



## Request For Proposals Addendum Addendum Number: 4 RFP Questions & Answers

Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2024

**RFP/RFQ Number 15-BBS-0324**

To: All Prospective Vendors

The following questions were sent in response to the referenced Solicitation for further clarification. Questions and Answers are listed below.

**Question 1:** Can an alternative student transportation (TNC and/or Transportation management companies) participate in this RFP opportunity or is it for the yellow bus only?

**Answer:** IDEA Public Schools is only looking for specifically Yellow School Bus Transportation.

**Question 2:** Is the district open to contracting with companies that have smaller capacity vehicles Like sedans, SUVs, and Wheelchair accessible vehicles?

**Answer:** Yellow School Bus transportation is preferred.

**Question 3:** Who is your current transportation provider or provider(s)?

**Answer:** No current provider for the Austin Schools currently, our white fleet is in-house and they service Special Education/McKinney Vento students.

**Question 4:** What are the current rates with your current vendor? Any amendments or Addendums?

**Answer:** There is no current provider for Austin schools.



**Question 5:** Are you currently paying price increases for Fuel surcharges?

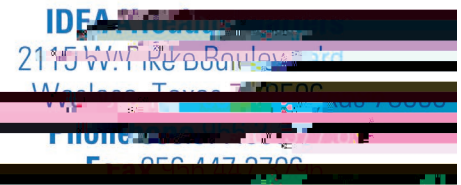
**Answer:**



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**Answer:** Yes, we have various vehicles that transport wheelchair-accessible students.

**Question 11:**



**Answer:** Please see number 13. Insurance Requirements in the Solicitation Document.

**Question 18:** For the special needs routes, aside from ADA compliant, are there any other vehicle specs/requirements? Is there a specific vehicle size?

**Answer:** No, it would be determined by the accommodations of the student. In other instances, students have been accommodated via wheelchair accessible vans, Type A or Type B buses.

**Question 19:** For the increase/decrease in routes, is this determined annually? Does IDEA give adequate time for vendors to prepare?

**Answer:** The vendor should state what timeframe is needed to accommodate. However, an annual estimate will be provided.

**Question 20:** Can we use a fuel calculator for fuel costs? Ie. base cost of fuel plus/minus the variance?

**Answer:** Yes, it can be used; however, there is a high probability we will use our existing provider but unknown at this time.

**Question 21:** If we have done transportation business with IDEA, can we use IDEA as a reference?

**Answer:** Yes, they should be specific and the type of services provided.

**Question 22:** Due to traffic concerns and the large geographic area, is there a possibility to park buses at any of the campuses?

**Answer:** Yes, there is a possibility to park buses on the campuses being serviced.

**End of Addendum**