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Corrective Action Plan

FINDING: COMPETITIVE BIDS WERE NOT SOLICITED FOR VARIOUS STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICE CONTRACTS

Response and Corrective Action Plan Prepared by:
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Anticipated Completion Date of Corrective Action:
The existing transportation contracts end on June 30, 2027. At the commencement of the 27-28 school year new bus contracts will be implemented following a formal bid process.

Repeat Finding:
No

Planned Corrective Action:
Blount County Schools previously operated under the assumption that student transportation contracts were considered professional services and therefore did not require competitive bids. As soon as staff was notified by the State that this was an incorrect assumption immediate actions were taken to correct the error. BCS staff and the Purchasing Agent immediately began seeking consulting services to assist in the request for bid process. The target implementation date of the new bus contracts is the beginning of the 27-28 school year which directly follows the end of the current contracts on June 30, 2027.

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