



May 18, 2021

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD
RFP #007-0-2021GS
Route Planning Services for Transportation**

To All Offerors:

Please be advised that NNPS has completed the evaluation of proposals for the Route Planning Services for Transportation under Request for Proposal (RFP) #007-0-2021GS. Georef Systems Ltd. was determined to be the most fully qualified and suitable provider for NNPS. It is the intention of NNPS to award a contract to Georef Systems Ltd., effective June 1, 2021.

On behalf of Newport News Public Schools (NNPS), I would like to thank you for your interest in providing Route Planning Services for Transportation and your participation in the RFP process.

Sincerely,

Glenn Schofield

Glenn Schofield, C.P.M.
Director of Procurement
Newport News Public Schools



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Newport News Public Schools

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Attention of Offeror is Directed To
Section 2.2-4367 to 2.2-4377 Code of Virginia
(Ethics In Public Contracting)

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received in the Issuing Office above until Closing Date and Closing Time as specified in this solicitation including any addenda issued by this office. Newport News Public Schools is not responsible for late delivery by U.S. Postal mail or other couriers. All inquiries for information regarding this Request for Proposal are to be directed to the Issuing Office as defined herein.

COMMODITY:

Route Planning Services - Transportation

NIGP CODE: 209-49

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IN THE SPACES PROVIDED BELOW:

THIS IS NOT AN ORDER

RFP ITEM NO. 007-0-2021GS
PROCUREMENT OFFICER Glenn Schofield, C.P.M.
CLOSING DATE April 14, 2021
CLOSING TIME 2:00 P.M. EST
PREPROPOSAL CONFERENCE N/A

THE NEWPORT NEWS SCHOOL BOARD, HEREAFTER REFERRED TO AS NEWPORT NEWS PUBLIC SCHOOLS (NNPS), RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT OR REJECT ANY AND ALL PROPOSALS IN WHOLE OR IN PART AND WAIVE ANY INFORMALITIES IN THE COMPETITIVE NEGOTIATIONS PROCESS. FURTHER, NNPS RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ENTER INTO ANY CONTRACT DEEMED TO BE IN ITS BEST INTEREST. THE ENTIRE CONTENTS OF THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS, ANY ADDENDA, OFFEROR'S PROPOSAL AND NEGOTIATED CHANGES SHALL BE INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE INTO ANY RESULTING CONTRACT.

Route Planning Services for the NNPS Transportation Department

ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF ADDENDUM: #1___ #2___ #3___#4___(Please Initial)

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THIS SOLICITATION AND TO ALL THE CONDITIONS IMPOSED HEREIN, THE UNDERSIGNED AGREES TO PERFORM ANY CONTRACT AWARDED AS A RESULT OF THIS SOLICITATION. THE FOLLOWING SECTION SHALL BE SIGNED BY AN AGENT AUTHORIZED TO BIND THE COMPANY. FAILURE TO EXECUTE THIS PORTION MAY RESULT IN PROPOSAL REJECTION.

Authorized Agent

Signature

Type or Print Name

Email Address

Company EI/FIN#

Phone Number

Phone Number

FAX Number

SPECIFIC LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

ANTI-COLLUSION:

In the preparation and submission of this bid/proposal, said Offeror/Offeror did not either directly or indirectly enter into any combination or arrangement with any person, firm or corporation, or enter into any agreement, participate in any collusion, or otherwise take any action in violation of the Sherman Act (15 U.S.C. Section 1), Sections 59.1-9.1 through 59.1-9.17 or Sections 59.1-68.6 through 59.1-68.8 of the Code of Virginia. The undersigned Offeror/Offeror hereby certifies that this agreement, or any claims resulting therefrom, is not the result of, or affected by, any act of collusion with, or any act of, another person or persons, firm or corporation engaged in the same line of business or commerce; and, that no person acting for, or employed by, NNPS has an interest in, or is concerned with, this bid/proposal; and, that no person or persons, firm or corporation other than the undersigned, have, or are, interested in this bid/proposal.

DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE:

During the performance of this contract, the successful Offeror/Offeror agrees to (i) provide a drug-free workplace for the successful Offeror's/Offeror's employees; (ii) post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, sale, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance or marijuana is prohibited in the successful Offeror's/Offeror's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition; (iii) state in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the successful Offeror/Offeror that the successful Offeror/Offeror maintains a drug-free workplace; and (iv) include the provisions of the foregoing clauses in every subcontract or purchase order of over \$10,000, so that the provisions will be binding upon each successful Offeror/Offeror or vendor. For the purpose of this section, "drug-free workplace" means a site for the performance or work done in connection with a specific contract awarded to a successful Offeror/Offeror in accordance with federal law, the employees of whom are prohibited from engaging in the unlawful manufacture, sale, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of any controlled substance or marijuana during the performance of the contract.

EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION BY THE SUCCESSFUL OFFEROR/OFFEROR SHALL BE PROHIBITED:

1. During the performance of this contract, the successful Offeror/Offeror agrees as follows:
 - a. Offeror/Offeror shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, age, disability, or any other basis prohibited by state law relating to discrimination in employment, except where there is a bona fide occupational qualification reasonably necessary to the normal operation of the successful Offeror/Offeror. The successful Offeror/Offeror agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
 - b. Successful Offeror/Offeror, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the successful Offeror/Offeror, shall state that such successful Offeror/Offeror is an equal opportunity employer.
 - c. Notices, advertisements, and solicitations placed in accordance with federal law, rule or regulation shall be deemed sufficient for the purpose of meeting the requirements of this section.
2. Successful Offeror/Offeror shall include the provisions of the foregoing Subsections a, b, and c in every subcontract or purchase order of over \$10,000, so that the provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor.

COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAW; FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC BUSINESSES AUTHORIZED TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN THE COMMONWEALTH:

1. A contractor organized as a stock or nonstock corporation, limited liability company, business trust, or limited partnership or registered as a registered limited liability partnership shall be authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth as a domestic or foreign business entity if so required by Title 13.1 or Title 50 or as otherwise required by law.
2. A Offeror/Offeror organized or authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth pursuant to Title 13.1 or Title 50 will include in its bid or proposal the identification number issued to it by the State Corporation Commission in the space provided below. Any Offeror/Offeror that is not required to be authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth as a foreign business entity under Title 13.1 or Title 50 or as otherwise required by law shall include in its bid or proposal a statement why the Offeror/Offeror is not required to be so authorized. Offeror/Offeror is to include the VA Code reference authorizing the exemption in said statement.
3. Any Offeror/Offeror described in the foregoing Subsection 2. that fails to provide the required information shall not receive an award unless a waiver of this requirement is granted by the Superintendent or designee.
4. Any business entity described in the foregoing Subsection 1. that enters into a contract with NNPS shall not allow its existence to lapse or its existence to lapse or its certificate of authority or registration to transact business in the Commonwealth, if so required under Title 13.1 or Title 50, to be revoked or cancelled at any time during the term of the contract.

Name and Address of OFFEROR:

Date: _____ Authorized Signature _____

Printed Name: _____ Title: _____

Phone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Federal Tax Identification Number/Social Security Number: _____

State Corporation Commission Identification Number: _____

Is Offeror a "minority" business? Yes No If yes, please indicate the "minority" classification below:

African American Hispanic American American Indian Eskimo Asian American Aleut Other; Please Explain: _____

Service Disabled Veteran? Yes No

Service Disabled Veteran Business? Yes No

Woman Owned? Yes No

Small Business? Yes No

Faith-Based Organization? Yes No

Is Offeror Woman Owned? Yes No

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I. PURPOSE

Newport News Public Schools (NNPS) is seeking responsive and responsible offerors to provide and implement an integrated Pupil Transportation System (hereinafter referred to as PTS) that includes: transportation management software, a multi-user data server, automated, task scheduler, internet query server and information portal, real time GPS tracking and analysis, transportation information service, desktop map analysis and planning software, redistricting analysis modules and, a financial tracking and analysis module. The complete system shall include, but not be limited to all hardware and software with proven integration between the Offerors proposed solution, implementation services, system training, continuing support and maintenance and all things and services necessary to successfully implement the PTS.

The awarded offeror shall provide all professional services, hardware, communication services, software, installation, training, system documentation, labor, materials, supplies, tolls, specialized equipment, insurance permits, licenses, registration fees, and all services and things necessary to provide an integrated PTS for the NNPS in accordance with the requirements of this RFP.

II. BACKGROUND

NNPS is the ninth largest school division in the Commonwealth of Virginia that educates approximately 28,680 children. NNPS is an urban school system, educating children in 42 schools: 5 early childhood centers, 24 elementary schools, 7 middle schools, 5 high schools, 1 middle/high combination school. NNPS employees number approximately 4,700. NNPS transports approximately over 24,000 students to and from school daily on district owned school buses.

III. STATEMENT OF NEEDS

The successful offeror is required to perform and fulfill all the undertakings, covenants, terms, conditions, and agreements of this RFP document and any negotiated contract(s). Specifications contained herein and in the successful response will become contractual obligations, if an award ensues. Failure of the offeror to fully perform these obligations may result in cancellation of the award and contract. NNPS will look to the offeror and his/her identified personnel to coordinate and deliver the services described in this RFP. The services shall not be delegated to sub-offerors or assigned to any third party.

The awarded offeror shall be fully responsible for the successful delivery, implementation, continued support and all things and services necessary for the complete project.

Offerors shall include a detailed and separate cost analysis for each component to include but not be limited to hardware, software, delivery, installation, setup, implementation, training, licenses, and annual maintenance agreements.

