



**ROCKFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL ON SUPPLIES, MATERIALS, EQUIPMENT OR  
SERVICES FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205  
ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS**

RFP No.      **19-05 New School Buses**

DATE:         **October 23, 2018**

RE:            **ADDENDUM NO. 1**

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To All Bidders:

Included are modifications, clarifications and/or corrections for the Project Manual and are hereby made a part of the contract documents. Please attach this addendum to the Project Manual(s) in your possession. Please note the receipt of this addendum on the bid form. Bidders shall review changes to all portions of this work as changes to one portion may affect the work of another.

**If you plan to hand deliver your RFP submission on the due date, please note you must check in on the 2nd floor prior to coming to the bid opening. Please allow time for this as late submission will not be accepted.**

Refer all questions relative to the business aspect, Instructions to Bidders, Special Conditions, and questions concerning the technical aspect of the documents to the Director of Purchasing by email at [purchasingdeptstaff@rps205.com](mailto:purchasingdeptstaff@rps205.com).

**CLARIFICATIONS:**

This addendum includes answers to Requests for Information received to this date.

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By: Dane Youngblood  
Director of Purchasing

## CLARIFICATIONS

Please see the requests for information received to date and corresponding responses.

1. Below are some items that our owner is looking to get clarifications or exceptions on some of the terms and conditions within the Supplemental Items and Conditions and Request for Proposal Specifications sections of the RFP.

### **Supplemental Items and Conditions**

*#10: Equivalency and Substitutes-* [Our company] needs to have the right to make running changes and engineering enhancements. That being said if there are changes we would issue supporting documentation where the district can make a final decision if it's acceptable before issuing a PO.

The District will consider substitutes and will determine if they are acceptable.

*#11: Storage of Equipment-* [Our company] does not build buses without a PO being issued by the district and a time frame for delivery issued by the district. Once a PO is issued and time frame for delivery is given by the district the buses would be built. [Our company] would store the buses from the time they are delivered from the factory until the time the buses are delivered to the school district meeting the district delivery time frame.

This meets District requirements.

*#24: Payment-* Payment would need to be paid in full at time of final delivery or within 15 days after final delivery. This is based on the time frame given to us by the State of Illinois for issued docs, title and license paper work to be returned.

The District will present final payment upon the final delivery of the buses.

*#34: Prevailing Rate of Wage-* This is something we take exception to every year - [our company] cannot accept this since we don't follow the guidelines of Prevailing Rate of Wage in our industries.

Prevailing wage is mandated by Illinois State law and cannot be waived by the District. If the awarded vendor is not required to pay prevailing wage per Illinois State law the District will not require they do so.

### **Request for Proposal (RFP) Specifications for New School Buses**

*#6: Pricing (6.2)-* Our Company would consider Producers Price Index (PPI) with no cap but not CPI and not limited to a cap of 3%. PPI is the most reliable index that takes in all cost of material and labor. PPI is the index that government vehicles use...in our industry.

The District will consider alternative methods of structuring price increases.