



Solicitation Information  
December 23, 2020

Addendum #1

RFP # 7610811

TITLE: STATEWIDE PUPIL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Submission Deadline: January 12, 2021 @ 2:00 PM (Eastern Time)

PLEASE NOTE THAT ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS VIA EMAIL TO [GAIL.WALSH@PURCHASING.RI.GOV](mailto:GAIL.WALSH@PURCHASING.RI.GOV) WILL BE RECEIVED UNTIL TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2020 AT 4:00 PM (ET).

BELOW ARE VENDOR QUESTIONS WITH STATE RESPONSES FROM THE PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2020 AT 10:00 AM.

In attendance at the pre-proposal conference were Sandra Lopes and William Trimble representing the RI Dept. of Education; Andy Forsyth, Doug Martin and Nicole Martin representing Transpar Group; and Gail Walsh, Gerald Teixeira, Marisa DelFarno and Carol Robinson representing the RI Division of Purchases. Bus company representatives were as follows:

Academy Express – Tony D’Arcangelo  
Amaral Bus – Eric Amaral  
Amaral Bus – Joe Amaral  
Amaral Bus – Kelsey Beauregard  
DATTCO – Donald Devivo  
DATTCO – Jim McMellon  
DATTCO – Phil Johnson  
First Student – Richard Capriolo  
First Student – Sam Levy  
First Student – Sue Barbour

Flagship Bus – Tom McCaughey  
Flagship Bus - Suchada Kummerdsupapol  
Ocean State Transit – Tony Murgo  
Transportation Mgmt. System – Gianni Zarrilli

Q: Is there a requirement on the type of vehicles used for each region?

A: Regarding the Special Ed Transportation, if the students' needs are met any vehicle is allowable. However, large number of special Ed outplacements require Special Ed transportation vehicles that are wheel chair accessible and have the ability to have a 1:1 aide to support the student on the ride. Currently due to COVID, the private, parochial and voch Ed are 50% less which allows vans to be more accessible. If enrollment is back to full time, they typically require a 72 passenger bus. Special Ed requires a mini bus and McKinney Vento use the vans.

Q: Can vehicle types change throughout the year based on enrollment?

A: Yes, routes typically do not remain the same.

Q: Is the 180 day commitment to pay the vendors 50% of the regular rate for the day's school exclusive to COVID, or do the distance learning days due to inclement weather apply?

A: The commitment is isolated to COVID, any inclement weather distance learning days would not apply to the 50% fixed cost.

Q: Are the 93 routes currently being routed within zones B, C, & D?

A: Yes, at the beginning of the year 100 buses were running. Data is typically run using all enrolled students at full capacity with no required social distancing.

Q: Out of the 100 vehicles are 35 vans?

A: Yes

Q: Do we include our vehicles that are currently registered in MA, but can be easily converted to be registered and inspected to RI?

A: Yes, beginning July 1<sup>st</sup> you have to be in compliance with regulatory requirements that are Statutory. All vehicles must be registered in RI. Currently we are under the executive order which allows more flexibility.

Q: Do we price the van and the monitors independently?

A: Yes.

Q: Can we get copies of the current invoices for the last two months?

A: Yes, you can submit an APRA request through RIDE. It is all public data.