

## Appendix A: QUESTIONNAIRE

### COMPANY PROFILE

1. What is your company's official registered name? Collins Bus Corporation
2. What is your company's Dun & Bradstreet (D&B) number? N/A
3. What is/are your corporate office location(s)? 415 West 6th Avenue, South Hutchinson, KS 67505
4. Please provide a brief history of your company, including the year it was established.  
Since 1967, the Collins name has long been synonymous with the school bus industry. After half a century of delivering Type A school buses with A+ marks for strength and safety, it only makes sense that Collins has become the nation's most trusted bus manufacturer across the Type A bus segment. Not only is Collins one of the most trusted names in bus manufacturing, we're also backed by REV Group, a \$2+ billion world leader in vehicle manufacturing that shares our commitment to connect and protect customers with our vehicles.
5. Who is your competition in the marketplace? Thomas and Blue Bird
6. What are your overall annual sales for last three (3) years?  
FY2018 - \$121.0 Million; FY2019 - \$150.0 Million; FY2020 - \$117.7 Million
7. What are your overall public sector sales, excluding Federal Government, for last three (3) years?  
FY2018 - \$121.0 Million; FY2019 - \$150.0 Million; FY2020 - \$117.7 Million
8. What differentiates your company from competitors in the public sector? Collins Bus provides a superior product, made in the United States with 50+ years in the industry.
9. Please provide your company's environmental policy and/or sustainability initiative.  
Collins Bus currently has an environmental policy available upon request.
10. Diversity program - Do you currently have a diversity program or any diversity partners that you do business with?  
☒ Yes  
☐ No
  - a. If the answer is yes, do you plan to offer your program or partnership through Equalis Group?  
☐ Yes  
☒ No  
  
*(If the answer is yes, attach a statement detailing the structure of your program, along with a list of your diversity alliances and a copy of their certifications.)*
  - b. Will the products accessible through your diversity program or partnership be offered to Equalis Group members at the same pricing offered by your company?  
  
*(If answer is no, attach a statement detailing how pricing for participants would be calculated.)*  
All pricing offered will be the same for all members.
11. Diversity Vendor Certification Participation - It is the policy of some entities participating in Equalis Group to involve minority and women business enterprises (M/WBE), small and/or disadvantaged business enterprises, disable veterans business enterprises, historically utilized businesses (HUB) and other diversity recognized businesses in the purchase of goods and services. Respondents shall indicate below whether or not they hold certification in any of the classified areas and include proof of such certification with their response.
  - a. Minority Women Business Enterprise  
Respondent certifies that this firm is an MWBE ☐ Yes ☒ No

List certifying agency: \_\_\_\_\_

b. Small Business Enterprise (SBE) or Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)

Respondent certifies that this firm is a SBE or DBE

☐ Yes ☒ No

List certifying agency: \_\_\_\_\_

c. Disabled Veterans Business Enterprise (DVBE)

Respondent certifies that this firm is an DVBE

☐ Yes ☒ No

List certifying agency: \_\_\_\_\_

d. Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB)

Respondent certifies that this firm is an HUB

☐ Yes ☒ No

List certifying agency: \_\_\_\_\_

e. Historically Underutilized Business Zone Enterprise (HUBZone)

Respondent certifies that this firm is an HUBZone

☐ Yes ☒ No

List certifying agency: \_\_\_\_\_

f. Other

Respondent certifies that this firm is a recognized diversity certificate holder

☐ Yes ☒ No

List certifying agency: \_\_\_\_\_

**PRICING/PRODUCTS/SERVICES OFFERED:**

12. Please outline your products and services being offered, including the features and benefits, and configuration options. See attachment "B"

13. Include how you address the specifications and safety standards defined in the Texas Department of Public Safety; 2018 School Bus Specifications as defined in the scope. See attachment "B"

14. Were all products/lines/services and pricing being made available under this contract provided in the attachment B and/or Appendix B, pricing sections? Yes

15. Does the respondent agree to offer all future product introductions at prices that are proportionate to contract pricing offered herein?

☒ Yes

☐ No

(If answer is no, attach a statement detailing how pricing for participants would be calculated.)

16. Does pricing submitted include the required administrative fee?

☐ Yes

☒ No

17. Define your standard terms of payment

Net 10 days

## PERFORMANCE CAPABILITIES:

18. States Covered - Respondent must indicate any and all states where products and services are being offered.

☐ 50 States & District of Columbia (Selecting this box is equal to checking all boxes below)

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|--|--|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alabama              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kentucky       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> North Dakota   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alaska               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Louisiana      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ohio           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arizona                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maine          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oklahoma       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arkansas             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maryland       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oregon         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> California           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Massachusetts  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pennsylvania   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Colorado             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michigan       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rhode Island   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Connecticut          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minnesota      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> South Carolina |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Delaware             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mississippi    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> South Dakota   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District of Columbia | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Missouri       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tennessee      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Florida              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Montana        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Texas          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Georgia                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nebraska       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Utah           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hawaii               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nevada         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vermont        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Idaho                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New Hampshire  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Virginia       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Illinois             | <input type="checkbox"/> New Jersey                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Washington     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indiana              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New Mexico     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> West Virginia  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Iowa                 | <input type="checkbox"/> New York                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wisconsin      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kansas               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> North Carolina | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wyoming        |

☐ All U.S. Territories & Outlying Areas (Selecting this box is equal to checking all boxes below)

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|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Samoa                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Midway Islands          | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Virgin Islands |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Federated States of Micronesia | <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Marina Islands |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Guam                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Puerto Rico             |  |

19. List the number and location of offices, or service centers for all states being proposed in solicitation.

Dealer office and service locations available at [www.collinsbus.com/dealer locator](http://www.collinsbus.com/dealer locator)

20. Distribution Channel: Which best describes your company's position in the distribution channel:

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturer direct    | <input type="checkbox"/> Certified education/government reseller            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Authorized distributor | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Manufacturer marketing through reseller |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Value-added reseller   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other  |

21. Provide relevant information regarding your ordering process including the ability for purchasing group members to verify they are receiving contract pricing. Orders are received via email to include purchase order number from the purchasing group. Order acknowledgements will be provided to the purchasing group for verification of contract pricing. Order status reporting will be available to each entity on a weekly basis to include tentative production start and completion dates.
22. Describe areas where downtime may occur with products and services provided, historical averages of that downtime, and how you resolve downtime issues when they do occur (For purposes of providing

further clarity, examples of downtime might be a website platform that goes offline, installed equipment that requires service or other products and services that can fail or go offline)  
N/A

23. Describe your company's Customer Service Department (hours of operation, number of service centers, etc.). Customer Service hours: 8:00-5:00 CST Monday-Friday. 800-533-1850 or www.collinsbus.com
24. Provide your safety record, safety rating, EMR and worker's compensation rate where available  
Available upon request
25. Describe the capacity of your company to report monthly sales through this agreement to Equalis Group. Available upon request
26. Describe the capacity of your company to provide management reports, i.e. consolidated billing by location, time and attendance reports, etc. for each eligible agency. N/A

#### QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCE:

27. Please provide contact information and resumes for the person(s) who will be responsible for the following areas.

##### Executive Contact

Contact Person: Chris Hiebert

Title: Vice President / General Manager

Company: Collins Bus Corporation

Address: 415 West 6th Avenue

City: So. Hutchinson State: Kansas Zip: 67505

Phone: 800-533-1850 Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: chris.hiebert@collinsbus.com

##### Account Manager / Sales Lead

Contact Person: John Ley

Title: Regional Sales Manager

Company: Collins Bus Corporation

Address: 415 West 6th Avenue

City: So. Hutchinson State: Kansas Zip: 67505

Phone: 800-533-1850 Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: john.ley@collinsbus.com

##### Contract Management (if different than the Sales Lead)

Contact Person: Same as Sales Lead

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing & Reporting/Accounts Payable

