

RFQ# 26-001 Charter Bus Services

Request for Quotation-This is not an Order

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	Request date: 6/2/25	RFQ No.: 26-001
	Closing date: 6/23/25	Subject of the RFQ: Charter Bus Services for University Related Trips

Request for Quote (RFQ) – Charter Bus Services

Florida Polytechnic University is issuing this RFQ to solicit proposals from qualified, experienced, and financially stable charter bus service providers for the purpose of establishing a pricing agreement. The University recognizes that providers may be in various locations and specialize in certain types of vehicles, and as such, a single vendor may not be able to meet all service requirements.

To ensure flexibility and a range of available services, the University intends to award contracts to a pool of qualified Respondents. Florida Polytechnic University reserves the right to select the vendor(s) that best meet its needs and to award multiple agreements as necessary. Please note that inclusion in the pool does not guarantee the assignment of services; all usage will be at the sole discretion of the University.

The contract resulting from this RFP shall be effective from 7/1/25 through 6/30/26 with an option to renew for Four (4) additional one-year renewal periods. The total contract period will not exceed five (5) years. The annual renewal shall be contingent upon the University's satisfaction with the services performed.

The Contractor shall procure all necessary permits and licenses and abide by all applicable laws, regulations, and ordinances of all federal, state, and local governments in which work under this contract is performed. Contractor may be asked to sign Florida Polytechnic University's Master Supplemental Agreement and must adhere to all university PO terms and conditions (Exhibit 1).

UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS:

1. Provide a description of all vehicles intended to be utilized under a resulting contract. Provide quantity, make, model, year, size, number of passenger seats, mileage (at time of offer), and any special features such as ADA accessibility, alternate fuel/CNG, air- conditioning, and recliner type.
Attach literature (pictures, specifications) for all vehicles proposed. Pictures of the fleet must be actual pictures, not marketing material. Confirm that your firm does or does not have Executive Coach buses with seating capacity for at least 26 people. Also advise of any/all amenities such as Wi-Fi, flat panel television, etc.
2. Detail your company's ability to accommodate disabled and special needs riders.
3. Describe the personnel and procedures to ensure that the vehicles are safe, well-maintained, and in compliance with all federal, state, and local laws and ordinances.
4. Include information on what emergency procedures are in place for on-road vehicle breakdowns. Include procedures for abandoning the bus.
5. Describe the procedures to be used for cleaning the vehicles' exterior and interior, including the personnel to be used for each activity and the frequency of cleaning.
6. The Carrier must make available upon reasonable request all such records as may be necessary to ascertain the safety of equipment including but not limited to maintenance records.
7. Describe your policy on allowing food and drink on board vehicles used under this contract.
8. Provide information for any additional fees such as Fuel surcharges, dead head rates, etc.
9. The Contractor must be able to provide Service Orders and Invoices with clear unit pricing. Lump Sum pricing for services will not be accepted.

CONTRACT TERM:

The contract will have an initial term of one (1) year with an option to renew for Four (4) additional one (1) year periods. At no time during the entire contract term can services exceed \$150,000.

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SCOPE OF WORK:

The Respondent commits to supply to the University the goods and/or services listed below at the rates provided and agrees to the terms and conditions in this Request for Quotation and any addendum annexed hereto:

Vehicle Type (List Additional vehicle offerings if applicable)	25 Passenger Motorcoach	56 Passenger Motorcoach		
Vehicle Capacity				
Hourly Rate				
Daily Rates				
Per Mile Rate				
Other Rates				
Amenities				
Additional Fees (Cancellation, Fuel Surcharge, etc.)				

If extra space is needed, please include an attachment.

Respondent: Please include any Additional Services Offered:

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- Quotation must be delivered on or before 6/23/25, at 2:00 PM (ET).
- Any proposal not supported by the information requested in this RFQ, or not complying with this RFQ, may not be considered.
- This RFQ is part of a competitive procurement process, which helps serve the university's best interests. The award will be made to the Respondent(s) whose proposal is determined to be the most advantageous to the University.
- The University reserves the right, at the time of evaluation of any proposal to request any additional information that it deems necessary to make a decision on any proposed offer.
- The University reserves the right to reject any or all proposals after evaluation. Rejection of all proposals will mean that the University, in its own best interest at this time, has determined not to pursue this issue.
- This is a request for quote and the quotations furnished are not offers. If you cannot quote, please indicate on this form and return it to the above address. This request does not commit the university to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of the submission of this quotation or to contract for supplies or services. Supplies are of domestic origin unless otherwise indicated by Respondent. The Respondent must complete any representations and/or certifications attached to this Request for Quotation.
- Successful Respondent will be required to execute University agreement.
- I agree to abide by all conditions of this offer and certify that I am authorized to sign this offer as/on behalf of the Respondent:

