

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?

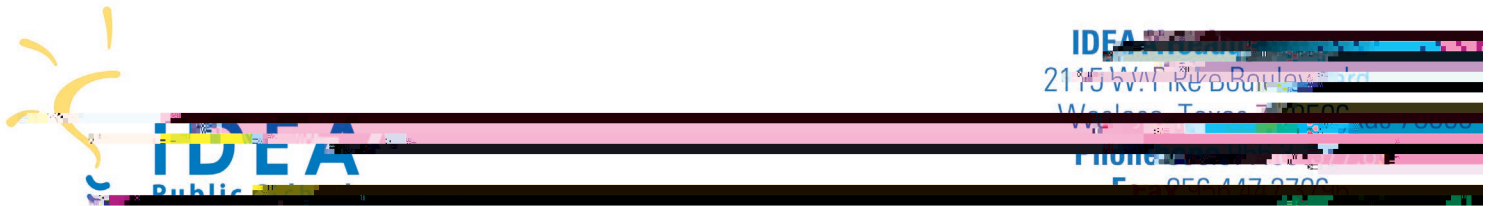
Answer: Yellow School Bus transportation is preferred.

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.



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

Answer:



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

Question 11:



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