

	District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties Invitation for Bid Amendment One	Solicitation #	2026-038
		Date Amendment Issued	July 2, 2026
		Procurement Official	Chris Winslow
		Phone	(803) 476-8140
		E-Mail Address	D5bids@lexrich5.org

DESCRIPTION	Specialized Transportation Services
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The Term "Offer" Means Your "Bid" or "Proposal"

SUBMIT OFFER BY	July 15, 2026 @ 11:00 am
QUESTIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY	July 1, 2026 @ 12:00 pm Electronically to D5bids@lexrich5.org Time has Passed
NUMBER OF COPIES TO BE SUBMITTED	One (1)

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SUBMIT YOUR SEALED OFFER TO:

District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties Purchasing Office 1020 Dutch Fork Road Irmo, SC 29063

CONFERENCE TYPE: N/A DATE & TIME: As appropriate, see "Conferences - Pre-Bid/Proposal" & "Site Visit" provisions	LOCATION: N/A
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AWARD & AMENDMENTS	The award, this solicitation, and any amendments will be posted at the following web address: https://www.lexrich5.org/departments/office-of-finance/procurement/solicitations-and-awards
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You must submit a signed copy of this form with Your Offer. By submitting a bid or proposal, You agree to be bound by the terms of the Solicitation. You agree to hold Your Offer open for a minimum of sixty (60) calendar days after the Opening Date.		
NAME OF OFFEROR (Full legal name of business submitting the offer)		OFFEROR'S TYPE OF ENTITY: (Check one) ☐ Sole Proprietorship ☐ Partnership ☐ Corporation (tax-exempt) ☐ Corporate entity (not tax-exempt) ☐ Government entity (federal, state, or local) ☐ Other _____ (See "Signing Your Offer" provision.)
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE (Person signing must be authorized to submit a binding offer to enter into a contract on behalf of Offeror named above.)		
TITLE (Business title of person signing above)		
PRINTED NAME (Printed name of person signing above)	DATE SIGNED	
Instructions regarding Offeror's name: Any award issued will be issued to, and the contract will be formed with, the entity identified as the Offeror above. The entity named as the Offeror must be a single and distinct legal entity. Do not use the name of a branch office or a division of a larger entity if the branch or division is not a separate legal entity, <i>i.e.</i> , a separate corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, etc.		
STATE OF INCORPORATION (If Offeror is a corporation, identify the state of Incorporation.)		TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NO.

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HOME OFFICE ADDRESS (Address for Offeror's home office / principal place of business)	NOTICE ADDRESS (Address to which all procurement and contract related notices should be sent.) (See "Notice" clause)						
	Area Code - Number - Extension Facsimile						
	E-Mail Address						
PAYMENT ADDRESS (Address to which payments will be sent.) (See "Payment" clause)	ORDER ADDRESS (Address to which purchase orders will be sent) (See "Purchase Orders" and "Contract Documents" clauses)						
	Order E-Mail Address:						
☐ Payment Address same as Home Office Address ☐ Payment Address same as Notice Address (check only one)	☐ Order Address same as Home Office Address ☐ Order Address same as Notice Address (check only one)						
ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF AMENDMENTS: Offerors acknowledge receipt of amendments by indicating amendment number and its date of issue. (See "Amendments to Solicitation" Provision)							
Amendment No.	Amendment Issue Date	Amendment No.	Amendment Issue Date	Amendment No.	Amendment Issue Date	Amendment No.	Amendment Issue Date
DISCOUNT FOR PROMPT PAYMENT (See "Discount for Prompt Payment" clause)	10 Calendar Days (%) _____	20 Calendar Days (%) _____	30 Calendar Days (%) _____	_____ Calendar Days (%)			
PREFERENCES - A NOTICE TO VENDORS (SEP. 2009): On June 16, 2009, the South Carolina General Assembly rewrote the law governing preferences available to in-state vendors, vendors using in-state subcontractors, and vendors selling in-state or US end products. This law appears in Section 11-35-1524 of the South Carolina Code of Laws. A summary of the new preferences is available at www.procurement.sc.gov/preferences . ALL THE PREFERENCES MUST BE CLAIMED AND ARE APPLIED BY LINE ITEM, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER AWARD IS MADE BY ITEM OR LOT. VENDORS ARE CAUTIONED TO CAREFULLY REVIEW THE STATUTE BEFORE CLAIMING ANY PREFERENCES. THE REQUIREMENTS TO QUALIFY HAVE CHANGED. IF YOU REQUEST A PREFERENCE, YOU ARE CERTIFYING THAT YOUR OFFER QUALIFIES FOR THE PREFERENCE YOU'VE CLAIMED. IMPROPERLY REQUESTING A PREFERENCE CAN HAVE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES. [11-35-1524(E)(4) & (6)]							
PREFERENCES - ADDRESS AND PHONE OF IN-STATE OFFICE: Please provide the address and phone number for your in-state office in the space provided below. An in-state office is necessary to claim either the Resident Vendor Preference (11-35-1524(C)(1)(i)&(ii)) or the Resident Contractor Preference (11-35-1524(C)(1)(iii)). Accordingly, you must provide this information to qualify for the preference. An in-state office is not required, but can be beneficial, if you are claiming the Resident Subcontractor Preference (11-35-1524(D)).							
☐ In-State Office Address same as Home Office Address ☐ In-State Office Address same as Notice Address (check only one)							

