

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Recommendation to Reject All Bids 19-174E – GPS and Student Transportation Routing System

Introduction

Responsible: Procurement & Warehousing Services (PWS)

This request is to approve the Request for Proposal (RFP) Evaluation Committee's (hereinafter referenced as Committee) recommendation to reject all bids received for RFP 19-174E – Global Positioning System (GPS) and Student Transportation Routing System. Pursuant to Special Condition 6.8.3.7 of the RFP and in accordance with chapter 6A-1.012(8), Florida Administrative Code, The School Board of Broward County, Florida (SBBC), reserves the right to reject any or all proposals received when there is sound documented business reasons that serve the best interest of SBBC. The Committee recommended rejecting all bids received in order to proceed with Direct Negotiation with a GPS provider, instead of both GPS and Student Transportation Routing System. The Committee agreed that the current Student Transportation Routing System is functional and serving the needs of SBBC and that the current GPS system is outdated and no longer serves the needs of SBBC.

Goods/Services Description

Responsible: Student Transportation & Fleet Services (STFS)

The initial plan of the Student Transportation Routing System and GPS RFP was to address the replacement of the student transportation routing system (currently Edulog) and the GPS system (currently ZONAR provided to SBBC by Edulog) to elevate the level of transparency, customer service, and student safety through enhanced features.

Key critical needs for the District were identified as:

- a. Comparative analysis - planned vs. actual bus routes
- b. Parent Application to identify student bus location
- c. Electronic time and attendance
- d. Electronic school bus pre – post-trip
- e. Student tracking
- f. Driver performance alerts

Through the course of the RFP process, it was concluded that the Student Routing system is satisfactory, but the GPS portion is not, yet the current GPS system must change due to obsolesce in addition to a partnership breakdown between Edulog and ZONAR.

Procurement Method

Responsible: PWS and STFS

A Request for Information (RFI) was released to gather information about GPS and Student Routing Systems, which was responded to by multiple vendors offering an assortment of features and functionality available and clearly identified multiple viable options for SBBC. The RFI ran from November 28, 2018 through January 3, 2019. There were three hundred and fifty (350) vendors notified, and fourteen (14) vendors downloaded the RFI documentation. Procurement & Warehousing Services (PWS) received four (4) proposals from Education Logistics Inc, Synovia Solutions LLC, Transfinder Corporation, and Tyler Technology. Subsequently, an RFP was released with a scope of work for a GPS and Student Transportation Routing System.

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Upon conclusion of the RFP Evaluation, which included extensive vendor demonstrations, the Committee agreed unanimously that two (2) different vendors combined would be the best solution for SBBC. The Committee preferred a new vendor for the GPS solution and the current vendor for the Student Transportation Routing solution. The Committee further identified that existing Student Routing Software is performing satisfactorily and upgrade or replacement can be delayed to a future date, but the GPS System must be addressed immediately. The GPS item is being presented for School Board approval at today's meeting as item EE-24.

The Committee recommended proceeding with a vendor who offered the preferred GPS solution, which offered GPS hardware for all buses, tablets, and an application to facilitate communication with parents. Because the RFP Scope of Work (SOW) included both GPS and Student Routing, the only way to proceed with just the GPS portion is by rejecting all bids, as the RFP scope was not written as two (2) different groups. Rejecting all bids allows SBBC the flexibility of proceeding with just the GPS portion of the SOW.

The RFP ran from March 5, 2019 through April 9, 2019. There were seven hundred and two (702) vendors notified, and nineteen (19) vendors downloaded the RFP documentation. PWS received four (4) proposals from Education Logistics Inc, Synovia Solutions LLC, Transfinder Corporation, and Tyler Technology.

Financial Impact
Responsible: PWS

There is no financial impact to the District.