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QUESTION & ANSWER # 5

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Re: Cattaraugus County 2026 IFB

Provision of Transportation Service on Behalf of the Cattaraugus County Aging & Youth Services Department and the Cattaraugus County Health Department

ALL 13 QUESTIONS AND THEIR RESPONSES ARE ON THE SUBSEQUENT PAGES

1: Can the County provide the estimated number of vehicles required per Destination Zone based on current enrollment and routing assumptions?

Answer: #1: The current routes, loaded mileage per route, current # of riders per route, and the Destination Zone assigned, is posted as part of Q & A #2 (Attachment#1) on the Cattaraugus County Website (www.cattco.org) at "Meet your Government", "Bid Requests", "Provision of Transportation Services."

2. Can the County provide prior year data by zone, including:# of students,# of vehicles utilized, and average daily runs?

Answer #2: Please refer to the answer to question #1

3. Under what conditions are monitors required vs. optional, and are there specific programs or vehicle types where monitors are mandatory?

Answer #3: Any vehicle in any Destination Zone only requires a monitor if there are three or more children scheduled for transport on the vehicle.

4. If additional vehicles are required during the contract term due to enrollment increases, is there any cap or limit to the # of additional vehicles the contractor must provide?

Answer #4: No.

5. Will contracts be awarded by individual zones, and can a bidder be awarded one or multiple zones independently?

Answer #5: Yes.

6. Under what conditions would the County approve subcontracting if additional capacity is required?

Answer#6:

Per Appendix A, Section XIV. C. Miscellaneous:

“C. The Contractor shall not assign, transfer or subcontract, in whole or in part, the contract entered into as a result of its submission of this bid, or any of its rights or obligations arising out of or under such contract, to any person, firm, association or corporation, without the prior written consent of the County, which consent may withheld for any reason.“

7. For vehicles priced on a full-day basis, is payment guaranteed regardless of the# of runs performed, provided the vehicle is available?

Answer #7: No. Please see Answer #8 (Appendix E, Section II, Letter D) for “Payment if All Passengers are Absent“.

8. What is the compensation structure when scheduled passengers are absent or trips are cancelled after dispatch?

Answer #8:

Per Appendix E, Section II. Letter C-D:

“C. Absences: Passengers, Program Providers, the County (or its Agent), caretakers, and/or parents, as and if applicable, will be responsible for notifying the Contractor at least one hour before a scheduled pick-up time if a passenger is not going to the Facility or returning from the Facility on a particular day(s).

D. Payment if All Passengers are Absent: If prior notice (as defined in the previous item) was given to the transporter (or the transporter should otherwise have known) that all passengers on a given trip would not be attending the site involved, then no payment is due to the transporter for that day for that portion of the billing unit. If no such prior notice is given, the Transporter shall be paid one-half (1/2) of the normal rate for applicable vehicle. Note that the non-appearance of a passenger (or passengers) for a trip *to* a site constitutes prior notice that the trip *from* that site performed exclusively for that passenger (or passengers) will not be required for that day.”

9. Can the County provide clarification on geographic density of each zone (clustered vs. rural distribution) and average route lengths?

Answer# 9: Geographic density information cannot be provided at this time.

Also, as per the answer to question #1, current route lengths are provided in Q & A #2 (Attachment #1) on the Cattco.org website.

10. Can the County provide estimated# of wheelchair-dependent passengers per zone?

Answer #10: Per Q & A #2, Answer #19, There are currently no wheelchair buses being utilized.

11. Can the County confirm the minimum required insurance coverage limits for auto, general liability, and umbrella coverage, if applicable?

Answer #11: Please see Appendix A, Section VIII. Insurance requirements

12. Can the County clarify the required value of the Performance bond relative to the awarded contract value and whether bonding is required per zone or total award?

Answer #12: Bonding is required per total award by Bidder.

Per Appendix, Section X. Letter B. Financial:

“B. A \$10,000 Performance Bond in the form of a cashier’s check or certified check WILL BE REQUIRED of the Successful Bidder(s). This check must be made payable to Cattaraugus County. This check may be deposited by the County. The funds so deposited will be retained by the County during the term of the Contract. At the expiration of the term, if the Successful Bidder has performed under the terms of the Contract to the satisfaction of the County, the funds will be returned to the Successful Bidder(s), without interest.”

13. Is there an expected minimum or maximum # of runs per vehicle per day?

Answer #13:

Please see Q & A #2 , (Attachment #1) posted on the Cattco.org website for the typical daily vehicle usage, at present.

END OF Q &A #5