

Addendum No. 1

Date: May 23, 2023

Re: Homeless Student Transportation

IFB No.: **523-36-6-2**

The following information becomes part and parcel of Invitation for Bid (IFB) #523-36-6-2 effective this date. Firms must acknowledge receipt of this addendum in their solicitation response.

The listed items add to, modify, or otherwise alter the specifications and become part of the solicitation documents. Where a portion of the original specifications are added to, modified, or also altered, the portion not so affected shall remain. Firms may have the right to protest this addendum.

Clarification to Specifications

The following information is provided as clarification to the Program Specifications:
There shall not be a Waiting Time Fee. See Request for Proposal <u>Scope of Work</u>, <u>Program Description</u>, <u>Section A.</u>, <u>Service Description</u>, which states, "This type of service requires the rider to be at the curb in front of their home address within ten (10) minutes of the pick-up time." The District wait time for a student is ten (10) minutes, therefore the District will not pay a Wait Time Fee.

Inquiries/ District Responses

Before the solicitation inquiry deadline, the District received an inquiry regarding this solicitation. The District's response to the question follows in **bold** font.

1.) Who is your current transportation provider or providers?

Yellow Cab Company of Greenville, Inc.

2.) How much are the current rates with your current vendor?

To obtain the requested information, a FOIA request must be submitted.

3.) Any amendments or Addendums?

Addendum One is issued this date, May 23, 2023.

4.) Can we submit flat rates plus mileage for pricing instead?

See Specifications section of the solicitation and the Price List.

5.) Can we submit our own bid price?

See Specifications section of the solicitation and the Price List.

6.) What are your insurance requirements?

See the following in the Request for Proposal:

- Specifications, Section E.6
- Specifications, Section, Proposal Contents, Number 10
- Page Eight (8) of the solicitation Terms and Conditions, paragraphs titled "Insurance" and "Contractor's Liability Insurance".
- 7.) They require us to identify subcontractors in the proposal. Do we want to ask about that, or just write an exception? There also is a note at the beginning of the bid stating that exceptions can be submitted but that depending on what they are, the District may see the bid as non-responsive.

See Page Five (5) of the solicitation, paragraph titled <u>Subcontracting</u>, which states, "No portion of this contract shall be subleased, assigned, transferred, or conveyed without the expressed prior written approval from a SDGC Procurement Officer. Proposed subcontractors shall be identified in the bid."

8.) Also looking for on-call services – should we clarify that we have the ability to bid only on the fixed route needs?

The Price List in the solicitation should be completed and submitted with a proposal response and any additional information/pricing a vendor wishes to provide may be submitted on the proposing firm's letterhead stationery.

9.) Will the District allow for alternative proposals?

A proposal shall consist of details for the provision and management of the services envisioned in the Program Specifications, in accordance with the requirements described in the solicitation. Proposers shall address all aspects of the District's solicitation requirements and discuss additional areas that the proposer deems necessary, at the proposer's discretion.

- 10.) Will the District allow for an alternative pricing model that is based on a per-trip fee? The pricing is based on a per trip fee as the routes for a student may vary.
- 11.) Who is/are your current provider(s)?

Yellow Cab Company of Greenville, Inc.

12.) Are you experiencing any major service issues?

No, however the need is in high demand and changes often.

- 13.) Can you please provide a copy of the current contract and 3 months of invoices if outsourced? This information is not necessary to provide a proposal response, and therefore, will not be provided.
- 14.) Can bidders provide fleet and driver information 30 days prior to the start of the contract rather than during the bidding process?

See Specifications section, "Proposal Contents, Subsection Number 4 – Company Profile", which states, "Provide resumes describing the work experiences for each of the key staff who would be assigned to the contract. Be specific with regard to length of experience, level of authority and accountability, and contracts covered." Any changes of staff after proposal response has been submitted must be sent to the District for review and approval.

15.) Could you send us information on the routes that currently run? If you aren't able to provide full information, could we get information on 5-10 routes? (Please include any mileage, equipment, and monitor/aid needs.)

There are no set routes as routes change often based on the needs of the student.

End of Section – Inquiries/District Responses

All other terms and conditions remain unchanged and in force.

Thank you for your interest in the District.

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