or services) must have on file one (1) of the following documents:
  - A valid Tennessee driver's license or photo identification;
  - A valid driver's license or photo identification from another state where the license requirements are at least as strict as those in Tennessee;
  - A birth certificate issued by a U.S. state, jurisdiction or territory;
  - A U.S. government issued certified birth certificate;
  - A valid, unexpired U.S. passport;
  - A U.S. certificate of birth abroad (DS-1350 or FS-545)
  - A report of birth abroad of a U.S. citizen (FS-240);
  - A certificate of citizenship (N560 or N561);
  - A certificate of naturalization (N550, N570 or N578);
  - A U.S citizen identification card (I-197 or I-179); or
  - Valid alien registration documentation or other proof of current immigration registration recognized by the United States Department of Homeland Security that contains the individual's complete legal name and current alien admission number or alien file number (or numbers if the individual has more than one number).

7.A Bid Form

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Attn: Purchasing Supervisor
1500 Airport Road
Gallatin, TN 37066

Date_____

SEE ATTACHED BID SHEET

☐ By checking this box, Proposer agrees that SCS reserves the right to extend the terms, conditions and prices of this contract to other Institutions (such as State, Local and/or Public Agencies) who express an interest in participating in any contract that results from this ITB. Each of the piggyback Institutions will issue their own purchasing documents for the goods/service. Proposer agrees that SCS shall bear no responsibility or liability for any agreements between Proposer and the other Institution(s) who desire to exercise this option.

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE:	
PRINTED NAME:	
TITLE:	
COMPANY NAME:	
PHONE:	
EMAIL	

BID SHEET

Sumner County Board of Education – 78 Passenger Conventional School Bus

Notes to Bidder:	**1. Bidder must have a fully licensed in-state sales and service facility. State Dealer License #: _____**
	2. Salesman's Dealer License #: _____
	3. Bidder must return a copy of these specs with your bid response noting all exceptions and deviations.
	4. Factory direct deliveries are not acceptable, product must have a pre-delivery inspection at in-state facility.
	5. State earliest delivery date: _____

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	PRICE EACH	EXTENDED TOTAL	
11	2018-19-78-C			

Equipment	Description	YES	NO	List Exception
Bus Type	C			
TN Specifications	Must meet all state and federal school bus requirements			
Engine location	Front			
Year Model	New model 2019 or newer			
Seating Capacity	78			
Delivery	1500 Airport Rd, Gallatin, TN 37066			
Manuals	Include owner's manual			
Service Training	Provide a minimum of 12 hours product service training			
	at no charge for body and chassis components @ SCS			
Warranty – Body	Specify Warranty			
CHASSIS	**CHASSIS**			
Axle Ratio	5.29 or 65mph road speed			
Air Compressor	18.7 CFM, minimum			
Air Dryer	Merator Wabco SS 1200 – parts #5400850-7010 or Bendix AD-9 w/ Heater			
Air Tanks	3,790 cubic inch or greater capacity, Bendix DV-2 with Heater			
Alternator	200 or greater amp, Delco – no exceptions			
Axle, Front	10,000 lbs. minimum with oil bath with synthetic lube			
Axle, Rear	23,000 lbs. minimum with synthetic lube			
Batteries	3 – 1950 CCA 31 series			

