



University of North Alabama
Office of Procurement
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INVITATION FOR BIDS:

Sealed Proposals for furnishing materials, equipment or services as described herein will be received at the Purchasing Department, Bibb Graves Hall, Room 21, University of North Alabama, Florence, Alabama, until 2:00 p.m. local time on August 4, 2009.

It is understood that the owner may accept any or all items at the prices listed in this proposal within a period of 10 months after the bid date for these items. Time is of the essence to this bid and if delivery is not made within the time specified, the University reserves the right to cancel the order. This bid may be withdrawn at any time prior to the scheduled time for the opening of bids, or any authorized postponement thereof.

DIRECTIONS FOR MAILING BIDS:

Do not place more than one bid in an envelope. Envelopes containing more than one bid may not be opened in time for a bid to be considered.

Envelopes containing bids must be sealed, marked and addressed as follows:

ADDRESSED TO:	(If via U.S. Mail) University of North Alabama Purchasing Department - Bid 2009-56 UNA Box 5025 Florence, AL 35632-0001	(If via commercial package delivery service) University of North Alabama Purchasing Department - Bid 2009-56 Bibb Graves Hall, Room 21 One Harrison Plaza Florence, AL 35632-0001
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BID FOR: Volleyball Buses 2009
Bid No. 2009-56

CAUTION – The above mailing address line, UNA Box 5025, is the address for the University of North Alabama Central Mail Room and is not part of the physical address for the University of North Alabama Purchasing Department. Envelopes or packages addressed to this box number may not be received in the Purchasing Department by the specified bid due date and time. It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure that the bid is received in the Purchasing Department by the date and time specified.

Bidders are strongly cautioned to mail or ship bids to allow ample time for receipt in the Purchasing Department, not the Central Mail Room nor Central Receiving. Overnight or next day delivery services may not be adequate.

Bids received in the Purchasing Department after the specified date and time set forth above will not be considered and will be returned to the bidder

Bids will be opened in Bibb Graves Hall, Room 21 at 2:00 p.m. local time on August 4, 2009.

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INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

1. All bidders are to submit bids on proposal forms furnished by the Director of Purchasing, University of North Alabama (forms enclosed). All bid forms are to be signed in all designated spaces by an authorized officer or employee of the bidder. Telephone bids will not be accepted. Bids submitted by "fax" machine or email will not be accepted. All bids are to be mailed or delivered in a sealed envelope.
2. All bidders shall base their proposals on the exact schedule of equipment, material or service specifications herein.
3. Pictures, descriptions, and specifications should accompany all bids when required or desirable.
4. Reference to manufacturers, suppliers, catalog numbers, etc., is intended to set quality standards and does not preclude bids from others as long as quality standards are met. Offers of equal items shall state the brand and number or level of quality. Alternates will not be considered unless they conform to the specifications.
5. All bidders are required to submit unit prices and extended prices, where applicable, for each item bid. Where the unit price and the extended total price do not agree, the unit price shall prevail.
6. The Owner reserves the right to accept any or all items on any bidder's proposal at the unit price submitted. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive informalities.
7. All prices submitted on the proposal are to be delivered prices to the University of North Alabama and shall not include any state or local sales tax.
8. All questions should be directed to the Purchasing Office, University of North Alabama, UNA Box 5025, Florence, AL 35632-0001, phone 256/765-4206.
9. Should a bidder find discrepancies in, or omissions from the bid documents or should he be in doubt as to their meaning, he should at once notify the Owner who will send written instructions to all bidders.
10. Bids received after the bid opening date and time, or any authorized postponement thereof, will not be considered.
11. **EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY/U.S. FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT:** By signing this proposal, bidder certifies that bidder is in compliance with the nondiscrimination clause contained in Section 202, Executive Order 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375, relative to Equal Employment Opportunity for all persons without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin, and the rules and regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Labor, Veteran's Act 38USC4212, Section 503 - Rehabilitation act of 1973 Title I of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 42USC12101, and that any and all goods were produced in compliance with all applicable requirements of Sections 6, 7, and 12 of the Fair Labor Standards Act, as amended, and of regulations and orders of the United States Department of Labor issued under Section 14 thereof.
12. **DISCLOSURE STATEMENT:** The successful bidder will be required to file with the Purchasing Office a disclosure statement of relationship between contractors/grantees and employees/officials of the University. This form must be completed prior to issuance of the Purchase Order by the University of North Alabama. See Attachment A.

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PROPOSAL FORM

In compliance with the University of North Alabama **INVITATION FOR BIDS** and **INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS**, the undersigned hereby proposes to furnish and supply items to the University of North Alabama, Florence, Alabama, in strict accordance with the **SCHEDULE** and **SPECIFICATIONS**.