Contact Person: Jan Bowman  
Title: Assistant Controller  
Company: Collins Bus Corporation  
Address: 415 West 6th Avenue  
City: So. Hutchinson State: Kansas Zip: 67505  
Phone: 800-533-1850 Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: janice.bowman@collinsbus.com

Marketing

Contact Person: Chris Charlton  
Title: Brand Manager  
Company: Collins Bus Corporation  
Address: 415 West 6th Avenue  
City: So. Hutchinson State: Kansas Zip: 67505  
Phone: 800-533-1850 Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: chris.charlton@collinsbus.com

28. Provide a minimum of three (3) customer references for product and/or services of similar scope dating within the past 3 years. Please try to provide an equal number of references for K12, Higher Education and City/County entities. Provide the following information for each reference:

Entity Name  
Contact Name and Title  
City and State  
Phone Number  
Years Serviced  
Description of Services  
Annual Volume

See Attached

29. List all cooperative and/or government group purchasing organizations of which your company is currently a member below. N/A

N/A

30. Describe your company's implementation and success with existing cooperative purchasing programs, if any, and provide the cooperative's name(s), contact person(s) and contact information as reference(s).  
**Not Applicable**
31. Provide a copy of all current licenses, registrations and certifications issued by federal, state and local agencies, and any other licenses, registrations or certifications from any other governmental entity with jurisdiction, allowing Respondent to perform the covered services including, but not limited to licenses, registrations or certifications. M/WBE, HUB, DVBE, small and disadvantaged business certifications and other diverse business certifications, as well as manufacturer certifications for sales and service must be included if applicable.  
**Not Applicable**
32. Provide information regarding whether your firm, either presently or in the past, has been involved in any litigation, bankruptcy, or reorganization. **Not Applicable**
33. Felony Conviction Notice – Please check applicable box:
- ☐ A publicly held corporation; therefore, this reporting requirement is not applicable
  - ☒ Is not owned or operated by anyone who has been convicted of a felony.
  - ☐ Is owned or operated by the following individual(s) who has/have been convicted of a felony.
- \*If the 3<sup>rd</sup> box is checked a detailed explanation of the names and convictions must be attached.

**VALUE ADD:**

34. Detail how your organization plans to market this contract within the first 90 days of the award date. This may include but is not limited to:
- a. A co-branded press release within first 30 days
  - b. Announcement of award through any applicable social media sites
  - c. Direct mail campaigns
  - d. Co-branded collateral pieces
  - e. Advertisement of contract in regional or national publications
  - f. Participation in trade shows

When a participating agency seeks to procure goods and services using funds under a federal grant or contract, specific federal laws, regulations, and requirements may apply in addition to those under state law. This includes, but is not limited to, the procurement standards of the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, 2 CFR 200 (sometimes referred to as the "Uniform Guidance" or "EDGAR" requirements). All Vendors submitting proposals must complete this Federal Funds Certification Form regarding Vendor's willingness and ability to comply with certain requirements which may be applicable to specific participating agency purchases using federal grant funds. This completed form will be made available to participating agencies for their use while considering their purchasing options when using federal grant funds. Participating agencies may also require Vendors to enter into ancillary agreements, in addition to the contract's general terms and conditions, to address the member's specific contractual needs, including contract requirements for a procurement using federal grants or contracts.

**For each of the items below, Vendor should certify Vendor's agreement and ability to comply, where applicable, by having Vendor's authorized representative complete and initial the applicable lines after each section and sign the acknowledgment at the end of this form.** If a vendor fails to complete any item in this form, Region 10 ESC will consider the Vendor's response to be that they are unable or unwilling to comply. A negative response to any of the items may, if applicable, impact the ability of a participating agency to purchase from the Vendor using federal funds.

### 1. Vendor Violation or Breach of Contract Terms:

Contracts for more than the simplified acquisition threshold currently set at \$150,000, which is the inflation adjusted amount determined by the Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council (Councils) as authorized by 41 USC 1908, must address administrative, contractual, or legal remedies in instances where contractors violate or breach contract terms, and provide for such sanctions and penalties as appropriate.

Any Contract award will be subject to Region 10 ESC General Terms and Conditions, as well as any additional terms and conditions in any Purchase Order, participating agency ancillary contract, or Member Construction Contract agreed upon by Vendor and the participating agency which must be consistent with and protect the participating agency at least to the same extent as the Region 10 ESC Terms and Conditions.

The remedies under the Contract are in addition to any other remedies that may be available under law or in equity. By submitting a Proposal, you agree to these Vendor violation and breach of contract terms.

Does vendor agree?

CLA

(Initials of Authorized Representative)

### 2. Termination for Cause or Convenience:

When a participating agency expends federal funds, the participating agency reserves the right to immediately terminate any agreement in excess of \$10,000 resulting from this procurement process in the event of a breach or default of the agreement by Offeror in the event Offeror fails to: (1) meet schedules, deadlines, and/or delivery dates within the time specified in the procurement solicitation, contract, and/or a purchase order; (2) make any payments owed; or (3) otherwise perform in accordance with the contract and/or the procurement solicitation. participating agency also reserves the right to terminate the contract immediately, with written notice to offeror, for convenience, if participating agency believes, in its sole discretion that it is in the best interest of participating agency to do so. Offeror will be compensated for work performed and accepted and goods accepted by participating agency as of the termination date if the contract is terminated for convenience of participating agency. Any award under this procurement process is not exclusive and participating agency reserves the right to purchase goods and services from other offerors when it is in participating agency's best interest.

Does vendor agree?

CLA

(Initials of Authorized Representative)

### 3. Equal Employment Opportunity:

Except as otherwise provided under 41 CFR Part 60, all participating agency purchases or contracts that meet the definition of "federally assisted construction contract" in 41 CFR Part 60-1.3 shall be deemed to include the equal opportunity clause provided under 41 CFR 60-1.4(b), in accordance with Executive Order 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity" (30 FR 12319, 12935; 3 CFR Part, 1964-1965 Comp., p. 339), as amended by Executive Order 11375, "Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity," and implementing regulations at 41 CFR Part 60, "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor."

The equal opportunity clause provided under 41 CFR 60-1.4(b) is hereby incorporated by reference. Vendor agrees that such provision applies to any participating agency purchase or contract that meets the definition of "federally assisted construction contract" in 41 CFR Part 60-1.3 and Vendor agrees that it shall comply with such provision.

Does vendor agree? CEA  
(Initials of Authorized Representative)

#### 4. Davis-Bacon Act:

When required by Federal program legislation, Vendor agrees that, for all participating agency prime construction contracts/purchases in excess of \$2,000, Vendor shall comply with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 USC 3141-3144, and 3146-3148) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5, "Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction"). In accordance with the statute, Vendor is required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, Vendor shall pay wages not less than once a week.

Current prevailing wage determinations issued by the Department of Labor are available at [www.wdol.gov](http://www.wdol.gov). Vendor agrees that, for any purchase to which this requirement applies, the award of the purchase to the Vendor is conditioned upon Vendor's acceptance of the wage determination.

Vendor further agrees that it shall also comply with the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (40 USC 3145), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 3, "Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States"). The Act provides that each contractor or subrecipient must be prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled.

Does vendor agree? CEA  
(Initials of Authorized Representative)

#### 5. Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act:

Where applicable, for all participating agency contracts or purchases in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers, Vendor agrees to comply with 40 USC 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5). Under 40 USC 3702 of the Act, Vendor is required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week. The requirements of 40 USC 3704 are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic must be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.

Does vendor agree? CEA  
(Initials of Authorized Representative)

#### 6. Right to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement:

If the participating agency's Federal award meets the definition of "funding agreement" under 37 CFR 401.2(a) and the recipient or subrecipient wishes to enter into a contract with a small business firm or nonprofit organization regarding the substitution of parties, assignment or performance or experimental, developmental, or research work under that "funding agreement," the recipient or subrecipient must comply with the requirements of 37 CFR Part 401, "Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements," and any implementing regulations issued by the awarding agency.



