

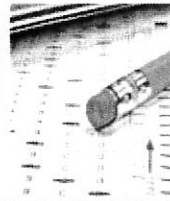


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Fuel for Busing

Director Buildings & Grounds James Sutherland
School
District/Organization:
Peshtigo School District

By Director Buildings & Grounds James Sutherland on 3/28/2011 11:36:41 AM:

We presently use a contractor for busing but are looking at changing the contract. We would like to look at purchasing fuel through the school district. Is there anyone out there that may have a purchasing agreement through the county for purchasing fuel? Or do you have an agreement with anyone else where the district buys the fuel and saves on the taxes?

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Director of Buildings & Grounds/Transportation Alan Hetzel
School
District/Organization:
Stevens Point Area Public School District

By Director of Buildings & Grounds/Transportation Alan Hetzel on 3/29/2011:

Stevens Point Area Public School District
The district provides the majority of it's transportation and we have 80 units. We also contract 11 routes and field trips.
We have two 10,000 gal above ground tanks.

When diesel fuel supplies and allotments became a significant issue, it became apparent that to ensure available supply from at least one vendor's allotment, the district's long-term interests were best served by establishing one supplier. School Board purchasing policy was adapted to include a sole provider provision so that adequate supplies of fuel would always be available.

The district negotiated with a local supplier to provide all of the district's diesel fuel. The supplier adds the shipping, inspection fees, and state taxes to the fuel terminal's invoice and then adds \$.004 (four-tenths of a cent) per gallon. That amounts to a profit of approximately \$30 per tanker load of fuel delivered to the district. In return for that minimum mark-up, the district agreed to pay all invoices for fuel within 10 days of the fuel delivery.

This arrangement is somewhat unusual in the public sector, but it provides timely, sufficient supplies of a dependable, high-quality fuel at a minimum price.

Fuel for contracted buses:

In addition, the district pays for the fuel used by the independent private bus company with which the district contracts to provide some busing services for district students. The company purchases its own fuel and is reimbursed at the cost the district paid for fuel during the same month. On the monthly invoice from the contractor, they determine their fuel usage based upon, eight miles-per-gallon for large buses and 9

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miles per-gallon on small 23 passengar buses, their billable miles.

The district thus not only has an efficient and advantageous system for procuring its own fuel, but we carry over the benefits of that pricing to the cost of reimbursing the contractor for the fuel used in fulfilling that contract.

**Business Manager
Rebecca Hansen**
School
District/Organization:
New Holstein School
District

By Business Manager Rebecca Hansen on 3/29/2011:

I bid out fuel to about 4 vendors in a bulk load each time we need it(about 7500 gallons). I just include in the bid that they should not bill us for the federal tax.

**Finance Manager Joyce
Smalley**
School
District/Organization:
La Crosse School District

By Finance Manager Joyce Smalley on 3/28/2011:

We contract with First Student. We don't pay the federal tax. They are able to file for a refund for the tax amount.

Accountant Holly Burr
School
District/Organization:
Gresham School District

By Accountant Holly Burr on 3/28/2011:

Gresham also contracts busing. Our fuel is purchased at a local station that gives us the tax exemption and discount.

**District Bookkeeper Vicki
Waller**
School
District/Organization:
Prairie du Chien School
District

By District Bookkeeper Vicki Waller on 3/28/2011:

Prairie du Chien contracts buses. We bid fuel locally annually and award the bid based on discount they give off of the pump price. They also subtract the tax.

**Transportation Coord /
Open Enrollment Coord.
Nancy Paine**
School
District/Organization:
West Bend School District

By Transportation Coord / Open Enrollment Coord. Nancy Paine on 3/28/2011:

We also contract bussing and have accounts set up with several local stations. We can also fuel at our contractors site and pay thier cost. All are Tax exempt.

**Business Manager Lisa
Lau**
School
District/Organization:
Chilton Public Schools

By Business Manager Lisa Lau on 3/28/2011:

Chilton contracts buses. We bid fuel locally and award based on discount they give off of the pump price. They also subtract tax.

**Financial Manager Janet
Kozeneski**
School
District/Organization:
School District of
Washburn

By Financial Manager Janet Kozeneski on 3/28/2011:

Washburn also contracts busing. Our fuel is purchased at a local station that gives us the tax exemption.

