

Purchasing & Accounts Payable

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Questions and Answers
for IFB ASC072314 Charter Bus Service

Question:

All rate quotes we give out here are based on a time and mileage formula. Having just the mileage to quote all trips is not practical in my opinion. I mean Russell Sage College is 140 miles each way so if my quote is \$7.50 per mile than 280 round trip miles x \$7.50 per mile is \$2200 when Sarah Lawrence total cost would be \$202.50. That's less than what the driver is paid.

The time and mileage formula we use is actually the derived rate of each and we'll quote the highest of the two. The time portion starts with a minimum charge for 6 or 8 hours use locally after which there's an overtime rate. The mileage rate will generally be chosen for the further distances thus overriding the time rate that was derived. It's a sliding scale formula which also includes various cost per mile for the different size vehicle we operate. A 54 passenger coach costs much more to operate per mile than a 16 passenger minibus.

So I guess the only questions so far is if Purchase College Association would permit me to quote each trip listed as a flat rate and if so, can we agree on an amount of time the trip would spend at each of the destinations listed?

Answer:

At this time we would require all bids to follow the format we indicated (in the Invitation for Bids IFB).