IV. SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS:

A. TRANSPORTATION DATABASE:

1. System must be able to integrate with District's Active Directory.
2. Ability to import student data for all student enrollment as a schedulable, automated process.
3. Ability to upload transportation data back to the board's student information system Synergy (EduPoint).
4. Ability to produce reports from a list of available reports without the need for a 3rd party reporting tool.
5. Ability to develop custom reports for transportation needs.

6. Ability to print route maps, boundaries, walking routes (point A to B) that can be used directly from the program.
7. Ability to print single or multi-page route maps to provide clarity for all sections of the run or route.
8. Ability to create and maintain daily bus seating charts for contact tracing purposes.
9. Ability to attach an unlimited number of documents to student records within the database for special needs documentation, etc.
10. Ability for up to 10 unique addresses to be stored for a student - and for transportation assignments to use any of these addresses on any day of the week, am or pm.
11. Ability to store specialized equipment needed for a student and have the system automatically manage the equipment needs with vehicles used.
12. Ability for student records to store medical information to be used for tracking purposes.
13. Ability for student records to store an effective and retire date for the student.
14. Ability for student records to store an effective and retire dates for transportation assignments.
15. Ability for a single bus stop to be used for students attending multiple schools or programs.
16. Ability for bus stop record to have a minimum stop time for ensuring enough time at stop.
17. Ability to attach documents such as pictures or safety reports to a bus stop.
18. Ability for bus stops to be able to be used to transfer students from one route to another without the need for user interaction.
19. Ability for runs to accommodate students from multiple schools.
20. Ability for runs to accommodate different bus stops, paths or times on a particular day of the week.
21. Ability for runs to automatically re-time after adding/removing bus stops or making other changes that may affect timing.
22. Ability to lock bus stop time and have system keep those times.
23. Ability to track hazard zones in which students would be automatically become eligible for transportation.
24. Ability to track sex offenders and generate danger zones based on those locations.
25. Ability to store and manage generic zones to be used for segregation within the system.
26. Ability to use the existing street map which will be provided by the District in Arc format.
27. Ability to store and access multiple transportation databases for multiple purposes (ex. Live, previous years, etc.)
28. Ability to view aerial imagery within the system or view data via a window map service.
29. Ability to store and view additional spatial data such as water features, railways, municipal parcels, landmarks or District specific spatial data within the system.
30. Ability to integrate with Google Maps & Google Street View directly from the planning application.
31. ESRI based shape files that can be imported and exported. Sample data layers include:
 - i. Street centerlines
 - ii. Railroads and USDOT crossings
 - iii. Waterways

- iv. Tax parcels
 - v. Address points
32. Maps will include the Virginia locations of City of Newport News, Hampton City, Norfolk City, Virginia Beach City, Chesapeake City, James City County, York County, Isle of Wight County, Suffolk, Poquoson, Williamsburg and Gloucester County.
33. Ability to geocode by address points in lieu of address ranges on street segments.
34. Ability to calibrate driving speeds using GPS data including:
- i. By street segment in both directions
 - ii. Entire map or specific area
 - iii. By day, week, time of day, and or specified range
- a. Option to exclude sensor events such as:
 - i. Speeding
 - ii. Vehicle size
 - iii. Vehicle idling
 - iv. Door open
 - b. Results can overwrite existing map segment speeds and:
 - i. Update stop, run, and route times
 - ii. Log route changes accordingly
 - c. User controlled task that can completed as needed
35. Ability to temporarily restrict vehicle access to a street segment for a specified date range including:
- i. Affected run and route directions will be updated automatically.
 - ii. Updates automatically shared with stakeholder groups having service delivery changes.
36. Ability to attach external documents to a student record.
37. Ability to display graphical walking directions from home to stop or home to school.
38. Ability to plan for daily schedule changes in routing.
39. Ability to email parents when permanent routing changes occur.
40. Ability to email parents or other stakeholder groups when transportation delays occur.
41. Ability to track Additions, address changes, school changes, deletes.

B. OPTIMIZATION CAPABILITIES:

- 1. Ability to create bus stops based on student populations considering walk distance policies and walk restrictions, etc.
- 2. Ability to mass assign students to their most optimal bus stop(s) in am/pm based on spatial distribution considering walk distance policies and walk restrictions.
- 3. Ability to optimize bus runs based for one or more (or all) schools considering student distribution, vehicle travel, and other pertinent parameters.
- 4. Ability to optimize bus runs that service more than one school.
- 5. Ability to create route schedules by maximizing daily vehicle utilization.
- 6. Ability to analyze the effectiveness of existing run/route structures and school hours to produce more efficient/cost effective alternatives.
- 7. Ability to further optimize route schedules by suggesting changes to bell-times to provide greater vehicle utilization.

8. Ability to split bus runs by cohort or other criteria for pandemic based planning.

9. Bell Time Analyzer

Ability to review current bell structure at schools and provide analysis for multiple scenarios including:

- i. School(s) affected by bell change
- ii. Time for each change
- iii. Current and projected bus runs by school and overall
- iv. Graphical chart

10. Routing software will log all changes to the following components:

- i. Student
- ii. Stop
- iii. Run
- iv. Route

11. Log changes will contain:

- i. Date
- ii. User
- iii. Create or modified type
- iv. Description

12. Log changes will carry forward from one school year to the next. Permanent deletions don't have to carry forward.

13. Routing software will have capability to log and track incoming service delivery functions based on criteria used in school district.

a. Examples:

- i. Parent - for home and alternate site transportation
- ii. School department - specialized transportation such as McKinney Vento, Special Needs, After school, etc.
- iii. General public - questions or concerns

b. Criteria

- i. Existing school district forms can be integrated into routing system.
- ii. Individual items are routed to specific user(s) for approval by hierarchy.
- iii. Original requester receives feedback after original item is submitted.
- iv. Ability to communicate questions during approval process electronically.
- v. Once routing assignment is created all requester/approvers are notified electronically and routing system maintains record.

C. ANALYSIS:

1. Ability to analyze key components of the routing solution generating key statistics and comparisons for reporting.

2. Customizable dashboard for operational statistics to increase productivity and reliability of transportation data.
3. Ability to analyze current transportation solution and produce Key Performance indicators for quick analysis of the effectiveness of the transportation solution.
4. Ability to analyze and view the effect on transportation requirements based on changes to the board's walk distance policies by grade.
5. Ability to produce listings, statistics, and reports based on the transportation solution.
6. Ability to produce reports required for mandated government reporting.
7. Ability to create what-if scenarios for school closures, school attendance, and walk distance planning.
8. Ability to produce statistics and KPI data and graphs based on active transportation solution.
9. Provide route statistical information in both data grid and graphical to include:
 - i. Count of route (total fleet, regular buses, special needs, transportation zone, school, etc.)
 - ii. Route with single and multiple runs for both morning and afternoon
 - iii. Total route mileage
 - iv. Route mileage with students on board and when buses are empty
 - v. Total route time
 - vi. Route time with students on board and when buses are empty
 - vii. Total route costs
 - viii. Route costs with students on board and when buses are empty
10. Total students as compared to transported students
 - i. By school type
 - ii. By regular
 - iii. By special needs
 - iv. All schools
11. Interactive dashboard
 - i. User configurable
 - ii. Provides daily snapshot of key transportation components

D. FINANCIAL ANALYSIS:

- i. Ability to produce transportation KPIs to measure the efficiency of the routing solution.
- ii. Ability to incorporate operational rates into the system.
- iii. Ability to determine accurate cost by route based on vehicle usage and time.
- iv. Ability to generate summaries of cost by yard or across the fleet.
- v. Ability to generate cost per vehicle broken down by overall aggregates, by school, by yard, etc.

- vi. Ability to calculate specific cost per student broken down to overall aggregates, by school, by group, by grade, etc.
- vii. Cost analysis capability derived from specific financial components for school district. Components can be updated as needed by school district. Example of components may include: fuel cost per gallon, hourly wages by employee/assigned route, hospitalizations cost by employee, etc.
- viii. Detailed cost calculations for individual runs and routes on a day or annual basis.
- ix. Cost per student on individual runs to and from school - daily basis.
- x. Ability to enter annual school calendar in routing software. Schedule changes that occur can be entered by user such as weather events, professional development, holiday, etc.
- xi. Comparison of individual and group route costs over a specified time period that will include any calendar changes that occur. Results shall provide planned route budget cost analysis as compared to actual cost.
- xii. Financial invoicing for specific transportation can be calculated and submitted from within routing software.

E. GPS INTEGRATION:

- a. Ability to view real time route progress utilizing existing Synovia/CalAmp GPS technology.
- b. Ability to consume and use Synovia/CalAmp GPS data within planning application.
- c. Ability to automatically provide transportation data seamlessly to the Synovia/CalAmp GPS solution.
- d. Ability to view and analyze planned vs. actual route utilizing Synovia/CalAmp GPS technology.
- e. Ability to view and analyze planned vs. actual stop locations utilizing Synovia/CalAmp GPS technology.
- f. Ability to view and analyze planned vs. actual stop time utilizing GPS technology.
- g. Ability to monitor and analyze on time performance of vehicles for one or more days.
- h. Ability to monitor student ridership based on GPS technology.
- i. Ability to use existing GPS data to improve the quality of the planning base map.
- j. GPS Integration
 - i. Routing software has to fully integrate (two way) with Synovia/CalAmp
 - ii. Accept student ridership data in routing software by student including:
 - 1) Boarding and exiting bus
 - 2) Date and time stamp
 - 3) Location of each student scan
 - 4) Latitude Longitude coordinates for each scan
 - 5) Plot individual scans on map
 - 6) Apply student scans to make sound routing assignments
 - k. Analysis of planned vs. actual displayed in core routing solution by date and time including:

- i. Statistical analysis of planned vs. actual bus run to show differences in:
 - 1) Mileage
 - 2) Time
 - 3) Student ridership
- ii. Ability to edit planned bus run to match actual GPS path
- iii. Compare planned vs. actual bus stop times on a bus run
 - 1) Over single or multiple date range
 - 2) User can choose distance between stops
 - 3) User can choose time range between stops
 - 4) Results will provide user ability to over planned stop time with actual GPS time in core routing solution

F. INTERNAL PORTAL:

- i. Software must include a web-based facility for the public to access transportation eligibility, route and school attendance information based on District’s transportation policies.
- ii. Software must include a secure portal for school staff to access transportation information specific to their school only.
- iii. Software must include a secure portal for parents to determine transportation information for their student(s).
- iv. Ability for transportation administrators to post notifications and alert constituents of service disruptions.

