Pee Dee Regional Transportation Authority
Purchasing Department
Amendment of Solicitation /Modification-Purchase Order

AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NO. EFFECTIVE DATE AGENCY/LOCATION
3 September 30, 1016 PDRTA/Florence, SC

ISSUED BY: Pee Dee Regional Transportation Authority
Purchasing Department
313 Stadium Road
Florence, SC 29506

ADMINISTERED BY:
Tavorous Collins
Purchasing Agent

CONTRACTOR NAME & ADDRESS:

Amendment of:
RFP# 0816-02
Up to (3) 30-35 Ft. Low Floor Buses

THIS BLOCK APPLIES ONLY TO AMENDMENTS OF SOLICITATIONS
The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth below. The hour and date specified for receipt of offers (X) is extended. ( ) is not extended.

Offerors must acknowledge receipt of this amendment prior to the hour and date specified in the solicitation, or as amended, by one of the following methods: (a) by signing and returning one copy of this amendment, (b) by acknowledging receipt of this amendment on each copy of the offer submitted or (c) by separate letter or email which includes a reference to the solicitation & amendment numbers. FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE ISSUING OFFICE PRIOR TO THE HOUR & DATE SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER. If, by virtue of this amendment you desire to change an offer already submitted, such change may be made by e-mail or letter, provided such e-mail or letter makes reference to the solicitation & this amendment, & is received prior to the opening hour & date specified. The changes set below are made to the above numbered order.

DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION:

Please see the attached:

I. Minutes from Pre-Proposal Meeting
II. Response to Questions and Requests for Approved Equal
III. Revised Appendicies

( ) CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR IS NOT REQUIRED TO SIGN THIS DOCUMENT

( X ) CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR IS REQUIRED TO SIGN THIS DOCUMENT & RETURN TO PDRTA AT ADDRESS SHOWN ABOVE

CONTRACTOR’S SIGNATURE

BY ______________________________ (Signature of Authorized Rep.)

DATE: ________________________

________________________________________ (Company Name)

BY ______________________________ (Signature of PDRTA’s Authorized Rep.)

DATE: ________________________
I. Minutes for Pre-Proposal Meeting RFP 0816-02

Date: 8/30/2016
Time: 11:00am

**Vendors Present:**
Greg Davis of BYD Heavy Industries (by telephone conference call)
Butch Sibley of Gillig LLC (by telephone conference call)

**Staff Present:**
Tavorous Collins, Ronnie Newsome, Don Strickland, Charles MacNeil, Chris Greenman

**Tavorous Collins:**
At this time you may submit your questions, clarifications concerning the RFP 0816-02

**Greg Davis:**
I have no pending questions; I’m just listening see if we can get some questions in the near future.

**Butch Sibley:**
I just wanted to first of all make sure the initial purchase quantity as it states in section 1.1.3.3 of two buses is still the plan?

**Charles MacNeil:**
The intent is to purchase as many as the winning proposer is able to provide based on the winning proposer bid price per vehicle. We envisioned with the amount of funding we hope to have that depending on the prices we could possibly be able to purchase as many as 3 buses.

**Butch Sibley:**
OK, so it says the initial purchase of 2 but it could be 3 but the bid is only for 3 buses over the 24 month period. So depending on the price it could be two and or all 3 at once.

**Charles MacNeil:**
Correct, if the winning proposer has a price that unfortunately doesn’t allow us buy 3 then we will have to look at 2.

**Butch Sibley:**
In a lot of areas of your bid, I just wanted to confirm that the buses that you are looking for are in fact in all categories 30’ and 35’ ft, Altoona tested heavy duty buses.

**Don Strickland:**
We are definitely looking for heavy duty buses and I think what we are looking at is 30’ or 35’ or a combination of the two depending on what the budget allows.

**Butch Sibley:**
To make it a little more clear, you are in fact looking for heavy duty buses not medium duty buses.

**Charles MacNeil:**
That is correct.
Butch Sibley:
Are you leaning towards either diesel or Hybrid, do you have any preference one way or the other or based on your funding based on your grant award is this specifically for one technology or one fuel system versus the other and is it pretty open, are you guys leaning one way or the other on the either diesel or hybrid?

Charles MacNeil:
I guess we are not trying to lean either way because we don’t know what proposals we will get suffice it to say we’re probably going to be pretty happy to at least get new heavy duty buses, regardless of the propulsion, we’ll just have to evaluate the proposals as they come in.

Butch Sibley:
Your proposals are for specifically either diesel or diesel hybrid bus is that correct?