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AMENDMENT ONE
Specialized Transportation Services
SOLICITATION # 2026-038

The Solicitation may be amended at any time prior to opening. Submitters shall acknowledge receipt of any amendment to this solicitation (1) by signing and returning the amendment, (2) by identifying the amendment number and date in the space provided for this purpose on Page Two, (3) by letter, or (4) by submitting a bid that indicates in some way that the bidder received the amendment. (c) If this solicitation is amended, then all terms and conditions which are not modified remain unchanged.

THE SOLICITATION IS AMENDED AS PROVIDED HEREIN. INFORMATION OR CHANGES RESULTING FROM QUESTIONS WILL BE SHOWN IN A QUESTION-AND-ANSWER FORMAT. ALL QUESTIONS RECEIVED HAVE BEEN REPRINTED BELOW. THE QUESTIONS ARE INCLUDED SOLELY TO PROVIDE A CROSS-REFERENCE TO THE POTENTIAL OFFEROR THAT SUBMITTED THE QUESTION. QUESTIONS DO NOT FORM A PART OF THE CONTRACT; THE "DISTRICT'S RESPONSE" DOES. ANY RESTATEMENT OF PART OR ALL OF AN EXISTING PROVISION OF THE SOLICITATION IN AN ANSWER DOES NOT MODIFY THE ORIGINAL PROVISION EXCEPT AS FOLLOWS: UNDERLINED TEXT IS ADDED TO THE ORIGINAL PROVISION. ~~STRICKEN TEXT IS DELETED.~~

CLARIFICATIONS/ RESPONSES TO BIDDER QUESTIONS:

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CONTRACTOR'S LIABILITY INSURANCE- GENERAL: (a) Without limiting any of the obligations or liabilities of Contractor, Contractor shall procure from a company or companies lawfully authorized to do business in South Carolina and with a current A.M. Best rating of no less than A: VII, and maintain for the duration of the contract, insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work and the results of that work by the contractor, his agents, representatives, employees or subcontractors. (b) Coverage shall be at least as broad as: (1) Commercial General Liability (CGL): Insurance Services Office (ISO) Form CG 00 01 12 07 covering CGL on an "occurrence" basis, including products-completed operations, personal and advertising injury, with limits no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence. If a general aggregate limit applies, the general aggregate limit shall be twice the required occurrence limit. This contract shall be considered to be an "insured contract" as defined in the policy. (2) Auto Liability: ISO Form Number CA 00 01 covering any auto (Code 1), or if Contractor has no owned autos, hired, (Code 8) and non-owned autos (Code 9), with limits no less than \$1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury and property damage. (3) Worker's Compensation: As required by the State of South Carolina, with Statutory Limits, and Employer's Liability Insurance with limit of no less than \$1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury or disease. (c) The District and the officers, officials, employees and volunteers of the District, must be covered as additional insureds on the CGL policy with respect to liability arising out of work or operations performed by or on behalf of the Contractor including materials, parts or equipment furnished in connection with such work or operations. General liability coverage can be provided in the form of an endorsement to the Contractor's insurance at least as broad as ISO Form CG 20 10 11 85 or if not available, through the addition of both CG 20 10 and CG 20 37 if a later edition is used. (d) For any claims related to this contract, the Contractor's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects to the District and the officers, officials, employees and volunteers of the District. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the District, or the officers, officials, employees and volunteers of the District, shall be excess of the Contractor's insurance and shall not contribute with it. (e) Prior to commencement of the work, the Contractor shall furnish the District with original certificates and amendatory endorsements or copies of the applicable policy language effecting

