

ADDENDUM No. 2

For:

**Bid Number(s) 2025-01
2024-2028 School Year
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

**Please acknowledge receipt of this Addendum No. 2
Sign and return by fax to _____:**

Company _____

Signed: _____

Date:

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOL
DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
2024-2028 School Year
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

AT

**Franklin Township Public School District Board of Education
2301 Route 27
Somerset, NJ 08873**

FOR

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Issue Date: March 14, 2024

ADDENDUM NUMBER TWO (DATED March 14, 2024)

TO THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS FOR:

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Bid document clarifications and/or changes:

I. General

- a. This pre-bid conference was held at the Franklin Township Public School District Board of Education on March 13, 2024. At the meeting, the descriptions of routes and transportation needs, as well as major components of the procurement and contracting requirements of the bid, were briefly discussed.
- b. This pre-bid conference was not mandatory.
- c. Pre-bid meeting sign-in sheet is attached to this Addendum.

II. Submitted Questions

Q1. During the school year, while we cannot anticipate every circumstance throughout the Contract, it is possible that additional students may be added, potentially affecting the bus schedule. Are there any adjustments or concessions that can be made for the tiered route? For example, could teachers arrive earlier to assist with dismissal and accommodate the children?

A1. Since teachers are contracted for specific times, we're unable to request adjustments from them. However, if situations arise where changes in the bus schedule coincide with other routes, the Board will make accommodations and adjust the times accordingly.

Q2. If a driver instructs a parent to contact the district for various issues at a stop, but the parent remains the following day and confronts the driver, and the situation escalates and the parent becomes irate, can the bus driver may close the door and proceed for the safety of all passengers?

A2. If the driver encounters difficulty, they should contact the office, which will then inform the Board. The Board can then reach out to the driver, and if necessary, speak to the parent while on speaker. If the parent becomes aggressive or physical, the driver should contact the police immediately.

Q3. Are wheelchair routes specified in the bid specifications, and if not, when would we receive information about the actual number of wheelchairs needed in advance?

A3. Yes, they are indicated in the bid specifications. The actual routes, including the number of required wheelchairs, will be communicated to the successful bidder(s) before the school year commences.

Q4. What is the process or how does the bulk bid work?

A4. A bulk bid is a bid that is granted for a lesser price than the sum of the individual bids, and this occurs when a single bidder is awarded as the lowest bid on all the routes. Accordingly, if a bidder is not awarded all of the routes due to not being the lowest bidder on all of them, the bulk bid discount would not apply, and the bulk bid reduction would not come into play.

Q5. Is it permissible for the cost of service to vary from year to year over the four-year period?

A5. Yes, the price can vary for each year. Each Tier Number will be awarded based on the lowest responsible Total Route Cost for each school year.

Q6. What is the insurance coverage amount?

A6. The Contractor needs to provide automotive liability insurance in the amount of \$10,000,000.00 combined single limit per occurrence.

Any or all changes to the bid specifications discussed as a result of the pre-bid meeting has been formalized in the form of an written addenda to the specifications and are distributed in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-21(c) (1), to the bidder by certified mail, certified fax or delivery service, no later than seven (7) days, not including Saturdays, Sundays, or holidays prior to the date for acceptance of the bids. All addenda so issued shall become part of the bid and Contract Document.

Acknowledgement of Receipt of Addendum

Bidders are reminded to acknowledge receipt of this addendum on the bid form.

END OF ADDENDUM #2

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Bid Attendance Sheet

Student Transportation Bid

Pre-Bid Meeting

Bid # 2025-01

3-13-24

10am

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