

**ADDENDUM #3 TO REQUEST FOR BID FOR
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS FOR
PLAINFIELD COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 202,
February 8, 2022**

Page 6 Item 13 Questions: Below are the answers to questions submitted to the District.

1. Why is the District bidding? Often Districts assess the service level against cost and make a decision to open a bid process.
2. Why is there no pre-bid meeting? The District decided, at the time of bid document preparation, it would not be advantageous to contractors to meet when questions could be submitted with all relevant information available in the bid documents.
3. Would the District allow bidding on parts of the SPED transportation contract? No, the District's intent is to have one contractor for all SPED transportation needs.
4. Is there currently summer school? Yes, the District continues the school year with the ESY program. Please see Exhibit 1 attached for copies of the invoices for the 2021 ESY school year.
5. Would the District consider an average of the fleet to 8 years with a maximum of 12 years? The District understands the difficulty in acquiring new equipment, so the District would consider a maximum of 12 years for the first year of the contract. Additional years would need to either be contractual or negotiated.
6. Are the midday extra trips required to return to the school before dismissal? The District has many unique requirements for extra trips. Some of the trips may require additional drivers, but the District will work mainly with route drivers for extra trips.
7. Will the District accept electronic signatures? No, the District requires the bid documents to have actual signatures when submitted.
8. What is the required timeline for adds/drops? The language in different areas of the bid documents indicates different timelines. The District will require a five day timeline for student adds/drops. However, the timeline for the add/drop of a route remains at three days. See Addendum 4 for details.
9. Will the District accept Versatrans as an allowable software system for routing students? Yes, the District will allow any software that will provide the necessary information required by the Transportation department. Read-only access to student routes and reports would be accepted as providing the necessary information required by the Transportation department.
10. What needs to be checked on the bus one hour prior to departure each day? The District requires the contractor to do a complete bus check prior to any departure defined on Pages 33-35 (SAFETY AND DISCIPLINE).
11. What are the current passenger counts, route hours and miles? See Exhibit 2 attached.
12. What are the number of routes currently running? 61
13. What are the number of routes that would be running if fully staffed? 77, however, these routes have been granted additional time outside of the District requirement of no longer than one hour to complete.
14. Is Exhibit E the projected bus count for the upcoming contract? Exhibit E is a snapshot of the routes the District was running prior to the pandemic changes to transportation. The District is asking for a cost determination made with the information provided in Exhibit G, H and I in the bid documents.
15. Do midday routes run daily? Yes.

16. How many days of operation should we anticipate for midday runs? You should anticipate the same number of days for midday routes as AM/PM routes.
17. Can you provide the last 3 months of invoices? See Exhibit 3 attached.
18. What is the current District budget for SPED transportation? Please reference the District Website for budget information.
19. What is your current fleet details? See Exhibit 4.
20. How many buses does the District currently use with wheelchair lifts? 18.
21. Do you have a CBA? No.
22. Do you have the current ages and level of seniority for the current drivers? The District contracts these services to outside transportation companies, therefore, the District does not maintain this detailed level of information on the contracted drivers.
23. Do the drivers receive employer paid benefits? The District contracts these services to outside transportation companies, therefore, the District does not maintain this detailed level of information on the contracted drivers.
24. How many monitors do you currently use on the routes? 33.
25. How many monitors do you require per IEP's? 68, but some routes share a monitor. The bid documents identify the need to be 40.
26. Would the District allow either party to terminate the contract with 120 day written notice? Not within the contract timeframe. This can be negotiated within the extension process.
27. Would the District consider amending the language of the bid documents to line up with language in recent executed amendments? The District has considered the closure of schools with the option of remote learning days. Please refer to section SERVICE REQUIREMENTS AND CONDITIONS (Page 36-40 item 17). Also reference Addendum 2.
28. Would the District allow for transportation outside of the yellow school buses? No, currently the District BOE requires the use of buses to transport all District students.
29. Will the District reimburse for disinfecting costs during the pandemic period? Yes, the District will agree to disinfecting costs during the period the District mandates this additional cleaning.
30. Does the District permit child ride-a-longs on routes today? With the current environment relating to driver shortages, the District relaxed this portion of the contract temporarily. Any children riding routes that they are not assigned to require District approval.
31. How does the Contractor currently contact parents regarding route information? Currently the Contractor makes phone calls to parents regarding route times and transportation changes. Contractor will not have access to the District's ConnecEd system.
32. Will the District require the Contractor to provide a bus tracking app for parents to utilize on a smartphone platform? Not currently.
33. Does the District permit pairings of routes and utilizing the fleet to service any other districts today? The District does not currently have any routes that are paired with another district.
34. When will the District provide the initial and subsequent roster of students for the contractor to formulate the routes? The District will provide the initial student roster on or before July 1st of each school year. Subsequent rosters are provided as new students register with a cutoff date of one week before the first day of school.
35. What time period was used to determine the number of Route/Runs and Buses indicated on page 47 item 4? The January 2020 invoice was used to determine this number.

36. Do any of the District SPED programs run on an abbreviated calendar? No, all in-district programs run on the District school calendar.
37. Can you provide a copy of the current contract? All contract information is available on the District website.
38. How many additional large buses does the District require to accommodate extra trip services? Currently the District requires two additional large buses be available for additional trip needs.
39. Did you provide COVID support to your existing SPED provider? Yes, the amendments are available on the website.
40. Would the District be open to the use of suburbans and mini vans to transport students? Currently the District BOE requires the use of buses to transport all District students.
41. Would the District consider a lower insurance liability rate? No.
42. How is mileage calculated? Mileage for extra trips is calculated from the point of pick up to the point of drop off.
43. Can we get total mileage paid to the Contractor? Mileage is not billed separately, but part of the total trip cost.
44. Would the District wave the requirement for fuel tanks to be on-site? The District would need to consider the impact with the possibility of delayed routes due to fuel issues.
45. What is the requirement for video clips? The District requires the Contractor to install a video/audio system with the capability of recording 30 days of images. The District also requires the Contractor to store any video/audio images for up to 90 days.
46. What is the requirement for wheelchairs and the backup restraint system? The District requires there to be an additional restraint system in the bus, outside of the wheelchair brakes.
47. What is the expectation for transporting obese, non-ambulatory or severely injured students? The District requires the Contractor to abide by all state laws regarding the seat spacing, but would need an alternate plan if needed to transport this class of student.
48. Will the District provide a list of drivers removed from District contracts? The District will review the Contractor's personnel list and inform the Contractor of any persons not allowed to drive the District contract.
49. If gasoline engines are used, will the District still require engine block heaters? The District will only require engine block heaters for buses using fuel that will congeal in the colder temperatures.
50. Are the number of buses, mileage, and trips shared in the bid sheet representative of what the District is currently running? No, these numbers are closer to what the District would require to be at full capacity.
51. Can you provide Exhibit E in excel form? See Exhibit 5.
52. Can you provide a full year of the information in Exhibit F for the 18-19 school year? See Exhibit 6.
53. Can you provide Exhibits G-P in Word format? See Exhibit 7.