

Questions
For
San Mateo County Office of Education
Request for Proposals
For
Student Transportation Services

1. Vehicles Leased to SMCOE – In the event drivers employed by SMCOE damage Contractor owned vehicles, who will be responsible for the repair cost?
Damage repair costs resulting from SMCOE driver fault is the responsibility of SMCOE.
2. Will SMCOE or the Districts serviced under the MOU, be providing any vehicles to the Contractor?
Potentially. Depends on District need.
3. The Attachment A, Proposal Form Price Schedule, Section I states that buses shall be no older than seven years. Will SMCOE extend the maximum age of buses to 10 years for Type-1 Ambulatory Buses and Type-1 Wheelchair buses?
Yes, Attachment A of the RFP will be revised to read maximum age of buses ten (10) years.
4. The Attachment A, Proposal Form Price Schedule, Section III Outdoor Education Program requests pricing for an 87-passenger bus. The maximum capacity for a school bus equipped with seat belts in accordance with State of California regulations is 78 passengers. Will SMCOE revise the passenger capacity of the buses used for this pricing to a bus with a capacity of 78-87 passengers?
Yes, the RFP will be revised to read 78 passenger bus.
5. Attachment B Proposal Questionnaire I.C.5. of the RFP requests information relating to collective bargaining, specifically name of labor organization; name of president/business manager and phone number; and copies of active collective bargaining agreements. Generally speaking, CBAs are confidential/non-public documents and information such as name and phone numbers of business agents qualify as personally identifiable information (PII) and in many cases are subject to privacy restrictions. As such, we have concerns about producing such requested information. Would withholding of this information compromise our bid in any way, e.g., would it/could it be deemed to be non-responsive?
If there is a legal basis for not providing this information, please provide reference and note this information is confidential and not available for sharing.

SMCOE will review the legal basis in our evaluation of RFP proposals. This would not be deemed non-responsive.

6. Attachment E – Transportation Data, Page 3: What is the difference between highlighted Districts vs. non-highlighted Districts on P. 3?

Highlighting will be removed in Attachment E.

7. Attachment E – Transportation Data, Page 3: Are the 180 students under SMCOE MOU in Section II (Pg-3) additional to the 215 Students listed in Section I?

Number of students is estimated at 185 in Section I of Attachment E. The 180 students listed by district in Section II of Attachment E are the same students and not additional.

8. Can you please provide your current route volume for the 2023-2024 school year for your Type-1 Ambulatory routes and your Type-1 Wheelchair routes?

18 Ambulatory and 6 Wheelchairs.

9. Can you please provide your forecasted route volume for the 2024-2025 school year for your Type-1 Ambulatory routes and your Type-1 Wheelchair routes?

Projected and subject to change: 19 Ambulatory and 7 Wheelchairs

10. Will SMCOE entertain variable pricing based on relevant route volume changes over the term of the contract?

No.

11. Will SMCOE entertain alternate bid proposals where the performance bond requirement is waived?

No.

12. Will SMCOE entertain alternate bid proposals where the cost of fuel is pegged?

No.