

Formal Questions for Delaware, Dubuque, Jackson RTA Commuter Vanpool Services

1. What is the source of funding?
 - The program will be funded with a combination of local, state, and federal funds.
2. Will any federal capital dollars be used?
 - No federal capital dollars will be used. Federal operating dollars will be used.
3. Will the Agency consider using the selected vendor's form agreement?
 - RTA will consider using the selected vendor's form agreement.
4. On page 5, Section 9., Hold Harmless, we request to strike and replace with "Each party hereby agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the other party and its parent corporations, subsidiaries and affiliates and their respective directors, officers, employees and agents from and against any and all claims made by any third party (including, without limitation, any governmental or regulatory body, instrumentality, authority, agency or official) against any indemnified party (including any and all damages, losses, liabilities, costs and/or expenses of any kind or nature whatsoever (including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses) paid or incurred by such indemnified party in connection therewith) relating to or arising out of or in connection with (a) the negligent, wrongful, tortious or criminal acts or omissions of the indemnifying party or any of their respective directors, officers, employees and/or agents, (b) the use or operation of any vehicle by the indemnifying party or any of its parent corporations, subsidiaries or affiliates or any of their respective directors, officers, employees and/or agents and/or (c) any breach of this Agreement by the indemnifying party or any of their respective directors, officers, employees and/or agents. The indemnification obligations set forth herein shall survive termination of this Agreement." Is RTA amenable to this change?
 - RTA will consider specific contract language requests during contract negotiations with the selected vendor.
5. On page 8, subsection A., we ask to update the language of "...a group of 7 to 15..." to "...a group of 4 to 15..." to coincide with IRS defined minimum occupancy requirements for a 7-passenger vanpool. Is RTA amendable to this change?
 - The vanpool service will need to follow IRS requirements. RTA will consider specific contract language requests during contract negotiations with the selected vendor.
6. On page 9, Section 1.13, it states "All vans must be exclusively branded as RTA..." Is RTA willing to change this to a cobranded option with the selected vendor?
 - RTA will consider cobranding during contract negotiations with the selected vendor.
7. On page 10, Section 3.2.3, Excess Liability, we respectfully request for this requirement to be deleted or add "if applicable" next to it as excess policies are not always necessary.
 - Respondents should describe they type of insurance coverage available in their response to the RFP.

8. On page 11, Section 4.2, it states “...and dedicated exclusively to providing...” we respectfully request to delete “exclusively” from this requirement.
 - RTA will consider specific contract language requests during contract negotiations with the selected vendor.

9. On page 12, Section 6.1.3, it states “...for all passengers...” and we respectfully ask to strike “passengers” from this requirement as passenger information is sometimes unavailable.
 - Respondents should describe their ability to maintain a current database for vans, drivers, and passengers in their response to the RFP.

10. On page 14, Section 8. Guaranteed Ride Home, is RTA willing to consider Guaranteed Ride Home submissions as a reimbursable or cost-sharing expense for the selected vanpool vendor?
 - Respondents should describe their plan for Guaranteed Ride Home in their response to the RFP.

11. On page 14, Section 10.1, Costs, is RTA willing to consider amending the table to the following format for submission?

Monthly Mileage	7-Passenger Base Minivan	7-Passenger Base SUV	8-Passenger Minivan	12/15 Passenger Full Size Van
500				
1,000				
1,500				
2,000				
2,500				
3,000				

- Respondents should provide information in the table format provided in the RFP. Respondents may provide additional cost information beyond what is required in the table if needed.