

**Addendum #1 to the Request for Bids
Round Lake Community Unit School District 116
For Individual and Small Group Transportation Services for Students
April 3, 2026**

Round Lake Community Unit School District 116 (“District”) issues this Addendum #1 to the Request for Bids for Individual and Small Group Transportation Services, which was issued on or about March 19, 2026. This Addendum #1 shall be considered part of the Bid Documents (as defined therein) and is hereby incorporated therein by reference.

The District received the following questions and issues the following answers:

Question 1. “We have a unique ability with First Student to offer both dedicated fleet for the district and utilizing our FirstALT division (alternative transportation model that utilizes subcontractors that meet all First Student and contractual standards). With that being said, I wanted to confirm it would be acceptable for First Student to offer both pricing options in our proposal. The FirstALT pricing structure is based on miles plus additional equipment needs, while our main service can adhere to the current pricing page structure.”

Answer: Bidders must submit pricing strictly in accordance with the Bid Submission Form provided in the bid documents. Alternate pricing models, including mileage-based or other structures, will not be accepted or considered.

All proposals must conform to the required pricing format. Bids that deviate from this structure may be deemed non-responsive.

Question 2. “Please provide current route information – passenger counts, mileage, time and any equipment needs (wheelchair lifts, star seats, harnesses, etc.) This will help us build out a fleet plan to meet the district’s needs.”

Please notate number of lift vehicles you would anticipate to need for next year.”

Answer: The District currently operates approximately 20 AM and 20 PM individual/small group routes serving students across a wide geographic area. These routes typically transport 1-3 students per vehicle, with mileage and duration varying based on student placement and needs.

At this time:

- No students require wheelchair-accessible (lift-equipped) vehicles
- Specialized equipment needs are minimal and determined on a case-by-case basis
- Some routes may require an aide depending on student needs

The District does not anticipate needing lift-equipped vehicles at this time; however, needs may change based on student enrollment and IEP requirements.

Question 3. “Please provide the current contract(s), rate page(s) and three months of invoices. This will help us validate volumes and set a baseline in our costing analysis.”

Answer: The District will not be providing current contracts, rate sheets, or invoices as part of this bid process. Bidders should rely on the information provided in the bid documents and submit pricing in accordance with the required Bid Submission Form.

All bidders are expected to develop their proposals based on their own operational assumptions and experience in providing similar services.

Question 4. “Are there any camera or GPS requirements for the vehicles?”

Answer: The District does not currently require cameras or GPS systems on vehicles for these services, and such equipment is not specified as a requirement within the bid documents.

Bidders should ensure all vehicles meet the requirements outlined in the bid specifications.

Question 5. “Is 1 physical copy of the proposal sufficient?”

Answer: Yes.

Question 6. “Have LDs been assessed to your current contractor(s)? If so in what amount over the last year.”

Answer: The District declines to provide this information.

Question 7. “It is mentioned that the district anticipates multiple contractors would be required. Is there preference to select one contractor, if they have the capability and flexibility to support all the district’s needs?”

Answer: The District reserves the right to award contracts to one or multiple contractors, as determined to be in the best interest of the District. While the District anticipates that multiple contractors may be needed to meet all service demands, a single contractor may be awarded all or a portion of the services if they demonstrate the capacity, reliability, and overall value to meet the District’s needs.

Question 8. “When do you anticipate to award the contract(s)?”

Answer: The District anticipates presenting the contract(s) for consideration at the April 20, 2026, Board meeting.

Question 9. “Would the district consider contract suggestions that accompany the proposal?”

Answer: No, bidders are not to submit modifications with their bid.

Question 10. “Is there any maximum age or average age to the fleet?”

Answer: As stated on page 15 of the Bid Documents, the average age of vehicles to be used must not to exceed seven (7) years and no vehicle may be older than twelve (12) years.

Question 11. “How many operating days / school days are expected for next year?”

Answer: Approximately 174 student attendance days

Question 12. “Is there any summer school routes? If so, how many and how long does the summer program last typically?”

Answer: Summer school transportation needs vary from year to year based on student eligibility and program offerings. The District determines summer programming in the spring, and route numbers, duration, and service needs will vary accordingly.

Bidders should anticipate that any summer school transportation needs will be communicated once programming is finalized.

Question 13. How many copies of the proposal should vendors submit?

Answer: Bidders are required to submit one (1) complete sealed bid in accordance with the instructions outlined in the bid documents.

In the event of a conflict between the terms and conditions of this Addendum and those of any other Bid Document (as currently constituted and as may be amended from time to time), the terms and conditions in this Addendum shall govern. All other provisions of the Bid Documents not expressly modified herein shall remain in full force and effect.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ADDENDUM NO. 1

The undersigned bidder certifies that it has received Addendum No. 1, and has considered Addendum No. 1 prior to submitting its bid, and that Addendum No. 1 is incorporated in the Bid Documents.

Bidder Name

Name

Title

Date

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