Acceptance of Bid "As Needed" Pupil Transportation Bid Summary No. 13-14-101

On November 14, 2013, a total of four bids were opened for "As Needed" home-to-school transportation of special education students residing in the Azusa, Baldwin Park, Bassett, Bonita, Charter Oak, Claremont, Covina-Valley, Glendora, Hacienda-La Puente, Pomona, Rowland, Walnut Valley, and West Covina Unified School District areas and extracurricular field trips for Covina-Valley Unified School District.

While Education Code Sections 39800 and 39802 and Public Contract Code Sections 20111 and 20112 discuss awarding to one bidder, the need to award to more than one company for the same service is anticipated due to the fact that any one school bus or charter coach carrier may not have the resources available to provide the volume of service needed by the District on some days. Therefore, contracting for charter transportation services with multiple vendors meeting all District requirements is recommended.

It is estimated that the extracurricular transportation will be \$300,000. The requirement of transporting students involved (for home-to-school) will be minimal. This agreement is renewable for up to five years, upon mutual agreement.

Recommendation is made that Bid Summary No. 13-14-101, "As Needed" Pupil Transportation, be accepted with the designated vendors:

Alliance Bus Lines, Inc.
Durham School Services
First Student
Student Transportation of America, Inc.