



THE CITY OF WINNIPEG

BID OPPORTUNITY

BID OPPORTUNITY NO. 330-2008

PROVISION OF MARKET RESEARCH SURVEY

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PART B - BIDDING PROCEDURES

B1. CONTRACT TITLE

B1.1 PROVISION OF MARKET RESEARCH SURVEY

B2. SUBMISSION DEADLINE

B2.1 The Submission Deadline is 4:00 p.m. Winnipeg time, May 1, 2008.

B2.2 Bids determined by the Manager of Materials to have been received later than the Submission Deadline will not be accepted and will be returned upon request.

B2.3 The Contract Administrator or the Manager of Materials may extend the Submission Deadline by issuing an addendum at any time prior to the time and date specified in B2.1.

B3. ENQUIRIES

B3.1 All enquiries shall be directed to the Contract Administrator identified in D3.1.

B3.2 If the Bidder finds errors, discrepancies or omissions in the Bid Opportunity, or is unsure of the meaning or intent of any provision therein, the Bidder shall promptly notify the Contract Administrator of the error, discrepancy or omission at least five (5) Business Days prior to the Submission Deadline.

B3.3 If the Bidder is unsure of the meaning or intent of any provision therein, the Bidder should request clarification as to the meaning or intent prior to the Submission Deadline.

B3.4 Responses to enquiries which, in the sole judgment of the Contract Administrator, require a correction to or a clarification of the Bid Opportunity will be provided by the Contract Administrator to all Bidders by issuing an addendum.

B3.5 Responses to enquiries which, in the sole judgment of the Contract Administrator, do not require a correction to or a clarification of the Bid Opportunity will be provided by the Contract Administrator only to the Bidder who made the enquiry.

B3.6 The Bidder shall not be entitled to rely on any response or interpretation received pursuant to B3 unless that response or interpretation is provided by the Contract Administrator in writing.

B4. CONFIDENTIALITY

B4.1 Information provided to a Bidder by the City or acquired by a Bidder by way of further enquiries or through investigation is confidential. Such information shall not be used or disclosed in any way without the prior written authorization of the Contract Administrator.

B4.2 The Bidder shall not make any statement of fact or opinion regarding any aspect of the Bid Opportunity to the media or any member of the public without the prior written authorization of the Contract Administrator.

B5. ADDENDA

B5.1 The Contract Administrator may, at any time prior to the Submission Deadline, issue addenda correcting errors, discrepancies or omissions in the Bid Opportunity, or clarifying the meaning or intent of any provision therein.

B5.2 The Contract Administrator will issue each addendum at least two (2) Business Days prior to the Submission Deadline, or provide at least two (2) Business Days by extending the Submission Deadline.

- B5.2.1 Addenda will be available on the Bid Opportunities page at The City of Winnipeg, Corporate Finance, Materials Management Branch internet site at <http://www.winnipeg.ca/matmgt>.
- B5.2.2 The Bidder is responsible for ensuring that he has received all addenda and is advised to check the Materials Management Branch internet site for addenda regularly and shortly before the Submission Deadline, as may be amended by addendum.
- B5.3 The Bidder shall acknowledge receipt of each addendum in Paragraph 8 of Form A: Bid. Failure to acknowledge receipt of an addendum may render a Bid non-responsive.
- B6. SUBSTITUTES**
- B6.1 The Work is based on the Plant, Materials and methods specified in the Bid Opportunity.
- B6.2 Substitutions shall not be allowed unless application has been made to and prior approval has been granted by the Contract Administrator in writing.
- B6.3 Requests for approval of a substitute will not be considered unless received in writing by the Contract Administrator at least four (4) Business Days prior to the Submission Deadline.
- B6.4 The Bidder shall ensure that any and all requests for approval of a substitute:
- (a) provide sufficient information and details to enable the Contract Administrator to determine the acceptability of the Plant, Material or method as either an approved equal or alternative;
 - (b) identify any and all changes required in the applicable Work, and all changes to any other Work, which would become necessary to accommodate the substitute;
 - (c) identify any anticipated cost or time savings that may be associated with the substitute;
 - (d) certify that, in the case of a request for approval as an approved equal, the substitute will fully perform the functions called for by the general design, be of equal or superior substance to that specified, is suited to the same use and capable of performing the same function as that specified and can be incorporated into the Work, strictly in accordance with the proposed work schedule and the dates specified in the Supplemental Conditions for Substantial Performance and Total Performance;
 - (e) certify that, in the case of a request for approval as an approved alternative, the substitute will adequately perform the functions called for by the general design, be similar in substance to that specified, is suited to the same use and capable of performing the same function as that specified and can be incorporated into the Work, strictly in accordance with the proposed work schedule and the dates specified in the Supplemental Conditions for Substantial Performance and Total Performance.
- B6.5 The Contract Administrator, after assessing the request for approval of a substitute, may in his sole discretion grant approval for the use of a substitute as an "approved equal" or as an "approved alternative", or may refuse to grant approval of the substitute.
- B6.6 The Contract Administrator will provide a response in writing, at least two (2) Business Days prior to the Submission Deadline, only to the Bidder who requested approval of the substitute.
- B6.6.1 The Bidder requesting and obtaining the approval of a substitute shall be entirely responsible for disseminating information regarding the approval to any person or persons he wishes to inform.
- B6.7 If the Contract Administrator approves a substitute as an "approved equal", any Bidder may use the approved equal in place of the specified item.
- B6.8 If the Contract Administrator approves a substitute as an "approved alternative", any Bidder bidding that approved alternative may base his Total Bid Price upon the specified item but may also indicate an alternative price based upon the approved alternative. Such alternatives will be evaluated in accordance with B14.

