



IDAHO STATEWIDE ROUTING SOFTWARE OFFEROR QUESTIONS- RFI 25-1258

All questions submitted by Offerors have been answered below.

1. Do you have an approximate timeline for issuing a formal RFP once this initial review period has concluded?

YES, OFFICIAL RFP WILL BE POSTED TO THE IDE WEBSITE FALL 2024.

2. What software are your school districts currently using?

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3. In reference to section 2.3, will IDE be procuring a state-wide GPS system that is integrated with routing software or will the integration be expected to occur from the local school district systems? If yes, what GPS system do these local districts have?

THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE PROCURING A STATE-WIDE GPS SYSTEM.

4. Under #4, will requested pricing be excluded from Public Records requests?

NO

5. If you plan to issue a full RFP/ITB, is there any general timing around that?

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6. How many of your 90,000 students transported are:

- Regular needs students?
- Special needs students?"

THE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT CURRENTLY TRACK THE DATA NECESSARY TO RESPOND TO THIS QUESTION

7. Is IDE interested in utilizing on-bus tablets for driver turn-by-turn directions and student tracking, as well as student RFID scanners for rider registration and additional parent app data?

YES

8. For the final submission documents, are there file size restrictions, and do you accept zip files?

PROPOSALS MUST BE SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY TO THE RFP LEAD. ALL SUBMISSION MATERIALS MUST BE SUBMITTED AT THE SAME TIME (IN A SINGLE ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION). ALL ELECTRONIC FILES MUST BE IN PORTABLE DOCUMENT FORMAT (PDF) OR MICROSOFT EXCEL FORMAT; THE ONLY EXCEPTIONS

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ARE FINANCIALS, BROCHURES, OR OTHER INFORMATION ONLY AVAILABLE IN AN ALTERNATE FORMAT.

9. What specific functionalities is IDE looking to procure for its school districts? (i.e., parent portal, fleet management, etc.)

ON-BUS TABLETS FOR DRIVER TURN-BY-TURN DIRECTIONS, STUDENT TRACKING, STUDENT RFID SCANNERS FOR RIDER REGISTRATION AND PARENT APP DATA.

10. Who do you expect to utilize the software? Do you have statewide resources for transportation, or would it be used at the district level?

SCHOOL DISTRICT AND CHARTER SCHOOLS WILL UTILIZE THE SOFTWARE ON DISTRICT/CHARTER OWNED VEHICLES.

11. How many total vehicles operate across the state under IDE? Please specify route buses, spares, special needs vans, shuttles, etc.

APPROXIMATELY 2,985 ROUTE BUSES

APPROXIMATELY 315 SPARE BUSES

****SPECIAL NEEDS VANS AND SHUTTLES ARE DEEMED NON-CONFORMING VEHICLES FOR USE OF TRANSPORTING STUDENTS AND THEREFORE ARE NOT TRACKED OR FINANCIALLY SUPPORTED IN THE STATE OF IDAHO.***

12. What are the budgetary considerations that selected routing software vendors need to be aware of?

THE BUDGET WILL BE SET ONCE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR AN RFP HAVE BEEN DETERMINED

13. Who does IDE envision needing to be trained on the software?

IDE STUDENT TRANSPORTATION STAFF, DISTRICT/CHARTER STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SUPERVISORS AND TRAINERS, CONTRACTED SERVICES STAFF.

14. How many total drivers are employed across the state?

THE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT CURRENTLY TRACK THE DATA NECESSARY TO RESPOND TO THIS QUESTION

15. Do any of the districts within the state currently have routing software? If yes, what software are they utilizing?

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16. Do you envision one master implementation for one site or a series of implementation at various remote sites?

A SERIES OF IMPLEMENTATION

17. How many Idaho school districts currently fall under the IDE?

116 SCHOOL DISTRICTS (112 SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND 40 CHARTER SCHOOLS PROVIDE STUDENT TRANSPORTATION).

18. What is the rollout plan / implementation roadmap that is expected from the selected routing vendor ? (i.e., what period of time from project start to finish, when is the expected implementation start date, is 100% compliance for all school districts required, etc.)

Project Timeline (all dates are approximations)

When:	What:
On or around July 1, 2025	Contract begins
July 2025	Kick off meeting
August 2025	Implement Routing Software for LEAs in Group No. 1
January 2026	Implement Routing Software for LEAs in Group No. 2
June 2026	Implement Routing Software for LEAs in final Group No. 3

19. Is IDE currently using a routing software solution? Are any of the requested components outlined in the RFI such as planned vs. actual route visibility, parent portal, etc. being provided at a statewide level today?

NO

20. How many counties are included under the IDE?

**116 SCHOOL DISTRICTS
74 CHARTER SCHOOLS**

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21. The provided requirements under section 2.4 from our observation pertain to GPS. Can you provide a detailed list of specific routing requirements (students, stops, runs, routes, schools, boundaries, mapping, reporting, connectivity, integrations (SIS, GPS, etc.) This information will provide IDE with more accurate responses in this RFI.

THE DEPARTMENT DESIRES ON-BUS TABLETS FOR DRIVER TURN-BY-TURN DIRECTIONS, STUDENT TRACKING, STUDENT RFID SCANNERS FOR RIDER REGISTRATION AND PARENT APP DATA.

22. Has IDE viewed product computerized bus routing and/or parent app software product presentations from any vendors within the past nine months? If so, what products were viewed?

NO

23. Does IDE have a GIS team? Does IDE have a preferred map source for GIS?

THE DEPARTMENT WILL ESTABLISH A ROUTING SOFTWARE SPECIALIST POSITION ONCE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR AN RFP HAVE BEEN DETERMINED.

24. Is the IDE looking for hardware and software that's fully integrated and provided by one company?

YES

25. How elaborate do you want vendors to be with the question, "Describe any features your organization offers not listed in Section 2.4 Basic Routing Software Requirements." Is there additional functionality the IDE is most interested in to narrow the question so you don't have to read 100+ page responses?

THE VENDOR MAY CHOOSE TO SUPPLY DATA THEY DEEM MOST APPROPRIATE TO MEET THE DESIRED GOAL OF THE DEPARTMENT.