

**ADDENDUM #2
TO
HENDERSON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS
APPLE COUNTRY PUBLIC TRANSIT SERVICES**

December 15, 2021

This is Addendum #2 to the Request for Proposal of management and operations of public transportation services issued by Henderson County, NC (“the RFP”) on December 1, 2021. The original RFP Documents remain in full force and effect, except as modified by this Addendum, which is hereby made part of the RFP. Proposers shall take this Addendum into consideration when preparing and submitting their Proposals.

The County hereby extends the written question submission deadline by changing “*Written questions from Proposers due December 15, 2021 (5 pm)*” to “*Written questions from Proposers due December 20, 2021 (5 pm)*” in Section 1.3 of the RFP.

The following questions were raised and answers were provided at the pre-proposal meeting held on December 13, 2021.

Question 1: Is the County or the Service Provider responsible for providing the routing system?

Answer: The Service Provider is responsible for providing the routing system.

Question 2: Will the County provide any facility for the Service Provider?

Answer: No. The Service Provider is responsible for providing facility(ies) required to perform the contract.

Question 3: Is there a collective bargaining agreement currently in place?

Answer: No.

Question 4: What entity is the current Service Provider?

Answer: Western Carolina Community Action (WCCA)

Question 5: If a Proposer submits a FOIA request for the current bus management and operations contract and invoices of the current Service Provider, will the requested documents be provided in time for proposal submission?

Answer: The County cannot guarantee all information requested via a FOIA request can be provided before the proposal due date. The current contract can be provided before the proposal due date. In order to receive invoices of the current Service Provider before the proposal due date, the County suggests specifying and limiting the period of invoices requested.

Question 6: Will the County consider a contract provision for payment adjustment based on fuel price fluctuation?

Answer: Not for CNG. All fixed-route revenue vehicles are CNG fueled. The County owns a CNG fueling station, which has maintained a constant CNG price since around 2013.

Question 7: What are the “pain points” that the County noticed in its experience operating the transit service?

Answer: The County applied for a grant to conduct a study that includes system safety evaluation, a survey of riders, and feasibility of a fare-free system. FTA has indicated potential changes to its requirements of transit fare policies. The County Commissioners requested a study before implementing any fare policy changes. The study may lead to changes in service routes, as well as becoming a fare-free system.

It was discovered after the pre-proposal meeting that technology failure had prevented at least one interested proposer from participating in the meeting. As such, the County has now made the presentation and the recording of the pre-proposal meeting available on the County’s website: <https://www.hendersoncountync.gov/planning/page/apple-country-public-transit-pre-proposal-meeting>. Proposers will be considered having fulfilled the requirement of attending the pre-proposal meeting by either participating in the meeting virtually via Zoom or certifying that they have received and reviewed the presentation and recording of the pre-proposal meeting in ATTACHMENT VII - ADDENDUM ACKNOWLEDGEMENT of the proposal.

The content of Section 2.13.14 ATTACHMENT VII - ADDENDUM ACKNOWLEDGEMENT is deleted and replaced by the new content on the following page of this Addendum.

2.3.14. ATTACHMENT VII - ADDENDUM ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Proposer acknowledges that he or she has received the following addenda on the dates and by the person(s) as indicated in the table below.

Number of Addendum	Date Received	Name of Person Receiving Addendum
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The Proposer certifies that [please check the option that applies]

the firm participated in the pre-proposal meeting virtually via Zoom on December 13, 2021.

OR

if the firm did not participate in the pre-proposal meeting virtually via Zoom on December 13, 2021, it has received and reviewed the presentation and the recording of the pre-proposal meeting.

Contractor

(Signature)

Name and Title of Signer

Date

END OF ADDENDUM