G. REDISTRICTING:

- i. Ability to find/sort students by grade, program, home school, attended school, distance and address including students that are not presently being buses.
- ii. Ability to analyze students who attend schools outside their “home” attendance boundary.
- iii. Ability to generate school boundaries based on school capacity, student population or other criteria.
- iv. Ability to analyze the effects of the closure of a school and suggest relocation of the current school population
- v. Ability to create/maintain temporary attendance boundaries for “what if” scenario planning.
- vi. Ability to create, display and print boundary coverage.

H. ON-SITE TRAINING - The Offeror shall provide a comprehensive on-site training plan and strategy for training NNPS Transportation staff on all aspects of the proposed software. The training plan should be sufficiently detailed and provide the following:

- i. Include timelines and training schedules
- ii. Outline objective and outcomes
- iii. Include a summary of professional development training points
- iv. Give expectations of user competency upon completion of training in phases

V. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS TO THE OFFEROR

A. Definitions:

Issuing Office:

Wherever used in this Request for Proposal, the Issuing Office will be:

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NNPS Contract Administrator:

Wherever used in this Request for Proposal and for purposes of any notices under this contract, the NNPS Contract Administrator will be:

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Newport News Public Schools Transportation Department
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B. Contact with NNPS Staff, Representatives, and/or Agents:

Direct contact with NNPS staff, representatives, and/or agents other than Purchasing Department staff on the subject of this RFP or any subject related to this RFP **is expressly prohibited** except with the prior knowledge and permission of the Purchasing Agent.

C. Pre-Proposal Conference: N/A.

D. Offerors of Record:

Offerors receiving a copy of this RFP from a source other than the Issuing Office via www.eva.virginia.gov must contact the Issuing Office and provide Offeror's name, address, contact person, telephone and fax number, and the RFP Item Number. Offeror will be added to the EVA plan holders list and will receive notification of any addenda to the RFP.

E. Questions:

Offerors must submit questions regarding the Request For Proposal in writing to the Issuing Office to glenn.schofield@nn.k12.va.us, no later than **11:00 AM EST, March 24, 2021**. Necessary replies will be issued

to all Offerors of record as addenda that shall become part of the contract documents. Oral instructions do not form a part of the Proposal documents.

Offeror is responsible for checking the www.eva.virginia.gov web site or contacting the Issuing Office within 48 hours prior to Proposal closing to secure any addenda issued for this RFP.

F. Changes or Modifications:

Changes or modifications to this Request for Proposals made prior to the date and time of closing will be addressed by addenda from the Issuing Office. Offerors are to acknowledge receipt of addenda in the space provided on the cover page of this Request for Proposal. Oral communications are not a part of the Proposal documents. This RFP and any addenda shall be incorporated, by reference, into any resulting contract.

G. RFP Closing:

Offeror shall ensure its Proposal is time stamped by the Issuing Office no later than the Closing Date and Time shown on the cover page of this Request for Proposal. Proposals received after the specified date and time (time stamped 2:01 P.M. or later) will not be considered and will be returned to the Offeror unopened.

H. Proposal Submittal Requirements:

1. Each Proposal submission shall be submitted to the Issuing Office and shall include the following documents:
 - a. The cover page of this Request for Proposal, which will contain:
 - 1) Original signature of an agent authorized to bind the company;
 - 2) Requested contact information;
 - 3) Company FEI/TIN number; and,
 - 4) Acknowledgment of any addenda on page one (1);
 - b. Completed and signed anti-collusion/nondiscrimination clauses on page 2;
2. Offerors are encouraged to submit their Proposals on recycled paper and to use double-sided copying.
3. Proposals must be submitted utilizing the following requirements:
 - a. Offerors shall submit proposals in a sealed envelope or package, and label the envelope or package with the Request for Proposal's item number and the name and address of the Offeror. **Proposals received by telephone, telegraph, facsimile, or any other means of electronic transfer shall not be accepted.**
 - b. Submit the original and five (5) hard copies and one (1) electronic copy (CD or USB drive) of the proposal.
 - 1) The CD must be a:
 - a) "standard" compact disk (CD) [using 780 nm wavelength laser diode light]; or a digital video disk or "digital versatile disc" (DVD) [using 650 nm wavelength laser diode light - Note: 'Blue-ray™ disks are not acceptable]. The media shall be capable of being read in a standard personal computer (PC) CD or DVD-drive. The media shall use a "standard" CD-file system format [ISO 9660], be virus-free, and may contain PC-files in any of the following formats:
 - b) Adobe(c) Personal-Document-Files (pdf), version 9.0, or greater
 - c) Microsoft(c) Word 'document' files (doc), version 12, or greater (Word 2007)
 - d) Microsoft(c) Excel 'spreadsheet' files (xls), version 12, or greater (Excel 2007)
 - e) Microsoft (c) PowerPoint 'presentation' files (ppt) , version 12, or greater (PowerPoint 2007)
 - f) American Standard Code for Information Interchange (ASCII) text (txt) (e.g. Microsoft(c) Notepad, any version).
 - g) Tagged Information Format (tif or TIFF) files
4. Offerors are encouraged to submit their bids on recycled paper and to use double-sided copying

I. Evaluation of Proposals:

1. After the RFP closes, NNPS will select for further consideration one or more Offerors deemed to be fully

qualified and best suited among those submitting proposals based on Offerors' responses to the information requested in this RFP.

2. In presenting their proposals, Offerors are encouraged to be thorough in addressing the *Statement of Needs*, the *Preparation of Proposal Guidelines*, and the *Proposal Submittal Requirements* as outlined in this RFP.
3. To facilitate the NNPS's evaluation of Offeror's proposal, Offeror is to number all pages of its proposal and provide tabs listing the evaluation criteria indicated above.
4. Offerors should be completely responsive to this RFP, be able to conform to the terms and conditions provided, herein, and provide responses to the evaluation criteria outlined, below. Offeror should not incorporate its standard contract document into its proposal, by reference or in full text, without listing each exception it represents to the terms and conditions of this RFP, as described in the Exceptions/Alternatives section of this paragraph.
5. Offerors are encouraged to provide thorough and detailed information regarding the product and services being offered, based on the details of Evaluation Criteria provided below:

EVALUATION CRITERIA	WEIGHT%
<p>FUNCTIONAL AND TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS</p> <p>Optimization capabilities for Transportation database and management software, a multi-user data server, automated, task scheduler, internet query server and information portal, real time GPS tracking and analysis, transportation information service, desktop map analysis and planning software, redistricting analysis modules and, a financial tracking and analysis module.</p>	25%
<p>CUSTOMER SUPPORT AND RESPONSIVENESS</p> <p>Ability to service our account with proper staff and customer service, this to include details of all training onsite and offsite.</p>	20%
<p>QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE</p> <p>Proposer should have a solid reputation with other large school district entities that show a high level of customer service and quality goods and/or services. Services will be expected to meet schedules and operate with minimal disruption in accordance with the outlined specifications. Vendor's quality control and system for service recovery. Please provide a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of five (5) references. For each reference, please provide name, address, phone number, and point of contact.</p>	15%
<p>SYSTEMS INTEGRATION/CUSTOMIZATION CAPABILITIES</p> <p>Data Integration between routing and AVL solutions, Application Programming Interface (APIs), Custom Programming, etc., Flexibility to Adapt and respond to critical needs of NNPS.</p>	15%
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<p>PURCHASE PRICE/LONG TERM COST</p> <p>Proposal shall offer a fair reasonable price for items or services to be procured by NNPS. Include initial costs, yearly costs, ongoing support, warranty and equipment replacement costs.</p>	<p>15%</p>
<p>SYSTEM RELIABILITY AND EFFECTIVENESS</p> <p>Proposed hardware uptime, trouble call notification and escalation process, key system performance and operational uptime metrics based on actual data.</p>	<p>10%</p>

6. Exceptions/Alternatives will also be considered.
7. Based on the initial evaluation, NNPS may request the selected Offerors to make oral presentations and provide product demonstrations. Thereafter, NNPS will conduct negotiations with each of the selected short-listed Offerors. Individuals representing the Offeror during negotiations shall have the authority to negotiate and contractually bind the company to a contract.
8. After negotiations are completed, NNPS will select the Offeror who, in NNPS’s opinion, has made the best proposal and shall award the contract to that Offeror (referred to in this RFP as the Successful Offeror). Should NNPS determine in writing and in its sole discretion that only one Offeror is fully qualified, or that one Offeror is clearly more highly qualified than the others under consideration, a contract may be negotiated and awarded to that Offeror.
9. NNPS is not required to furnish a statement of the reason(s) why a proposal was not deemed to be the most advantageous.