B6.9 No later claim by the Contractor for an addition to the Total Bid Price because of any other changes in the Work necessitated by the use of an approved equal or an approved alternative will be considered.

B7. BID SUBMISSION

B7.1 The Bid shall consist of the following components:

- (a) Form A: Bid;
- (b) Form B: Prices.

B7.2 Further to B7.1, the Bidder should include the written correspondence from the Contract Administrator approving a substitute in accordance with B6.

B7.3 All components of the Bid shall be fully completed or provided, and submitted by the Bidder no later than the Submission Deadline, with all required entries made clearly and completely in ink, to constitute a responsive Bid.

B7.4 Bidders are advised not to include any information/literature except as requested in accordance with B7.1.

B7.5 Bidders are advised that inclusion of terms and conditions inconsistent with the Bid Opportunity document, including the General Conditions, may result in the Bid being determined to be non-responsive.

B7.6 The Bid may be submitted by mail, courier or personal delivery, or by facsimile transmission.

B7.7 If the Bid is submitted by mail, courier or personal delivery, it shall be enclosed and sealed in an envelope clearly marked with the Bid Opportunity number and the Bidder's name and address, and shall be submitted to:

The City of Winnipeg
Corporate Finance Department
Materials Management Branch
185 King Street, Main Floor
Winnipeg MB R3B 1J1

B7.7.1 Samples or other components of the Bid which cannot reasonably be enclosed in the envelope may be packaged separately, but shall be clearly marked with the Bid Opportunity number, the Bidder's name and address, and an indication that the contents are part of the Bidder's Bid Submission.

B7.8 If the Bid is submitted by facsimile transmission, it shall be submitted to (204) 949-1178.

B7.8.1 The Bidder is advised that the City cannot take responsibility for the availability of the facsimile machine at any time.

B7.9 Bids submitted by internet electronic mail (e-mail) will not be accepted.

B8. BID

B8.1 The Bidder shall complete Form A: Bid, making all required entries.

B8.2 Paragraph 2 of Form A: Bid shall be completed in accordance with the following requirements:

- (a) if the Bidder is a sole proprietor carrying on business in his own name, his name shall be inserted;
- (b) if the Bidder is a partnership, the full name of the partnership shall be inserted;
- (c) if the Bidder is a corporation, the full name of the corporation shall be inserted;

- (d) if the Bidder is carrying on business under a name other than his own, the business name and the name of every partner or corporation who is the owner of such business name shall be inserted.

B8.2.1 If a Bid is submitted jointly by two or more persons, each and all such persons shall identify themselves in accordance with B8.2.

B8.3 In Paragraph 3 of Form A: Bid, the Bidder shall identify a contact person who is authorized to represent the Bidder for purposes of the Bid.

B8.4 Paragraph 10 of Form A: Bid shall be signed in accordance with the following requirements:

- (a) if the Bidder is a sole proprietor carrying on business in his own name, it shall be signed by the Bidder;
- (b) if the Bidder is a partnership, it shall be signed by the partner or partners who have authority to sign for the partnership;
- (c) if the Bidder is a corporation, it shall be signed by its duly authorized officer or officers;
- (d) if the Bidder is carrying on business under a name other than his own, it shall be signed by the registered owner of the business name, or by the registered owner's authorized officials if the owner is a partnership or a corporation.

