

**Southbridge Public Schools  
BUS IFB Questions and Answers  
Installment 1  
April 3, 2017**

- 1. Please provide me with a copy of the current transportation contract.**  
Please see attached
  
- 2. Page one, description of Bid regular student transportation and In district transportation including pre-school. Page 4 describes the use of 5 type II buses, Page 9 describes the use of 20 83 passenger buses however the price page asks for pricing for 12 buses total which is correct?** The district is requesting 20, 83 passenger buses. The pricing sheet is incorrect. Twenty (20) for regular education transportation excluding special education.
  
- 3. Will the van routes be part of this bid, if not how will you handle that?** SPED in district only. Bus or van. SPED out of district is a separate procurement.
  
- 4. You are requiring stop arm cameras for all buses. Currently all buses are equipped with a two camera system. Will you still require cameras inside the bus? If so this will be a very expensive upgrade.** The district is requesting a two-camera system and not stop arm cameras.

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Installment 2  
April 3, 2017 @ 5:00 PM**

1. **The price page was not replaced, I assume we shall adjust the quantity of the 83 passenger buses. However, I am still unclear about the type II buses. Are they part of this bid? if so what is the quantity that you are requesting?**

The SPS currently uses 20 buses – 19 in district and 1 for private school transportation. The district is seeking pricing for 20 buses in the current IFB, 83 passenger buses. The district included special education in district pricing as part of this IFB. The type II buses is in reference to the SPED, 20 passenger buses, currently used by the district to transport special needs students. This is independent of the two (2) buses used by the district through its current vendor to provide transportation for pre-school students.

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**Installment 3**  
**April 5, 2017 @ 3:00 PM**

- 1. Will the district supply the monitors? There is no mention of that in the description or on the price page.** The revised pricing sheet does list the request for a monitor. The 8 SPED vehicles pricing should include vehicle cost and monitor cost for a total vehicle cost.
- 2. Are you purposefully omitting the minibuses that do the grow school runs?** No, I am not. That route will be addressed in a separate procurement for out of district SPED transportation.
- 3. Are all the mid-day runs included in the "type II unit price per bus" ?** Yes.
- 4. You have referenced a fine for buses late to the 2nd and 3rd tier pick-ups. Will this fine be applicable if the district fails to provide bus routes that can reasonably be accomplished in the time allotted?** The district will be reasonable with this issue.
- 5. I would like to note that you have only allotted a 30 minute window between the high school and middle school dismissal and given the proximity of the school to the population of students I am highly doubtful that this can be accomplished.** I am confident this can be done we the vendor and district work together.