Authorized Official (Print Name):	Phone No.:
Signature:	Email:

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(Effective 01/12/2021)

A. General Terms- Applicable to all Purchase Orders

These Purchase Order Terms and conditions ("PO Terms") are incorporated into the Florida Polytechnic University ("University") Purchase Order ("PO"). The PO Terms, the PO and the related proposal, quote, specifications attached to the PO or incorporated by reference ("PO Attachments") constitute the entire and exclusive agreement ("Agreement") between The Florida Polytechnic Board of Trustees ("University") and the Supplier ("Supplier") referenced in the PO unless there is a separate agreement signed by the University, in which case these PO Terms will apply only if specifically referenced in such signed agreement.

If the terms contained in these PO Terms conflict with terms in the PO or PO Attachments, the terms contained in these PO Terms shall supersede the other terms and control.

The Florida Polytechnic Board of Trustees' approval of the Agreement is conditioned on Supplier's agreement that any terms different from or in addition to the PO and these PO Terms, whether communicated orally or contained in any confirmation, invoice, acknowledgement, release, acceptance or other written correspondence irrespective of the timing, shall not form a part of the Agreement, even if Supplier purports to condition its acceptance of these PO Terms on the University's agreement to such different or additional terms. Supplier's electronic acceptance, receipt of payment, acknowledgement of these Terms, or commencement of performance constitutes Supplier's acceptance of these PO Terms.

1. Payment. Payment will be made in arrears based on actual services and/or goods provided and in accordance with University regulation FPU-8.002 Prompt Payment to Contractor/Vendors. Supplier shall submit bills for compensation for goods, services or expenses in sufficient detail sufficient for a pre-and post-audit. If the University does not issue payment within 30 days of receipt of a proper invoice, the University will, upon Supplier's request, pay Supplier an interest penalty at the rate established pursuant to §55.03(1) Florida Statutes if the interest exceeds one dollar (\$1.00). Suppliers experiencing payment problems may contact the Vendor Ombudsman at 850-413-5516, or by calling the Department of Financial Services Consumer Hotline at 1-800-342-2762. The University may require Supplier to accept payments via the University's EFT/ACH payment process. Supplier is responsible for any taxes due under this Agreement; the University will provide a copy of its Certificate of Exemption upon request. The University's performance and obligation to pay under the Agreement is contingent upon the Legislature's annual appropriation.

If this Agreement is funded in any part with federal funds, [section 202 of Executive Order 11246](#), as amended, is incorporated as if fully set forth in this PO. The hyperlink in this PO is for convenience only and any failure of it to function does not relieve the Supplier of any obligations of this clause.

2. Relationship of the Parties. Supplier is an independent contractor, and neither Supplier nor Supplier's employees, agents, or other representatives shall be considered the University's employees or agents. Supplier shall not use the University's name, trademarks, logos, or marks without the University's prior written approval. Supplier represents and warrants that it is not on the Convicted Vendor List (see Florida Statutes §287.133(2)(a)). Supplier must submit a vendor application and accurate W-9 or W8-BC (Foreign Vendor); the Supplier's invoice will be deemed insufficient for payment until such information has been provided to the University.
3. Assumption of Risk. Each party assumes any and all risk of personal injury, including the risk of contracting an infectious disease, and the risk of property damage attributable to the intentional or negligent acts or omissions of that party and its officers, employees, and agents. Supplier also assumes such risk with respect to the acts or omissions of Supplier's subcontractors (or their subcontractors). The University is not liable for the acts of third parties, including students. The provisions of this paragraph include the risk of infection due to COVID-19 or other pathogens known or unknown.
4. Confidentiality of Information. If Supplier is exposed to the University's confidential information, Supplier will keep such information confidential and will act in accordance with any guidelines and applicable laws (such as HIPAA, FERPA and the Gramm-Leach Bliley Act.) Supplier will not use information for any purpose except as necessary in performance of services under this Agreement.

