



REQUEST FOR QUOTE

The North Middlesex Regional School District (NMRSD) invites sealed quotes for student transportation. Such quotes will be received at NMRSD central administrative offices at 66 Brookline Street, Townsend, MA 01469 until 12:00 PM on December 12, 2019. No quotes will be accepted after that date and time. Quote specifications are available at the NMRSD central administrative offices at 66 Brookline Street, Townsend, MA 01469. NMRSD School Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any or all quotes or any part of any quote, as deemed in the best interest of the District. Questions relative to this request for quotes may be addressed to Nancy Haines, Business Manager nhaines@nmrsd.org.

Because this is a contract for the transportation of special education students, M.G.L. c. 30B shall not apply to this Request for Quotes (RFQ) nor to any contract entered into by the successful vendor and the District. The District reserves the right to enter into more than one (1) contract for special education transportation.

IMPORTANT: The services sought hereunder are exempt from The Uniform Procurement Act M.G.L. c. 30B, § 1(b)(8). NMRSD has elected to use a competitive quote process. The process is governed exclusively by the terms and conditions in this RFQ, which may be modified or waived at any time, and there is no intention to comply with or be governed by the provisions of M.G.L c. 30B

Services are to be rendered in accordance with "SPECIFICATIONS FOR STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES"

The contract calls for the furnishing of scheduled transportation for certain designated school children from the school districts including the towns of Pepperell, Townsend and Ashby, MA and includes the furnishing of all services necessary and required, consisting of the following in general: transportation equipment, maintenance of equipment, operation, supervision, inspection, registration, licensing, insurance and conformation to all applicable laws, rules, and regulations of the Federal Government, the Interstate Commerce Commission, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Motor Vehicles, School Committees of NMRSD. This RFQ is being publicized in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Operational Services Division's Comm-BUYS system.

The term of this contract is three (3) consecutive school years. This contract will commence on July 1, 2020 and terminate on June 30, 2023. The days on which transportation is to be furnished shall be as designated by the School District calendar as voted by the NMRSD School Committee. Additional transportation services included in this contract include summer transportation for students that attend both in-district and out of district school during the summer hours as well as school year homeless transportation. Specific schedule and attendance to be determined.

The Contract(s) will be awarded to the responsive and responsible eligible vendors/contractors offering the lowest price for the total of the three year the contract. Out of District and In-District Routes may be analyzed and awarded separately. The District will consider other special circumstances for a student if they apply. All unit prices must remain firm as bid for year one of the contract. The words "responsive and responsible" shall mean the bidder (1) whose proposal is the lowest of those bidders possessing the skill, ability and integrity necessary for the faithful performance of the work as determined by the District in its discretion based on all information submitted and (2) who certify they can work in harmony with other elements of labor in the District. A contract shall not be awarded to a bidder if that bidder cannot accommodate pupils with vehicles currently owned or leased unless the bidder submits proof of ability to obtain sufficient vehicles to perform the contract.

The District reserves the right to reject in whole or in part any or all responses to this request, or to take any other action deemed by the District to be in the best interest of the District.

Specifications, tentative schedules, and quote forms are available at the NMRSD central administrative offices at: 66 Brookline Street, Townsend, MA or by email request to Nancy Haines nhaines@nmrsd.org. Please include all contact information.

Interested vendors/contractors may contact Nancy Haines to obtain information that relates to any issues/questions that arise relative to these request for quote specifications. She can be reached at (978) 597-8713 x1404. The last day for such requests will be December 6, 2019 by 4pm.

A pre-quote conference will be held on December 2, 2019 at 1:00pm EST at the NMRSD central administrative offices at 66 Brookline Street, Townsend, MA.