

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

To: Pars Corporation, Transco, Inc., and Yellow Cab Co of DC, Inc.

From: David Do, DFHV Director

CC: DFHV Grant Team and Potential SchoolConnect Applicants

Subject: Additional Responses from the Taxicab Industry

Thank you for expressing your concerns regarding the request for applications for the SchoolConnect Program (RFA No.: DCSC 2021). I appreciate your comments, and I look forward to working with you to find solutions as we develop a unique program to transport children to and from school.

DFHV has the discretion to implement grant requirements on a per project basis, such as additional insurance liability. Like the DACL and SME programs, DFHV's SchoolConnect project involves other potential risks; thus, additional liability coverage is needed to ensure customers, drivers, and monitors have appropriate insurance coverage. Title 31's insurance mandates do not address some potential risks of the SchoolConnect program, such as technology/cyber protection and physical/sexual abuse coverage, which are particularly necessary for handling student data and providing routine transportation to school children. Additionally, DFHV cooperates with the Office of Risk Management to ensure grant programs entail sufficient insurance liability coverage dependent upon the types of grant services involved.

Suppose an applicant wishes to find an alternative to the suggested insurance minimums (umbrella coverage, insurance pool policies, or other blanket policies with their stakeholders, industry, or business partners): In that case, the DFHV is open to working with the potential awardee and our stakeholders to reach a solution that is amenable to protecting the users of the DC SchoolConnect program.

In addition, the DFHV will be hiring bus monitors and a management team to collaborate with the awardee as routes and timelines are developed. The burden of managing the "bus monitor" will be DFHV's responsibility. DFHV will work to ensure the "bus monitor" and driver teams provide a positive service for the students being transported.

Furthermore, DFHV will not be dictating to an awardee how to classify their drivers or staff as employees or independent drivers.

Regards,



DAVID DO, DIRECTOR
Department of For-Hire Vehicles

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Date

