

INVITATION TO BID

STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY OF BALDWIN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County Commission of Baldwin County, Alabama, will receive bids in the Purchasing Office on January 25, 2022, at 1:00 P.M., for the Provision of Charter Transportation Services for the Baldwin County Commission. Bids will be opened on January 25, 2022, at 1:30 P.M., in the Purchasing Conference Room located at 257 Hand Ave., Bay Minette, Alabama. Bids received after January 25, 2022, at the 1:00 P.M., deadline will not be considered. All times to be determined solely by the clock on the wall of the Purchasing Conference Room. For all purposes and uses herein, a bid and all required paperwork is “received” at the time and date indicated on the Purchasing Office file stamp which shall be impressed on the face of all such documents when and as presented at the Purchasing Office.

SEE ATTACHED SPECIFICATIONS

This invitation package consists of **TWENTY-TWO (22)** pages. Bidders shall verify that they have received all pages as indicated. If all pages have not been received, then it is the responsibility of the bidder to contact the Purchasing Director, Wanda Gautney at (251) 580-2520 phone, (251) 580-2536 fax.

GENERAL BID INFORMATION

Bidders shall carefully read all parts of the invitation package with its accompanying schedules and attachments, if any. Bidders shall direct all requests for explanation or additional information concerning the meaning or interpretation of the conditions or attached specifications of this invitation shall be referred to Wanda Gautney in writing or e-mail (wgautney@baldwincountyal.gov) in sufficient time for reply before submission date of bids. The Commission cannot and does not guarantee that inquiries sent by mail or e-mail will be received on or before the submission date and time as indicated. It is the responsibility of the bidder to contact the Purchasing Director, Wanda Gautney at (251) 580-2520 if a reply is not received.

The use of specific names and numbers in the attached specifications is not intended to restrict the bidder or any seller or manufacturer, but is solely for the purpose of indicating the type, size and quality of materials, product services, or equipment considered best suited for Baldwin County.

Contact initiated by a potential bidder with Baldwin County Commissioners will be only as specifically set out in this invitation. Any other contact with a county official initiated by a potential bidder or bidder regarding this bid, **between the date of this invitation to the date of bid award**, shall be deemed and treated as an attempt to improperly influence the bid award, and may be sufficient grounds for rejection of the bid submitted by the bidder initiating such other contact, at the discretion of the Baldwin County Commission.

BIDDER QUALIFICATIONS

All bidders, to the best of their knowledge and belief, must be in, and remain in compliance with all applicable Federal, Alabama State, County and municipal laws, regulations, resolutions and ordinances. In particular, and without limitation, all bidders must be licensed and permitted in accordance with The Code of Alabama Title 10, concerning corporations doing business within Alabama, Title 34, dealing with licensing for businesses, Title 40, concerning licenses and taxation, unless otherwise exempt. All bidders should be prepared to timely submit to the County non-confidential evidence or documentation demonstrating that the fact they are presently licensed and permitted under Alabama law. Such non-confidential evidence or documentation is encouraged to be submitted with the Bid Package

The bidder expressly acknowledges, to and for the benefit of the Baldwin County Commission, that this Agreement may be funded with **federal grant monies** and, therefore, bidder expressly warrants and agrees that it shall at all times comply with all applicable federal, state, local and municipal laws and regulations. For more information about the Federal regulations visit the website <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/index.html> Code of Federal Regulations.

All bidders must provide proof of proper certification of authority, and any required registration, to transact business in this State, in order to perform work for the Baldwin County Commission. Bidder's Registration Number shall be provided on the Bid Response Form. The phone number for the Alabama Secretary of State is (334) 242-5324, Corporate Division.

All vendors, contractors and grantee are required to comply with the Alabama Immigration Law under Sections 31-13-9 (a) and (b) of the Code of Alabama. Forms and documents will be included with award documents. Information and forms can be found on the Baldwin County Commission's Purchasing website under E-Verify at www.baldwincountyal.gov

The successful bidder shall not discriminate against any worker, employee or applicant, or any member of the public because of race, creed, age, sex, or national origin. Nor otherwise commit an unfair employment practice. The successful bidder further agrees that this article shall be incorporated in all contracts entered into with suppliers of materials or services.

PREPARING THE BID

Bids must be typed or handwritten in ink. A bid submitted in pencil shall not be accepted. The Bid Guarantee and Bid Response Form must be an original; copies shall not be accepted. All required paperwork must be received in the sealed Bid Package.

The attached specifications are intended and provided solely as a general and non-exhaustive expression of the intent and purpose of Baldwin County regarding this bid; said specifications shall be so considered by the bidders. Accordingly, the bidder admits and agrees that said specifications are not complete in every detail and that the work and materials not indicated or expressly mentioned in said specifications, but which are reasonably necessary for the full and faithful performance of the item(s) bid in accordance with the full and faithful intent, will be included in the bid and incorporated in the work by the bidder and at the bidder's sole expense, the same as if indicated and specified.

