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# KOBUSSEN BUSES LTD.



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June 24, 2019

Amy Erickson  
Valley Transit  
801 South Whitman Avenue  
Appleton, WI 54914

Dear Amy:

Per section 18.0 of contract VT-16-007 and VT-16-008 the Contractor shall provide no less than six (6) months' notice of its intention to exercise any remaining option years of this contract.

Kobussen Buses would like to exercise a one-year extension of both contracts at an increase of five percent (5%). We realize that this is higher than CPI, however in order to keep up with the market wages we have raised driver wages by 11% over the past two years.

In exchange for this increase, Kobussen believes it is possible to reduce the Specialized Transportation routes (VT-16-008) by one route (\$213.15) which would save 10%.

From our meetings there are a few items we have changed or would like to see changed:

- Since April we have added extra capacity at the 1:00pm-4:30pm time period so there should no longer be capacity issues at this time.
- We would like to change the Specialized Transportation Contract (VT-16-008) to curb-to-curb instead of door-to-door. For the most part this service is driveway-to-driveway. However, we have had issues with leaving a bus unattended with passengers on board to go to the door of a house.
- We would like to change the Rural Paratransit Contract (VT-16-007) to 24-hour notice of rides instead of the day before. This will allow our schedulers to schedule trips more efficiently and get the information to the drivers timely. This could be changed back to the day before if we had access to Valley Transits scheduling software.

Sincerely,

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