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Solicitation Type	RFP	Solicitation Number	063020
Solicitation Name	School Buses with Related Accessories, Supplies, Parts, and Services	Procurement Type	Goods
Country & Province/State	Canada / Ontario	Published By	Sourcewell
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Procurement Title/Project Name	063020 School Buses
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Basic Settings

Solicitation Type	Open to all suppliers	Estimated Contract Amount	\$280,000,000.00
Publish Date	05/12/2020	Closing Date & Time	06/30/2020 16:30:00 CT
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Selected Categories

- Automotive/ Industrial**
- Industrial Vehicles/ Equipment** Fire trucks, Ambulances, Transport Trucks, Garbage Trucks, Buses (school and commercial), Utility Trucks, Ride-on Lawn Mowers, decontamination trailers, streetcars, ice-resurfacers, office trailers, trains etc



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School Buses with Related Accessories, Supplies, Parts, and Services

063020

Closing Date: 06/30/2020 04:30:00 PM CT

Detail:

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Notice

Basic Information

Estimated Contract Value (CAD) \$280,000,000.00 (Not shown to suppliers)
Reference Number 0000175696
Issuing Organization Sourcewell
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Solicitation Type RFP - Request for Proposal (Formal)
Solicitation Number 063020
Title School Buses with Related Accessories, Supplies, Parts, and Services
Source ID PP.CO.USA.868485

Details

Location All of Canada, All of Canada
Purchase Type Term: 2020/09/01 01:00:00 AM EDT - 2024/08/30 01:00:00 AM EDT
Description Sourcewell, a State of Minnesota local government agency and service cooperative, is requesting proposals for School Buses with Related Accessories, Supplies, Parts, and Services to result in a contracting solution for use by its Participating Entities. Sourcewell Participating Entities include thousands of governmental, higher education, K-12 education, nonprofit, tribal government, and other public agencies located in the United States and Canada. Only proposals submitted through the Sourcewell Procurement Portal will be considered. Proposals are due no later than June 30, 2020, at 4:30 p.m. Central Time, and late proposals will not be considered.

Dates

Publication Manual publication
Question Acceptance Deadline 2020/06/23 05:30:00 PM EDT
Questions are submitted online No
Bid Intent Not Available
Closing Date 2020/06/30 05:30:00 PM EDT

Prebid Conference 2020/06/03 11:00:00 AM EDT

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Pre-Bidding Events

Event Type Prebid Conference
Attendance Recommended
Event date 2020/06/03 11:00:00 AM EDT
Location Online Webinar
Event Note Login instructions will be emailed two days prior.

Bid Submission Process

Bid Submission Type Electronic Bid Submission
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Bid Documents List

Item Name	Description	Mandatory
Bid Documents	Documents defining the proposal	Yes

Documents

Documents

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Selected Categories

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G	Goods Goods
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N2310MA	BUSES BUSES
N2310MAB	BUSES, SCHOOL - SPECIAL TYPE, 5 TO 24 PASSENGERS BUSES, SCHOOL - SPECIAL TYPE, 5 TO 24 PASSENGERS
N2310MAC	BUSES SCHOOL, CONVENTIONAL TYPE, 25 PASSENGER AND UP BUSES SCHOOL, CONVENTIONAL TYPE, 25 PASSENGER AND UP
MERX Category (1)	
G	Goods Goods
G28	Special Purpose Vehicles Special Purpose Vehicles
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Agency: Sourcewell

Division: Procurement Department

Contract Number: 063020

Contract Term: 4 years, with potential 1 year extension

Date of Issue: 05/12/2020

Due Date/Time: 06/30/2020 4:30 PM
Central Time

County(ies): All NYS counties

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Opportunity Type: General

Entered By: Chris Robinson

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School Buses with Related Accessories, Supplies, Parts, and Services

Sourcewell; Bid Location Staples, MN, Todd County; Due 06/30/2020 at 04:30 PM

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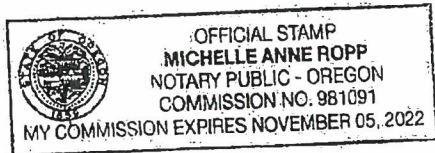
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SOURCEWELL
SCHOOL BUSES WITH RELATED
ACCESSORIES, SUPPLIES, PARTS,
AND SERVICES
Proposals Due 4:30 pm, June 30, 2020
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
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Bid RFP #063020 - School Buses with Related Accessories, Supplies, Parts, and Services [\[Switch to Vendor View\]](#)