Charles MacNeil:
Yes, we would like to get proposals on each. We would like a diesel bus at 30'ft or 35’ft or a diesel/ hybrid at 30'ft or 35’ft. All heavy duty.

Butch Sibley:
I have no further questions, and I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to call in and we look forward to preparing a proposal for you.

Charles MacNeil:
Tavorous would you go over the dates of when everything is due by?

Tavorous Collins:
All Technical Questions and Requests for Approved Equal are due in by September 16, 2016, PDRTA Response to Questions and Requests for Approved Equal September 30, 2016, Proposal Due Date October 24, 2016, Interviews & Bus Inspection November 7 or 8. 2016 8am - 5pm, Contract Intent to Award November 21, 2016

Butch Sibley:
I just wanted to clarify, are all of these times Eastern Standard Time?

Tavorous Collins:
Yes, Eastern Standard Time.  
If there are no other questions or comments, this meeting is adjourned.

(END OF MEETING)

II. PDRTA Response to Questions and Requests for Approved Equals
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section:

Section Title:

Nature of Request:
Would the Authority accept Zero Emission buses that utilizes a battery electric propulsion system? Contractor’s zero emissions bus offers a 12 year unlimited mile battery warranty relieving the perceived risk associated with Zero Emissions Battery electric propulsion system heavy duty buses. Over the 12 years service life of the bus the Authority will benefit from reduced maintenance costs and realize a lower cost of ownership, which will be the lowest cost of ownership of any bus manufacturer in the industry.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PRTA Response
Approved: _____ Denied: ___X___

Explanation: PRTA will not accept at this time a proposal for a bus with exclusively a battery electric propulsion system. Based on preliminary research and the amount of available funding, it was determined prior to the solicitation that considering such a bus in concert with the need for purchasing a charging system would restrict our ability to purchase more than one bus.

Signed:

__________________________________
Bid Document Section: 5.1.6.11

Section Title: Technical Specifications

Nature of Request:
Would PDRTA be able to provide a full detailed Daily Service cycle for the buses, which PDRTA is seeking to replace with this procurement? We would like to be able to provide full description of how electric buses with a single overnight depot charging system can meet the authorities needs. For the design profile can you offer, the total daily distance traveled, average distance per loop cycle, the average speed of the route, as well as the number of stops per route. This would allow demonstrations proof that electric buses can meet the desired needs of PDRTA.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: _____ Denied: X

Explanation: The maximum daily mileage for our bus routes is approximately 231 miles. The average distance “per loop” is about 18.5 miles. The average speed of the route is 18.5 mph. The estimated average number of stops per route (including stop signs, traffic signals, etc) is approximately 350 per day.

Signed: [Signature]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 1.1 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Section Title: 1.1.4.3.1 A. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (page 14)

Nature of Request:
Contractor is a privately held company with the financial ability to complete this procurement. We have a fully operational, fully staffed manufacturing plant located in [redacted] to manufacture the vehicles proposed in compliance with specifications.

We request approval to delete the submission of our "Confidential" financial report with the bid documents. On request, Contractor proposes to provide our Financial Statement during the negotiation process.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X  Denied:  

Explanation:  

Signed:  

[Signature]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 2.2.1.3

Section Title: PILOT BUS

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests approval to delete the pilot bus requirement. Starting production 4 weeks after receiving the pilot bus will not allow the Agency proper time to review the pilot bus and make any significant changes to the production buses. Many of the major components will have already been ordered and delivered for the production buses when the pilot is delivered.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X Denied: 

Explanation:

Signed: [Signature]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 2.2.5

Section Title: SPECIFICATION AND OFFER OMISSION

Nature of Request:
Contractor would like to advise the Agency that the bus will be delivered complete and ready for service to the extent possible. Some items such as CAD/AVL, GPS enabled components etc. may not work until within the Agencies area. Contractor cannot provide these items ready for service; only confirm that signal is being received by any particular device.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X  Denied: ______

Explanation:

Signed: ___________________
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 2.3 DELIVERY AND TITLE

Section Title: 2.3.5 REGISTRATION DOCUMENTS (page 57 & 58)

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests approval to provide the following industry standard documents if we are the successful bidder for this procurement:

1. Our Manufacturer's Statement of Origin (MSO) document for each vehicle. This form has been approved in all 50 states and transfers ownership directly from the manufacturer to the procuring agency.
2. The procuring agency provides the MSO document to your local Department of Motor Vehicles in order to transfer ownership and secure the title for each vehicle.
3. The procuring agency would be responsible for title fees or licenses, if any.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X Denied: 

Explanation: 

