

# **SPECIFICATION AND PROPOSAL FORMS FOR STUDENT TRANSPORTATION**

**BID #2016-061**



**STRATFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
STRATFORD, CONNECTICUT**

**SPECIFICATION RELEASE: November 17, 2016  
PRE-PROPOSAL MEETING: November 30, 2016 10:00 am  
PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL: December 20, 2016 3:00 pm**

**STRATFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**SPECIFICATIONS AND PROPOSAL FORMS**  
**STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

Sealed proposals to be opened:

AT: 3:00 P.M.  
DATE: December 20, 2016  
PLACE: Town of Stratford, Purchasing Department  
2725 Main St., Room 202  
Stratford, CT 06615

**Information for Proposers**

Legal Name of Company / Proposer: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Representative Name and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Legal Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Statement by Proposer as to whether Proposer is the Sole Proprietor, a Partnership, a Corporation, or any other legal entity: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name of individual legally authorized to bind the Proposer to a contract  
(Please print or type):

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of same individual stipulated directly above:

\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Stratford Public Schools  
1000 East Broadway  
Stratford, CT 06615

**NOTICE TO PROPOSERS**

The Stratford Public Schools, Stratford, Connecticut hereby invites the submission of sealed proposals from qualified bus transportation companies for furnishing student transportation services in the Stratford Public Schools beginning July 1, 2017. Forms for proposal, certification, conditions, specifications, and any addenda may be obtained from the Town of Stratford website, which is:

<http://www.townofstratford.com/content/39832/39846/39929/40192.aspx>.

Any deviations from these conditions or specifications must be listed on a separate sheet attached to the Proposer's detailed conditions and specifications and referred to separately in the proposals. In all cases not indicated by the Proposer as a deviation, it is understood that the conditions and specifications of the Stratford Public Schools shall apply. Proposals will be received until 3:00 P.M. on December 20, 2016 at the Town of Stratford, Purchasing Department, 2725 Main Street, Room 202, Stratford, Connecticut 06615, at which time and place all proposals will be publicly opened. Interested Proposers are strongly encouraged to attend a pre-proposal conference which will be held on November 30, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at Stratford Public Schools, 1000 East Broadway, Stratford, CT, at which time significant information, and mandatory submission documents and flash drives, will be distributed to attendees.

Proposals will remain firm for a period of 90 days following the date of the opening, and shall thereafter remain firm until the Proposer provides written notice to the Town of Stratford Purchasing Department that the proposal has been withdrawn.

The Stratford Public Schools reserves the right to consider cost, experience, and service in the student transportation field, as well as the financial responsibility and specific qualifications set out herein of the prospective Proposer, in considering proposals and awarding the contracts. The Stratford Public Schools reserves the right to waive technical defects in proposals, to reject any or all proposals, in whole or in part, and to make such awards, in whole or in part, including accepting a proposal or part of a proposal, that in its judgment will be in the best interest of the Stratford Public Schools even if such proposal is not the low cost proposal. The Stratford Public Schools also reserves the right to discuss the scope of services with one or more Proposers and to make such modifications as the Stratford Public Schools, in its sole discretion, deems to be in its best interest.

The contract period will be for a five (5) year term, beginning July 1, 2017. The contract may be extended for additional years based on the mutual agreement of the parties. The District is requesting proposals for the provision of a range of student transportation services including but not limited to: public, non-public and vocational home-to-school including pre-K, kindergarten, elementary, middle, high school; certain special education; early and late buses; summer transportation; certain extra-curricular including field and sports trips; and such other services as described in the specifications.

Proposer shall be required to furnish, at its expense, a proposal bond or certified check in the amount of five percent (5%) of the Proposer's proposed price for the first year of the contract. A performance bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the annual contract cost, or a comparable security deposit deemed sufficient by the District, is being requested as an alternate.

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## INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS

1. Inspect carefully all provisions of this document.
2. Provide all information requested, including but not limited to the “Proposal Certification” and the “Form of Proposal”. Be sure to sign in all required places, and initial each page where indicated. It is the District’s desire to award the contract for transportation service to one vendor, therefore preference will be given to the best comprehensive proposal that meets the District’s operating and financial needs. If no proposal is being submitted on one or more of the requested proposal categories, please so indicate in each space by entering “No Proposal” wherever a price is indicated. All spaces must be completed with either a proposal amount or “No Proposal” designated. Do not enter zero (\$0) if “No Proposal” is being submitted as zero (\$0) is an amount that could be awarded by the District.
3. Submit an original and three copies of the Proposal, including this complete document without removing any sheets. Each copy of the Proposal is to be contained in a separate three-ring binder, and each proposal shall include the printed copies of the pricing pages completed and signed by proposer. **Additionally, return the flash drive (with pricing information inserted) that will be issued at the pre-proposal meeting which contains the Excel file to be used for completion of the pricing pages.**

Each proposal must adhere to the structure outline as follows:

- 1) Completed, signed and initialed proposal specifications and addendums (if any).
- 2) Background information – Resumes; organization chart; references; Company profile; ownership information.
- 3) Facility –Location(s); features; maps; descriptive data; vehicle assignments if more than one location.
- 4) Financial – lawsuits; judgments; liens; bankruptcy filings; bond denials.
- 5) Fleet – Fleet list (Appendix “B”) and/or dealer certifications; Maintenance Program description and forms; camera and GPS information; and vehicle feature(s).
- 6) Forms – Financial Information Compliance Form; Hold Harmless Agreement; Non-Collusion Bidding Certification; Acknowledgement by Bidder; Information on Bidder.
- 7) Insurance and Bonding – Forms; letters; binders; certifications; rating information.
- 8) Personnel and Safety – Description of driver safety programs; training information; customer service programs; recruitment process; routing software and capabilities.
- 9) Cost – Form of Proposal for contracts; return flash drive with pricing information.
- 10) Miscellaneous – Any descriptive information that describes capabilities or value added services.

All materials submitted to the District pursuant to this proposal become the property of the District and will not be returned to the Proposer. The Proposer is responsible for making its own copies of any or all parts of this document for its files.

4. Questions pertaining to these specifications may be addressed at the pre-proposal meeting to be held on November 30, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. at the Stratford Public Schools, 1000 East Broadway, Stratford, CT. All interested Proposers are strongly encouraged to attend as the pre-proposal conference will discuss significant information, and mandatory submission documents will be distributed to attendees. Attendance at this meeting is restricted to a maximum of three (3) representatives per firm. The pre-proposal meeting will be held at the scheduled date and time unless road closures occur due to emergency conditions being declared. If Stratford School District schools are closed due to weather conditions, but roads remain open, the meeting will be held at the scheduled time. If the meeting is cancelled due to an emergency being declared due to road conditions, the revised meeting date will be

posted on the Town's website.

5. Proposals must be presented in a sealed, opaque box and addressed as follows:

**Town of Stratford  
Purchasing Department  
2725 Main St., Room 202  
Stratford, CT 06615  
BID 2016-061 School Transportation - 3:00 P.M., December 20, 2016**

6. Proposals will remain firm for a period of 90 days following the date of the opening, and shall thereafter remain firm until the Proposer provides written notice to the Town of Stratford that the proposal has been withdrawn.
7. Proposer must furnish, at its own expense and with the Proposal, a Proposal bond or certified check in the amount of five percent (5%) of Proposer's proposed price for the first year of the contract. Proposer must also furnish **proof of the ability to furnish a performance bond, or comparable security, in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the annual contract cost.**
8. Proposals will be received until 3:00 P.M., December 20, 2016, at Town of Stratford, Purchasing Department, 2725 Main St., Room 202, Stratford, Connecticut 06615 at which time and place all proposals will be publicly opened.
9. Proposers are encouraged to thoroughly check submissions, as these documents require significant detailed information to support the proposal. It is the Proposer's responsibility to ensure that all requested information is supplied with the initial proposal. The District will reject any late submissions, and is not responsible for notifying the Proposer of any missing elements of the proposal. *Proposers are also encouraged to include additional information about their services or company that will assist the Stratford Public Schools in the review of Proposals and awarding of contracts.*
10. These specifications were designed for the sole use of the Stratford Public Schools pursuant to a contract with Transportation Advisory Services, and the use of these documents by others without the expressed written consent of the Stratford Public Schools and Transportation Advisory Services is prohibited.
11. Time frame. The following timeline is subject to change by the District:

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
Issue Request for Proposal	November 17, 2016	
Pre-Proposal Meeting	November 30, 2016	10:00 am
Deadline for final questions	December 13, 2016	3:00 pm
Proposal Due and Opening	December 20, 2016	3:00 pm
Board of Education Approval	January, 2017	(tentative)
Project Start	July 1, 2017	

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# REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

## 1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

These Proposal Documents shall be incorporated into and made a part of the Contract awarded by the Stratford Public Schools.

### 1.1 DEFINITIONS

- “Addenda” - written instruments issued by the Board, or its agent, prior to the execution of the Contract which modify or interpret the Proposal Documents by additions, deletions, clarifications, or corrections.
- “Bid” or “Proposal” or “Proposals” - an offer to furnish materials, services, supplies, and/or equipment in accordance with the Proposal Documents. Throughout this document, “Bid” or “Proposal” or “Proposals” will be interchangeable.
- “Bidder” or “Proposer” - any individual, company, or corporation or other entity submitting its Proposal, and qualified consistent with the Proposal Documents.
- “Proposal Documents” - Includes the Notice to Proposers, Instructions to Proposers, Request for Proposals, the Proposal forms, all appendices and proposal and contract forms attached hereto, and all Addenda issued prior to receipt of proposals.
- “Board” - the Board of Education of the Town of Stratford, Connecticut.
- “Contract” - the Contract executed by the Board and the Contractor to provide the transportation services described in the Proposal Documents.
- “Contractor” - the Successful Proposer that executes the Contract with the Board.
- “Dead Head Mileage” - Mileage to and from the contractor’s location(s) that is not considered part of the District’s bus routes or trips for time or mileage payments.
- “Drop and pick” - A process of having a bus take a trip or team to a destination site, and then departing with the same or another bus returning to the site to pick up the trip or team.
- “He/she/it, him/her/it” - When used to refer to the Contractor or employees thereof, it is not gender specific; fully interchangeable with he/she and/or him/her and it.

- “School Day” - definition of school day for the purpose of transportation is from the time the buses leave to pick up children to bring them to classes in the A.M. to the time the buses drop off the last student in the P.M. Specific “live hours” for the purposes of this contract, and payment, are described herein.
- “School District” or “District” - means the Board.
- “School Year” - The number of days for which transportation will be required will be governed by the actual school calendar as adopted by the Board including the calendars of all other schools for which the District is responsible for furnishing transportation. The District reserves the right to modify the length of the school year, including increasing or decreasing the number of days of service.
- “Specification” - description of services to be performed by Contractor, together with the materials, supplies, and/or equipment that is to be used and maintained together with the conditions for such service and maintenance.
- “Successful Proposer” - any Proposer to whom the Contract is awarded by the Board.
- “Times” - all times referenced herein refer to the local prevailing time for the District.
- “Town” - the Town of Stratford, Connecticut.

## **2. PROPOSALS**

### **2.1 PROPOSAL PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS**

- 2.1.1 The date and time of proposal opening is given in the Notice to Proposers. All proposals must be submitted by this time and date, regardless of whether the District is “open” due to weather conditions.
- 2.1.2 All proposals must be submitted on and in accordance with forms provided with the Proposal Documents. All proposals must include, as a minimum, the required information as detailed in the Proposal Documents.
- 2.1.3 Where so indicated by the makeup of the Proposal Form, sums shall be expressed in clearly written (ink only) or typed figures. Pencil will not be accepted. Any corrections or changes on the submission forms made by the Proposer should be initialed by the Proposer, and must be clear and readable. *Although the Proposer is required to submit their pricing information utilizing the Excel input form provided by the District on a designated flash drive, the printed copy of the pricing pages signed and submitted by the Proposer shall be the official price submission of the Proposer. No changes shall be made by Proposer to the format of the pricing pages.* The Stratford Public Schools reserves the right to interpret figures where lack of clarity of submission requires such action.



- 2.1.4 Except where specifically noted otherwise, all requested alternates must have a proposal submitted.
- 2.1.5 Proposals may not be considered which purport to qualify, limit, amend or omit any of the minimum requirements as detailed in the Proposal Documents. A determination as to the impact of any proposed change is in the sole determination of the Board.

In case of any ambiguity, inconsistency, or error in any of the Proposal Documents or of a conflict between the provision of a Proposal Document and provisions of a State or Federal Law or regulation, the Proposer is required to draw such matter to the attention of the Stratford Public Schools before he submits his/her Proposal. If the Proposer fails to draw a matter to the attention of the District, her/his proposal will be interpreted by the Stratford Public Schools, and any such interpretation shall be binding on Proposer.

- 2.1.6 A proposal shall include the legal name of Proposer and a statement whether the Proposer is a sole proprietor, a partnership, a corporation, or other legal entity, and shall be signed by the person or persons legally authorized to bind the Proposer to a Contract. All required signatures shall be handwritten in ink with the full name of the person executing same. No initials, stamp, photocopy or company name may be used in lieu of any required signature. A Proposal by a corporation shall also give the State of Incorporation and have the corporate seal, if any, affixed. A proposal submitted by an agent shall have a current Power of Attorney attached certifying the agent's authority to bind the Proposer. Proposer must be authorized to do business in the State of Connecticut, and must submit proof if requested by the District.

Additionally, the name(s) of the principals of the Sole Proprietorship, Partnership, Corporation, or other legal entity shall be provided to the District on the *Financial and Ownership Information Compliance* form for all those individuals whose ownership is equal to, or is greater than, ten percent (10%) of the entity. In the case of a publicly traded Corporation, the latest annual report listing all officers shall be provided in lieu of the ownership information. If the Proposer operates related companies that may provide services to the District under this proposal, information on these firms must be provided.

The Acknowledgement by Proposer form included in this document must be completed and submitted with the proposal.

- 2.1.7 Proposer's responses to information requested will be used to evaluate each Proposer's capability to provide proper and satisfactory transportation services as required pursuant to these Proposal Documents. Upon request of the Stratford Public Schools, a Proposer who is under consideration for an award of a contract may be required to submit additional information to support or clarify information previously provided. One or more Proposers may be asked to provide additional information, to meet with the District to discuss their proposal, or to address such other issues as deemed important by the District.

2.1.8 Submissions with Proposal:

- a) Proposers will provide, along with the completed proposal package, evidence demonstrating an ability to provide school transportation, including, if applicable, a list of any and all Connecticut school districts which they have served during the past three years and a summary of their experience over at least three years of

successfully operating a complex school transportation program in compliance with the applicable laws, rules and regulations of the State of Connecticut. In lieu of organizational experience, staff experience must be demonstrated. This information should be included in Section #2 of the Proposal binder.

- b) The Proposer must provide proof, along with the completed proposal package, that it can provide the required insurance coverage as outlined in these proposal documents. This proof can be in the form of a certificate of insurance naming the Stratford Public School District and the Town of Stratford as additional insureds, showing all the requested types and levels of coverage required, or a letter from the insurance company (s) (not agent), guaranteeing what types and levels of coverage they will provide in the event the Proposer is awarded the contract. The types and levels of coverage must, of course, meet or exceed the required levels in the proposal specifications. This information should be included in Section #7 of the Proposal binder.
- c) The Proposer must submit, with the proposal, proof that the Proposer can furnish a Performance Bond for the performance of the Contract should the Board decide to accept the Performance Bond Alternate (Section 5.2). The proof must be in the form of a bona fide letter of surety from a surety company authorized to do business in the State of Connecticut. The letter must guarantee that the surety company will provide the Performance Bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the annual contract value in the event the Proposer is awarded the contract, and the District selects the Performance Bond alternate. A determination on the acceptance of the Performance Bond alternate rests solely with the District. This information should be included in Section #7 of the Proposal binder.

2.1.9 In order to provide the required services envisioned in the Contract, Contractors must have a sufficient number of competent, trained driving personnel and bus aides. Proposers shall submit descriptions of their driver and bus aide recruitment programs, including *typical* wage and benefit information. For each district provided as a reference in compliance with Section 2.1.8(a) above, Proposer shall provide an employment profile including at least the number of daily drivers and bus aides required, the actual number of drivers and bus aides employed, a description of targeted recruitment programs and driver/bus aide training programs, and information on the scheduling process for proficiency testing. The District is particularly interested in the approach(es) that would be undertaken by the Proposer to meet the employment and staffing requirements of this transportation system. The information provided will be an important consideration in the District's review of the Proposal. This information should be included in Section #8 of the Proposal binder.

2.1.10 All information required in the Proposal Documents, in connection with each item against which a proposal is submitted, must be provided, to constitute an acceptable proposal.

2.1.11 No alteration, erasure, or addition is to be made in the typewritten or printed matter. Any deviations from the conditions and specifications in the Proposal Documents may constitute sufficient grounds for rejection of proposal.

2.1.12 Prices and information required, except signature of Proposer, should be typewritten for legibility. Illegible or vague proposals may be rejected. All signatures must be written. Facsimile, printed, or typewritten signatures are not acceptable.

- 2.1.13 No charge will be allowed for federal, state, or municipal sales and excise taxes since the school district is exempt from such tax. Exemption certificates, if required, will be furnished on forms provided by the Contractor.
- 2.1.14 All proposals received after the time stated in the Notice to Proposers will not be considered and will be returned unopened. Amendments or withdrawals of proposals received later than that date and time will not be considered. The Proposer assumes the risk of any delay in the mail or in the handling of the mail by employees of the Stratford Public Schools. Whether sent by mail or by means of personal delivery, the Proposer assumes responsibility for having its proposal received by the Board on time at the place specified.

**RIGHT TO ACCEPT / REJECT: AFTER REVIEW OF ALL FACTORS, TERMS AND CONDITIONS, INCLUDING PRICE, THE STRATFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS RESERVES THE RIGHT TO WAIVE TECHNICAL DEFECTS IN PROPOSALS; REJECT ANY AND ALL PROPOSALS, IN WHOLE OR IN PART; TO RE-ADVERTISE AND INVITE NEW PROPOSALS; TO ACCEPT PARTS OF PROPOSALS FROM MORE THAN ONE PROPOSER; TO MODIFY PROPOSALS BASED UPON NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE PROPOSER(S); AND TO MAKE SUCH AWARDS, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, INCLUDING ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL OR PART OF A PROPOSAL, THAT IN ITS JUDGMENT WILL BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE BOARD AND/OR TOWN OF STRATFORD EVEN IF SUCH PROPOSAL IS NOT THE LOW COST PROPOSAL.**

- 2.1.15 The submission of a proposal will be construed to mean that the Proposer is fully informed as to the extent and character of the services, supplies, materials, or equipment required and a representation that the Proposer can furnish the services, supplies, materials or equipment satisfactorily in complete compliance with the Proposal Documents. The submission of a proposal will also mean that the Proposer is fully informed as to the laws, rules, regulations, policies, procedures, and requirements of the Federal Government, the State of Connecticut and the Stratford Public Schools, and that the Proposer will fully comply with said rules, regulations, policies, procedures, and requirements.
- 2.1.16 All proposals must be sealed and must be submitted in a plain opaque box. All proposals must be addressed to the Stratford Public Schools. The proposal label must be clearly marked "Student Transportation Proposal". Also the date and time of the proposal opening as indicated on the Notice to Proposers must appear on the envelope or box label. Telephone quotations or amendments will not be accepted at any time. All materials submitted with the proposals will become the property of the District and will not be returned.