B8.4.1 The name and official capacity of all individuals signing Form A: Bid shall be printed below such signatures.

B8.4.2 All signatures shall be original.

B8.5 If a Bid is submitted jointly by two or more persons, the word "Bidder" shall mean each and all such persons, and the undertakings, covenants and obligations of such joint Bidders in the Bid and the Contract, when awarded, shall be both joint and several.

B9. PRICES

B9.1 The Bidder shall state the lump sum price in Canadian funds for the Work on Form B: Prices.

B9.1.1 Notwithstanding C11.1.2, the price on Form B: Prices shall not include the Goods and Services Tax (GST) or Manitoba Retail Sales Tax (MRST, also known as PST), which shall be extra where applicable.

B10. QUALIFICATION

B10.1 The Bidder shall:

- (a) undertake to be in good standing under The Corporations Act (Manitoba), or properly registered under The Business Names Registration Act (Manitoba), or otherwise properly registered, licensed or permitted by law to carry on business in Manitoba, or if the Bidder does not carry on business in Manitoba, in the jurisdiction where the Bidder does carry on business; and
- (b) be financially capable of carrying out the terms of the Contract; and
- (c) have all the necessary experience, capital, organization, and equipment to perform the Work in strict accordance with the terms and provisions of the Contract.

B10.2 The Bidder and any proposed Subcontractor (for the portion of the Work proposed to be subcontracted to them) shall be responsible and not be suspended, debarred or in default of any obligations to the City a list of suspended or debarred individuals and companies is available on the Information Connection page at The City of Winnipeg, Corporate Finance, Materials Management Branch internet site at <http://www.winnipeg.ca/matmgt>.

B10.3 The Bidder and/or any proposed Subcontractor (for the portion of the Work proposed to be subcontracted to them) shall:

- (a) have successfully carried out work similar in nature, scope and value to the Work; and

- (b) be fully capable of performing the Work required to be in strict accordance with the terms and provisions of the Contract; and
- (c) have a written workplace safety and health program, if required, pursuant to The Workplace Safety and Health Act (Manitoba).

B10.4 The Bidder shall submit, within three (3) Business Days of a request by the Contract Administrator, proof satisfactory to the Contract Administrator of the qualifications of the Bidder and of any proposed Subcontractor.

B10.5 The Bidder shall provide, on the request of the Contract Administrator, full access to any of the Bidder's equipment and facilities to confirm, to the Contract Administrator's satisfaction, that the Bidder's equipment and facilities are adequate to perform the Work.

B11. OPENING OF BIDS AND RELEASE OF INFORMATION

B11.1 Bid Submissions will not be opened publicly.

B11.2 Following the Submission Deadline, the names of the Bidders and their bid prices (unevaluated, and pending review and verification of conformance with requirements) will be available on the Closed Bid Opportunities (or Public/Posted Opening & Award Results) page at The City of Winnipeg, Corporate Finance, Materials Management Branch internet site at <http://www.winnipeg.ca/matmgt>.

B11.3 After award of Contract, the name(s) of the successful Bidder(s) and the Contract Amount(s) will be available on the Closed Bid Opportunities (or Public/Posted Opening & Award Results) page at The City of Winnipeg, Corporate Finance, Materials Management Branch internet site at <http://www.winnipeg.ca/matmgt>.

B11.4 The Bidder is advised that any information contained in any Bid may be released if required by City policy or procedures, The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (Manitoba), or by other authorities having jurisdiction.

B12. IRREVOCABLE BID

B12.1 The Bid(s) submitted by the Bidder shall be irrevocable for the time period specified in Paragraph 9 of Form A: Bid.

B12.2 The acceptance by the City of any Bid shall not release the Bids of the next two lowest evaluated responsive Bidders and these Bidders shall be bound by their Bids on such Work for the time period specified in Paragraph 9 of Form A: Bid.

B13. WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS

B13.1 A Bidder may withdraw his Bid without penalty by giving written notice to the Manager of Materials at any time prior to the Submission Deadline.

B13.1.1 Notwithstanding C22.5, the time and date of receipt of any notice withdrawing a Bid shall be the time and date of receipt as determined by the Manager of Materials.

