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## BULLETIN NO. 037-13 STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

TO: Educational Service District Superintendents

Chief School District Superintendents

Assistant Superintendents for Business and/or Business Managers

School District Transportation Administrators

**Regional Transportation Coordinators** 

FROM: Randy I. Dorn, State Superintendent of Public Instruction

RE: 2013–14 State Accepted Quotes for School Bus Categories

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Agency TTY number (360) 664-3631

The school bus purchase prices available through the state quote system are established each year from competitive price quotes in each school bus category submitted by Washington school bus vendors.

For your convenience, the accepted quotes for each school bus category with the corresponding vendor are provided in Attachment 1. These price quotes are in effect for the 2013–14 school year (September 1, 2013, through August 31, 2014). The prices shown do not include sales tax. The contact information for the vendors is provided:

Vendor/Company	Phone Number
Bryson Sales and Service of WA	1-877-882-7976
Harlow's Bus Sales, Inc.	1-877-722-2353
Northwest Bus Sales, Inc.	1-800-231-7099
Schetky Northwest Sales, Inc.	1-800-255-8341
Western Bus Sales, Inc.	1-800-258-2473

RCW 28A.160.195 allows any school district or educational service district (ESD) to purchase school buses directly from any vendor submitting an accepted bid without using a competitive bid process. All accepted state price quotes (including specifications and prices for district supported options) are available at http://www.k12.wa.us/transportation on the agency Web site.

A separate bulletin will be issued mid-September explaining the reimbursement process and providing information related to the replacement and depreciation systems.

School districts are not required to be a member of the Washington State General Administration's purchasing cooperative in order to purchase school buses through this process.

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School districts or ESDs also have the option to purchase a school bus from any vendor by following the standard school bus bid process. Those districts wishing to do so must:

- Use the vendor bid proposal forms (Forms SPI 1400-1 through 1400-4) available from your regional transportation coordinator or online at <a href="http://www.k12.wa.us/transportation/forms.aspx">http://www.k12.wa.us/transportation/forms.aspx</a>.
- 2. Follow "a comparable competitive bid process based on the lowest price quote based on similar bus categories."
- Submit to the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), Student
  Transportation, a summary of all bids, including the type of bus, base cost, school district
  requirements or vendor alternate cost, total adjusted cost, and the name of the dealer
  submitting each bid.
- 4. Submit a school bus acquisition form (Form SPI 1020A), the original Washington State Patrol initial inspection report, a copy of the seller's invoice, a copy of the school district's warrant or conditional sales contract, and a copy of the complete successful vendor bid proposal package.

Other questions concerning this bulletin may be directed to Glenn Gorton, Program Supervisor for Student Transportation, at (360) 725-6121, or at <a href="mailto:glenn.gorton@k12.wa.us">glenn.gorton@k12.wa.us</a>. The agency TTY number is (360) 664-3631.

This information is also available at www.k12.wa.us/bulletinsmemos/ on the agency Web site.

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Attachment 1 – <u>State Accepted Quotes (2013–14)</u>

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