coverage required by this section. All certificates are to be received and approved by the District before work commences. However, failure to obtain the required documents prior to the work beginning shall not waive the Contractor's obligation to provide them. The District reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, including endorsements required by this section, at any time. (f) Should any of the above-described policies be cancelled before the expiration date thereof, notice will be delivered in accordance with the policy provisions. In addition, the Contractor shall notify the District immediately upon receiving any information that any of the coverages required by this section are or will be changed, cancelled, or replaced. (g) Contractor hereby grants to the District a waiver of any right to subrogation which any insurer of said Contractor may acquire against the District by virtue of the payment of any loss under such insurance. Contractor agrees to obtain any endorsement that may be necessary to effect this waiver of subrogation, but this provision applies regardless of whether or not the District has received a waiver of subrogation endorsement from the insurer. (h) Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by the District. The District may require the Contractor to purchase coverage with a lower deductible or retention or provide proof of ability to pay losses and related investigations, claim administration, and defense expenses within the retention. (i) The District reserves the right to modify these requirements, including limits, based on the nature of the risk, prior experience, insurer, coverage, or other special circumstances.

1. Question: Will you consider a contractor who does not have a local office if they work on a subcontracted and remote model?

District Response: Please refer to Section III, Scope of Work/Specifications, subsection(k) Subcontracting (page 15) of the solicitation.

2. Question: Will you work with companies that work as a TNC?

District Response: No. Please refer to Section III, Scope of Work/Specifications, subsection (a)(b) on page 13 of the solicitation, which states that rideshare services, such as Uber or Lyft, are not permitted.

3. Question: Who is the current vendor serving the district?

District Response: The current contractor providing these services to the District is Checker Yellow Cab Company, Inc.

4. Question: Can the District provide the average and maximum one-way mileage and ride times for students currently receiving alternative transportation services?

District Response: The District serves approximately 5–200 students requiring specialized transportation services

5. Question: Can the District confirm the anticipated number of students, routes, and assignments expected at the start of the contract, along with any historical volume information available?

District Response: See response to question 4.

6. Question: Please clarify the quantity of 280 in the bidding schedule. Is this trips or miles expected?

District Response: The quantity of 280 on the Bidding Schedule is an estimated number of trips. The quantities listed on the bid schedule are estimates and will be used for evaluation purposes only.

7. Question: What is the difference between the 2% and 4% resident subcontractor preferences?

District Response: Please reference refer to the solicitation section II Instructions to Offerors – B. Special Instructions “PREFERENCES - RESIDENT SUBCONTRACTOR PREFERENCE (SEP 2009)” on page 12 of the solicitation.”

8. Question: How many clients are you looking for in the list of school districts that we currently serve? We have over 800 clients. Would a list of 15 in your region be acceptable for your bid submission?

District Response: Please refer to Section V. Qualifications (a).1 and (a).2 on page 18 of the solicitation.

9. Question: In order to assist proposers in offering competitive pricing, please provide the following, if available:

Current and or previous contractor(s)

Current contractor rates

Sample invoice(s)

District Response: The current contractor providing these services to the District is Checker Yellow Cab Company, Inc. The other information requested must be requested by submitting a FOIA request. Information regarding FOIA requests is available at: <https://www.lexrich5.org/departments/communications/freedom-of-information-act-requests>

10. Question: What is the current and projected transportation budget, estimated annual contract value, and historical spending?

District Response: The anticipated budget for this contract is unknown. Specialized Transportation Services for the District vary based on the District's operational requirements during the contract term. The other information requested must be requested by submitting a FOIA request. Information regarding FOIA requests is available at: <https://www.lexrich5.org/departments/communications/freedom-of-information-act-requests>

11. Question: In order to offer the most price competitive and cost-effective transportation solution, our pricing is not based on a traditional bus route per day/hour pricing model. Rather, our pricing is a base price fee + a per-mile fee. May we adjust the proposal to reflect our pricing structure to ensure that the cost is evaluated appropriately?

District Response: No. Offerors must submit pricing using the BIDDING SCHEDULE / PRICE-BUSINESS PROPOSAL provided with the solicitation (page 27).

12. Question: What is the anticipated award date? When does the contract start?

District Response: The anticipated award date will be prior to August 15, 2026. The anticipated contract start date will be August 15, 2026

13. Question: The Scope permits subcontracting with District approval and prohibits rideshare services (Uber/Lyft). Will the District accept a contractor whose drivers are independent contractors drivers — provided all background check, licensing, training, and insurance requirements are met and the prime contractor retains full management responsibility — or are W2 employee drivers required?