## **2.2 PROPOSER'S CERTIFICATION, REPRESENTATIONS, AND QUALIFICATIONS**

- 2.2.1 The Proposer shall submit a completed *Non-Collusive Proposal Certification* attached as a schedule to these Proposal Documents.
- 2.2.2 Qualifications of Proposers: The work and services described in the Proposal Documents include the performance of activities directly affecting the safety of the students served by the District and the public generally. The District may make any investigation necessary to determine the ability of the Proposer to fulfill the Contract(s), and the Proposer shall furnish

the District with all such information for this purpose as the District may request. **If, in the sole opinion of the District, the Proposer is not properly qualified or responsible to perform any obligations of the Contract proposal, the District reserves the right to reject its proposal.**

The Stratford Public Schools reserves the right to investigate all references and qualifications statements made by the Proposer. Upon investigation and evaluation, the Stratford Public Schools may choose to reject any proposal where the Proposer's stated qualifications are such that the Proposer may not be able to perform the transportation service in a safe and efficient manner. The following information categories will be reviewed, at a minimum, and each Proposer must supply information consistent with the detailed requirements described. The Proposer is encouraged to provide any additional information or data that further demonstrates its experience or qualifications, and/or ensures that high quality services will be provided to the District.

- a) Proposer must possess and demonstrate knowledge and capabilities to satisfy all Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles rules, regulations, and vehicle inspection requirements, in addition to all federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations relating to transportation.
- b) Proposer must include a reference list, setting out the names of all Connecticut districts in which they have operated in the past three years, or are currently operating. The name and telephone number of each business official or other District liaison must be provided for each district reference listed, along with a description of the type of transportation services provided (i.e. home-to-school; special education; extra-curricular), and the number and size of buses and vans used in the performance of the contract. This information is to be included in Section #2 of the Proposal binder.
- c) A detailed description of the Proposer's driver and bus aide recruitment program, including specific efforts that will be used to recruit qualified personnel in Stratford must be provided. As a part of this submittal, a description of the process that will be used to meet the hiring considerations as detailed in Section 4.6 must be provided. This information is to be included in Section #8 of the Proposal binder.
- d) Proposer must include a brief résumé summarizing the experience and qualifications of the terminal manager, and "other" members of the managerial and supervisory staff who will be directly responsible for the performance of this contract. "Other" managers and supervisory staff include assistant manager(s), dispatcher(s), trainer(s), safety supervisor(s), maintenance supervisor(s), etc.

If any of these positions have not yet been filled, please list the qualifications (job description) for the position(s).

Please provide a job description for the terminal manager as well as each of the other site managers that will be directly involved in the performance of this contract. As part of the job description, please describe the projected allocation of time that each individual will dedicate to the District operations. Contact information can be based on a specified frequency (i.e. daily meetings; monthly; etc.), or a percentage (%) of their overall work schedule. The intent of this mandate is to provide the District with

a detailed understanding of responsibilities and accountability relative to the District's transportation program.

An organizational chart is to be provided showing the relationship of the various management positions within the terminal that will provide services to the District. Please provide an additional organizational chart showing the terminal manager's position within the Proposer's company as a whole. Within the organizational chart, specific areas of authority and responsibility are to be identified for line and staff positions that affect the performance of this contract. Please provide contact information (phone; email) for the person in the organization that will directly oversee the Terminal Manager, or similar title, for the Stratford terminal.

This information is to be included in Section #2 of the Proposal binder.

- e) The Proposer should supply details on the typical operating program that would be utilized in the performance of this contract, including such items as specialized training for new and experienced drivers and bus aides including specialized training for wheelchair certified drivers; accident reduction programs; vehicle maintenance and inspection programs; training and use of computerized fleet maintenance, management, and routing systems; and student safety programs. This information is to be included in Section #8 of the Proposal binder.
- f) The Board's preference is for one Contractor to provide all buses to meet the program needs. To that end, the Proposer shall provide its fleet profile (years and/or mileage; vehicle features) for vehicles in the categories appropriate to the contract(s) being considered by the Proposer. The Stratford Public Schools requires the following as a minimum:
- 30 passenger and larger buses: 5.5 year average age with no bus older than 10 years;
  - Less than 30 passenger buses/vehicles: 4.5 year average age with no bus/vehicle older than 8 years;
  - All vehicles added to the fleet during the term of the contract must be new vehicles, with the exception of designated "spare" vehicles which shall be no older than six (6) years of age and shall have less than 80,000 miles at the time of addition.

This information is to be included in Section #5 of the Proposal binder.

- g) A detailed list of terminated contracts over the last three years in Connecticut, except those contracts lost as a result of the proposal/bidding process. This information is to be included in Section #2 of the Proposal binder.
- h) Information identifying any pending, threatened and/or outstanding claims, legal issues, or litigation, as well as any outstanding judgments and liens against the Proposer must be provided with the proposal. If the Proposer deems such legal actions not to be material, and consistent with the normal course of business, a statement to this effect must be submitted by an authorized representative of the Proposer. The School District reserves the right to request additional information

about any pending legal actions, whether disclosed in this submittal or not. This information is to be included in Section #4 of the Proposal binder.

- i) A description of any bankruptcy filings by the Proposer, any related entities, or principal(s) of the Proposer, within the last seven (7) years. The School District reserves the right to reject any proposal submitted from an entity that has filed for bankruptcy protection within the past seven (7) years. This information must be submitted with the proposal. This information is to be included in Section #4 of the Proposal binder.
- j) A statement as to whether the Proposer, any related entities, or principal(s) of the Proposer, has ever been denied a Performance Bond. If yes, the Proposer must provide information about the situation, the name of the bonding company that denied the bond, explanation for the denial, and what resolution was achieved. This information must be submitted with the proposal. This information is to be included in Section #4 of the Proposal binder.

2.2.3 Proposers may be asked to provide, if they are being considered for a contract award, the following financial information. Failure to provide this information within 72 hours of the request by the District may result in the contract not being awarded to the Proposer.

- a) Professionally prepared (audited or reviewed) financial statements for the past three years, prepared by an independent certified public accountant. These statements must contain financial information specific to the bus company that is proposing on this contract, not just a consolidated financial statement for a group of companies (bus or other) owned by the Proposer. These statements must contain all the formal parts of a financial statement, including, but not limited to, Balance Sheets, Profit & Loss Statements, Statements of Cash Flows, and the notes to the financial statements. If the company has not been financially active for the period requested, or is actually an affiliate of another company, then the Proposer should submit financial statements of the affiliates, updated interim financial reports, and parent and cross-corporate guarantees indicating that the affiliates and the Proposer will be held financially responsible for the Proposer and his/her operations.

Pursuant to Section 2.1.6, if any related entities or companies provide services, vehicles or assets in the performance of this Contract, the Proposer certifies through this submission that these entities or companies will provide parent and/or cross-guarantee performance, and that all entities or companies shall be bound by the Terms and Conditions of this Contract.

The purpose here is to determine whether the Proposer is clearly in a financial position to take on and operate a bus contract of this size. It is the responsibility of the Proposer to provide the financial proof that the company is financially capable of performing this contract. If the financial statements do not supply that information then the Proposer must include other documents that will provide this proof. The District may have the financial data analyzed by its independent auditor or such other financial advisor as determined by the Stratford Public Schools. If the Proposer cannot provide sufficient information to prove the Proposer has the financial capability to perform this contract, the District has the right to reject the proposal.

## 2.3 INTERPRETATION OF PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS

No interpretation of the meaning of the Proposal Documents or the Contract will be made to any Proposer orally. Every request for such interpretation should be made in writing or by email, addressed to Stratford Public Schools, Clarence Zachery, Chief Operating Officer, 1000 East Broadway, Stratford, Connecticut 06615, or [ZacheryC@stratfordk12.org](mailto:ZacheryC@stratfordk12.org), not later than 3:00 pm on December 13, 2016. Notice of any and all interpretations and any supplemental instructions will be provided to Proposers of record by the District in the form of addenda to the Proposal Documents. All addenda so issued shall be published on the Town's website at: <http://www.townofstratford.com/content/39832/39846/39929/40192.aspx>, and shall become a part of the Proposal Documents. Failure of any Proposer to receive any such addendum or interpretation shall not relieve any Proposer from any obligations under his/her Proposal submitted. Proposers are required to acknowledge receipt of and conformance to all published addenda.

## 3. AWARD

### 3.1 AWARD PERIOD

The Stratford Public Schools will endeavor to make an award within ninety (90) days after the date of the proposal opening, and all proposals shall remain firm during that time period. The Stratford Public Schools further reserves the right to make awards following this initial ninety (90) day period to any Proposer who has not provided written notice to the District that its proposal has been withdrawn.

The District will evaluate every written proposal submitted and reserves to itself the right to be the sole judge of which proposal(s) best meets the needs of the District. Prior to the award of the contract(s) and during the course of the contract(s), the District reserves the right to negotiate changes in the scope and commensurate costs of the required services as well as changes in the scope and/or cost of the enhancements offered by the Proposer to the District. As stated herein, the District encourages Proposers to submit any additional information or suggestions that they believe will enhance the provision of quality, responsive student transportation services on a cost-efficient basis.

### 3.2 TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

3.2.1 The Contract will be awarded for a period of five (5) years, 2017-2018 (7/1/17-6/30/18) school year through 2021-2022 (7/1/21-6/30/22) school year. The contract may be extended for additional years based on the mutual agreement of the parties. The Contract will include public, non-public and vocational school home-to-school transportation, early and late public and non-public services, certain special education transportation, summer transportation, and certain extra-curricular services including field and athletic trips. The District reserves the right to hire other transportation providers to provide certain special education transportation and extra-curricular services.

The program described herein covers various aspects of the transportation program operated by the District. A description of current contracted services is included in Appendix "A" and will be described at the pre-proposal meeting.

3.2.2 The Contract(s) will be awarded based upon a review by the Stratford Public Schools of all elements of the proposal submitted, including mandatory and voluntary categories of

information, and requested alternates. Given the nature of the services, the Stratford Public Schools reserves the right to award certain ancillary or specialized services (i.e. Special Education runs; homeless transportation; sports and field trips) to multiple contractors.

The current 2016-2017 program is utilizing the following buses (including spare vehicles):

Quantity	Description
44	Type I, 71/72 Passenger Buses
5	Type I, 65/66 Passenger Buses
2	Type II buses (20-30 passenger capacity)
21	Type II buses (16-19 passenger)
3	7-10 passenger vans
7	Type II wheelchair buses (8 + 3 w/c)

Section 8.7.2.1.a details the projected fleet requirements for the 2017-2018 school year. The bus capacities may be changed for future years.

### **Home-to-School (Public and Special Education) and Summer Transportation**

The School District is requesting prices from the Contractor for the provision of a variety of services. In all cases, the determination on the capacity and style of bus to utilize will be made by the District in consultation with the Contractor. Should the District and Contractor disagree on the bus to be utilized, the final decision rests solely with the District. The Contractor shall not modify or adjust the vehicle capacities serving the District without the prior approval of the District.

For home-to-school transportation, the pricing system used in this contract is based upon the length of day the specific vehicle is in use on behalf of the Stratford Public Schools. The daily usage shall be determined based upon the scheduled run length as determined by the District where the bus is in direct service to the District. *The daily usage shall be based upon “live” run times which are defined throughout this specification as from and to the Contractor’s terminal which must be located within the Town of Stratford. The run time shall begin upon exit from the terminal in the AM to the time of actual return to the terminal after the morning run. Similar run times will occur for the afternoon runs.* The run times do not include pre or post trip times.

Times between schools during an AM or PM run package shall be considered live time and shall become part of the scheduled day for payment purposes. All run times shall be determined by the District.

The regularly scheduled Home-to-School AM and PM transportation program of the District is shown in Appendix “A”, Program Descriptions, of these specifications. Additional information about bus usage is provided on the flash drives distributed at the pre-proposal meeting.

The District will guarantee 1.5 hours of “billable” live time for any AM or PM run. For example, if an AM run, on a live time basis, operates from 6:50 am to 8:15 am, the Contractor would be paid for 1.5 hours of time as opposed to the actual 1 hour and 25 minutes. For buses that operate both an AM and PM run, the District will guarantee a payment for three hours per day of live time. Should a bus complete their assigned services within the run “guarantee” time, the District has the right to utilize the vehicle for additional services (for example: short shuttle; sick child; courier work; etc).

If a bus is required for only an AM or PM run (half-day bus), the bus shall be billed to the District at 65% of what the daily rate would be if the half-day time was doubled. For example, if a bus was



used for two hours in the AM only, the full day use would be considered 4 hours and the District would pay the contractor for 65% of the 4 hour rate. In no event will the Contractor be paid for less than 65% of the three hour rate.

Buses can be used for any combination of in-School District and out-of-School District routes as determined by the District.

For example, an AM run shall begin at the point of departure from the terminal, and shall end at the arrival time at the terminal for the AM run package. No other bus use before or after the run shall be compensated unless said work is performed at the request of the District. Times between schools during an AM run package shall be considered live time and shall become part of the scheduled day for payment purposes. A similar pattern will exist for PM runs. The District will pay the Contractor for any time, as live time, where the District mandates determine the service levels. Therefore, if the District requires that a bus be at a building 10 minutes prior to departure for the PM runs, the 10 minutes would be considered live time for payment purposes. All route times shall be determined by the District. The total time for the day shall determine the pricing level for that bus (three (3) hours, four (4) hours, or five (5) hours) based upon the rates submitted for the full day buses.

Route times that exceed the number of hours shown will be rounded to the nearest quarter hour (ex., 4 hours and five minutes would be paid for 4.00 hours while 4 hours and 25 minutes would be rounded to 4.5 hours). Quarter hour rates would be calculated by subtracting the lower hourly rate from the next highest hour rate, and then dividing the difference by 4 to arrive at a quarter hour rate which would then be added to lower hourly rate. For example, to calculate the rate for 4.25 hours, the 4 hour rate would be subtracted from the 5 hour rate with the resulting difference divided by 4 and then added to the four hour rate. (If the 4 hour rate is \$200, and the 5 hour rate is \$240, the difference is \$40 which would be divided by 4 to arrive at \$10 which would make the rate for a 4.25 hour bus to be \$210.)

Times in excess of the five (5) hours per day rate would be based upon the Excess Hourly Rate charge as described herein. The Excess Hourly Rate will be paid in 15 minute segments rounded to the nearest quarter hour. In other words, if a route is operated for five (5) live hours and 20 minutes, it will be paid at the five (5) live hour rate plus a quarter of the Excess Hourly rate. If a run operates for 5 hours and 40 minutes, it will be paid at five hours plus three-quarters of the Excess Live Hourly Rate.

Specialized runs such as shuttles, mid-day, or late runs, that operate within 60 minutes of a scheduled AM or PM run may be considered (as solely determined by the District) part of the scheduled length of day for the bus use and will be charged as part of the base home-to-school times on the bus. For example, if a PM route terminates at 3:55 and the late run begins at 4:20, the District will have the ability to add this additional work onto the basic length of day. Should this occur, the non-driving time between the end of the regular run and the beginning of the special run will be considered "live time" for billing purposes. Unnecessary mileage during this time will not be reimbursed for fuel purposes, and the District reserves the right to utilize the vehicle as required during this paid time. A determination on the applicability of a run qualifying as a base bus cost will be made solely by the District.

Shuttle runs, or late runs that operate separately from a scheduled PM route would be based upon a one-hour guarantee. All minimum guarantees may be modified for specialized runs, early dismissals, or exceptional circumstances as determined by the School District. Prior to the initiation

of any late run, the District will notify the Contractor of the time allocation and approved payment basis for the run. Late runs shall be paid based upon the Excess Rate per hour for the appropriate vehicle capacity, in quarter hour increments with the time rounded to the nearest quarter hour.

Mid-day runs that operate separately from the scheduled AM or PM routes would be based upon a one-hour guarantee. If the vehicle is being operated contiguous to an AM or PM run, then the District reserves the right to add this time onto the basic length of day. Should this occur, the non-driving time between the end of the regular run and the beginning of the special run will be considered “live time” for billing purposes, but not for fuel reimbursement for any unnecessary trips. A determination on the applicability of a run qualifying as a base bus cost will be made solely by the District. Prior to the initiation of any mid-day run, the District will notify the Contractor of the time allocation and approved payment basis for the run. Mid-day runs that are not part of the AM or PM home-to-school base bus fee shall be paid based upon the Excess Rate per hour as stipulated, in quarter hour increments with the time rounded to the nearest quarter hour.

Throughout the year the District may require early dismissals at District locations, and/or private/parochial schools. In these instances, there may be times when buses are required to operate on a “split” schedule for dismissals. In those instances, if a dismissal occurs that is more than 30 minutes from the regular afternoon dismissal time, the early dismissal will be guaranteed 1.0 hours of time for payment purposes, and the regular dismissal will be guaranteed 1.0 hours of time for payment purposes. If the early dismissal is within 30 minutes of the normal dismissal time, the early dismissal will be added to the PM run time and paid on the daily rate schedule for that day based on the length of day by bus type.

There may be instances when buses are required to operate on days when the Stratford Public Schools are closed. These would be scheduled calendar days for the non-District locations. In those cases the Contractor will be required to provide the necessary vehicles and the billing to the District shall be adjusted to reflect the actual bus usage.

Whenever necessary, compensated times will be determined by the Stratford Public Schools based upon trial routes, the minimum of a three (3) consecutive day average of actual operating times after the first two (2) weeks of the start of school, computer estimated times utilizing industry standard routing software, and/or web based maps. Additional routes attached to any other route shall be billed at the increased hourly rate or the Excess Live Hour Charge. Once the routes are established at the beginning of the school year, unless there are material changes in the route length (15 live minutes or more), no change in compensation for that school year will occur. In all cases, the final determination as to route times and payments will be determined by the District.

