

INVITATION FOR BID

Facilities Management

**Solicitation Number: B1915
 Addendum 1**

Description: SUPPLEMENTAL BUS SERVICES

Date: February 22, 2019

SUBMIT OFFER BY: March 1, 2019 @ 2:00 PM

SUBMIT QUESTIONS BY: February 21, 2019 by 2:00 PM

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PROCUREMENT OFFICIAL CONTACT: Procurement Services
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ALL REQUESTS FOR QUOTATIONS MUST BE SIGNED BY A COMPANY OFFICIAL DULY AUTHORIZED TO BIND AN AGREEMENT FOR THAT COMPANY.

You must submit a signed copy of this form with your offer. By submitting a bid or proposal, You agree to be bound by the terms of the Solicitation. You agree to hold your offer open for a minimum of ninety (90) calendar days after the Opening date.

Print Name of Offeror (Full legal name of business submitting the offer)		Date Signed
Authorized Signature (Person signing must be authorized to submit binding offer to enter contract on behalf of Offeror named above.)		Taxpayer Identification No.
Title (Business title of person signing above)		Telephone Number
Printed Name (of person signing above)		Facsimile Number
Company Address (Street, City, State & Zip Code)		
Contact Person (if different than authorized signature)		Email Address
Telephone Number	Facsimile Number	

The above numbered Invitation for Bid is amended as set forth below. The Hour and Date specified for receipt of bids has not been extended. Question to be answered below.

Reference and acknowledge this Addendum on the offer submitted. Failure to acknowledge addendum may result in rejection of your offer. If by virtue of this addendum you desire to change an offer already submitted, such change may be made by submitting an amended bid prior to the closing date and hour specified.

AMENDMENTS TO SOLICITATION

(a) The Solicitation may be amended at any time prior to opening. All actual and prospective Offerors should monitor the following web site for the issuance of Amendments: <http://academicdepartments.musc.edu/vpfa/finance/purchasingap/vendors/solicit-awards/bids.htm> (b) Offerors shall acknowledge receipt of any amendment to this solicitation (1) by signing and returning the amendment, (2) by identifying the amendment number and date in the space provided for this purpose on Page Two, (3) by letter, or (4) by submitting a bid that indicates in some way that the bidder received the amendment. (c) If this solicitation is amended, then all terms and conditions which are not modified remain unchanged.

This addendum was issued to answer question.

1) What is the projected start date for service after the bid is awarded?

ANSWER: Anticipated start date is March 11, 2019

2) Please clarify “stated price” in the second sentence that reads: District is not authorized to pay more than the stated price.

ANSWER: Stated price means the price that the bidder puts on the Bid Schedule, and the District is not authorized to pay more than the stated price. Unless there is price adjustment based on the “Price Adjustment” clauses on page 14.

3) Price Adjustment: What calendar period CPI will be applied to the 2020 contract? Please define “relevant market conditions” as to determined by the Procurement Officer used to adjust annual price increases.

ANSWER: We use the annual calendar for calculations with the current transportation contract.

4) 7.1.4 All buses utilized by the contractor shall meet state inspection standards. Please clarify if and what is further required beyond the SC Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration requirements.

ANSWER: Contractor buses must have a current S.C.D.O.E. T-3 inspection and sticker from the State of S.C.

5) 7.1.7 It is my understanding through procurement that any route assigned to an alternative contractor will be guaranteed “based on performance” for the remainder of the current contract ending in June 2020. Please explain the discrepancy in the guarantee to keep the route until June 6, 2019, and the contract “good-through” period terminating in June 2020.

ANSWER: Your understanding is correct. The 2018-2019 school year ends on June 6, 2019. The 2019-2020 school year calendar hasn’t been approved yet. These routes will begin again in August 2019, once a start date has been determined, and continue until the end of the school year, in June 2020. No summer program work is included in this proposal.

6) 7.2.10 Please explain the requirement of Automated Vehicle Location (AVL) technology and the data it collects. Based upon my understanding of this technology, AVL only tracks an assigned bus-and route number provided that the bus is in service and on the corresponding route on the day in question. Will the district be providing licensing access to its current transportation proprietary software to allow for AVL capabilities? Will a GPS location-and-time (30 second lag) or a real-time path report via GPS be adequate for providing this data?

ANSWER: The buses, in use, must have GPS system that records location, speeds etc., while in service. The district doesn’t have any proprietary software. The current vendor provides all AVL technology, for the State buses and their company buses. The main purpose for pulling the system’s data will be investigating and following up on citizen, parent, and student complaints.

7) 7.4.22 Will the district provide all required SC-DOE report forms electronically prior to submission?

ANSWER: All SC-DOE transportation report forms are available on the SC-DOE website, located in the transportation section.

*** All other specifications remain unchanged***