



RESOLUTION 21-243

Resolution Awarding a Contract for Interim Transit Services to WeDriveU in an Amount Not to Exceed \$44,000

WHEREAS, Princeton previously operated the freeB shuttle service throughout the community along a fixed route, six days per week, using Princeton-owned vehicles and hired drivers, and until the service was suspended in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, at this time Princeton seeks to resume the free public transit services, but it is not feasible or economical for Princeton to operate the freeB shuttle service with Princeton-owned vehicles at this time; and

WHEREAS, Princeton has an immediate need to provide free public transit services to members of the community who are most in need of said transportation at this time; and

WHEREAS, while Princeton explores long term solutions for enhanced transit services throughout the community, Princeton has a need to secure the services of a vendor to provide limited transit services to certain areas of the community on an interim basis; and

WHEREAS, WeDriveU, Inc. has submitted a proposal to Princeton to provide one ADA cutaway shuttle bus, with operators, to make a 30 minute fixed route from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, similar to Tiger Transit, for an estimated per month cost of \$12,708.00; and

WHEREAS, Princeton seeks to hire WeDriveU, Inc. to provide the free transit services on an interim basis, and for an estimated term of four (4) months and total cost not to exceed \$44,000.00; and

WHEREAS, Princeton has a need to acquire these services without a “fair and open process” as defined by P.L. 2004, c.19, the “Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law” and in connection therewith, WeDriveU, Inc. has completed and filed with Princeton the required Campaign Contributions Affidavit pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.8, Certification Regarding Political Contributions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26 and affidavit pursuant section 2-87 of the Princeton Code (collectively, the “Pay-to-Play Forms”); and

WHEREAS, the award of this contract is exempt from public bidding because the value will not exceed the applicable bid threshold, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., and

WHEREAS, additional proposals have not been solicited because it was not practicable to do so; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available for this contract under account 05-201-02-007-282.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of Princeton, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with WeDriveU, Inc. for operation of free transit services to the community on an interim basis on Princeton’s behalf, consistent with this Resolution and the above “Whereas” clauses.
2. The agreement is awarded without competitive bidding because the value of the contract will not exceed the applicable bid threshold.
3. WeDriveU, Inc. shall be paid a fee not to exceed \$44,000.00.

4. A copy of this Resolution, the Pay-to-Play Forms and the agreement shall be placed on file in the Office of the Clerk.

Councilperson	Absent	Present	1 st	2 nd	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Disqualified
Mr. Cohen		X		X	X			
Ms. Fraga		X	X		X			
Ms. Niedergang	X							
Ms. Pirone Lambros		X			X			
Ms. Sacks		X			X			
Mr. Williamson		X			X			
Mayor Freda		X						

I, Delores A. Williams, Municipal Clerk of Princeton, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of Princeton at a meeting held July 26, 2021.


 Delores A. Williams, Municipal Clerk

ATTACHMENTS:

- Memo to Council re Transit Contract 7-26-21 (DOCX)
- WeDriveU_Master_Services_Agreement 7 24 21 (DOCX)
- WeDriveU_Statement_of_Work 7 24 21 (DOCX)
- Exhibit A Aff Action (DOCX)
- Exhibit B Business Registration (DOCX)