The Bidders shall list on a separate sheet of paper any variations from, or exceptions to, the conditions and specifications of this bid. The exceptions shall be labeled "EXCEPTION(S)

TO BID CONDITIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS,” and shall be attached to the front of the bid inside the Bid Package. Additional features and/or capabilities not included in the specifications may be included in the bid.

To facilitate bid evaluation and tabulation, it is suggested that bids be submitted with specifications identified in the order in which they appear in this document. If applicable, the bidder will provide cost in two (2) categories:

(1) Cost using material as specified.

(2) Cost using material as specified of at least 25% recycled material, if available.

It is the intent of the Commission to award bids which include recycled material when not prohibitive in cost and when in compliance with all other terms and conditions of the Alabama Competitive Bid Law.

IF THE TOTAL PROPOSED BID AMOUNT EXCEEDS \$10,000.00, A BID GUARANTEE OF AT LEAST 5% OF THE PROPOSED BID AMOUNT, NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000.00, WILL BE INCLUDED WITH THE BID. Such bid guarantee shall be in the form of a bid bond (individual or annual, provided, that bonding is available for such services, equipment or materials), postal money order, certified check, cashier's check, or Letter of Credit. This is required by the Alabama Competitive Bid Law, Title 41, Chapter 16, **Code of Alabama 1975**, as amended; **no exceptions will be allowed.** **No exceptions will be allowed.** In the event that a bidder is unable to, or does not, accept the bid award, the bid guarantee may be forfeited to the County at the County's discretion.

SUBMITTING THE BID

In the event that a bidder is financing the product(s) through another agency other than itself, the financing agency must sign the Bid Response Form along with the bidder. A copy of the financing agreement and all conditions must be included with the Bid Response Form. The bidder and the Financing Agency will be held to the requirements stated in the Invitation to Bid. Any assignment of the financing agreement must be approved by the financing agency and the County Commission. Failure to disclose the financing information and all conditions will disqualify the bidder at the County's discretion.

Bidders who return a **NO BID** statement shall write on the outside of the envelope, the **Bid Number (WG22-13) with "NO BID"** written underneath. The envelope will not be opened in public, but it will be noted that the bidder did respond.

Bids may be hand delivered at any time prior to the bid opening date and time to the Baldwin County Purchasing Office, Annex III Building, 257 Hand Avenue, ATTN.: Wanda Gautney, **(mailing address) 312 Courthouse Square-Suite 15, Bay Minette, Alabama, 36507.** The Commission cannot guarantee that bids sent by mail or courier will be received on or before the bid opening day and time as required. Bids received after the deadline shall not be accepted and shall be returned. **Bids may not be submitted by Fax or Email.**

All bids received must be in a sealed envelope plainly marked, **"WG22-13 PROVISION OF CHARTER TRANSPORTATION SERVICES"**. Bids submitted by "Express/Overnight" services must be in a separate inner envelope/package sealed and identified as stated in the previous sentence. Bidders and any other interested individuals are invited to attend the bid opening.

BID AWARD

All factors stated in this invitation package will be evaluated in determining the successful bidder and any omission(s) of the stated requirements may be cause for rejection of the bid(s), all as determined solely by the Baldwin County Commission.

The County Commission reserves the right to study bids as to their correctness and may award the bid within a thirty (30) day period but the County Commission reserves the right to extend the bid award for an additional thirty (30) days until an award decision can be made.

The Baldwin County Commission reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any formality in bids, and to accept in whole or in part, such bid or bids, solely at its discretion.

TITLE 39/CODE OF AL COMPLIANCE

As a condition of any Bid Award and the respective contract(s) pursuant thereto, the County places full reliance upon the fact that it is the sole responsibility of any contractor, person or entity entering into such a contract with Baldwin County for the prosecution of any public works, to ensure that they and/or any of their respective agents comply with all applicable provisions of Title 39-1-1 et seq. Code of AL 1975.

More specifically, any contractor, person or entity entering into such a contract with Baldwin County for the prosecution of any public works shall be in compliance with, and have full knowledge of, the following provisions of Title 39:

“(f) The Contractor shall, immediately after the completion of the contract give notice of the completion by an advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation published within the city or county in which the work has been done, for a period of four successive weeks. A final settlement shall not be made upon the contract until the expiration of 30 days after the completion of the notice. Proof of publication of the notice shall be made by the contractor to the authority by whom the contract was made by affidavit of the publisher and a printed copy of the notice published . . .” §39-1-1(f) Code of AL 1975.

