

DIRECTIONS FOR BUILDING A BUS

1. Open the MSBO Bus Purchase website at <http://michigan.cooppurchase.com>
2. Log in
 - To log in for the first time, click *Request your account* and complete the applicable information.
3. Click on “Specifications” in the left column
4. Click on “Create New”.
5. Select the “Product Category” from the pull down menu.
6. Select the “Product” from the pull down menu.
7. Enter any notes into the comment box to help you describe the bus you are creating.
8. Click on “Continue”.
9. As you scroll, the “Total Price as Configured” will automatically follow you so it is always visible. This box gives you a running total cost of the bus you are configuring.

NOTE: Dealers are required to fill in every price category; when a number entry does not apply, the choices are:

N/A = option not available

N/C = no additional charge for the option

S/E = standard equipment

10. Select desired Chassis Options.
11. Click on *Body Options* tab.
12. Select desired Body Options. You will not be able to choose more than one item under any given option heading.
13. To read what was specified or the description of the option, hover your mouse pointer over the description and the complete specification will appear in a balloon comment.
14. If you choose an option that requires “quantity,” enter the number in the box and the program will extend the correct total.
15. If you select a different engine, you will get an opportunity to select a comparable configuration for the other manufacturers later in the process.
16. Once you have selected all of the options for the bus you are configuring, at the bottom click on “Continue”.
17. This will take you back to the *Specifications* screen.
18. You have the following options:
 - Start a new bus configuration by clicking on “Create New” and following the above steps.
 - Edit what you configured.
 - Make a price comparison.
 - Purchase the bus as configured.
 - “Clone” the bus to a vendor to have them check the configuration to make sure that it is a buildable bus. **Note:** When a bus is cloned to a vendor, it is **not a purchase**. Only the district can purchase a bus by completing the purchase steps.
19. **Price Comparison.** If you choose to make a price comparison, click on the “compare” icon in the row of the bus that you would like to assess.
 - Specify the order quantity.
 - Select the vendors that you want to compare.
 - Click on “Next”.
 - If you have a situation where a valid comparison cannot be made due to the options that you selected (such as picking an engine option that not all vendors have available), you

will have to pick another option so that a fair comparison can be made before you move on. If you have no conflicts this will not appear.

- Click on “Next”.
- If you have options that are not included in the program, such as 2-way radios, add them to the program. Pricing for dealer negotiated items should be obtained from all vendors to get a fair comparison.
 - Select vendor from pull down menu.
 - Insert description item into description box.
 - Insert price into price box and hit save icon to the right.
 - A new box will appear to enter another dealer's pricing, if needed. Repeat 1 – 3 above.
 - At this time you may go back and edit any of the rows or delete them.
 - Once you have finished your dealer options click on “Next”.
- A comparison report will now appear. At this point you have the ability to:
 - Go back to a previous screen.
 - Return to the specifications screen.
 - Export this report you see by clicking on the “Export” icon. You will then be able to save this report or print. Due the differences in printers and the configuration of your report you may need to change the page setup on your printer to landscape. You may also want to change some column widths or margins to better fit the printed page.
 - You may make a purchase.

20. **Purchase Request (this step is required for the purchase to meet the competitive purchase requirements).** To make a purchase, click on the “New Purchase” button at the bottom of the price comparison report page or the “Purchase” icon in the row of the bus that you would like to purchase.
- You will be asked to reconfirm the quantity of buses that you want to purchase in this configuration and choose which vendor to make the purchase from. Then click “Next”.
 - If necessary any conflicts can be resolved or edited at this time. Then click “Next”.
 - All dealer options entered in the price comparison for the chosen vendor will appear as previously entered. You can edit them or add additional ones at this time. Then click “Next”.
 - Verify your order. Click “Next”.
 - Select your vendor contact from the pull down menu.
 - Enter your purchase order number.
 - Make any comments that you may need in the purchase comment box.
 - Confirm with your vendor that the bus that you have configured can be built as specified before you answer yes.
 - Confirm that the purchase has been approved by your school board.
 - Choose whether you want the purchase request to be automatically sent to the vendor. If you elect to send the order yourself, the vendor will NOT be notified of your purchase until you contact them yourself. In either case, MSBO will receive an email to confirm the purchase. No documentation needs to be sent to MSBO.
 - Click “Previous,” “Purchase,” or “Hold for Later”. “Hold for Later” will prevent any changes to your specification while you obtain final purchase approvals. To continue a purchase that was held, go to the “Pending Purchases” link in the menu.
 - When you click “Purchase” a final purchase report will appear. Once you click “Purchase” no further changes can be made.
 - If you selected to **not** email your purchase, click on the “Export” icon and print the purchase report to forward to the vendor. You may want to save a copy to your

computer, also. You may now exit the program or go back to specifications and configure a new bus.

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- You can view the history of your purchases by clicking “Purchase History” in the menu or from the Specification page by clicking the “History” button on the row for your Specification.