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**May 19, 2023
NOTICE TO OFFERORS**

**The following are questions and responses regarding
RFP# 8963.1 Operational Functionality Consulting Services for the Department of
Transportation at Montgomery County Public Schools**

	QUESTION	ANSWER
1.	<p>What is Montgomery County Public Schools’ electrification goal, and does it include any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meet the electrification target as stated in State Senate Bill 528? - Hit a yearly carbon reduction target? - Replace the fleet with electric over the course of normal replacement timeline? - Electrify only to the level that does not trigger distribution service upgrades from the utility? - Keep within a cost boundary? Spend whatever it takes? - Something else? 	<p>We are currently under contract for 326 Electric School Buses (ESB) by end of 2024. Montgomery County has mandated that Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) no longer purchases Internal Combustion Engine (ICE) buses, and must be fully ESB by 2035</p>
2.	<p>Is MCPS open to a solution utilizing plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (PHEV) or is the District strictly interested in zero-emissions vehicles (ZEV)?</p>	<p>Montgomery County has mandated that MCPS no longer purchases ICE buses, and must be fully ESB by 2035</p>
3.	<p>Regarding infrastructure and asset recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What level of detail is MCPS seeking for “future fleet vehicle/equipment purchases”? Is the District seeking a simple year-per-year with plan with a high level of estimate for buses and charges to meet route constraints and electrification goals, or are they looking for a fully developed infrastructure plan, including costs for utility and customer side development, detailed pricing to include warranty and support? - What information is already available regarding electrical infrastructure – have current sites already been analyzed and is that information available? Will the selected vendor be analyzing plans that have already been developed, or are will they be expected to start from scratch? 	<p>We are currently under contract for 326 ESB’s by end of 2024. We have 86 ESB’s fully operational and charging infrastructure installed at 5 of our 6 depots. Our contract is turn-key, with the contractor purchasing the ESB’s, purchasing and installing all charging infrastructure, and procuring utility contracts and paying utilities.</p>

	- Are there any requirements regarding electric vehicle supply equipment (ESVE) data?	
4.	Is there any portion of the contract or work done previously with Highland that is under NDA and will not be reviewable by the selected vendor?	No
5.	Will the selected vendor have access to applicable historic telematics data for existing electric vehicles (EV) and internal combustion engine (ICE) assets? (i.e. miles, engine run time, etc.)	Yes. Full transparency.
6.	Pertaining to “recommendations on most effective ways to maintain a fleet”, will the contractor provide assessment of current strategies in place with internal combustion engine units integrated with the electric vehicle units and provide a sustainability/transition plan?	MCPS does not have any contracted services regarding fleet maintenance or schedules. MCPS fully operates its DOT functions.
7.	Will a facilities study be involved for the maintenance of the electric portion of the fleet?	No
8.	What version of MapNet does MCPS operate?	MapNet 5.0.65535.0
9.	Please describe the type of access to the MapNet system the consultant be provided. Remote access? Number of user accounts available? Will a sandbox copy of production data be provided?	We can provide remote access and sandbox of productions.
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11.	RFP states that “All offerors shall include a list of a minimum of five references who use the firm’s digital content, assessments, professional development, and customization services who can attest to the firm’s quality of work and, if possible, shall include school districts of comparable size to MCPS that have utilized the respondents’ services.” Given the current infancy of the electrification market, there are not 5 school districts in the US of similar size who have	The RFP is not exclusive of ESB consultation. The references are relevant to the entire scope of the RFP.


	implemented electric school buses. Can this requirement be modified?	
12.	Given the question regarding pursuit of a contract extension with HET, does the district have access to all data required for analysis or does Highland own the data?	Full access will be available.
13.	What areas are under consideration for outsourcing that are currently managed by department units?	All areas are to be considered.
14.	There is no listed requirement to submit identified project staffing or individual qualifications and experience. Is this intentional? If so, can a vendor choose to submit this information as additional information?	Please see Erratum #2 in response to this question.

Please indicate your receipt of this notice my signing below and returning with your proposal or under a separate cover.

Accepted By: _____

(Name & Title)

Name of Company: _____


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