B13.1.2 The City will assume that any one of the contact persons named in Paragraph 3 of Form A: Bid or the Bidder's authorized representatives named in Paragraph 10 of Form A: Bid, and only such person, has authority to give notice of withdrawal.

B13.1.3 If a Bidder gives notice of withdrawal prior to the Submission Deadline, the Manager of Materials will:

- (a) retain the Bid until after the Submission Deadline has elapsed;
- (b) open the Bid to identify the contact person named in Paragraph 3 of Form A: Bid and the Bidder's authorized representatives named in Paragraph 10 of Form A: Bid; and

- (c) if the notice has been given by any one of the persons specified in B13.1.3(b), declare the Bid withdrawn.

B13.2 A Bidder who withdraws his Bid after the Submission Deadline but before his Bid has been released or has lapsed as provided for in B12.2 shall be liable for such damages as are imposed upon the Bidder by law and subject to such sanctions as the Chief Administrative Officer considers appropriate in the circumstances. The City, in such event, shall be entitled to all rights and remedies available to it at law.

B14. EVALUATION OF BIDS

B14.1 Award of the Contract shall be based on the following bid evaluation criteria:

- (a) compliance by the Bidder with the requirements of the Bid Opportunity (pass/fail);
- (b) qualifications of the Bidder and the Subcontractors, if any, pursuant to B10 (pass/fail);
- (c) Total Bid Price;
- (d) economic analysis of any approved alternative pursuant to B6.

B14.2 Further to B14.1(a), the Award Authority may reject a Bid as being non-responsive if the Bid Submission is incomplete, obscure or conditional, or contains additions, deletions, alterations or other irregularities. The Award Authority may reject all or any part of any Bid, or waive technical requirements or minor informalities or irregularities if the interests of the City so require.

B14.3 Further to B14.1(b), the Award Authority shall reject any Bid submitted by a Bidder who does not demonstrate, in his Bid or in other information required to be submitted, that he is responsible and qualified.

B14.4 Further to B14.1(c), the Total Bid Price shall be the lump sum price shown on Form B: Prices.

B14.4.1 If there is any discrepancy between the lump sum price written in figures and the lump sum price written in words, the price written in words shall take precedence.

B14.5 This Contract will be awarded as a whole.

B15. AWARD OF CONTRACT

B15.1 The City will give notice of the award of the Contract or will give notice that no award will be made.

B15.2 The City will have no obligation to award a Contract to a Bidder, even though one or all of the Bidders are determined to be responsible and qualified, and the Bids are determined to be responsive.

B15.2.1 Without limiting the generality of B15.2, the City will have no obligation to award a Contract where:

- (a) the prices exceed the available City funds for the Work;
- (b) the prices are materially in excess of the prices received for similar work in the past;
- (c) the prices are materially in excess of the City's cost to perform the Work, or a significant portion thereof, with its own forces;
- (d) only one Bid is received; or
- (e) in the judgment of the Award Authority, the interests of the City would best be served by not awarding a Contract.

B15.3 Where an award of Contract is made by the City, the award shall be made to the responsible and qualified Bidder submitting the lowest evaluated responsive Bid.

B15.3.1 Following the award of contract, a Bidder will be provided with information related to the evaluation of his Bid upon written request to the Contract Administrator.

- B15.4 Notwithstanding C4.1, the City will issue a Purchase Order to the successful Bidder in lieu of the execution of a Contract.
- B15.5 The Contract Documents, as defined in C1.1(n), in their entirety shall be deemed to be incorporated in and to form a part of the Purchase Order notwithstanding that they are not necessarily attached to or accompany said Purchase Order.

PART C - GENERAL CONDITIONS

C0. GENERAL CONDITIONS

- C0.1 The *General Conditions for Supply of Services* (Revision 2007 04 12) are applicable to the Work of the Contract.
- C0.1.1 The *General Conditions for Supply of Services* are available on the Information Connection page at The City of Winnipeg, Corporate Finance, Materials Management Branch internet site at <http://www.winnipeg.ca/matmgt>.
- C0.2 A reference in the Bid Opportunity to a section, clause or subclause with the prefix “**C**” designates a section, clause or subclause in the *General Conditions for Supply of Services*.

PART D - SUPPLEMENTAL CONDITIONS

GENERAL

D1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

D1.1 In addition to the *General Conditions for Supply of Services*, these Supplemental Conditions are applicable to the Work of the Contract.