Vendor agrees to comply with the above requirements when applicable.

Does vendor agree? CLH  
(Initials of Authorized Representative)

**7. Clean Air Act and Federal Water Pollution Control Act:**

Clean Air Act (42 USC 7401-7671q.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 USC 1251-1387), as amended –Contracts and subgrants of amounts in excess of \$150,000 must contain a provision that requires the non-Federal award to agree to comply with all applicable standards, orders, or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 USC 7401-7671q.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended (33 USC 1251-1387). Violations must be reported to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

When required, Vendor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders, or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act.

Does vendor agree? CLH  
(Initials of Authorized Representative)

**8. Debarment and Suspension:**

Debarment and Suspension (Executive Orders 12549 and 12689) – A contract award (see 2 CFR 180.220) must not be made to parties listed on the government-wide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 CFR 180 that implement Executive Orders 12549 (3 CFR Part 1966 Comp. p. 189) and 12689 (3CFR Part 1989 Comp. p. 235), "Debarment and Suspension." SAM Exclusions contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549.

Vendor certifies that Vendor is not currently listed on the government-wide exclusions in SAM, is not debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies or declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549. Vendor further agrees to immediately notify the Cooperative and all participating agencies with pending purchases or seeking to purchase from Vendor if Vendor is later listed on the government-wide exclusions in SAM, or is debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies or declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549.

Does vendor agree? CLH  
(Initials of Authorized Representative)

**9. Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment:**

Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 USC 1352) -- Vendors that apply or bid for an award exceeding \$100,000 must file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 USC 1352. Each tier must also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the non-Federal award. As applicable, Vendor agrees to file all certifications and disclosures required by, and otherwise comply with, the Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 USC 1352).

Does vendor agree? CLH  
(Initials of Authorized Representative)

**10. Procurement of Recovered Materials:**

For participating agency purchases utilizing Federal funds, Vendor agrees to comply with Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act where applicable and provide such information and certifications as a participating agency may require to confirm estimates and otherwise comply. The requirements of Section 6002 include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 CFR Part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory

level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired during the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000; procuring solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery, and establishing an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.

Does vendor agree? CLH  
(Initials of Authorized Representative)

**11. Profit as a Separate Element of Price:**

For purchases using federal funds in excess of \$150,000, a participating agency may be required to negotiate profit as a separate element of the price. See, 2 CFR 200.323(b). When required by a participating agency, Vendor agrees to provide information and negotiate with the participating agency regarding profit as a separate element of the price for a particular purchase. However, Vendor agrees that the total price, including profit, charged by Vendor to the participating agency shall not exceed the awarded pricing, including any applicable discount, under Vendor's Cooperative Contract.

Does vendor agree? CLH  
(Initials of Authorized Representative)

**12. General Compliance and Cooperation with Participating Agencies:**

In addition to the foregoing specific requirements, Vendor agrees, in accepting any Purchase Order from a participating agency, it shall make a good faith effort to work with participating agencies to provide such information and to satisfy such requirements as may apply to a particular participating agency purchase or purchases including, but not limited to, applicable recordkeeping and record retention requirements.

Does vendor agree? CLH  
(Initials of Authorized Representative)

**13. Applicability to Subcontractors**

Offeror agrees that all contracts it awards pursuant to the Contract shall be bound by the foregoing terms and conditions.

Does vendor agree? CLH  
(Initials of Authorized Representative)

By signature below, I certify that the information in this form is true, complete, and accurate and that I am authorized by my company to make this certification and all consents and agreements contained herein.

Collins Bus Corporation  
Company Name

Chris Hiebert  
Signature of Authorized Company Official

Chris Hiebert  
Printed Name

VP/General Manager  
Title

11/3/20  
Date

## OPEN RECORDS POLICY ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND ACCEPTANCE

Be advised that all information and documents submitted will be subject to the Public Information Act requirements governed by Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code.

Because contracts are awarded by a Texas governmental entity, all responses submitted are subject to release as public information after contracts are executed. If a Respondent believes that its response, or parts of its response, may be exempted from disclosure to the public, the Respondent must specify page-by-page and line-by-line the parts of the response, which it believes, are exempted from disclosure. In addition, the Respondent must specify which exception(s) are applicable and provide detailed reasons to substantiate the exception(s). Respondent must provide this information on the "Acknowledgement and Acceptance to Region 10 ESC's Public Information Act Policy" form found on the next page of this solicitation. Any information that is unmarked will be considered public information and released, if requested under the Public Information Act.

The determination of whether information is confidential and not subject to disclosure is the duty of the Office of Attorney General (OAG). Region 10 ESC must provide the OAG with the information requested in order for the OAG to render an opinion. In such circumstances, Respondent will be notified in writing that the material has been requested and delivered to the OAG. Respondent will have an opportunity to make arguments to the OAG in writing regarding the exception(s) to the TPIA that permit the information to be withheld from public disclosure. Respondents are advised that such arguments to the OAG must be specific and well-reasoned--vague and general claims to confidentiality by the Respondent are generally not acceptable to the OAG. Once the OAG opinion is received by Region 10 ESC, Region 10 ESC must comply with the opinions of the OAG. Region 10 ESC assumes no responsibility for asserting legal arguments on behalf of any Respondent. Respondents are advised to consult with their legal counsel concerning disclosure issues resulting from this procurement process and to take precautions to safeguard trade secrets and other proprietary information.

After completion of award, these documents will be available for public inspection.

**Signature below certifies complete acceptance of Region 10 ESC's Open Records Policy, except as noted below (additional pages may be attached, if necessary). Check one of the following responses to the Acknowledgment and Acceptance of Region 10 ESC's Open Records Policy below:**

☒ We acknowledge Region 10 ESC's Public Information Act policy and declare that no information submitted with this proposal, or any part of our proposal, is exempt from disclosure under the Public Information Act.

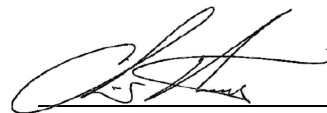
*(Note: All information believed to be a trade secret or proprietary must be listed below. It is further understood that failure to identify such information, in strict accordance with the instructions below, will result in that information being considered public information and released, if requested under the Public Information Act.)*

☐ We declare the following information to be a trade secret or proprietary and exempt from disclosure under the Public Information Act.

*(Note: Respondent must specify page-by-page and line-by-line the parts of the response, which it believes, are exempt. In addition, Respondent must specify which exception(s) are applicable and provide detailed reasons to substantiate the exception(s).)*

November 3, 2020

Date



VP/GM

Authorized Signature & Title



## REFERENCES

Entity Name: Round Rock ISD

Contact Name: Tina Fausett

Contact Phone: (512) 464-5000

Entity Name: Orange Unified School District

Contact Name: Pam McDonald

Contact Phone: (714) 997-6244

Entity Name: Omaha Public Schools

Contact Name: Trevis Sallis

Contact Phone: (402) 557-2910

## Appendix E: VENDOR CONTRACT AND SIGNATURE FORM

*This Vendor Contract and Signature Form ("Contract") is made as of \_\_\_\_\_, by and between \_\_\_\_\_ ("Vendor") and Region 10 Education Service Center ("Region 10 ESC") for the purchase of (enter category here) ("the products and services").*

### RECITALS

WHEREAS, both parties agree and understand that the following pages will constitute the contract between the successful vendor(s) and Region 10 ESC, having its principal place of business at **Education Service Center, Region 10, 400 E Spring Valley Rd, Richardson, TX 75081**

WHEREAS, Vendor agrees to include, in writing, any required exceptions or deviations from these terms, conditions, and specifications; and it is further understood that if agreed to by Region 10 ESC, said exceptions or deviations will be incorporated into the final contract "Vendor Contract."

WHEREAS, this contract consists of the provisions set forth below, including provisions of all attachments referenced herein. In the event of a conflict between the provisions set forth below and those contained in any attachment, the provisions set forth below shall control.

