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BID/RFP ADDENDUM

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Addendum No. 5

BID/RFP No. ITB-18-076-MJ BID/RFP TITLE: School Bus Routes for Private School Bus Companies

This addendum modifies the conditions of the above-referenced BID/RFP as follows:

The attached document provides answers to questions received. All other terms and conditions of the ITB remain the same.

All information, specifications terms, and conditions for the above-referenced BID/RFP, are included on the document posted on the Procurement Management website at <http://procurement.dadeschools.net>

The attached pages containing clarifications, additional information and requirements constitute an integral part of the referenced bid. If your bid/proposal has not been submitted, substitute the pages marked REVISED and mail your entire bid/proposal package.

I acknowledge receipt of Addendum Number 5

PLEASE NOTE: If your firm has forwarded a copy of this bid/proposal to another vendor, it is your responsibility to forward him/her a copy of this addendum.

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Addendum #5, School Bus Routes for Private School Bus Companies

The following list addresses the questions received regarding this solicitation:

1. Are there only 36 routes available for 2020? The last bid there were twice as many routes.
Answer: Please review Addendum 1 on our procurement website for an update regarding the routes: <http://procurement.dadeschools.net>.
2. Do all of these routes require Bus Aids, CSS and safety vests? Last bid only specific routes required these items.
Answer: Refer to the response for question #1.
3. What is CSS?
Answer: Child Safety Seat
4. Also we see that the current listed routes have the same schedule? Is that accurate or will there be an updated list?
Answer: As of now, these are the estimated times. Routes are subject to change throughout the year.
5. If our buses already have GPSes, is it necessary to have them installed with the county?
Answer: Yes, this is a requirement of the bid.
6. We notice that on this new bid there is only one part of the routes compared with other previous years that were 60 routes. Would be another bid to be submitted in the future for the missing ones?
Answer: Refer to the response for question #1.
7. Is there a specific start date in November, will it be November 1st?
Answer: There is no specific start date at this time.
8. Section 1.44 on page 20 states that the same rates that are bid shall be made available to charter schools; do the Charter Schools abide by the same terms and conditions such as time, mileage and length of contract?
Answer: Yes as it pertains to meet the State requirements for inspections of school buses and certification of school bus drivers.
9. Section 1.47 on page 20 states that invoices will be paid after review, can you tell us the average time of review? Is it usually within 30 days?
Answer: Currently, invoices are submitted every week after the service is rendered. Staff reviews invoices once they are received and are submitted for payment soon thereafter. Usually the approval for payment is submitted within a week after received in the Transportation Administration Office.
10. Section 2.1 General Information on page 22 states that pricing is firm for the term of the contract. Can you confirm that there will be no price increases over the life of the contract without approval of a submitted request based on the change of operating conditions? Secondly can you provide documentation of any approved price increase over the past 5 years?

Answer: All pricing will remain firm and fixed for the life of the contract. Pricing can only be negotiated during the time of the extension. We are unable to provide documentation of any approved price increase over the past 5 years.

11. Section 2.2.1 on page 22 states that award will be based on upon drivers, buses and available equipment certified as of date of bid opening, does this mean that if we have zero certified drivers on the bid opening date we cannot be awarded any routes? Secondly we are to state the maximum number of routes we wish to be awarded can we also state the minimum number of routes we wish to be awarded?

Answer: Correct, at the time of the bid opening, each vendor must have the units and drivers readily available in accordance with the State requirements for school buses and drivers. As stated in section 3.0 Price Proposal, please list the maximum number of routes that you will accept.

12. Section 2.2.9 on page 26 routes. Can you provide us with the current route sheets for the 36 routes that are out for bid in this ITB? Secondly the ITB states that routes will be provided on or about December 6th however the contract is scheduled to start in November. Please clarify.

Answer: Please refer to addendum #1 on our procurement website for an update regarding the routes: <http://procurement.dadeschools.net>. The contract has a tentative date within the month of November to be awarded by the board; however the start date has not been determined yet.

13. Section 2.2.13 on page 27 states the pre-bid is scheduled for July 16th @ 10:00am. Is this a typo and the correct pre-bid is fact August 7th @ 10:00am?

Answer: Yes this is a typo.

14. Section 2.2.16 on page 28 Drivers. We do not have any drivers certified with M-DCPS are we still able to bid on this ITB with the understanding that we will certify drivers prior to the contract start date of November 2019.

Answer: Refer to the response for question #11.

15. Section 2.2.17 on page 29 Price Adjustments. What is the starting fuel peg (price)? Do the adjustments start after year one or year three of the initial term?

Answer: We are unable to provide the starting fuel price at this time; however the adjustments will begin at the start of a new contract period, if necessary.

16. Section 3.1 on page 31 Price Proposals. Paragraph four states there year initial term and three one year extensions, is the contract the 3+3 or 3+2 as stated in other areas of the ITB?

Answer: An addendum was posted to reflect the change. This is a three (3) year bid with two (2) one (1) year options to renew.

17. Are any of these routes SPED? If so, how many?

Answer: No

18. What objective is the district trying to achieve with this solicitation?

Answer: Contract out services for 60 school bus routes.

19. Why only 60 routes?

Answer: This is in accordance with current AFSCME collective bargaining agreement.

20. How many routes are elementary school?

Answer: All routes are expected to have an Elementary school run. However, routes are subject to change depending on the student population who are eligible for transportation service.

21. How many are middle school?

Answer: All routes are expected to have a Middle school run. However, routes are subject to change depending on the student population who are eligible for transportation service.

22. How many routes are high school?

Answer: All routes are expected to have a High school run. However, routes are subject to change depending on the student population who are eligible for transportation service.

23. What is the average number of students per bus?

Answer: Average Bus Occupancy varies from route to route and is also dependent on the student population who are eligible for transportation service.

24. At the pre-bid, it was stated that 50 routes would have an aid, and 10 would not have an aid. The addendum on the website states 50 without an aid and 10 routes with an aid. Which is correct?

Answer: 50 routes without an aide and 10 routes with an aide. Please refer to addendum #1 on the procurement website: <http://procurement.dadeschools.net>.

25. Is there a maintenance/parking facility for contractor usage?

Answer: No

26. Will contractor be responsible for all fuel costs?

Answer: Yes

27. We are a private bus vendor currently working under contract to the county. In regards to the bid we were told there are 60 routes to bid on but only 36 showed up on the bid. Will this be amended? Also should we give you a price with and aide and without an aide or do all the routes require an aide?

Answer: Please refer to the response for question #1.