<p>Bid Type RFP</p> <p>Bid Number 063020</p> <p>Title School Buses with Related Accessories, Supplies, Parts, and Services</p> <p>Start Date May 12, 2020 7:44:36 AM CDT</p> <p>End Date Jun 30, 2020 4:30:00 PM CDT</p> <p>Agency Sourcewell</p> <p>Bid Contact Chris Robinson (218) 895-4168 rfp@sourcewell-mn.gov 202 12th Street NE P.O. Box 219 Staples, MN 56479-0219</p>	<p>Access Reports View reports on who has been notified of the bid or accessed it. [Notification report] [Access report]</p> <p>Questions 0 Questions 0 Unanswered [View/Ask Questions]</p> <p>Edit Bid [Create Addendum]</p>
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Pre-Bid Conference

Date Jun 3, 2020 10:00:00 AM CDT

Location Online Webinar Conference

Notes Login information will be emailed two days prior.

Documents

No Documents for this bid

Opportunity Notice**School Buses with Related Accessories,
Supplies, Parts and Services****Category:** Goods

Potential vendors (bidders) may view the bid package here.

Opportunity Information

Organization:	Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA)
Organization Address:	www.rmalberta.com
Reference Number:	AB-2020-03096
Solicitation Number:	AB-2020-03096
Solicitation Type:	Request for Proposal
Posting (MM/dd/yyyy):	05/12/2020 03:00:00 PM Alberta Time
Closing (MM/dd/yyyy):	06/30/2020 03:30:59 PM Alberta Time
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Agreement Type:	NWPTA/TILMA & CFTA & CETA
Region of Opportunity:	Open
Region of Delivery:	Alberta
Opportunity Type:	Open & Competitive
Commodity Codes:	
	N2310MAC: Buses School, Conventional Type, 25 Passenger and Up
	JX2310E: Buses, Repairs and Service
	N2310MA: Buses
	N2310MAB: Buses, School - Special Type, 5 to 24 Passengers



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Response Submission:

Only proposals submitted through the Sourcewell Procurement Portal will be considered.

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Proposals are due no later than June 20, 2020, at 4:30 p.m Central Time, late proposals will not be considered.

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Response Specifics:

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All proposals must be received through the Sourcewell Procurement Portal no later than the Proposal Due Date and time noted in the Solicitation Schedule above. It is recommended that Proposers allow sufficient time to upload the proposal and to resolve any issues that may arise. The closing time and date is determined by the Sourcewell Procurement Portal web clock.

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All proposals must be acknowledged digitally by an authorized representative of the Proposer attesting that the information contained in the proposal is true and accurate. By submitting a proposal, Proposer warrants that the information provided is true, correct, and reliable for purposes of evaluation for potential contract award. The submission of inaccurate, misleading, or false information is grounds for disqualification from a contract award and may subject the Proposer to remedies available by law."

Opportunity Description:

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Members include thousands of governmental, higher education, K-12 education, not-for-profit, tribal government, and other public agencies located in Canada. A full copy of the Request for Proposals can

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Bid Details

Bid Classification:	Goods
Bid Type:	RFP - General
Bid Number:	RFP 063020
Bid Name:	School Buses with Related Accessories, Supplies, Parts, and Services
Bid Status:	Open
Bid Closing Date:	Tue Jun 30, 2020 4:30:00 PM (CDT)
Question Deadline:	Tue Jun 23, 2020 4:30:00 PM (CDT)
Time-frame for delivery or the duration of the contract:	Four years, with possible extension as stated in the bid documents
Negotiation Type:	Refer to bid document
Condition for Participation:	Refer to bid document
Electronic Auctions:	Not Applicable
Language for Bid Submissions:	English unless specified in the bid document
Submission Type:	Online Submissions Only
Submission Address:	Online Submissions Only
Public Opening:	No

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Meeting Location	Description
Pre-Proposal Web Conference	Login instructions will be provided to registered participants by email two business days prior to the web conference.

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Helmet logjam may affect HS starts

Mike Jones
USA TODAY

The usually bustling facilities have sat still and silent, yet they are anything but empty.

Crammed into bins, racks and shelves, helmets and shoulder pads have collected dust during the shutdown amid the novel coronavirus pandemic. Deadlines draw nearer and pressure mounts at the nation's most prominent athletic equipment manufacturing and reconditioning plants.

