

Financial Services
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Financial Officer

**SUBJECT: AWARD INVITATION TO BID NO. ITB-25-047-MJ –
TRANSPORTATION FOR SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS**

COMMITTEE: FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
PLAN: EFFECTIVE AND SUSTAINABLE OPERATIONAL PRACTICES**

Procurement Management Services, at the request of Department of Transportation, released the above-referenced solicitation on June 25, 2026, with the bid opening subsequently held on July 28, 2026. The purpose of this Invitation to Bid (ITB) is to establish a contract, at firm fixed pricing, for the transportation of Miami-Dade County Public Schools' students with special needs, the homeless, and foster care students. This is a term bid which states that the Board may purchase services, as may be needed, but is not obligated to purchase any guaranteed amount. This ITB was advertised on the Procurement Management Services website and Euna OpenBids (formerly DemandStar). The solicitation was shared with the District's Office of Community Partnerships, Education and Business Access (OCPEBA) for additional community outreach.

The initial term of the bid shall be for a period of two (2) years, commencing September 9, 2026 through September 8, 2028, and may, by mutual agreement between The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and the successful bidders, be extended for three (3) additional one (1) year periods.

Ten (10) vendors responded to this advertised bid. Based on the criteria listed in the solicitation, the contract will be awarded to two (2) vendors.

In Fiscal Year 2025-2026, the District spent \$2,769,757 on transportation for Miami-Dade County Public Schools' students with special needs, the homeless, and foster care students.

This item and all related solicitation components fully comply with applicable federal, state and local laws.

Fund Source
Various

E-142

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

1. **AWARD** INVITATION TO BID NO. ITB-25-047-MJ – TRANSPORTATION FOR SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS, to establish a contract, at firm fixed pricing, for the transportation of Miami-Dade County Public Schools' students with special needs, the homeless, and foster care students, during the term of the bid, with an effective date of September 9, 2026 through September 8, 2028, and may, by mutual agreement between The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and the successful bidders, be extended for three (3) additional one (1) year extension periods thereto, as follows:

A. HOPSKIPDRIVE, INC.
360 EAST 2ND STREET, SUITE 200
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
OFFICER: JOANNA MCFARLAND

- Item 1a: Base Daily Rate: Transporting one (1) single student to/from school @ \$54 per day/vehicle
- Item 1b: Additional Student Surcharge: Each additional student on same vehicle @ \$0 per day/student
- Item 1c: Mileage Surcharge @ \$2.20 per mile
- Item 1d: Attendant/Aide on vehicle (non-medical) @ \$27 per hour
- Item 1e: Vehicle equipped for wheelchair transport @ \$55 per day/vehicle
- Item 1f: Fee for child safety or booster seat @ \$2 per day/unit

B. RIDS BROTHER COMPANY INC
12279 SAWGRASS PRIARIE LOOP
ORLANDO, FL 32824
OFFICER: BABITA SITLAULA

- Item 1a: Base Daily Rate: Transporting one (1) single student to/from school @ \$60 per day/vehicle
- Item 1b: Additional Student Surcharge: Each additional student on same vehicle @ \$0 per day/student
- Item 1c: Mileage Surcharge @ \$2.50 per mile
- Item 1d: Attendant/Aide on vehicle (non-medical) @ \$30 per hour
- Item 1e: Vehicle equipped for wheelchair transport @ \$50 per day/vehicle
- Item 1f: Fee for child safety or booster seat @ \$3 per day/unit

2. **AUTHORIZE** the Superintendent to award the contract to provide transportation services for special needs students, for the initial contract term, and for each subsequent one (1) year extension period.