



IDEA Headquarters
2115 W. Pike Boulevard
Weslaco, Texas 78596
Phone 956.377.8000
Fax 956.447.3796

Request For Proposals Addendum Addendum Number: 4 RFP Questions & Answers

Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2024

RFP/RFQ Number 15-BBS-0324

To: All Prospective Vendors

The following questions were sent in response to the referenced Solicitation for further clarification. Questions and Answers are listed below.

Question 1: Can an alternative student transportation (TNC and/or Transportation management companies) participate in this RFP opportunity or is it for the yellow bus only?

Answer: IDEA Public Schools is only looking for specifically Yellow School Bus Transportation.

Question 2: Is the district open to contracting with companies that have smaller capacity vehicles Like sedans, SUVs, and Wheelchair accessible vehicles?

Answer: Yellow School Bus transportation is preferred.

Question 3: Who is your current transportation provider or provider(s)?

Answer: No current provider for the Austin Schools currently, our white fleet is in-house and they service Special Education/McKinney Vento students.

Question 4: What are the current rates with your current vendor? Any amendments or Addendums?

Answer: There is no current provider for Austin schools.



IDEA Headquarters
2115 W. Pike Boulevard
Weslaco, Texas 78596
Phone 956.377.8000
Fax 956.447.3796

Question 5: Are you currently paying price increases for Fuel surcharges?

Answer: We are not currently paying price increases for fuel surcharges.

Question 6: Can you please provide a copy of the district's transportation agreement with the current vendor in addition to the certificate of insurance provided by your current vendor?

Answer: We cannot provide a copy of the district transportation agreement as there is no current vendor

Question 7: Can you please provide samples of invoices from your current transportation provider?

Answer: We cannot provide samples of invoices as we do not have a current transportation provider.

Question 8: Does the district have Special Needs / McKinney Vento students to transport to school? If so, how many?

Answer: Yes, we currently service Special Needs/McKinney Vento students transport to school in-house.

Question 9: How many routes/vehicles are currently used to transport your students? What's the average number of students per vehicle?

Answer: Average of 65 students per school bus for campuses that do have yellow school bus transportation.

Question 10: Do you currently transport any students in wheelchair-accessible vehicles? If so, how many vehicles are currently being used?



IDEA Headquarters
2115 W. Pike Boulevard
Weslaco, Texas 78596
Phone 956.377.8000
Fax 956.447.3796

Answer: Yes, we have various vehicles that transport wheelchair-accessible students.

Question 11: Do you require any special equipment to transport the students? eg. Safety Vest (Harness), Car Seat, Booster Seat, Buckle Guard, Partition etc? What's the number of students who need such equipment based on the current contract?

Answer: We do, we currently have this service in-house.

Question 12: Can this BID be awarded to multiple vendors?

Answer: Per the solicitation, we will award to one, all or none.

Question 13: Can we submit our bid price form, base fee plus mileage?

Answer: Yes.

Question 14: What are the insurance limits and requirements?

Answer: Please see number 13. Insurance Requirements in the Solicitation Document.

Question 15: Would IDEA consider a longer primary term?

Answer: Number of years is determined by funding availability unfortunately, we cannot guarantee a number of years.

Question 16: Can we bid on a certain number of schools and/or routes?

Answer: Provider should remain the same for all campuses.

Question 17: Does IDEA require a sexual abuse/molestation insurance policy?



IDEA Headquarters
2115 W. Pike Boulevard
Weslaco, Texas 78596
Phone 956.377.8000
Fax 956.447.3796

Answer: Please see number 13. Insurance Requirements in the Solicitation Document.

Question 18: For the special needs routes, aside from ADA compliant, are there any other vehicle specs/requirements? Is there a specific vehicle size?

Answer: No, it would be determined by the accommodations of the student. In other instances, students have been accommodated via wheelchair accessible vans, Type A or Type B buses.

Question 19: For the increase/decrease in routes, is this determined annually? Does IDEA give adequate time for vendors to prepare?

Answer: The vendor should state what timeframe is needed to accommodate. However, an annual estimate will be provided.

Question 20: Can we use a fuel calculator for fuel costs? Ie. base cost of fuel plus/minus the variance?

Answer: Yes, it can be used; however, there is a high probability we will use our existing provider but unknown at this time.

Question 21: If we have done transportation business with IDEA, can we use IDEA as a reference?

Answer: Yes, they should be specific and the type of services provided.

Question 22: Due to traffic concerns and the large geographic area, is there a possibility to park buses at any of the campuses?

Answer: Yes, there is a possibility to park buses on the campuses being serviced.

End of Addendum