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ADDENDUM #4 RFP- PUPIL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES **2025-2026, 2026-2027, AND 2027-2028 SCHOOL YEARS**

The following questions were received from proposers attending the mandatory meeting on June 26, 2024, at 10 a.m., with the response in red:

QUESTIONS:

1. As equipment (bus) ages out, will District require vehicles to be replaced with Electric Vehicles?

At present, NYS law requires all school buses purchased after 2027 states to be electric/zero emission. At present, NYS law requires all school buses to be electric/zero emission by 2035. Proposers are expected to submit a plan with their proposals describing their company's plan to switch to an electric/zero emission fleet by 2035.

2. Will bus monitors be required to meet physical standards?

Yes, bus monitors will be required to meet the regulatory physical performance standards. The District is not applying a more rigorous standard. It is seeking to comply with the requirements of New York laws and regulations. Section 156.3(d) of the Regulations of the New York Commissioner of Education require "each school bus monitor or attendant of a school bus owned, leased or contracted for by a school district or board of cooperative educational services shall pass a physical performance test approved by the commissioner, upon recommendation of an advisory group of certified school bus driver instructors, prior to transporting students, and at least once every two years."

3. Will those vendors not in attendance at today's meeting be allowed to submit a Request For Proposal?

As per the RFP, the District reserves the right to decide.

4. Regarding property the District will lease: Will purchase be done at fair market value?

See Below Addendum 3:

QUESTION 21: RFP: Page 21, item 10 c. Can you clarify what you are expecting on a lease for fair market value? This is an extremely variable cost item depending on facility offering, age of facility, and retrofit costs. We should all be basing the facility rent of district facility on the same cost or no cost to proposer. Any costs charged for rent will be marked up and passed through to the district. We recommend you provide this number or remove the application of rent to a district facility.

ANSWER TO QUESTION 21: We currently receive a monthly rental of \$5,250 for 35 vehicles. We are required to charge fair market value according to Education Law and the lease value will be determined based on the property(ies) to be leased.

5. Will the District allow light mechanical maintenance to be done at the District storage site?

No. A mechanic will not be allowed to do any bus maintenance on- site. Only the storage of the vehicles is allowed.

6. RFP deadline – Since the contract does not start until the 2025-2026 school year, can the deadline be moved to July 26th due to holiday in between now and current due date?

The District will consider extending the due date. The District is seeking to ensure that there is sufficient lead to time for the successful proposer to be able to purchase any vehicles needed for the contract(s) awarded.

If you have any questions regarding this addendum, please email me at: tonirusso@wpcsd.k12.ny.us

Thank you,

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