Confidential information shall not include information that is a public record pursuant to Florida law (Florida Statutes Chapter 119), and the University will respond to public records requests without any duty to give Supplier prior notice.

Upon termination of this Agreement for any reason, Supplier shall return to the University all confidential information received from the University or created, maintained or received by the Supplier on behalf of the University that the Supplier still maintains in any form. If Supplier must retain any of University's confidential information, Supplier shall continue to use appropriate safeguards to prevent the use or disclosure of the University's confidential information for as long as Supplier retains the University's confidential information.

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Supplier shall report within three (3) business days, to the University's General Counsel, any use or disclosure of confidential information not provided for by this Agreement of which it becomes aware, including any privacy or security incident(s) known or suspected of which Supplier becomes aware. Notice of any breach of confidentiality shall be given to the Florida Polytechnic University General Counsel by email to OGC@floridapoly.edu or by delivery in hard copy to Florida Polytechnic University, Attention: General Counsel 4700 Research Way, Lakeland, FL 33805-8531. This provision shall survive termination of the Agreement.

5. Insurance. If Supplier provides services on University premises, at all times during the use of the premises Supplier shall maintain proper liability insurance, with an insurance carrier and insurance limits acceptable to the University, but in no event for less than \$1,000,000 each occurrence/\$3,000,000 general aggregate. The insurance certificate shall name the University and the University Board of Trustees as an additional insured. User shall furnish the University a copy of the insurance certificate at least 24 hours prior to commencement of the use of the Premises. University may, in writing, in its sole discretion, permit Supplier to deviate from the limits and requirements indicated above. The University is self-insured and is not required to obtain additional insurance for the Agreement.
6. Indemnity. Nothing in the Agreement may be construed as the University's indemnification of the Supplier or as a waiver of sovereign immunity beyond that provided in section 768.28, Florida Statutes, and applies to all direct, actual, general, and special damages. This provision shall survive the expiration or earlier termination of the Agreement. The Supplier will indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Board of Trustees, Florida Polytechnic University, the State of Florida and the Florida Board of Governors, and their officers, agents, and employees from any and all claims, demands, suits, actions, proceedings, loss, costs, and damages of every kind, including attorneys' fees and/or litigation expenses (including appellate expenses), which may be brought or made against or incurred on account of loss of or damage to any property or for injuries to or death of any person, caused by, arising out of, or contributed to, in whole or in part, by reasons of any act, omission, professional error, fault, mistake, or negligence of Supplier, its employees, agents, representatives, or subcontractors, their employees, agents, or representatives in connection with or incident to the performance of the agreement. Such indemnification specifically includes infringement claims made against any and all intellectual property supplied by the Supplier and third-party infringement under the agreement. The Supplier's obligation under this provision does not extend to any liability caused by the sole negligence of the Florida Polytechnic University, or its officers, agents, and employees. This provision will survive termination of the Agreement and Vendor's liability for the above is not limited by any limitation of liability clauses in the Agreement.
7. Assignment/Modification. The Agreement may not be assigned by either party except as agreed to in writing and signed by the parties, and this Agreement shall be binding upon the parties' successors and assigns. No subsequent alterations, amendments, changes or additions to the Agreement shall be binding upon either University or Supplier unless reduced to writing and signed by both parties and by direct reference made part hereof.
8. Automatic Renewals. Renewals of the Agreement are not automatic.
9. Travel Expenses. If the University is specifically responsible for reimbursing Supplier for travel expenses pursuant to the Agreement, such expenses shall only be paid by the University to the extent permitted by Florida Statutes §112.061 and University policy.
10. Software. If Supplier is providing software, the University may create and retain a copy of the software and related documentation for back up and disaster recovery purposes and for archival purposes for use after the Agreement is terminated.
11. Governing Law and Venue. This Agreement is governed by the laws of the State of Florida without regards to any conflicts of law principles. The Supplier and any subcontractors must comply with all laws, ordinances, and regulations that apply to the University at all times, and any policies relating to disease prevention and transmission, sexual harassment, and smoking on campus. In the event a violation occurs, University reserves the right to terminate the Agreement. The Supplier is solely responsible for keeping itself fully informed of all laws, ordinances, and regulations and must protect and indemnify the University, its officers and agents against any claims of liability arising from or based on any violation of law. Venue for any actions arising in connection with the Agreement must be exclusively in the state courts located in Polk County, Florida.
12. Compliance with Laws. Supplier shall, at its own expense, and at all times, comply with all applicable federal, state and University laws, rules, and regulations and other governmental requirements. Supplier has, and will at all times maintain all governmental permits, licenses, consents and approvals necessary to perform its obligations under the Agreement. This provision shall survive the expiration or earlier termination of the Agreement. The Supplier's employment of unauthorized aliens is considered a violation of Section 274AC of the Immigration and Nationality Act. If the Supplier knowingly employs unauthorized aliens, such violation shall be cause for the University's unilateral cancellation of the Agreement.

