

RANTOUL CITY SCHOOLS DISTRICT 137

ADDENDUM NO. 1 TO STUDENT TRANSPORTATION BID

This Addendum No. 1 dated March 13, 2025 is being sent to all potential bidders for the Student Transportation Services bid issued March 10, 2025 for the above-referenced School District. Section 3 of the Bid Specifications has been revised to now reflect the changes noted below:

III. EQUIPMENT

3.1 All buses utilized under this bid must meet the **current standards** of the Illinois Department of Transportation Commercial Vehicle Safety Section School Bus Inspection Manual and any recent additions. In addition, the Contractor shall furnish and operate only those buses which comply with all relevant statutes, in effect throughout the duration of this contract, that regulate the use of school buses within the State of Illinois. All buses used in the performance of this Contract shall be subject to inspection by the Illinois Department of Transportation at intervals prescribed by law in effect at the time and must display the inspection approval sticker to verify the same.

3.2 The Contractor is responsible for keeping up-to-date with regard to all safety and bus modification regulations. As the law changes, the Contractor shall be required to make any and all modifications as determined by the State of Illinois and/or federal regulations.

3.3 All buses/vehicles utilized under this Contract shall meet all current construction, equipment, inspection, licensing, and other requirements of federal, state, and local laws and of the Rules and Regulations of the Illinois State Board of Education. All buses/vehicles shall be maintained in top mechanical condition and cleanliness such that service may be provided regularly and safely. Rantoul City Schools District 137 reserves the right to inspect any or all equipment at any time with respect to the Contractor's compliance with the above requirements.

3.4 The age and condition of equipment shall be significant factors in awarding the transportation contract. Equipment must be operational to provide required service to meet safety standards as specified in the contract. The Contractor shall supply and maintain a ~~nineteen~~ (19) bus fleet. The fleet will have an average age of six (6) years, but no bus will have an age greater than ten (10) at the beginning of each school year. All buses will be equipped with global positioning systems (GPS) that allows parents to trace the bus. The contractor will provide a digital reporting platform allowing for student behavior to be easily reported to school administration. A list of all school buses used in the performance of this Contract shall be provided by the Contractor to the School prior to the beginning of each school year. This list shall include, but not be limited to, the following information: Vehicle capacity; Bus number; Model name and year; Serial number; and Odometer reading. This list shall be added to this Contract as an appendix. Contract shall use current buses that are assigned to RCS 137 site. Replacement equipment will be provided if the current buses exceed ten (10) years or become inoperable. RCS 137 will be notified when new capital equipment is replaced with alternate equipment. The number of buses can be increased or reduced by the equivalent route reduction or addition.

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3.5 Any promise by the Contractor to obtain used/new buses for the Contract shall be accompanied by a written statement from the supplier of the buses guaranteeing the availability of the buses by the beginning of the school year, or by a date thereafter that is acceptable to Rantoul City Schools District 137.

3.6 All buses/vehicles utilized under this Contract shall be equipped with two-way digital radio communication systems at the cost of Contractor which can reliably provide contact between a bus in service and the School District. The Contractor shall furnish their drivers with two-way digital radio handsets. RCS 137 has an FCC license for two-way radio communications for transportation services and will provide the frequency to the repeater at no cost to the Contractor.

3.7 All buses/vehicles shall have video/audio surveillance equipment installed internally on the front and rear cabin of each bus and one on the stop arm at the Contractor's expense. Signage must be posted on the door of the bus that states "this bus records audio and video". School district personnel shall be responsible for reviewing video when problems are encountered on a particular bus. Software or web application must be purchased, provided, and maintained by the Contractor for School District administrative personnel to utilize to view video for the life of this contract. The School District maintains one (1) Central office, ~~seven (7)~~ principal offices, and one (1) transportation service office. The Contractor shall maintain all video/audio files for at least six (6) months.

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3.8 All buses/vehicles utilized under this Contract shall be equipped with sounding devices that issue a warning signal when the vehicle is moving in reverse and shall be equipped with strobe lights.

3.9 The Contractor must guarantee the safe delivery of all students on all bus routes within a reasonable amount of time of the scheduled arrival and departure times. In order to accomplish this, the Contractor may wish to have reserve buses on hand. These buses are to meet the same guidelines as all other buses specified in this contract. All buses shall be housed within the District.

