

Memo

To: Dr. Jeff Turner
From: Sid Grant
CC: Penny, Kelly
Date: 5/18/2007
Re: Charter Bus Services RFP

Coppell ISD currently contracts through our existing Interlocal cooperative purchasing agreement with the Educational Purchasing Cooperative of North Texas (EPCNT) for the following charter bus companies for various and miscellaneous field trips and UIL trips throughout the year:

1. Dipert Coaches, Inc.
2. Central West of Texas, Inc.
3. Coach USA
4. Cowtown Bus Charters
5. Gotta Go Express Trailways

All of these companies have been thoroughly researched by the (EPCNT) cooperative and have impeccable safety records and safety policies.

Even with five (5) approved bus vendors available to us, there are times during the year (e.g. elementary Sky Ranch field trips or Band State competition) when procuring charters is nearly impossible due to the state-wide demand for buses. Therefore, I advertised a request for proposal (RFP) for additional charter bus companies that could be part of our pool of companies to utilize throughout the year. Buses by Bill, Inc. responded to the RFP.

Buses by Bill, Inc. has twenty (20) buses in its fleet with an average age of four (4) years, and a stellar safety record. They have no accidents or incidents involving safety on record. They have a strict continuing education safety training policy, bus inspection report policy, and drug and alcohol testing policy. All of their drivers must have a minimum of two (2) years of recent bus driving experience before hire, be fully certified by the State of Texas, and be approved by their insurance underwriter. We have used Buses by Bill on several occasions in the past with excellent service, safety, and results. They have contracted and provided transportation for other area school districts for over fifteen (15) years.

The term of this contract will be for one year with three (3), one year renewals upon agreement by both parties.

Should you or any Board members have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Coppell ISD Board of Trustees approve Buses by Bill, Inc. as one of its charter bus companies for the period identified above at the May 21, 2007 board meeting.