Signed: [Signature]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 2.3.2.2

Section Title: REPAIRS BY PDRTA

Nature of Request:
Contractor would like to advise the Agency that most repairs can be done by the Agency, but some vendors do not allow work to be done by anyone that is not an authorized dealer and the repairs done by the Agency may void an unused warranty that applies to the part being repaired or replaced. An example of vendors that use authorized dealers are Cummins, Allison, Voith, ZF, Thermoking, Luminator, Twin Vision, Meritor and Mobile Climate Control. Repairs done to the preceding vendors' products will require repairs by authorized dealers.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: ___X___ Denied: ___

Explanation:

Signed:
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 2.3.5

Section Title: REGISTRATION DOCUMENTATION

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests approval to provide the documents necessary for registering the vehicles supplied at the same time as the invoice. The documentation will be sent out to the Agency within 3-5 business days after each vehicle ships from Contractor. This is currently the only way for Contractor to provide the necessary documents for registering the vehicles.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X   Denied:    

Explanation:

Signed: [Signature]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 2.5.1

Section Title: TRAINING

Nature of Request:
Contractor would like to advise the Agency that training will be provided on an agreed to schedule determined by the Agency and Contractor. The training is not required to be provided in any specific time frame. Contractor will work with the Agency to develop a training schedule that works for the Agency.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved:     X     Denied:     

Explanation: Approved Conditionally: PDRTA requires that 40 hours of training be provided within one month after delivery of the first bus. The second 40 hours of training per Bid Document Section 2.5.1 will be scheduled at a time mutually agreed to by the Agency and the Contractor. All other conditions in Section 2.5.1 remain unchanged.

Signed:    

[Signature]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 2.5.1

Section Title: TRAINING

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests clarification of the maximum number of students that will be required to have training provided for each of the specific classes listed below.

Engine:
Transmission:

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved:  X  Denied:  

Explanation: The maximum number of students will be four.

Signed:  

[Signature]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 2.5.1

Section Title: TRAINING

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests approval to provide, if necessary, training from qualified engine and transmission instructors off site at their respective facilities (tuition only).

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: _____  Denied: X

Explanation: [Signature]
Signed: [Signature]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 2.5.1

Section Title: TRAINING

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests approval to provide 96 hours of Contractor provided training that would include general maintenance and I/O (multiplex) training at the Agencies facility. The training classes are held over a consecutive 3 day period consisting of 8 hours each day. Class sizes are limited to 12 students. Time is spent between classroom and on the bus training.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: _____  Denied:  X

Explanation: We are not clear on what is being requested. Is contractor suggesting 4 separate 3 day class sessions of 8 hours? (4x3x8=96?)

Signed:

[Signature]
Bid Document Section: 2.5.1

Section Title: TRAINING

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests more information on the "Maintenance Staff Training Plan Submittal". Reference to this plan is made, but a plan could not be located within the contract. This information is crucial to developing a training cost estimate for this contract.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X  Denied:  

Explanation: PDRTA is unsure of what training may be available. We are requesting the contractor provide a Maintenance Staff Training Plan with pricing. A list of courses available with pricing for each course would be acceptable. A contractor recommended list of minimum courses necessary for the proper maintenance of the vehicle along with price would be ideal.

Signed: [Signature]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 2.5.1

Section Title: TRAINING

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests approval to provide our training DVD's that have been created by a professional video production team.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X  Denied: 

Explanation:

Signed:
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 2.5.4
Section Title: PARTS AVAILABILITY GUARANTY

Nature of Request:
Contractor would like to clarify that any parts, software or equipment necessary to maintain and repair the vehicles can be supplied, but are not included in the bus price.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

**PDRTA Response**
Approved:  X   Denied:  

Explanation:

Signed:

[Signature]
Bid Document Section: 2.5.4

Section Title: PARTS AVAILABILITY GUARANTY

Nature of Request:
Contractor would like to advise the Agency that revised parts manuals will not be sent out yearly. Contractor will provide revisions or updates to the manuals through mailed out updated pages to the Agency for updating existing manuals. Electronic versions of Contractor manuals can be provided as requested by the Agency. Vendor manuals would need to be quoted should new manuals or electronic versions be requested by the Agency.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X    Denied: _______

Explanation: ____________________________

Signed: ________________________________
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 2.5.4

Section Title: PARTS AVAILABILITY GUARANTY

Nature of Request:
Contractor agrees that all buses to be manufactured within a given production run will be duplicates in design, manufacture, installation, etc., as required by this section.

However, since this solicitation includes an option for additional "years", Contractor requests approval that such optional coaches to the initial contract award may include product improvements initiated by both the manufacturer and by vendors without obligation to retrofit.

