

Request for Proposal

Wheelchair Capable Van

The Board of Directors of RSU 21 invites proposals to provide the Unit with:

One Wheelchair Capable Van (See Specifications on Page 3)

Each sealed proposal must be submitted (by mail or in person) by **1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 27th, 2025**, at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools, RSU 21, 177 Alewife Road, Kennebunk, ME, 04043.

To request a proposal packet or ask questions related to this proposal, please direct your request to Chris Pasciuto, Transportation Manager, RSU 21, 177 Alewife Road, Kennebunk, ME 04043, by calling the office at (207) 985-2622, Ext 5, or by email at cpasciuto@rsu21.net

Invitation to Proposers

RFP No. 25-007

The Board of Education, RSU 21, invites sealed proposals for:

Wheelchair Capable Van

RSU 21 will receive sealed proposals on **Tuesday, May 27th, 2025** in the Central Office, 177 Alewife Road, Kennebunk, ME 04043. Specifications are available from RSU 21 between the hours of 8:00 am and 3:00 pm. **Bids will be opened at 1:00PM on May 27th, 2025 at the RSU 21 Central Office, 177 Alewife Road, Kennebunk, ME, 04043.**

Proposers are required to carry all appropriate insurances. Certificates of insurance must be on file with the Unit **before** any work begins.

Prices of proposals are to be effective and honored for a period of **Thirty (30) days** from the proposal opening.

Proposals may be withdrawn by the proposer in writing within three (3) days after the opening date. Thereafter, a proposer may not withdraw their proposal.

Any proposer submitting a proposal hereby certifies that no member of the Board of Education, agent, or employee of the Unit has pecuniary interest in the proposal and that the proposal is made in good faith without fraud, collusion, or connection of any kind with any other proposer for the same work.

All hazardous substances shall be labeled in accordance with Maine law. Every container shall bear a label indicating the name of the chemical and chemical abstract number (CAS#) of all hazardous substances in the container, and all other substances that are among the five most prominent substances in the container. Also, a material safety data sheet (MSDS) shall accompany every product.

The Unit reserves the right to reject any or all proposals in whole or in part, and to waive any formalities or technicalities therein, to call for re-proposals, to negotiate with any proposer, or to reject any proposal that is determined to be not responsible, should it be in the best interest of the Unit.

Proposals must be submitted in sealed envelopes. **Each envelope must be clearly marked with the name of the proposal and the proposal date and the time of the opening. Vendor's name and address must be on the proposal sheets.** Late proposals will not be accepted under any circumstances. The Unit is not responsible for lateness of proposals resulting from improper routing of mail deliveries via U.S. Mail, UPS, Federal Express, etc.

The successful proposer agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Regional School Unit #21, its agents, employees, and Board of Education from and against all losses, claims, actions, expenses (including reasonable attorney's fees) damages, or other costs of any nature whatsoever which it may suffer or incur in connection with the negligent acts or omissions of the successful proposer, its agents, employees and subcontractors in connection with the carrying out of the successful proposer's obligations under this proposal.

Submit all Proposals to: Chris Pasciuto
Transportation Manager
RSU 21
177 Alewife Road
Kennebunk, ME 04043

Specifications:

- Vehicle must meet and/or exceeds all Federal, State of Maine and RSU #21 specifications and standards.
- Please provide quote with all terms and conditions
- Please state the total capacity of occupants to include the wheelchair(s) and driver seats.
- Vehicle is required as soon as possible. Variations on specifications and alternate bids may be considered to accommodate the transportation operational needs of RSU 21.

Vehicle Requirements:

- **Powertrain**: ICE or Hybrid, non-battery electric (Gasoline preferred)
- **Vehicle Type**:
 - Wheelchair Capable Van with up to 10 Passenger capacity
 - Full Sized Van (Ford Transit style preferred) / Non-CDL classified vehicle / Class C license compatible / Under 10 total occupants including the driver
 - Dual rear wheel preferred on high roof vehicles, All Season Tires (M+S) rated
- **Preferred Color**: White
- **Interior**: Vinyl preferred if available
- **Ramp Entrance Door**: Manual and/or power options may be quoted.
- **Lift / Ramp Type**: Rear or side entry access acceptable. Power or slide out manual options are acceptable. Dealers may quote recommended configuration options separately.

- **Securement:**
 - QRT MAX Knobless Wheelchair Tie-Downs (Fully automatic / self-tightening).
 - Retractable Lap & Shoulder Combination Belt with Retractable Height Adjuster
 - Include storage for tie downs when not in use
- **Seating Capacity:** up to 8 Ambulatory, 2 Wheelchair passengers (including driver & front passenger). Fixed and reconfigurable seating options are acceptable.
- **Camera system:**
 - REI High-Definition DVR with 3 cameras. (Forward looking windshield camera and two interior cameras to cover driver and all occupants)
 - Rear backup camera
- **Audio/Visual:** AM/FM with clock
- **HVAC:** Driver Heat, Rear heat & Air Conditioning
- **Electrical:** Please quote with a high output alternator, if available
- **Cabin lighting:** Interior for passenger loading / unloading; LED preferred
- **Safety:**
 - Back-up alarm-interlock system
 - Safety kit
 - Mounted first aid kit
 - Mounted fire extinguisher
 - Mounted Triangle kit
 - Mounted Body Fluid Clean up kit
 - Seat Belt Cutter
- **Optional Items:** Quote dealer recommended optional items on a separate line from the vehicle.