IFB #19-018 - RURAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Columbia County Central Services has received the following questions and supplied the following answers regarding Rural Public Transportation - IFB #19-018.

1. I understand that the bid is due November 22, 2019, what is the timeframe you would be looking to have the winner start transporting.
   
   A. It is anticipated that Rural Route Transportation would commence in April 2020 pending New York State approval.

2. Who is the Columbia County Public Transportation Coordinator?
   
   A. The Columbia County Controller's Office coordinates the Rural Public Transportation System.

3. Page 19 - Does the company awarded the bid - or the subcontractor need to hold the $5,000,000 liability insurance?
   
   A. The company awarded either bid must meet the Insurance Specifications outlined in the applicable IFB.

4. Page 21 - Is an employee (or owner of the company) allowed to be a member of the County Transportation committee, as it clearly states this is a conflict of interest?
   
   A. The Columbia County Transportation Committee requests that the awarded party attend Transportation Committee Meetings in an advisory position. These meetings are open to the public and having a representative of the provider company present expedites the resolution of questions pertaining to route structure and ridership to which their knowledge is vital to continue to enhance the County's transportation systems. The awarded vendor is not a party to bidding or contractual discussions nor are they permitted to be present during executive sessions where the public is excluded from attendance and participation.

5. I have looked on the county's website for the past bid specs and cannot seem to find it, do you have a link for it?
A. Prior bid specifications are not available on the Columbia County website however they are available upon specific written request to Columbia County Central Services. Requests should include the year, title and bid number if known for accurate reference.