



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR

April 20, 2023

City Council President Linda Morad and
Honorable Members of the City Council
City of New Bedford
133 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear Council President Morad and Honorable Members of the City Council:

I am submitting for your approval a proposed ORDER authorizing three school bus contracts which require approval in accordance with M.G.L. c.30B because each is potentially in excess of three years' duration.

I have attached correspondence from the City's Acting Director of Purchasing, Rebecca Kanter.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Mitchell
Mayor

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Purchasing Department
Rebecca Kanter
Acting Director of Purchasing

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
Jonathan F. Mitchell, Mayor

April 5, 2023

Honorable Jonathan F. Mitchell,
Mayor City Hall
133 William Street
New Bedford, MA. 02740

Re: Award of School Transportation Bids and Contracts for 2023 - 2026 School Years as Required under Chapter 30B § 12(b) for Contracts in Excess of Three (3) Years

Dear Mayor Mitchell,

Following a successful public bidding process, this memorandum asks that the City Council authorize the award of the three school bus transportation contracts for the 2023 - 2026 school years with two, one year options for renewal, as required by MG.L. Chapter 30B § 12(b) which states, *“Unless authorized by majority vote, a procurement officer shall not award a contract for a term exceeding three years, including any renewal, extension, or option.”*

The City of New Bedford School Department, through the City's Purchasing Department, bid three separate packages for Student Transportation Services for a term of three years, with two, one-year options to renew (known as a 3+1+1 contract.)

The following are the results of those bids:

Student Transportation Package One: Package One consists of two bus routes; one route utilizing 8 single tier bus routes, the the other utilizing 14 double tier bus routes. One bid was received for these services with the following bid results:

Reliable Bus Lines, Inc.	Base Three-Year Total:	\$5,011,920.00
	Option Years 4:	\$1,935,360.00
	Option Year 5:	\$2,070,360.00
	Total Five Years:	\$9,017,640.00

Student Transportation Package Two: Package Two consists of two bus routes; one route utilizing 2 single tier bus routes, the other utilizing 16 double tier bus routes. One bid was received for the services with the following bid results:

Whaling City Transit, Inc.	Base Three-Year Total:	\$4,882,680.00
	Option Years 4:	\$1,757,160.00
	Option Year 5:	\$1,821,960.00
	Total Five Years:	\$8,461,800.00

Student Transportation Package Three: Special Education/McKinney Vento Transportation consists of single tier and double tier bus/van routes both in-district and out of district. One bid was received for the services with the following results:

Tremblay's Bus Co.	Base Three-Year Total + Monitor:	\$32,723,953.80
	Option Year 4 Total + Monitor:	\$12,146,110.20
	Option Year 5 Total + Monitor:	\$12,787,228.80
	Total Cost of Five-Year Contract:	\$57,657,292.80
	(Excluding Late Buses)	

The New Bedford Purchasing Department recommends award of the contracts to the three lowest bidders for Student Transportation Services for three years. They are as follows:

Student Transportation Package One:	Reliable Bus Lines, Inc.	\$5,011,920.00
Student Transportation Package Two:	Whaling City Transit, Inc.	\$4,882,680.00
Student Transportation Package Three- Special Education/McKinney Vento:	Tremblay's Bus Co.	\$32,723,953.80

Respectfully submitted,



Rebecca Kanter
Acting Director of Purchasing