J. Presentation/Demonstration:

If in NNPS’s opinion, vendor presentations or demonstrations of the Offeror’s proposed system’s features and capabilities are warranted, NNPS will notify the appropriate vendors. Such presentation or demonstration will be at an NNPS site at a date and time mutually agreed to between NNPS and Offeror and will be at the Offeror’s expense.

K. Cost of Responding:

This solicitation does not commit NNPS to pay any costs incurred by the Offeror or any other party in the preparation and/or submission of proposals or in making necessary studies or designs for the preparation thereof, nor is NNPS obligated to procure or contract for such services.

VI. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

A. Contract Document:

This RFP, its addenda, Successful Offeror’s proposal, any additional information requested, and negotiated changes and will constitute the final contract hereafter referred to as this “contract”. These documents will be incorporated by reference into the NNPS purchase order awarding this contract. This contract shall be governed by the contract documents in the following order of precedence:

- This RFP document;
- Any negotiated changes to the foregoing documents; and
- Offeror’s proposal

B. Proposal Binding For One-hundred Twenty (120) Days:

Offeror agrees that its Proposal shall be binding and may not be withdrawn for a period of one-hundred (120) calendar days after the scheduled closing date of this Request For Proposals.

C. Proprietary Information/Non-Disclosure:

Offeror is advised that the Virginia Public Procurement Act (Section 2.2-4342, Code of Virginia, 1950 as amended) shall govern public inspection of all records submitted by Offeror. Specifically, if Offeror seeks to

protect any proprietary data or materials, pursuant to Section 2.2-4342, Offeror shall:

1. Invoke the protections of this section prior to or upon submission of the data or other materials,
2. Provide a statement that identifies the data or other materials to be protected and that states the reasons why protection is necessary.
3. Submit trade secrets or other proprietary information under separate cover in a sealed envelope clearly marked “**PROPRIETARY**”.
4. Information submitted that does not meet the above requirements will be considered public information in accordance with State statutes.
5. NNPS reserves the right to submit such information to the NNPS attorney for concurrence of the Offeror’s claim that it is in fact proprietary.
6. References to the proprietary information may be made within the body of the Proposal; however, all information contained within the body of the Proposal shall be public information in accordance with State statutes.
7. Trade secrets or proprietary information submitted by an Offeror in conjunction with this RFP is not subject to public disclosure under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA).
8. Information submitted that does not meet the above requirements will be considered public information in accordance with the VFOIA.
9. An all-inclusive statement that the entire Proposal is proprietary is unacceptable. A statement that Offeror’s costs and/or Proposal pricing are to be protected is unacceptable. Offeror will be requested to remove any such statement(s) in order to be eligible for further consideration.

D. Contract Modification(s):

After award, any and all modifications to this contract shall be mutually agreed to by both parties, in writing, and authorized by the NNPS Purchasing Agent or his designee via issuance of a change order (purchase order).

E. Offeror Obligation:

Offeror shall carefully examine the contents of this Request for Proposals and any subsequent addenda. Failure to do so shall not relieve the Successful Offeror of its obligation to fulfill the requirements of any contract awarded as a result of this RFP.

F. Conditions of Work:

Offeror shall inform itself fully of the conditions relating to services required herein. Failure to do so will not relieve a Successful Offeror of the obligation to furnish all goods and/or services necessary to carry out the provisions of this contract

G. Prime Contractor:

If in its performance of this contract, Successful Offeror supplies goods or services by or through another party or subcontractor, Successful Offeror agrees that:

1. Successful Offeror shall act as the prime contractor (Contractor) for the goods and services to be provided under contract and shall be the sole point of contact with regard to all obligations under this contract.
2. Successful Offeror represents and warrants that Successful Offeror has made third parties or subcontractors aware of the proposed use and disposition of the other party’s products or services, and that such other party has agreed in writing that it has no objection and that NNPS is not liable to such third parties or subcontractors for any work performed under this contract.
3. The use of subcontractors and the work they perform must receive the prior written approval of NNPS. NNPS will designate a Contract Administrator to approve such work.
4. Successful Offeror shall be solely responsible for all work performed and materials provided by subcontractors.
5. Successful Offeror shall be responsible for the liability of subcontractors for the types and limits required of the Successful Offeror under this contract.

H. Subcontractors:

Contractor’s use of subcontractors and the work they are to perform must receive written approval from the Contract Administrator at least ten (10) calendar days prior to the work being performed. Contractor shall be solely responsible for all work performed and materials provided by subcontractors. Contractor shall be responsible for the liability of subcontractors for the types and limits required of the Contractor.

I. Non-Assignment:

Successful Offeror shall not assign its rights and duties under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the NNPS Contract Administrator.

J. Antitrust:

Any perceived anti-trust violation will be reported to the State Attorney General for possible enforcement of anti-trust laws.

K. Anticollusion/Nondiscrimination Requirements Form:

The attached "Anticollusion/Nondiscrimination Requirements" form, on page 2 of this RFP, shall be executed by Offeror and is to be submitted with Offeror's Proposal. The requirements set forth on said form shall be considered to be binding terms and conditions in any contract resulting from this RFP. A contract will not be awarded to an Offeror who has not signed the anticollusion/nondiscrimination statement.

L. Hold Harmless/Indemnification:

It is understood and agreed that Successful Offeror hereby assumes the entire responsibility and liability for any and all material damages to persons or property caused by or resulting from or arising out of any act or omission on the part of Successful Offeror, its subcontractors, agents or employees under or in connection with this Contract or the performance or failure to perform any work required by this Contract. Successful Offeror agrees to indemnify and hold harmless NNPS and its agents, volunteers, servants, employees and officials from and against any and all claims, losses, or expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees and litigation expenses suffered by any indemnified party or entity as the result of claims or suits due to, arising out of or in connection with (a) any and all such damages, real or alleged, (b) the violation of any law applicable to this Contract, and (c) the performance of the work by Successful Offeror or those for whom Successful Offeror is legally liable. Upon written demand by NNPS, Successful Offeror shall assume and defend at Successful Offeror's sole expense any and all such suits or defense of claims made against NNPS, its agents, volunteers, servants, employees or officials.

M. Notices:

All notices, requests, demands, and elections under this contract, other than routine operational communications, shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given on the date when hand-delivered, or on the date of the confirmed facsimile transmission, or on the date received when delivered by courier that has a reliable system for tracking delivery, or six (6) NNPS business days after the date of mailing when mailed by United States mail, registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid. All notices shall be addressed to the following individuals: To NNPS: NNPS Contract Administrator as designated in this RFP. To Contractor: Contractor's Contract Administrator as defined in Contractor's Proposal. Either party may from time to time change the individual(s) to receive notices and/or its address for notification purposes by giving the other party written notice as provided above.

N. Non-Performance:

1. Delivery Delays: NNPS reserves the right to procure services to be provided under this contract from other sources in the event Successful Offeror fails to deliver such service deliverables in accordance with delivery dates and time frames set forth in this contract.
2. Liability: Successful Offeror shall be liable to NNPS for all costs incurred by NNPS as a result of Successful Offeror's failure to perform in accordance with the contract. Successful Offeror's liability shall include, but not be limited to:
 - a. Damages and other delay costs, to include costs to services from alternate sources.
 - b. Increased costs of performance, such as extended overhead and increased performance costs resulting from performance delays caused by Successful Offeror
 - c. Warranty and rework costs, liability to third party, excess costs, attorney's fees and related costs incurred by NNPS due to non-responsive performance of Successful Offeror.

O. Termination Without Cause:

NNPS may at any time, and for any reason, terminate this Contract by written notice to Successful Offeror specifying the termination date, which shall be not less than thirty (30) days from the date such notice is mailed. Notice shall be given to Successful Offeror by certified mail/return receipt requested, addressed to the Successful Offeror's Contract Administrator. In the event of such termination, Successful Offeror shall be paid such amount as shall compensate Successful Offeror for the work satisfactorily completed, and accepted by NNPS, at the time of termination. If the event NNPS terminates this Contract, Successful Offeror shall withdraw its personnel and equipment, cease performance of any further work under this Contract, and turn over to NNPS any work completed or in process for which payment has been made.

P. Termination With Cause/Breach:

In the event that Successful Offeror shall for any reason or through any cause be in default of the terms of this Contract, NNPS may give Successful Offeror written notice of such default by certified mail/return receipt requested, addressed to the Successful Offeror's Contract Administrator. Unless otherwise provided, Successful Offeror shall have ten (10) days from the date such notice is mailed in which to cure the default. Upon failure of the Successful Offeror to cure the default, NNPS may immediately cancel and terminate this Contract as of the mailing date of the default notice. Upon termination, Successful Offeror shall withdraw its personnel and equipment, cease performance of any further work under the Contract, and turn over to NNPS any work in process for which payment has been made. In the event of violations of law, safety or health standards and regulations, this Contract may be immediately cancelled and terminated by NNPS and provisions herein with respect to opportunity to cure default shall not be applicable.

