



**Bid Synopsis
For
Airport Transportation Services**

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| RFP Issued & Publicly Posted: 06/25/2024 | Public Postings: Livingston Co. Website (livgov.com) BidNet (bidnetdirect.com/MITN) |
| Solicitation #: RFP-LC-24-03 | |
| Number of Timely Responses Received: 1 | RFP Due Date: 06/16/2024 |

The Evaluation Committee has completed evaluation of the bids received for the Request for Proposals (RFP) referenced above. The purpose of this RFP was to secure bids to provide highway coach service for regional connections to Detroit Metro Airport and other neighboring counties/cities such as, Ann Arbor, MI or Lansing, MI to and from the Livingston County area for the next five years. Below is a recap of the RFP process and evaluation.

The RFP documents were publicly posted on two websites. As a result, the bid documents were downloaded by 36 qualified companies. One timely response was received. While only one qualified submission was received, the Evaluation Committee believes that the process created a system of free and open competition and should be considered valid.

The response was received from Michigan Flyer, LLC located in Owosso, MI.

In 2019, a Transit Master Plan was completed for Livingston County. This plan was done in collaboration with Livingston County, the Livingston County Essential Transportation Service (LETS), the Michigan Department of Transportation, and business and residential stakeholders within the county, including multiple opportunities for public engagement. One of the top priorities identified by the Master Plan was to establish regional transportation connections to Detroit Metro Airport.

Michigan Flyer is the incumbent vendor and has been servicing Livingston County since 2019. Michigan Flyer has provided excellent service, their proposal response was complete, all required submissions and signatures were provided, and the response was timely.

The pricing submitted is based on the estimated gross cost to operate the service, and the County's contribution is limited to passthrough grant funding from the State Local Bus Operating (LBO) program. The LBO program is funded by Michigan's Comprehensive Transportation Fund (CTF), which was created by Act 51 of 1951 and is restricted for public transportation purposes. The LBO program provides operating assistance for public transportation services based on a percentage of eligible expenses, historically in 30-35% range, but the actual rate varies annually depending on funding levels in the State transportation budget. Livingston County will pay the awarded vendor an amount equal to the current LBO rate multiplied by gross operating cost up to 35%.



The proposed gross amount and the DTW daily operational cost are both less than the current contract. Gross amount is \$75,281 less and the daily operational cost is \$1,446 less.

Based on the above, it is the evaluation committee's unanimous decision to recommend Michigan Flyer LLC for award, pending Board of Commissioner's approval.