

**HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
FINANCIAL SERVICES DIVISION
PURCHASING UNIT
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FOR
RFP NO. 21-18 Prisoner Transport As of November 1, 2018 12:00 PM**

Question #1: *Will a list of respondents to the LOI be posted anywhere prior to the closing of this bid?*

Answer #1: No, HCSO does not post a list of respondents prior to the closing of the RFP. However, the Bid Opening is public and a representative may attend the opening at the place, day and time as identified on page 5 of the RFP.

Question #2: *Does the County require Vendors to have a "Satisfactory" Safety Rating with the Federal Department of Transportation (DOT)?*

Answer #2: Per Part D-Proposal Response, Section B Company Overview, the HCSO requested each Proposer provide their Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration Common Carrier Certificate and Rating. The HCSO did not specify the rating required. Ratings will be reviewed to ensure compliance with Part C-Technical Specifications, Section 1. Responsibilities of the Contractor, paragraph e, "The Contractor shall assume sole responsibility and liability for the safety, security and control of prisoner(s) in accordance with all Federal, State and Local laws and regulations, the American Correctional Association guidelines as well as the HCSO written policies and procedures."

Question #3: *Is the County aware of the State of Florida's, Department of Agriculture's Security Licensing Laws requiring all private companies performing prisoner transports in the State of Florida to have a 'B Security License and does the County require the awarded Contractor to have this license, as does the State?*

Answer #3: Yes, the HCSO is aware and requires all Laws to be met as established in Part C-Technical Specifications, Section 1. Responsibilities of the Contractor, paragraph e, "The Contractor shall assume sole responsibility and liability for the safety, security and control of prisoner(s) in accordance with all Federal, State and Local laws and regulations, the American Correctional Association guidelines as well as the HCSO written policies and procedures. Applicable Federal and State laws include but are not limited to Title 34 U.S. Code §§60101-60105 Federal Regulation of Prisoner Transport Companies, the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Act, the Interstate Transportation of Dangerous Criminals Act and §944.597, Fla. Stat. Transportation and Return of Prisoners by Private Transport Company."

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Question #4: *Is the County aware of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's mandated Electronic Logging Device (ELD) program that went into effect on December 18th, 2017 and does the County require compliance with this law, as does the Federal Government?*

Answer #4: Yes, the HCSO is aware and requires all Laws to be met as established in Part C- Technical Specifications, Section 1. Responsibilities of the Contractor, paragraph e, "The Contractor shall assume sole responsibility and liability for the safety, security and control of prisoner(s) in accordance with all Federal, State and Local laws and regulations, the American Correctional Association guidelines as well as the HCSO written policies and procedures. Applicable Federal and State laws include but are not limited to Title 34 U.S. Code §§60101-60105 Federal Regulation of Prisoner Transport Companies, the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Act, the Interstate Transportation of Dangerous Criminals Act and §944.597, Fla. Stat. Transportation and Return of Prisoners by Private Transport Company."

Question #5: *Is the County aware of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's mandatory Hours of Service (HOS) regulations that limits maximum driving time for passenger carrying vehicles and does the County require compliance with this law, as does the Federal Government?*

Answer #5: Yes, the HCSO is aware and requires all Laws to be met as established in Part C- Technical Specifications, Section 1. Responsibilities of the Contractor, paragraph e, "The Contractor shall assume sole responsibility and liability for the safety, security and control of prisoner(s) in accordance with all Federal, State and Local laws and regulations, the American Correctional Association guidelines as well as the HCSO written policies and procedures. Applicable Federal and State laws include but are not limited to Title 34 U.S. Code §§60101-60105 Federal Regulation of Prisoner Transport Companies, the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Act, the Interstate Transportation of Dangerous Criminals Act and §944.597, Fla. Stat. Transportation and Return of Prisoners by Private Transport Company."

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Question #6: *Vendors may ask for a "Satisfactory" rating per FMCSA as a requirement in the bid, but safety audits are most frequently conducted as result of driver infractions or vehicle accidents. Having a "None" rating shows there have been no infractions to cause an additional audit with FMCSA since the initial Entry Safety Audit.*

Does Hillsborough County acknowledge that a passing Entry Safety Audit and a having a rating of "None" is equal to a Satisfactory rating from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration?

Answer #6: : The HCSO will not accept that a “None” or “Not Rated” safety rating is equal to a “Satisfactory” rating as the Contractor has not gone through a Compliance Review or Comprehensive Onsite Investigation to obtain a safety rating. The HCSO did not specify the rating required. Ratings will be reviewed to ensure compliance with Part C-Technical Specifications, Section 1. Responsibilities of the Contractor, paragraph e, “The Contractor shall assume sole responsibility and liability for the safety, security and control of prisoner(s) in accordance with all Federal, State and Local laws and regulations, the American Correctional Association guidelines as well as the HCSO written policies and procedures.”

Question #7: *Is the County aware of the Interstate Transportation of Dangerous Criminals Act of 2000's requirement to comply with the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Act mandating compliance with Hours of Service (HOS) regulations that limit maximum driving time for passenger carrying vehicles, regardless of vehicle type (sedan, minivan, SUV, etc.), and does the County require compliance with this law, as does the Federal Government?*

Answer #7: Yes the HCSO is aware and requires all Laws to be met as established in Part C-Technical Specifications, paragraph e, “The Contractor shall assume sole responsibility and liability for the safety, security and control of prisoner(s) in accordance with all Federal, State and Local laws and regulations, the American Correctional Association guidelines as well as the HCSO written policies and procedures. Applicable Federal and State laws include but are not limited to Title 34 U.S. Code §§60101-60105 Federal Regulation of Prisoner Transport Companies, the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Act, the Interstate Transportation of Dangerous Criminals Act and §944.597, Fla. Stat. Transportation and Return of Prisoners by Private Transport Company.”