These minimum guarantees may be modified for specialized routes, early dismissals, or exceptional circumstances as determined by the District. Prior to the initiation of any route, the District will notify the Contractor of the time allocation and approved payment basis for the route.

Support for any “excess billing” shall be supplied to the District as requested, and included in the monthly invoice. Given the dynamic nature of transportation, as route changes occur, the payment basis for the route may increase or decrease. Contractor’s billing must reflect these changes, and all such changes must be approved in advance and in writing by the District.

If unusual bus usage situations should occur that are not envisioned in the above pricing examples, the District and the Contractor shall discuss the appropriate billing charge prior to the initiation of the service. Should the Contractor fail to bring this situation to the attention of the District prior to

performing the service, the District reserves the right to determine the most appropriate method of reimbursing the Contractor. Should the Stratford Public Schools or the Town of Stratford experience an emergency which requires the movement of students or residents, the Contractor shall provide, to the best of its ability, the vehicles and drivers to meet the emergency need. The rate for reimbursement of costs incurred by the Contractor shall be based on the Excess Hourly Rate for the appropriate vehicle size.

There may be circumstances where the District requires a monitor or a trained bus attendant on a route. The District is requesting a rate per live hour for the Contractor to supply either a monitor or a trained bus attendant as mandated by the District. The monitors or attendants will be paid for the live time of the operation of the route (AM, PM or both) equal to the live time paid for the bus that the person is assigned to. Payment will be made in quarter hour segments, rounded to the nearest quarter hour. A Bid for this category must be included on the Bid document for a Bid to be considered by the District.

However, the District reserves the right to assign its own bus, monitors, or trained attendants, a nurse, or other responsible adult to provide assistance and/or supervision on a need basis. The Contractor will cooperate with the District in facilitating the placement of these District assigned people on the Contractor's buses.

Whenever necessary, compensated times will be determined by the District based upon trial runs or computer designed schedules. In all cases, the final determination as to run times and payments will be determined by the District.

During the term of the contract, the District may increase or decrease the use of vehicles as needed to meet the demands of the program. Charges from the Contractor will be based upon the actual vehicle usage at the prices as shown on the Form of Proposal and at run times as determined by the District.

The Contractor shall maintain sufficient documentation to support the time-based billing issued to the District. The District reserves the right to review payroll or vehicle operating data to support the time-based billing. All minimum guarantees may be modified for specialized runs, early dismissals, or exceptional circumstances as determined by the School District. Prior to the initiation of any run, the District will notify the Contractor of the time allocation and approved payment basis for the run. Detailed information on the timing and scope of these runs will be provided.

Information on current scheduled mid-day, late runs or early dismissals will be provided at the pre-proposal meeting.

The District currently operates 1 Type I bus, 25 Type II buses (16-19 passenger), and 1 7-passenger van for various programs during the summer. The pricing for these summer runs shall be consistent with the terms and conditions as detailed in this section. Operating information about the summer runs will be provided at the pre-proposal meeting.

The Town of Stratford may choose to contract for vehicles for their summer programs. These buses will be provided to the Town at the same rates as provided to the District under the Contract, with an adjustment to the price to reflect the Contractor's provision of fuel, pursuant to a separate contract between the Town and the Contractor.

### **Field and Sports Trips**

The District is requesting pricing for Field and Sports trips based upon a rate per hour for driving time and waiting time, plus a rate per mile for “out-of-District” trips that exceed 50 round-trip miles. For field or sports trips that are considered “in-District”, the District will guarantee one (1) hour of billing at the driving rate. For field or sports trips that are “out-of-District”, there will be a minimum of two (2) hours of billing at the driving rate. For the purposes of billing by the hour, trip times will be invoiced in one-quarter hour segments for both driving and waiting time, rounded to the nearest quarter hour. For example, a trip of 2 hours and 10 minutes would be billed at a rate of 2.25 times the hourly rate as stipulated in the Form of Proposal. Mileage will be based from “point-of-pick-up” to “point of drop-off”, does not include any deadhead mileage, and will be paid for only those miles that exceed 50 round-trip miles.

Pricing is being requested based on the defined capacity and features of the vehicles. Should the District specifically request a Type II vehicle, and should a Type I bus be utilized by the Contractor due to a decision made by the Contractor, the District will be invoiced at the Type II rate.

The District may conduct some “drop and pick” field or sports trips. **These are only to be done at the specific request of the District. The District reserves the right to require a bus to stay at a trip site for the duration of the trip.** Should a “drop and pick” be requested, the Contractor would be reimbursed for all necessary tolls both during the live runs and deadhead runs. Additionally, driving time shall be based upon the scheduled time for departure in the District to return to the Contractor’s terminal. For the “pick-up” portion of the trip, the time shall be from the Contractor’s terminal to the pick-up point and back to the student delivery point in the District. For “drop and pick” runs, the driving time paid shall be total driving time for both sections of the run with the total driving time being at least one hour of driving time.

For ease of invoicing for both the Contractor and the District, the District reserves the right to meet with the Contractor to establish fixed prices for trips to defined locations both inside and outside of the District’s boundaries. These prices will be based on the driving times and mileage rates required in this proposal but will become “set” prices for the defined locations based upon a one-half hour (30 minute) guarantee for in-District trips and a two-hour guarantee for out-of-District trips.

In the event that a field or sports trip is not cancelled by the District with at least one (1) hour of notice provided to the Contractor, and if the Contractor can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the District that he/she incurred labor costs due to the late cancellation, then the District will pay the Contractor a cancellation fee of \$35.00.

Fuel will be provided to the Contractor by the District consistent with Section 8.7.4.

The District reserves the right to institute a Trip Management form which will be utilized by the Contractor at the request of the District. This form may include the following type of information: scheduled date of trip; name of group/team; destination; recommended route; program and person requesting/responsible for trip; scheduled departure time and location; scheduled arrival time at destination; estimated departure time from location; estimated return time and location in District; actual departure time; actual return time; comments; estimate trip cost; driver name; contractor; bus number; required bus capacity and features. There would be spaces for initials of driver and coach/chaperone/responsible party in several locations on the form.

All departments in the Town of Stratford will be entitled to contract for field trip services at the rates agreed to pursuant to the Contract (with the exception of a fuel adjustment), in the appropriate category, via separate contracts with those departments. The District will not provide fuel for services provided to non-District operations.

### 3.3 PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS:

3.3.1 Once the District receives proposals, a Transportation Proposal Review Committee will review each element of the submission. In order to clarify certain elements of a Proposal, or in an effort to modify certain elements in order to better meet the District's needs, the Review Committee may meet with one or more Proposers to discuss their Proposals. Any changes to the Proposals that are agreed to by the Proposer will be placed in writing and acknowledged by the Proposer, and will then serve as both a formal modification to the original Proposal and as the basis for any Contract(s) awards.

3.3.2 No cash discount may be offered or quoted by any Proposer, except as noted in Section 5.1 for the District's pre-payment of the estimated contract costs.

## 4. AWARD OF CONTRACT

4.1 Each proposal will be received with the understanding that its acceptance, in writing, by the School District, approved by the Board of Education, to furnish any or all of the items described shall constitute the terms of a Contract between the successful Proposer and the School District. The Board will present the final Contract to the Successful Proposer/Contractor, and these Proposal Documents, along with any agreed upon modifications made pursuant to Section 3.3.1, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the Contract.

4.2 The placing in the mail of a notice of award to a successful Proposer, to the address given in the proposal, will be considered sufficient notice of an award of the Contract.

4.3 These specifications are intended to provide for school bus services for the transportation of students for the Stratford Public Schools for the 2017-2018 (July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018) school year through the 2021-2022 (July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022) school year. Each Proposer must inform itself fully as to the conditions relative to the fulfillment of the Contract(s) proposed. In that regard, all Proposers are invited to review, among other things, the routing schedules used in the 2016-2017 school year which are on file with the School District. Information relative to the routes will also be provided at the pre-proposal meeting.

4.4 Proposer will be required to furnish, at its expense, a proposal bond or certified check in the amount of five percent (5%) of the Proposer's proposed price for the first year of the contract. The surety company issuing the proposal bond must be rated as a "secure" carrier in the current edition of A.M. Best's *Insurance Guide*.

The Proposal Bond or certified check will be deposited with the Stratford Public Schools as a guarantee that the Contract will be signed and delivered by the Successful Proposer, and in default thereof, the amount of such check or proposal bond shall be retained by the Board as liquidated damages on account of such default.

- 4.5 Enclosed with the Proposal the Proposer must include a letter from an insurance broker stating that the insurance requirements specified in this document will be met or exceeded. This information is to be included in Section #7 of the Proposal binder.
- 4.6 The Proposer shall include information in the proposal about the process that will be utilized to provide Manager and Dispatcher coverage for athletic and field trips that occur after 5:00 pm or on non-school days. This information is to be included in Section #8 of the Proposal binder.
- 4.7 The Proposer shall provide specific information on the person(s) that will provide safety and driver training to the staff serving the Stratford Public Schools. This information is to be included in Section #8 of the Proposal binder.
- 4.8 As a part of the submission required with this Proposal, the Proposer shall submit to the School District a copy of its dress code applicable to drivers and aides. This information is to be included in Section #8 of the Proposal binder.
- 4.9 Proposers are required to provide with their Proposal, in the form of Appendix B, the vehicle identification number (if known), year, body manufacturer, chassis manufacturer, student seating capacity, and fuel type of each vehicle proposed to be utilized during the initial year of the Contract. If vehicles are to be purchased to fulfill the Contract, a letter from the sales agent or vehicle distributor as to vehicle(s) descriptions and availability must be enclosed with the proposal. This information is to be included in Section #5 of the Proposal binder.
- 4.10 In the event the successful Proposer is not the incumbent contractor, the successful Proposer shall submit a Transition Plan to the School District within fifteen (15) calendar days after being notified that it will be awarded the contract. Such Transition Plan must be approved by the School District prior to any formal award by the Board of Education. It must include, at a minimum, a plan for hiring of personnel; securing vehicles; development of the necessary maintenance location(s); implementation of routing software capabilities; and the procedures and time line(s) for the continuation of the existing program. The Transition Plan will contain information of what will be completed, when and how it will be done, and performance indicators to ensure that everything will be completed fully and timely. While the School District will provide whatever assistance it can, the responsibility for the development and implementation of the Transition Plan will rest fully with the successful Proposer.

Should the existing contractor be the successful Proposer, the Contractor will be required to submit a Transition Plan demonstrating how they will accomplish and incorporate the changes contained in this new specification, including any District-selected alternate(s).

Failure to provide a satisfactory Transition Plan within fifteen (15) days after being notified that it is eligible for the Contract(s), may cause the Contractor to forfeit its eligibility for the Contract(s).

- 4.11 The Proposer will provide details on the proposed site(s) to be used to house, maintain, and operate the required bus fleet for providing all transportation related facilities used in the performance of the contract. Specific information on facility address, size of buildings and parking areas, and features of site(s) must be included with the Proposal. If the proposed site(s) are not currently under the control of the Proposer (as demonstrated by appropriate documentation), sufficient documentation as to the option to lease or purchase the site(s) must be submitted. The District reserves the right to inspect the facility prior to the award of a contract, and periodically during the term of the contract.

All vehicles are to be parked and stored at the Contractor's facility. "Park-outs", or provisions to allow drivers to store the vehicles at their homes or other locations after the PM runs or before the AM runs, are specifically prohibited. With the advanced approval of the District, drivers may "park-out" vehicles at other locations during the mid-day as long as there is proper security for the vehicles, and as long as there is a method of observation in place to meet Federal drug and alcohol supervision requirements.

- 4.12 The successful Proposer shall be required to execute a Contract on the appropriate form furnished by the School District which shall contain such other further additional provisions that the Board deems necessary. The Contract shall be subject to the approval of the Superintendent of Schools and the Board of Education. The successful Proposer, upon failure or refusal to execute and deliver the Contract, or such bonds or insurance as required by the Contract, within twenty-one (21) days after it received notice of the acceptance of its proposal, shall forfeit to the Board, as liquidated damages for such failure of refusal, the check or proposal bond.

## 5. ALTERNATES

The School District has determined certain options that it would like to consider in reviewing the proposals submitted by the Contractor. These options or alternates to the proposal will be reviewed and their acceptance or rejection by the School District will be solely at the discretion of the School District. It is important to note that if the Contractor fails to submit a response to one or more of the Alternates requested, the School District may reject the Contractor's proposal. If accepted by the Board, such alternate or alternates will become part of the Contract.

### 5.1 PRE-PAYMENT DISCOUNT

The District is willing to consider a pre-payment of its base transportation contract costs, depending on the discount offered by the Contractor for said pre-payment. The pre-payment would be performed twice per school year at dates established by the District for those calculated costs for the provision of basic home-to-school services (not extra-curricular). The District and the Contractor would mutually agree on the calculated amount of services for each of the two payment periods, and the District's costs would be the calculated amount less the pre-payment discount offered by the Contractor and as detailed on the Form of Proposal. The decision whether or not to accept the pre-payment discount option rests solely with the District, and the decision can be modified each year of the contract. Should the pre-payment discount be accepted by the District, prior to the end of the payment period the District and the Contractor shall determine any additional charges, or credits, that should apply and the proper adjustments shall be made prior to the end of the current school year.

### 5.2 PERFORMANCE BOND

The Contractor shall furnish the annual cost of providing a performance bond in an amount equal to 100 percent (100%) of the estimated annual contract to guarantee the faithful performance of the Contract. Such performance bond shall be maintained in full force and effect until the Contract has been fully performed. The surety company furnishing such performance bond shall be authorized to do business in the State of Connecticut, must be satisfactory to the Board, and must be rated in A.M. Best's *Insurance Guide* as a "secured carrier" with a rating of "A-" or higher. The performance bond shall be furnished to the District at least 30 days before the initiation of contract service, and a renewal bond shall be provided to the District at least 30 days prior to each

subsequent contract year. Failure to submit the required annual bond may result in termination of this Contract at the sole discretion of the District. **Proof of bondability must be submitted with the proposal.**

### 5.3 VEHICLE MAINTENANCE

The District owns and operates several school bus vehicles which are predominantly utilized for special needs and single student transport. The District is requesting that the Contractor provide a rate per hour for providing all voluntary and mandatory maintenance and inspection services, including maintaining the appropriate maintenance records consistent with the maintenance services that the Contractor provides on their own vehicles. In addition to an hourly rate for maintenance services, the District will pay the Contractor for the cost of any parts at the Contractor's documented cost, plus 10%. The Contractor is expected to notify the District when maintenance services are required; however, a decision on all maintenance services rests solely with the District. No maintenance shall be performed without the District's approval.<sup>2</sup>

## 6. GUARANTEES BY THE CONTRACTOR

6.1 The District may at any time during the contract term, by a written order, require the performance of such extra work or changes in the work as it may find necessary or desirable. The School District reserves the right to add to, delete from, or otherwise change the number of buses, style of buses, use of buses or length of operating day, and/or the number of days requiring transportation under this contract. The amount of compensation to be paid to the Contractor for any increase or decrease in work or services as so ordered shall be determined by the applicable prices, set forth in the Contract. The District shall not be liable for any extra work or increased compensation unless authorized in advance by the District's written order.

6.2 All material, services, and workmanship shall be subject to inspection, examination and test by the District. The selection of experts, bureaus, laboratories and/or agencies for the inspection, examination and tests of services, supplies, materials, and equipment shall be made by the District.

The District reserves the right to reject all material, supplies and workmanship that does not meet its standards.

6.3 The Contractor represents, warrants and guarantees:

6.3.1 That Contractor is financially solvent and the Contractor is experienced in and competent to perform the type of work and to furnish the materials, supplies, and equipment to be performed or furnished by it.

6.3.2 That Contractor shall procure and maintain solely at its own expense Workers Compensation, Connecticut Disability Insurance, and Connecticut Unemployment Insurance in amounts as required by law for all of its employees engaged in the performance of the Contract. That it shall procure and maintain, solely at its own expense, such insurance coverages in the amounts and under the conditions set forth in Section 8.4 of the Specifications. Certificates of Insurance, where applicable, will be submitted to the District Office no later than 30 days prior to the initiation of each Contract year.



- 6.3.3 That it will comply with Federal and State Fair Labor Standards Act minimum wage standards set by law as to all of its employees while they are engaged in work under any Contract between Contractor and School District.
- 6.3.4 That it will comply with the Occupational Safety and Health Act (“OSHA”) and the “Toxic Substances Act” (“Right To Know Act”) with respect to all operations or activities on School District premises, and all other federal, state or local laws, rules or regulations concerning the handling and disposal of toxic or hazardous substances and wastes.
- 6.3.5 The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, age, disability, sexual orientation, or marital status. Such action shall be taken with reference but not limited to: recruitment, employment, job assignment, promotion, upgrading, demotion, transfer, layoff, or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training or retraining, including apprenticeship and on-the-job training. The Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
- 6.3.6 The Contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, creed, color, religion, sex, country of national origin, age, disability, sexual orientation, or marital status.
- 6.3.7 The Contractor will cause the foregoing provisions to be inserted in all subcontracts for any work covered by this Contract so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor, provided that the foregoing provisions shall not apply to contracts or subcontracts for standard commercial supplies.
- 6.3.8 The Contractor will comply with all Federal and State provisions for drug and alcohol testing and be responsible for any and all fines related thereto, and that Contractor will comply with the Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy of the District.
- 6.3.9 The Contractor will comply with any and all other applicable Federal, State, and/or Local laws, rules, and regulations, and the policies and procedures of the Stratford Public Schools.
- 6.3.10 That in the performance of this contract, Contractor is an independent contractor, the School District being interested only in having the bus transportation services performed. For all purposes of this contract, all bus drivers, aides and others engaged by Contractor for the performance of this contract shall be considered employees of Contractor and not the Stratford Public Schools, unless otherwise specifically designated by the District. In certain instances the District may employ nurses or aides directly (or through a contract with an outside agency), and the Contractor will facilitate their travel and work on the buses.

## **7. PAYMENTS**

- 7.1 The acceptance by the Contractor of the last payment of the contract term shall be and hereby is a release to the District of all liability to the Contractor for all things done or furnished in connection with this work and for every act and neglect of the District and others relating to or arising out of this work.

