



Contract #:
R10-1149A
Lead Agency:
Region 10 Education Service Center
Contract Term:
05.01.2023 – 04.30.2026
Renewable Through:
04.30.2028

Alternative Service For Students With Special Transportation Needs

A cooperative purchasing agreement can be used to obtain services and contracts in an economically beneficial way. This contract is for alternative transportation services and value-added resources such as our consulting services, including routing, fleet management and maintenance, transportation, and special needs training. Utilizing a cooperative lowers the overall cost of contracting by saving time and money on the procurement process since the work has already been done by a publicly entity.

First Student contract highlights

First Student's alternative transportation division, First Alt, provides districts services for students with special transportation needs: students with special needs, McKinney-Vento students, out-of-district students and hard-to-serve trips.

- First Alt utilizes a fleet of small-capacity vehicles from existing local transportation companies that are expertly operated and maintained
- First Alt confirms that all transportation providers and their drivers have met all First Alt, state, local, and district requirements before they can service trips
- First Alt ensures all students get to school safely and on time in the hands of caring, consistent drivers
- First Alt developed custom technology specifically designed for alternative transportation and its unique challenges

Who is Equalis?

Equalis Group is a cooperative purchasing organization that provides contracts competitively solicited by public agencies for a wide range of products and services.

- These contracts save members time by providing a legal exemption from conducting their own bid or request for proposals (RFP)
- Provides members the ability to configure the solution that best meets their individual needs while achieving the lowest total cost of ownership
- Public sector entities, including federal and state agencies, local governments, and educational institutions in all 50 states
- As a member-driven organization with a diverse portfolio, Equalis Group is not just a cooperative purchasing organization, but a partner in all your contracting needs