D2. SCOPE OF WORK

D2.1 The Work to be done under the Contract shall consist of conducting a market research survey and submitting the results to the City of Winnipeg Transit department.

D3. CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR

D3.1 The Contract Administrator is:

Phil Wiwchar
Market Research Analyst
421 Osborne Street
Winnipeg, MB R3L 2A2

Telephone No. (204) 986-5742
Facsimile No. (204) 986-6863

D4. CONTRACTOR'S SUPERVISOR

D4.1 Before commencement of Work, the Contractor shall identify his designated supervisor and any additional personnel representing the Contractor and their respective roles and responsibilities for the Work.

D4.1.1 Further to C5.5 Contract Administrator may give instructions or orders to the Contractor's supervisor and such instructions or orders shall be deemed to have been given to the Contractor.

SUBMISSIONS

D5. AUTHORITY TO CARRY ON BUSINESS

D5.1 The Contractor shall be in good standing under The Corporations Act (Manitoba), or properly registered under The Business Names Registration Act (Manitoba), or otherwise properly registered, licensed or permitted by law to carry on business in Manitoba, or if the Contractor does not carry on business in Manitoba, in the jurisdiction where the Contractor does carry on business, throughout the term of the Contract, and shall provide the Contract Administrator with evidence thereof upon request.

SCHEDULE OF WORK

D6. COMMENCEMENT

D6.1 The Contractor shall not commence any Work until he is in receipt of a notice of award from the City authorizing the commencement of the Work.

D6.2 The Contractor shall not commence any Work until the Contractor has attended a meeting with the Contract Administrator, or the Contract Administrator has waived the requirement for a meeting.

D6.3 The City intends to award this Contract by May 9, 2008.

- D6.3.1 If the actual date of award is later than the intended date, the dates specified for Commencement, Critical Stages, Substantial Performance, and Total Performance will be adjusted by the difference between the aforementioned intended and actual dates

D7. WORK SCHEDULE

- D7.1 The Survey shall be performed during the period May 9, 2008 to May 30, 2008.
- D7.2 The Contractor shall complete the Work and deliver the results to Winnipeg Transit by June 11, 2008.

MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT

D8. PAYMENT

- D8.1 Further to C11, the City may at its option pay the Contractor by direct deposit to the Contractor's banking institution.

PART E - SPECIFICATIONS

GENERAL

E1. APPLICABLE SPECIFICATIONS AND DRAWINGS

E1.1 These Specifications shall apply to the Work.

E2. SERVICES

E2.1 The Contractor shall conduct a Market Research Survey and provide results in accordance with the requirements hereinafter specified.

E2.2 The Contractor shall survey a random sample of people currently registered with Handi-Transit, a parallel service provided for those unable to use Winnipeg Transit's regular service, by telephone, following proper survey methodology.

E2.3 The total sample size shall be 800 respondents.

E2.4 The ratio of ambulatory users to non-ambulatory users shall be 1:1.

E2.5 Winnipeg Transit shall provide to the Contractor approximately 8,780 telephone numbers, representing approximately 9,900 registered Handi-Transit users, from which the contractor can draw the sample. Approximately 75% of the users are ambulatory and 25% are non-ambulatory.

E2.6 The contractor shall supply Winnipeg Transit with the telephone numbers of respondents unable to complete the questionnaire via telephone because of communication difficulties. Winnipeg Transit will deliver a printed copy of the questionnaire to these respondents and have completed questionnaires returned directly to Winnipeg Transit.

E2.7 The survey instrument shall be in accordance with the attached questionnaire.

E2.8 The Contractor shall review and field test the questionnaire prior to conducting the Survey.

E2.9 The Contractor shall code, keypunch and verify the survey responses.

E3. DATA & REPORTS

E3.1 The Contractor shall provide Winnipeg Transit with an electronic file containing the data in Microsoft Excel 2000 format.

E3.2 The Contractor shall provide Winnipeg Transit with a summary of categorized comments received to open-ended questions.

E4. QUESTIONNAIRE

E4.1 Handi-Transit Survey pages 1-10



Handi-Transit Customer Survey Spring 2008

INTRO1

Good evening/day, is this (telephone number)?