3.10 Rantoul City Schools District 137 reserves the right, during the term of the contract, to adjust its vehicle and route requirements so that more or fewer buses or routes are called for. The numbers specified by Rantoul City Schools District 137 in the bid documents are used as estimates necessary to determine low bid only. The Contractor shall be prepared to provide ~~fifteen (15)~~ buses for the required bus routes and two (2) spare buses for additional bus routes and extra-curricular trips (~~6~~ regular, ~~5~~ special education, ~~4~~ PreK, and 2 spare). All buses used by Contractor for the Rantoul City Schools District 137 shall be housed at the bus barn, located at Wabash Ave, Rantoul, Illinois. If approved by both Contractor and RCS 137, District school buses may be housed at drivers' residences in order to save fuel and time.

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The actual number of buses used shall be determined by Rantoul City Schools District 137, with the input of the Contractor, and the Contract charges shall be adjusted accordingly on a pro-rated basis based upon the number of routes. For example, if there are nine (9) regular routes, and a route is added or subtracted, the Contract shall be adjusted up or down by 1/9th of the Contract price.

For the 2024-2025 School Year buses are utilized as follows:

Four (4) Pre-K Buses. All buses do one morning, two midday and one afternoon route. One morning bus also picks up rural junior high students.

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Six (6) Regular Education Buses. Buses are shared between schools as follows: Three buses are Broadmeadow Elementary and the Junior High. One bus is Northview and the Junior High. Two buses are Eastlawn Elementary and Pleasant Acres Elementary.

Five (5) Curb to Curb Special Education Buses. Buses are currently utilized as follows: One bus Northview and RISE Academy. One bus Pleasant Acres and Eastlawn. One bus Northview and Junior High. One bus Broadmeadow. One bus Circle Academy (1303 N Cunningham Ave, Urbana, IL 61802)

For the 2025-2026 School Year, the School District is reorganizing elementary school attendance boundaries and some related programming. The School District anticipates an increased need of up to three (3) regular and one (1) special education buses for service of the elementary schools.

The buses shall carry children for approximately three (3) hours per day: 7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. and 2:50 p.m. - 4:20 p.m. Times listed are approximate. Some individual vehicles shall start earlier/later and finish earlier/later. The number of regular buses may change as routes are added, changed, or deleted. The Contractor shall be prepared to add additional buses as needed, within two (2) weeks of written notice.

3.11 The telephone numbers of the Contractor and Rantoul City Schools District 137 shall be prominently displayed on the Bus Rules and Regulations in all vehicles used.

3.12 Essential emergency information, including blood-borne pathogens and first aid kits, shall be provided on each bus and easily accessible to the driver. All kits must meet mandated requirements. A seat belt/strap cutter shall be available on every bus. Rantoul City Schools District 137 will furnish to each bus driver a copy of his/her riders' emergency cards on his/her bus for every trip.

3.13 The School District will provide motor fuel for the operation of student transportation at the cost of the Rantoul City Schools .

3.14 The Rantoul City Schools owns, insures, and maintains the bus garage at Wabash Ave, Rantoul, Illinois. Contractors shall be responsible for any damage due to contractor neglect or accident. Utilities and other operating costs to provide student transportation to the RCS 137 District would be the contractor's responsibility.

The Contractor is responsible for maintaining building and office cleanliness. The Contractor shall furnish at its own cost all tools and supplies as well as additional equipment therefore needed for its operation. It shall be the sole responsibility of the Contractor to have and keep in its employment a full- time mechanic, and other personnel at its local area bus garage and transportation office to provide the services required under this Contract to keep the school buses operated by the Contractor in such a condition as to prevent any interruption in its service of providing transportation of pupils for the District and to provide the repair and maintenance services hereby agreed to be performed for the District.

3.15 The Board reserves the right to employ at its expense a certified mechanic to inspect all vehicles as it deems necessary. Buses and other vehicles shall be left at school for this purpose. Only the inspector shall be in attendance. The Board reserves the right to appoint three (3) members of the Board to a committee to inspect the buses. The Board reserves the right to remove a bus from service if it believes the bus is unsafe to operate. It shall be placed back in service after deficiencies have been

3.16 Buses will prominently display the full name of the school district (Rantoul City Schools District 137) on each side of the bus. If these buses are used for charter service for other than school use, the school district name must be covered during these trips. Buses must be thoroughly cleaned after all charter trips.