- 7.2 Payments of any claim shall not preclude the School District from making claim for adjustment on any item found not to have been in accordance with general conditions and specifications.
- 7.3 The District may withhold from the Contractor so much of the payment due her/him as may in the judgment of the District be necessary to assure the payment of just claims then due and unpaid of any persons supplying labor or materials. The District shall have the right to apply such withheld payments to any claims or to secure such protection as it deems necessary. Such application of said money shall be deemed payments for the account of the Contractor.
- 7.4 The Contract shall be contingent upon appropriation by the Town of Stratford of funds sufficient to meet the District's operating costs, as budgeted by the Board for each fiscal year.
- 7.5 Payments for services rendered under the provisions of a Contract awarded hereunder shall be made upon receipt of a proper itemized invoice. District and Contractor shall meet prior to the commencement of services to develop an invoice form or electronic format, and supporting detail to meet the needs of the District, including a requirement for multiple copies of the invoices. At the District's option, an automated invoicing format may be developed and the Contractor agrees to submit the invoices utilizing the electronic format. At a minimum, the invoice shall include details on the number of vehicles utilized, by vehicle category and operating times, on a daily basis. Such payments shall be made monthly on the basis of services already rendered. If the invoice is received by the fifth business day of a given month, payment will be tendered within 30 days of receipt of invoice. All invoices for services rendered must be submitted within 30 days of providing said services. Delayed billing is not acceptable and will not be honored by the District.

Billing for trips provided to individual school buildings, or athletics, shall be submitted directly to the school building or athletic department.

The Contract price payable for each vehicle used in providing services under this Contract is detailed in the Form of Proposal for Transportation Services, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein. The number of Vehicles needed under this Contract will vary. Unless specifically authorized, under no circumstances is Contractor authorized to charge any overtime to the Board.

No later than the last payment, there will be included any debit or credit due to audit of hours, number of vehicles used, or other mutually agreed to revisions that would affect the total yearly cost. The District will reimburse the Contractor for the cost of tolls incurred as a part of any necessary routing for the program. No toll costs will be reimbursed for any tolls incurred as a part of any dead head mileage. The cost of such tolls should be submitted with the detailed monthly billing, and receipts must be attached. No payment will be made for buses that are scheduled to operate but that fail to provide services due to mechanical problems, driver or bus aide shortages, or similar operating issues that are deemed by the District to be under the control of the Contractor.

The Contractor(s) shall maintain records during the term of the Contract(s) and for 3 years thereafter of the daily services provided to the District on a route by route basis, and shall submit such records upon request by the District for audit in support of each of the monthly invoices.

## 8. SPECIFICATIONS

### 8.1 SCOPE

The Contractor shall provide school bus services for the transportation of students for the Stratford Public Schools for the 2017-2018 (7/1/2017-6/30/2018) school year through the 2021-2022 (7/1/2021-6/30/2022) school year.

The Transportation Program varies each year based upon a number of factors, including but not limited to, classroom locations, placements, and student requests. The Contractor shall provide the necessary vehicles.

The Contractor agrees that it will transport to and from the Stratford Public Schools and other institutions as designated by the Board such persons as may be designated by the Board, and at such days, times and hours as designated by the Board, and will make such stops and travel along such routes as are designated by the Board. The Contractor shall furnish such transportation services including personnel, supervision, vehicles, drivers, bus aides, equipment, and other services required to transport all students to and from the Stratford Public Schools and other designated institutions.

The specifics of the Transportation Program are contained in Section 3.2 of the Proposal Documents, Appendix "A", and such other information as may be provided at the pre-proposal meeting.

The District reserves the right to hire other transportation providers to provide certain special education, homeless and extra-curricular services, or any services that may be necessary to supplement the Contractor. The Contractor also agrees to work with the District if the District and neighboring boards or towns enter into cooperative agreements for certain transportation routes outside of town.

### 8.2 SCHOOL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE

The Superintendent or his/her designee will represent the Board of Education in all matters pertaining to the performance of this Contract.

### 8.3 INDEMNIFICATION

The Contractor shall indemnify and hold the Board, the Town and their respective officers, employees and agents harmless from any and all loss, liability, damage, penalty, expense or fee, including attorneys' fees, or other costs or obligations which result from, or arise out of the performance of Contractor, any employee, agent or personnel or breach of the obligations of Contractor, any employee, agent or personnel under this Contract.

### 8.4 INSURANCE

The Contractor shall provide the following insurance:

8.4.1 The insurance carrier must be licensed to do business in Connecticut and must be rated in A.M. Best's *Insurance Guide* as a "secured carrier" with a minimum rating of "A-". A non-admitted carrier would be acceptable for sexual misconduct coverage if written on a separate

policy, and may, at the District's sole discretion, be acceptable for the upper levels of excess coverage if the Contractor needed to secure multiple layers of coverage to meet the required limits.

8.4.2 The following Minimum insurance must be maintained in force during the term of the Contract by the Contractor at its own expense:

- a) Automobile insurance. Symbol "1", covering all automobiles and buses, including hired and non-owned vehicles is strongly preferred. However, at the District's discretion, a combination of symbols 2, 7, 8, and 9 covering all Owned automobiles and buses and including hired and non-owned vehicles might be acceptable. If symbols 2, 7, 8, and 9 are used, leased vehicles must be included within the definition of owned vehicles.

A combined single limit of bodily injury and property damage of \$5,000,000 per occurrence is required.

An additional insured endorsement is required. The District, at its sole discretion may accept endorsement CA 20 48 instead. Either endorsement must name the Stratford Board of Education, Town of Stratford and any of their respective public officials, agents, employees and volunteers. A waiver of subrogation in favor of the additional insured must apply.

Coverage should be at least equal to the standard ISO CA 00 01 with No manuscript endorsements reducing or limiting coverage unless approved in writing beforehand by the District.

- b) Commercial General Liability with limits of at least \$1,000,000 per occurrence/\$2,000,000 aggregate. Coverage is to be provided for bodily injury, property damage, products/completed operation, personal injury and advertising injury. Coverage is to be at least equal to ISO form CG 0001. An additional endorsement, equivalent to CG 2026 or CG 2010 naming the Stratford Board of Education, Town of Stratford and any of their respective public officials, agents and employees must be included. A Waiver of subrogation in favor of the additional insured must apply.
- c) \$5,000,000 umbrella or excess liability coverage is required. Must be at least follow form over the Auto Liability, General Liability, Sexual Misconduct Liability (if separate coverage not endorsed on General Liability), and Employers Liability.
- d) The liability limits can be accomplished by a combination of primary and excess policies, if needed.
- e) Workers Compensation and Employers Liability is required covering all employees and meeting the requirements of Connecticut law. A waiver of subrogation in favor of the Stratford Board of Education, Town of Stratford and any of their respective public officials, agents and employees must be included.
- f) Sexual Misconduct and molestation insurance must be provided with limits of at least \$1,000,000 and must include an additional insured endorsement naming

Stratford Board of Education and Town of Stratford. This can be either a separate policy or as an endorsement to the General Liability. If endorsed on the General Liability, it must be clearly stated that the Automobile exclusion on the General Liability policy does not apply to this coverage.

- 8.4.3 Said policy or policies shall be primary to any policies of insurance available to the District, and the Contractor shall attempt to obtain an endorsement or other provision that contains thirty (30) days prior notice to the District of cancellation or reduction of such insurance.

The District and/or its representative retain the right to make inquiries to the Contractor, its agents or broker and insurer directly.

- 8.4.4 The limits as outlined herein are strictly minimum amounts. The District encourages the use of higher limits and assumes no liability in the event that claims are presented against the Contractor for amounts in excess of these minimum limits.

- 8.4.5 The Contractor shall deposit with the District satisfactory evidence of insurance (including renewals) showing minimum coverage as required above with proof of premiums paid up-to-date. Annual binders evidencing insurance coverage shall be provided to the Stratford Public Schools no later than August 1<sup>st</sup> of each contract year, or June 15<sup>th</sup> of each contract year if Summer Transportation services are being provided. It is the Contractor's responsibility to initiate this submission, and the lack of any specific request from the District does not eliminate the mandate. Failure to provide binders in a timely manner shall be considered a contract default.

- 8.4.6 All insurance certificates shall show the name and address of the insured Contractor, the policy number, the type of coverage, the inception and expiration dates, and it shall clearly state what, if any, coverage is excluded by special or manuscript endorsement or otherwise excepting such as appear in the standard ISO policies as they relate to this Contract. The District reserves the right to make direct inquiry to the insurance carrier for an explanation of coverage and the Contractor agrees to assist in obtaining any such desired information. Contractor acknowledges that failure to provide the mandated insurance on behalf of the District constitutes a material breach of contract and subjects it to liability for damages, indemnification and all other legal remedies available to the District.

- 8.4.7 In fulfilling the obligations of the Contract(s), care must be exercised by the Contractor to avoid damage to or disfigurement of the buildings, equipment, driveways, or other property of the District. The Contractor shall be required to make the necessary repairs at its expense, as soon as possible after the damage occurs, for any property damaged by the Contractor or its employees.

## 8.5 BOOKS AND RECORDS

The Contractor shall consent and agree to audits of any and all financial records relating to the Contract by the Stratford Public Schools. It is also understood that any records maintained by the Contractor in connection with the performance of obligations arising out of the Contract may be examined at a mutually agreeable time by duly authorized representatives of the District, and all records shall be kept for a minimum of 3 years following expiration of the Contract. The Contractor shall also allow School District representatives proper access to garage facilities, maintenance records and buses for purposes of review and inspection.

## 8.6 TERM

The term of the Contract shall be for a five (5) year period, beginning 7/1/2017, and ending with the 2021-2022 school year (June 30, 2022).

## 8.7 CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

### 8.7.1 Personnel Matters

All transportation personnel shall be the responsibility of the Contractor and shall be the Contractor's employees. All supervisory personnel, drivers, bus attendants, and mechanics must meet all legal and regulatory requirements for holding their respective positions, and shall in all respects be in compliance with all requirements of law, ordinance or regulation of the Department of Motor Vehicles, including all required driving, licensing, training and certification. In addition, the Contractor will be responsible for fulfilling the fingerprinting requirements, background check requirements, and drug and alcohol testing requirements pursuant to all Federal Department of Transportation, State Department of Education, State Department of Motor Vehicles regulations, State law, and Board of Education policy.

8.7.1.1 It is recognized that for the protection of the children, drivers, bus attendants and all other persons coming in contact with the children must be of stable personality and of the highest moral character. The District places upon the Contractor, and the Contractor agrees to accept, the full responsibility of assuring such qualities in personnel. The Contractor agrees to not allow any person to drive a school bus or serve as a bus attendant whose moral character is not of the highest level or whose conduct might in any way expose any child to any impropriety of word or conduct whatsoever. Nor shall the Contractor allow any person to drive a school bus or serve as a bus attendant who is not physically and/or emotionally capable of performing the essential functions of their job, with or without reasonable accommodation. All drivers and bus attendants must understand and speak English. No person who is serving a sentence in a penal or correctional institution shall be employed or work under this Contract.

8.7.1.2 The responsibility for hiring and discharging personnel with respect to all obligations arising from the Contract shall rest entirely upon the Contractor, and the Contractor agrees not to enter into any agreement or arrangement with any employee, person, group or organization which will in any way interfere with the ability to comply with this requirement, except as otherwise required or permitted by law. The Contractor further agrees that the School District, solely in its discretion, shall have the right to remove, reject, or direct replacement of any manager, supervisor, dispatcher, bus driver, or bus attendant.

The Board reserves the right, in the exercise of its sound discretion, to reject drivers or bus attendants, or to direct that they be replaced, without being limited to considerations of health and driving records. Such drivers or attendants shall be removed from the routes immediately upon notice from the Board to the Contractor. The Board also reserves the right to directly employ certain bus aides/ attendants, or to contract with an agency for certain nursing services, to provide specialized services or medical support to individual students.

8.7.1.3 The Contractor shall provide preferential hiring for those positions that may exist to current contracted employees who are serving the Stratford Public Schools and who choose to apply for driving positions. These persons must meet the Contractor's employment requirements.

8.7.1.4 Terminal Staffing:

Terminal Manager: A "Terminal Manager (or similar function/title)" will be provided by the Contractor hereunder. Said Manager will be directly responsible for contact with parents regarding transportation problems within the District; provided, however, that all such routing and parent contacts are authorized by officials of the District as designated by the District's Superintendent of Schools or designee. Said Manager also shall be responsible for compliance by drivers and bus attendants with all District transportation policies, all statistical studies and reports required by the District, including those items necessary for State of Connecticut purposes, and monthly reports on pupil load, driver and student discipline problems and accident reports. Said Manager and his/her duly authorized designee, shall arrange with the District to be available during all hours that services are being performed pursuant to the Contract, as well as prior to the beginning of each day's hours of service, and for meetings with representatives of the District. The Manager shall be available by phone 2 ½ hours prior to the first AM run for emergency contacts from the District. The Manager is required to meet all State regulations and training requirements.

The Terminal Manager is precluded from any bus driver duties, driving any bus, serving as a bus attendant, and/or bus maintenance functions. Sufficient management personnel shall be maintained and available from at least 6:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. when school is in session. The Terminal Manager must be located at the transportation facility servicing the Stratford Public Schools. The Manager is subject to the approval of the Stratford Public Schools.

Dispatcher(s): A "Dispatcher" function shall exist within the terminal with said position staffed from one (1) hour before to one-half (1/2) hour after the AM and PM route operating times on days when the school transportation system is in operation. The person(s) serving in this capacity shall be trained in the assignment of buses and drivers, the use of radio systems, effective communications with parents and District staff members, and such other areas as may be necessary to effectuate the coordinated and efficient provision of transportation services.

The Dispatcher(s) shall serve at a designated telephone number to answer calls concerning daily service, including missed service and late pickups or drop-offs. Said Dispatcher will maintain contact with the District until the last student is off the last bus and the Dispatcher notifies the District that all of the students have been delivered to the designated drop-off point. The Contractor shall be responsible for maintaining services and facilities each day until the District is so notified.

The Contractor will have in place a designated "hot-line" telephone number that can be utilized by District personnel only for emergency contact with the terminal.

The Contractor must also provide a cell phone for the terminal for use during any power outages. The dedicated telephone number will not be used for other purposes, and the number will not be given out to the general public. The cost of all phone services shall be the responsibility of the Contractor.

The Dispatcher(s) shall not serve as an assigned or scheduled route driver, bus attendant, and/or perform maintenance functions, during their scheduled dispatching times. At no time during normal route operating times shall the Terminal be without a Terminal Manager and/or Dispatcher on-site. In the event that emergencies require that the Dispatcher substitute on a route, advanced notice must be provided to the District.

Safety Supervisor: The Contractor shall provide safety and driver training to the staff serving the Stratford Public Schools through a safety supervisor. This person will personally travel each route with the assigned driver at least once a year to survey not only the driver's performance for route hazards and equipment efficiency. This position is not required to be dedicated full-time to Stratford Public Schools, however sufficient time allocations must be in place in order to provide on-going training services to the staff.

Router: The Contractor shall provide the routing functions for the District using an industry standard routing software program. The Contractor shall have sufficient personnel in the facility serving the District to perform these services. Other management personnel may perform this function; however, the Contractor must be sufficiently staffed to ensure that this essential function can be performed in a thorough and timely manner.

Other Employees: The above detailed employees shall be provided by the Contractor as a minimum in order to provide the quality of services expected by the District. It is the Contractor's responsibility to determine what additional employees may be required to meet the program needs.

*Staffing levels in the terminal may vary depending on the operating procedures of the Contractor. Therefore, the Proposer is requested to provide a detailed explanation of their proposed terminal staffing with their Proposal. The District will utilize this information as a part of the proposal evaluation process. The District reserves the right to discuss changes to the proposed staffing pattern prior to the award of any contract.*

*As part of the proposed staffing description, please describe the projected allocation of time that each individual will dedicate to the District operations. Contact information can be based on a specified frequency (i.e. daily meetings; monthly; etc.), or a percentage (%) of their overall work schedule. The intent of this mandate is to provide the District with a detailed understanding of responsibilities and accountability relative to the District's transportation program.*

Details on the terminal staffing shall be included in Section #8 of the Proposal binder.



- 8.7.1.5 All office staff, drivers and bus attendants provided by the Contractor pursuant to the Contract shall be properly dressed. These same employees shall be expected to maintain a positive attitude about their work, and shall endeavor to represent the Contractor and the District in a positive way. All bus drivers and bus attendants must wear photo identification tags provided by the Contractor whenever they come in contact with students or school building personnel while working in their assigned tasks.
- 8.7.1.6 The Contractor must comply with all Local, State, Federal laws and regulations, and Regulations of the Department of Motor Vehicles regarding school bus driver and bus aide employment and bus operation, and Board of Education policies and regulations.
- 8.7.1.7 Each driver and bus attendant performing services pursuant to the Contract shall be involved in all safety programs which are or may be required by the laws, rules and regulations of the State of Connecticut. Bus attendants must receive complete training on providing the necessary services to students in addition to being full trained on all vehicle features including specialized seating and automated lift systems. The District's Transportation staff reserves the right to attend any of these safety meetings.

The District reserves the right to provide specialized training with the cost of said training borne by the District, with associated wages for the attendees paid by the Contractor. The Contractor agrees to fully cooperate in the provision of this training. Any training required by regulation or law shall be the responsibility of the Contractor with the cost of said training borne by the Contractor.

- 8.7.1.8 The physical examinations of drivers or bus attendants shall be at the employee's or the Contractor's expense. All exams to be completed as required by regulations of the Department of Motor Vehicles. All drivers and attendants must also comply with any Federal drug and alcohol testing requirements which compliance will be solely at the Contractor's expense, and any physical ability tests that may be mandated during the term of this Contract.

Each driver or attendants performing services pursuant to the Contract must undergo the physical examinations and the reports thereof shall be transmitted to the District's Superintendent of Schools, or designee, in writing on the forms prescribed by the District. The District reserves the right to have its doctor examine anyone providing service under this Contract with the cost of such examination at District expense.

All employees of the Contractor will be drug-tested prior to employment and randomly thereafter in compliance with all Federal and State laws and regulations. The Contractor will submit proof of drug testing to the Stratford Public Schools for each employee prior to their driving buses in its transportation system.

Nothing in this section shall be construed to require the Contractor to provide any information, or perform any tests, that would be contrary to any Local, State or Federal regulations or laws.

8.7.1.9 The Contractor shall submit to the District no later than 14 days prior to the beginning of each Contract year a list of the names and addresses and Connecticut Driver's License numbers of all regular and substitute drivers employed to provide the services required hereunder, and said list shall be updated by the Contractor by adding or deleting such information regarding any such driver hired or terminated after that date, and the reason therefore. The Contractor shall submit to the District no later than 14 days prior to the beginning of each Contract year a list of the names and addresses of all regular and substitute bus attendants employed to provide the services required hereunder, and said list shall be updated by the Contractor by adding or deleting such information regarding any such bus attendants hired or terminated after that date, and the reason therefore. Said updated notices shall be provided to the District within 24 hours of employment or termination, and/or otherwise consistent with the policies and procedures of the Stratford Public Schools. No other drivers or bus attendants may be used unless such information is provided to the Board in advance. Said list shall include the designated route/bus assignments for each driver or attendants.

