

NOTICE TO PROPOSERS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Education of the Stockton Unified School District ("District") will receive sealed bids for the following contract ("Contract"):

Comprehensive Transportation Charter Service Program RFP No. 25.1300

RFP Documents are available starting on April 4, 2025 at the District's Transportation Department Office, 2963 Sanguinetti Lane, Stockton, CA 95205, and posted on the District's website (<https://www.stocktonusd.net/Page/18676>).

Sealed Proposals will be received until **2:00 p.m., April 30, 2025**. Proposers shall submit their proposals at the District's Transportation Department Office, 2963 Sanguinetti Lane, Stockton, CA 95205, ATTN: Kathryn Baggese, Director, Transportation. Sealed Proposers shall be labeled: "Comprehensive Transportation Charter Service Program RFP No. **25.1300**". Any proposal that is submitted after this time shall be non-responsive and returned to the proposer.

All bids shall be on the form provided by the District. Each bid must conform and be responsive to the Instruction to Bidders and all pertinent contract documents.

A bid bond by an admitted surety insurer on the form provided by the District, cash, or a cashier's check or a certified check, drawn to the order of the Stockton Unified School District, in the amount of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000), which is approximately ten (10) percent of the estimated annual Contract value, shall accompany the Bid Form and Proposal, as a guarantee that the Bidder will, within fourteen (14) calendar days after the date of the Notice of Award, enter into a contract with the District for the performance of the services as stipulated in the bid. If the District awards the Contract, the security of unsuccessful bidder(s) shall be returned within sixty (60) days from the time the award is made.

Unless otherwise required by law, no bidder may withdraw its bid for ninety (90) days after the date of the bid opening.

Pursuant to Education Code section 39879, enacted by Senate Bill 88 (2023) and operative on July 1, 2025, a bidder awarded the Contract shall attest in writing by completing a certification that, for the entire duration of the Contract, the bidder will remain in compliance with any applicable laws, and the bidder's drivers will meet the requisite qualification standards. No additional compensation shall be due for compliance with Senate Bill 88.

Pursuant to Education Code section 39802, the District has no obligation to accept the bid with the lowest cost offered. Award of the Contract shall be made, if the District awards it at all, to the lowest responsive responsible bidder, unless the District, at its sole discretion, determines that the public interest will be best served by accepting a bid other than the bid with the lowest cost. The District also reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to award different portions of the Contract to multiple, different bidders.

The District reserves the right to reject any and all bids and/or waive any irregularity in any bid received.

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