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## ADDENDUM 2

To: All Interested Bidders

From: Linda Mena, Inventory Bid Technician

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Subject: Bid# 12-007, Prisoner Transportation for the County of El Paso Sheriff's Department

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**The Purchasing Department received request/questions relating to the above referenced Bid; the following is the response to the request/questions:**

1. The governing bodies for prisoner transportation and extradition companies are the US Department of Transportation (USDOT), Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), and the US Department of Justice (USDOJ)? Will the County of El Paso Acknowledge the guidelines and laws set forth by these departments?

**Answer: YES**

2. Will the County of El Paso require that vendors meet all requirements for limits on continuous travel hours and miles as governed by the FMCSA (Section 395.5 (a))?

**Answer: YES. Vendors will be contracted to the El Paso County Sheriff's Office to provide a service as an outside vendor only and shall not interfere with or violate any state or federal laws.**

If so, will vendors be required to submit driver's logs to verify that they conform to those requirements?

**Answer: NO. Not to El Paso County. Any requirements to satisfy governing bodies for prisoner transportation and extradition companies are between the outside vendor and the governing bodies that regulate those requirements. Vendors shall keep records of compliance for their behalf in case of audit. See question #3.**

3. Will the county of El Paso Require Vendors to have Satisfactory Audit Rating from the FMCSA, which measures the vendor's compliance with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations?

**Answer: YES.**

4. Proof of Authority to Operate is provided by a transport company being issued a Motor Carrier Number?

**Answer: YES**

5. Does the County of El Paso realize that to be in compliance with the FMCSA, vendors are required Automobile Liability; If transporting in a vehicle rated for 15 passengers or less, minimum coverage of one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) per occurrence combined single limit for automobile liability and property damage; and/or; If transporting in a vehicle rated for 16 passengers or more, minimum coverage shall be five million dollars (\$5,000,000) per occurrence combined single limit for automobile liability and property damage?

**Answer: YES**

6. If a vendor states they transport 8 passengers or less in a vehicle that was designed to carry more passengers, will the County of El Paso uphold the FMCSA Regulation 383.5 which states, “designed to carry” vehicles refer to the number of designated seats as originally designed? Meaning if a vendor states they only carry 8 passengers on a vehicle but that vehicle was originally designed to carry 9–15 passengers, will the County of El Paso follow federal guidelines and require that vendor to have a Motor Carrier number?

**Answer: YES if required. The vendor will be required by contract to comply with all requirements set forth by all governing bodies for prisoner transportation and extradition companies such as the US Department of Transportation (USDOT), Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), and the US Department of Justice (USDOJ).**

7. Will the County of El Paso check the Vin numbers of vendor’s vehicles to confirm their vehicles are compliant with FMCSA Regulation 383.5?

**Answer: NO. The vendor will be required by contract to comply with all requirements set forth by all governing bodies for prisoner transportation and extradition companies such as the US Department of Transportation (USDOT), Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), and the US Department of Justice (USDOJ). Vendors shall keep records of compliance to include their fleet of vehicles in case of audit.**

8. What is the current pricing of the current contract?

**Answer: .75 per mile**