

QUESTION and ANSWER

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1	What is the anticipated start date?	start of school year 2011 (September 2011)
2	This IFB states the majority of the transportation services provided between the times of (1:45pm) and (4:15 pm), however in the minimum requirements for variable route experience the example was used that transportation may be required to pick up from home to school. Is this a part of the transportation scope?	as stated the majority of the service is in the afternoon some of the service requirement is for morning trips to therapy and then from therapy to school
3	If yes to #2, what percentage would fall into the AM transportation schedule of say 6:00 – 9:00 AM?	about 19% of the students have appointments prior to noon
4	What was the cost and # of trips for this service for the last three years?	for school years 2008 - 2009 and 2009 - 2010 the price per trip was \$26.34 the number of tripsoperated is approximatley the same as projected
5	What is the SFUSD’s policy on “No Shows”? Is there any reimbursement for trips cancelled after dispatch?	the district will not pay for trips canceled the previous day
5.1	* Question on No. 5: If the student cannot be found, can they be reimbursed?	Cancelled trips can be reimbursed if the vendor does not receive any cancellation from Transportation after 1:00 pm
6	Under the insurance requirements, it is stated “Commercial Automobile Liability Insurance with limits not less than \$10,000,000 (ten milliondollars) each occurrence Combined Single Limit for Bodily Injury and Property Damage, including Owned, Non-Owned and Hired auto coverage”, does this align itself with a situation where the vehicle used is not a vehicle designated as a school bus, carrying a maximum of 4 students?	YES
6.1	* Question No. 6: How many % is the Performance Bond?	Performance Bond is 20% upfront.

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7	I read that there will be close to 140 children and 5 buses. What type of buses will you need, 20 pack buses or Type 1 buses which could carry up to 87 passenger. Also do the children ride on varies days or do they ride Monday through Friday.	since most of the trips are for less than four (4) students there would be no need for a type 1 school bus . the majority of the students have therapy sessions one day a week with a few who have two sessions a week
8	Will the bids be opened and price sheets be read aloud and provided to all bidders on 06/01/11?	bids will be opened and all present allowed to review
9	Please provide several months of current contractor invoices, even if routes change these documents still portray very valuable information to each prospective bidder.	during the current year the bus service has been provided under the provisions of the districts basic school bus contract which is based on the cost per vehicle per day rather than the price per trip as called for in this bid.
10	What is the current contractor's current fleet make up for this contract? I.e. How many ambulatory buses, how many wheelchair buses, and the seating capacity for each bus?	the buses being used are all 20 passangernon lift gate school buses
11	Is the District permitting non-dedicated vehicles to service this contract; if under 4 ambulatory passengers? Are Taxi- Cabs permitted?	taxi cbs are not permitted
11.1	* Question No. 11: Are mini-vans considered non-dedicated vehicles?	No Mini Vans, only Vans with 10-passenger capacity
12	Did the District charge liquidated damages over the past several years and if so, how much per year was assessed?	NO
13	Are the current contractor's drivers represented by a union and if so, please provide a copy of the current union contract?	YES UTU
14	Who is responsible for fuel, the School District or the contractor?	contractor
15	Will the School District consider putting fuel protection is this bid?	NO
16	Why is the school district putting this contract out for bid and are there currently any service issues?	no service issues reissuing 2010 bid
17	Who is responsible for routing the school district or contractor?	contractor
18	Please provide copies of current contractor's routes including the summer school routes.	yes, copies can be provided upon request, .\$.025 per page, check only: payable to San Francisco Unified School District.

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19	Monitors are mentioned and if required, who is responsible for hiring them, and paying for there services?	as indicated in section 72 the district reserves the right to provide bus monitors
20	How will the school district provide answers to pre-bid questions/requests, and how will they be provided? I.e. via email, mail, or fax.	questions and answers will be distributed at pre bid conference
21	Is the current contract the same as the former contract or have significant terms been changed? If changes have been made please outline those changes.	this document is a totally new document with changes incorporated throughout.
22	Vehicle age limits are not specifically addressed, is there any requirements other than being suitable for use?	vehicles other than school buses are to be not more than five (5) years old at any time during the term of the contract and school buses not more than 10 years old at any time during the term of the contract
23	Is there a driver and vehicle spare factor?	no specific number has been specified it is expected that the contractor will have sufficient drivers and vehicles necessary to maintain uninterrupted service
24	Has student enrollment decreased on increased over the past several years?	there has been a decrease over the past year
25	Please provide school calendars for each school, and the bell times for each school.	the school calendar is the district calendar. The school bell times have no bearing on this bid
26	No uniforms are required other than badges and a clean appearance; is this correct?	YES
26.1	* Question No. 26: Added information	A driver must have some form of identification while on duty.
27	Does contract call for contractor to provide all safety seats, tie downs, and booster seats. If contractor provides can you let us know how many are required currently?	none are required at this time
28	Is a South San Francisco yard considered in the immediate vicinity?	YES
29	If routes can not be provided, is a summary of miles, hours and trips available?	see Paragraph-2 of "Introduction", Page-3
30	You're requesting a price per one way trip, does the contractor deliver to therapy and not pick-up that student later?	The students' appointments are generally scheduled Monday through Friday in the afternoon/after-school hours, with the majority of the transportation services provided between the times of (1:45 pm) and (4:15 pm)
30.1	* Question No. 30: Added information	There are two trips per student.

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31	I would also like to request clarification on the current union contract. Is it to be considered a requirement to supply union drivers or to consider a prevailing wage?	NO
32	My question arises from a discussion of other pre-bid participants outside the conference. I was unaware, in my review of the bid package (specifically Sections 62, 64 & 68), that such a certificate was potentially required.	Bidder refers to the requirement of a CPUC (California Public Utilities Commission) license, yes, a valid license is a requirement of the bid.
33	Do the students come from school to therapy, and then to home?	YES
34	How many days do you plan on for the entire school year? If we can get a calendar that would be great.	176 Days
35	Can you estimate the mileage for the trips?	NO
36	Is there guarantee for the drivers?	NO
37	Is there wheelchair students?	NO
38	The buses we have currently have the seat belt that goes across the lap only. Would we have to get the new system for this contract?	See Section 64, B of the bid: All vehicles shall be equipped with three-point shoulder and lap seat belts and all safety devices required by Federal, State and Local laws.
	* Items added during the Pre-Bid Conference	THIS CONCLUDES THE QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD.