TEMPLE ISD
FINANCE & PURCHASING

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ACTION ITEM

Agenda Item:	Approval to Purchase One (1) Custom Mobile STEM Lab Vehicle
Board Meeting:	Regular Meeting, November 9, 2026
Submitted By:	Marc Floyd, Purchasing Coordinator, Finance & Purchasing Department
Program Sponsor:	Dr. Renata Rogers, Chief Academic Officer
Action:	Approval to award and execute contract, **not to exceed $265,000.00**
Funding Source:	Meta Donation

REQUESTED ACTION

Administration requests that the Board of Trustees approve the award of RFP-008-27, Custom Mobile STEM Lab Vehicle, to Texas Bus Sales, the proposer determined to offer the best value to the District, for the purchase of one (1) vehicle in an amount **not to exceed $265,000.00**. The purchase will be funded through a Meta donation.

BACKGROUND

Temple ISD is acquiring a custom Mobile STEM Lab: a Non-CDL, Temple ISD-branded vehicle that transports STEM equipment between campuses and to off-site programming and serves as an interior learning space for students while parked. Required features include student boarding with an ADA-compliant option, an interior student workspace with emergency egress, a dedicated cargo-area HVAC system, secured shelving and storage carts, a wheelchair multipurpose liftgate, shore power and device charging, exterior power and canopy for outdoor events, and onboard camera systems. Delivery is required no later than April 2027.

Proposers were also invited, as an optional and non-scored component, to describe how the design and build process could serve as a learning experience for students in the Career & Technical Education Center.

PROCUREMENT PROCESS

- After reviewing available cooperative purchasing contracts, the District elected to conduct its own formal competitive solicitation. A formal procurement is required for purchase of this size under Texas Education Code §44.031.
- RFP-008-27 was released October 1, 2026 on the District's Euna Procurement (Bonfire) platform. Four Proposals were received on November 2, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. (Central).
- A District evaluation committee scored proposals on weighted criteria tied to the best-value factors in TEC §44.031(b): price and total delivered cost (25%), compliance with technical specifications

(20%), vendor qualifications and references (20%), warranty, delivery timeline and support (15%), safety and compliance approach (10%), past relationship with the District (5%), and impact on HUB compliance (5%).

- Results: 4 proposals were received. The committee recommends Texas Bus Sales at a proposed price of $ 265,000, with delivery by April 2, 2027.

FISCAL IMPACT

- **Funding source:** Meta Donation
- **Authorization requested:** not to exceed $265,000.00. The contract amount will be the selected proposal's price, within this ceiling.
- This request does not seek additional District funds. As stated in the RFP, any contract is contingent on continued availability of the Donate funds.

RECOMMENDATION

Administration recommends that the Board approve the award of RFP-008-27 to Texas Bus Sales for one (1) custom Mobile STEM Lab vehicle in an amount not to exceed $265,000.00, funded through Meta Donation.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- RFP-008-27 and Addendum #1