For example the engine manufacturer might change the means by which engine emission standards are met in order to assure a more reliable system or to meet regulatory requirements that might have changed. Contractor agrees to advise the Agency with regard to any significant variations between coaches in the basic award and those exercised as part of an option.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X  Denied:

Explanation:

Signed: [Signature]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 2.5.4

Section Title: AVAILABILITY GUARANTY

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests approval to provide the parts list within 2 weeks after delivery of the first bus. This will allow Contractor to provide an accurate list that includes any changes made by the Agency during production of the first bus.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X    Denied: _____

Explanation: [Signature]

Signed: [Signature]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 2.5.4

Section Title: PARTS AVAILABLITY GUARANTY

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests approval to provide our standard recommended Spare Parts List and Cross-Referencing information to satisfy this item in the specification. Contractor parts price lists identify by part number and price all recommended parts for the Low Floor coach as bid. The list also include cross-referencing to major OEM components and other competitive and alternative sources where available, but sometimes cannot include detail break downs because of proprietary, contractual, or other non-availability reasons.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: ☒ Denied: ______

Signed: [Signature]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section:

Section Title:

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests approval to modify the requirement to provide parts manuals and parts lists that include the supplier part numbers.

Contractor requests approval to provide this sensitive supplier part number information only in the event Contractor is unable to provide a part in a timely manner.

Contractor requests the Agency approve the "Parts Availability Guaranty" language as approved and recommended by the FTA and APTA.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X Denied: ___

Explanation: Conditionally Approved: The Contractor hereby guarantees to provide with reasonable periods of time, the spare parts, software and all equipment necessary to maintain and repair the buses supplied under this Contract for a period of at least (12) years after the date of acceptance. Parts shall be interchangeable with the original equipment and shall be manufactured in accordance with the quality assurance provisions of this Contract. Prices shall not exceed the Contractor's then-current published catalog prices.

Signed: [Signature]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 2.5.4

Section Title: PARTS AVAILABILITY GUARANTY

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests approval to delete this section because it can be used to harm Contractor's future business and financial health.

Furthermore, requiring a company to provide information that can later be used to harm it, may be illegal* and certainly does not encourage partnerships or trust. Requiring such information is also un-American and anti-free enterprise, in that it requires companies to hand over proprietary information, developed at their own cost, to their competitors for free.

Contractor contends that the only valid reason to provide the cross reference vendor/supplier information requested, is if Contractor is unable or unwilling to meet its obligations of supplying service parts in a timely manner. If this is the Agency's concern then the wording in Section 2.5.4 Parts Availability Guarantee of the new Standard Bus Procurement Guidelines would suffice. This wording requires the requested information to be provided, only when and if, Contractor fails to meet its obligations in a predetermined time frame.

(*Similar business impact as the class action lawsuit filed against Apple Computers by its distributors, who provided Apple with proprietary business data which was later used to take business away from them)

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X Denied: __________

Explanation: Conditionally Approved: PDRTA agrees to delete the following sentence: The parts catalogue shall enumerate and describe every item used on the buses, along with special equipment with its related parts, with each listing including the accepted generic modified noun name description, the original supplier, its part number and name, the Contractor's part number if used and all commercial equivalents. In its place the following sentence will be added: The parts catalog shall enumerate and describe every item used on the buses, along with special equipment with its related parts and include contractor's part number and name for reference.

Signed: ___________________________
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 2.5.5
Section Title: INTERCHANGEABILITY

Nature of Request:
Contractor agrees that all buses to be manufactured within a given production run will be duplicates in design, manufacture, installation, etc., as required by this section.

However, since this solicitation includes an option for additional "years", Contractor requests approval that such optional coaches to the initial contract award may include product improvements initiated by both the manufacturer and by vendors without obligation to retrofit.

For example the engine manufacturer might change the means by which engine emission standards are met in order to assure a more reliable system or to meet regulatory requirements that might have changed. Contractor agrees to advise the Agency with regard to any significant variations between coaches in the basic award and those exercised as part of an option.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

**PDRTA Response**
Approved: X  Denied: 

Explanation: 

Signed:
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 2.7 R IS K

Section Title: 2.7.1 INSURANCE (page 62)

Nature of Request:
Contractor maintains and pays the premiums for insurance of the types and limits it deems sufficient for its protection.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X Denied: ______

Explanation: Please submit required documentation with proposal.

Signed: [Signature]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 2.7 RIS K

Section Title: 2.7.2 PERFORMANCE BOND (page 62)

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests additional information regarding your requirements for a Performance bond.

