

UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

BID SPECIFICATIONS

USED WHEELCHAIR-ACCESSIBLE STUDENT TRANSPORTATION VAN

1. PURPOSE

Union School District is soliciting sealed bids for the purchase of a **used wheelchair-accessible passenger van** equipped with **one (1) wheelchair position and a manual wheelchair ramp**.

The vehicle shall be suitable for regular weekday school transportation and shall provide safe, reliable, and accessible transportation for **one (1) wheelchair passenger**.

The vehicle shall comply with all applicable requirements of the **Commonwealth of Pennsylvania**, including applicable requirements of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT), Pennsylvania Department of Education, Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards, applicable provisions of the **Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)**, and applicable accessibility and school transportation regulations.

2. MINIMUM VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS

The vehicle shall meet or exceed the following minimum specifications:

- Used passenger van, preferably a minivan or equivalent.
- Model year **2020** or newer.
- Maximum mileage: **50,000** miles.
- Minimum seating capacity: Driver plus at least four (4) additional occupants, including one (1) wheelchair passenger
- One (1) dedicated wheelchair position
- Gasoline or other approved fuel type
- Automatic transmission
- Air conditioning and heating for the entire passenger compartment
- Power steering
- Power brakes
- Anti-lock braking system (ABS)
- Electronic stability control
- Air bags appropriate to the vehicle's original manufacturer configuration
- Rear backup camera
- Power windows and power door locks
- Working windshield wipers and defrosters
- Non-skid passenger flooring

- Adequate interior lighting
 - All required safety equipment shall be operational
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3. WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBILITY

The vehicle shall be equipped with a **side-entry manual wheelchair ramp**.

Manual Ramp Requirements

The ramp shall:

- Be manually operated and deployed
- Be permanently installed or securely stored within the vehicle
- Have a minimum clear width of **30 inches**, or the applicable manufacturer/regulatory accessibility standard if greater
- Have a continuous, slip-resistant surface
- Have side edge protection or barriers to prevent wheelchair wheels from leaving the ramp
- Be capable of supporting a minimum load of **600 pounds** for ramps 30 inches or longer
- Be designed to accommodate both manual and power wheelchairs
- Provide a safe transition between the ground and vehicle floor
- Be ADA-compliant and meet applicable accessibility requirements

Federal accessibility standards specify requirements for ramp width, slip resistance, edge barriers, structural load, and ramp slope.

4. WHEELCHAIR SECUREMENT SYSTEM

The vehicle shall include a complete wheelchair securement system consisting of:

- Four-point wheelchair tie-down system
- Four (4) securement straps or equivalent securement system
- Occupant restraint system for the wheelchair passenger
- Shoulder belt and lap belt
- Securement system compatible with the wheelchair to be transported
- Securement equipment in good condition with no fraying, damaged hardware, or excessive wear

The wheelchair position shall provide sufficient clearance for safe loading, unloading, and securement.

5. WHEELCHAIR AREA

The wheelchair area shall:

- Accommodate one (1) wheelchair
 - Provide adequate maneuvering clearance
 - Have a level and slip-resistant floor surface
 - Be free from sharp edges and protrusions
 - Provide sufficient headroom and side clearance for the intended wheelchair
 - Include appropriate padding or protection where necessary
 - Be configured to allow safe access to the securement area
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6. VEHICLE CONDITION

The vehicle must be in good mechanical and cosmetic condition and shall be free from:

- Structural rust or corrosion affecting vehicle safety
- Frame damage
- Flood damage
- Fire damage
- Salvage or rebuilt title, unless specifically approved in writing by the District
- Major body damage
- Significant interior damage
- Safety-related defects

The bidder shall disclose all known prior accidents, damage, repairs, or modifications.

7. REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

The successful bidder shall provide:

- Vehicle identification number (VIN)
- Current mileage
- Year, make, model, and trim level
- Complete vehicle history report
- Title documentation
- Maintenance and service records, if available
- Documentation identifying the wheelchair ramp manufacturer and model
- Documentation regarding the wheelchair securement system
- Documentation of any accessibility conversion or modification
- Manufacturer's manuals for the vehicle and accessibility equipment

- Any available accessibility certification or compliance documentation
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8. INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE

The District reserves the right to inspect the vehicle prior to award and/or delivery.

The vehicle may be inspected by the District, its representative, or a qualified third-party mechanic. The District may reject any vehicle that does not meet the specifications contained in this bid document.

Final acceptance shall be contingent upon:

- Successful mechanical inspection
- Verification of accessibility equipment
- Verification of safe wheelchair loading and securement
- Verification of required documentation
- Compliance with applicable Pennsylvania school vehicle requirements
- Successful completion of any required Pennsylvania inspection

Pennsylvania identifies vehicles used to transport school students as school vehicles when they meet the applicable statutory definition, and such vehicles must comply with applicable school vehicle equipment and operation standards and have a semiannual Pennsylvania State Safety Inspection.

9. WARRANTY

The bidder shall clearly state the warranty provided with the vehicle, including:

- Powertrain warranty, if any
- General vehicle warranty, if any
- Warranty on wheelchair ramp and accessibility equipment
- Warranty coverage period
- Warranty mileage limitations
- Location and availability of warranty service

Any existing manufacturer's warranty shall be transferred to the District, if transferable.

10. DELIVERY AND ACCEPTANCE

The vehicle shall be delivered to:

**Union School District
354 Baker Street, Rimersburg, PA 16248**

The vehicle shall be delivered:

- Clean and ready for service.
- With all required equipment installed and operational.
- With all keys, owner's manuals, service records, warranty documents, and title documents.
- In a condition acceptable to the District.

Final acceptance shall be contingent upon the District's inspection and determination that the vehicle meets the bid specifications.

11. BID SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Each bid shall include:

Item	Bidder Response
Year	
Make	
Model	
VIN	
Mileage	
Purchase Price	\$
Wheelchair Ramp Manufacturer/Model	
Manual Side-Entry Ramp	Yes / No
Wheelchair Securement System	Yes / No
ADA-Compliant Accessibility Equipment	Yes / No
Vehicle History Report Included	Yes / No
Warranty Included	Yes / No
Delivery Date	
Bidder Name	
Authorized Signature	
Date	

12. BID EVALUATION

The District may consider the following factors when evaluating bids:

- Compliance with all specifications.
- Total purchase price.
- Vehicle age and mileage.
- Overall mechanical condition.
- Safety features.
- Condition and capacity of the wheelchair lift.
- Passenger capacity.
- Warranty coverage.
- Vehicle history.
- Delivery timeline.
- Availability of service and repairs.

The District reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive minor informalities or irregularities when doing so is determined to be in the best interest of the District.

13. BIDDER CERTIFICATION

The bidder certifies that all information provided is accurate and that the vehicle offered complies with the specifications stated in this bid document.

Bidder/Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Total Bid Price: \$_____

Estimated Delivery Date: _____

Authorized Signature: _____

Date: _____
