

MOUNT VERNON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
165 NORTH COLUMBUS AVENUE
MOUNT VERNON, NEW YORK 10553

TO: All Prospective Bidders
FROM: Mount Vernon City School District
DATE: August 2, 2024
RE: **RE-BID # 2024/25-04R: BID FOR STUDENT TRANSPORTATION**

ADDENDUM # 1

Attached please find Addendum No. 1 for your review and use.

PLEASE FAX THIS COVER SHEET TOGETHER WITH YOUR COMPANY'S NAME TO OUR OFFICE AT (914) 914-665-1682 AS CONFIRMATION OF RECEIPT.

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This Addendum contains modifications/clarifications to the requirements of the contract and/or the District's bid and the specifications set forth therein. Such clarifications/modifications shall be incorporated into the contract/specification documents and shall apply with the same meaning and force as if they had been included in the original documents. Wherever this Addendum modifies a portion of a paragraph of the contract or any portion of the bid documents, the remainder of the paragraph affected shall remain in full force and effect.

The District received the following inquiries from prospective bidders concerning the bid. The question received and the District's response is as follows:

Question No. 1: What was the official reason for Mt. Vernon rejecting the first bid?

Answer No. 1: With the exception of the bid proposals received for the Summer Home to School Transportation Contract, the Board of Education did not award or reject any of the bid proposals received for the student transportation contracts previously advertised.

Question No. 2: I see the number of ID [In-District] routes on the bid has decreased from 95 to 80. Was it intentional to eliminate the 5 bus routes that were on the previous bid?

Answer No. 2: Please refer to the Projected Fleet Vehicle Configurations/Program Profiles along with the Bid Proposal Forms in the bid specifications for each of the contracts for which bids are being requested. The Projected Fleet Vehicle Configurations reflect the estimated number of buses required for the 2024-2025 school year. Bidders acknowledge that a good faith estimate of required services has been provided by the District and changes in circumstances can occur due to various factors. Bidders guarantee that they will be able to accommodate a variety of changes over the life of the contract and provide additional vehicles as "adds," reduce vehicles as "deletes," or modify daily usage schedules, as needed according to the prices awarded. Prior bid documents are irrelevant to this bid.

Question No. 3: Are there any other changes from the previous bid?

Answer No. 3: Yes. Bidders are responsible for obtaining and reviewing all information necessary for the preparation of their bid proposals.

Question No. 4: I see the most recent Bid does not include cameras. Was that intentional?

Answer No. 4: The School District has requested pricing for vehicles with video cameras as an alternate. Please refer to paragraph 8.1.11 (j) of the bid specifications and the Bid Proposal Forms for Add Alternate #1.

Question No. 5: Can we enter No Bid in the pricing proposal sections that we do not want to bid on?

Answer No. 5: No. For each of the contracts that Bidders are submitting a bid, Bidders are required to complete the charts/proposal forms included in the bid specifications in their

entirety for **all specified vehicles**, even if the vehicle type is not being used by the District for calculation purposes. In the event that pricing is not provided for all items contained in the charts, the Bid will be deemed incomplete. For example, all charts/proposal forms including unit pricing for Base Bid 1-A must be completed in their entirety if the Bidder is submitting a bid proposal for the District's consideration for that contract.

Question No. 6: Is the fuel option for diesel and regular?

Answer No. 6: Please refer to paragraph 8.1.13 for the fuel clause. If the District providing fuel option is selected by the District, diesel fuel will be provided to the contractor in accordance with the terms of the bid specifications. For the 5-7 passenger vehicles that are listed in the unit prices which require regular gasoline, the District will not provide regular gasoline for those vehicles.

Question No. 7: Where would the vehicles go for fuel?

Answer No. 7: Bidders are free to determine where to procure the fuel that they provide for their own vehicles.

Question No. 8: Cameras are required for all vehicles?

Answer No. 8: The District is requesting pricing for vehicles equipped with video cameras meeting the specifications as an add alternate. If the District selects the video camera alternate, all vehicles must be equipped with video cameras. Please refer to the bid specifications at paragraph 8.1.11(j) and the Bid Proposal forms for Add Alternate #1.

Question No. 9: Article 7.1 says ... "All pricing figures must be accompanied by detailed support of the calculations satisfactory to the district" Can you please explain in more detail exactly what you are looking for? This has never been required in any of the bids we've done in the past 35 years. I am very reluctant to submit any cost analysis that could be accessed by my competitors. Please forward an example of what you are looking for.

Answer No. 9: The cost per vehicle per day is already reflected on the Bid Proposal forms. The School District reserves the right to request substantiation for any bid proposal prior to award.

Question No. 10: Can you please ask them about the Experience in Pupil Transportation Form referenced in the Bidder's Checklist? There is no such form anywhere in the RFP.

Answer No. 10: All references to the Experience in Pupil Transportation Form are hereby deleted.

Question No. 11: If the Contractor is agreeing to the Iran Divestment Act on page 133, do they need to include the Declaration of Bidder's Inability to Provide Certification of Compliance with the Iran Divestment Act marked with "N/A", or can it be omitted?

Answer No. 11: Bidders must complete the Declaration of Bidder's Inability to Provide Certification of Compliance with the Iran Divestment Act form if they cannot certify that the Bidder /Contractor or any proposed subcontractor is not identified on the Prohibited Entities List. The District reserves the right to undertake any investigation into the information provided or to request additional information from the Bidder.