(a) Do you intend to request a Performance Bond for this procurement?
(b) If so, what will be the amount of the Performance Bond? (i.e. 25% of total bid, 100%)

It is necessary for the Contractor to purchase a performance bond for the procuring agency.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X Denied: __________

Explanation: PDRTA will not require a performance bond.

Signed: ___________________________
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: DRAFT AGREEMENT

Section Title: ARTICLE 4. CONTRACTOR’S LIABILITY (page 191)

Nature of Request:

We request deletion of the wording in this section and to be replaced with the same Indemnification wording included in your section 2.7.4, Indemnification (pages 62 & 63).

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response

Approved: X  Denied:  

Explanation:  

Signed:  

[Signature]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: DRAFT AGREEMENT

Section Title: ARTICLE 16 – INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Nature of Request:
Contractor maintains and pays the premiums for insurance of the types and limits it deems sufficient for its protection.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X Denied: 

Explanation:

Signed: [Signature]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: A P P E N D I X B

Section Title: 28. DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE)

Nature of Request:

Your specifications state that "no specific DBE participation is required for this procurement, but the PDRTA will accord a DBE with appropriate consideration."

Contractor is not a DBE company, however, we submit our DBE information directly to the FTA each year as required by the regulations. We have been "approved" as a Transit Vehicle Manufacturer (TVM) by the FTA eligible to participate in FTA funded procurements.

We request confirmation that our attached Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE/MBE) Certification complies with the requirements of this section to document adequate good faith efforts to comply with this requirement without the submission of any additional information.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved:   X   Denied:   

Explanation: Any proposer may submit similar certification.

Signed:   

_____________________________
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 3.1.1

Section Title: QUALITY ASSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Nature of Request:

Contractor wishes to advise the Agency that we respectfully point out that ISO/QS 9000 is a program to document procedures and that it actually does not address acceptable/unacceptable quality levels -- only procedures. Contractor believes that quality and customer satisfaction cannot be achieved through documentation and paperwork alone. What is required is the proper commitment, the right attitude and the appropriate experience. We know that paperwork cannot substitute for these human motivations. Furthermore, Contractor reminds the Agency of its right to reject sub-standard buses, and that the ultimate judge of our quality should be the agency's own experience and inspectors, not a QS9000 certificate. We hope the Agency is not specifically interested in a documentation system per se, but in getting the best buses and that is what we are committed to deliver, with or without QS9000. Contractor has a very effective in-house Quality Assurance Program, as evidenced by our reputation of building the most reliable buses. Furthermore, our Q.A. program already includes the "quality-relevant" elements of QS9000, and most importantly, it is backed by a genuine and proven commitment to quality products and service, as gauged by true long-term customer satisfaction and which is only possible through the diligent implementation of an effective and customer focused, continuous improvement program.

Contractor respectfully submits our continually improving reputation of customer satisfaction as proof of our commitment to quality and requests approval of our current Q.A. Program, which includes (a) our effective, proven and evolving in-house program, (b) our guarantee of your satisfaction with the quality of buses delivered under this procurement.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response

Approved:   X   Denied:       

Explanation: Conditionally Approved: Proposer may submit a document describing their alternative quality assurance program that meets the intent of the ISO certification.

Signed:  

Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 3.2.1

Section Title: INSPECTION

Nature of Request:
Contractor would like to clarify that the water test is not done before interior trim and insulation installation. The water test is done once the final bus is assembled. All interior panels are opened to check for leaks from the exterior of the bus.

Contractor cannot offer a water test of the bus prior to interior trim and insulation being installed.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X  Denied:  

Explanation:  

Signed:  

[Signature]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 3.2.2.4

Section Title: SUPPORT PROVISIONS

Nature of Request:
Contractor would like to clarify that there are no lockers for clothing. The office space is designed as a work place and has provisions for storing coats, hats and sweaters.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved:  X  Denied:  

Explanation:  

Signed:  

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Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 3.3.2.2

Section Title: TOTAL BUS OPERATION

Nature of Request:
Contractor advises the Agency that Contractor supplements its vehicle road test with a chassis dynamometer test to ensure thorough testing of buses before they are shipped to customers.

Each bus, after build completion, is subjected to the dynamometer test. The dynamometer is a dual roller, in-ground water-brake type capable of loading the engine to a maximum of 550 HP at 35 mph. It communicates with the vehicle and engine through J1708 or J1939 protocols and its automatic mode profile editor steps the operator through the multiple set point test, and the database is automatically created and stored for every test.