WHEREAS, the Vendor Contract will provide that any state, county, special district, local government, school district, private K-12 school, technical or vocational school, higher education institution (including community colleges, colleges and universities, both public and private), other government agencies or non-profit organization may purchase products and services at prices indicated in the Vendor Contract upon registering and becoming a member with Region 10 ESC; and it being further understood that Region 10 ESC shall act as the Lead Agency with respect to all such purchase agreements.

WHEREAS, Equalis Group has the administrative and legal capacity to administer purchases on behalf of Region 10 ESC under the Vendor Contract with participating public agencies and entities, as permitted by applicable law.

### ARTICLE 1- GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1.1 Equalis Group shall be afforded all of the rights, privileges and indemnifications afforded to Region 10 ESC under the Vendor Contract, and such rights, privileges and indemnifications shall accrue and apply with equal effect to Equalis Group, including, without limitation, Vendor's obligation to provide insurance and other indemnifications to Lead Agency.

1.2 Awarded vendor shall perform all duties, responsibilities and obligations, set forth in this agreement, and required under the Vendor Contract.

1.3 Equalis Group shall perform its duties, responsibilities and obligations as administrator of purchases, set forth in this agreement, and required under the Vendor Contract.

1.4 **Customer Support:** The vendor shall provide timely and accurate technical advice and sales support to Region 10 ESC staff, Equalis Group staff and participating agencies. The vendor shall respond to such requests within one (1) working day after receipt of the request.

## **ARTICLE 2- ANTICIPATED TERM OF AGREEMENT**

- ❖ **Term:** The term of the Contract shall commence upon award and shall remain in effect for a period of three (3) years, unless terminated, canceled or extended as otherwise provided herein. The Contractor agrees that Region 10 ESC shall have the right, at its sole option, to renew the Contract for four (4) additional one-year periods or portions thereof. In the event that Region 10 ESC exercises such rights, all terms, conditions and provisions of the original Contract shall remain the same and apply during the renewal period with the possible exception of price and minor scope additions and/or deletions.
- ❖ **Automatic Renewal:** Renewal will take place automatically for one (1) year unless Region 10 ESC gives written notice to the awarded supplier at least ninety (90) days prior to the expiration.

## **ARTICLE 3- REPRESENTATIONS AND COVENANTS**

**Scope:** This contract is based on the need to provide the economic benefits of volume purchasing and reduction in administrative costs through cooperative purchasing to schools and other members.

**Compliance:** Cooperative Purchasing Agreements between Equalis Group and its Members have been established under state procurement law.

**Respondent's promise:** Respondent agrees all prices, terms, warranties, and benefits granted by Respondent to Members through this contract are comparable to or better than the equivalent terms offered by Respondent to any present customer meeting the same qualifications or requirements.

## **ARTICLE 4- FORMATION OF CONTRACT**

4.1. **Respondent contract documents:** Region 10 ESC will review proposed Respondent contract documents. Vendor's contract document shall not become part of Region 10 ESC's contract with vendor unless and until an authorized representative of Region 10 ESC reviews and approves it.

4.2. **Form of contract:** The form of contract for this solicitation shall be the Request for Proposal, the awarded proposal(s) to the lowest responsible Respondent(s), and properly issued and reviewed purchase orders referencing the requirements of the Request for Proposal. If a firm submitting a proposal requires Region 10 ESC and/or Member to sign an additional agreement, a copy of the proposed agreement must be included with the proposal.

4.3. **Entire Agreement (Parol evidence):** The contract, as specified above, represents the final written expression of agreement. All agreements are contained herein and no other agreements or representations that materially alter it are acceptable.

4.4. **Assignment of Contract:** No assignment of contract may be made without the prior written approval of Region 10 ESC. Purchase orders and payment can only be made to awarded vendor unless otherwise approved by Region 10 ESC. Awarded vendor is required to notify Region 10 ESC when any material change in operations is made that may adversely affect members (i.e. awarded vendor bankruptcy, change of ownership, merger, etc.).

4.5. **Contract Alterations:** No alterations to the terms of this contract shall be valid or binding unless authorized and signed with a “wet signature” by a Region 10 ESC staff member.

4.6. **Order of precedence:** In the event of a conflict in the provisions of the contract as accepted by Region 10 ESC, the following order of precedence shall prevail:

- General terms and conditions
- Specifications and scope of work
- Attachments and exhibits
- Documents referenced or included in the solicitation

4.8 **Supplemental Agreements:** The entity participating in the Region 10 ESC contract and awarded vendor may enter into a separate supplemental agreement to further define the level of service requirements over and above the minimum defined in this contract i.e. invoice requirements, ordering requirements, specialized delivery, etc. Any supplemental agreement developed as a result of this contract is exclusively between the participating entity and awarded vendor. Neither Region 10 ESC, Equalis Group, its agents, members and employees shall be made party to any claim for breach of such agreement.

## **ARTICLE 5- TERMINATION OF CONTRACT**

5.1. **Cancellation for non-performance or contractor deficiency:** Region 10 ESC may terminate any contract if Members have not used the contract, or if purchase volume is determined to be low volume in any 12-month period. Region 10 ESC reserves the right to cancel the whole or any part of this contract due to failure by contractor to carry out any obligation, term or condition of the contract. Region 10 ESC may issue a written deficiency notice to contractor for acting or failing to act in any of the following:

- i. Providing material that does not meet the specifications of the contract;
- ii. Providing work and/or material that was not awarded under the contract;
- iii. Failing to adequately perform the services set forth in the scope of work and specifications;
- iv. Failing to complete required work or furnish required materials within a reasonable amount of time;
- v. Failing to make progress in performance of the contract and/or giving Region 10 ESC reason to believe that contractor will not or cannot perform the requirements of the contract; and/or
- vi. Performing work or providing services under the contract prior to receiving a Region 10 ESC reviewed purchase order for such work.

Upon receipt of a written deficiency notice, contractor shall have ten (10) days to provide a satisfactory response to Region 10 ESC. Failure to adequately address all issues of concern may result in contract cancellation. Upon cancellation under this paragraph, all goods, materials, work, documents, data and reports prepared by contractor under the contract shall become the property of the Member on demand.

5.2 **Termination for cause:** If, for any reason, the Vendor fails to fulfill its obligation in a timely manner, or if the vendor violates any of the covenants, agreements, or stipulations of this contract, Region 10 ESC reserves the right to terminate the contract immediately and pursue all other applicable remedies afforded by law. Such termination shall be effective by delivery of notice, to the vendor, specifying the effective date of termination. In such event, all documents, data, studies, surveys, drawings, maps, models and reports prepared by vendor for this solicitation may become the property of the participating agency or entity. If such event does occur then vendor will be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for the satisfactory work completed on such documents.

5.3 **Delivery/Service failures:** Failure to deliver goods or services within the time specified or within a reasonable time period as interpreted by the purchasing agent, or failure to make replacements or corrections of rejected articles/services when so requested shall constitute grounds for the contract to be terminated. In the event that the participating agency or entity must purchase in an open market, contractor agrees to reimburse the participating agency or entity, within a reasonable time period, for all expenses incurred.

5.4 **Force Majeure:** If by reason of Force Majeure, either party hereto shall be rendered unable wholly or in part to carry out its obligations under this Agreement then such party shall give notice and full particulars of Force Majeure in writing to the other party within a reasonable time after occurrence of the event or cause relied upon, and the obligation of the party giving such notice, so far as it is affected by such Force Majeure, shall be suspended during the continuance of the inability then claimed, except as hereinafter provided, but for no longer period, and such party shall endeavor to remove or overcome such inability with all reasonable dispatch.