Q. Breach of Contract:

Successful Offeror shall be deemed in breach of this contract if the Successful Offeror:

Fails to comply with any terms of this contract; Fails to cure such noncompliance within ten (10) calendar days from the date of the NNPS written notice or such other time frame, greater than ten (10) calendar days, specified by the NNPS Contract Administrator in the notice; Fails to submit a written response to NNPS's notification of noncompliance within ten (10) calendar days after the date of the NNPS notice. All notices under this contract shall be submitted, either by email, fax or certified mail, return-receipt requested, to the respective contract administrator. Successful Offeror shall not be in breach of this contract as long as its default was due to causes beyond the reasonable control of and occurred without any fault or negligence on the part of both the Successful Offeror and its subcontractors. Such causes may include, but are not restricted to, acts of God or of the public enemy, acts of NNPS in its sovereign capacity, fires, floods, epidemics, strikes, freight embargoes, and unusually severe catastrophic weather such as hurricanes.

R. Applicable Law:

This Contract shall be deemed to be a Virginia contract and shall be governed as to all matters whether of validity, interpretations, obligations, performance or otherwise exclusively by the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and all questions arising with respect thereto shall be determined in accordance with such laws. Regardless of where actually delivered and accepted, this Contract shall be deemed to have been delivered and accepted by the parties in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

S. Compliance With All Laws:

Successful Offeror shall comply with all federal, state and local statutes, ordinances, and regulations now in effect or hereafter adopted, in the performance of this contract. Successful Offeror represents that it possesses all necessary licenses and permits required to conduct its business and/or will acquire any additional licenses and permits necessary for performance of this contract prior to the initiation of work. If the Successful Offeror is a corporation, Successful Offeror further expressly represents that it is a corporation of good standing in the Commonwealth of Virginia and will remain in good standing throughout the term of the contract and any extensions. All City of Newport News business license, personal property, real estate and other applicable tax requirements shall be met by Successful Offeror.

T. Venue:

Venue shall be in the Circuit Court of the City of Newport News, Virginia, and the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, Norfolk Division, compliant with applicable laws and regulations, as deemed appropriate by NNPS.

U. Severability:

If any provision of this contract is found by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity of such provision shall not affect the other provisions of this contract, and all other provisions of this contract shall remain in full force and effect.

V. Non-Appropriation of Funds:

It is understood and agreed between the parties herein that NNPS shall be bound hereunder only to the extent that the funds shall have been appropriated. In the event no funds or insufficient funds are appropriated, NNPS shall immediately notify the Successful Offeror of such occurrence and this Contract shall terminate on the last day funds are available without penalty or expense to NNPS of any kind whatsoever.

W. Tax Exemption:

NNPS is exempt from federal excise tax and from all State and local taxes. Successful Offeror shall not include such taxes in any invoices under this agreement. Upon request, NNPS will furnish the Successful Offeror with tax exemption certificates or the NNPS tax exempt number.

X. Vendor's Invoices:

Successful Offeror shall submit to NNPS all invoices promptly upon completion of the requirements for installation, delivery, and acceptance of the Products and Services required under this contract. Invoices shall not include any costs other than those identified in the executed NNPS purchase order awarding this contract or any subsequent change orders issued by the NNPS Purchasing Division. All shipping costs are the Successful Offeror's responsibility, except to the extent such charges are identified in the executed NNPS purchase order or change orders. Successful Offeror's invoices shall provide at a minimum:

- Type and description of the Product or Service installed, delivered and accepted;
- Serial numbers, if any;
- Quantity delivered;
- Charge for each item;
- Extended total (unit costs x quantity);
- This RFP number and the NNPS Purchase Order Number

Y. Contractual Disputes:

Any dispute concerning a question of fact as a result of a contract with NNPS which is not disposed of by agreement shall be decided by the NNPS Purchasing Agent, who shall reduce his decision to writing and mail or otherwise forward a copy thereof to the contractor within thirty (30) days. The decision of the NNPS Purchasing Agent shall be final and conclusive unless the contractor appeals within six (6) months of the date of the final written decision by instituting legal action as provided in the Code of Virginia. A contractor may not institute legal action, prior to receipt of the public body's decision on the claim, unless the public body fails to render such decision within the time specified. Contractual claims, whether for money or other relief, shall be submitted in writing no later than sixty days after final payment; however, written notice of the contractor's intention to file such claim shall have been given at the time of the occurrence or beginning of the work upon which the claim is based. Nothing herein shall preclude a contract from requiring submission of an invoice for final payment within a certain time after completion and acceptance of the work or acceptance of the goods. Pendency of claims shall not delay payment of amounts agreed due in the final payment.

Z. Warranty/Guarantee:

Successful Offeror guarantees against defective or faulty material or workmanship for at least one (1) year or for the manufacturer's standard warranty period, whichever is greater, from date of acceptance by NNPS. To furnish adequate protection from damage for all work and to repair damages of any kind for which Successful Offeror or Successful Offeror's workmen are responsible, to the building or equipment, to Successful Offeror's own work, or to the work of others. Any merchandise or service provided under the contract which is or becomes defective during the warranty period shall be replaced by the Successful Offeror free of charge with the specific understanding that all replacements shall carry the same guarantee as the original equipment or service (one year or manufacturer's standard warranty period, whichever is greater, from the date of acceptance of the replacement). Successful Offeror shall make any such replacement immediately upon receiving notice from NNPS.

AA. Payment Terms:

To be eligible for payment, all labor, equipment and materials covered under Successful Offeror's invoice must be completed and accepted by NNPS. NNPS agrees to make payments under this contract within thirty (30) days after receipt of a correct invoice for such payment. Where payment is made by mail, the date of postmark shall be deemed to be the date of payment. Any amounts due NNPS under the terms of this or any other agreement may be applied against Successful Offeror's invoices with documentation for the basis of the adjustment attached. In no event shall any interest penalty or late fee accrue when payment is delayed because of disagreement between NNPS and Successful Offeror regarding the quantity, quality, time of delivery, or other noncompliance with the contract requirements for any Product or Service or the accuracy or correctness of any invoice. Payment terms offering a "prompt payment discount" of 20 days or greater will be considered in the evaluation of Proposals. All other payment terms shall be net thirty (30) calendar days or greater. Payment terms not specified by Offeror shall be Net 45 days.

Special Educational or Promotional Discounts

Successful Offeror shall extend any special educational or promotional sale prices or discounts immediately to NNPS during the term of the contract. Such notice shall also advise the duration of the specific sale or discount price.

BB. Prompt Payment:

NNPS will promptly pay for completed, delivered services accepted under this Contract by the payment date established. The required payment date will be either: (i) the date on which payment is due under the terms of

this Contract for the provision of the services; or (ii) if a date is not established by this Contract, not more than forty-five (45) days after goods or services are received or not more than forty-five (45) days after the invoice is rendered, whichever is later.

Within twenty (20) days after the receipt of the invoice or services, NNPS shall notify the supplier of any defect or impropriety that would prevent payment by the payment date. Should NNPS fail to pay the Contractor by the pay date, finance charges may be assessed by the Contractor. Unless otherwise provided under the terms of this Contract, interest will accrue at the rate of one percent (1%) per month. This will not apply to late payment provisions in any public utility tariffs or public utility negotiated Contracts. Contractor shall include in each of its subcontracts a provision requiring each subcontractor to include or otherwise be subject to the same payment and interest requirements with respect to each lower-tier subcontractor.

In cases where payment to Contractor is made by mail, the date of postmark shall be deemed to be the date payment is made for purposes of this Contract.

Individual Contractors shall provide to NNPS their social security numbers and proprietorships, partnerships, and corporations to provide their federal employer identification numbers.

Within seven (7) days after Contractor receives payment from NNPS, Contractor shall take one or more of the following actions:

1. Pay all subcontractors for the proportionate share of the total payment received from NNPS attributable to the work performed by the subcontractors under this Contract;
2. Notify NNPS and all affected subcontractors, in writing, of Contractor's intention to withhold all or a part of each affected subcontractor's payment including the reason for nonpayment.
3. Pay interest to the subcontractor on all amounts owed by the Contractor that remain unpaid after (7) seven days following receipt by the Contractor of payment from NNPS for work performed by the subcontractor under that Contract, except for amounts withheld, as allowed in #2 above.

A Contractor's obligation to pay an interest charge to a subcontractor pursuant to the payment clause in this section shall not be construed to be an obligation of NNPS. A Contract modification will not be made for the purpose of providing reimbursement by NNPS for interest charges owed by Contractor. A cost reimbursement claim to NNPS shall not include any amounts for reimbursement of interest charges owed by Contractor.

CC. Audits:

NNPS shall have the right to audit all books and records (in whatever form they may be kept, whether written, electronic or other) relating or pertaining to this Contract (including any and all documents and other materials, in whatever form they may be kept, which support or underlie those books and records), kept by or under the control of Successful Offeror, including, but not limited to those kept by Successful Offeror, its employees, agents, assigns, successors and subcontractors. Successful Offeror shall maintain such books and records, together with such supporting or underlying documents and materials, for the duration of this Contract and for at least three years following the completion of this Contract, including any and all renewals thereof. The books and records, together with the supporting or underlying documents and materials shall be made available, upon request, to NNPS, through its employees, agents, representatives, contractors or other designees, during normal business hours at Successful Offeror's office or place of business in Newport News, Virginia. In the event that no such location is available, then the books and records, together with the supporting or underlying documents and records, shall be made available for audit at a time and location in Newport News, Virginia, which is convenient for NNPS. This paragraph shall not be construed to limit, revoke, or abridge any other rights, powers, or obligations relating to audit which NNPS may have by state, city, or federal statute, ordinance, regulation, or agreement, whether those rights, powers, or obligations are express or implied.

DD. Notice of Award:

Will be publicly posted for inspection in the Newport News Public Schools (NNPS) Purchasing Department, 12465 Warwick Boulevard, Newport News, Virginia, the NNPS website and www.eva.virginia.gov.