After log in with chassis and engine serial numbers and a warm-up period, the vehicle is run through a simulated test program that records pertinent parameters such as engine horsepower and torque at the road, at various rpm's, maximum road speed, engine temperature and oil pressure, etc. These parameters along with pertinent graphs and charts are stored in Contractor's vehicle database along with other relevant information for that specific vehicle. The vehicle is then visually checked and released to road test.

The vehicle road test (approx. 6 to 8 miles) is then conducted on surrounding surface streets and a checklist of items are observed, such as driving and handling characteristics, vehicle control responses, rattle, noises, door operation, etc., before returning to the plant for final inspection and shipping.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

**PDRTA Response**

Approved:  X  Denied:  

Explanation:  

Signed:  

[Signature]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 4.1.1.4

Section Title: EXTENSION OF WARRANTY

Nature of Request:
For unexpired warranty, Contractor will apply the remaining warranty of the original part or product replaced, so that the Agency receives the full original warranty.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X   Denied: 

Explanation:

Signed:
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 4.1.5

Section Title: SCOPE OF REPAIRS

Nature of Request:
Contractor would like to clarify that the following major component equipment suppliers "engine, transmission, HVAC and destination sign" mandate that all warranty repairs be performed by an authorized dealer of the components. If the property elects to perform these repairs without the written permission of the original equipment manufacturer, the remaining warranty coverage may be void.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved:  X  Denied:  

Explanation:

Signed:
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 4.1.6.1

Section Title: OCCURRENCE AND REMEDY

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests approval to delete the provisions for fleet defects. Due to the size of this procurement, the APTA "White Book" specifications, which are industry standard, delete fleet defect provisions in procurements of less than 4 buses.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X  Denied:  

Explanation:  

Signed:  

[Signature]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 4.1.6.2

Section Title: EXCEPTIONS TO FLEET DEFECT PROVISIONS

Nature of Request:
Contractor advises the Agency that Cummins, ZF Industries, as well as Allison Corporation have advised Contractor that they will not honor fleet defects.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

**PDRTA Response**

Approved: **X**  Denied: 

Explanation:

Signed: 

[Signature]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 4.2.1

Section Title: REPAIR PERFORMANCE

Nature of Request:
Contractor would like to clarify that all normal warranty work be done by the properties maintenance department.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

**PDRTA Response**
Approved: _____  Denied: X

Explanation: This could void the warranty under many circumstances.

Signed: ____________________________
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 4.2.4

Section Title: WARRANTY AFTER REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS

Nature of Request:
Warranty coverage on warranty repairs or replacement will be the remaining warranty of the original part or product replaced, so that the Agency receives the full original warranty.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: _______  Denied:  X

Explanation: Existing contract language covers this.

Signed:  [Signature]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.1.6.9

Section Title: DELIVERY OF COMPLETE BUS

Nature of Request:
Contractor would like to advise the Agency that the bus will be delivered complete and ready for service to the extent possible. Some items such as CAD/AVL, GPS enabled components etc. may not work until within the Agencies area. Contractor cannot provide these items ready for service; only confirm that signal is being received by any particular device.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved:   X    Denied:   

Explanation:

Signed:   

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Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.1.6.13.2

Section Title: PHYSICAL SIZE

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests approval to provide a maximum height on our hybrid bus as follows:

- 29' (foot) hybrid bus maximum height of 130.8" (inches)
- 35' (foot) hybrid bus maximum height of 131.5" (inches)

This is standard on a Contractors bus.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X Denied: 

Explanation:

Signed:
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.1.6.13.3

Section Title: UNDERBODY CLEARANCE, A. Ramp Clearances

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests approval to provide a departure angle our buses as follows:
- 29' (foot) bus departure angle 8.1 (degrees)
- 35' (foot) bus departure angle 8.9 (degrees)

This is standard on the Contractors bus.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

**PDRTA Response**

Approved: X  Denied: 

Explanation: 

Signed:
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.1.6.13.3

Section Title: UNDERBODY CLEARANCE, C. Axle Clearance

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests approval to provide an axle clearance on our 29' (foot) bus of 6.1" (inches)

This is standard on the Contractor's bus.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X Denied: 

Explanation:

Signed:
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.1.6.13.5

Section Title: MAXIMUM CURB WEIGHT

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests approval to provide a maximum curb weight with our 35' (foot) hybrid bus of 29,400 lbs. (pounds)

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X Denied: __________

Explanation: ____________________________

Signed: ________________________________
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.1.6.13.9

Section Title: Seating/Standing Capacity

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests approval to provide a 29’ (foot) bus with a maximum seating capacity of no less than 23 seated passengers for this section.

