

Bloom Township High School 206
Regular – Transportation Services RFP
Due July 29, 2024
Questions/Answers
Date: July 25, 2024

Question

The specifications indicate that the bid is due Tuesday (7/29). Tuesday is the 30th, so would the bid be due on the 29th or the 30th?

Answer:

The Bids are due on **Monday, July 29, 2024** at 9:00 am.

Tuesday, July 29, 2024 posted was posted in error.

Question:

Pg. 15 Electric Buses; It indicates that the District will receive the 25 electric buses during the 24/25 school year. Should we indicate pricing for using our buses (gas/diesel, propane) and then with using the electric buses supplied by the district?

Answer:

The district will not supply any electric buses. The District was recently selected for funding by the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) 2022 Clean School Bus (CSB) Program for up to twenty-five (25) new electric buses during the 2024-2025 school year and an additional bus for the 2025-2026 school year. The successful Bidder agrees to replace up to a total of twenty-six (26) eligible old (non-electric) buses with new zero-emission/low-emission (electric) school buses and will be responsible for ensuring that such new electric buses are used to serve the Bloom Township High School District 206 for the duration of the contract or five (5) years, whichever is longer. The buses are currently in production and will be delivered to STA, as they were the transportation provider at the time of grant approval. STA has been working to acquire the buses and infrastructure to comply with the terms of the grant. As a condition of the grant. Please see: <https://www.epa.gov/cleanschoolbus> for more information. Therefore, 25 electric buses will be required by October 2024.

Question

The electric buses that are coming in during the school year: who owns them?

Answer:

The buses will be owed by the transportation provider. The buses will be purchased by the provider and costs will be reimbursed according to the provisions of the grant. However, new

electric buses are used to serve the Bloom Township High School District 206 for the duration of the contract or five (5) years, whichever is longer.

Question:

Just confirming that the contractor is responsible for setting up and paying for the charging stations? The contractor also pays for the electricity to charge the vehicles? The contractor also pays for the maintenance on the vehicles? The contractor also pays for the insurance on the vehicles?

Answer:

This is correct. All electric bus expense will be paid by the transportation provider. However, the grant will reimburse the transportation provider according to the conditions of the grant.

Question:

If the contractor will be the owner of the vehicles, the district will sign over the electric buses at no additional cost to the contractor?

Answer:

The contractor will own the vehicles and be reimbursed for certain expenses new electric buses are used to serve the Bloom Township High School District 206 for the duration of the contract or five (5) years, whichever is longer.

Question:

Is there a target date that the District expects delivery of these buses?

Answer:

The grant indicates that the buses should be in use by October 2024, unless an extension is given by EPA.

Question:

I assume the buses are 71 passengers, who is the manufacturer?

Answer:

The buses are 71 passenger buses. Please see: <https://www.epa.gov/cleanschoolbus>.

Question:

Do you know the warranty length on these buses?

Answer:

I do not know any warranty information. Please see: <https://www.epa.gov/cleanschoolbus>.

Question:

The price sheet mentions Alt Ed pm and Bloom Trail PM routes, but there is no entry for Alt Ed Am routes, perhaps that is a typo and was meant to cover ALT ed for AM and PM rather?

Answer:

There should be an AM and PM or Arrivals and Departures for each route classification.

Question:

The Bloom HS only with Alternative Program price sheets notes 25 total routes, but only 23 require EVs. According to the specs I believe there is a requirement for a total of 26 EVs,;however, the Bloom Trail only option does not require any EVs. Is this count of 23 shy by 3 required EVs?

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Bloom High School (Arrivals and Dismissal) has 20 routes

Bloom Alternative (Arrivals and Dismissals) has 3 routes

Bloom Special Education at Bloom (Arrivals and Dismissals) has 2 routes

There is a requirement for one (1) additional bus in 2025-2026

The bus will be assigned to Bloom Trail unless it is needed at Bloom High School.

Please note: Due to enrollment there may be a need for an additional bus for Bloom Special Education