EE. Award:

NNPS intends to award a contract to a fully qualified Offeror submitting the best proposal based on the criteria set forth herein and as determined by NNPS in its sole discretion. At NNPS' sole discretion, NNPS may reject any or all proposals in whole or in part if such action is determined to be in NNPS' best interest. NNPS reserves the right to enter into any contract deemed to be in its best interest, including the award of this contract to more than one contractor.

FF. Disposition of Proposals:

All materials submitted in response to this RFP will become the property of the NNPS. One (1) copy of each proposal will be retained for official files, will become a matter of public record after award of the contract, and will be open to public inspection subject to the *Proprietary Information/Disclosure* section of this RFP.

GG. Exclusivity:

Any contract resulting from this RFP shall be exclusive with the following exceptions: NNPS reserves the right to procure services under this contract from a third party in the event of the following: Contractor is unable to provide required services within the required delivery time.

VII. SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

A. Contract Term:

This contract term shall be for **two (2) years**, commencing on date of award.

B. Contract Extension:

This contract may be extended upon mutual agreement of both parties for **five (5) additional one (1) year periods** upon the same prices, terms, and conditions set forth in the negotiated contract resulting from this RFP.

C. Time is of the Essence:

Time is of the essence in this Contract. Successful Offeror expressly acknowledges that in the performance of its obligations, NNPS is relying on timely performance and will schedule operations and incur obligations to third parties in reliance upon timely performance by Successful Offeror and may sustain substantial losses by reason of untimely performance.

D. Insurance:

1. Contractor shall submit to the NNPS Contract Administrator certificates of insurance, prior to beginning work under the Contract and no later than ten (10) days after award of the Contract.
2. All policies of insurance required herein shall be written by insurance companies licensed to conduct the business of insurance in Virginia, and acceptable to Owner, and shall carry the provision that the insurance will not be cancelled or materially modified without thirty days (30) prior written notice to the Owner or to the extent permitted by Virginia law.
3. The certificates of insurance shall list NNPS, 12465 Warwick Boulevard, Newport News, Virginia, 23606-3041 as the additional insured for the specified project as outlined in this RFP. Copies of actual endorsements to the policy shall be required to confirm any special request, such as, additional insured status. A COI shall not be issued or delivered that gives the impression there are coverage terms the referenced policy does not specifically provide.

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CONTRACTOR TO IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY THE OWNER SHOULD ANY POLICY BE CANCELLED. FAILURE TO NOTIFY THE OWNER SHALL CONSTITUTE A MATERIAL BREACH OF THE CONTRACT.

Forms	Limits
Workers' Compensation	Statutory
Automobile Liability	\$1,000,000
Combined Single Limit Commercial General Liability,	\$1,000,000
Combined Single Limit including Contractual Liability and Products and Completed Operations Coverage	
Professional E&O Liability	\$1,000,000

Umbrella/Excess Liability

\$5,000,000

The establishment of minimum limits of insurance by NNPS does not reduce or limit the liability or responsibilities of the Successful Offeror.

E. Unauthorized Disclosure of Information:

Successful Offeror shall assume the entire responsibility and liability for any and all damages caused by or resulting from or arising out of the negligent or willful unauthorized disclosure of confidential information on the part of the Successful Offeror, its subcontractors, agents or employees under or in connection with this contract. The Successful Offeror shall save harmless and indemnify NNPS and its agents, volunteers, servants, employees and officers from and against any and all claims, losses or expenses, including but not limited to attorney’s fees, which either or both of them may suffer, pay or incur as the result of claims or suits due to, arising out of or in connection with, any and all such unauthorized disclosures, real or alleged. The Successful Offeror shall, upon written demand by NNPS, assume and defend, at the Successful Offeror’s sole expense, any and all such suits or defense of claims alleging unauthorized disclosures of confidential information.

Any negligent or willful unauthorized disclosure of confidential information on the part of the Successful Offeror, its subcontractors, agents or employees under or in connection with this contract shall constitute a breach of the terms of this contract. NNPS may proceed by appropriate court action, including seeking injunctive relief, to prevent continuing unauthorized disclosures, and Successful Offeror shall save harmless and indemnify NNPS for court costs, litigation expenses and attorney’s fees that it may pay or incur as the result of seeking to prevent or stop any and all unauthorized disclosures of confidential information.

F. Certification Regarding Debarment:

1. This is to certify that this person/firm/corporation is not now debarred by the Federal Government or by the Commonwealth of Virginia or by any other state, or by any town, city, or county, from submitting Bids on contracts for construction covered by this solicitation, nor are they an agent of any person or entity that is now so debarred.

Name of Official

Title

Firm or Corporation

Date

G. Data Security Clauses

1. Network Security. Vendor agrees at all times to maintain network security that at a minimum includes: network firewall provisioning, intrusion detection, and regular (three or more annually) third party vulnerability assessments. Likewise, Vendor agrees to maintain network security that conforms to generally recognized industry standards (see “11. Industry Standards”) and best practices that Vendor then applies to its own network.

2. Application Security. Vendor agrees at all times to provide, maintain and support its Software and subsequent updates, upgrades, and bug fixes such that the Software is, and remains secure from those vulnerabilities as described in:

- a) The Open Web Application Security Project’s (OWASP) “Top Ten Project” -see <http://www.owasp.org>;
- or b) The CWE/SANS Top 25 Programming Errors -see <http://cwe.mitre.org/top25/> or <http://www.sans.org/top25-programming-errors/>; or
- c) Other generally recognized and comparable industry practices or standards.

3. **Data Security.** Vendor agrees to preserve the confidentiality, integrity and accessibility of NNPS data with administrative, technical and physical measures that conform to generally recognized industry standards (see “11. Industry Standards”) and best practices that Vendor then applies to its own processing environment. Maintenance of a secure processing environment includes but is not limited to the timely application of patches, fixes and updates to operating systems and applications as provided by vendor or open source support.
4. **Data Storage.** Vendor agrees that any and all NNPS data will be stored, processed, and maintained solely on designated target servers and that no NNPS data at any time will be processed on or transferred to any portable or laptop computing device or any portable storage medium, unless that device or storage medium is in use as part of the Vendor's designated backup and recovery processes and encrypted in accordance with “6. Data Encryption”.
5. **Data Transmission.** Vendor agrees that any and all electronic transmission or exchange of system and application data with NNPS and/or any other parties expressly designated by NNPS shall take place via secure means (using HTTPS or SFTP or equivalent) and solely in accordance with “7. Data Re-Use”.
6. **Data Encryption.** Vendor agrees to store all NNPS backup data as part of its designated backup and recovery processes in encrypted form, using a commercially supported encryption solution. Vendor further agrees that any and all NNPS data defined as personally identifiable information under current legislation or regulations stored on any portable or laptop computing device or any portable storage medium be likewise encrypted. Encryption solutions will be deployed with no less than a 128-bit key for symmetric encryption and a 1024 (or larger) bit key length for asymmetric encryption.
7. **Data Re-Use.** Vendor agrees that any and all data exchanged shall be used expressly and solely for the purposes enumerated in the Current Agreement and this Addendum. Data shall not be distributed, repurposed or shared across other applications, environments, or business units of Vendor. Vendor further agrees that no NNPS data of any kind shall be transmitted, exchanged or otherwise passed to other vendors or interested parties except on a case-by-case basis as specifically agreed to in writing by Newport News Public Schools.
8. **End of Agreement Data Handling.** Vendor agrees that upon termination of this Agreement it shall erase, destroy, and render unrecoverable all NNPS data and certify in writing that these actions have been completed within 30 days of the termination of this Agreement or within 7 days of the request of an agent of NNPS, whichever shall come first. At a minimum, a “Clear” media sanitization is to be performed according to the standards enumerated by the National Institute of Standards, Guidelines for Media Sanitization, SP800-88, Appendix A -see <http://csrc.nist.gov/>.
9. **Security Breach Notification.** Vendor agrees to comply with all applicable laws that require the notification of individuals in the event of unauthorized release of personally identifiable information or other event requiring notification. In the event of a breach of any of Vendor’s security obligations, or other event requiring notification under applicable law, Vendor agrees to:
 - a. Notify NNPS by telephone and e-mail of such an event within 24 hours of discovery, and;
 - b. Assume responsibility for informing all such individuals in accordance with applicable law, and;
 - c. Indemnify, hold harmless and defend NNPS and its trustees, officers, and employees from and against any claims, damages, or other harm related to such Notification Event.
10. **Right to Audit.** Newport News Public Schools or an appointed audit firm (Auditors) has the right to audit the Vendor and the Vendor’s sub-vendors or affiliates that provide a service for the processing, transport or storage of Newport News Public Schools’s data. Newport News Public Schools will announce their intent to audit the Vendor by providing at a minimum two weeks (10 business days) notice to the Vendor. This notice will go to the Vendor that this contract is executed with. A scope document along with a request for deliverables will be provided at the time of notification of an audit. If the documentation requested cannot be removed from the Vendor’s premises, the Vendor will allow the Auditors access to their site. Where necessary, the Vendor will provide a personal site guide for the Auditors while on site. The Vendor will provide a private accommodation on site for data analysis and meetings; the accommodation will allow for a reasonable workspace, with appropriate lighting, electrical, a printer and Internet connectivity. The Vendor will make necessary employees or contractors available for interviews in person or on the phone during the time frame of the audit. In lieu of NNPS or its appointed audit firm performing their own audit, if the Vendor has an external audit firm that performs a certified SSAE16 SOC Type II review, NNPS has the right to review the controls

tested as well as the results, and has the right to request additional controls to be added to the certified SSAE16 SOC Type II review for testing the controls that have an impact on NNPS data. Audits will be at Newport News Public Schools' sole expense, except where the audit reveals material noncompliance with contract specifications, in which case the cost will be borne by the vendor.