The term Force Majeure as employed herein, shall mean acts of God, strikes, lockouts, or other industrial disturbances, act of public enemy, orders of any kind of government of the United States or the State of Texas or any civil or military authority; insurrections; riots; epidemics; landslides; lighting; earthquake; fires; hurricanes; storms; floods; washouts; droughts; arrests; restraint of government and people; civil disturbances; explosions, breakage or accidents to machinery, pipelines or canals, or other causes not reasonably within the control of the party claiming such inability. It is understood and agreed that the settlement of strikes and lockouts shall be entirely within the discretion of the party having the difficulty, and that the above requirement that any Force Majeure shall be remedied with all reasonable dispatch shall not require the settlement of strikes and lockouts by acceding to the demands of the opposing party or parties when such settlement is unfavorable in the judgment of the party having the difficulty

5.5 **Standard Cancellation:** Either party may cancel this contract in whole or in part by providing written notice. The cancellation will take effect 90 business days after the other party receives the notice of cancellation. After the 90th business day all work will cease following completion of final purchase order. Region 10 ESC reserves the right to request additional items not already on contract at any time.

## **ARTICLE 6- LICENSES**

6.1 **Duty to keep current license:** Vendor shall maintain in current status all federal, state and local licenses, bonds and permits required for the operation of the business conducted by vendor. Vendor shall remain fully informed of and in compliance with all ordinances and regulations pertaining to the lawful provision of services under the contract. Region 10 ESC reserves the right to stop work and/or cancel the contract of any vendor whose license(s) expire, lapse, are suspended or terminated.



6.2 **Suspension or Debarment:** Respondent shall provide a letter in the proposal notifying Region 10 ESC of any debarment, suspension or other lawful action taken against them by any federal, state, or local government within the last five (5) years that precludes Respondent or its employees from participating in any public procurement activity. The letter shall state the duration of the suspension or action taken, the relevant circumstances and the name of the agency imposing the suspension. Failure to supply or disclose this information may be grounds for cancellation of contract.

6.3 **Survival Clause:** All applicable software license agreements, warranties or service agreements that were entered into between Vendor and Customer/participating member under the terms and conditions of the Contract shall survive the expiration or termination of the Contract. All Purchase Orders issued and accepted by Order Fulfiller shall survive expiration or termination of the Contract.

## **ARTICLE 7- DELIVERY PROVISIONS**

7.1 **Delivery:** Vendor shall deliver said materials purchased on this contract to the participating member issuing a Purchase Order. Conforming product shall be shipped within 7 days of receipt of Purchase Order. If delivery is not or cannot be made within this time period the vendor must receive authorization from the purchasing agency for the delayed delivery. At this point the participating entity may cancel the order if estimated shipping time is not acceptable.

7.2 **Inspection & Acceptance:** If defective or incorrect material is delivered, purchasing agency may make the determination to return the material to the vendor at no cost to the purchasing agency. The vendor agrees to pay all shipping costs for the return shipment. Vendor shall be responsible for arranging the return of the defective or incorrect material.

7.3 **Responsibility for supplies tendered:** Vendor shall be responsible for the materials or supplies covered by this contract until they are delivered to the designated delivery point.

7.4 **Shipping Instructions:** Unless otherwise specified, each case, crate, barrel, package, etc, delivered under this contract must be plainly labeled, securely tagged, stating Vendor's name, purchase order number, quantity contained therein, and delivery address as indicated in the order. Deliveries must be made within the hours of 8:00 am – 4:00 pm. Deliveries at any other time (including Saturdays, Sundays and holidays) will not be accepted unless arrangements have been made in advance with the receiver at the delivery point. Vendor understands that it is their responsibility to ensure compliance with the delivery instructions outlined in this agreement.

7.5 **Additional charges:** Unless bought on F.O.B. "shipping point" and Vendor prepays transportation, no delivery charges shall be added to invoices except when express delivery is authorized and substituted on orders for the method specified in the contract. In such cases, the difference between freight or mail and express charges may be added to the invoice.

7.6 **Buyer's delays:** Region 10 ESC will not be responsible for any late fees due the prime contractor by the participating member. The prime contractor will negotiate with the participating agency for the recovery of damages related to expenses incurred by the vendor for a delay for which the Region 10 ESC member is responsible, which is unreasonable, and which was not within the contemplation of the parties to the contract between the two parties.

## ARTICLE 8- BILLING AND REPORTING

8.1 **Payments:** The participating entity using the contract will make payments directly to the awarded vendor.

Payment shall be made after satisfactory performance, in accordance with all provisions thereof, and upon receipt of a properly completed invoice.

8.2 **Tax Exempt Status:** Since this is a national contract, knowing the tax laws in each state is the sole responsibility of the Vendor.

8.3 **Reporting:** Vendor shall electronically provide Equalis Group with a detailed line item monthly report showing the dollar volume of all member product sales under the contract for the previous month. Reports shall be sent via e-mail to Equalis Group offices at [info@equalisgroup.org](mailto:info@equalisgroup.org). Reports are due on the **fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>)** day after the close of the previous month. It is the responsibility of the awarded vendor to collect and compile all sales under the contract from participating members and submit one (1) report. Fields below marked as \*required indicate a required field. All other fields are preferred, but not required:

Member Data	Equalis Member ID
	Vendor Customer Number *required (or Equalis Member ID)
	Customer Name *required
	Customer Street Address *required
	Customer City *required
	Customer Zip Code *required
	Customer State *required
Distributor Data	Distributor Name
	Distributor ID
	Distributor Street Address
	Distributor City
	Distributor Zip Code
	Distributor State
Product Data	Product Category level 1
	Distributor Product Number
	Manufacturer Product Number
	Product Description
	Product Brand Name
	Product packaging Unit of Measure level 1
	Product packaging Unit of Measure level 2
	Product packaging Unit of Measure level 3
Spend Data	Purchase Unit of Measure
	Purchase Quantity
	Distributor Landed Cost Total \$ (without deviations)
	Distributor Landed Cost Total \$ (with mfr deviations)
	Customer Purchase Total \$ *required

	Admin Fee % <b>*required</b>
	Admin Fee \$ <b>*required</b>

## ARTICLE 9- PRICING

9.1 **Market competitive guarantee:** Vendor agrees to provide market competitive pricing, based on the value offered upon award, to Region 10 ESC and its participating public agencies throughout the duration of the contract.

9.2 **Price increase:** Should it become necessary or proper during the term of this contract to make any change in design or any alterations that will increase expense, Region 10 ESC must be notified immediately. Price increases must be approved by Lead Agency and no payment for additional materials or services, beyond the amount stipulated in the contract, shall be paid without prior approval. All price increases must be supported by manufacture documentation, or a formal cost justification letter.

Vendor must honor previous prices for thirty (30) days after approval and written notification from Region 10 ESC if requested.

It is Vendor's responsibility to keep all pricing up to date and on file with Region 10 ESC. All price changes must be provided to Region 10 ESC, using the same format as was accepted in the original contract.

9.3 **Additional Charges:** All deliveries shall be freight prepaid, F.O.B. destination and shall be included in all pricing offered unless otherwise clearly stated in writing.

9.4 **Price reduction and adjustment:** Price reduction may be offered at any time during contract and shall become effective upon notice of acceptance from Region 10 ESC. Special, time-limited reductions are permissible under the following conditions: 1) reduction is available to all Members equally; 2) reduction is for a specific time period, normally not less than thirty (30) days; 3) original price is not exceeded after the time-limit; and 4) Region 10 ESC has approved the new prices prior to any offer of the prices to a Member. Vendor shall offer Region 10 ESC any published price reduction during the contract period.

9.5 **Prevailing Wage:** It shall be the responsibility of the Vendor to comply, when applicable, with the prevailing wage legislation in effect in the jurisdiction of the purchaser (Region 10 ESC or its Participating Members). It shall further be the responsibility of the Vendor to monitor the prevailing wage rates as established by the appropriate Department of Labor for any increase in rates during the term of this contract and adjust wage rates accordingly.