8.7.1.10 The Contractor shall at all times have stand-by drivers for the operation of spare buses in the event of mechanical or other difficulties, or absenteeism, to maintain and provide the services which are required under this Contract. The Contractor shall provide attendance information to the District upon request. The stand-by drivers must be experienced in the Town of Stratford.

In order to ensure continuity in the provision of services, and in order to reduce student discipline issues, drivers assigned to AM and/or PM runs are prohibited from leaving these assigned runs to perform optional field or sports trips. The District believes that the best transportation programs exist where the same drivers are on the same routes, every day. To this end, the Contractor is prohibited from entering into any agreements or procedures which violate this District mandate.

8.7.1.11 The Contractor shall be responsible for providing practice and instruction to the drivers and attendants with regard to the location, use and operation of the emergency door(s), fire extinguisher(s), first aid equipment, windows and roof hatches as means of escape in case of accident. Similar drills for students may be held under the general supervision of the District at such times and in such fashion as may be required by the applicable regulations of this State or the law. Contractor shall also provide all employees mandated training, including but not limited to bloodborne pathogen exposure control training.

8.7.1.12 The Contractor will inform all personnel providing services under the Contract that changes in routes, stops or schedules may be made only with the prior approval of the District. Additionally, prior to the opening of schools and throughout the year(s), all drivers shall traverse their assigned routes until they become familiar with all stops and roads. Stand-by and substitute drivers shall also become familiar with the routes to ensure efficient operation of the system in the event that the assigned driver is not available to operate the route.

8.7.1.13 The Contractor, along with the respective driver, will be responsible for the safety and supervision of the children transported under the Contract. No pre-kindergarten or kindergarten children, or certain specified in-District special

education students, are to be released without supervision. If there is no one to meet the child, or if the child is not with a sibling, the child is to be returned to such child's school, and dispatch is to be notified IMMEDIATELY, and dispatch shall notify the School Building and the District Office IMMEDIATELY.

- 8.7.1.14 No alcoholic beverages or illegal intoxicants may be brought to or consumed upon the District's premises or buses utilized pursuant to the Contract by any employee of the Contractor, nor shall any employee be under the influence of or impaired by any alcoholic beverages, illegal intoxicants or prescription drugs, nor shall any employee transfer, sell or provide intoxicants, drugs, tobacco or vaping products to students or vehicle occupants. Additionally, no smoking or vaping is allowed on the buses, or on school property, by Contractor's employees. The Contractor is required to fully inform its employees of this provision. No alcoholic beverages or illegal intoxicants shall be allowed at the bus terminal. The Stratford Public Schools has a "drug free zone" and "no smoking/no vaping" policy on school property.
- 8.7.1.15 Each driver will remain aboard his or her assigned bus at all times that pupils are aboard said bus, and each driver must be on the bus at the time scheduled for student loading. Each driver shall be informed of, and comply with, the District's "no-idling" policy while providing services to the District.
- 8.7.1.16 Under no circumstances shall a driver refuse to pick up or discharge a pupil at an established school bus stop, unless authorized by the District, nor shall a driver remove a pupil from a bus providing services hereunder before reaching the pupil's intended destination, except in the case of an emergency.
- 8.7.1.17 The Contractor will have access to the Internet, and the Contractor is responsible for the training necessary to allow the Contractor's employees to maximize the use of this resource. The Contractor will have email accounts assigned and they shall be checked regularly by the Terminal personnel. The Contractor must ensure that the terminal has sufficient computer equipment to allow the use of common word processing and spread sheet programs. In order to facilitate communications with the District in similar formats, the use of Microsoft Word and Excel are strongly recommended. Additionally, pursuant to requirements of Section 8.9, the terminal is required to have access to routing software. The Contractor is responsible for any internet costs, related computer equipment, and staff training, and the Contractor is responsible for ensuring that said computer equipment is of sufficient capacity to efficiently operate the required software.
- 8.7.1.18 The Contractor shall, at the request of the Board, perform criminal record checks on drivers and/or bus aides, as described in the Connecticut General Statutes, and the results of all such criminal records checks shall be reported to the Board. Contractor shall submit to the Board a Department of Children and Families "Authorization for Release of Information for DCF CPS Search" form for all employees assigned to perform services under the Contract.
- 8.7.1.19 The Contractor assumes all responsibility and/or liability that may arise in connection with any and all labor agreements.

8.7.1.20 The Contractor shall fully inform the employees performing services to the District of their responsibility to conform to the policies and procedures of the District, including but not limited to the requirement of professionally representing the District in the community both in person and through any electronic communications. Communications with the residents of the District in a positive and constructive manner is an important element of the services being provided by the Contractor. To this end, the District requires that the Proposer submit information about its customer service program, including plans for customer service training for office staff members, telephone activity monitoring, effective communications training, complaint tracking, and similar proactive programs. The information on the Customer Service program should be included in Section #8 of the Proposal binder.

8.7.1.21 Some vehicles provided under this contract that are performing home-to-school or special education services (as needed based upon IEP requirements) will include a bus attendant provided by the Contractor. All attendants must be prepared to assist special education students to and from the threshold of the property, and they must assist the handicapped pupil in entering and leaving the vehicle. While this is not to be construed as requiring attendants to carry a pupil, it does mean assisting by lifting legs, securing wheelchairs, carrying books, or otherwise assisting handicapped pupils to enter and leave buses. In addition, drivers must be prepared to provide a certain amount of reasonable assistance, as circumstances may deem necessary.

Attendants perform critical functions to support the needs of students. To this end, attendants must receive proper training, including the use of automated lift systems and the proper securing of wheelchair and specialized equipment. Providing a person without the proper training does not fulfill the requirements for a bus attendant. The Contractor will provide the attendants with appropriate training to meet these important goals. The District reserves the right to review all training information and procedures, and to require documentation on the training received by each person.

The Contractor will be responsible for communicating with attendants their responsibilities, and any attendant not willing to comply with these requirements will be removed and replaced.

There may be situations where the District assigns a Bus Monitor or Teacher Assistant to a Special Education vehicle or student, and/or contracts with an outside agency for nursing services. The Contractor will facilitate this process and the transportation of these persons.

8.7.1.22 If requested by the District, the driver will enforce the District's request for assigned seating on the bus. The District will work with the Contractor and driver to develop the seating chart, and the driver will implement and enforce this requirement.

8.7.1.23 The Stratford Public Schools employs several drivers to operate District owned school vehicles. The Contractor shall agree to provide driver training and

certification training to these drivers at no additional cost to the District. The District shall be responsible for the cost of any out-of-pocket licenses or testing.

8.7.2 Vehicles

8.7.2.1 It shall be the responsibility of the Contractor to provide a sufficient number of school buses, with sufficient capacities to adequately meet the needs of the District. All vehicles will have valid Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles operating certificates and be maintained in safe and suitable condition for operation. It is the responsibility of the Contractor to provide safe, proper, and appropriate maintenance on vehicles used during the term of this Contract, and to ensure the proper cleanliness of the buses. Additionally, the Contractor is responsible for having in place a system to secure the entry to the buses to prevent rodents or animals from entering the buses while parked under the care of the Contractor.

In addition to the necessary vehicles to meet the scheduled needs, the Contractor is required to have at least 10% of each vehicle size as spare vehicles located at such a place to insure that the spare vehicle can respond to a vehicle need within 20 minutes. Vehicles with a capacity greater than the required vehicle can serve as a spare for a smaller capacity vehicle as long as the larger vehicle provides the same features and capabilities. Stand-by drivers must be available to operate these vehicles.

a) The projected 2017-18 program will require the following buses:

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION
40	Type I, 71/72 Passenger Buses
2	Type II, 20-30 Passenger Buses
21	Type II, 16-19 Passenger Buses
7	Type II, Wheelchair (8 pass + 3 w/c) (minimum capacity)
4	7 Passenger Van
<i>Plus a minimum of 10% spares of all vehicle types</i>	
<i>Larger capacity buses may be used to meet vehicle requirements – for example, 30 passenger buses may be used to meet the 19/20 passenger bus mandate. Fuel reimbursement will be based on the smaller capacity vehicle.</i>	

All vehicles providing services to special education students must be air conditioned.

All Type II or smaller vehicles must be equipped with seat belts.

At least four of the Type I buses must be equipped with undercarriage storage. If these buses are assigned to a daily run they must be available in time to meet the sports trip schedules in the afternoon. It should be noted that the District operates a very extensive athletic transportation program. Depending on the season, there will be a requirement for up to 8 additional buses to operate for athletics (games/shuttles) during the typical PM dismissal time.

b) The Stratford Public Schools requires the following fleet age profile:

- 30 passenger and larger buses: 5.5 year average age with no bus older than 10 years;
- Less than 30 passenger buses/vehicles: 4.5 year average age with no vehicle older than 8 years;
- All vehicles added to the fleet during the term of the contract must be new vehicles, with the exception of designated “spare” vehicles which shall be no older than six (6) years of age and shall have less than 80,000 miles at the time of addition.

Failure to maintain the stipulated age requirements during the contract life shall be considered a default under the Contract. Vehicle age is determined by subtracting the chassis year of the vehicle from the year of the contract (calculated on September 1<sup>st</sup> of each year). For example, a bus with a 2012 chassis year, at the beginning of this contract period (7/1/17) would be considered 5 years old. Vehicle ages will be calculated each contract year and the Contractor will provide the District with a detailed fleet listing at the beginning of each school year stipulating that they meet this age criteria. The use of buses older than allowed under this Section, or the removal of newer buses from the fleet once the average age calculation is performed, is a default under this Contract.

- c) Flashing stop arms, front safety crossing control gates, and “Child Check Mate” (or equivalent automated system) are required on all vehicles, including spare buses. All vehicles must have emergency roof hatches. All equipment must be operational on any buses providing services under this Contract.
- d) All vehicles can include two-way radios of at least 30 watt capacity, business band sufficient to reach all vehicles in operation from the most distant point to the dispatching station, which shall be maintained in operable condition at all times by the Contractor. No vehicles shall be operated outside the District boundaries without an operating radio (that can be heard from the base station) and/or a cell phone. Certain areas of the District have historically experienced poor radio coverage. In areas with poor coverage, alternative emergency communications procedures or equipment (i.e. cell phone; repeater station) must be provided by the Contractor. All radios or cell phones must be utilized consistent with Federal and State usage regulations.

The Contractor will provide the District’s Transportation Office with a base station tied to the Contractor’s frequency.

- e) All buses provided under this contract must be equipped with seat belts if required by law. All Type II or smaller vehicles must be equipped with seat belts.

All designated vehicles transporting special education students must have seat belts, child restraint seats, harnesses, or other suitable restraints to meet the needs of each such student. In vehicles with wheelchair lifts, the age,

make and model of lift must be identified. Additionally, all wheel chairs must be forward facing and be restrained by a five-point restraint system: four floor tie-downs and one over the shoulder restraint. The list of equipment on the buses will be considered in the proposal evaluation process. This information is to be included in Section #5 of the Proposal binder.

- f) Route numbers shall be prominently displayed on the buses, consistent with State regulations. Route identification shall not be obscured due to darkened windows, dirt, or other visual obstruction. All vehicles shall be fitted with permanent devices for displaying the route numbers, approved by the District, located on signs prominently displayed on the vehicle. Spare vehicles must have a system to allow the proper identification when providing services on a route, and identification must be accurate for the route(s) being serviced. All buses must be identified with signs reading "Stratford Public Schools" located on both sides of the vehicles. Lettering will be no less than 4" in height. Buses may not be used for other programs without the District's prior written approval.
- g) All buses must be maintained in a neat and clean condition, both inside and out, at all times that weather permits. Each bus must have an exterior bus washing at a minimum of once per month during the school year. Should the Contractor fail to meet the monthly washing mandate, the District reserves the right to contract with an outside service and charge the cost to the account of the Contractor with the right of offset to any outstanding invoices. The Contractor shall be responsible for cleaning or eradication of any infestations or contaminations as required by the District or such other regulatory authority.
- h) Buses transporting students must be restricted to the transportation of students and/or authorized personnel only. However, with the prior knowledge and approval of the District, drivers may transport two (2) of their own pre-school children however the children shall not be less than one year of age. All such transportation must be consistent with State regulations. The cost of any equipment (seat belts; car seats) required shall be the responsibility of the Contractor. The District reserves the right to withdraw approval if the driver benefit interferes with the provision of safe and effective services to District students. Such determination rests solely with the District.
- i) All buses (including spares) shall be equipped with a digital video system with a minimum of four cameras per vehicle for 30+ passenger buses, and two cameras for Type II, with audio capture feature and a hard drive retention of a minimum of 30 school days. The Contractor shall also make available software for viewing, playback and event searching by District personnel. All camera use and video viewing shall be consistent with the policies and procedures as established by the District. The Contractor shall include in their bid package, in Section #5 (Fleet), specific information about the camera system that will be provided. For clarification purposes only, the District envisions a camera system similar to the Seon Trooper

TL2/TL4, or an equivalent. Alternate systems will be considered that are equal to the Seon specifications as determined by the District. Camera systems must provide the ability to “blur” or “mask” in order to remove facial recognition of passengers.

The Contractor shall ensure that each bus include the proper notification signs stipulating the use of audio and video recording equipment.

- j) All vehicles must be equipped with a Global Positioning System (GPS). The Global Positioning System (GPS) (Zonar or approved equivalent) with advanced stop arm and door opening alerts shall be operational on every vehicle selected by the District. The Contractor shall include in their proposal package, in Section #5 (Fleet), details on the GPS system and related software that would be utilized. The Contractor shall be responsible to provide a daily listing to the District of the particular vehicle assigned to each route. If there are multiple operating options available (i.e. cellular; radio; etc.) the Proposer must submit detailed information on the proposed system. The determination on the implementation of the GPS system rests solely with the District.

Included in the GPS system would be the necessary software module(s) to allow the District full access to the GPS data. The Contractor would be responsible for providing this software to the District.

- k) The Superintendent or his/her designee reserves the right to reject buses to be used under this Contract for any reason. In the event of rejection, the Contractor will be fully responsible for replacing those rejected vehicles.

8.7.2.2 The Contractor shall provide prior to the start of each year of the Contract, in the form of Appendix B, the Contractor’s vehicle identification number, year, body manufacturer, chassis manufacturer, student seating capacity, and fuel type of each vehicle to be utilized during the Contract year.

8.7.2.3 Contractor must provide the Board on request copies of vehicle maintenance records. The Contractor shall establish a daily inspection program of all vehicles and equipment and shall keep written records showing such inspections so that the Board or its authorized agent may, at any time, request the written record of the inspections made by the Contractor. Such records shall be on a form approved by the Board.

### 8.7.3 Facilities

8.7.3.1 Contractor shall be responsible for providing all transportation related facilities used in the performance of this contract. The site(s) to be utilized by the Contractor for the operation and maintenance services must be stipulated on the Form of Proposal form. The location of the site cannot change without the prior written consent of the Board. The Board reserves the right to inspect the terminal(s) periodically during the term of the contract.



8.7.3.2 Contractor shall pay all motor vehicle, personal, excise, sales, use and other taxes or assessments with respect to Contractor's vehicles, equipment, personal property and business operations on the premises prior to same becoming delinquent. If the facility is located within the Town of Stratford, all vehicles will be registered in the Town of Stratford and applicable taxes on the assets shall be paid to the Town of Stratford. If the facility is not located within the Town of Stratford, the Contractor shall make an annual payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) to the Town equal to the amount that would be paid if the facility were located within the Town of Stratford.

8.7.3.3 When not operating in service to the Board or removed for maintenance service at another location, all vehicles being used to provide services under the Contract shall be parked at the bus garage serving Stratford Public Schools and be subject to the control and supervision of the Contractor. Buses shall not be parked at private residences or any other locations in the Town of Stratford except at the bus garage.

#### 8.7.4 Fuel

The District provision of fuel would operate under the following parameters:

8.7.4.1 The Board of Education will furnish the Contractor, without charge, with the fuel necessary for the performance of the transportation required by Stratford Public School's Transportation Program. The amount furnished will be limited to the amount actually used in the performance of the Contract, or to:

- one (1) gallon of diesel for each six (6) route miles for 30+ passenger buses, or
- one (1) gallon of diesel for each twelve (12) route miles for 16-29 passenger vehicles (including wheelchair vehicles), or
- one (1) gallon of unleaded gasoline for each twenty (20) route miles for vans or other unleaded vehicles.

The Contractor is expected to have approved fuel tanks at their Town of Stratford location. Should the Contractor receive the District's permission to utilize an alternative vendor or source, the District will not be responsible for any taxes associated with the costs of the fuel, or any incremental charges that would be incurred should the District's designated location be utilized.

8.7.4.2 For the purposes of the calculation of allowable miles for the allocation of fuel, (i) if the Contractor is using vehicles parked at a lot in the Town of Stratford, allowable miles shall be terminal to terminal, or (ii) if the Contractor is using vehicles parked at a lot not located in the Town of Stratford, allowable miles will be based upon actual **route miles** as determined by the District. Actual route miles shall be portal to portal in the AM and PM from the Town of Stratford location. The field and sports trips will be based upon the miles per gallon for the size vehicle utilized, from point of departure in the District to point of return in the District.

To allow accurate fuel usage tracking, the Contractor must supply the District with mileage for each trip. The District will not pay for any trips where specific mileage is not provided.

The Town of Stratford, or the Stratford Public Schools, will not provide fuel to the Contractor for other uses. The District will determine the proper allocation of fuel based on the reimbursement levels and the Contractor will be limited to that annual quantity. The District will not provide tax exempt fuel for the Contractor's use except for specific services provided to the Stratford Public Schools.

- 8.7.4.3 The Contractor agrees to provide the necessary storage and pumping facilities to meet the fuel needs of the program. Proposer shall include information in the Proposal about the location and features of the fuel dispensing system. The District will not be responsible for any "wet fueling" charges due to the lack of a fuel storage system, or any procedural limitations by the Contractor.

The District will not supply the Contractor with any fuel outside of the legitimate usage for the services provided by the Contractor to the District under the Contract. Should the Contractor be required to supplement the fuel allocation due to its own vehicle usage, the Contractor will be required to purchase said fuel from its own supplier.

- 8.7.4.4 The Contractor and the District shall meet prior to the beginning of each school year to determine the allowable route mileage and the estimated annual fuel allowance. Periodic meetings will occur throughout the school year to evaluate any route changes and the potential impact on the fuel allowance.

The Contractor is required to provide drivers with specific training on fuel economy techniques including, but not limited to, non-idling programs.

