

FY27 AEO Exclusive Q&A

Q1. The scope mentions 18 schools, but details are given only for Animo Ellen Ochoa Charter Middle School. Is the project limited to only one school?

A1. Green Dot Public Schools operates 18 schools. However, the daily transportation component of this RFP applies to Animo Ellen Ochoa Charter Middle School only. This transportation need arose recently and was not previously anticipated.

Q2. Does the Green Dot or the local municipality own, or is GDPS party to, any properties that may be suitable for the contracted school bus operations, which they could lease or make available to vendors to operate the service? If so, please provide details.

A2. Green Dot Public Schools does not have any facilities suitable for the contracted school bus operator to utilize as a staging and/or parking facility. Any required vehicle storage, staging, or parking arrangements will be the responsibility of the awarded contractor.

Q3. When is the first day of service?

A3. The contract start date will be July 1, 2026, with the first day of transportation services beginning July 6, 2026.

Q4. Please provide current and historical pricing from the current provider for the past five years. This helps ensure all bids are built on a comparable basis.

A4. This is a new service that has not previously been offered by our organization; therefore, we do not have historical comparables or prior operational data to provide. To support and increase student enrollment, Green Dot Public Schools is exploring the implementation of a “hub”-style transportation model for Animo Ellen Ochoa Charter Middle School. This response applies to Questions Q4–Q11, Q18.

Q5. Please provide a copy of the current transportation contract.

A5. This is a new service that has not previously been offered by our organization; therefore, we do not have an existing contract or prior agreement to provide for reference.

Q6. Please provide the past three months of invoices from the current provider for the entire scope of the RFP.

A6. This is a new service; therefore, we do not have any comparable services, historical data, or prior benchmarks to provide.

Q7. Are there currently any driver or aide shortages? If so, how many positions are unfilled and how many routes are affected?

A7. This is a new service; therefore, we do not have any comparable services, historical data, or prior benchmarks to provide.

Q8. Are the current provider's drivers or aides covered under a collective bargaining agreement? If so, please share a copy. This helps us plan for fair and accurate labor costs.

A8. This is a new service; therefore, we do not have any comparable services, historical data, or prior benchmarks to provide.

Q9. What are the current hourly wage rates for drivers and aides?

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Q10. What is the daily hourly guarantee for both drivers and aides?

A10. This is a new service; therefore, we do not have any comparable services, historical data, or prior benchmarks to provide.

Q11. What liquidated damages were assessed against the current provider in each of the last two to three years?

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Q12. Please confirm the “extra hour rate (above 5-hour minimum)” is applicable to the daily bus transportation rate and that the District is looking for a 5-hour base rate for home-to-school routes.

A12. We are seeking the applicable rate(s) for transporting students from Hub 1 and Hub 2 to Ánimo Ellen Ochoa Charter Middle School, along with the corresponding after-school return routes. At this time, we anticipate one afternoon dismissal route operating daily at approximately 2:30–3:00 PM. However, there’s the possibility of a late pm route but we do not have any details at this time.

Q 13. Who (in-house or contractor) currently operates this contract for these buses/routes?

A13. This is a new service that has not previously been offered by our organization

Q14. Can you share route information for these routes?

A14. We anticipate needing two buses. One bus would service the East LA area and one bus would service the Boyle heights area. We hope to work with the selected vendor to determine stop and route information. We anticipate 1-2 stops for each of the routes.

Q15. Can you share what the budget was for the 25/26 school year for this service along with budget for 26/27 school year?

A15. This is a new service that has not previously been offered by our organization; therefore, we do not have an existing contract or prior agreement to provide for reference.

Q16. What types of buses are currently being used for these services? ie - Type A, Type C or Type D Buses?

A16. This is a new service that has not previously been offered by our organization; therefore, we do not have an existing contract or prior agreement to provide for reference. However, we anticipate the need for full-size buses to maximize ridership capacity.

Q17. Will any of the routes require a Wheelchair bus?

A17. At this time, there is no identified need for wheelchair-accessible transportation services.

Q18. Can you share billing to date for this contract for this School Year for the Contractor (if being done outside) if available?

A18. This is a new service that has not previously been offered by our organization; therefore, we do not have historical comparables or prior operational data to provide.

Q19. Will small vehicles, such as sedans and SUVs, be considered for this bid?

A19. Small vehicles, such as sedans and SUVs, may be considered in situations where ridership exceeds the capacity of full-size buses, or when it is not economically practical to operate a full-size bus for only 1–4 students.

Q20. Will alternative transportation providers who exclusively utilize personal vehicles (sedans, SUVs, etc.) be considered for this bid?

A20. Small vehicles, such as sedans and SUVs, may be considered in situations where ridership exceeds the capacity of full-size buses, or when it is not economically practical to operate a full-size bus for only 1–4 students.

Q21. Can you please provide the am & pm start and end times for the round-trip routes so we can calculate and submit the correct cost for the bid.

A21. The instructional times are still being determined for next school year. Currently, school starts at 8:05 am and dismisses at 3:19pm

Q22. Can you tell us the approximate area(s) where the hub stops will be located so we can estimate the miles and driver hours?

A22.

Route #1 – Approximately 3 miles each way

Hub 1: 407 S. Chicago St., Los Angeles, CA 90033

Destination: Ánimo Ellen Ochoa, 4360 Dozier St., Los Angeles, CA 90022

Route #2 – Approximately 5 miles each way

Hub 1: 5600 Whittier Blvd., Commerce, CA 90022

Hub 2: 1317 S. Herbert Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90023

Destination: Ánimo Ellen Ochoa, 4360 Dozier St., Los Angeles, CA 90022

Q23. The top of page 2, if contract extensions are desired will a price increase based on the Consumer Price Index be allowed?

A23. If contract extensions are desired, any proposed price increase shall be limited to the applicable Consumer Price Index (CPI) and must be mutually agreed upon by both parties.