“(g) Subsection (f) shall not apply to contractors performing contracts of less than fifty thousand (\$50,000) in amount. In such cases, the governing body of the contracting agency, to expedite final payment, shall cause notice of final completion of the contract to be published one time in a newspaper of general circulation, published in the county of the contracting agency and shall post notice of final completion on the agency’s bulletin board for one week, and shall require the contractor to certify under oath that all bills have been paid in full. Final settlement with the contractor may be made at any time after the notice has been posted for one entire week.” §39-1-1 (g) Code of AL 1975.

NOTE: Any failure to fully comply with this section or any applicable laws of the State of Alabama shall be deemed a material breach of the terms of both the Bid Award and the Respective contracts resulting there from. Furthermore, Baldwin County takes no responsibility for resulting delayed payments, penalties, or damages as a result of any failure to strictly comply with Alabama Law.

Done this 4th day of January, 2022.

James E. Ball s/s
JAMES E. BALL, Chairman
Baldwin County Commission

BID #WG22-13 SPECIFICATIONS
INSTRUCTIONS AND GENERAL INFORMATION

The Baldwin County Commission is seeking a contract for Charter Transportation Services.

No bid may be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days following the bid opening unless approved by the Baldwin County Commission, Bay Minette, Alabama.

The use of specific names and numbers in the specifications is not intended to restrict the bidder or any seller or manufacturers, but is solely for the purpose of indicating the type, size and quality of equipment considered best adapted to Baldwin County.

Award will be to the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications. It is not the policy of the Baldwin County Commission to purchase on the basis of low bid only. Quality, conformity with specifications, purchase for which required, terms of delivery, finance package, resale value of equipment, and fast service and experience are among the factors that will be considered in determining the responsive bidder.

The bid shall be based on the premise that the Commission will not be responsible for financing, holding title or licensing of any vehicles. The Contractor must purchase and pay for all fuel utilized for all equipment as required in the performance of this Contract.

BID RESPONSE FORM

Each supplier should use the Response Form provided for their bid. **All exceptions must be listed and attached to the bid response form.**

The Baldwin County Commission intends to award the bid to one vendor.

BIDDER QUALIFICATIONS

The County may make such investigations as they deem necessary to determine the ability of the bidders to furnish all materials, and the bidder shall furnish to the County all such information and data for this purpose as the County may request. The County reserves the right to reject any bid if the evidence submitted, or investigation of such bidder, fails to satisfy the County that such bidder is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the contract and to furnish all materials contemplated therein. Conditional bids will not be accepted.

Written responses must be provided for the following areas. Please use a separate sheet to address items "A" thru "D".

- A. Indicate that the company has a **minimum of five (5) years of experience** in the State of Alabama in bus operations and transportation.
- B. Indicate the number and types of buses, including seating capacity and model year, in your fleet, where the buses will be housed during the contract period, and how that location is adequate for the performance of this contract.
- C. Indicate all contracts that your firm has defaulted on in the past seven years.

- D. Indicate the locations of five (5) Contracts you have had in the past three (3) years. Indicate the size of the contract including the number of buses and drivers required. **Include the telephone numbers and names of the responsible companies.**

LAWS AND REGULATIONS

The bidder's attention is directed to the fact that all applicable federal and state laws, municipal ordinances, and rules and regulations of all authorities having jurisdiction over construction of the project shall apply to the contract throughout, and they will be deemed to be included in the contract the same as though herein written out in full.

COMPENSATION INSURANCE

Contractor shall procure and shall maintain during the life of this contract Workmen's Compensation Insurance for all employees to be engaged in work on the project under his contract, and in case of any such work sublet, the Contractor shall require the Subcontractor similarly to provide Workmen's Compensation Insurance for all the latter's employees to be engaged in such work unless such employees are covered by the protection afforded by the Contractor's Workmen's Compensation Insurance. In case a class of employees engaged in hazardous work on the project under this contract is not protected under the Workmen's Compensation Statute, the Contractor shall provide and shall cause each Subcontractor to provide adequate employer's general liability insurance for the protection of such of his employees as are not otherwise protected. The Baldwin County Commission, its Departments and its employees shall be named as additional insured.

CONTRACTOR'S PUBLIC LIABILITY AND PROPERTY DAMAGE INSURANCE

The Contractor shall procure and shall maintain during the life of this contract a Comprehensive Liability Policy providing bodily injury and property damage coverage on an occurrence basis including damages arising from blasting explosion or collapse, mechanical equipment digging in streets or highways, and including completed operations, independent contractors and contractual general liability. Insurance shall be contractual general liability \$500,000.00 per occurrence bodily injury and property damage; \$5,000 per person medical payments or medical expense; \$500,000.00 per occurrence bodily injury and property damage; \$5,000 per person medical payments or medical expense; \$500,000.00 personal and advertising injury; \$50,000.00 fire damage (any one firm); \$1,000,000.00. The Baldwin County Commission, its Departments and its employees shall be named as additional insured.

The Contractor agrees to maintain such coverage as is required in this section for a period of one (1) year from the date of acceptance of the work by the County or at the date of the final amounts owed the Contractor by the County, whichever occurs first.

