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January 5, 2018

To: Board of Trustees

From: Rob Tracy

Subject: New Bus Purchase for School Year 2018

I am requesting Board approval for the purchase a new rear engine bus. We have been awarded a grant from Montana DEQ in the amount of \$20,700. Details of the program are attached along with a spread sheet comparing bus quotes from three vendors. We have to take delivery on the new bus by the beginning of the 2018/2019 school year.

January 5, 2018

New Bus Purchase

From: Jessica Martinz & Rob Tracy

Blue Bird All American T3RE (Rear Engine) 77 passenger Model yr. 2019

Price	Crossing Arm	Sub Total	Grant	Net Price
\$133,000	\$550	\$133,550	\$20,700	<u>\$112,850</u>

Blue Bird has had our business for over 20 years and we've paid top dollar

Numerous quality issues ranging from windows doors not latching as well as engine problems still exist.

They have made little attempt to correct these issues.

Service in Kalispell

International (RE S) Rear Engine 78 passenger, Model yr. 2019

Price	Crossing Arm	Sub Total	Grant	Net Price
\$126,305	Included	\$126,305	\$20,700	<u>\$105,605</u>

International will be supplying their rear engine buses with Cummins Engine but can't guarantee the required delivery required by DEQ.

We'd rather not be the Guinee pig for a new model until they prove themselves

Service in Kalispell

Thomas Built Bus Saf-T- Liner HDX 141YS Rear Engine 84 Passenger, Model Yr. 2019

Price	Crossing Arm	Sub Total	Grant	Net Price
\$130,481	\$2,000	\$132,481	\$20,700	<u>\$111,781</u>

I State Truck & Bus is a professional dealer. Main headquarters is in Billings with branch in Missoula

The new Conventional C-2 we took delivery on in September has performed well until it's accident in November

I State has been excellent to work with on the repair of our new Thomas C-2 Conventional

Service in Missoula

Trade In

There will be no trade in. The program as outlined by DEQ requires we scrap a bus. Bus #35, a 2005 Blue Bird, meets the criteria. It has a value of \$6,500

We will be able to save the engine after boring a 3" hole in the block. The engine and drive shaft will go to our Auto Shop for teaching purposes.

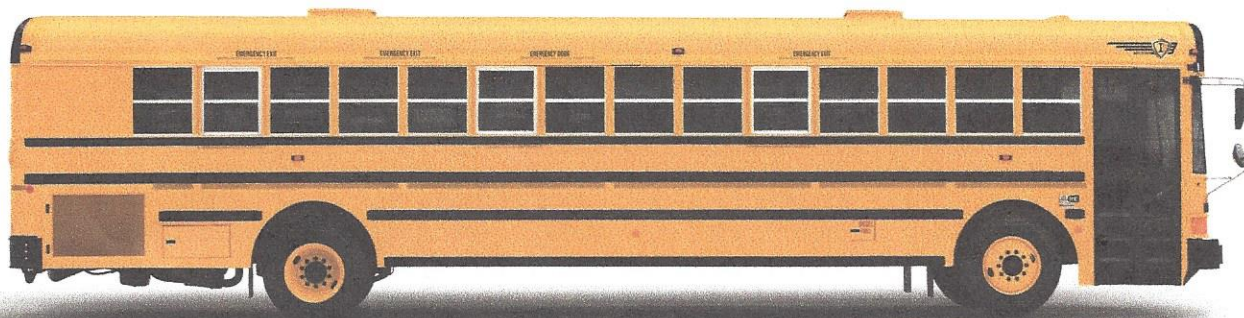
We have a reserve Bus #23 which is a 1995 Blue Bird 84 passenger. It's just taking up room. I would like Board Approval to sell it.

It's estimated trade in value is \$500 but we believe we could sell it for between \$1,000- \$1,500 to a local rafting company.

Warranty

Standard between all of vendors. One year bumper to bumper, 5 years chassis paint, 2 years engine & other components

THE RE SERIES



Unforgettable trips to the history museum are what the RE Series school bus from IC Bus is made of. With its Cummins® L9 under the hood, a seating capacity of up to 90 passengers and the capability of 300hp/860 lb-ft, this bus is built ready for maximum loads.

The RE Series also comes standard with 21,000 lb air-ride rear suspension and available front-ride suspension to match. Plus, the 78" interior headroom and widest entry door in the industry grants passengers plenty of room for entry and egress. Like with all IC Bus brand buses, you'll be supported with the most extensive North American dealer network. From front to back and back to front, this is one bus that's sure to go down in the history books.



WHEEL BASE

- 222," 249," 276," 303"

TRANSMISSION

- Allison 3000 PTS with Direct Mount Cooler

FRONT SUSPENSION

- 12,000 lb standard
- Higher ratings available

REAR SUSPENSION

- 21,000 lb air-ride standard
- Higher ratings available

EXTERIOR

- Electric entrance door
- Widest entry door in the industry
- 16 gauge side sheets
- Roped-in front windshield
- Optional undercarriage luggage compartments
- Left side and rear engine access door

CAPACITY

- 72-90 passengers

BRAKES

- Air brakes with ABS

INTERIOR

- 78" interior headroom
- Visual and audible alarms for low fuel, oil, voltage, coolant and high temperature
- Push button shift (with 3000 PTS)
- Optional factory-installed IC Air
- Water in fuel sensor
- Cruise control
- Maximum speed control
- Formed Treads, Proflex Finish Stepwell

CUMMINS L9 ENGINE

- 260hp/720 lb-ft
- 270hp/800 lb-ft
- 300hp/860 lb-ft

GVWR

- 31,800-37,000 lbs

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT ICBUS.COM

Lacey Porrovecchio

From: Maki, Kyla <KMaki@mt.gov>
Sent: Friday, December 08, 2017 9:59 AM
To: Rob Tracy
Cc: Webb, William
Subject: Notice of Award through Diesel School Bus Replacement
Attachments: Bigfork.docx; ContractContactInfo.doc

Rob,

Thank you for your application for the Montana Diesel School Bus Replacement project to replace your 2005 Blue Bird bus. A selection team has scored the applications and approved your requested funding amount of \$20,700 to replace the bus. Please see the attached award letter. I have also attached a contract contact form.

Please let me know if you are accepting the award and complete the attached contract contact form by December 15, 2017. We will also need a revised letter of commitment to reflect the cost of the bus and the award. There are additional instructions and information in the attached award letter. Don't hesitate to contact myself or Bill Webb (cc'ed on this e-mail) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Kyla Maki

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