(ANYTHING IN UPPER CASE IS NOT TO BE READ TO RESPONDENT)

Yes --> CONTINUE WITH ENROLLMENT	1	=> INTRO2
No --> DISCONTINUE ENROLLMENT	2	=> TERMINATE

INTRO2

Hello, my name is _____ and I'm calling from _____ on behalf of Handi-Transit.

CONTINUE.....	1	=> SCREENER1
No registrants living here.....	2	=> SCREENER2
Refusal.....	9	=> TERMINATE

SCREENER1

I need to speak to a person in your home who is currently registered with Handi-Transit. Would that be you?

Yes --> CONTINUE WITH ENROLLMENT	1	=> SCREENER3
No - Registrant coming to phone.....	2	=> INTRO3
Respondent available for callback --> ARRANGE CALLBACK.....	3	
Respondent not available for callback --> TERMINATE	4	=> TERMINATE
No Handi-Transit registrant living at residence.....	5	=> SCREENER2

SCREENER2

It was our understanding that this was a contact number for a Handi-Transit registrant. Did a Handi-Transit registrant recently live at this residence?

Yes.....	1	=> NEWNUMBER
No	9	=> TERMINATE

NEWNUMBER

Do you have a number where they can be reached?

Yes - NEW NUMBER GIVEN	1	=> TERMINATE
No - NO NEW NUMBER GIVEN.....	2	=> TERMINATE
No Response.....	9	=> TERMINATE

INTRO3

Hello, my name is _____ and I'm calling from _____ on behalf of Handi-Transit.

CONTINUE.....	1	=> SCREENER3
Refusal.....	9	=> TERMINATE

SCREENER3

Today we are talking with people about Handi-Transit service. Your participation in this survey is voluntary and you may choose not to answer any particular question I ask. All questions refer to Handi-Transit service since our last survey in April, 2005. When responding to the questions, only consider the service levels you have experienced in the past 3 years even if you have used Handi-Transit service longer than that.

First of all, is any member of your household, including yourself, employed by Winnipeg Transit?

- No --> CONTINUE 1 => Q1
- Yes --> DISQUALIFY 2 => DISQUALIFY
- No Response --> DISQUALIFY 9 => DISQUALIFY

TERMINATE

Thank you for your time. Good-bye.

- TERMINATE - CODE AS NOT CONTACTED 1

DISQUALIFY

I'm sorry, but that disqualifies you from our study, but thank you for your time.

- TERMINATE - CODE AS NON-QUALIFIED 1

Q1

How many rides do you take with Handi-Transit in a typical month? Count going to and from your destination as a single ride.

- Never 1
- Less than once a month 2
- 1 or 2 times a month 3
- 3 to 5 times a month 4
- 6 to 10 times a month 5
- More than 10 times a month 6
- Don't know / No response 9

Q2

How would you rate the process of applying for Handi-Transit Services?

Are you... (READ RESPONSES)

- Very satisfied 1
- Somewhat satisfied 2
- Somewhat dissatisfied 3
- Very dissatisfied 4
- Don't remember 5
- Don't know / No response 9

Q3

Where would you find it most convenient to get information about Handi-Transit?

- Brochure 1
- Phone call 2
- Internet..... 3
- Other (SPECIFY) 4 O
- Don't know / No response..... 9

Q4

Do you have access to the Internet at home?

- Yes..... 1
- No 2
- Don't know / No response..... 9

Q5

Do you carry a cell phone with you when you travel in a Handi-Transit vehicle?

- Yes..... 1
- No 2
- Don't know / No response..... 9

Q6

On average, how long do you have to wait on the telephone to speak to a customer service representative?

- Less than 3 minutes 1
- 3 to 5 minutes 2
- 6 to 10 minutes 3
- More than 10 minutes 4
- I do not know because someone else calls to book my ride 5
- Don't know / No response..... 9

Q7

How many times have you waited on the phone so long that you hung up and tried to call the Handi-Transit customer service representative again later?

- _____ times
- Don't know / No response..... 99

Q8

Overall, how satisfied are you with the customer service representatives taking your call when booking a ride with Handi-Transit? Are you... (READ RESPONSES)

- Very satisfied..... 1 => PREFACE2
- Somewhat satisfied..... 2 => PREFACE2
- Somewhat dissatisfied 3 => Q9
- Very dissatisfied 4 => Q9
- Don't know / No response..... 9 => PREFACE2

Q9

Why are you dissatisfied with the customer service representatives? (ACCEPT ONLY ONE RESPONSE)

- Response (SPECIFY) 0
- Don't know / no response..... 99

PREFACE1

Confirmation calls are required to let the customer know if Handi-Transit is able to provide the trip and to give the passenger an accurate pick-up time.

