



TOWN OF NATICK MASSACHUSETTS

TO: Natick School Committee
William Chenard, Acting Town Administrator
Dr. Anna Nolin, Interim Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Peter Gray, Director of Finance, Natick Public Schools
Bryan R. Le Blanc, Procurement Officer

FROM: Timothy Luff, Assistant Superintendent of Schools *TL*

DATE: May 8, 2018

SUBJECT: CONTRACT AWARD
In-Town Special Education Bus Transportation Services

On May 3, 2018, sealed bids were received for the procurement of in-town special education (exclusively) school bus transportation services in the Town of Natick. These services are exempt from the Uniform Procurement Act, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30B, §1(b)(8); however, we chose to follow the bidding process of M.G.L. c. 30B (without ever admitting to its applicability. Bids were received from two (2) bidders. (See attached.)

JFK is the lowest responsible and responsive bidder. Although JSC had a slightly lower bid, this is not the only factor in the award of a contract for special education transportation. Through a review of our experiences with JSC we consider them to be a non-responsible bidder.

We recommend that the Natick Public Schools award the contract to JFK for the complete main bid work, as provided for in the Town's Invitation for Bids. The amount of the award will be for \$1,689,170.80 as provided for in JFK's bid. We have reviewed the bids received and have checked the references and qualifications of JFK, and have determined it to be a responsible and responsive bidder.

Please advise if you have any questions or require additional information.

Bids Received:	05/03/18
Newspaper Advertisement (<u>Metrowest Daily News</u>):	04/04/18
Website Posting:	03/29/18
Town Hall Postings:	03/29/18
Goods and Services Bulletin:	04/09/18
COMMBUYS Posting:	03/29/18

Bids Received: See attached.