



RESOLUTION 21-363

Resolution of the Mayor and Council of Princeton Extending Contract with WEDRIVEU, Inc. for Interim Transit Services for Not to Exceed an Additional \$5,500.00

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, by Resolution #21-243 adopted on July 26, 2021, Princeton awarded a contract to WeDriveU, Inc. to provide transit services to the community on an interim basis, using contractor-supplied vehicles, for an estimated cost of \$12,708.00 per month, and not to exceed contract amount of \$44,000.00 for up to four months; and

WHEREAS, since that time, Princeton has, in good faith, been exploring long term solutions for enhanced transit services throughout the community and, due to the success of the interim services, Princeton has decided to continue to provide to the community the same type of transit services which are presently being provided by WeDriveU, Inc., and

WHEREAS, because the continuation of the current contract with WeDriveU, Inc. would exceed the applicable bid threshold, Princeton has advertised for the solicitation of bids for a new contract for the provision of services on a long term basis, but bids are not due to be received until December 7, 2021, with a new long term agreement anticipated to be awarded on December 13, 2021 at the earliest; and

WHEREAS, the Administrator certifies that, pending the award of a new long term agreement for transit services, Princeton has a need to continue to provide the transit services

continuously to the community and in particular, to provide free public transportation to members of the community who are most in need of said transportation at this time; and

WHEREAS, based on the foregoing, the Administrator, in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer and Attorney's Office, recommends that Princeton utilize WeDriveU, Inc.'s services for an additional two-week period, and not to exceed remaining amount of \$5,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the initial estimates of the interim transit services were incorrectly anticipated to be less than the bid threshold, and pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:34-8.3(e), because the remaining amount to be procured by Princeton is less than 15% of the bid threshold, Princeton may award same without bidding; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has confirmed that Princeton has not procured any other services pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:34-8.3(e) during this calendar year; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available for this contract, as extended, under 05-201-02-009-299.

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


1. The Agreement with WeDriveU, Inc. for the operation of free public transit services to the Princeton community on an interim basis is hereby extended for an additional two-week period, and until December 13, 2021, for an additional not to exceed amount of \$5,500.00, consistent with this Resolution and the above "Whereas" clauses.

- 2. The Agreement is extended pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law, and in particular N.J.A.C. 5:34-8.2(e), which allows Princeton to secure services, the aggregate of which will exceed Princeton's bid threshold but not by more than 15% of said bid threshold.
- 3. WeDriveU, Inc. shall be paid a total fee not to exceed \$49,500.00, including the additional amount authorized by this Resolution.
- 4. When countersigned by WeDriveU, Inc., this Resolution shall serve as an amendment to the original Agreement between the parties for purposes of extending the term of the original Agreement for an additional term of two weeks and not to exceed total contract amount of \$49,500.00.

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 November 30, 2021.


AGREED to this 29 of December, 2021

ATTEST:


 Delores A. Williams, Municipal Clerk

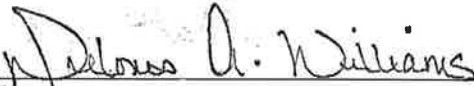

 Mark Freda, Mayor

ATTEST:

WEDRIVEU, INC.


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

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