

**CITY OF BEVERLY
ADDENDUM NO. 1, March 7, 2016**

**RE: INVITATION FOR BID
 # 16-019 Purchase of Five School Busses**

**FROM: David Gelineau
 Purchasing Agent
 191 Cabot Street
 Beverly, MA 01915**

Please acknowledge receipt via electronic mail, telephone, or facsimile

TO: ALL PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS

This addendum forms a part of the Invitation for Bids from the City of Beverly for:
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Question: Your specifications require a GVW rating of 35,000 lbs. I would like to point out that this is not possible with the 10,000 lb. front air suspension you are asking for. Combined with a 23,000 lb. rear axle and suspension the GVW would be 33,000 lbs.

Answer: At: GVW 35,000 lbs minimum change to 33,000

Question: Would you consider a 10,000 lb. or 12,000 lb. parabolic spring suspension in lieu of front air suspension. The two largest manufacturers of trucks and buses in the world have deemed that there is no added value in performance or durability with the front air suspension and it is not worth the additional cost. On this note I would like to add that there are approximately 10,000 school buses operating in Massachusetts. Of these I can guarantee you there aren't a dozen with front air suspension. This is an item proprietary to Bluebird and most operators have realized that the air suspension does not add value for the additional cost and furthermore it eliminates all but one bidder.

Answer: No

Please sign this acknowledgement of receipt of the Addendum No.1 and return with your bid.

Signature of Bidder