9.6 **Administrative Fees:** The Vendor agrees to pay administrative fees to Equalis Group based on the terms set in Attachment A. All pricing submitted to Region 10 ESC shall include the administrative fee to be remitted to Equalis Group by the awarded vendor.

9.7 **Price Calculation:** Cost plus a percentage as a primary mechanism to calculate pricing is not allowed. Pricing may either be in the form of line item pricing, defined as a specific individual price on a product or service, or a percentage discount from a verifiable catalog or price list. Other discounts or incentives may be offered.

## ARTICLE 10- PRICING AUDIT

10.1 **Audit rights:** Vendor shall, at Vendor's sole expense, maintain appropriate due diligence of all purchases made by Region 10 ESC and any participating entity that accesses this Agreement. Equalis Group and Region 10 ESC each reserve the right to audit the accounting for a period of three (3) years from the time such purchases are made. This audit right shall survive termination of this Agreement for a period of one (1) year from the effective date of termination. In the State of New Jersey, this audit right shall survive termination of this Agreement for a period of five (5) years from the date of final payment. Such records shall be made available to the New Jersey Office of the State Comptroller upon request. Region 10 ESC shall have the authority to conduct random audits of Vendor's pricing that is offered to eligible entities at Region 10 ESC's sole cost and expense. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that Region 10 ESC is made aware of any pricing being offered to eligible agencies that is materially inconsistent with the pricing under this agreement, Region 10 ESC shall have the ability to conduct an extensive audit of Vendor's pricing at Vendor's sole cost and expense. Region 10 ESC may conduct the audit internally or may engage a third-party auditing firm. In the event of an audit, the requested materials shall be provided in the format and at the location designated by Region 10 ESC or Equalis Group.

## ARTICLE 11- PROPOSER PRODUCT LINE REQUIREMENTS

11.1 **Current products:** Proposals shall be for materials and equipment in current production and marketed to the general public and education/government agencies at the time the proposal is submitted.

11.2 **Discontinued products:** If a product or model is discontinued by the manufacturer, Vendor may substitute a new product or model if the replacement product meets or exceeds the specifications and performance of the discontinued model and if the discount is the same or greater than the discontinued model.

11.3 **New products/Services:** New products and/or services that meet the scope of work may be added to the contract. Pricing shall be equivalent to the percentage discount for other products. Vendor may replace or add product lines to an existing contract if the line is replacing or supplementing products on contract, is equal or superior to the original products offered, is discounted in a similar or to a greater degree, and if the products meet the requirements of the solicitation. No products and/or services may be added to avoid competitive procurement requirements. Region 10 ESC may require additions to be submitted with documentation from Participating Members demonstrating an interest in, or a potential requirement for, the new product or service. Region 10 ESC may reject any additions without cause.

11.4 **Options:** Optional equipment for products under contract may be added to the contract at the time they become available under the following conditions: 1) the option is priced at a discount similar to other options; 2) the option is an enhancement to the unit that improves performance or reliability.

11.5 **Product line:** Vendors with a published catalog may submit the entire catalog. Region 10 ESC reserves the right to select products within the catalog for award without having to award all contents. Region 10 ESC may reject any addition of equipment options without cause.

11.6 **Warranty conditions:** All supplies, equipment and services shall include manufacturer's minimum standard warranty and one (1) year labor warranty unless otherwise agreed to in writing.

11.7 **Buy American requirement:** (for New Jersey and all other applicable States) Vendors may only use unmanufactured construction material mined or produced in the United States, as required by the Buy American Act. Where trade agreements apply, to the extent permitted by applicable law, then unmanufactured construction material mined or produced in a designated country may also be used. Vendors are required to check state specific requirements to ensure compliance with this requirement.

## **ARTICLE 12- SITE REQUIREMENTS**

12.1 **Cleanup:** Vendor shall clean up and remove all debris and rubbish resulting from their work as required or directed by Member. Upon completion of the work, the premises shall be left in good repair and an orderly, neat, clean and unobstructed condition conducive to the Member's business purpose.

12.2 **Site Preparation:** Vendor shall not begin a project for which Participating Member has not prepared the site, unless Vendor does the preparation work at no cost, or until Participating Member includes the cost of site preparation in a purchase order to the contractor. Site preparation includes, but is not limited to moving furniture, moving equipment or obstructions to the work area, installation of wiring for networks or any other necessary pre-installation requirements.

12.3 **Registered sex offender restrictions:** For work to be performed at schools, Vendor agrees that no employee or employee of a subcontractor who has been adjudicated to be a registered sex offender will perform work at any time when students are or are reasonably expected to be present. Vendor agrees that a violation of this condition shall be considered a material breach and may result in the cancellation of the purchase order at the Participating Member's discretion. Vendor must identify any additional costs associated with compliance of this term. If no costs are specified, compliance with this term will be provided at no additional charge. Vendor is also responsible for ensuring that their employees or contractors who have direct contact with students are properly fingerprinted and background checked in accordance with local state law, if applicable.

12.4 **Safety measures:** Vendor shall take all reasonable precautions for the safety of employees on the worksite, and shall erect and properly maintain all necessary safeguards for protection of workers and the public. Vendor shall post warning signs against all hazards created by its operation and work in progress. Proper precautions shall be taken pursuant to state law and standard practices to protect workers, general public and existing structures from injury or damage.

12.5 **Smoking/Tobacco:** Persons working under the contract shall adhere to local tobacco and smoking (including e-cigarettes/vaping) policies. Smoking will only be permitted in posted areas or off premises.

12.6 **Stored materials:** Upon prior written agreement between the vendor and Member, payment may be made for materials not incorporated in the work but delivered and suitably stored at the site or some other location, for installation at a later date. An inventory of the stored materials must be provided to Participating Member with the application for payment seeking compensation for stored materials. Such materials must be stored and protected in a secure location, and be insured for their full value by the vendor against loss and damage. Vendor agrees to provide proof of coverage and/or addition of Participating Member as an additional insured upon Participating Member's request. Additionally, if stored offsite, the materials must also be clearly identified as property of buying Participating Member and be separated from other materials. Participating Member must be allowed reasonable opportunity to inspect and take inventory of stored materials, on or offsite, as necessary.

Until final acceptance by the Participating Member, it shall be the Vendor's responsibility to protect all materials and equipment. Vendor warrants and guarantees that title for all work, materials and equipment shall pass to the Member upon final acceptance.

**12.7 Maintenance Facilities and Support:** It is preferred that each contractor should have maintenance facilities and a support system available for servicing and repair of product and/or equipment. If a third party is to be used to provide maintenance and support to the participating member, Respondent must notify Region 10 ESC of that third party information. All technicians, applicators, installers shall be fully certified, trained and licensed to perform said duties.

## **ARTICLE 13- MISCELENOUS**

**13.1 Funding Out Clause:** Any/all contracts exceeding one (1) year shall include a standard "funding out" clause. A contract for the acquisition, including lease, of real or personal property is a commitment of the entity's current revenue only, provided the contract contains either or both of the following provisions:

"Retains to the entity the continuing right to terminate the contract at the expiration of each budget period during the term of the contract and is conditioned on a best efforts attempt by the entity to obtain appropriate funds for payment of the contract in the subsequent fiscal year."

**13.2 Disclosures:** Vendor affirms that he/she has not given, offered to give, nor intends to give at any time hereafter any economic opportunity, future employment, gift, loan, gratuity, special discount, trip, favor or service to a public servant in connection with this contract.

Vendor has a continuing duty to disclose a complete description of any and all relationships that might be considered a conflict of interest in doing business with participants in Equalis Group.

Vendor affirms that, to the best of his/her knowledge, the offer was arrived at independently, and was submitted without collusion with anyone to obtain information or gain any favoritism that would in any way limit competition or give an unfair advantage over other vendors in the award of this contract.