11. Industry Standards. Generally recognized industry standards include but are not limited to the current standards and benchmarks set forth and maintained by the:

Center for Internet Security -see <http://www.cisecurity.org>

Payment Card Industry/Data Security Standards (PCI/DSS) -see <http://www.pcisecuritystandards.org/>

National Institute for Standards and Technology -see <http://csrc.nist.gov>

Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA) -see <http://csrc.nist.gov>

ISO/IEC 27000-series -see <http://www.iso27001security.com/>

Organization for the Advancement of Structured Information Standards (OASIS) -see <http://www.oasis-open.org/>

12. Vendor agrees to provide SSAE 16 (SOC 1) Standard Type II reports to NNPS Contract Administrator annually which document verification of controls tested. Annual date determined to be thirty (30) days prior to the established contract renewal date.

H. Copyright/Patent Indemnity:

Successful Offeror shall pay all royalty and license fees relating to the items covered by this contract. In the event any third party shall claim that the manufacture, use and sales of the goods supplied under this contract constitute an infringement of any copyright, trademark, or patent, the Successful Offeror shall indemnify NNPS and hold NNPS harmless from any cost, expense, damage or loss incurred in any manner by NNPS on account of any such alleged or actual infringement

I. Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer:

(a) Method of payment.

(1) All payments by Newport News Public Schools (NNPS) under this contract shall be made by electronic funds transfer (EFT) except as provided in paragraph (a) (2) of this clause. As used in this clause, the term "EFT" refers to the funds transfer and may also include the payment information transfer.

(2) In the event NNPS is unable to release one or more payments by EFT, the Contractor agrees to either—

(i) Accept payment by check or some other mutually agreeable method of payment; or

(ii) Request NNPS to extend payment due dates until such time NNPS makes payment by EFT (but see paragraph (d) of this clause).

(b) Mandatory submission of Contractor's EFT information.

(1) The Contractor is required to provide NNPS with the information required to make payment by EFT (see paragraph (j) of this clause). The Contractor shall provide this information directly to the NNPS Accounting Department (hereafter referred to as "Accounting") by _____ [the Procurement Officer shall insert date, days after award, or insert "no later than 15 days prior to submission of the first request for payment"]. In the event that the EFT information changes, the Contractor shall be responsible for providing the updated information to the Accounting.

(2) If the Contractor provides EFT information applicable to multiple contracts, the Contractor shall specifically state the applicability of this EFT information in terms acceptable to Accounting.

(c) Mechanisms for EFT payment. NNPS may make payment by EFT through the Automated Clearing House (ACH) network, subject to the rules of the National Automated Clearing House Association

(d) Suspension of payment.

(1) The NNPS is not required to make any payment under this contract until after receipt, by Accounting, of the correct

EFT payment information from the Contractor. Until receipt of the correct EFT information, any invoice or contract financing request shall be deemed not to be a proper invoice for the purpose of prompt payment under this contract.

(2) If the EFT information changes after submission of correct EFT information, NNPS shall begin using the changed EFT information no later than 30 days after its receipt by Accounting to the extent payment is made by EFT. However, the Contractor may request that no further payments be made until the updated EFT information is implemented by Accounting. If such suspension would result in a late payment under the prompt payment terms of this contract, the Contractor's request for suspension shall extend the due date for payment by the number of days of the suspension.

(e) Liability for uncompleted or erroneous transfers.

(1) If an uncompleted or erroneous transfer occurs because NNPS used the Contractor's EFT information incorrectly, NNPS remains responsible for—

- (i) Making a correct payment;
- (ii) Paying any prompt payment penalty due; and
- (iii) Recovering any erroneously directed funds.

(2) If an uncompleted or erroneous transfer occurs because the Contractor's EFT information was incorrect, or was revised within 30 days of NNPS' release of the EFT payment transaction, and—

- (i) If the funds are no longer under the control of Accounting, NNPS is deemed to have made payment and the Contractor is responsible for recovery of any erroneously directed funds; or
- (ii) If the funds remain under the control of Accounting, NNPS shall not make payment and the provisions of paragraph (d) shall apply.

(f) EFT and prompt payment. A payment shall be deemed to have been made in a timely manner in accordance with the prompt payment terms of this contract if, in the EFT payment transaction instruction released to the Federal Reserve System, the date specified for settlement of the payment is on or before the prompt payment due date, provided the specified payment date is a valid date under the rules of the Federal Reserve System.

(g) EFT and assignment of claims. If the Contractor assigns the proceeds of this contract as provided for in the assignment of claims terms of this contract, the Contractor shall require as a condition of any such assignment, that the assignee shall provide the EFT information required by paragraph (j) of this clause to Accounting, and shall be paid by EFT in accordance with the terms of this clause. In all respects, the requirements of this clause shall apply to the assignee as if it were the Contractor. EFT information that shows the ultimate recipient of the transfer to be other than the Contractor, in the absence of a proper assignment of claims acceptable to NNPS, is incorrect EFT information within the meaning of paragraph (d) of this clause.

(h) Liability for change of EFT information by financial agent. NNPS is not liable for errors resulting from changes to EFT information provided by the Contractor's financial agent.

(i) Payment information. Accounting shall forward to the Contractor available payment information that is suitable for transmission as of the date of release of the EFT instruction to the Federal Reserve System. NNPS may request the Contractor to designate a desired format and method(s) for delivery of payment information from a list of formats and methods Accounting is capable of executing. However, NNPS does not guarantee that any particular format or method of delivery is available and retains the latitude to use the format and delivery method most convenient to NNPS. If NNPS makes payment by check in accordance with paragraph (a) of this clause, NNPS shall mail the payment information to the remittance address in the contract.

(j) EFT information. The Contractor shall provide the following information to Accounting. The Contractor may supply this data for this or multiple contracts (see paragraph (b) of this clause). The Contractor shall designate a single financial agent per contract capable of receiving and processing the EFT information using the EFT methods described in paragraph (c) of this clause.

(1) The contract number (or other procurement identification number).

- (2) The Contractor's name and remittance address, as stated in the contract(s).
- (3) The signature (manual or electronic, as appropriate), title, and telephone number of the Contractor official authorized to provide this information.
- (4) The name, address, and 9-digit Routing Transit Number of the Contractor's financial agent.
- (5) The Contractor's account number and the type of account (checking, saving, or lockbox).
- (6) If applicable, the Fedwire Transfer System telegraphic abbreviation of the Contractor's financial agent.
- (7) If applicable, the Contractor shall also provide the name, address, telegraphic abbreviation, and 9-digit Routing Transit Number of the correspondent financial institution receiving the wire transfer payment if the Contractor's financial agent is not directly on-line to the Fedwire Transfer System; and, therefore, not the receiver of the wire transfer payment.

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J. Using Entities/Regional /Cooperative Contracts:

This solicitation was issued in accordance with Code of Virginia §2.2-4304 on behalf of the members of the Southeastern Virginia Governmental Purchasing Cooperative (SVGPC), as well as other public bodies, governmental jurisdictions and school divisions. In the event these entities opt to participate under any contract awarded as a result of this solicitation, each will enter into a separate contract directly with the Successful Offeror or Offerors, incorporating all terms and conditions set forth in this contract, including incorporated best and final offers. Each entity will be responsible for the contract administration of its contract directly with the Contractor. NNPS assumes no authority, liability or obligation, on behalf of any other public or non-public entity that may use any contract resulting from this solicitation. All purchases and payment transactions will be made directly between the Contractor and the requesting entity. Any exceptions to this requirement must be specifically noted in the solicitation response.



March 30, 2021

Addendum #1

FOR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION

TO: **ALL OFFERORS**

RE: **RFP #007-0-2021GS – Route Planning Services, Transportation**

1. Responses to Offerors questions are as follows:
 1. What is the desired timeline in regards to the following?
 - a. RFP presentations – **Evaluations starting on or about April 20th, 2021**
 - b. Contract award - **Targeting first week in May, 2021**
 - c. Implementation of new routing software program - **Estimated timeframe January to April 2022**
 2. Will the school district consider allowing vendors to submit their RFP packets electronically in an effort to be more “eco-friendly”?
- **No. Not Acceptable.**
 3. What is your preferred payment frequency to the awarded vendor during the term of this contract? Common options include monthly, quarterly, bi-annual, or annual.
- **Preferred payment frequency is annually.**
 4. How many users will require “write” or “admin” access to transportation planning data?
- **Four to five (4-5) Admin users will require “write” or “admin” access.**
 5. How many users will require “write” or “admin” access to map data?
- **Two (2) users will require “write” or “admin” access to map data.**
 6. Will NNPS require the selected vendor to maintain updated maps for the 12 jurisdictions listed under section A throughout the full contract term of this RFP?
- **NNPS will not require the selected vendor to maintain updated maps for the 12 jurisdictions listed under section A throughout the full contract term of this RFP.**

