



Public Notice of Intent to Award a Sole Source Contract for a Bus Vacuum System

Date: February 12, 2026

Item: Bus Vacuum System

Vendor: N/S Corporation

The Duluth Transit Authority posted an RFP for a Bus Vacuum System on November 26, 2025. Five suppliers that manufacture Bus Vacuum Systems were notified of the posted RFP. Three of the other four suppliers enquired about the RFP, two of which could not meet the 'Buy America' requirement. One bid was received by the bid closing date January 14, 2026. Based on our findings it was determined that competition was adequate and the technical requirements were not restrictive.

The DTA plans to execute a sole source contract with N/S Corporation to supply and install a new Bus Vacuum System for the Duluth Transit Authority.

This is **NOT** a request for quotes or proposals.

Any vendor that may refute the determination that this procurement is NOT a sole source shall send an email to DTA to hborn@duluthtransit.com, no later than 5:00 pm CST on February 25, 2026.