**13.3 Indemnity:** Vendor shall protect, indemnify, and hold harmless both Region 10 ESC and Equalis Group and its participants, administrators, employees and agents against all claims, damages, losses and expenses arising out of or resulting from the actions of Vendor, Vendor employees or Vendor subcontractors in the preparation of the solicitation and the later execution of the contract, including any supplemental agreements with members. Any litigation involving either Region 10 ESC or Equalis Group, its administrators and employees and agents shall be in a court of competent jurisdiction in Dallas County, Texas. Texas law shall apply to any such suit, without giving effect to its choice of laws provisions. Any litigation involving Equalis Group participating members shall be in the jurisdiction of the participating agency.

**13.4 Franchise Tax:** Vendor hereby certifies that he/she is not currently delinquent in the payment of any required franchise taxes, and shall remain current on any such franchise taxes throughout the term of this contract.

**13.5 Marketing:** Vendor agrees to allow Region 10 ESC and Equalis Group to use their name and logo within website, marketing materials and advertisement. Any use of the Region 10 ESC or Equalis Group name and logo

or any form of publicity, inclusive of press releases, regarding this contract by Vendor must have prior approval from Region 10 ESC.

**13.6 Insurance:** Unless otherwise modified elsewhere in this document, prior to commencing services under this contract for a participating member, contractor shall procure, provide and maintain during the life of this agreement comprehensive public liability insurance to include course of construction insurance and automobile liability, providing limits of not less than \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence. The insurance form will be an “all risk” type of policy with standard exclusions. Coverage will include temporary structures, scaffolding, temporary office trailers, materials, and equipment. Contractor shall pay for the deductibles required by the insurance provided under this agreement.

Certificates of insurance shall be delivered to the participant prior to commencement of work. The insurance company shall be licensed to do business and write the appropriate lines of insurance in the applicable state in which work is being conducted. Vendor shall give the participating entity a minimum of ten (10) days notice prior to any modifications or cancellation of policies. Vendor shall require all subcontractors performing any work to maintain coverage as specified.

Prior to commencing any work under this contract, any subcontractor shall also procure, provide, and maintain, at its own expense until final acceptance of the work performed, insurance coverage in a form acceptable to the prime contractor. All subcontractors shall provide worker’s compensation insurance which waives all subrogation rights against the prime contractor and member.

**13.7 Subcontracts/Sub Contractors:** If Vendor serves as prime contractor, it shall not enter into any subcontract subject to this solicitation without prior approval from Region 10 ESC. Any/all subcontractors shall abide by the terms and conditions of this contract and the solicitation.

No subcontract relationships shall be entered into with a party not licensed to do business in the jurisdiction in which the work will be performed. Contractor must use subcontractors openly, include such arrangements in the proposal, and certify upon request that such use complies with the rules associated with the procurement codes and statutes in the state in which the contractor is conducting business.

Contractor agrees to pay subcontractors in a timely manner. Failure to pay subcontractors for work faithfully performed and properly invoiced may result in suspension or termination of this contract. Prior to participating member’s release of final retained amounts, Contractor shall produce verified statements from all subcontractors and material suppliers that those entities have been paid in full amounts due and owing to them.

**13.8 Legal Obligations:** It is the Respondent’s responsibility to be aware of and comply with all local, state, and federal laws governing the sale of products/services identified in this RFP and any awarded contract and shall comply with all while fulfilling the RFP. Applicable laws and regulation must be followed even if not specifically identified herein.

**13.9 Boycott Certification:** Respondents hereby certify that during the term of any Agreement, it does not boycott Israel and will not boycott Israel. “Boycott” means refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations specifically with Israel, or with a person or entity doing business in Israel or in an Israeli-controlled territory, but does not include an action made for ordinary business purposes.

**13.10 Venue:** All parties agree that venue for any litigation arising from this contract shall lie in Richardson, Dallas County, Texas, and that the laws of the State of Texas shall govern the rights of the parties and the validity

and interpretation of any purchase order, contract, or service agreement that shall arise from and include this proposal request.

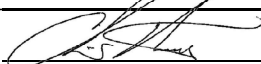
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## CONTRACT SIGNATURE FORM


The undersigned hereby proposes and agrees to furnish goods and/or services in strict compliance with the terms, specifications and conditions at the prices proposed within response unless noted in writing. The undersigned further certifies that he/she is an officer of the company and has authority to negotiate and bind the company named below and has not prepared this proposal in collusion with any other Respondent and that the contents of this proposal as to prices, terms or conditions of said proposal have not been communicated by the undersigned nor by any employee or agent to any person engaged in this type of business prior to the official opening of this proposal.

Prices are guaranteed: **120 days**

Company name	<u>Collins Bus Corporation</u>
Address	<u>415 West 6th Avenue</u>
City/State/Zip	<u>South Hutchinson, KS 67505</u>
Telephone No.	<u>800-533-1850</u>
Fax No.	<u></u>
Email address	<u>chris.hiebert@collinsbus.com</u>
Printed name	<u>Chris Hiebert</u>
Position with company	<u>Vice President / General Manager</u>
Authorized signature	<u></u>

**Term of contract** January 1, 2021 **to** December 31, 2023

Unless otherwise stated, all contracts are for a period of three (3) years with an option to renew annually for an additional four (4) years if agreed to by Region 10 ESC. Vendor shall honor all administrative fees for any sales made based on the contract whether renewed or not.

<u></u>	<u>1/27/21</u>
Region 10 ESC Authorized Agent	Date

Rickey Williams  
Print Name

**Equalis Group Contract Number** R10-1109A

## **Appendix F: ADDITIONAL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

- DOC #1 Clean Air and Water Act
- DOC #2 Debarment Notice
- DOC #3 Lobbying Certification
- DOC #4 Contractors Requirements
- DOC #5 Antitrust Certification Statement
- DOC #6 Implementation of House Bill 1295
- DOC #7 Boycott Certification
- DOC #8 Terrorist State Certification
- DOC #9 Resident Certification
- DOC #10 Federal Funds Certification Form

### **FOR VENDORS INTENDING TO DO BUSINESS IN ARIZONA:**

- DOC #11 Arizona Contractor Requirements

### **FOR VENDORS INTENDING TO DO BUSINESS IN NEW JERSEY:**

- DOC #12 Ownership Disclosure Form
- DOC #13 Non-Collusion Affidavit
- DOC #14 Affirmative Action Affidavit
- DOC #15 Political Contribution Disclosure Form
- DOC #16 Stockholder Disclosure Form

### **GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS ACCEPTANCE FORM**

- DOC #17 General Terms & Conditions and Acceptance Form

New Jersey vendors are also required to comply with the following New Jersey statutes when applicable:

- All anti-discrimination laws, including those contained in N.J.S.A. 10:2-1 through N.J.S.A. 10:2-14, N.J.S.A. 10:5-1, and N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 through 10:5-38.
- Compliance with Prevailing Wage Act, N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.26, for all contracts within the contemplation of the Act.
- Compliance with Public Works Contractor Registration Act, N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.26
- Bid and Performance Security, as required by the applicable municipal or state statutes.


**DOC #1 CLEAN AIR AND WATER ACT**

I, the Vendor, am in compliance with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act of 1970, as Amended (42 U.S. C. 1857 (h), Section 508 of the Clean Water Act, as amended (33 U.S.C. 1368), Executive Order 117389 and Environmental Protection Agency Regulation, 40 CFR Part 15 as required under OMB Circular A-102, Attachment O, Paragraph 14 (1) regarding reporting violations to the grantor agency and to the United States Environment Protection Agency Assistant Administrator for the Enforcement.

Potential Vendor: Collins Bus Corporation

Title of Authorized Representative: Vice President / General Manager

Mailing Address: 415 West 6th Avenue, South Hutchinson, KS 67505

Signature: 

**DOC #2 DEBARMENT NOTICE**

I, the Vendor, certify that my company has not been debarred, suspended or otherwise ineligible for participation in Federal Assistance programs under Executive Order 12549, "Debarment and Suspension", as described in the Federal Register and Rules and Regulations.

