	Questions for Clarification for RFQ 2024-0001 Microtransit RFP	Firm	AACIDs Response
1	On page 6, the RFP mentions the need for dynamic vehicle assignment and routing and service design management. Can you provide further details on the flexibility allowed for implementing advanced routing technologies and how the AACIDs plan to accommodate innovative solutions that enhance operational efficiency and passenger experience?	Via	AACIDs is seeking a solution which leverages advanced routing optimization based on current traffic conditions, requested origins and destinations, vehicle availability, and service parameters to dynamically assign trips to vehicles to make the most efficient use of resources. AACIDs is flexible in how this is achieved as long as all functionality requirements outlined in the technical scope are met.
2	Page 15 outlines the evaluation criteria for proposals. Can you provide more insights into how the technical approach and qualifications will be weighted against cost and implementation timeline? Are there specific criteria that are considered more critical than others?	Via	The criteria are placed in descending order of priority. AACIDs will not provide further weighting. The maximum points earned will be reflective of the thoroughness and completeness of responses
3	The employment zones map on page 18 outlines key areas within AACID. Are there specific zones or routes that are prioritized for the initial phase of the pilot? How does the AACIDs plan to handle potential changes in service zones based on real-time demand data?	Via	AACIDs may make changes and/or modifications to zones based on real-time demand data. AACIDs will coordinate with the Contractor to determine whether changes in zone boundaries may necessitate additional resources to continue meeting service standards.
4	The RFP mentions the desire to cover shift times with peak and non-peak periods. Can you provide specific operational hours for the service?	Via	The selected operator will work with AACIDs to complete a final service design. This will identify service elements including projected ridership, hours of operation, and fleet needs. While additional analysis is needed to confirm optimal operating hours, the workforce serving the airport operates 24 hours/day and has shifts that end as late as 2AM and begin as early as 4AM. We intend to work with the selected operator to explore the feasibility of serving this population with microtransit.
5	Will the AACIDs accept digital signatures on the proposal forms and cover letter?	Via	Yes
6	What is the annual budget for the pilot?	WeDriveU	\$2.6M for two-year operation (\$1.3M oer year)
7	Can you please provide the polygons on the service map as shapefiles?	WeDriveU	(Will be provided in the resource section of website)
8	Can you please provide projected ridership volumes?	WeDriveU	The selected operator will work with AACIDs to complete a final service design. This will identify service elements including projected ridership, hours of operation, and fleet needs.
9	Can you please provide the demand distribution of shift time that is mentioned in point 5 of the Services and Scope of Work section?	WeDriveU	Please see response to Question No. 5
10	Does AACID have an expected fleet size that can be used for initial planning and pricing purposes?	WeDriveU	The selected operator will work with AACIDs to complete a final service design. This will identify service elements including projected ridership, hours of operation, and fleet needs. Present options based on available budget.
11	Will AACID be able to provide any space for the contractor to operate, maintain, park vehicles, etc?	WeDriveU	AACIDs will investigate our options and work with our property owners to determine what offers are available, however please include in your price proposal an optional fee for the cost of renting/leasing space in the event AACIDs is unable to accommodate.
12	Can you please clarify if there is a stated DBE goal with this RFP as it is not entirely clear from the RFP documents? If so, please share it.	WeDriveU	DBE goal is 15%
13	Would you please consider a 1-2 week submission deadline extension to allow enough time to thoroughly evaluate and design this service, as well as determine the fleet requirements?	WeDriveU	The deadline has been extended to September 13th, 2024 and RFP document has been updated to reflect the new timeline.