#### 8.7.5 Tolls

The District will reimburse the Contractor for tolls necessary for any District authorized out-of-town trips. Any "activity" buses will have the cost of tolls included in the billing to the contracting organization. Toll reimbursement must be requested through the submission of a valid receipt with the invoice for the trip which includes tolls.

#### 8.7.6 Advertising

Buses used to transport students shall not display any advertisement, political or otherwise, either inside or outside of the vehicle without the expressed written prior consent of the School District.

#### 8.7.7 Transition Plan

In the event the existing Contractor is not the successful Proposer, the Stratford Public Schools will require the successful Proposer to submit a Transition Plan to the Stratford Public Schools within fifteen (15) days after being notified that it is eligible for the Contract(s). Such Transition Plan must be approved by the Stratford Public Schools and any lease for a terminal must be secured prior to any formal award by the Board of Education. Failure to provide a satisfactory Transition Plan within fifteen (15) days after being notified that it is eligible for the Contract(s), may cause the Contractor to forfeit its eligibility for the Contract(s).

The Transition Plan must include, at a minimum, a plan for securing and establishing a terminal if the Proposer does not have one within the Stratford Public Schools; hiring of personnel; securing vehicles; installation of fuel tank(s), and the procedures and time line(s) for the continuation of the existing transportation program. If a terminal is needed, a lease must be secured within fifteen (15) days following the District's approval of the Transition Plan.

Should the existing contractor be the successful Proposer, the Contractor will be required to submit a Transition Plan demonstrating how they will accomplish and incorporate the changes contained in this new specification, including any District-selected alternate(s). Failure to provide a satisfactory Transition Plan within fifteen (15) days after being notified that it is eligible for the Contract(s), may cause the Contractor to forfeit its eligibility for the Contract(s).

The Transition Plan will contain information including items to be completed, manner and time of completion, and performance indicators to ensure all items are appropriately addressed. While the Stratford Public Schools will provide whatever assistance it can, the responsibility for the development and implementation of the Transition Plan will rest fully with the Proposer.

#### 8.7.8 Public Relations

The Contractor will cooperate with the School District in maintaining a quality public relations program with the parents, community and news media so that any pertinent items affecting the transportation program can be brought to the attention of the public. The Contractor will not directly provide information or communicate directly with media without prior Board approval. Board will provide Contractor will a list of subjects that may be discussed with parents and community directly without approval.

The Contractor shall fully inform its employees of the requirement to support the School District in maintaining a quality public relations program.

### 8.8 SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

School transportation vehicles must be operated at all times by capable and competent personnel at safe and reasonable rates of speed. The Board of Education, through the Superintendent of Schools, reserves the right to require any and all reasonable precautions for the safety of students in their transportation to and from school. All students are to enter and leave vehicles at the curb (except special education students who may have specialized loading requirements), and at no time are pupils to be transported off the public highways, except in compliance with present policy and/or practice.

### 8.9 ROUTE SCHEDULING

8.9.1 Route scheduling will be performed by the Contractor in consultation with the District. The District reserves the right to change any and all routes, times routes are to be operated, bus stops and any other such adjustments that conditions may necessitate. No route changes are to be made by Contractor, or any driver, without the prior permission of the District. In the event that, in the opinion of the Contractor, routes cannot be traveled as scheduled, for good

and sufficient reason, the District shall be notified immediately. **The Contractor is expected to provide the District with active assistance in evaluating route efficiency.**

Routes and schedules are to accommodate class schedules and shall be determined by the District. The current bell times are detailed in Appendix "A" to these specifications.

The School/District must be notified by telephone when a bus driver is aware that there will be a delay of fifteen (15) minutes or more in the transportation of students.

- 8.9.2 Both parties to the Contract agree to cooperate in revising the trips specified herein to improve service, operating efficiencies or economy. The District reserves the right to notify the Contractor of reasonable changes in the starting and dismissal times of a school or schools and services. As long as the Board does not increase the number of hours for which the buses will be operating, such change shall be without additional charges except as provided for within these specifications.

Given the unique requirements of special education transportation, situations may arise which will require additional routes or services. The District will endeavor to provide the Contractor with at least 72 hour notice prior to the initiation of said new service.

The Contractor is required to provide and utilize an industry-standard routing software system. The District must be provided full access to the software with any costs the responsibility of the Contractor. The District would prefer that their access be provided via a web based system. The Contractor is required to provide the necessary computer equipment and Internet access for their use, and staff training for both District and Contractor personnel to facilitate the use of the routing system. The Contractor is required to provide detailed information about the software system in Section #8 of their proposal. For information purposes, the District is currently utilizing VersaTrans routing software as provided by the current contractor.

- 8.9.3 The number of days for which transportation will be required will be governed by the actual school calendar as adopted by the Board of Education including the calendars of all other schools for which the District is responsible for furnishing transportation. When schools are closed (for any reason, including force majeure) transportation is to be furnished on such other days as the Board of Education declares official school days. The Contractor shall not be required to furnish any transportation on mandated legal school holidays to any schools including the non-public schools with the exception of extra-curricular trips authorized by the District. The list of mandated legal school holidays will be published no later than the second week of school.

- 8.9.4 Each bus used under this Contract will display the proper Bus Number, consistent with State regulations as to size and location, and must be identified with signs reading "Stratford Public Schools". Bus identification must include the Stratford Public Schools route numbers.

- 8.9.5 The Contractor will be responsible for furnishing transportation to all schools and locations as required by the District.

## 8.9.6 Schedule Variations

8.9.6.1 Dismissal Schedules - The service contracted on regular routes is mutually understood to be contingent on the time schedules set forth in the regular route specifications. The Contractor shall also provide:

- a) Noon dismissals, when required.
- b) Early dismissals as per calendars provided by the District.
- c) Comparable transportation from all non-public schools covered by this Contract on days when the Stratford Public School have other than regular dismissals.
- d) Early dismissals of any and all schools for parent conferences, special events, weather or civil emergencies, etc. On various occasions through the year, the public schools may dismiss early (day before Thanksgiving; last day of school; etc.), or selected schools may dismiss early (high school exams). The Contractor shall accommodate these early dismissals at no additional cost to the District.
- e) Dismissal as required during December, March and June examination weeks in the high school.
- f) Summer transportation as detailed in Appendix "A" and as required by the individual student programs.
- g) The Contractor will delay, at no additional cost to the District, the morning routes by up to two hours on any day that the Superintendent of School institutes a delayed opening of school due to adverse conditions or any other emergency.

8.9.7 The Contractor will supply updated route data, mileage and any other additional information deemed necessary by the District.

## 8.9.8 Trial Runs

On a day established by the District within one-week prior to the first day of service under the Contract, each regular driver will make at least one (1) trial AM and PM runs to include all stops assigned on the route, using the bus that will be assigned to the driver or a bus with similar capacity and features. Drivers are expected to become familiar with their assigned routes and proficient in meeting the time demands of the program. The Contractor will identify any routes where there is an indication of an inability to regularly perform to schedule and to safely serve the pupils. Contractor must provide written verification of this trial run process to the District no later than one week prior to the beginning of school of each contract year. Trial runs must be operated during the typical AM and PM times in order to replicate common traffic issues and related times. Trial runs must be operated in vehicles with similar capacities to the vehicles that will be assigned to the runs. The cost of the trial runs shall be borne by the Contractor and will not be billed to the District, however the District will provide the fuel necessary for the trial runs. However, the District reserves

the right to require additional trial runs and in those instances will reimburse the Contractor for their documented out-of-pocket expenses for these runs.

## 8.10 OPERATING MATTERS

8.10.1 District Operating Policies: Contractor shall conform to and abide by the policies, rules, and regulations of the School District as set out in the present written policies and rules of the School District, relevant to student transportation, as modified by current practice, and such other future regulations as may reasonably be required by the District. The District policies are available on the website at: <http://www.stratfordk12.org/Board-of-Education/BOE-Policies/>.

8.10.2 Driver and Bus Attendant Training and Additional Training: All bus drivers and attendants must receive and participate in required safety instruction as outlined in State of Connecticut laws and regulations. Additionally, drivers and bus attendants assigned to vehicles with automated lift systems shall receive training on the proper, safe use of the systems. Drivers and attendants shall also receive training on the proper methods of securing each type of wheelchair transported under the Contract. The cost of such instruction shall be paid by the Contractor. Should the District employ one or more drivers or bus attendants, these drivers or attendants will be trained by the Contractor at the Contractor's expense. The District will reimburse the Contractor for any out-of-pocket expenses associated with the training of District-employed drivers or attendants, including any physical exams or licensing. The District will be responsible for any payroll expenses for these District employees.

The District may make available to Contractor's employees additional specialized training. The District will cover the cost of said training with the exception of Contractor's employees' wages which shall be the responsibility of the Contractor. The Contractor shall make all reasonable efforts to facilitate the scheduling and employee availability for this training.

8.10.3 Emergency Bus Drill: The Contractor shall be responsible for providing practice and instruction to the drivers with regard to the location, use and operation of emergency door, fire extinguisher, first aid equipment, and windows as a means of escape in case of fire or accident. Such drills shall be held at such times and in such fashion as may be required by law. The Contractor shall, when requested, provide a bus and driver for student emergency bus evacuation drills, as well as new student bus safety indoctrination programs. Such services shall be provided at no additional cost to the District. All training must meet or exceed the mandates included in the policies of the Stratford Public Schools.

8.10.4 Emergency Closings: The Contractor will be required to consult with the Superintendent, or her/his designee, during times of inclement weather or other emergencies, about road conditions and the potential of closing school. The Contractor shall be responsible for providing the regularly scheduled buses in the event that schools are closed early in any school day due to weather conditions or other emergency declared by the Superintendent of Schools. It is understood that time is of the essence in providing such buses, and that such buses will be provided as soon as possible, but in no event will the arrival of the buses at the designated locations be more than one (1) hour after notification is given to the Contractor by the District.

Should the Town of Stratford experience an emergency which requires the movement of students or residents, the Contractor shall provide, to the best of its ability, the vehicles and drivers to meet the emergency need. In light of the potential difficulties in providing these services, it is recognized that the Contractor will make all reasonable efforts to cooperate with the evacuation requirements. The rate for reimbursement of costs incurred by the Contractor shall be based on the Excess Hourly Rate for the appropriate vehicle size.

8.10.5 Contractor's Reports: The Contractor shall deliver to the District its written weekly and monthly reports of operations, as follows:

8.10.5.1 Weekly report: A weekly report shall be provided which will include arrival (AM) times for each vehicle providing regular routes, which shall be listed by run numbers and indicate any combined runs. The weekly report must be provided no later than the end of the day Wednesday of the next week. The Contractor and the District shall meet prior to the beginning of school to finalize the information and format of this report.

8.10.5.2 Monthly report: The Contractor shall deliver to the District its written report of operations on a monthly basis. Said report shall include matters such as: actual performance related to scheduled performance, student discipline matters and accidents, specific driver and bus aide training programs, driver and bus aide discipline matters and related documentation, and other items related to the performance of the Contract. A *sample* format is included as Appendix "C". The Contractor and the District shall meet prior to the beginning of school to finalize the information to be contained on this report.

8.10.5.3 Accidents: In addition to monthly reports, in the event of any accident involving the operation of a school bus, the District's designated liaison must be notified immediately. Any written reports which may be necessary will be completed by Contractor in a timely fashion. Contractor must also comply with all Federal, State, and/or District regulations or policies relative to accident reporting, investigations, and reviews. The District reserves the right to actively participate in any accident review of a vehicle in which its students are being transported.

8.10.5.4 Student Discipline Matters: In addition to monthly reports, in the event of any student discipline matter involving District students, the Contractor shall immediately notify the individual school building, and the District's liaison, in the manner as prescribed by District policy and procedure. The Contractor shall follow the discipline operating procedures as defined by the District.

Violation of good conduct, and improper behavior on the part of students, shall be handled strictly according to the procedures in effect in the District during the term of the contract. It is of paramount importance that drivers and bus aides maintain good order on the school buses. Drivers and/or bus aides may be required to attend suspension or corrective hearings in relation to the poor bus conduct of student(s) that were or are in their charge. This attendance is mandatory and failure to attend may cause withdrawal of the District's certification (approval) of any driver or aide who fails to do so. Any cost or salary reimbursement for attendance by drivers or aides shall be borne by the Contractor.

8.10.5.5 Student Counts: A student count is required in October, January, and April during the school year with the counts added to the Monthly Report. A sample monthly report is shown in Appendix “C”, however this report will require adjustment based on discussions between the Contractor and the District relative to the preferred method of reporting the student counts. The District will provide the Contractor with the specific schedule for these student counts. The Contractor will provide whatever assistance is requested to assist the District in the compilation of this data.

8.10.5.6 Compliance with Section 10-221c reporting: The Contractor shall assist the District in the tracking and filing of complaint and accident information consistent with the requirements of Section 10-221c of the Connecticut General Statutes.

8.10.6 Driver’s Daily Reports: If required by the Superintendent or his/her designee, each bus driver shall file a daily report on a form approved by the Superintendent describing road condition, pupil behavior, and mechanical condition of the bus, which forms are to remain open for inspection by the Superintendent or her/his agent during business hours.

8.10.7 Rights To Property: As a condition of this Contract, the Contractor agrees to allow School District Administrative personnel or their authorized representative(s) on any property connected with the service provided to the School District for the purpose of inspection at any time. The Contractor shall also make the garage facility and maintenance records available for inspection by school personnel.

8.10.8 Authorization of Students for Transportation: Only those children, adults or other person(s) authorized by the District to be transported shall be transported under the Contract. The Contractor shall agree to secure the prior written approval of the District before agreeing to undertake the transportation of pupils for other districts, schools or individuals in conjunction with the trips specified in this Contract, and to furnish the District with copies of each such related Contract with another school, district or individual for such transportation. The District reserves the right to assign students from other districts to buses/routes. The District reserves the right to require financial credit against stipulated vehicle charges for any additional services provided by the Contractor to other parties. The amount of the credit will be determined based upon discussions between the District and the Contractor.

## 8.11 BASE PROGRAM

The Base Program for the Regular Daily (Home/School) Program shall be for the 2017-2018 school year consisting of services and routes as described in Appendix “A”. The Board may modify these services and routes from time to time.

## 8.12 CHANGES IN BASE PROGRAM

Should changes in the District operation require an increase or decrease in the number of vehicles needed to properly operate the program, the Contract shall be amended to reflect the change by using the proposal amount quoted per vehicle per day on the “Form of Proposal”. Such modifications shall reflect the appropriate renewal increases.



The District must be notified within 10 days of any changes in vehicle times that will result in a change in Contract compensation. Failure by the Contractor to notify the District of such changes will result in the loss of any additional compensation that may be due to the Contractor pursuant to these specifications. All vehicle time or route changes must be approved, in advance, by the District.

## 8.13 COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

### 8.13.1 Compliance with Title IX Regulations

In compliance with Title IX, Education Amendments of 1972 (prohibiting sex discrimination in education), the District requires any person, organization, group or other entity with which it contracts, sub-contracts, or otherwise arranges to provide services or benefits (including proposals) to comply fully with Title IX.

TITLE IX STATES: NO PERSON SHALL, ON THE BASIS OF SEX, BE EXCLUDED FROM PARTICIPATION IN, BE DENIED THE BENEFITS OF, OR BE SUBJECTED TO DISCRIMINATION UNDER ANY EDUCATION PROGRAM OR ACTIVITY RECEIVING FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

### 8.13.2 Compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

In compliance with the American with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (prohibiting discrimination against any person who is qualified with a disability), the District requires that any person, organization, group, or other entity with which it contracts, sub-contracts, or otherwise arranges to provide services or benefits (including proposals) to comply fully.

## 8.14 TERMINATION OF CONTRACT BY BOARD

The Stratford Public Schools may terminate the Contract any time by notice in writing from the Board to the Contractor, because of the lack of appropriate funding to operate the transportation program.

If the Contract is terminated by the Stratford Public Schools as provided herein, the Contractor will be paid for services actually and satisfactorily rendered by Contractor prior to the date of termination. Any pre-payments made to the Contractor by the District pursuant to the terms of the Contract will be adjusted and any monies that should be refunded to the District will be remitted within 15 days.

## 8.15 CONTRACTOR'S DEFAULT

If, at any time during the term of the Contract, the Contractor, in the sole discretion of the Board; (a) has failed to provide the level of services required under the Contract; (b) has failed to fulfill services required in accordance with agreed schedules; (c) has become insolvent; (d) makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors; (e) files a voluntary petition in bankruptcy; (f) is subject to an involuntary petition in bankruptcy not discharged within thirty (30) days; (g) abandons the work; (h) subcontracts, assigns, transfers, conveys or otherwise disposes of its obligations under the Contract other than as provided herein; (i) fails to provide the insurance required in the Contract; (j)

fails to provide the Performance Bond required by the Contract; or (k) fails to comply with any other term or condition contained in the Contract, the Board shall have the right to terminate the Contract upon written notice to the Contractor.

The above remedies are in addition to any other remedies the Board may have.

In the event of cancellation of the Contract and the necessity to bid or otherwise negotiate a new contract for transportation service with another contractor, the Contractor will be responsible for indemnifying the Board for costs incurred in obtaining a new contract including any and all increase in costs for transportation service for the duration of the term of the original Contract, irrespective of the Performance Bond.

In addition, in the event that the buses contracted for herein are unavailable for service, the Contractor shall be considered in default and the School District shall be free to contract with any other person or company for bus service. In addition, one-day cessation of bus services shall constitute a default of the Contract. Cessation of bus services shall mean the absence from service of more than four (4) vehicles on any day.

In the event of a cessation of service because of a labor dispute, strike, or other cause beyond the control of the Contractor, the Contractor shall notify the School District as soon as such information becomes known to it, and the School District shall be free to make interim arrangements for bus service. The Contractor shall obtain temporary interim service and shall compensate the School District for any increase in costs incurred by virtue of this cessation. If reasonable interim bus service meeting all requirements cannot be obtained after reasonable efforts by the Contractor within five (5) school days of the cessation of service, the School District shall have the option of terminating the Contract, calling the performance bond and/or other security or taking such action as may be authorized by law.

In all cases where the Contractor ceases service for one or more school days, the School District shall also have the unilateral right to declare the Contractor in default and call for the performance of the surety under the bond or other security; and any performance bond submitted with the Contract to the School District shall so specifically state.

#### 8.16 NON-PERFORMANCE DAMAGES

The District has included non-performance damages in the event that financial remedies are needed to ensure a high-quality transportation service. The Stratford Public Schools and Contractor agree that in certain circumstances, the actual amount of damages incurred by the School District will be difficult to assess and/or may be immeasurable. Accordingly, under the following circumstances, the Stratford Public Schools may assess damages against the Contractor, to be paid as liquidated damages and not as a penalty or forfeiture. In addition, the Stratford Public Schools will not pay for any services that have not been provided. Prior to the implementation of any liquidated damages, the District will attempt to meet with the Contractor to determine if there are any mitigating circumstances that have caused the service issue that might lead to the issuance of liquidated damages, but it is the District's decision on whether or not a mitigating circumstance existed.