Please see attached.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved:   X   Denied:   

Explanation:

Signed:
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.1.6.13.10

Section Title: Floor Height

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests approval to provide a 4 (degree) slope at the rear door on our 29' (foot) and 35' (foot) buses.

This is standard on the Contractor’s bus.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved:   X     Denied:   

Explanation:

Signed:
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.1.6.13.16

Section Title: Maximum Operating Distance

Nature of Request:

Contractor would like to advise the Agency that each operation incorporates a wide variety of factors that directly affect the operating range of the coach.

Due to the unique operating profiles of each customer, including terrain, traffic conditions, weather, idle time and other factors beyond the manufacturer's control, Contractor requests concurrence that the mileage as specified by the Agency is an expected mileage range goal, and not a guaranteed minimum by the manufacturer.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X   Denied:   

Explanation:  

Signed:  

[Signature]

[Name]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.1.6.15.1.2

Section Title: Materials Requirements

Nature of Request:
Contractor would like to advise the Agency that the Contractor's LOW FLOOR bus is fully compliant with all the applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS), including FMVSS 302, which is the current industry standard.

Your specifications mention in several locations the requirement to comply with Docket 90-A. Please note that this regulation was issued by the Federal Transit Administration on January 13, 1993, and governs "RECOMMENDED Fire Safety Practices for Transit Bus and Van Materials."

Over the years Contractor has continued a program with suppliers to provide components that meet or exceed these "voluntary recommended" guidelines. Developing technology, unavailability of suitable materials, product performance, reliability, and costs have precluded some materials being available for manufactures' use.

Given the competitive nature of the transit bus industry, some items are very cost prohibitive in our competitive environment, and we wanted to clarify for the record that the Docket 90A requirement listed in the specifications is a voluntary recommended regulation.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X  Denied:   

Explanation: [Signature]

Signed:
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.2.1.9

Section Title: UNDERCOATING

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests approval to delete the requirement for the interior of the structure tubes to be coated with undercoating.

Contractor will provide structural frame tubing, constructed of extruded aluminum that is highly corrosion resistant. The properties of aluminum are inherently self-protecting containing a naturally occurring oxide film that forms on all exposed surfaces.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X Denied: 

Explanation:

Signed:
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.2.1.9

Section Title: UNDERCOATING

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests approval to provide HydroArmo 7790 undercoating.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X Denied: 

Explanation:

Signed: 

[Signature]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.2.1.10.1

Section Title: Passenger Compartment/Operator’s Area Requirements

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests approval to provide the Contractor’s standard polystyrene EPS insulation.

Contractor would like to advise the Agency that this standard Contractor closed cell insulation meets the intent of this section; however, it is not self-sealing or sealed as described in this section.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X  Denied:  

Explanation:  
Signed:  

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PDRTA 30-35 Foot Buses
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.2.1.10.1

Section Title: Passenger Compartment/Operator's Area Requirements

Nature of Request:
Contractor would like to advise the Agency that the Contractor LOW FLOOR bus is fully compliant with all the applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS), including FMVSS 302, which is the current industry standard.

Your specifications mention in several locations the requirement to comply with Docket 90-A. Please note that this regulation was issued by the Federal Transit Administration on January 13, 1993, and governs "RECOMMENDED Fire Safety Practices for Transit Bus and Van Materials."

Over the years Contractor has continued a program with suppliers to provide components that meet or exceed these "voluntary recommended" guidelines. Developing technology, unavailability of suitable materials, product performance, reliability, and costs have precluded some materials being available for manufacturers' use.

Given the competitive nature of the transit bus industry, some items are very cost prohibitive in our competitive environment, and we wanted to clarify for the record that the Docket 90A requirement listed in the specifications is a voluntary recommended regulation.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X Denied:  

Explanation:

Signed:
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.2.1.11.1

Section Title: Engine Compartment/Passenger Compartment Fire Resistance and Separation

Nature of Request:
Contractor would like to advise the Agency that the CONTRACTOR LOW FLOOR bus is fully compliant with all the applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS), including FMVSS 302, which is the current industry standard.

Your specifications mention in several locations the requirement to comply with Docket 90-A. Please note that this regulation was issued by the Federal Transit Administration on January 13, 1993, and governs "RECOMMENDED Fire Safety Practices for Transit Bus and Van Materials."

Over the years Contractor has continued a program with suppliers to provide components that meet or exceed these "voluntary recommended" guidelines. Developing technology, unavailability of suitable materials, product performance, reliability, and costs have precluded some materials being available for manufactures’ use.