COMPREHENSIVE AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY INSURANCE

The Contractor agrees to carry a Comprehensive Automobile Liability Policy providing bodily injury liability on an occurrence basis and providing property damage liability on an accident basis. This policy shall protect the Contractor against all liability arising out of the use of automobiles, both private, passenger and commercial, regardless of whether such vehicles shall be owned by the Contractor, owned by others or hired. Limits of liability for Comprehensive Automobile Liability Insurance shall be \$1,000,000.00 combined single limit bodily injury and property damage each occurrence. The Baldwin County Commission, its departments and its employees shall be named as additional insured.

COUNTY’S PROTECTIVE LIABILITY INSURANCE

The Contractor shall at his expense provide County’s protective Liability policies issued in the names of the County and its departments covering their liability for operation of the Contractor. These policies shall provide limits of liability in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence bodily injury and property damage, \$1,000,000.00 aggregate.

Three (3) executed copies of each subsequent endorsement affecting the coverage of policies and of each cancellation shall be forwarded to the County.

SUBCONTRACTOR’S PUBLIC LIABILITY & PROPERTY DAMAGE INSURANCE

The Contractor shall require each of his Subcontractors to produce and maintain during the life of his subcontract, Subcontractor’s Public Liability and Property Damage Insurance of the type specified in the above paragraph hereof, in amounts approved by the County.

Three (3) executed copies of each subsequent endorsement affecting the coverage of policies and of each cancellation shall be forwarded to the County.

INDEMNITY AND HOLD HARMLESS PROVISIONS

To the fullest extent allowed by law, the **Contractor** shall indemnify and hold harmless the County, State of Alabama, the Federal Government, and their officers, agents, employees and representatives from and against all claims, damages, losses, demands, payments, suits, actions, recoveries and judgments of every nature and description and expenses, including attorneys’ fees and costs, arising out of, resulting from or related to the performance of the Work, provided that any such claim, damage, loss or expense: (1) is attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease or death, or to injury to or destruction of tangible property including the loss of use resulting therefrom; and (2) is caused in whole or in part by an act or omission of the **Contractor**, any subcontractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable, regardless of whether or not it is caused in part by a party indemnified hereunder.

The **Contractor** shall assume all risk and bear any loss or injury to property or persons occasioned by neglect or accident during the progress of Work until the same shall have been completed and accepted. **Contractor** shall also assume all blame or loss by reason of neglect or violation of any state or federal law or municipal rule, regulation or order. The **Contractor** shall give to the proper authorities all required notices relating to the Work, obtain all official permits and licenses and pay all proper fees. **Contractor** shall make good any injury that may have occurred to any structure or utility in consequence of the Work.

In any and all claims against the County or their officers, agents, employees or representatives by any employee of the **Contractor**, any subcontractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable, the indemnification obligation under the “INDEMNITY PROVISIONS” shall not be limited in any way by any limitation on the amount or types of damages, compensation or benefits payable by or for the **Contractor** or any subcontractor under workmen’s compensation acts, disability benefit acts or other employee benefit acts.

The indemnity obligations set forth in the bid documents and the Contract shall survive the expiration or termination of the Contract.

PRICING

Prices quoted shall be firm for the period of **Twelve (12) months** beginning upon the same date as the full execution of the Contract.

Bids are to reflect a cost breakdown for:

1. A per bus, per day in County Transport
2. A per bus, per day Out of County Transport without overnight stay
3. A per bus, per day Out of County Transport with overnight stay

All trips/services are to include and all peripheral costs (i.e. use of the vehicle, labor, materials, equipment, maintenance, gas, licensing, permits, insurance, bond, lodging etc.)

INVOICES

Invoice submitted from the Contractor for each event shall include the following (itemized):

- Date
- Time
- Vehicle
- License Plate
- Number of Passengers
- Itemized Cost of Service
- Number of miles, start time and end time of service.
- Name of event, any know issues or problems.

CONTRACT PERIOD

It is the intent of the Baldwin County Commission to award this contract for a twelve (12) month period.

CONTRACT TERMINATION WITHOUT CLAUSE

The County may be terminated the Contract upon giving thirty (30) days advance written notice of an intention to terminate.

EQUIPMENT

Contractor shall keep all equipment used in the transportation in strict accordance with the State of Alabama Minimum Standards, as well as all federal and local laws. All equipment shall be maintained in sound mechanical condition at all times to pass the required Inspections. Any vehicle that does not comply with inspection requirements shall not be used. All vehicles must have inspections in accordance with all federal, state and local legal requirements.

Contractor shall have working Air Conditioning and Heater and provide equipment as necessary to transport persons in accordance with identified disabilities (wheel chairs).

Buses shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition at all times and shall not be more than seven (7) years old. All contractor-owned or leased equipment must be open to examination by authorized County personnel during normal working hours.