Q10

Do you use the automated trip confirmation service or do you speak to one of our representatives to confirm your ride?

- Automated service 1
- Speak to a representative 2
- Use both services 3
- Don't know / No response..... 9

Q11

Overall, how satisfied are you with the process of confirming rides with Handi-Transit? Are you... (READ RESPONSES)

- Very satisfied..... 1
- Somewhat satisfied 2
- Somewhat dissatisfied 3
- Very dissatisfied 4
- Don't know / No response..... 9

Q12

Do you have an answering machine or voice-mail at your home?

- Yes..... 1
- No 2
- Don't know / No response..... 9

Q13

If the option were available, would you want an automated phone call to your home or home voice-mail to confirm your trip?

- Yes..... 1
- No 2
- Don't know / No response..... 9

Q14

If the option were available, would you want an e-mail message sent to you to confirm your trip?

- Yes..... 1
- No 2
- Don't know / No response..... 9

Q15

How many times has Handi-Transit been unable to provide your trip or one way of a return trip?

_____ times
Don't know / No response..... 99

Q16

Have you ever called Handi-Transit to cancel a ride?

Yes..... 1
No 2 => Q21
Don't know / No response..... 9

Q17

How often do you cancel your Handi-Transit rides?

(READ RESPONSES)

Often 1
Occasionally 2
Seldom..... 3
Never 4
Don't know / No response..... 9

Q18

Why do you cancel your Handi-Transit rides? (DO NOT READ RESPONSES)

I book more trips than I plan to use to make sure I get a ride..... 1
I was not satisfied with the pick-up times assigned..... 2
I was sick 3
I changed my plans 4
Other (SPECIFY) 5 O
Don't know / No response..... 9

Q19

How satisfied were you with the process of canceling a ride with Handi-Transit?

Were you... (READ RESPONSES)

Very satisfied..... 1
Somewhat satisfied 2
Somewhat dissatisfied 3
Very dissatisfied 4
Don't know / No response..... 9

Q20

If the option were available, would you use an automated phone system to cancel a Handi-Transit trip?

Yes..... 1
No 2
Don't know / No response..... 9

Q21

If the option were available, would you use an automated phone system to book Handi-Transit trips to your most frequent destinations?

- Yes..... 1
No 2
Don't know / No response..... 9
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Q22

If the option were available, would you prefer to pay your fares by automatic withdrawal from an account set up with Handi-Transit instead of carrying cash or tickets and paying the driver?

- Yes..... 1
No 2
Don't know / No response..... 9
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Q23

Are you aware of Handi-Transit's 'No Show' policy regarding pick-ups?

- Yes..... 1
No 2
Don't know / No response..... 9
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A trip is considered a 'No Show' if a ride is booked and confirmed, but the rider either refuses the ride or isn't at the pick-up point up to 5 minutes after the pick-up time.

Q24

Are you aware that fines may be imposed if a rider is a 'No Show' without valid reasons?

- Yes..... 1
No 2
Don't know / No response..... 9
-
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Q25

How often does the Handi-Transit vehicle pick you up and drop you off on time? Is it... (READ RESPONSES)

- Always..... 1
Usually..... 2
Sometimes 3
Rarely 4
Never 5
Don't know / No response..... 9
-
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Q26

How many times has Handi-Transit failed to pick you up for a scheduled trip?

- _____ times
Don't know / No response..... 99
-
-

Q27

Generally speaking, are Handi-Transit drivers... (READ RESPONSES)

- Always courteous 1
- Usually courteous 2
- Rarely courteous 3
- Never courteous 4
- Don't know / No response..... 9

Q28

Generally speaking, when picking you up and dropping you off, are Handi-Transit drivers... (READ RESPONSES)

- Always helpful..... 1
- Usually helpful 2
- Rarely helpful 3
- Never helpful 4
- Don't know / No response..... 9

Q29A

Does your Handi-Transit driver assist you to and from the Handi-Transit vehicle?

- Always..... 1
- Sometimes 2
- Seldom..... 3
- Never 4
- Not applicable..... 5
- Don't know / No response..... 9

Q29B

Does your Handi-Transit driver assist you into and out of the Handi-Transit vehicle?