Battery Emgcy Disconnect	Factory Installed in Battery Compartment			
Block Heater	750 watt with bumper mounted receptacle			
Brakes	Outboard drum type w/ auto slack adjusters			
Brakes	ABS with diagnostic light in dash			
Brakes, Front	16.5" x 6" minimum			
Brakes, Rear	16.5" x 8-5/8" minimum			
Bumper 3/16" steel, Front	12" with crossing control arm and stowage bracket			
Bumper 3/16" steel, Rear	Concave design			
Cooling System	Radiator to have at least 710 square inches			
Driveline	Guards around each shaft			
Engine Rating	220 HP minimum			
Engine Type	Inline 6-cylinder diesel, Cummins ISB, no exceptions			
Exhaust	Below rear bumper or left side bumper			
Frame	50,000 lbs. psi with rear mounted two hooks			
Fuel Filter	Fuel Water Separator / Cartridge type at the engine			
Fuel Tank	60 gal. between frame rails, fuel door with thumb latch			
Fuel Tank	Include fuel fill door & sender access plate at interior floor			
High/Low Idle Throttle	Electronic			
Instruments	Speedometer, Voltmeter, Oil Pressure, Dual Air Gauges			
Instruments	Transmission temperature gauge, fast idle switch			
Instruments	Air filter restriction indicator, cruise control			
Shocks	Front and Rear			
Springs, Front	3 leaf parabolic front springs commensurate with GVWR			
Suspension	Comfort Trac 52" rear springs with 21,000 lbs. rating			
Starting Aid	Grid heater			
Steering Wheel	Tilt and telescopic steering column			
Tires	Seven (7) 11R22.5 16 ply, Michelin, mounted spare			
Tow Hooks	Front and Rear mounted			
Transmission	Allison 2500 Series 5 speed, transynd fluid & fuel sense			
Wheel Base	252" or greater (list exact wheel base)			
Wheels	Disc hub piloted, 22.5 x 8.25 powder coated black			
Wiring	Color & number coded-full multiplex body and chassis			
Warranty – Engine/Trans	5 year or greater engine and transmission warranties			
BODY	**BODY**			
Access Panels	Located above windshield and driver, access without tools			
Body Mounts	Two bolts required for each body mount			

Child Reminder	Passenger advisory system			
Cross arm	Air Operated polycarbonate cross arm			
Defroster Fans	Dual 6” dash mounted fans			
Door, Emergency	Upper & Lower tinted glass			
Door, Entrance	Three position air outward opening with vandalock			
Directional Front	Turn signals integrated into headlights			
Driver Arm Rests	Dual folding			
Header Storage	Safety Compartment in front header and over driver window			
Emergency Exits	4 – push out windows with buzzers			
Emergency Exits	2 – roof hatches, to be Specialty Pro Lo 9000			
Flooring	Black floor covering and Koroseal pebble entrance steps			
Flooring	5/8” plywood with metal aisle trim			
Flooring	Rubber over wheel housings			
Headroom	77 inches, minimum			
Headlining	Acoustic headlining full length of bus			
Heaters	190,000 BTU front & rear combination w/ removable filter			
Heaters	Booster pump and stepwell heater 30,000 BTU’s minimum			
Heaters	Heater cut off valve(s)			
Identification	6” Black letters, both sides / 6” numbers four sides			
Identification	3/4” x 3” yellow right side rear bumper showing year model			
Insulation	Insulation in roof, front, rear and side walls. R value = 5.7			
Insulation	1/2” sound absorbing foam installed under driver toeboard			
Lights	Dome lights to have dual rows with driver dome light			
Lights	LED Headlights with daytime running light feature			
Lights	Warning lights to be LED with sun visor			
Lights	Marker, stop, tail directional, reverse, side lights to be LED			
Lights	Headlights (wig-wag) when red lights are activated			
Mirrors	Interior – 6” x 30” non-glare with visor, heated crossview			
Mirrors	Roscoe accustyle-remote & heated with 10-15 minute timer			
Mud Flaps	Front and Rear			
Paint	Yellow body with white roof, black rub rails and pilasters			
Parts Report	Copy of complete Bus Parts printout “on-line” no charge			
Reflective Tape	“SCHOOL BUS” front and rear caps to be reflective			
Reflective Tape	Side pushout windows and 2” rear of bus, 2” sides			
Reflectors	To be mechanically attached			
Roof Bows	One piece			

