

Brooklyn Public Schools
Eastford Public School
Bidders Conference Q&A

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3:00PM

Questions:

1. Is this for both regular and special education?
 - a. Yes
2. How many routes are being run in Brooklyn?
3. How many buses in brooklyn:
 - a. 11 77passenger buses
 - b. 2 47 passenger buses
 - c. 2 lift vehicles, large capacity
 - d. 1 Rideshare
4. SE vehicles: type of vehicle and location they travel to:
 - a. See attachment labeled: Brooklyn Out of District Bus Runs
5. Appendix 4: Clarification, the price requested is for 47 passenger, not 48 passenger vehicle
6. Copy of current contracts Eastford with Datco and Brooklyn with M&J were requested. See attached Brooklyn Contract.
 - a. 3 months of invoices (Sept, Oct, Nov) see attachment to email
7. Total liquidated damages this year? Answer: NONE
8. Will you accept a bid without liquidated damages? Answer: yes
9. Labor force in Brooklyn:
 - a. Copy of the contract See attached
 - b. Seniority list of current employees: All employees are on step 4 except 3 members.
 - c. Eastford drivers are not in a union.
10. Is there a bid performance bond? NO
11. The RFP references 30 day bus inspection language in the RFP, is that what you want? Brooklyn and Eastford will accept language from bidders about bus inspections
12. There was a question about Section B, #13: This refers to if a typically two tier bus only runs one tier, what would the rate be. See price schedule "Price for vehicles on days when a single tier is needed. An example of this is on 9th grade orientation: only buses to one high school are needed on that day. The buses are not running their typical two tiers.
13. Section C, # 5 There was a question and discussion. This section refers to if a district needs to add or reduce a bus due to enrollment, the contractor will bill for the number of buses needed. **If on a day to day basis there is a need to collapse or combine a route (two buses of students ride on one bus) then the liquidated damages would be assessed, NOT a reduction of the full cost of the bus.
14. How many cameras per bus: A minimum of one camera per bus is requested
15. Performance bond: 30%, there is no bid bond. We may not need a performance bond.
 - a. Vendors can submit a bid without a performance bond

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- b. Contractors are welcome to suggest additional language changes. Please make a note of any additional changes.
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16. Addresses of the current bus yards:
 - a. Brooklyn: 61 South Main Street
 - b. Eastford: Westford Road
 17. Snow date for opening bid: scheduled as needed, we will contractors if bid opening is cancelled due to a snow day.
 18. Star Seats, car seats and integrated seats were discussed. What is requested?
 - a. Brooklyn: 6 Star seats provided by contractor
 - b. Eastford: 6 Star seats provided by contractor
 19. GPS and Zonar were mentioned in the RFP. What is requested? Some type of GPS system, not specified which system. District will need a login.
 20. Are the districts requesting Parents Find My Bus? No
 21. How many bus routes are there in Brooklyn? You can see all routes on the website: http://www.brooklynschools.org/district_information/transportation
 - a. Midday PK: 5
 - b. High Schools: 13
 - c. Elementary/Middle: 14
 - d. Special Transportation: See worksheet
 22. How many operating days are there in Brooklyn: 182
 23. Spell out liquidated damages: See current contract. No damages have been assessed this year.
 24. How will the lowest bidder be determined? Each district will review the pricing and needs based on the current level of service needed to determine the best contract.