- Always..... 1
- Sometimes 2
- Seldom..... 3
- Never 4
- Not applicable..... 5
- Don't know / No response..... 9

Q29C

Does your Handi-Transit driver ask if you need assistance with your seatbelt?

- Always..... 1
- Sometimes 2
- Seldom..... 3
- Never 4
- Not applicable..... 5
- Don't know / No response..... 9

Q29D

Does your Handi-Transit driver ensure that mobility aids, such as wheelchairs, scooters or walkers, are secured properly?

- Always 1
- Sometimes 2
- Seldom..... 3
- Never 4
- Not applicable..... 5
- Don't know / No response..... 9

Q29E

Does your Handi-Transit driver ensure that carry-on items are secure?

- Always 1
- Sometimes 2
- Seldom..... 3
- Never 4
- Not applicable..... 5
- Don't know / No response..... 9

Q30

Overall, how safe do you feel when riding in Handi-Transit vehicles? Do you feel...
(READ RESPONSES)

- Extremely safe 1
- Generally safe..... 2
- Not very safe..... 3
- Not at all safe..... 4
- Don't know / No response..... 9

Q31

Have you ever felt unsafe during a ride in a Handi-Transit vehicle?

- Yes..... 1
- No 2
- Don't know / No response..... 9

=> Q33

Q32

What made you feel unsafe?

- The driver's appearance and/or behavior..... 1
- The way the vehicle was driven..... 2
- Another passenger 3
- Other (SPECIFY) 4 O
- Don't know / No response..... 9

Q33

Have you ever filed a commendation or complaint with Handi-Transit?

- Yes..... 1
- No (SKIP TO Q38)..... 2
- Don't know / No response..... 9

Q34

How satisfied were you with the way your commendation or complaint was handled?

Were you... (READ RESPONSES)

- Very satisfied..... 1
- Somewhat satisfied..... 2
- Somewhat dissatisfied 3
- Very dissatisfied 4
- Don't know / No response..... 9

Q35

Overall, how would you rate the level of service you receive from Handi-Transit?

Are you... (READ RESPONSES)

- Very satisfied..... 1
- Somewhat satisfied..... 2
- Somewhat dissatisfied 3
- Very dissatisfied 4
- Don't know / No response..... 9

Q36

Are you aware that Winnipeg Transit operates low-floor buses on much of its regular service?

- Yes..... 1
- No 2
- Don't know / No response..... 9

Q37

Since you became eligible for Handi-Transit, have you ever taken a low-floor bus Winnipeg?

- Yes..... 1
- No 2
- Don't know / No response..... 9

Q38

For you, what are the barriers to using low-floor buses? (ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES)

- Health reasons (physically unable to use them)..... 1
- Low-floor buses don't service all routes..... 2
- I can't comprehend the schedules and routes 3
- Weather / conditions at bus stops 4
- Bus drivers are less knowledgeable than Handi-Transit drivers
 regarding my safety and sensitivity to my situation 5
- Securing of my wheelchair or scooter 6
- Other passengers make me feel uncomfortable 7
- Other (SPECIFY) 8 O
- Don't know / no response..... 99

Q39

If you were able to participate in a program that teaches you about routes, reading schedules, and getting on and off the bus, would you be willing to take the low-floor regular transit buses more often?

- Yes..... 1
- No 2
- Don't know / No response..... 9

Q40

Would you ride on the low-floor regular transit buses more often if you had a support person ride with you while you practice taking the bus to destinations you frequently travel to?

- Yes..... 1
- No 2
- Don't know / No response..... 9

Q41

How long would you want the support person to ride with you to be comfortable taking the low-floor regular transit buses on your own more often? (READ RESPONSES)

- One-half day of training 1
- One day of training 2
- Two days of training..... 3
- Other (SPECIFY) 4
- Don't know / No response..... 9

Q42A & Q42B

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about Handi-Transit or low-floor bus services in Winnipeg? (CODE MAXIMUM OF TWO RESPONSES ONLY)

- Response A (SPECIFY)
- Response B (SPECIFY).....

GENDER

RECORD GENDER - DO NOT ASK

**Those are all the questions I have - Thank you for your time.
Please be assured that your answers will be kept confidential and will only be shared in aggregate form.**

INTERVIEWER: RECORD GENDER BELOW

- Female 1
- Male..... 2
- Undetermined 3