Rub Rails	Provide four rub rails, painted black			
Radio	AM/FM/CD or MP3/Page/6 int. speakers, 1 ext. speaker			
Radio Speakers	Coaxial Speakers TBB-152991 or equivalent			
Safety	Fire Ext, Body Fluid kit, Flares, First Aid Kit, Seat Belt Cutter			
Safety Compartment	FE, FAK, BFK to be mounted in bulk head compartment or behind drivers seat			
Seat Frames	Frames to be powder coated, black			
Seat Space	26" minimum knee space, include seat plan drawing			
Seat Barriers	Blue fire block, kick panel-right side, storage pouch-left side			
Seats / Driver	Air ride, pedestal cover, 2 shocks, fabric insert			
Seats / Driver	Lap/shoulder belt with warning indicator, adjustable back			
Seats / Passenger	39" DOT fire block blue upholstery			
Side Panels	Interior – Aluminized or galvanized steel side walls			
Solenoid	Disconnect all body circuits, 100 amp minimum			
Strobe	Roof mounted Specialty 515-400 with guard or equal			
Stop Arm	Transpec 2000 air Operated or electric equivalent			
Vents	2 – driver's fresh air and static roof vent			
Windows, Passenger	Black frames with 12" openings, tinted glass			
Windows, Driver	Double sliding, aluminum sash, tempered			
Windshield	Tinted, bonded in place			
Windshield	2 grip handles beside windshield and cowl steps			
Wipers	Intermittent feature on turn signal lever			
Wiring	Color & number coded			
Radio Two-way	Installed at bus garage by Davis Electronics 615-666-2450			
Customer Fuse block	Allows electrical access without using multiplex wiring			
Backing Alarm	112 db required			
Document Holder	To meet State specs			
Switch	Noise suppression switch to be provided			
Lettering	"Sumner County Schools" #'s supplied to successful bidder			
Grille	Chrome or yellow grille, hood intake plenum and headlight bezels			
Camera System	AngelTrax Vulcan series V12 HD/IP Mobile DVR			
Camera Lens	AngelaTrax series HD 1700V 180-degree Lens 1080p Camera			
Camera GPS antenna	AngelTrax Vulcan series GPSV1 Passive GPS Antenna			
Fenders	Rubber or metal fenders around rear wheel opening			
Radio Two-way Antenna	MAXRAD MUF4500M			
Radio Two-way Model	Kenwood TK 8180 HK 45 watts			
Radio Two-way Bracket	KMB-10			

Radio Two-way Speaker	KES 3			
Keys	All units to have common key			
Battery Box	Shall be frame mounted with battery cut off switch in box			

Form **W-9**
(Rev. December 2014)
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

Give Form to the requester. Do not send to the IRS.

Print or type
See **Specific Instructions** on page 2.

1 Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank.

2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above

3 Check appropriate box for federal tax classification; check only **one** of the following seven boxes:

☐ Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC ☐ C Corporation ☐ S Corporation ☐ Partnership ☐ Trust/estate

☐ Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=partnership) ► _____

Note. For a single-member LLC that is disregarded, do not check LLC; check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner.

☐ Other (see instructions) ►

4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3):

Exempt payee code (if any) _____

Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____

(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)

5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.)

Requester's name and address (optional)

6 City, state, and ZIP code

7 List account number(s) here (optional)

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I instructions on page 3. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN* on page 3.

Note. If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1 and the chart on page 4 for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number

☐☐☐ – ☐☐ – ☐☐☐☐

or

Employer identification number

☐☐ – ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐

Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions on page 3.

Sign Here **Signature of U.S. person** ► **Date** ►

General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Future developments. Information about developments affecting Form W-9 (such as legislation enacted after we release it) is at *www.irs.gov/fw9*.

Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)
- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
- Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
- Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
- Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
- Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)
- Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
- Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
- Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.

If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See What is backup withholding? on page 2.

By signing the filled-out form, you:

1. Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),
2. Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
3. Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income, and
4. Certify that FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that you are exempt from the FATCA reporting, is correct. See *What is FATCA reporting?* on page 2 for further information.

ATTACHMENT 7.C – Attestation Re Personnel

ATTESTATION RE PERSONNEL USED IN CONTRACT PERFORMANCE

CONTRACTOR LEGAL ENTITY NAME:	
FEDERAL EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: (*or Social Security Number*)	

The Contractor, identified above, does hereby attest, certify, warrant and assure that the Contractor shall not knowingly utilize the services of an illegal immigrant in the performance of this Contract and shall not knowingly utilize the services of any subcontractor who will utilize the services of an illegal immigrant in the performance of this Contract, T.C.A. § 12-3-309.

SIGNATURE & DATE: _____

NOTICE: This attestation MUST be signed by an individual empowered to contractually bind the Contractor.

ATTACHMENT 7.D – Standard Terms & Conditions
SUMNER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION (SCS)

1. PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF BID.

- **a.** Failure to examine any drawings**,** specifications, or instructions will be at the proposer's risk. Any deviation from the stated terms, conditions and specifications must be coordinated with and approved in writing by the SCS Purchasing Supervisor.
- **b.** ITB SUBMITTAL / SIGNATURE: Proposal shall give the full name and business address of the bidder. If the proposer is a corporation, the name shall be stated as it is in the corporate charter. Proposals must be signed in ink by the proposer's authorized agent. Unsigned proposals will be rejected. Proposals are to be sealed and the outside of the envelope is to reference the ITB number. The person signing the proposal must show their title, and if requested by SCS, must furnish satisfactory proof of his or her authority to bind his or her company in contract. Proposer understands that by submitting a proposal with an authorized signature, it shall constitute an offer to SCS. Proposals must be typewritten or in ink; otherwise they may not be considered. Purchase orders will be issued to the firm name appearing on the W9. Facsimile responses will not be considered.
- **c.** SCS is not responsible for any costs incurred by any vendor pursuant to the ITB. The vendor shall be responsible for all costs incurred in connection with the preparation and submission of its proposal.
- **d.** All proposers must be in compliance with T.C.A. § 62-6-119 at the time of proposal submission and provide evidence of compliance with the applicable provisions of the chapter before such proposal may be considered.
- **e.** Proposals are to be received in the location designated in the ITB no later than the specified date and time. Late submissions will NOT be opened or considered.
- **f.** No erasures permitted. Errors may be crossed out and corrections printed in ink or typewritten adjacent to error and must be initialed in ink by person signing the proposal.
- **g.** Specifications: Reference to available specifications shall be sufficient to make the terms of the specifications binding on the proposer. The use of the name of a manufacturer, or any special brand or make in describing an item does not restrict the proposer to that manufacturer or specific article, unless specifically stated. Comparable products of other manufacturers will be considered if proof of compatibility is contained in the proposal. Proposers are required to notify SCSs Purchasing Supervisor whenever specifications/procedures are not perceived to be fair and open. The articles on which the proposals are submitted must be equal or superior to that specified. Informative and Descriptive Literature: The proposer must show brand or trade names of the articles proposed, when applicable. It shall be the responsibility of the vendor, including vendors whose product is referenced, to furnish with the proposal such specifications, catalog pages, brochures or other data as will provide an adequate basis for determining the quality and functional capabilities of the product offered. Failure to provide this data may be considered valid justification for rejection of proposal.
- **h.** Samples: Samples of items when called for, must be furnished free of expense, and if not destroyed will, upon vendor's request within ten (10) days of proposal opening, be returned at the proposer's expense. Each sample must be labeled with the proposer's name, manufacturer's brand name and number, ITB number and item reference.
- **i.** Time of Performance: The number of calendar days in which delivery is to be made after receipt of order shall be stated in the proposal and may be a factor in making an award, price notwithstanding. If no delivery time is stated in the proposal, proposer agrees that delivery is to be made within two weeks (10 business days) of order.
- **j.** Transportation and delivery charges should be included in the price and be fully prepaid by the vendor to the destination specified in the ITB. Proposal prices shall include delivery of all items F.O.B. destination.
- **k.** New materials and supplies must be delivered unless otherwise specifically stated in the ITB.
- **l.** Alternate/multiple proposals will not be considered unless specifically called for in the ITB.
- **m.** Only proposals submitted on ITB forms furnished by SCS will be considered.
- **n.** By signing the ITB where indicated, the proposer agrees to strictly abide by all local, state and federal statutes and regulations. The proposer further certifies that this proposal is made without collusion or fraud.
- **o.** Error in Proposal. In case of error in the extension of prices in the proposal, the unit price will govern. Late submissions will NOT be opened or considered. Proposers are cautioned to verify their proposals before submission, as amendments received after the ITB deadline will not be considered. No proposal shall be altered, amended or withdrawn after opening. After proposal opening, a proposer may withdraw a proposal only when there is obvious clerical error such as a misplaced decimal point, or when enforcement of the proposal would impose unconscionable hardship due to an error in the proposal resulting in a quotation substantially below the other proposals received. Proposal withdrawals will be considered only upon written request of the proposer.

