



Questions and Answers

SHUTTLE BUS MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR SERVICES

TU-2437

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Procurement
8000 York Road
Towson, MD 21252-0001

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Below are questions and responses to aforementioned solicitation. Any response resulting in a revision to the solicitation will be included in an Addendum.

Questions:

Q1. Is this a multi-vendor award?

A1. Pursuant to Section I.A., "The university reverses the right to award to multiple vendors." As such, this will likely be a multi-award.

Q2. Are subcontractors permitted?

A2. Pursuant to Section IV.D SCHEDULE, COORDINATION AND PAYMENT, "Bidders shall not subcontract any work, except towing services, without written approval from a University Representative. Bidder will be responsible for paying invoices from any subcontractor. Bidder will include subcontractor costs & copies of subcontractor invoice, without markup, in their final invoice to the University."

Q3. Regarding the existing contract, TU-2417, that this replaces, there is no public information on those bid results and awards, while there appears to be for other solicitations. Will those bid results be posted? Will the awarded vendors be posted? Was there more than one award issued?

A3. The award information has been posted at the following link: <https://www.towson.edu/procurement/bidresults.html>

Q4. The Bid Sheet form is prepopulated with labor rates. Are these required labor rates or just populated for sample purposes?

A4. Please see Addendum # 1 and the revised bid sheet posted on TU's Bid Board.

Q5. Is there a requirement to be a certified dealer and subsequently have certified mechanics for each manufacturer bid?

A5. Yes, there is a requirement for certified mechanics who are trained and qualified to work on all the different types of buses included in the bid. This ensures that the work performed meets the standards set by each manufacturer.

Q6. When the question above was raised during the pre-bid meeting it was implied that would only be required for wheelchair lifts. Will you please clarify this response? This bid includes other OEMs who have a requirement that authorized and certified dealers perform work on their products. Was it just a miscommunication that the wheelchair lifts are the only items that require certifications?

A6. During the pre-bid meeting, the emphasis was on the requirement for wheelchair lift certifications. However, to clarify, this was not intended to imply that certifications are limited to wheelchair lifts only. The bid includes additional certification requirements for other OEM products, as specified in the bid documentation. Please review the bid details carefully to ensure compliance with all outlined certification requirements.

Q7. This bid includes other OEMs who have a requirement that authorized and certified dealers perform work on their products. Was it just a miscommunication that the wheelchair lifts are the only items that require certifications?

A7. Please see Question and Answer #6

Q8. Are you splitting this bid to different vendors again?

A8. Please see Question and Answer #1.

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