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Request For Proposals Addendum

Addendum Number: 3

RFP Questions & Answers

Date: Tuesday, April 1, 2025

RFP #35-BBS-0425 Austin Outsourcing Transportation

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: Motorcoaches typically hold up to 56 passengers. Would you still like to see pricing for these types of vehicles? Or strictly buses with up to 65 seats?

Answer: We are specifically requesting pricing for buses with a minimum seating capacity of 65 passengers. As outlined in the Purpose of Request for Proposal, the services will cover three campuses, each requiring four buses, for a total of twelve 65-passenger buses per school calendar year.

Question 2: From page 13 r) Vehicle Maintenance ii) of the RFP, is the District asking Proposers to submit copies of all school bus inspections performed by the Texas Department of Public Safety in the proposal or upon award? With hundreds of buses across the state of Texas, this would be a large list and be of no significance to the District.

Answer: The District requests that a random selection of school bus inspection records be submitted upon award, rather than requiring a complete list of inspections for all buses. This approach will help ensure compliance while avoiding the submission of an extensive and potentially irrelevant list, given the large number of buses across the state.

Question 3: Will the District consider extending the page limit of the Executive Summary from 2 pages?

Answer: Yes, the District is open to considering an extension of the page limit for the Executive Summary beyond the current two-page restriction.

Question 4: Can the District please specify what "Additional Required Forms" may include? Are there additional certifications and forms beyond Attachments A-M?



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Answer: There are no additional required forms beyond those specified in Attachments A-M.

Question 5: Section 9, Additional Documentation, Submittal 3: Experience in School Transportation - is the District asking that this experience be described in the Executive Summary only? Or is the reference to "include in Executive Summary" a mistake? If it should be included in the Executive Summary, will the District consider extending the page limit? If it is required in the Executive Summary, will the District remove it from the Additional Documentation section?

Answer: The District allows for an additional sheet to be included to describe experience in school transportation, beyond the Executive Summary. If necessary, this section may be expanded without impacting the page limit for the Executive Summary.

Question 6: For driver turnover and/or retention rates, can Proposers provide for just TX only or must it be company-wide?

Answer: Proposers may provide driver turnover and retention rates specific to Texas only, rather than company-wide.

Question 7: For School Bus Accident Rates, can Proposers provide for TX only or must it be company-wide?

Answer: Proposers are required to provide school bus accident rates on a company-wide basis, rather than specific to Texas only.

Question 8: Submittal 17: Site Evaluation on page 19 of the RFP is incomplete. Can the District please share the site evaluation criteria? Is the District asking for specific information in this section?

Answer: Site evaluations will be conducted at locations where the contractor currently provides pupil transportation services. These evaluations will take place after the RFP has been awarded and services have commenced. Specific criteria for the evaluations will be provided at that time.

Question 9: Submittal 18: Personnel on page 19 of the RFP may have an incorrect description as it talks about the appearance of facility fleet and quality record keeping. Can the District please share what this section was intended to include?

Answer: Submittal 18 pertains to the driver requirements outlined on page 7, sections i-iv. The reference to facility appearance, fleet, and record-keeping is not applicable to this section.



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Question 10: Do Contractors need to respond to Appendix A: RFP Award Letter as it is listed as a required form? If yes, what information is the District looking for?

Answer: The response to Appendix A: RFP Award Letter is required only after the RFP has been awarded. At that time, the necessary information will be provided.

END OF ADDENDUM