2. **OPEN RECORDS.** In order to comply with the provisions of the Tennessee Open Records Act, all proposals will be publicly opened and are subject to public inspection after the award upon written request. Proposers may be present at ITB opening. Summary information will be posted the SCS website, www.sumnerschools.org under the Invitation to Bid link.

3. **ACCEPTANCE AND AWARD.** SCS reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any informality in proposals and, unless otherwise specified by the proposers to accept any item in the proposal. Action to reject all proposals shall be taken for unreasonably high prices, errors in the bid documents, cessation of need, unavailability of funds, or any other reason approved by SCS.
   - **a.** Contracts and purchases will be made with the lowest, responsive, responsible, qualified proposer. The quality of the articles to be supplied, their conformity with the specifications, their suitability to the requirements of the Institution, cash discount offered, and the delivery terms will be taken into consideration.
   - **b.** Any deviation from these stated terms, specifications and conditions must be coordinated with and approved in writing by the Purchasing Supervisor.
   - **c.** Prices quoted on the response (if any) are to be considered firm and binding until the said equipment, supplies or services are in the possession of SCS.
   - **d.** SCS reserves the right to order more or less than the quantity listed in the proposal.
   - **e.** If a proposal fails to state a time within which a proposal must be accepted, it is understood and agreed that SCS shall have ninety (90) days to accept.
   - **f.** No purchase or contract is authorized or valid until the issuance of a SCS purchase order in accordance with SCS policy. No SCS employee is authorized to purchase equipment, supplies or services prior to the issuance of such a purchase order.
   - **g.** The contract may not be assigned without written SCS consent.
   - **h.** If the appropriate space is marked on the ITB, other Institutions (such as State, Local and/or Public Agencies) may purchase off the contract during the same period as SCS.
   - **i.** The awarded proposer will be required to post a performance and payment bond in the amount of 25% of the contract price if it exceeds $100,000 as stated by T.C.A. §12-4-201.
   - **j.** If the project cost is in excess of $25,000 a performance bond must be secured by the requesting part in an amount equal to the market improvement value.

4. **PAYMENT**. Payment terms must be specified in the proposal, including any discounts for early payment. Partial payments will not be approved unless justification for such payment can be shown. Terms will be NET 30 days. Payment will not be made until the conditions and specifications of the ITB are inspected and approved as conforming by persons appointed by SCS.

5. **DEFAULT OF SELECTED VENDOR.** In case of vendor default, SCS may procure the articles or services from other sources and hold the defaulting vendor responsible for any resulting cost. If the awarded vendor violates any terms of their proposal, the contract, SCS policy or any law, they may be disqualified from submitting proposals for a period of two years for minor violations or longer for major violations. Proposals from disqualified bidders will not be accepted during the period of disqualification.

6. **INSPECTION OF PURCHASES.** Articles received which are not equivalent will not be accepted and will be picked up by the vendor or returned to vendor, shipping charges collect. SCS shall have a reasonable period in which to inspect and accept or reject materials without liability. If necessity requires SCS to use nonconforming materials, an appropriate reduction in payment may be made.

7. **TAXES.** SCS is tax exempt; do not include taxes in quotation. Vendors making improvements or additions to or performing repair work on real property for SCS are liable for any applicable sales or use tax on tangible personal property used in connection with the contract or furnished to vendors by the state for use under the contract.

8. **NONDISCRIMINATION.** SCS is an equal opportunity employer. SCS and bidder agree to comply with Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Executive Order 11,246, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the related regulations to each. Each party assures that it will not discriminate against any individual including, but not limited to employees or applicants for employment and/or students, because of race, religion, creed, color, sex, age, disability, veteran status or national origin. In the event that any claims should arise with regards to violations of any such local, state or federal law, statues, rule or regulations, the vendor will indemnify and hold SCS harmless for any damages, including court costs or attorney fees, which might be incurred.