Normally, this time of year is a peak period of production for companies like Riddell, Xenith, Schutt and other smaller operations. These companies repair, recondition and recertify nearly 2 million football helmets every offseason, according to the National Athletic Equipment Reconditioners Association, the organizing body that works to reduce the risk of injury for athletes by overseeing the standards and practices of companies that produce and recertify football, lacrosse, softball and baseball helmets and face guards.

Their football clientele include NFL and college programs, all the way down to the tiniest youth leagues.

Social distancing and crowd-control concerns greatly factor into the dilemma of when college and pro football can return. It's unclear if many schools even will open by the end of summer.

But the halted state of the reconditioning facilities poses an additional threat to the on-time start of football in the amateur ranks. (Pro and college programs aren't impacted by this predicament because NFL helmets already have been reconditioned by now, and most colleges have multiple sets of hel-

metals for spring and fall use.)

If equipment facilities can't get back up and running at nearly full force within the coming weeks, many high school, middle school and youth league football players might not have helmets needed to practice and play.

Each year, during the winter and spring, helmets are reconditioned and recertified to ensure optimal safety and then are sent back to the football programs in June and July. But equipment facilities now are bracing for production logjams and delays, which prompted the NAERA to warn National Federation of High School officials that football season start dates might need to be postponed.

"I think it might be smart to push the seasons' starts back to September for high schools rather than August, like we see in a lot of cases," NAERA executive director Tony Beam told USA TODAY Sports. "That would give everyone some more time. Because one thing is for certain: They definitely can't play without helmets."

Beam wants to see football return as badly as anyone. He also coaches at Palmyra High School in Palmyra, Pennsylvania. But while holding onto optimism, he's also a realist. "But it's going to take some time. I would say, we're not even halfway through our normal production," he said.

The largest equipment companies — with Riddell and its 1.2 million-helmet workload leading the way — generally process anywhere from hundreds to 1,000 helmets a day, Beam said. At the conclusion of each football season, representatives from each company visit their clients to collect the helmets and ship them back to the manufacturers. At

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the facilities, the face masks, decals and all hardware are removed. Internal parts are inspected and removed for cleaning. Helmet shells are inspected for defects and tested for cracks. If ruled defective, they are discarded. Those that are approved are buffed, sand-blasted, washed, painted, reassembled and put through a multistep testing system before being recertified and packaged for shipment back to customers.

The industry's chances of meeting its deadlines appeared bleak two weeks ago. However, as many states began taking steps toward reopening certain businesses, positive developments have followed.

Riddell's facilities began ramping back up in the past week as Ohio authorities relaxed business restrictions. Meanwhile, Xenith's Detroit-based headquarters was slated to resume operations soon.

There still are challenges. Due to government-mandated staffing restrictions, fewer workers than usual are permitted in facilities at a given time. However, companies across the country were planning to add extra shifts to help try to get up to speed.

"I feel way better now," Beam said. "I couldn't say that two weeks ago, but today, as I see the biggest companies, Rid-

dell and Schutt and Xenith are starting to get going again, I feel encouraged that we're all going to get back up and running."

Because some areas of the country might not reinstitute previous working conditions as early as others, equipment companies also might receive extra wiggle room when it comes to fulfilling the orders of some customers. But determining those timelines requires extra communication.

"Riddell has been proactive in communicating with our customers ... regarding the status of our operations and potential delays with reconditioning and new equipment orders," Riddell vice president of marketing and communications Erin Griffin told USA TODAY Sports. "We do encourage football programs to consider reconditioning when determining return to football timelines. Riddell remains optimistic we can deliver equipment to football programs on time."

Meanwhile, Xenith CEO Ryan Sullivan shared similar optimism. "I think we all recognize that reconditioning is even more important this year than ever," Sullivan said on Friday, one day after learning his company's production facility would be able to open Monday.

But even if the helmets arrive in the 11th hour, coaches and the equipment suppliers will likely consider that a win given experiences from this spring.

"We as coaches want to be out on the field with our kids, but everyone has to accept that things are going to be different this year," Beam said. "But what's very important is that we are going to be getting football back. That's what's important, both for society, psychologically, and for the economy."

COMMENTARY

Michigan benefits from Harbaugh's proposal

Rainer Sabin
Detroit Free Press | USA TODAY Network

The final images of Michigan football's 2019 season were grisly.