The undersigned bidder/proposer hereby certifies that it, its officers, partners, owners, providers, representatives, employees, and parties in interest, including the affiant, has not in any way colluded, conspired, connived or agreed, directly or indirectly, with any other bidder/proposer, potential bidder/proposer, firm or person, in connection with this solicitation, to submit a collusive or sham bid/proposal, to refrain from bidding/proposing, to manipulate or ascertain the price(s) of other bidders/proposers or potential bidders/proposers, or to secure through any unlawful act an advantage over other bidders/proposers or the university.

The prices submitted herein have been arrived at in an entirely independent and lawful manner by the bidder/proposer without consultation with other bidders/proposers or potential bidders/proposers or foreknowledge of the prices to be submitted in response to this solicitation by other bidders/proposers or potential bidders/proposers on the part of the bidder/proposer, its officers, partners, owners, providers, representatives, employees, or parties in interest, including the affiant.

DATED: _____

COMPANY NAME: _____

BY: _____
(Signature)

(Typed or Printed Name)

(Title)

BUSINESS ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

Email Address: _____

NUMBER OF DAYS TO DELIVER AFTER ORDER IS RECEIVED: _____

TERMS: _____

If Bidder is a Corporation, write the State of Incorporation, and if a Partnership, give full name of partners, using space below.

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VENDOR CERTIFICATION

PURSUANT TO ACT NO 2006-557

ALABAMA LAW (SECTION 41-4-116, CODE OF ALABAMA 1975) PROVIDES THAT EVERY BID SUBMITTED AND CONTRACT EXECUTED SHALL CONTAIN A CERTIFICATION THAT THE VENDOR, CONTRACTOR, AND ALL OF ITS AFFILIATES THAT MAKE SALES FOR DELIVER INTO ALABAMA OR LEASES FOR USE IN ALABAMA ARE REGISTERED, COLLECTING AND REMITTING ALABAMA STATE AND LOCAL SALES, USE, AND/OR LEASE TAX ON ALL TAXABLE SALES AND LEASES IN ALABAMA. BY SUBMITTING THIS BID, THE BIDDER IS HEREBY CERTIFYING THEIR COMPLIANCE WITH ACT NO 2006-557. THEY ARE NOT BARRED FROM BIDDING OR ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT PURSUANT TO 41-4-116, AND ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE AWARDING AUTHORITY MAY DECLARE THE CONTRACT VOID IF THE CERTIFICATION IS FALSE.

Bidder here certifies full compliance with Act No. 2006-557:

Date: _____

Company: _____

Authorizing Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

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**DISCLOSURE STATEMENT OF
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CONTRACTORS/GRANTEES AND
EMPLOYEES/OFFICIALS OF UNIVERSITY OF NORTH ALABAMA
(THE "UNIVERSITY")**

1. Contract or Bid Number 2009-56
2. Name of Contractor _____
- Address _____
- _____
- _____
- Phone _____

This form is provided with:

☐Contract ☐Proposal ☐Request for Proposal ☒Invitation to Bid ☐Grant Proposal

3. Nature of contract/grant
 Bus Service for Athletic Team Travel
4. Does the contractor/grantee have any relationship with an employee or official of the University, or a family member of such employee or official, that will enable such employee or official, or his/her family member, to benefit from this contract/grant? If so, please state the names, relationships, and nature of the benefit.
- _____
- _____

(For employees of the University, family members include spouse and dependants. For members of the Board of Trustees (officials), family members include spouse, dependants, adult children or their spouses, parents, in-laws, siblings, and their spouses.)

This form will be available for public inspection upon request.

By signing below, I certify under oath and penalty of perjury that all statements on or attached to this form are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I further understand that a civil penalty of ten percent (10%) of the amount of the transaction, not to exceed \$10,000.00, is applied for knowingly providing incorrect or misleading information.

Act 2001-955 requires the disclosure statement to be completed and filed with all proposals, bids, contracts, or grant proposals to the University of North Alabama in excess of \$5,000.

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This form must be completed and returned before any contract(s) will be issued by the University.

SPECIFICATIONS /REQUIREMENTS:

The University of North Alabama, UNA, is requesting bids for Volleyball bus transportation during the Fall athletic season of 2009. The successful bidder will be required to provide a bus for the UNA Volleyball Team to intercollegiate athletic contests and other miscellaneous travel, including any athletic post-season contests, that may occur during or after the period of the contract. It is expected that the level of service remain consistent throughout the contract period. All University of North Alabama Athletic teams have a rich winning tradition and the mode of transportation should reflect this tradition and promote comfortable travel.

Timeliness is crucial, no team should suffer the stress of not arriving in time to appropriately warm up and prepare for a game.

