

Attached please find Addendum No. 1 to the Transportation Specifications for the Onteora Central School District, who has a Bid opening date of March 28, 2019. Your firm was either in attendance at the pre-Bid conference or has previously received specifications. This Addendum is four (4) pages (including this cover page).

Please acknowledge your receipt of this Addendum by signing this cover memo in the space provided below and submitting this acknowledgement with your Bid submission document on March 28, 2019.

We look forward to your participation in this contracting opportunity.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT:

Addendum No. 1 was received:

PRINT DATE:	_
SIGNATURE:	
PRINT NAME:	
PRINT TITLE:	
PRINT COMPANY:	

# Onteora Central School District 4166 State Route 28 Boiceville, New York 12412

## ADDENDUM TO THE SPECIFICATIONS AND BID SUBMISSION FORMS FOR STUDENT TRANSPORTATION BID DUE MARCH 28, 2019

## ADDENDUM No. 1

### March 14, 2019

Pursuant to the terms of the Transportation Specifications issued by the Onteora Central School District with a Bid opening date of March 28, 2019, this Addendum will clarify or modify certain identified aspects of the Specifications. This Addendum is made a part of the contract and is enforceable under the same terms and conditions as the original Specifications.

Whenever a page number, section or appendix is referred to in the following modifications/clarifications, the page, section or appendix refers to the Transportation Specifications as issued by the Onteora Central School District as described above. In locations where paragraph numbers are identified, they are identified utilizing the paragraph symbol (¶) and the paragraph number refers to the full paragraphs on the designated page (not carry-over paragraphs from the previous page).

The following addendum is added to the Bid specifications:

The following Contractors and individuals representing organizations were present at the pre-Bid meeting on March 14, 2019:

### Organization

- a. Birnie Bus Service
- b. First Student
- c. Ethan Allen Enterprises
- d. TTI
- e. Onteora School District
- f. Rolling V Bus Corp.
- g. STA of New York
- h. Total Transportation
- i. Transportation Advisory Services

Representative

- a. Terry Inkawhich
- b. Joseph Petrozak
- c. Bree Allen
- d. Glen Every and Ray Nichols
- e. Monica LaClair, Nicole Sommer, Ray Clinton, and Deb Daprile
- f. Phil Vallone, Jr.
- g. Dan Higbie
- h. Sam Robertucci
- i. Louis Boffardi and Brian Lafountain

The following information was stated at the beginning of the meeting:

- 1. Brought to the attention of prospective Bidders is the requirement to submit all information required in Item 2.2 (Bidder's Certification, Representation, and Qualifications) on Pages 16 to 21 of the Bid specifications.
- 2. On Page 69, Paragraph 2 of Item 8.8.4.2 is omitted from the Bid specifications.
- 3. Prospective Bidders were informed of the possibility of the School District closing an elementary school during the term of this contract and the possibility that the closing of a school could impact the transportation program. See Pages 24 and 92
- 4. A copy of the 2018-2019 School District's transportation profile was distributed

The following questions were asked:

Ques. 1: Can we get a copy of the current invoice for one month?

<u>Ans.1</u>: A copy of the charges by the present contractor for transportation services in contained within Appendix A of the Bid specifications.

Ques. 2: Is the contract paid for 180 days. What if it exceeds 180 days?

<u>Ans. 2</u>: The School District will pay for a minimum of 180 days for transportation services to its four current public schools. For all other schools, payment will be paid in accordance with their calendar when transportation services are provided.

If the number of operating days exceeds 180, payment will be made for the extra days.

Ques. 3: Will Onteora still operate their own fleet?

Ans. 3: The answer is "Yes".

Ques. 4: Is the Contractor still responsible for the training of the drivers?

<u>Ans. 4</u>: Presently, the Contractor is not training the School District drivers and never was training the School District drivers. School District personnel perform all reviews of its drivers and attendants/monitors required by the Department of Motor Vehicles and the State Education Department.

Ques. 5: What routing software does the School District utilize?

Ans. 5: It's Transfinder. The answer to the question is found in Item 8.10.2 on page 70.

*Ques. 6*: Is the Contractor required to have at least five 65/66-passenger buses and drivers available at a time that encompasses the AM and the PM route times?

Ans. 6: The answer is "yes". See Item 8.8.2.1.2 on page 62.

<u>Ques.</u> 7: Is there a provision to utilize subcontractors?

<u>Ans. 7</u>: Subcontracting is permitted with prior permission of the School District. See Item 4.4 on page 39. In the past, the School District has permitted subcontracting.

<u>Ques.</u> *&*: Are the late route miles and hours separate from the miles and hours shown in the 2018-2019 transportation profile?

<u>Ans.</u> *B*: Late routes will be paid for one hour. Miles for Late Routes are approximately 20 miles per Late Route bus.

<u>Ques.</u> 9: Based upon the Bid specifications, does the School District reserve the right to negotiate changes in the cost and scope of services?

<u>Ans. 9</u>. The answer is "Yes" if there are changes in the basic scope of services. See Item 3.1 on Page 22.

<u>Ques. 10</u>: Do the radios utilized need to be specific to that which is stated in the Bid specifications.

<u>Ans. 10</u>: The School District requires that the Contractor's radios and radio frequency be compatible with that utilized by the School District for its own school transportation vehicles. See Item 8.8.2.1.5 on Page 62.

Ques. 11: Have any liquidated damages been applied?

<u>Ans. 11</u>: The answer is "Yes". The School District applied liquidated damages for failure by the Contractor to have a sufficient number of drivers to operated the number of required routes.

<u>Ques. 12</u>: Will past performance be considered as part of the evaluation of the Bidder?

<u>Ans. 12</u>: The answer is "Yes". Past performance as well as references will be used to assess the ability of the Bidder to perform the requirements of the Bid specifications.