Contractor shall keep enough standby equipment available to assure that it can provide uninterrupted service in the event of mechanical breakdowns. Standby vehicles shall meet the same standards as regularly scheduled vehicles.

OPERATIONS

It shall be a primary obligation of the Contractor to operate its affairs so that the Baldwin County Commission will be assured of the continuous, safe, and reliable service.

Contractor shall provide qualified and appropriate drivers for each vehicle operated in performance of this contract.

Drivers must be fully licensed in accordance with all state and federal laws, rules and regulations. Contractor shall provide all drivers with periodic in-service training relative to all facets of the driver's job. All drivers must comply with the provisions for criminal background investigations. The County may do random inspections of the buses and drivers chartered by the County. When an identified County employee inspects the vehicle, the driver will be required to produce their current CDL, Medical Card during the pre-trip/post trip inspections of bus.

The Baldwin County Commission shall have the right to require the dismissal of any person or driver employed by the Contractor whom, in the Baldwin County Commission opinion, is not qualified or appropriate to operate a bus or otherwise assist the Contractor in performing this contract.

Upon request, Contractor's drivers shall assist any handicapped passengers on and off Contractor's vehicles utilizing the proper device that may be needed. Drivers have responsibility for safely seating the handicapped passenger.

The Contractor must provide drivers that are clearly identifiable. Drivers must wear identifying uniforms and be experienced. Drivers should be friendly and courteous to all passengers. Drivers will present themselves in a professional manner at all times during contract event period. Failure to do so will disqualify said driver from further contracts with the County.

Coordinate transportation schedules with Baldwin County Commission contact person. Inform the County of any delays/updates.

The Contractor Liaison must have the authority to resolve problems such as scheduling, personnel, vehicle problems, etc. that may occur in connection with this Contract.

The Contractor will be responsible for checking arrival and/or departure times.

The Driver must assist with the loading and removal of all baggage, and other equipment into and out of the vehicle.

Transportation schedules are subject to changes up to and including the day of the event. Schedule changes may affect pick-up and/or departure dates, times and/or locations.

Each bidder shall certify that it shall provide a drug free workplace and conduct drug and alcohol testing on all drivers.

The bidder shall at all times observe and comply with all laws, ordinances, regulations and codes of Federal, State, County, Township, and other local government agencies which may in any manner affect the performance of the contract, and in particular any such laws pertaining to safety and license requirements. The Contractor, in performing under this Contract shall not discriminate against any worker, employee or applicant, or any member of the public because of race, creed, age, sex or national

origin, nor otherwise commit an unfair employment practice. If Contractor violates any provisions of any such laws, ordinances, regulations, codes, requirements, etc. then this Contract may be canceled or voided in whole or part.

MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

The Contractor shall provide a contract manager, and other adequate personnel as necessary to provide proper supervision over its employees and to maintain proper transportation records for County Commission.

SERVICES

The Baldwin County Commission may request transportation services verbally or in writing a minimum of 14 calendar days prior to the proposed trip. All orders must be acknowledged by the Contractor within two (2) calendar days from the date of the order on the Contractors standard confirmation form. If the County requests a trip with less notice than the required 14 days, Contractor's obligations will be subject to the availability of a vehicle.

The Baldwin County Commission reserves the right to cancel any trip with a forty-eight (48) hour notice without penalties/charges.

Parking fees, entrance fees, tolls, and similar incidental trip expenses, if reasonable and necessary for completion of the trip, shall be expenses of the County reimbursable to the Contractor at actual cost. Trip mileage and time shall be from County-requested origin to County-requested destination(s). Added trip mileage or time (if applicable), if approved or ordered by the County, shall be expensed of the County payable to the Contractor at the bid price.

Bid Items 1 through 6 in response form will be individually awarded to the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications. A bidder may indicate "No-Bid" on any of the items if it does not wish to bid on the particular item.

In the event that the awarded bidder cannot or does not comply with the requirements of this bid for a specific trip request, then the secondary awarded bidder will become the prime supplier for the requested trip. A non-compliant supplier will be noted as non-compliant. After two instances of non-compliance the supplier will be disqualified from future trips under the annual bid.

SUPERVISION OF LOADING AND UNLOADING

The Contractor agrees that the driver of each bus shall supervise the loading and unloading of his/her bus at all pick-up and delivery points and that the Contractor will provide full-time office operations for reporting of transportation problems.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIMES

All buses shall be scheduled to arrive no less than five (5) minutes nor more than fifteen (15) minutes prior to the scheduled arrival time and shall depart no less than ten (10) minutes after scheduled time.

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Date: _____

Out of State _____ or _____ If yes, _____
Yes No Registration Number

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Company Rep. _____
(Rep. Name Typed or Printed)

Position: _____

Email address: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Financing through another agency beside yourself _____ or _____
Yes No

If yes, must attach a copy of the financing agreement and all conditions to this response form.

