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TO: Platte County R-3 Board of Education
FROM: JT Thomas, Director of Transportation
RE: Purchase of School Bus Diesel Fuel
DATE: December 15, 2022

Recommended Action: It is recommended that the Platte County R-3 Board of Education approve the school bus diesel fuel purchase from FNF Petroleum, 202 E US Hwy 40, Bates City, MO 64011.

Rationale & Overview: An RFP was issued to secure diesel fuel for the Platte County R-3 School Bus Fleet. The RFP requested the vendor supply a fuel tank (2000 to 4000 gallon) to be placed on the bus parking lot of the District. In addition the tank was to be outfitted with a delivery system and inventory monitoring system. The vendor was asked to specify the type of pad needed for the tank pad, as well as power needed for the delivery system and monitoring device. The vendor was also requested to have a tank monitoring system that alerts the vendor as to when fuel is needed in the tank.

The RFP was given to four (4) vendors, but only two (2) vendors responded: FNF Petroleum and Fleet Fuels. Both bidders met the general specifications of the RFP, and each bid a 2000-gallon tank. However, Fleet Fuels bid included an inventory system that does not utilize cellular connectivity (Wi-Fi) as requested in the RFP, and their bid included a tank that was used.

The fuel price will be market driven, however, taking into consideration that PCR-3 is exempt from some fuel taxes, the cost savings over purchasing from Platte Clay (as of 12/1/2022) would have been \$.67 per gallon.

PCR-3 will need to prepare the pad and supply power in the proximity of the pad once the bid is approved.

Summary: After carefully analyzing all of the bids submitted (with the criteria outlined in the RFP), it is recommended that the bid offered by FNF Petroleum be approved by the Platte County R-3 Board of Education. Acceptance of this bid will include a new fuel tank and the utilization of the Tecalemit Inventory Management System (calculates fuel usage per bus). Additionally, FNF Petroleum has a local representative as well as local trucks for refueling the tank. This vendor also supplies diesel fuel services to Park Hill (First Student) and Liberty School Districts (underground tanks), All Star Towing in Tracy, MO, and Easton Bus in Leavenworth, KS.