

Responses to Transportation RFP Questions Received by May 8, 2017 at 4:00 pm

Q1: Will NBSF accept alternate pricing proposals?

Response: NBSF will accept alternative pricing proposals.

Q2.: Is tiered service available?

Response: NBSF will allow tiered serving.

Q3: Is air conditioning required on SPED transportation?

Response: Yes. NBSF is seeking a partner that is highly considerate to the needs of all NBSF students.

Q4: Does NBSF school staff assist with arrival and departure of students?

Response: School site staff will assist with both arrival and dismissal of students. School Operations Managers will be the contact person at each school site.

Q5: Can we be provided with a copy of the current contract agreement, to include any addendums and pricing pages?

Response: Our transportation service is currently being provided by a third party. We are unable to share this information.

Q6: Can we be provided with detailed copies of all transportation invoices since September of 2016?

Response: Our transportation service is currently being provided by a third party. We are unable to share this information.

Q7: What is the school's annual transportation budget?

Response: We are unable to share this information.

Q8: Equipment, section B – How many school buses are currently being utilized?

a. Can we be provided with a copy of the current fleet listing?

b. For ambulatory routes, what is the minimum seating capacity?

b. For wheelchair routes - need to know how many buses require a wheelchair lift? How many wheelchair positions are needed currently? How many ambulatory seats are required?

Response: Currently, we have 29 regular education buses and one SPED bus. We operate no ambulatory routes at this time. Currently, the high school bus has a lift and one wheel chair position. NBSF requires all transportation prospers to remain in compliance Louisiana State Law and national best practices regarding student transportation. We do value Prospers that offer services beyond the minimum standards.

Q9: Can we be provided with complete route information for both regular home to school bus routes and special needs bus routes?

- a. Route start and stop time for both am and pm.
- b. Total daily mileage for all routes.
- c. Student ridership count per route.
- d. What is the approximate total number of cars seats and harnesses needed?
- e. Does the school operate any summer school routes? If yes, how many routes and for how many days.

Response: Please refer to the RFP for school start and end times. Summer school is offered by NBSF. Our transportation service is currently being provided by a third party. We are unable to share additional information.

Q10: Field trip transportation service, can we be provided with the total number of trips for the 2015-16 school year, total billable hours per trip and the total mileage trip?

Response: Our 4 NBSF schools took a total of 147 local and regional (within 70 miles) field trips during the 2015-2016 year. It is important to note that NBSF will operate 3 schools in 2017-2018.

Q11: What brand of routing software is currently being utilized?

Response: Our transportation service is currently being provided by a third party. We are unable to share this information.

Q12: Does the school anticipate enrollment to increase, decrease or stay the same in future years?

Response: NBSF expects to increase enrollment in the upcoming years; however, Capdau and Lake Area high are nearing its enrollment capacity.

Q13: How many bus monitors are now being utilized?

Response: NBSF requires at least one bus monitor to be assigned to each Special Education bus.

Q14: Evacuation Assistance – Proposer is being requested to include per bus per day rental cost on the Schedule B pricing? This is not specifically being requested on the pricing form itself?

Response: The pricing page has been adjusted in the RFP addendum.

Q15: Liquidated Damages – Has the current contractor been charged with liquidated damages during the 16-17 school year? If yes, can you provide the total dollar amount liquidated for this time period?

Response: Liquidated damages have not been collected for the 2016-2017 school year.

Q16: Schedule B Pricing Page – The contract term stated under Purpose on page 1 of the request for proposal is one year with 3 one-year renewal options. Page 2 of schedule B under annual increase for the renewal years is showing year 2 for the 2018-2019 period and 2020-2021 for year 3? Page is missing the 2019-2020 period. Can you please clarify the contract terms and correct the pricing pages.

Response: An addendum to the RFP has been made. The initial term will be for two years (Aug 2017 – May 2019) with renewable options through the June 30, 2021. The pricing page has been adjusted in the addendum.

Q17: What is required as evidence of financial stability and substantiated availability of resources as outlined in Section C. Qualifications and Experience, second bullet, “Provide evidence of financial stability and substantiate the availability resources to satisfied services as outlined in this RFP”?

Response: Prospers should submit annual financial reports, letters of credit, evidence of bonding, and any other documents that demonstrate the ability to secure resources and respond to all needs and responsibilities related to providing transportation services to a school district.