Financing Agency Authorized Signature

All exceptions must be listed and attached to the bid response form.

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QUESTIONNAIRE

- Please provide information regarding your company and its officers.
- In the past five (5) years has your company or its officers had any Litigation regarding charter bus service? If yes, how many?
- Provide an after-hours contact number for cases of emergency.
- Provide any other information regarding your company, services, awards etc.... which will assist in review of your proposal.
- Indicate the information you will require from the County to schedule service under the proposed contract.
- Provide your company emergency procedures for a disabled bus, i.e., accident, breakdown, etc..... to ensure that a backup bus is sent.
- Provide a Certificate of Insurance naming the Baldwin County Commission as additional insured. Baldwin County Commission will also require proof that the insurance company be rated A-9 or equivalent by Best's Financial Strength Rating Guide.
- Provide a letter ensuring each driver is in a qualified Drug and Alcohol testing pool that meets all Federal standards and requirements.
- Responses to Items A through D under Bidder Qualifications.

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Bid Items 1 through 6 below will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder meeting the bid specifications. A bidder may indicate “No-Bid” on any of the items that it does not wish to bid on.

A Trip shall consist of the mileage and time from the County-requested origin to County-requested destination(s).

Bid Pricing

1. A per bus, per day, in-County Trip with a vehicle that can accommodate up to 28 passengers.
\$ _____ per mile
\$ _____ for first _____ hours and \$ _____ per hour thereafter

2. A per bus, per day, out-of-County Trip without overnight stay with a vehicle that can accommodate up to 28 passengers.
\$ _____ per mile
\$ _____ for first _____ hours and \$ _____ per hour thereafter

3. A per bus, per day, out-of-County Trip with overnight stay with a vehicle that can accommodate up to 28 passengers.

\$ _____ per mile
\$ _____ for first _____ hours and \$ _____ per hour thereafter

4. A per bus, per day, in-County Trip with a vehicle that can accommodate up to 45 passengers.
\$ _____ per mile
\$ _____ for first _____ hours and \$ _____ per hour thereafter

5. A per bus, per day, out-of-County Trip without overnight stay with a vehicle that can accommodate up to 45 passengers.
\$ _____ per mile
\$ _____ for first _____ hours and \$ _____ per hour thereafter

6. A per bus, per day, out-of-County Trip with overnight stay with a vehicle that can accommodate up to 45 passengers.
\$ _____ per mile
\$ _____ for first _____ hours and \$ _____ per hour thereafter

State of Alabama)
County of Baldwin)

CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

This Contract for **Professional Services** is made and entered into by and between the County of Baldwin (hereinafter called “COUNTY”) acting by and through its governing body, the Baldwin County Commission and PROVIDER, (hereinafter referred to as “PROVIDER”).

WITNESSETH:

Whereas,

Whereas,

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the mutual covenants herein contained, the sufficiency of which being hereby acknowledged, PROVIDER and COUNTY do hereby agree as follows:

I. Definitions. The following terms shall have the following meanings:

- A. COUNTY: Baldwin County, Alabama
- B. COMMISSION: Baldwin County Commission
- C. PROVIDER:

II. Obligations Generally. The COUNTY hereby retains, and the PROVIDER agrees to perform for the COUNTY, those professional and construction services as hereinafter set forth. This document shall serve as the binding contract for the services of PROVIDER. PROVIDER shall immediately commence performance of the services outlined herein upon full execution of this Contract. All work shall be commenced and completed in a timely manner as, and at the times, herein set out.

III. Recitals Included. The above recitals and statements are incorporated as part of this Contract and shall have the effect and enforceability as all other provisions herein.

IV. Professional Qualifications. For the purpose of this Contract, the PROVIDER represents and warrants to the COUNTY that it possesses the professional, technical, and administrative personnel with the specific experience and training necessary to provide the professional services required herein.

V. No Prohibited Exclusive Franchise. The COUNTY neither perceives nor intends, by this Contract, a granting of an exclusive franchise or violation of Art. I, Section 22 of the Alabama Constitution.

VI. Representation/Warranty of Certifications, Etc. PROVIDER represents and warrants that PROVIDER is presently certified, licensed and otherwise permitted under all necessary and applicable laws and regulations to perform the services herein, and that PROVIDER shall renew, maintain, and otherwise ensure that all such certifications, licenses, and permits are current and valid, without interruption, for and through completion of the services. The representation and warranty aforesaid is a material inducement to the COUNTY in entering this Contract, and the parties agree that the breach thereof shall be deemed material at the County's option.

VII. Legal Compliance. PROVIDER shall at all times comply with all applicable Federal, State, local and municipal laws and regulations.

