

Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority Wilmington, North Carolina Consolidated Bus Procurement Project

The Metropolitan Transit Systems of the State of North Carolina and Public Universities have formed a Consortium and are requesting bid proposals for the manufacture and delivery of low floor transit buses, alternate equipment, optional equipment, and identified spare parts.

The Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority, serving as the Lead Procuring Agency along with twenty three (23) other North Carolina transit providers and two public universities, intend to purchase heavy duty, low floor transit buses in 30, 35 and 40-foot lengths in three categories: parallel hybrid electric diesel propulsion system, series hybrid electric diesel propulsion system and diesel, over the course of a five year contract period.

The Consortium includes the following transit providers: Alamance County Transportation Authority; AppalCART (Town of Boone/Watauga County); City of Asheville; Town of Cary; Town of Chapel Hill; East Carolina University; City of Fayetteville; City of Gastonia; Goldsboro-Wayne Transportation Authority; City of Greensboro; City of Greenville; Henderson County or City of Hendersonville; City of High Point; City of Jacksonville; North Carolina State University; Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation (PART); Cities of Kannapolis-Concord; City of Raleigh; City of Rocky Mount (Tar River Transit); City of Salisbury; Research Triangle Regional Public Transportation Authority (Triangle Transit); Western Piedmont Regional Transportation Authority; Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority; and City of Wilson.

Interested parties may obtain a complete copy of the [Invitation for Bids for Low Floor Buses](#) by contacting Mr. Albert Eby, Executive Director, Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority, 1110 Castle Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401-5335, by mail, (910) 202-2035 by phone or aeby@wavetransit.com by e-mail. The bid specification is also available at the following URL: www.wavetransit.com/2009_hybrid_bus_bid.pdf One (1) original and 4 copies in a sealed bid with a Compact Disc (CD) containing all of the bid documents in portable document format (pdf) format are due at the above stated address by 2:00 p.m. on May 12, 2009. Bid award by the Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority is expected to occur within 60 days. Thereafter, the Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority and the other transit providers of the Consortium will each issue purchase orders for the specific buses desired by each agency.

The Authority and Consortium reserves the right to accept or reject any and all offers, to waive minor technicalities and informalities and to make an award deemed in its best interest. Issuance of this Invitation for Bids does not commit the Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority and the Consortium to award any contract, to pay any costs incurred in preparation of a bid or to procure or contract for related services or supplies. This procurement is subject to financial assistance grants between the Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority (and each of the other procuring transit providers of the Consortium), the State of North Carolina and the Federal Transit Administration. All bidders must certify they are not on the Comptroller General's list of ineligible contractors. The successful bidder(s) shall be required to comply with all applicable Equal Employment Opportunity laws and regulations. Disadvantaged Business Enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bid proposals and compete for subcontracting work and will not be discriminated against on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, or disability.