District Response: Please refer to Section III, Scope of Work/Specifications, subsection (k) Subcontracting (page 15) of the solicitation.

14. Question: Who is the current vendor(s) and what are their rates?

District Response: The current contractor providing these services to the District is Checker Yellow Cab Company, Inc. The other information requested must be requested by submitting a FOIA request. Information regarding FOIA requests is available at: <https://www.lexrich5.org/departments/communications/freedom-of-information-act-requests>

15. Question: Are there any challenges or service-related issues with the current vendor(s) that the District is hoping to address/improve via this RFP?

District Response: No. The District is seeking qualified contractors to provide specialized, non-medical transportation services for students with and without disabilities.

16. Question: What is the expected number of students that will need transportation under this RFP?

If the District has historical data, could the District please share that information?

District Response: The District serves approximately 5–200 students requiring specialized transportation services.

17. Question: What is the average one-way mileage for the routes currently operated by contracted services?

District Response: The District is unable to provide an average one-way mileage, as trip distances vary considerably and historical mileage is not maintained in a format that supports this calculation.

18. Question: How many students will require equipment (car seat, booster seat, safety vest) under this RFP?

District Response: This solicitation is an **Invitation for Bids (IFB)**, not an RFP. The District is unable to provide the number of students who may require specialized equipment (e.g., car seats, booster seats, or safety vests), as these needs are subject to change based on individual student requirements throughout the contract term.

19. Question: How many students will require wheelchair transport under this RFP?

District Response: This solicitation is an **Invitation for Bids (IFB)**, not an RFP. The District is unable to provide the number of students who may require wheelchair transport, as these needs are subject to change based on individual student requirements throughout the contract term.

20. Question: How many students will require a monitor/aide under this RFP?

District Response: This solicitation is an **Invitation for Bids (IFB)**, not an RFP. The District is unable to provide the number of students who may require a monitor/aide, as these needs are subject to change based on individual student requirements throughout the contract term.

21. Question: Regarding the following statement in the Scope of Work: "Services seven (7) days per week, including weekends, as needed." Could the District provide an estimate of how many students or trips are anticipated to require transportation on weekends?

District Response: The District is unable to provide the number of students who may require transportation on weekends, as these needs are subject to change based on individual student requirements throughout the contract term.

22. Question: Regarding the following statement in the Scope of Work: "Transportation for students and, when authorized, accompanying parents or guardians." Could the District provide an estimate of how many students or trips are anticipated to require parents or guardians accompanying them?

District Response: The District is unable to provide the number of students who may require transportation with an accompanying parent or guardian, as these needs are subject to change based on individual student requirements throughout the contract term.

23. Question: In the bidding schedule, could you clarify the term "quantity?" Does the quantity number represent passengers or the number of one-way trips?

District Response: Please see the districts response to question 6.

24. Question: In the Scope of Work under Item J, can the district please confirm the coverage limits for General Liability & Workers' Compensation since the coverage limit is only listed for Auto Liability?

District Response: Please refer to the Changes on the Amendment above.

25. Question: Regarding the "No Show Fee" on VIII. Bidding Schedule, if a prospective bidder does not charge a separate fee for a no show, should the prospective bidder put \$0 for that Unit Price?

District Response: Yes, \$0 is an appropriate response on the bidding schedule.

26. Question: Regarding the "Cancellation Fee" on VIII. Bidding Schedule, if the prospective bidder has a shorter time window for late cancellation (i.e. 2 hours instead of 24 hours), how should the prospective bidder notate that on the Biding Schedule?

District Response: Offerors shall submit pricing in accordance with the Bid Schedule included in the IFB. The Bid Schedule shall not be modified. Bids submitted with alternate cancellation timeframes or conditions may be determined nonresponsive.

27. Question: Can the district provide an evaluation criteria breakdown that the district plans to use to evaluate all RFP responses?

District Response: This solicitation is an **Invitation for Bids (IFB)**, not an RFP. Bids will be evaluated and awarded in accordance with the evaluation and award provisions contained in the IFB

28. Question: Can the district please confirm the preferred submission format is electronic only? Or, is a hard copy also requested?

District Response: No electronic submissions will be accepted. Per amended cover page of the solicitation "Offers must be submitted in a sealed package. Solicitation number & Opening Date must appear on package exterior. SUBMIT YOUR SEALED OFFER TO: District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties Purchasing Office 1020 Dutch Fork Road Irmo, SC 29063"