Potential Vendor: Collins Bus Corporation

Title of Authorized Representative: Vice President / General Manager

Mailing Address: 415 West 6th Avenue, South Hutchinson, KS 67505

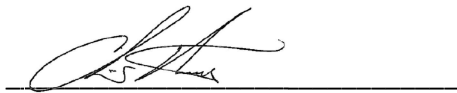
Signature: 

### DOC #3 LOBBYING CERTIFICATION

Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction and is imposed by Section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his/her knowledge and belief, that:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of a Federal contract, the making of a Federal grant, the making of a Federal loan, the entering into a cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of a Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," in accordance with its instructions.
3. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all covered sub-awards exceeding \$100,000 in Federal funds at all appropriate tiers and that all sub-recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.



Signature of Respondent

11/03/20

Date

## DOC #4 CONTRACTOR CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

### Contractor's Employment Eligibility

By entering the contract, Contractor warrants compliance with the Federal Immigration and Nationality Act (FINA), and all other federal and state immigration laws and regulations. The Contractor further warrants that it is in compliance with the various state statutes of the states it will operate this contract in.

Participating Government Entities including School Districts may request verification of compliance from any Contractor or subcontractor performing work under this Contract. These Entities reserve the right to confirm compliance in accordance with applicable laws.

Should the Participating Entities suspect or find that the Contractor or any of its subcontractors are not in compliance, they may pursue any and all remedies allowed by law, including, but not limited to: suspension of work, termination of the Contract for default, and suspension and/or debarment of the Contractor. All costs necessary to verify compliance are the responsibility of the Contractor.

The Respondent complies and maintains compliance with the appropriate statutes which requires compliance with federal immigration laws by State employers, State contractors and State subcontractors in accordance with the E-Verify Employee Eligibility Verification Program.

Contractor shall comply with governing board policy of the Region 10 ESC Participating entities in which work is being performed.

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### Fingerprint & Criminal Background Checks

If required to provide services on school district property at least five (5) times during a month, contractor shall submit a full set of fingerprints to the school district if requested of each person or employee who may provide such service. Alternately, the school district may fingerprint those persons or employees. An exception to this requirement may be made as authorized in Governing Board policy. The district shall conduct a fingerprint check in accordance with the appropriate state and federal laws of all contractors, subcontractors or vendors and their employees for which fingerprints are submitted to the district. Contractor, subcontractors, vendors and their employees shall not provide services on school district properties until authorized by the District.

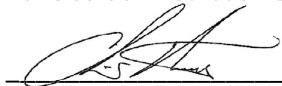
The Respondent shall comply with fingerprinting requirements in accordance with appropriate statutes in the state in which the work is being performed unless otherwise exempted.

Contractor shall comply with governing board policy in the school district or Participating Entity in which work is being performed.

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### Business Operations in Sudan, Iran

In accordance with A.R.S. 35-391 and A.R.S. 35-393, the Contractor hereby certifies that the contractor does not have scrutinized business operations in Sudan and/or Iran.



Signature of Respondent

11/03/20

Date

**DOC #5 ANTITRUST CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS**  
**(Tex. Government Code § 2155.005)**

I affirm under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of Texas that:

- (1) I am duly authorized to execute this contract on my own behalf or on behalf of the company, corporation, firm, partnership or individual (Company) listed below;
- (2) In connection with this proposal, neither I nor any representative of the Company has violated any provision of the Texas Free Enterprise and Antitrust Act, Tex. Bus. & Comm. Code Chapter 15;
- (3) In connection with this proposal, neither I nor any representative of the Company has violated any federal antitrust law; and
- (4) Neither I nor any representative of the Company has directly or indirectly communicated any of the contents of this proposal to a competitor of the Company or any other company, corporation, firm, partnership or individual engaged in the same line of business as the Company.

**VENDOR** Collins Bus Corporation

**ADDRESS** 415 West 6th Avenue

South Hutchinson, KS 67505

**PHONE** 800-533-1850

**FAX** \_\_\_\_\_

**RESPONDANT**



\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Chris Hiebert

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

Vice President / General Manager

\_\_\_\_\_  
Position with Company

**AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Position with Company

## **DOC #6 IMPLEMENTATION OF HOUSE BILL 1295**

### **Certificate of Interested Parties (Form 1295):**

In 2015, the Texas Legislature adopted House Bill 1295, which added section 2252.908 of the Government Code. The law states that a governmental entity or state agency may not enter into certain contracts with a business entity unless the business entity submits a disclosure of interested parties to the governmental entity or state agency at the time the business entity submits the signed contract to the governmental entity or state agency. The law applies only to a contract of a governmental entity or state agency that either (1) requires an action or vote by the governing body of the entity or agency before the contract may be signed or (2) has a value of at least \$1 million. The disclosure requirement applies to a contract entered into on or after January 1, 2016.

The Texas Ethics Commission was required to adopt rules necessary to implement that law, prescribe the disclosure of interested parties form, and post a copy of the form on the commission's website. The commission adopted the Certificate of Interested Parties form (Form 1295) on October 5, 2015. The commission also adopted new rules (Chapter 46) on November 30, 2015, to implement the law. The commission does not have any additional authority to enforce or interpret House Bill 1295.

### **Filing Process:**

Starting on January 1, 2016, the commission will make available on its website a new filing application that must be used to file Form 1295. A business entity must use the application to enter the required information on Form 1295 and print a copy of the completed form, which will include a certification of filing that will contain a unique certification number. An authorized agent of the business entity must sign the printed copy of the form and have the form notarized. The completed Form 1295 with the certification of filing must be filed with the governmental body or state agency with which the business entity is entering into the contract.

The governmental entity or state agency must notify the commission, using the commission's filing application, of the receipt of the filed Form 1295 with the certification of filing not later than the 30th day after the date the contract binds all parties to the contract. The commission will post the completed Form 1295 to its website within seven business days after receiving notice from the governmental entity or state agency.

Information regarding how to use the filing application will be available on this site starting on January 1, 2016.  
[https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf\\_info\\_form1295.htm](https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf_info_form1295.htm)



**DOC #7 BOYCOTT CERTIFICATION**

Respondents must certify that during the term of any Agreement, it does not boycott Israel and will not boycott Israel. "Boycott" means refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations specifically with Israel, or with a person or entity doing business in Israel or in an Israeli-controlled territory, but does not include an action made for ordinary business purposes.

**DOC #8 TERRORIST STATE CERTIFICATION**

In accordance with Texas Government Code, Chapter 2252, Subchapter F, REGION 10 ESC is prohibited from entering into a contract with a company that is identified on a list prepared and maintained by the Texas Comptroller or the State Pension Review Board under Texas Government Code Sections 806.051, 807.051, or 2252.153. By execution of any agreement, the respondent certifies to REGION 10 ESC that it is not a listed company under any of those Texas Government Code provisions. Responders must voluntarily and knowingly acknowledge and agree that any agreement shall be null and void should facts arise leading the REGION 10 ESC to believe that the respondent was a listed company at the time of this procurement.

**DOC #9 RESIDENT CERTIFICATION:**

This Certification Section must be completed and submitted before a proposal can be awarded to your company. This information may be placed in an envelope labeled "Proprietary" and is not subject to public view. In order for a proposal to be considered, the following information must be provided. Failure to complete may result in rejection of the proposal:

As defined by Texas House Bill 602, a "nonresident Bidder" means a Bidder whose principal place of business is not in Texas, but excludes a contractor whose ultimate parent company or majority owner has its principal place of business in Texas.

Texas or Non-Texas Resident

- ☐ I certify that my company is a "resident Bidder"
- ☒ I certify that my company qualifies as a "nonresident Bidder"

If you qualify as a "nonresident Bidder," you must furnish the following information:

What is your resident state? (The state your principal place of business is located.)

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pany Name	Address	
<u>South Hutchinson,</u>	<u>KS</u>	<u>67505</u>
	State	Zip
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