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13. Termination. The University may terminate this Agreement by giving Supplier at least ten (10) days prior written notice of termination. The University shall only be liable for payment of Goods received and services rendered and accepted by the University prior to the date of termination.
14. Public Records. The University is subject to applicable public records laws as provided by Florida Statutes Chapter 119 and will respond to public records requests without any duty to give the Supplier prior notice. If Supplier is a "contractor" as defined under Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes, supplier shall comply with the following requirements:
- a. Keep and maintain public records that ordinarily and necessarily would be required by the University in order to perform the service;
 - b. Provide the public with access to public records on the same terms and conditions that the University would provide the records and at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, or as otherwise provided by law;
 - c. Ensure that public records which are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law; and
 - d. Meet all requirements for retaining public records and transfer, at no cost to the University, all public records in possession of the Supplier upon termination of the Agreement and destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. All records stored electronically must be provided to the University in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the University. The University may unilaterally cancel the Agreement for Supplier's refusal to allow public access to all public records made or received by the Supplier in conjunction with the Agreement, unless the records are exempt from s. 24(a) of Art. I of the State Constitution and s. 119.07(1). This provision shall survive the expiration or earlier termination of the Agreement.
15. The University may inspect the:
- a. Financial records, papers, and documents of the Contractor that are directly related to the performance of the contract or the expenditure of state funds.
 - b. Contractor's programmatic records, papers, and documents which the University determines are necessary to monitor the performance of this agreement or to ensure that the terms of this agreement are being met.
 - i. The Contractor must provide such records, papers, and documents requested by the University within 10 business days after the request is made.
 - c. The right of access in this provision is not limited to the required retention period but lasts as long as the records are retained.
16. Lobbying. Pursuant to Florida statutes section 11.062 and 216.347, the Supplier is prohibited from using state funds or grants and aids appropriations for the purpose of lobbying the Legislature, the judicial branch, or a state agency. However, a supplier may lobby the executive or legislative branch concerning the scope of services, performance, term, or compensation regarding any agreement to which the supplier and a state agency are parties, after contract execution and during the contract term.
17. Miscellaneous. All matters not authorized expressly by the PO Terms shall be reserved to the sole discretion of the University.

B. Special Terms-Applicable to Consulting Services.

- 1. All provisions in the General Terms in section A of these PO Terms are applicable, as well as the provisions in this section, and other applicable section, if the Supplier is providing consulting services.
- 2. Work for Hire. Supplier and the University intend the Agreement to be one for services and each considers the products and results of the services to be rendered by Supplier hereunder (the "Work") to be a work made for hire. Supplier acknowledges and agrees that the Work (and all rights therein, including, without limitation, copyright) belongs to and shall be the sole and exclusive property of the University.

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3. E-Verify. All terms defined in section 448.095, Florida Statutes are adopted and incorporated into this provision. Pursuant to section 448.095, Florida Statutes, Contractor certifies that it is registered with and uses the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the employment eligibility of all new employees hired by the Contractor during the term of this agreement. If Contractor enters a contract with a subcontractor to perform work or provide services pursuant to this agreement, Contractor must also require the subcontractor to comply with the requirements of section 448.095, Florida Statutes. The subcontractor must provide to Contractor an affidavit stating that the subcontractor does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with or to any unauthorized alien. Contractor must maintain a copy of such affidavit for the duration of the contract. University may terminate this agreement immediately upon notice to Contractor for any violation of this provision.