VIII. Independent Contractor. PROVIDER acknowledges that it is an independent contractor, and PROVIDER shall at all times remain as such in performing the services under this Contract. PROVIDER is not an employee, servant, partner, or agent of the COUNTY and has no authority, whether express or implied, to contract for or bind the COUNTY in any manner. The parties agree that PROVIDER shall be solely responsible for and shall have full and unqualified control over developing and implementing its own means and methods, as it deems necessary and appropriate in providing the aforementioned services, and that the COUNTY's interests herein are expressly limited to the results of said services. PROVIDER is not entitled to unemployment insurance benefits, and PROVIDER is responsible for and obligated to pay any and all federal and state income tax on any monies paid pursuant to this Contract.

IX. No Agency Created. It is neither the express nor the implied intent of PROVIDER or COUNTY to create an agency relationship pursuant to this Contract. Therefore, the PROVIDER does not in any manner act on behalf of COUNTY and the creation of such a relationship is prohibited and void.

X. Unenforceable Provisions. If any one or more of the provisions contained herein shall, for any reason, be held to be invalid, illegal or

unenforceable in any respect, then such provision or provisions shall be deemed severable from the remaining provisions hereof, and such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision hereof. This Contract shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.

XI. Entire Agreement. This Contract represents the entire and integrated agreement between COUNTY and PROVIDER and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations, or agreements, either written or oral. This Contract may be amended only by written instrument signed by all parties.

XII. Failure to Strictly Enforce Performance. The failure of the COUNTY to insist upon the strict performance of any of the terms, covenants, agreements and conditions of this Contract shall not constitute, and shall never be asserted by PROVIDER as constituting, a default or be construed as a waiver or relinquishment of the right of the COUNTY to thereafter enforce any such term, covenant, agreement, or condition, but the same shall continue in full force and effect.

XIII. Assignment. This Contract or any interest herein shall not be assigned transferred or otherwise encumbered by PROVIDER without the prior written consent of the COUNTY, which may be withheld or granted in the sole discretion of the COUNTY.

XIV. Ownership of Documents/Work. The COUNTY shall be the owner of all copyright or other intellectual property rights in reports, documents and deliverables produced and paid for under this Contract, and to the extent permitted by Alabama law, any such material may be reproduced and reused at the discretion of the COUNTY without payment of further consideration. PROVIDER shall not transfer, disclose, or otherwise use such information for any purpose other than in performance of the services hereunder, without the COUNTY's prior written consent, which may be withheld or granted in the sole discretion of the COUNTY.

XV. Notice. Notice required herein shall be in writing, unless otherwise allowed, and said notice shall be deemed effective when received at the following addresses:

PROVIDER:

COUNTY: Baldwin County Commission
c/o Chairman
312 Courthouse Square
Suite 12
Bay Minette, AL 36507

XVI. Services to be Rendered. PROVIDER is retained by the COUNTY as a professionally qualified **contractor**. The general scope of work for the services shall include all the terms and Conditions of **“Competitive Bid #WG22-13”**, the same being expressly incorporated herein by reference, and without limitation will encompass:

“All provision and conditions and/or specifications listed/stated in Competitive Bid #WG22-13 named, Provision of Charter Transportation Services for the Baldwin County Commission”.

A. PROVIDER will provide ongoing communications with COUNTY regarding this service, including updates, emails and etc. as requested. Additionally, PROVIDER will meet with COUNTY as needed or requested.

B. PROVIDER is responsible for the professional quality, technical accuracy, timely completion and coordination of all services furnished by or in relation to this Contract.

C. PROVIDER represents and warrants that its services shall be performed within the limits and standards provided by the COUNTY, in a manner consistent with the level of care and skill ordinarily exercised by similar providers under similar circumstances at the time the services are performed.

XVII. General Responsibilities of the COUNTY.

A. The COUNTY shall provide reasonable notice to PROVIDER whenever the COUNTY actually observes or otherwise actually becomes aware of any development that affects the scope or time of PROVIDER’s services hereunder or any defect or nonconformance in the work of PROVIDER.

B. The COUNTY shall pay to PROVIDER the compensation as, and subject to the terms set out below.

XVIII. Termination of Services. The COUNTY may terminate this contract, with or without cause or reason, by giving thirty (30) days written notice of such to the PROVIDER. Upon receipt of such notices, PROVIDER shall discontinue its work to the extent specified in the notice.

In the event of termination, the COUNTY shall pay PROVIDER for all services satisfactorily rendered, and for any expenses deemed by COUNTY to be a reimbursable expense incurred pursuant to this Contract and prior to the date of termination.

XIX. Compensation Limited. The compensation to be paid to the PROVIDER shall be the full compensation for all work performed by PROVIDER under this Contract. Any and all additional expenditures or expenses of PROVIDER, not listed in full within this Contract, shall not be considered as a part of this Contract and shall not be demanded by PROVIDER or paid by COUNTY.

