

Addendum No. 1 to REBID IFB #19-88



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
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To: All Parties on Record with the City of Somerville as Holding REBID IFB #19-88
Fall Trips for Council on Aging

From: Thupten Chukhatsang, Procurement Analyst

Date: 7/11/2019

Re: Clarification regarding Purchase Orders and Advance Payments
Questions & Answers

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Please acknowledge receipt of this Addendum by signing below and including this form in your proposal package. Failure to do so may subject the proposer to disqualification.

NAME OF COMPANY / INDIVIDUAL: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE/FAX/EMAIL: _____

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED INDIVIDUAL: _____

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ADDENDA:

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Clarification:

The City will only contract with qualified vendors that accept purchase orders. The City will not be able to pay for trips in advance.

Questions & Answers:

1. How many estimated passengers may require handicap or accessibility assistance?
5-9 passengers
2. How many estimated passengers may require handicap or accessibility equipment?
Unknown until we sign clients up.
3. Is cell phone use allowed by the driver if it is used for NAVIGATION readings?
The use of a cell phone is permitted for navigation purposes only. The use of cell phones for emergency calls is the exception.
4. Where it is stated Motor coach drivers may be asked to narrate tours, can the tour narrator be a separate person on board?
A separate person can be a tour narrator on board only if there is no additional/associated cost over the per person cost per trip. All costs will need to be incorporated in the upfront cost of the trip.
5. TRIP 1 Question
Is the visit to VICTORIAN, CAPE MAY transportation only or do you require us to pay an admission fee there for anything?
Along with transportation, all admission fees, meals, and hotels are included in the bid cost of the trip.
6. Trip 2: FINGER LAKES
Where you have "Admission to ALL attractions and Tours - the word "ALL" is confusing. Our proposed solution: Is it acceptable to provide a "GO TICKET" type admission. It will list a number of tours and attractions for one fixed rate.
For example, a Boston Go Card provides 2, 3 or 5 attractions for fixed price.
Can we supply something like a GO CARD package of things to do in Finger Lakes.
The attractions listed are the specific ones that are expected to visit and we will be expecting to go as a group, all at the same time, these admissions should all be included in the cost.
7. Could you please clarify a little further by: appropriately numbering all pages of each response? There seem to be no numbered questions in this bid.
You may disregard this request for page numbering as it not crucial for this bid.
8. Also, have you had drivers who are not from the area narrate on the trips for the citizens they are driving around? I am only asking since this was a possible requirement on the bid.
Yes, we have had drivers that have narrated even though they are not from the area.