Quote criteria

Bidders are required to quote the individual trips as outlined in the women's volleyball schedules. The University will provide one room for over night trips, but no meals or other expenses will be assumed by UNA. Also required is a bid for day and mileage rates for travel that may not be known at this time. The University, in its sole discretion, may award this bid based on line item or total package dependent upon the best overall benefit to the University. Award (s) may be based on all aspects of the bid requirements to include condition of the buses offered and performance of the bus contractor (timeliness, diligence, & overall service abilities). *If, after bid award, the quality of service drops below an acceptable level UNA reserves the right to cancel the award and discontinue use with that provider.*

Insurance

A responsible bidder must be licensed for interstate and intrastate passenger transportation. Each bus must be equipped with all safety devices and must meet all applicable state and federal requirements. Each bus must have affixed a current DOT inspection sticker. The apparent successful bidder will be required to carry a minimum of \$5,000,000.00 in liability insurance and a Certificate of Insurance must be provided to the University. **Proof of insurance coverage and appropriate licensure must accompany the bid.**

Bus Driver

Each bus must be operated by a professional driver holding a Class B License, with a passenger endorsement Commercial Drivers License. The driver must have at least five years of tour coach operating experience. The successful bidder must have a drug testing program in place and will be required to conduct random drug testing on its drivers. The bidder must prohibit any driver failing such tests to operate buses under this bid. The driver is to wear a uniform. The driver is to remain with the bus during athletic contests, and at other times when passengers personal belongings are on the bus, to guard against theft. The driver(s) will be responsible for securing and paying for their meals.

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Specifications

Each passenger bus to be used for UNA transportation must meet or exceed the following specifications:

- All reclining seats operable and in excellent condition (including upholstery)
- Minimum of two different sets of operational interior lighting, including individual reading lights
- Bus must be model year 2003 or newer
- Seating capacity of 55 passengers
- Functional bathroom
- Functioning Audio Visual entertainment, such as VCR/DVD and TV

The University reserves the right to inspect, before bid award, each bus proposed for use under this bid, including all buses to be used as back-up units. The University will reject all buses that, in its opinion, are found to be unsuitable for the proposed travel. The bus model quoted must be the bus made available for the designated travel.

Schedules

All times shown are Central Time unless otherwise noted. Departure times and dates as listed are approximated and subject to change. All trips will be leaving from the University of North Alabama Flowers Hall East entrance or Flowers Hall Annex and returning to the same locations. No trips are guaranteed, in no way is the University responsible for cancellations or schedule changes beyond its control. Trips will be coordinated and confirmed by the Athletic Department well in advance of travel. If for some reason the provider from bid award cannot reschedule or provide transportation on the actual need dates and times, the University will have the right to contract with another transportation provider. Other miscellaneous travel may have other departure and return points on the UNA campus but must be appropriately identified ahead of time.

Bid Evaluation:

The successful bidder will be determined from various factors which include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Overall Bid Pricing
2. Quality of Buses relative to appearance, comfort features, and mechanical reliability
3. Ability to guarantee quality throughout length of contract
4. Availability of audio visual entertainment

The University reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to determine the bidder that best suites the needs of UNA.

In the following quote post the BUS Model Number as the Bus Identifier

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QUOTE

SCHEDULE

TRIP	Bus Qty	Bus Size	Pick up Date / Time	Return Date/ Time	Destination	Bus Model	Total Cost of Trip
1	1	55	Sept 10, 2009/ TBD (late afternoon)	Sept 12, 2009/ After completion of 10:30AM CT match	Pensacola, FL, Regional Crossover Matches on 9/11 & 9/12		
2	1	55	Sept. 15, 2009/ TBD	September 15, 2009 / After completion of afternoon match	Atlanta, GA; Emory University Match time 6:00PM ET		
3	1	55	Sept. 22, 2009/ TBD	September 22, 2009 After completion of match	Carrollton, GA/ University of West GA Match time 7:00PM ET		
4	1	56	Oct. 6, 2009/ TBD	Oct. 6, 2009/ After completion of match	Livingston, AL / University of West Alabama; Match at 7:00PM CT		
5	1	56	Oct. 22, 2009/ TBD	Oct. 24, 2009 / after completion of final match	Valdosta, GA – Valdosta State - match time 6:00PM ET/ Pensacola, FL- University of West Florida; match time 4:00PM CT		

Miscellaneous Travel

1 BUS (55 passenger minimum) per Day \$ _____ Mileage rate: \$ _____

Minimum number of days, prior to trip, changes are allowable: _____

Number of days requested to arrange travel not previously planned: _____

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Provide details to explain the steps taken to ensure no down time occurs during travel for the bus itself as well as the equipment on board: (more details may be provided on an attachment)

Contact Name to arrange trips: _____

Contact phone number: _____

Contact email address: _____

Contact name & number for 24 hour emergency access: _____

As an authorized representative, the prices submitted herein are with the understanding that all noted specifications or requirements have been considered and apply.

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