XX. Direct Expenses. Compensation to PROVIDER for work shall be \$ _____. Said compensation shall be all inclusive, including without limitation, reimbursement of all cost, incidentals and operating expense associated with those directly engaged in performance of the requested services

XXI. Method of Payment. PROVIDER shall submit invoices to the COUNTY for payment for work performed. Such invoice shall be accompanied by a detailed account of compensation to be paid PROVIDER.

Payment shall be made by the COUNTY within thirty (30) days of the approval of the invoice submitted by the PROVIDER. The COUNTY agrees to review and approve invoices submitted for payment in a timely manner.

XXII. Effective and Termination Dates. This Contract shall be effective and commence immediately upon the same date as its full execution, and shall terminate upon the expiration of twelve (12) months or upon written notification thereof received by either party within the required thirty (30) day period. [Nothing herein stated shall prohibit the parties from otherwise terminating this Contract according to the provisions herein.]

XXIII. Force Majeure. The Parties hereto shall incur no liability to the other if performance becomes impossible or impracticable by reason of an event or effect that the parties could neither have anticipated nor controlled. This allowance shall include both an act of nature and acts of third parties. Any costs that would otherwise be incurred and/or necessitated by the provisions herein shall be alleviated for either party by such event or effect.

XXIV. Indemnification. Provider shall indemnify, defend and hold County, and its Commissioners, affiliates, employees, agents, and representatives (collectively "County") harmless from and against any and all claims, demands, liabilities, damages, losses, judgments, costs, and expenses including, without limitations, attorneys' fees, and costs, for any and all

personal injury (including death) and property damage of any kind or nature whatsoever, incurred by, asserted against, or imposed upon County, as a result of or in any manner related to provision of services hereunder, or any act or omission, by Provider. Contractor shall provide the COUNTY with proof of general liability coverage including the COUNTY as an additional insured. This indemnification shall survive the expiration or termination of this Contract.

XXV. Number of Originals. This Contract shall be executed with three (3) originals, each of which are equally valid as an original.

XXVI: Governing Law: This Contract in all respects, including without limitation its formation, validity, construction, enforceability and available remedies, shall be governed by the laws of the State of Alabama, without regard to Alabama conflict of law principles.

XXVII: Insurance: Prior to performing services pursuant to this Contract, Provider shall carry, with insurers satisfactory to County, throughout the term of hereof, Auto Liability Insurance, including owned, hired and non-owned vehicles, with limits of not less than \$1,000,000, combined single limit, for both bodily injury liability and property damage liability each occurrence; Commercial General Liability Insurance, including all contractual liability hereunder, with limits not less than \$1,000,000, combined single limit, for both bodily injury liability and property damage liability each occurrence; and Worker's Compensation Insurance, meeting the statutory limits of the State of Alabama and Employer's Liability Insurance fully covering all employees and supervisors participating in the work at the subject property site. All liability insurance shall name the County as an additional insured. Prior to commencing operations hereunder, a Certificate of Insurance evidencing such coverage, satisfactory to County, shall be furnished to County, which shall specifically state that such insurance shall provide for at least ten (10) days' notice to County in the event of cancellation, termination or any change in such insurance policies. The workers compensation certificate shall bear an endorsement clearly evidencing a waiver of the right of subrogation against County and County Representatives. Should Provider fail to furnish current evidence upon demand of any insurance required hereunder, or in the event of cancellation, termination or change in any such insurance, County may, at its option, suspend this Contract until insurance is obtained, terminate this Contract immediately without further action, or hold Provider in material default and pursue any and all remedies available.

XXVIII: Surety: As a material inducement for the County to enter this Agreement, any and all bond and/or surety guarantees required by the County in reference to the Project shall be in a form acceptable to the County and shall, without limitation, meet the following requirements:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this contract on the last day of execution by the COUNTY as written below.

COUNTY:

ATTEST:

JAMES E. BALL/ Date
Chairman

WAYNE DYESS/ Date
County Administrator

State of Alabama)

County of Baldwin)

I, _____ Notary Public in and for said County, in said State, hereby certify that, James E. Ball, whose name as Chairman of Baldwin County Commission, and Wayne Dyess, whose name as County Administrator, are known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of the Contract for Professional and Construction Services, they, as such officers and with full authority, executed same knowingly and with full authority to do so on behalf of said Commission.

Given under my hand and official seal, this the day of _____, 2022.

Notary Public
My Commission Expires

NOTARY AND SIGNATURE PAGE TO FOLLOW

PROVIDER:

Insert Providers Name

_____/_____
By _____/Date
Its _____

State of Alabama)

County of Baldwin)

I, _____ Notary Public in and for said County and State, hereby certify that _____ as _____ of _____, whose name is signed to the foregoing in that capacity, and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of the foregoing, he executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date for and as an act of said _____ .

GIVEN under my hand and seal on this the _____ day of _____, 2022.

Notary Public
My Commission Expires