7. Under section F, will NNPS consider a parent app from vendors submitting responses to this RFP? If you will consider a parent app please provide minimum requirements.
- **Not at this time. NNPS currently has parent app that works well for the district. You may choose to brief your parent app to give NNPS an idea of your capabilities.**
8. You list CalAmp/Synovia as current technology. Can you please provide a listing of current products your district quires from CalAmp/Synovia? Please list any additional products your district is considering procuring from Cal/Amp Synovia during the contract period for this RFP.
- **Current products - Route, bus, run, student data from routing software**
- **Considering Procuring - Student Ridership**
9. Are the solutions proposed required to be web-based?
- **Prefer vendor to Host data.**
10. What is the internal decision-making timeline and process?
- **We are looking to award the contract by the beginning of May. We would meet with the selected contractor and develop a timeline that is beneficial to both parties.**
11. What is the desired date for taking delivery of the software and starting training?
- **We would like to have delivery of the software, approx. June 2021.**
12. What is the desired date for full implementation of the routing solution? What is the desired date for full implementation of the add-on products?
- **The desired date of full implementation of the routing solution is approx. January to April 2022. Depending on the add-on products will determine when they will become fully implemented.**
13. How many district staff members will be assigned to implementing the primary routing and planning software?
- **Three (3) district staff members will be assigned to implementing the primary routing and planning software.**
14. How many staff members will need training and access to the routing and/or boundary planning software for editing purposes vs. read-only access?
- **Three (3) staff members will need training and access to the routing and/or boundary planning software for editing purposes vs. read-only access.**
15. How many Regular Needs bus routes operate in the home to school transportation? Route definition, one trip with an empty bus at the first bus stop and ends after all students has been dropped off at their school.
- **280 routes (buses) 1100 runs/tiers.**
16. How many Regular Needs bus routes operate in the pm for school to home transportation? Route definition, one trip with a full bus at the school and ends after all students has been dropped off at their home/stop locations.
- **280 routes (buses) Half of the 1100.**

17. Using the Route definitions above, how many Special Needs bus routes operate on a daily basis, to school ____ from school _____?
- **78 routes (buses) – 350 runs.**
18. Would you consider onsite training for staff via an online forum, per health and safety regulations?
- **We would consider onsite training for staff via online forum, but we also have proper space to conduct training in person.**
19. When is the anticipated date of award for the RFP?
- **Targeting first week in May, 2021.**
20. In how many separate locations will staff be located during training? - Staff will be located in three separate locations if training is conducted online.
- **If in-person, training conducted in one location.**
21. How many transportation personnel will be trained as users in the routing software? Full access _____ and read-only _____
- **Full Access 4-5 and read only about 30.**
22. How many people will need training on the planning portion of the application?
- **3 people will need training on the planning portion of the application.**
23. Does the software need to account for loading/unloading students somewhere other than their assigned school (i.e. transfers or shuttles)?
- **Yes, shuttles and childcare sites.**
24. Does the software need to account for students who are assigned to a school that is different from the normal enrollment boundaries?
- **Yes, Magnet, TAG, ESL and special needs programs.**
25. Does the software need to preserve geocoded addresses so the import from the Student Information System (SIS) does not overwrite corrections made by routers?
- **Prefer to have ESRI parcel based addressing, otherwise user will make geocoding modifications as needed.**
26. How many users will need to be trained to use the Automatic Vehicle Location (AVL) software?
- **Approximately 40.**
27. Based on the following definition of a run, how many runs does the district operate?
- **Approximately 1400 runs.**

“A run is defined as when a bus begins empty, picks up students, and then drops them off, leaving the bus empty. A single bus would typically have multiple runs throughout the day.” Example: In the morning, Bus 100 has 1 high school run, 1 middle school run, and 1 elementary school run. In the afternoon, Bus 100 has 1 high school run, 1 middle school run, and 1 elementary school run. Bus 100 has a total of 6 runs.

28. To have enough time to thoughtfully and thoroughly incorporate NNPS's answers to these questions into our proposal, we respectfully request that the due date is extended by two weeks.
- No, due to budgetary constraints we would like to have presentations done shortly after the submittal deadline and the contract awarded in early May.
29. We understand the contractor will be required to work with NNPS's existing Synovia/CalAmp GPS hardware and software. Is the District interested in responses wherein respondents propose leveraging their own GPS software and hardware? Having a holistic system for which one vendor is responsible eliminates the costs and risks of integration and consolidates accountability under one vendor.
- We are quite invested in Synovia/CalAmp with regards to GPS and Time and Attendance. We are not looking to change.
30. Would the District consider allowing vendors to use their own GPS hardware and software if it were shown to be cost-neutral for the District?
- Not an option, the current setup integrates time keeping with multiple departments in NNPS.
31. Can the District please share with potential offerors their expected annual budget or a range the District anticipates they will spend on this procurement? Providing offerors with a clear estimate of the budget will benefit the public by allowing for the most competitive procurement process, as Offerors will compete to provide the greatest value for NNPS's money.
- Expected annual budget to support this program will be no more than \$65K. This does not include the year 1 implementation cost.
32. Can the District please state the number of buses NNPS uses for its pupil transportation?
- 340 school buses.
33. Does NNPS employ contractors to operate their pupil transportation or are all operations done in house by NNPS?
- All NNPS pupil transportation operations are done in house.
34. Given the current reliance on remote work due to the Covid-19 pandemic, will the District accept digital signatures using a third-party signature software such as DocuSign?
- YES.
35. Considering business closures and shipping delays caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, will the District accept proposal submissions via email?
- NO, Offerors are to follow the instructions in the RFP.

36. On page 6 of the RFP, the District requests proposer's software have the "ability to track sex offenders and generate danger zones based on those locations." Are there particular local or national databases the District has found to be particularly effective at tracking offenders?
- **"Google" the Virginia state police sex offender registry.**
37. Can the District please share its current telematics software?
- **Synovia/CalAmp GPS.**
38. Does the District's current telematics vendor record sensor events such as speeding, idling, and open doors?
- **Yes.**
39. On Page 8 of the RFP, the District states that the "routing software will have capability to log and track incoming service delivery functions based on criteria used in the school district. Examples: i. Parent - for home and alternate site transportation, ii. School department - specialized transportation such as McKinney Vento, Special Needs, After school, etc, and iii. General public - questions or concerns." Can the District define "logging and tracking delivery functions"? How does the District envision proposer's software logging and tracking general public questions and concerns?
- **Integrated form tracking with historical access functions.**
40. Is the District interested in routing solutions that can incorporate real-time information (traffic information, late-coming student absences, etc.) into its routing decisions? We have found that this capability drives efficiency gains for the system and generally reduces vehicle miles traveled.
- **We would be interested in hearing/seeing this as part of the presentation.**
41. Is the District open to solutions that propose an integrated fleet of vehicles for special and general education? Or does the District envision a service in which different pupil populations are served by disparate fleets? Through an integrated fleet, all Special Education students would still receive the attention they need; further, specific, customized parameters (such as max ride duration, etc) could be set for the Special Education population. However, integration of pupil transportation systems would allow for greater operational efficiency and an improved passenger experience overall.
- **We currently integrate runs with SPED and Reg Ed drivers.**
42. Would the District be interested in a mobile application for students? Such a mobile application could provide students with critical transportation-related information. For example, a student app could show real-time school bus locations and ensure that every student boards the correct bus. Capabilities such as these would reduce or eliminate operational confusion and headaches.
- **Synovia/CalAmp already has the feature that we have in house (Here Comes the Bus).**

43. Would the District be interested in a mobile application for bus drivers? This app would eliminate the needs for paper manifests and allow routes to adjust to late-coming information such as traffic, newly discovered road closures, student absences, etc. In this model, drivers would still receive comprehensive directions (audio and visual) and would have a list of which students are set to board at each stop.
- No, we already push routing data through MDT with CalAmp/Synovia.
44. Does the District currently own and / or utilize any equipment, such as tablets, for its pupil transportation services? If so, would the District be open leveraging its existing tablets for this service? Leveraging existing hardware can potentially reduce upfront hardware costs and streamline implementation.
- Buses are already equipped with MDTs (tablets).
45. Can the District please state their current pupil transportation software provider?
- EDULOG.
46. Can the District state their overall goals for the solicited technology? What is the District trying to achieve with this procurement?
- We would like to upgrade to a more current routing system that meets our daily operational requirements. Our district is rather complex when it comes to pupil transportation (Magnet programs, shuttles, after school activities, etc.) so we are looking for a contractor that can meet current and future requirements.
47. What is the anticipated launch date for NNPS's school bus transportation software?
-We would like to launch approx. January - April 2022, but will remain flexible as the process of the project progresses.
48. On Page 6 of the RFP, the District requests proposer's software have the "ability to store and manage generic zones to be used for segregation within the system." Can the District elaborate on this requirement? What are generic zones? What is the purpose of the segregation?
- Ability to have on the fly zones created for specific programs as needed.
49. On Page 9 of the RFP, the District requests that "financial invoicing for specific transportation can be calculated and submitted from within the routing software." Would the District be open to solutions that facilitate invoicing via email? **- Yes.**
50. On Page 9 of the RFP, the District requests that "financial invoicing for specific transportation can be calculated and submitted from within the routing software." Can the District elaborate on the phrase "specific transportation"? By "specific transportation", does NNPS mean field trips and other bespoke types of routes?
- Yes. Other regular home to school pupil transportation.
51. On Page 7 of the RFP, the District requests that proposer's software have the "option to exclude sensor events such as speeding, vehicle idling, and door open." Can the District elaborate on this requirement? By exclusion, does the District mean the ability to ignore during routing?
- The ability to filter incoming data from CalAmp/Synovia by exclusion or inclusion.

2. All other provisions of the RFP shall remain unchanged. This provision shall become part of the RFP package, and the Offeror shall acknowledge receipt of the Addendum by signing in the space provided below and returning it with the Offer.

Signature: _____
(Offeror)

Sincerely,

Glenn Schofield, C.P.M.
Director of Procurement