C. Special Terms- Applicable to Hotel/Meeting Space.

1. All provisions in the General Terms in section A of these PO Terms are applicable, as well as the provisions in this section, and other applicable section, if the Supplier is providing hotel and/or meeting space.
2. Deposit. Unless non-state funds are being used to pay for the event, University cannot make deposits or prepay for any event. Any deposits made are refundable.
3. Cancellation. Cancellation fees, liquidated damages fees, etc. ("collectively referred to as cancellation fees") may only be assessed if University cancels this Agreement for the sole purpose of holding this event at another location, and University fails to give the Supplier 30 days advance notice (72 hours advance notice if Agreement is for meeting rooms only) and Supplier is unable to rent the meeting rooms to another person/entity. In any case, cancellation fees shall be limited to rental of meeting room only.
4. Food/Parking/Incidentals etc. University is not responsible for charges made by event attendees.
5. Americans with Disabilities Act.
 - a. **Compliance by the Supplier**. The Supplier is responsible for complying with the public accommodations requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA") not otherwise allocated to University in this Agreement, including (i) the "readily achievable" removal of physical barriers to access to the meeting rooms (e.g., speaker's platform and public address systems), sleeping rooms, common areas (e.g., restaurants, rest rooms, and public telephones); (ii) the provision of auxiliary aids and services where necessary to ensure that no disabled individual is treated differently by the Supplier other than other individuals (e.g., Braille room services menus or reader); and (iii) the modification of the Supplier's policies, practices, and procedures applicable to all guests and/or groups as necessary to provide goods and services to disabled individuals (e.g., emergency procedures and policy of holding accessible rooms for hearing and mobility impaired open for disabled individuals until all remaining rooms are occupied).
 - b. **Compliance by University**. University is responsible for complying with the following public accommodations requirements of the ADA: (i) the "readily achievable" removal of physical barriers within the meeting rooms utilized by University which University would otherwise create (e.g., set-up of exhibits in an accessible manner) and not controlled or mandated by the Supplier, (ii) any extraordinary costs for special auxiliary aids requested by the attendees/University shall be borne by University provided the Supplier notifies University in advance and in writing and (iii) the modification of University's policies, practices and procedures applicable to participants as required to enable disabled individuals to participate in the program.
 - c. **Mutual Cooperation in Identifying Special Needs**. University shall attempt to identify in advance any special needs of disabled registrants, faculty, and guests requiring accommodations by the Supplier. Each party will notify the other party in writing of such needs for accommodation as soon as they are aware of such needs. Whenever possible, University shall copy the Supplier on correspondence with attendees who indicate special needs as covered by the ADA. The Supplier shall notify University in advance and in writing of requests for accommodations which it may otherwise receive to facilitate identification by University of its own accommodation obligations or needs as required by the ADA.

D. Special Terms-Purchase of Goods.

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1. All provisions in the General Terms in section A of these PO Terms are applicable, as well as the provisions in this section, and other applicable section, if the Supplier is selling goods and/or equipment ("Goods") to the University.
2. Delivery. Delivery shall be made to the designated "Ship To" location on the applicable PO. All Goods will be shipped FOB Destination; Supplier assumes all risk of loss of or damage to all Goods until they are received and accepted by the University. Unless University otherwise agrees in writing, delivery shall occur within the normal working hours (8am-5pm) of the University, Monday through Friday, excluding University and State of Florida holidays. The University retains the right to reject any non-conforming Goods. If delivery of the Goods is not complete by the Delivery Date, or Supplier fails to deliver conforming Goods, the University may, without liability, and in addition to its other rights and remedies, terminate the Agreement, by notice effective when received by Vendor, as to Goods not yet delivered or rendered.
3. PRIDE. In accordance with Florida Statutes section 945.515 related to corporations in a correction work program: IT IS EXPRESSLY UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED THAT ANY ARTICLES WHICH ARE THE SUBJECT OF, OR REQUIRED TO CARRY OUT, THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE PURCHASED FROM THE CORPORATION IDENTIFIED UNDER CHAPTER 946, F.S., IN THE SAME MANNER AND UNDER THE SAME PROCEDURES SET FORTH IN SECTION 946.515(2) AND (4), F.S.; AND FOR PURPOSES OF THIS AGREEMENT THE PERSON, FIRM, OR OTHER BUSINESS ENTITY CARRYING OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE SUBSTITUTED FOR THIS AGENCY INSOFAR AS DEALINGS WITH SUCH CORPORATION ARE CONCERNED.