

**Invitation for Bid #2022-06  
WELLESLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
School Transportation**

**IFB ADDENDUM #1 – Response to Questions**

1. Who has the contract now – Eastern Bus, or??

**Response:** Eastern Bus.

2. Section 8 of the specs refers to Insurance coverages, but I can find no reference to bid surety (bid bond, certified check, or...) or a performance bond. Are neither of these items, commonly part of a MA school bus bid, required?

**Response:** No, we are not requiring a bid bond.

3. Which company is now performing these routes?

**Response:** Eastern Bus.

4. For the Hunnewell Swing Space, where will the additional buses be stored?

**Response:** Parking is to be determined but it will not be at MassBay with the other buses.

5. Can you clarify the timeline for when things are due? It was listed on the notice but not in the bid documents.

**Response:** Page one of the Invitation to Bid was updated as follows:

Proposal Release Date: February 10, 2022 [at 2:00 PM EST](#)

Mandatory Pre-bid Conference: February 22, 2022 [at 11:30 AM EST](#)

Questions Due Date: February 25, 2022 [at 2:00 PM EST](#)

Amendments and  
Responses to Questions: March 2, 2022 [at 2:00 PM EST](#)

Submission Deadline: March 7, 2022 [at 1:00 PM EST](#)

6. When will the last addendum be issued and will you notify us?

**Response:** We anticipate the last addendum to be issued no later than 2:00 PM on Wednesday, March 2, 2022. We will notify you in writing via email.

7. For the electric buses, who will supply the charging stations? The Town or Vendor? Where will the buses be stored?

**Response:** The Town will provide the charging stations. The buses will be stored in Town – final location to be determined.

8. Do you require the electric buses to be flat nose?

**Response:** Yes.

9. Can you clarify the language regarding services not being rendered and no pay. Will there be a minimum guarantee?

**Response:** There will not be a minimum guarantee, only pay for services rendered.

10. Can you please clarify sections 2.15 and 2.16 as they contradict each other.

**Response:** Regarding section 2.15, if for any reason the need for transportation is shortened or lengthened, the district will only pay for days and types of services rendered.

Regarding section 2.16, the district will only pay for services rendered.

11. Section 10.04 COVID language, can you clarify?

**Response:** If due to Governmental Orders the schools are to shut down, the district will not issue payment for services that are not rendered during that period.

12. There is no mention if the cameras will require audio.

**Response:** Audio is not required.

13. To bid, we need to complete Pricing Sheet 1 and 2 but are not required to bid the electric buses?

**Response:** Yes, that is correct.

14. On the pricing sheet for METCO 4.B., should the additional wait time be an hourly rate that is billed in 15-minute increments or a 15-minute rate?

**Response:** This is an hourly rate/charge billed in 15-minute increments.

15. According to the METCO contract language, all monitors will get on at the first stop. What happens if the monitor calls out? Will the bus run without a monitor or will we go to an alternate location to pick up another monitor because of the short notice? If so, would we charge additionally at the alternate location rate for the pickup?

**Response:** For the Middle School or High School, the bus will operate with no monitor. For the Elementary bus, the backup driver would need to be picked up for the bus to operate – if there is no monitor then it cannot operate.

Yes, you would charge the alternate location rate for the additional time.