



**MARLBOROUGH PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ADDENDUM NO. 1**

**SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION**

**Bid/Contract # MPS.2022-1107**

**Issue Date: November 10, 2022**

This **ADDENDUM** modifies, amends, and supplements designated parts of the Requests for Proposals and identified services and are hereby made a part thereof by reference and shall be as binding as though inserted in its entirety in the locations designated hereunder. It shall be the responsibility of each Proposer to notify any subcontractors and suppliers they propose to use for various parts of the services of any changes or modifications contained in this **ADDENDUM**. No claims for additional compensation, due to lack of knowledge of the contents hereof, will be considered.

## **RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS:**

1. Would the district please provide a copy of the existing contract?

**RESPONSE:** Please see accompanying file named ADDENDUM 1 ATTACHMENT A

2. Would the district please provide the existing contract rates?

**RESPONSE:** FY23 rates are \$272.12 for 1-tier and 2-tier buses, and \$336.20 for 3-tier buses

3. Why is the District bidding the contract mid-year for a starting date of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023?

**RESPONSE:** The District seeks to address the bus driver shortage by adjusting the minimum hourly wage for CDL drivers on our large yellow bus regular education routes.

4. Item 1.4 on page 4 states that the bid must remain firm for 60 days, which is 30 days past the start of the new contract – please clarify.

**RESPONSE:** The School Committee understands that it may take some time to draft a new contract during the holidays.

5. Item 2.11 on page 7 refers to MPS using its own vehicles for transportation purposes. How many vehicles does MPS currently own/utilize?

**RESPONSE:** The District does not currently own or utilize any vehicles to perform the services on this invitation for bid.

6. Item 11.2 on page 19 requires 5 years of experience in MA. Would similar experience in CT and/or RI be acceptable?

**RESPONSE:** No – All bidders must have a minimum of five (5) years of satisfactory experience providing regular school bus transportation services in Massachusetts. The experience must include the provision of such services that are at least comparable in size and scope to that which is required in Marlborough.

7. Bid Form 1 on page 22 asks for annual pricing based on 105 days, while item 1.15 on page 5 indicates that first year pricing will be submitted assuming a full 180 days of service. Please clarify.

**RESPONSE:** Please provide Year-1 pricing as stipulated on the bid form: 105 days for two-tier buses and one-tier charter school buses, and 84 days for late runs.