In view of the difficulty the District will suffer by reason of defaults on the part of the Contractor, the following sums are hereby agreed upon and shall be deemed damages for breach of this Contract:

- 8.16.1 If at any time the Contractor does not provide the required number of buses, drivers or attendants necessary under the Contract, the Board of Education may deduct from its monthly payment the pro-rata cost of the vehicle for that day, plus \$100.00, or the cost of the District's expense for engaging alternate transportation during the period that the Contractor is not in compliance with the terms of the Contract, whichever amount is greater. Included in this provision would be any runs where the Contractor "doubles up" the run due to driver shortages. Making changes to run schedules, including the merging of runs due to driver shortages, is specifically prohibited and is subject to the liquidated damages stated in this Section.
- 8.16.2 If the Contractor does not supply the necessary spare vehicles to operate the Transportation Program within the 20-minute reporting requirement, the District shall deduct from the monthly payment the pro-rata cost of the vehicle(s) for that day, plus \$50.00.
- 8.16.3 This Contract envisions a quality, responsive transportation program that minimizes the District's involvement in the day-to-day operation of the program. Should operating problems occur which require the involvement of the District, the District reserves the right to officially notify the Contractor of such problems. Should similar operating problems reoccur within thirty (30) days, the District reserves the right to deduct \$100.00 from the monthly payment for each such occurrence.

Should the Contractor fail to comply with specific requirements of the Contract, and should this issue not be addressed in this Section 8.16, the Contractor is liable for deductions equivalent to the cost of a 65-passenger bus for five hours per day for the appropriate contract period for each day that the non-compliance occurs.

- 8.16.4 If at any time the Contractor uses a driver or attendant in the performance of this Contract who has not been approved by the District and/or does not meet the requirements of the State of Connecticut, the Contractor is liable for deductions of \$150.00 per day from the monthly billing for service for each person so employed, plus the per diem cost for the vehicle for that day.
- 8.16.5 In the event a strike or other occurrence causes an interruption of services for more than 24 hours, the Stratford Public Schools shall have the right to secure such other transportation as may be necessary and charge the incremental cost of same to the account of the Contractor.
- 8.16.6 The District requires that all buses that are utilized in the performance of this Contract(s) have operating and active radios, or comparable communication devices (cellular phones). A \$100 per day per bus liquidated damage shall be assessed for any vehicle which does not comply with this requirement.
- 8.16.7 The District requires that at all buses have operable digital cameras. A \$100 per day per bus liquidated damage may be assessed for any bus that violates this mandate. A comparable requirement shall exist for any bus lacking the mandated GPS capability.
- 8.16.8 The Contractor is required to maintain a spare bus ratio of at least 10% of each vehicle size. Should the Contractor fail to meet this provision for more than 24 hours without a justifiable reason as solely determined by the District, the Contractor may be assessed a

\$100 per day per bus liquidated damage. Vehicles must meet the age requirements as detailed herein. Buses that do not comply with these mandates, and that are found to be operating on any route in violation of the Contract, will result in liquidated damages of \$50 per day plus the per diem cost of the vehicle.

- 8.16.9 The Terminal Manager and/or Dispatcher are precluded from driving duties or maintenance duties, except in an emergency as determined solely by the District. Should either the Manager or Dispatcher drive one or more routes without the prior approval of the District, the District reserves the right to not pay for that portion of the run operated, plus assess a \$50 per occurrence liquidated damage.
- 8.16.10 Extra-curricular transportation is an important element of the District's educational program. Therefore, it is expected that the Contractor will meet the District's needs given that the District duly informs the Contractor of any trip at least 24 hours ahead of said trip. Failure by the Contractor to provide the necessary driver(s) will result in non-payment by the District for the trip, a \$50 per missed trip liquidated damage deduction from any payments due to the Contractor under this Contract, and a reimbursement to the District for any financial damages that the District may incur as a result of the missed trip (e.g., referee fees, entrance fees, alternative services etc.). If a bus is more than 15 minutes late for any aspect of a scheduled trip, the District reserves the right to assess a \$50 per trip liquidated damage for the late arrival.

However, the District realizes that situations may occur, due to rescheduled events or other unplanned circumstances, where the Contractor has an insufficient number of vehicles to perform the requested extra-curricular services. In this event, the Contractor must make every effort to secure the necessary vehicles, and must notify the District at the earliest possible date/time of the potential shortage. No damages would be charged in this situation. It must be understood that this clause only refers to vehicles. The Contractor is expected and required to have a sufficient staff to meet the District's needs.

- 8.16.11 A reliable transportation system is important to meet the education requirements of the students and the District. To this end, students must be picked up in the AM in a timely and consistent manner, and delivered to their school buildings prior to the assigned arrival time. In the PM, students must be delivered home in the PM in an efficient manner. No bus is permitted at a school in the AM more than 15 minutes prior to the bell time without permission from the District's Transportation Office, and all buses must arrive at their AM schools prior to the scheduled arrival time. In the PM, a bus is not "late" on the 2<sup>nd</sup> tier until 15 minutes past the bell time. A vehicle which violates the AM or PM time standard may be assessed a liquidated damage of \$50 per occurrence. Should situations beyond the control of the Contractor cause the late pick-up in the PM (weather; traffic), the liquidated damage will not be assessed.
- 8.16.12 If the Contractor fails to meet any of the requirements stated in these specifications, the Contractor shall be liable to a deduction of \$300 per day per failure from the monthly payment for each such occurrence.
- 8.16.13 It is understood and agreed by the Contractor that the assessment of non-performance liquidated damages shall be in addition to the right of the School District to terminate this Contract and that in the event of termination, the above liquidated damages will be applied and assessed for the full period of any non-compliance during the school year. The rights

and remedies set forth in this Section are in addition to any other rights or remedies available to the District under this Contract, in law and equity.

The District shall accumulate any liquidated damages and delay any assessment to the Contractor unless and until the accumulated liquidated damages reach or exceed \$1,500 in any school year. Should the assessment level be reached, the District reserves the right to assess all accumulated liquidated damages. During the term of any accumulation, the District will provide the Contractor notice of liquidated damages assessed and provide the Contractor an opportunity to remedy the violating actions and/or respond to the District's determination.

It is expressly understood by the Contractor that the District, by not exercising its rights, or by waiving any of the provisions of this contract, or by exercising the provisions of this contract in a particular way, shall not be deemed to have waived any of its rights or the contract requirements despite any previous non-exercise or waiver.

- 8.17 ACTS NOT IN CONTROL OF CONTRACTOR: The Contractor shall not be held responsible for any losses resulting if the fulfillment of the terms of the Contract shall be delayed or prevented by wars, acts of public enemies, fires, floods, acts of God, or for any other acts not within the control of the Contractor, and which by exercise of reasonable diligence it is unable to prevent, except for strikes or labor unrest.
- 8.18 NO ASSIGNMENT BY CONTRACTOR: It is mutually understood and agreed that the Contractor shall not assign, transfer, convey, sublet, or otherwise dispose of the Contract or its right, title, or interest herein, or its power to execute such Contract, or any part thereof to any person, company or corporation, without the prior written consent of the School District. A sale of stock in a corporation, a change in partners in a partnership, or a change in membership in a LLC, which results in a change in the controlling interest of the Contractor shall be an action that will be considered a contract assignment under this provision.
- 8.19 INCORPORATION OF DOCUMENTS: All of the Proposal Documents listed in the Table of Contents to the Specifications and Proposal Forms, to include the General Conditions, Specifications, Notice to Proposer, and Addenda shall form a part of the Contract and the provisions thereof shall be binding upon the parties hereto.
- 8.20 OTHER CONTRACTORS: It is the School District's desire and intention to award a contract to one Contractor. However, in order to meet the operating requirements of the School District, it is understood that the Contract in no way excludes the School District from using its own vehicles, drivers, attendants, or services provided by other School Districts. The School District may also use services from other contractors in the event that the Contractor cannot meet the School District's needs. Additionally, the District may utilize services provided by other contractors for special needs transportation and for athletic and field trips.
- 8.21 NO WAIVER: No action or failure to act on the part of the School District to enforce its rights or remedies under the Contract shall constitute a waiver of any right or remedy to which the School District is entitled, nor shall such action or failure to act on the part of the School District waive any duty on the part of the Contractor to perform under the Contract nor shall such action or failure to act constitute approval of or acquiescence in any breach thereunder, except as may be specifically agreed in writing.

8.22 GOVERNING LAW: This Contract shall be governed by, and construed and enforced in accordance with, the laws of the State of Connecticut without regard to its conflicts of laws principles.

**APPENDIX “A”  
PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

STRATFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS:

STRATFORD B.O.E - HOME TO SCHOOL LOCATIONS

SCHOOL	ADDRESS	PHONE	Reg School Hours	Grade	Transportation Type
<b>ADMINISTRATION CENTER</b>	1000 East Broadway	203-385-4210	Not Applicable	Administrative	Not Applicable
<b>ALPHA</b> Alternative High School	688 Birdseye Street	203-385-4298	7:40 am to 2:10 pm	9th - 12th	General and Other
<b>STRIVE</b> Special Needs Program	688 Birdseye Street	203-380-6728	9:30 am to 1:30 pm	Graduated High School Students until Age of 21	Other
<b>BUNNELL</b> High School	1 Bulldog Blvd.	203-385-4250	7:40 am to 2:10 pm	9th - 12th	General and Other
<b>CHAPEL</b> Elementary School	380 Chapel Street	203-385- 4192	8:45 am to 3:15 pm	K - 6th	General and Other
<b>ELI-WHITNEY</b> Elementary School	1130 Huntington Rd.	203-385-4198	8:45 am to 3:15 pm	K - 6th	General and Other
<b>FLOOD</b> Middle School	490 Chapel Street	203-385-4280	8:15 am to 2:45 pm	7th - 8th	General and Other
<b>FRANKLIN</b> Elementary School	1895 Barnum Ave.	203-385-4190	8:45 am to 3:15 pm	PreK - 6th	General and Other
<b>HONEYSPOT</b> Special Needs Program	55 Fotch Street	203-385-4188	7:40 am to 2:10 pm	IPP Program	Other
<b>JOHNSON HOUSE</b> Elementary School	719 Birdseye Street	203-385- 4180	8:45 am to 3:15 pm	3rd - 6th	General and Other
<b>LORDSHIP</b> Elementary School	254 Crown Street	203-385- 4170	8:45 am to 3:15 pm	K - 6th	General and Other
<b>NICHOLS</b> Elementary School	396 Nichols Ave.	203-385- 4294	8:15 am to 2:45 pm	K - 6th	General and Other
<b>SECOND HILL</b> Elementary School	65 Second Hill La.	203-385- 4292	8:45 am to 3:15 pm	K - 6th	General and Other
<b>SECOND HILL</b> Elementary School	65 Second Hill La.	203-381-2030	9:00 am to 11:45 am	PreSchool	Other and Noon & Off Schedule
<b>SECOND HILL</b> Elementary School	65 Second Hill La.	203-381-2030	12:45 pm to 3:30 pm	PreSchool	Other and Noon & Off Schedule
<b>STRATFORD HIGH SCHOOL</b> High School	45 North Parade St.	203-385-4230	7:40 am to 2:10 pm	9th - 12th	General and Other
<b>VICTORIA SOTO</b>	699 Birdseye	203-375-2206	8:45 am to 3:15 pm	PreK - 2nd	General and Other

Elementary School					
<b>WILCOXSON</b> Elementary School	600 Wilcoxson Ave.	203-385- 4196	8:15 am to 2:45 pm	K - 6th	General and Other
<b>WOOSTER</b> Middle School	150 Lincoln Street	203-385-4275	8:15 am to 2:45 pm	7th - 8th	General and Other
<b>BHS and SHS Medical</b>	1 Bulldog Boulevard	203-385-4250	7:40 am to 8:30 am	9th - 12th	General
<b>Bunnell - Sails</b>	1 Bulldog Boulevard	203-385-4250	7:40 am to 2:10 pm	9th - 12th	Other
<b>Bunnell - Steps</b>	1 Bulldog Boulevard	203-385-4250	7:40 am to 2:10 pm	9th - 12th	Other
<b>Johnson House</b> STEPS	719 Birdseye Street	203-385-4180	8:45 am to 3:15 pm	3rd - 6th	Other
<b>Johnson House</b> JPP	719 Birdseye Street	203-385-4180	8:45 am to 3:15 pm	3rd - 6th	Other
<b>St. James</b> Parochial	50 Harvey Place	375-5994	7:50 am - 2:10 pm	PreK - 8th	General and Other
<b>St. Mark</b> Parochial	500 Wigwam Lane	375-4291	7:50 am - 2:10 pm	PreK - 8th	General and Other
<b>Aquaculture</b> Bunnell Students	60 St. Stephens Road, Bridgeport	203-275-2926	8:45 am to 9:45 am	9th - 12th	Noon and Off Schedule
<b>Aquaculture</b> Stratford High Students	60 St. Stephens Road, Bridgeport	203-275-2926	8:45 am to 9:45 am	9th - 12th	Noon and Off Schedule
<b>Bullard Havens</b> Vocational	500 Palisade Avenue, Bridgeport	203-579-6333	7:30 am to 2:11 pm	9th - 12th	General and Other
<b>Emmett O'Brien</b> Vocational	141 Prindle Avenue, Ansonia	203-732-1800	7:30 am to 2:11 pm	9th - 12th	Other
<b>Platt Tech</b> Vocational	600 Orange Avenue, Milford	203-783-5300	7:40 am to 2:20 pm	9th - 12th	General and Other
<b>Trumbull VOAG</b> Agriscience & Biotechnology	536 Daniels Farm Road, Trumbull	203-452-4200	7:10 am to 2:25 pm	9th - 12th	General and Other
<b>ACES - Whitney North</b> Special Ed	205 Skiff Street, Hamden	203-405-4700	8:30 am to 2:30 pm **Wednesday out 12:30 pm**	9th - 12th	Other and Noon & Off Schedule
<b>ACES - Whitney East</b> Special Ed	261 Skiff Street, Hamden	203-281-3577	8:30 am to 2:30 pm **Wednesday out 12:30 pm**	9th - 12th	Other and Noon & Off Schedule
<b>Boys and Girls Village</b>	528 Wheelers Farm Road, Milford	203-877-0300	8:20 am to 2:45 pm		Other



Special Ed					
CCCD Special Ed	955 Bridgeport Ave, Milford	203-306-0005	8:45 am to 2:10 pm		Other
CCCD Special Ed	95 Wolf Harbor Road, Milford	203-882-8810	8:45 am to 2:10 pm		Other
Foundation Special Ed	791 Derby-Milford Road, Orange	203-795-6075	8:30 am to 2:30 pm		Other
Hope Academy Special Ed	89 Marsh Hill Road, Town of Orange	203-799-6000	8:00 am to 2:10 pm		Other
Six to Six Magnet	601 Pearl Harbor Street, Bridgeport	203-330-6775	8:00 am to 3:00 pm	K - 8th	General and Other
St. Vincent's Special Ed	95 Merritt Blvd, Trumbull	203-375-6400	8:30 am to 2:30 pm		Other

**\*\*Currently have 25 monitors for the Home to School transportation\*\***

**Current Program Information:**

Information on the current program is included on the flash drives distributed at the prebid meeting.

**Bid and Bond Calculation Basis:**

For the purpose of comparing cost proposals, and for the calculation of bond costs, the following daily bus usage profile will be used. This table does not represent the exact actual usage of each bus.

<b>HOME-TO-SCHOOL - # OF VEHICLES BY LENGTH OF DAY</b>						
<b>Bus Capacity</b>	<b>3 Hrs</b>	<b>3.5 Hrs</b>	<b>4.0 Hrs</b>	<b>4.5 Hrs</b>	<b>5.0 Hrs</b>	<b>Excess Hrs</b>
71/72 Passenger	2	20	10	5	3	10
65/66 Passenger		1		2		
20-30 Passenger		1			1	1
16 Passenger		2	9	9	1	3
Wheelchair		2	3	1	1	2
7-10 Vans		1	2	1		1
5 Passenger		1		1		
Mid-day Hour	9 mid-day runs @ 1 hour each					
Late Run Hours	Wooster-3 Flood-4 and 10 Elementary at ½ hour per run					
Bus Monitors	25					
Bus Attendants	None currently					

**APPENDIX "B"  
FLEET LIST**

Pursuant to Specifications 8.7.2.2., I hereby certify that the following list is representative of those vehicles that will be utilized in the performance of the Contract.

Proposer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Make/Model</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Seating Capacity</b>	<b>Fuel Type</b>

Attach additional sheets as required. This page may be copied for additional vehicle listings. If vehicles are not currently under the ownership of the Proposer, adequate documentation demonstrating the ability to obtain the required vehicles must be provided pursuant to the Specifications.