Snapshots of JK Dobbins zipping through holes as he scored four touchdowns to lead Ohio State to a 29-point win over the Wolverines. Pictures of Jerry Jeudy torching Michigan's secondary in Alabama's 35-16 victory at the Citrus Bowl. Photos of Buckeyes cornerback Jeff Okudah locking down Nico Collins and Tide safety Xavier McKinney sacking Shea Patterson.

Spliced together, they provide a reminder of how far Michigan is behind college football's best programs. But what if those stills never existed, because the stars on the opposite side were never there?

It's a fantasy. Yet if the model Jim Harbaugh outlined in a letter released last week were in place, it could have been reality.

In the memo, Harbaugh proposed sweeping reforms to the game that would give players an opportunity to enter the NFL draft at any point in their college careers and allow them to return to school if they were not picked.

As he explained his reasoning, the Michigan coach presented himself as a

do-gooder advocating on behalf of the athlete for a system that allows for more freedom and self-determination. His support of the one-time transfer rule is another example of that.

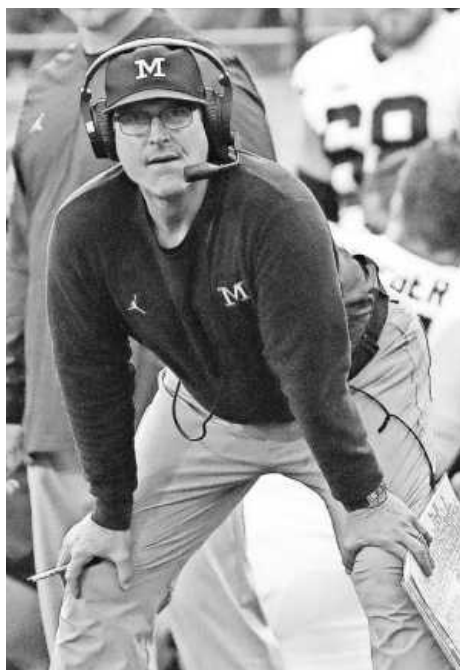
There seemed to be another angle to his proposal, one that was less altruistic. It goes back to that old Latin question: *Cui bono?* Who stands to gain?

Michigan football, of course.

Since returning to Ann Arbor to lead his alma mater's football program, Harbaugh has brought needed stability by winning 72% of his games, but he also has failed to crack the glass ceiling that separates the sport's top tier from everybody else. The Wolverines have yet to advance to the College Football Playoff, are 2-11 against top-10 teams and have lost each time they've played Ohio State during his tenure.

The 2019 Buckeyes, it should be noted, featured 13 players who were once five-star recruits; the Crimson Tide had 11. These are the elite talents who have elevated both programs above Michigan, which had only four players classified in that top tier of prospects.

They're also the guys who would have a shot to go pro at an earlier stage in their college careers and pursue their NFL dreams as sophomores or even freshmen. Since 2013, 29 Buckeyes have



Jim Harbaugh is 47-18 as Michigan's coach but 2-11 against top-10 teams.

JONATHAN DANIEL/GETTY IMAGES

entered the draft before exhausting their college eligibility, as the best of the best from across the country come to Columbus with the expectation of three years and a lucrative payday in the pros.

If Harbaugh's plan is instituted, that progression is expedited, which could have the residual effect of diminishing the stockpile of elite players that the best teams — Ohio State, Clemson, LSU, Alabama and Oklahoma — have created. This is a way to even the playing field, to transform the system through a college football version of gerrymandering designed to reshape rosters instead of districts. It's a strategic move straight out of the playbook of a clever statesman looking to create an advantage — or in this instance, mitigate one.

While Harbaugh's recommendation would give all players more flexibility to go pro, it could also have a disproportionate impact on the teams with the most talent, just like the one-and-done model that spurs annual turnover among college basketball bluebloods.

As he enters his sixth season with the Wolverines, Harbaugh has shown that in college football's current paradigm, he can only take Michigan so far. In a different model, he might stand a better chance to vanquish Ohio State and Alabama in his quest to return the Wolverines to glory. Revamping the system could be the pathway that allows Harbaugh to come out on top.

Cui bono?
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June 3, 2020 at 10:00 am CDT

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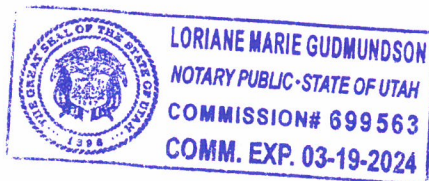
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