9. **PROHIBITIONS/NO VENDOR CONTRACT FORM.** Acceptance of gifts from vendors is prohibited. T.C.A. §12-4-106. The contract documents for purchase under this ITB shall consist of the successful proposer's proposal and SCSs purchase order. **The proposer may request exceptions to terms and conditions and/or request SCS to accept other terms and conditions by means of subsequent documents such as invoices, warranty agreements, license agreements, etc. All subsequent documents shall be open to revision for impermissible language. SCS reserves the right to render the proposal unresponsive and subject the proposal to rejection if successful terms cannot be negotiated.**

10. **PROHIBITION ON HIRING ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.** Tennessee Public Chapter No. 878 of 2006, T.C.A. §12-3-309, requires that Contractor attest in writing that Contractor will not knowingly utilize the services of illegal immigrants in the performance of this Contract and will not knowingly utilize the services of any subcontractor, if permitted under this Contract, who will utilize the services of illegal immigrants in the performance of this Contract. The attestation shall be made on the form, Attestation re Personnel Used in Contract Performance ("the Attestation"), which is attached and hereby incorporated by this reference.

11. **SALES AND USE TAX.** Before the Purchase Order/Contract resulting from this ITB is signed, the apparent successful proposer must be registered with the Department of Revenue for the collection of Tennessee sales and use tax as required by T.C.A. §12-3-306.

12. **ASSIGNMENT.** Neither the vendor nor SCS may assign this agreement without prior written consent of the other party.

13. **LIABILITIES.** The vendor shall indemnify SCS against liability for any suits, actions or claims of any character arising from or relating to the performance under this agreement by the vendor or its subcontractors. SCS has no obligation for the payment of any judgement or the settlement of any claim made against the vendor or its subcontractors as a result of obligations under this contract.

14. **APPLICABLE LAW.** Any contract shall be interpreted under the laws and statutes of the State of Tennessee. SCS does not enter into contracts which provide for mediation or arbitration. Any action arising from any contract made from this RFP shall be brought in the state courts in Sumner County, TN or in the United States Federal District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee.

    Additionally, it is a violation of state statutes to purchase materials, supplies, services or any other item from a vendor that is a commissioner, official, employee or board member that has any financial or beneficial interest in such transaction, T.C.A. §12-4-101.

15. **FUNDS**. The Proposer understands and accepts the non-appropriation of funds provision of SCS.

16. **DATA PRIVACY AND SECURITY**. Personal Information (PI) includes but is not limited to that information protected by HIPAA, the HITECH Act, FERPA, or Gramm-Leach-Bliley) or such information which would allow a third party to gain access to the personal, medical or financial records of any of any party. Vendor represents and warrants that its collection, access, use, storage, disposal and disclosure of PI complies with all applicable federal and state privacy and data protection laws. Vendor represents and warrants that Vendor will maintain compliance with the SSAE 16 standard, and shall undertake any audits and risk assessments Vendor deems necessary to maintain compliance with SSAE16. If PI provided by SCS to Vendor is subject to FERPA. Vendor agrees that in its handling of FERPA data it will perform as a school official as that term is defined by FERPA regulations. Vendor acknowledges that its improper disclosure or re-disclosure of PI covered by FERPA may, under certain circumstances, result in Vendor's exclusion from eligibility to contract with SCS for at least five (5) years. Vendor shall provide SCS with the name and contact information for an employee of Vendor who shall serve as SCS's primary security contact and shall be available to assist Customer twenty-four (24) hours per day, seven (7) days per week as a contact in resolving obligations associated with any security incident in which it is reasonably suspected that there has been a breach of information security. Vendor shall immediately mitigate or resolve any Security Incident, at Vendor's expense and in accordance with applicable privacy rights, laws, regulations and standards. Vendor shall reimburse SCS for actual costs incurred by SCS in responding to, and mitigating damages caused by, any Security Incident, including all costs of notice and/or remediation incurred under applicable law as a result of the Security Incident.

17. **IRAN DIVESTMENT ACT.** By submission of this proposal, each proposer and each person signing on behalf of any proposer certifies, and in the case of a joint proposal each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of its knowledge and belief that each proposer is not on the list created pursuant to T.C.A. §12-12-106.