APPENDIX "C"

**STRATFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
TRANSPORTATION REPORT**

**SAMPLE ONLY**

MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT  
MONTH: \_\_\_\_\_, 201\_\_

<b># FULL OPERATING DAYS - YEAR-TO-DATE:</b>				days
<b># FULL OPERATING DAYS REMAINING IN YEAR:</b>				days
<b><u>HOME-TO-SCHOOL MILEAGE</u></b>	<b><u>CURRENT MONTH</u></b>	<b><u>YEAR-TO-DATE</u></b>		
Regular Runs				
_____				
Special Runs				
Late Runs				
Other:				
<b>TOTALS:</b>				
<b>SAFETY AND TRAINING ACTIVITY:</b>				
_____				
_____				
_____				
_____				
<b>ACCIDENT INFORMATION: (Describe any accidents and attach copy of accident reports filed. Explain impact upon operation.)</b>				
_____				
_____				
_____				
_____				

**OPERATING EVENTS THIS MONTH: (New employees, route changes, new procedures, vehicle inspections, etc.)**


**FUEL USAGE: Contractor shall supply detail on fuel usage for the month, including detail on fuel deliveries, vehicle usage, special trips, and related issues.**


**STUDENT RIDERSHIP COUNTS:**


Date Prepared: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Proposer's Initials

## **Appendix D**

### **Stratford Public Schools Transportation Policies**

District policies are available on the District website under the “District Policies” tab at:

<http://www.stratfordk12.org/Board-of-Education/BOE-Policies/>

**THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED AND NOTARIZED = = = = SUBMIT WITH PROPOSAL = = = =**

**HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT**

IT IS HEREBY AGREED AND UNDERSTOOD THAT THE CONTRACTOR AGREES TO DEFEND, HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFY STRATFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT, STRATFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION, TOWN OF STRATFORD, OR ANY OFFICER, AGENT, SERVANT OR EMPLOYEE OF THE STRATFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT OR TOWN OF STRATFORD FROM ANY LAWSUIT, ACTION, PROCEEDING, LIABILITY, JUDGMENT, CLAIM, OR DEMAND WHICH MAY ARISE OUT OF:

- (A) ANY INJURY TO PERSON OR DAMAGE TO PROPERTY SUSTAINED BY THE CONTRACTOR, ITS AGENTS, SERVANTS OR EMPLOYEES OR BY ANY PERSON, FIRM, OR CORPORATION EMPLOYED DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY BY THEM UPON OR IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR PERFORMANCE OR FAILURE TO PERFORM UNDER THE CONTRACT, EXCEPT FOR SUCH INJURY OR DAMAGE WHEREIN IT IS FINALLY DETERMINED THAT THE STRATFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT, ITS OFFICERS, AGENTS, SERVANTS OR EMPLOYEES WERE GROSSLY NEGLIGENT OR COMMITTED WILLFUL MISCONDUCT;
- (B) ANY INJURY TO PERSON OR DAMAGE TO PROPERTY SUSTAINED BY ANY PERSON, FIRM, OR CORPORATION, CAUSED BY ANY NEGLIGENT ACT, DEFAULT, ERROR OR OMISSION OF THE CONTRACTOR, ITS AGENTS, SERVANTS, OR EMPLOYEES OR OF ANY PERSON, FIRM, OR CORPORATION, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY EMPLOYED BY THEM UPON OR IN CONNECTION WITH PERFORMANCE UNDER THE CONTRACT;
- (C) FINES, PENALTIES, COSTS AND EXPENSES WHICH MAY BE INCURRED BY OR LEVIED AND ASSESSED AGAINST THE STRATFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT, THE STRATFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION, THE TOWN OF STRATFORD n, OR ANY OFFICER, AGENT, SERVANT OR EMPLOYEE OF THE STRATFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONTRACTOR'S PERFORMANCE OR FAILURE TO PERFORM UNDER THE CONTRACT.

THE CONTRACTOR AT ITS OWN EXPENSE AND RISK SHALL DEFEND ANY LEGAL PROCEEDINGS THAT MAY BE BROUGHT AGAINST THE STRATFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT, STRATFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION, THE TOWN OF STRATFORD n, OR ANY OFFICER, AGENT, SERVANT, OR EMPLOYEE OF THE STRATFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT ON ANY SUCH CLAIM OR DEMAND, AND SHALL SATISFY ANY JUDGMENT, FINE OR PENALTY WHICH MAY BE RENDERED OR ASSESSED AGAINST THE STRATFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT, STRATFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION, THE TOWN OF STRATFORD, OR ANY OFFICER, AGENT, SERVANT, OR EMPLOYEE OF THE STRATFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT ARISING OUT OF ANY SUCH CLAIM OR DEMAND.

THE ASSUMPTION OF DEFENSE, INDEMNITY, LIABILITY AND LOSS HEREUNDER SHALL SURVIVE CONTRACTOR'S COMPLETION OF SERVICE OR OTHER PERFORMANCE HEREUNDER AND ANY TERMINATION OF THIS CONTRACT.

THIS INDEMNIFICATION, DEFENSE AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT SHALL APPLY TO ANY LAWSUIT, ACTION, PROCEEDING, LIABILITY, JUDGMENT, CLAIM OR DEMAND, OF WHATEVER NAME OR NATURE, NOTWITHSTANDING THAT CONTRACTOR MAY DEEM THE SAME TO BE FRIVOLOUS OR WITHOUT MERIT. IT IS INTENDED THAT THIS AGREEMENT BE INTERPRETED IN THE BROADEST MANNER POSSIBLE SO AS TO INSULATE ALL OF THE ENTITIES, PARTIES AND INDIVIDUALS NAMED ABOVE FROM ANY LIABILITY, COST OR JUDGMENT, MONETARY OR OTHERWISE, AS THE SAME MAY RELATE TO THE PERSONNEL AND SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CONTRACTOR; PROVIDED HOWEVER, THIS INDEMNIFICATION, DEFENSE, AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT SHALL NOT APPLY TO ANY LAWSUIT, ACTION, PROCEEDING, LIABILITY, JUDGMENT, CLAIM, DEMAND, FINE OR PENALTY WHEREIN IT IS FINALLY DETERMINED THAT THE STRATFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT, ITS OFFICERS, AGENTS, SERVANTS OR EMPLOYEES WERE NEGLIGENT OR COMMITTED WILLFUL MISCONDUCT.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to before me this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016

\_\_\_\_\_  
(NOTARY PUBLIC)

**FINANCIAL AND OWNERSHIP INFORMATION COMPLIANCE**

1. Pursuant to Section 2.2.3 of the Stratford Public Schools transportation request for proposal, dated December 20, 2016, the undersigned hereby acknowledges the following:

- a. If requested, the stipulated financial information will be provided within 72 hours of the District's request.
- b. Information relative to any pending lawsuits, judgments and/or liens has been provided.  YES  NO  
If NO, the Proposer stipulates by initialing in the following space that there are no lawsuits, judgment and/or liens.

Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

- c. Information on any bankruptcy filings has been submitted.  YES  NO If NO, the Proposer stipulates by initialing in the following space that there are no applicable bankruptcy filings.

Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

- d. Information on any denials of Performance Bonds has been submitted.  YES  NO If NO, the Proposer stipulates by initialing in the following space that there are no Performance Bond denials to report.

Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Pursuant to Section 2.1.6 of the Stratford Public Schools transportation request for proposal, dated December 20, 2016, the following represents individuals or entities with 10% or more ownership of the entity submitting the proposal and identified in the signature section below (attached additional sheets if more space is required):

FULL NAME	ADDRESS	% OWNERSHIP

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**STUDENT TRANSPORTATION PROPOSAL**  
**FORM OF PROPOSAL**  
**December 20, 2016**

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT  
STRATFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
1000 EAST BROADWAY  
STRATFORD, CT 06615

**CONTRACT  
PRICES**

HAVING CAREFULLY EXAMINED THE PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS, THE EXISTING ROUTES, EXISTING SCHEDULES, EXISTING BUS STOPS, TRAFFIC CONDITIONS, TOPOGRAPHY, ROAD CONDITIONS, LOCATIONS OF SCHOOLS, INCLUDING ENTRANCE DRIVEWAYS AND EXITS, AND ALL OTHER CONDITIONS AFFECTING THE SERVICES AND WORK, THE UNDERSIGNED \_\_\_\_\_ (Company Name) HEREBY PROPOSES TO PERFORM AND COMPLETE ALL SERVICES AND WORK FOR THE PRICE(S) SET FORTH ON THE ATTACHED PRICING SCHEDULES, IN STRICT ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS AND ALL ADDENDA (IF ANY) AS INDICATED BELOW:

ADDENDA NO: \_\_\_\_\_ DATED: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDENDA NO: \_\_\_\_\_ DATED: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDENDA NO: \_\_\_\_\_ DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

THIS PROPOSAL WILL REMAIN FIRM FOR THE PERIOD OF TIME INDICATED IN THE PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS.

TO PROVIDE STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR THE STRATFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AS SPECIFIED:

1. Pricing – Each Proposer will be provided with a Flash Drive that contains an Excel file to facilitate the entry and submission of their price proposal. The Proposer shall not make any changes to the format of the pricing pages. The flash drive will be distributed at the pre-proposal meeting on November 30, 2016. The Excel file is structured with three separate tabs representing home-to-school, trips, and alternates. **Each tab must be completed.** The Proposer must return to the District the Excel file completed on the original flash drive, plus a printed copy of all pricing pages executed by Proposer where indicated at the end of each tab. (A sample of the pricing pages for the contract is included at the end of these specifications.) The official price submission of the Proposer shall be the signed printed pages.

2. If the Proposer is a corporation, is it incorporated in Connecticut?

Yes       No

If No, it must be authorized to do business in Connecticut.

3. In submitting this Proposal, the Proposer agrees to the terms and conditions of the Proposal Documents. If this Proposal is signed by a partner, the person hereby states that he or she has the authority to bind the partnership; if this is signed by an authorized corporate employee, that person hereby states that he or she has the authority to bind the corporation.



4. The Proposer has provided transportation services to the following school districts within the last three (3) years:

Name	Address	Contact Person	Telephone
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

(attach additional sheets, if necessary)

5. Pursuant to Specifications 8.7.2.2, vehicle list of Contractor must be included on Appendix B.
6. These Specifications require the submission of additional information that will be utilized to evaluate each Proposal and which will become the basis for the award of the Contract by the District. The Proposer's endorsement below signifies that the Proposer is aware of all required information and that the Proposal contained herein is a full, complete submission by the Proposer. The Proposer further understands that the District has the sole discretion to determine the best Proposal to meet the needs of the District.

Very truly yours,

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

**(NON-COLLUSIVE PROPOSAL CERTIFICATION)**

Firm Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Proposal: December 20, 2016

**I. GENERAL PROPOSAL CERTIFICATION**

The Proposer certifies that he or she will furnish, at the prices herein quoted, the materials, equipment, and/or services as proposed on this proposal.

**II. NON-COLLUSIVE PROPOSAL CERTIFICATION**

By submission of this bid, the Proposer certifies that:

- a. Each Proposer and each person signing on behalf of any Proposer certifies, and in the case of a joint Proposal, each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of knowledge and belief:
  - 1) The prices in this proposal have been arrived at independently without collusion, consultation, communication or agreement, for the purpose of restricting competition, as to any matter relating to such prices with any other Proposer or with any competitor;
  - 2) Unless otherwise required by law, the prices which have been quoted in this proposal have not been knowingly disclosed by the Proposer and will not knowingly be disclosed by the Proposer prior to opening, directly or indirectly, to any other Proposer or to any competitor; and
  - 3) No attempt has been made or will be made by the Proposer to induce and other person, partnership, or corporation to submit or not to submit a proposal for the purpose of restricting competition.
  
- b) A proposal shall not be considered for award nor shall any award be made where (a) - (1), (2), and (3) above have not been complied with, provided however, that if in any case the Proposer cannot make the foregoing certification, the Proposer shall so state and shall furnish with the proposal a signed statement which sets forth in detail the reasons therefor. Where (a) - (1), (2), and (3) above have not been complied with, the proposal shall not be considered for award nor shall any award be made unless the District determines that such disclosure was not made for the purpose of restricting competition.

The fact that a Proposer has (a) published price lists, rates or tariffs covering items being procured, (b) informed prospective customers of proposed or pending publication of new or revised price lists for such items or (c) sold the same items to other customers at the same prices being proposed, does not constitute, without more, a disclosure within the meaning of subparagraph one (a).

Any proposal shall be deemed to have been authorized by the board of directors of the Proposer, and such authorization shall be deemed to include the signing and submission of the proposal and the inclusion therein of the certificated as to non-collusion as the act and deed of the corporation.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

ACKNOWLEDGMENT BY PROPOSER

If Individual or Individuals:

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ }
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ } SS.:

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_, before me personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_ to me known and known to me to be the same person(s) described in and who executed the within instrument, and he (or they severally) acknowledged to me that he (or they) executed the same.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public, State of \_\_\_\_\_  
Qualified in \_\_\_\_\_  
Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

If Corporation:

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ }
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ } SS.:

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_, before me personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_ to me known, who, being by me sworn, did say that he resides at (give address) \_\_\_\_\_; that he is the (give title) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ of the (name of corporation) \_\_\_\_\_, the corporation described in and which executed the above instrument; that the knows the seal of the corporation, and that the seal affixed to the instrument is such corporate seal; that it was so affixed by order of the Board of Directors of the corporation, and that he signed his name thereto by like order.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public, State of \_\_\_\_\_  
Qualified in \_\_\_\_\_  
Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

If Partnership:

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ }
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ } SS.:

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_, before me personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_ to me known to be the individual who executed the foregoing, and who, being duly sworn, did depose and say that he/she is a partner of the firm of \_\_\_\_\_ and that he/she has the authority to sign the same, and acknowledged that he/she executed the same as the act and deed of said partnership.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public, State of \_\_\_\_\_  
Qualified in \_\_\_\_\_  
Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

**SAMPLE PRICING PAGES – Home-to-School**

**STRATFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Proposal to provide student transportation services pursuant to the specifications with a proposal submission date of December 20, 2016.

**Proposer Name:**

**PUBLIC, NON-PUBLIC, SPECIAL EDUCATION, AND SUMMER SERVICES**

**2017-2018      2018-2019      2019-2020      2020-2021      2021-2022**

<b>71/72 Passenger</b>					
3 Hours per Day. Price per bus per day.					
4 Hours per Day. Price per bus per day.					
5 Hours per Day. Price per bus per day.					
Mid-day. Price per <b>hour</b> per bus.					
Shuttles. Price per <b>hour</b> per bus.					
Late runs. Price per <b>hour</b> per bus.					
Excess Hourly Rate.					

<b>65/66 Passenger</b>					
3 Hours per Day. Price per bus per day.					
4 Hours per Day. Price per bus per day.					
5 Hours per Day. Price per bus per day.					
Mid-day. Price per <b>hour</b> per bus.					
Shuttles. Price per <b>hour</b> per bus.					
Late runs. Price per <b>hour</b> per bus.					
Excess Hourly Rate.					

<b>20-30 Passenger</b>					
3 Hours per Day. Price per bus per day.					
4 Hours per Day. Price per bus per day.					
5 Hours per Day. Price per bus per day.					
Mid-day. Price per <b>hour</b> per bus.					
Shuttles. Price per <b>hour</b> per bus.					
Late runs. Price per <b>hour</b> per bus.					
Excess Hourly Rate.					

<b>16-19 Passenger</b>					
3 Hours per Day. Price per bus per day.					
4 Hours per Day. Price per bus per day.					
5 Hours per Day. Price per bus per day.					
Mid-day. Price per <b>hour</b> per bus.					
Shuttles. Price per <b>hour</b> per bus.					
Late runs. Price per <b>hour</b> per bus.					
Excess Hourly Rate.					

<b>7-10 Passenger</b>					
3 Hours per Day. Price per bus per day.					
4 Hours per Day. Price per bus per day.					
5 Hours per Day. Price per bus per day.					

Mid-day. Price per **hour** per bus.  
 Shuttles. Price per **hour** per bus.  
 Late runs. Price per **hour** per bus.  
 Excess Hourly Rate.


**8 Passenger with 3 wheelchair stations**

3 Hours per Day. Price per bus per day.  
 4 Hours per Day. Price per bus per day.  
 5 Hours per Day. Price per bus per day.  
 Mid-day. Price per **hour** per bus.  
 Shuttles. Price per **hour** per bus.  
 Late runs. Price per **hour** per bus.  
 Excess Hourly Rate.


**5 Passenger**

3 Hours per Day. Price per bus per day.  
 4 Hours per Day. Price per bus per day.  
  
 5 Hours per Day. Price per bus per day.  
 Excess Hourly Rate.


**Bus Aides**

Price per Hour.  
 Minimum Daily Charge


**Trained Bus Attendants**

Price per Hour.  
 Minimum Daily Charge


**PROPOSER'S SIGNATURE:**

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**TITLE:**

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**COMPANY NAME:**

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**SAMPLE PRICING PAGES – Trips**

**STRATFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Proposal to provide student transportation services pursuant to the specifications with a proposal submission date of December 20, 2016.

**Proposer Name:**

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**FIELD & SPORTS - IN-DISTRICT  
COST PER HOUR - 1 HR MINIMUM**

2017- 2018	2018- 2019	2019- 2020	2020- 2021	2021- 2022
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**DRIVING TIME:**

Type I Passenger Bus					
Type II Bus					
Type II w/ A/C & W/C Lift					

**WAITING TIME:**

Type I Passenger Bus					
Type II Bus					
Type II w/ A/C & W/C Lift					

**FIELD & SPORTS - OUT-OF-DISTRICT  
COST PER HOUR - 2 HR MINIMUM**

2017- 2018	2018- 2019	2019- 2020	2020- 2021	2021- 2022
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**DRIVING TIME:**

Type I Passenger Bus					
Type II Bus					
Type II w/ A/C & W/C Lift					

**WAITING TIME:**

Type I Passenger Bus					
Type II Bus					
Type II w/ A/C & W/C Lift					

**COST PER MILE OVER 50 MILES**

Type I Passenger Bus					
Type II Bus					
Type II w/ A/C & W/C Lift					

Hourly Rate for  
Monitor/Attendant

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**PROPOSER'S SIGNATURE:**

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**TITLE:**

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**COMPANY NAME:**

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**SAMPLE PRICING PAGES – Alternates**

**STRATFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Proposal to provide student transportation services pursuant to the specifications with a proposal submission date of December 20, 2016.

**Proposer Name:**

**Pre-Payment Discount (Alternate 5.1)**

Percentage discount applied to pre-payment amount consistent with Alternate 5.1.

	2017- 2018	2018- 2019	2019- 2020	2020- 2021	2021- 2022
Discount per pre-payment period for Home-to-School program : %					

**Performance Bond Cost (Alternate 5.2):**

Annual charge to the District for the provision of a performance bond equal to 100% of the contract awarded. (Proof of bondability consistent with requirements must be submitted with the Proposal.)

	2017- 2018	2018- 2019	2019- 2020	2020- 2021	2021- 2022
<b>Annual Charge:</b>					
\$					
or %					

**Maintenance of District Vehicles (Alternate 5.3):**

Rate per hour for requested maintenance on District's student transportation vehicles.

	2017- 2018	2018- 2019	2019- 2020	2020- 2021	2021- 2022
<b>Rate per Hour:</b>					
\$					

**PROPOSER'S SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**TITLE:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**COMPANY NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_



Stratford Public Schools  
1000 East Broadway  
Stratford, Connecticut 06615

**CONTRACT:** HOME-TO-SCHOOL; EXTRA-CURRICULAR; SUMMER  
**PROPOSAL DATE:** December 20, 2016

**NON-PROPOSER'S RESPONSE**

The Stratford Public School District is interested in the reasons why prospective Proposers fail to submit proposals. If you are **NOT** submitting a proposal, please indicate the reason(s) below and return this form to the address above.

- Unable to propose at this time.
- Contract too small/large for our firm (circle one).
- Lack of fleet to meet requirements.
- Lack of facility to meet requirements.
- Unable to meet specifications. Provide detail: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- Insufficient time allowed for preparation and submission of proposal.
- Other reasons: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
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You may remove our name from the bid/proposal list for:

- All bids/proposals
- This particular service
- Remainder of this year
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Officer of Company (Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Fax Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

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Email address