Given the competitive nature of the transit bus industry, some items are very cost prohibitive in our competitive environment, and we wanted to clarify for the record that the Docket 90A requirement listed in the specifications is a voluntary recommended regulation.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X  Denied: 

Explanation: 

Signed: [Signature]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5 . 2 . 1 . 1 4

Section Title: JACKING

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests approval to provide jacking points located on the front and rear axles, rather than jack pads mounted on the frame.

This is standard on the Contractor’s bus

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X   Denied: ___

Explanation:

Signed: [Signature]
PDRTA 30-35 Foot Buses

Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.2.2.1

Section Title: GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests approval to provide a 4 (degree) slope at the rear door on our 29' (foot) and 35' (foot) buses.

This is standard on the Contractor’s bus.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X  Denied: 

Explanation: 

Signed: 

[Signature]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.2.2.3.2

Section Title: Other Floor Structure Materials

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests approval to provide a ¾ inch phenolic composite sub-floor manufactured by Milwaukee Composites, Inc. on the upper deck of the bus. MCI developed this light weight floor for the transit industry and it is the only composite sub-floor available on a Contractor coach.

Contractor installs the composite flooring to MCI specification. The flooring sections are laid in a bed of Sikaflex and immediately attached to the stainless steel chassis structure with stainless steel huck rivets.

This provides an excellent and very durable installation

Please see attached.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X Denied: ___

Explanation:  

Signed:  

[Signature]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.2.2.4

Section Title: INSTALLATION

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests approval to provide HydroArmo 7790 undercoating on the underside of each piece of plywood floor deck and to seal the edges of each piece of plywood floor deck.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X Denied: ___

Explanation:

Signed: [Signature]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.2.2.5

Section Title: FLOOR / WALL TRANSITION

Nature of Request:
Contractor would like to advise the Agency that the flooring in the lower front section and in the raised rear platform area will be installed in a fully sealed butt joint configuration at the side wall.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

**PDRTA Response**
Approved:  X  Denied:  

**Explanation:**

**Signed:**
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.2.3.1

Section Title: RAISED PLATFORMS

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests approval to provide raised platforms at the rear upper deck section of our 23' (foot) bus. The riser is required to obtain forward facing seats on the rear deck.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X  Denied: ______

Explanation:

Signed:

[Signature]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.3.1.1.1

Section Title: General Requirements

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests approval for the Meritor front axles for the 29' (foot) and 35' (foot) buses.

This is standard on the Contractors bus.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X
Denied: 

Explanation:

Signed:
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.3.1.1.2

Section Title: Weight Rating

Nature of Request:

Contractor requests approval to provide the 29' (foot) bus with a maximum axle rating of 11,500 lbs. (pounds).

This is standard on the Contractor's bus.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

**PDRTA Response**

Approved: X  Denied: 

Explanation: 

Signed: 

[Signature]

[Signature]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.3.1.1.4.2

Section Title: Steering Durability

Nature of Request:
Contractor would like to advise the Agency that each operation incorporates a wide variety of factors that directly affect the steering components of the coach.

Due to the unique operating profiles of each customer, including terrain, traffic conditions, weather, idle time and other factors beyond the manufacture control,

Contractor requests concurrence that the Fatigue life of all steering components exceeding 1,000,000 miles, as specified by the Agency, is an expected mileage goal and not a guaranteed minimum by the manufacturer.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X Denied: _____

Explanation:

Signed: [Signature]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.3.1.2.1

Section Title: General Requirements

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests approval for the Meritor rear axles for the 29' (foot) and 35' (foot) buses.

Contractor would like to advise the Agency that the end tubes on the Meritor axles are fixed.

This is standard on the Contractors bus.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X  Denied: 

Explanation:

Signed:
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.3.1.2.2

Section Title: Weight Rating

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests approval to provide the 29' (foot) bus with a maximum axle rating of 23,500 lbs. (pounds).

This is standard on the Contractor's bus.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved:  X  Denied:  

Explanation:  

Signed:  

[Signature]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.3.1.4.1
Section Title: Wheels
Nature of Request:
Contractor requests clarification on the quantity of wheels that are required.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X  Denied: 

Explanation: PDRTA requires seven (7) wheels per vehicle (including one spare).

Signed: [Signature]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5 . 3 . 1 . 4 . 2

Section Title: Tires

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests clarification if the tires are to be provided by the Agency for installation by Contractor or if the tires are required to be procured by Contractor for installation by Contractor.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved:   X   Denied:   

Explanation: The contractor is required to provide the tires. They are to be installed prior to delivery.

Signed:   

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Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.3.1.4.2

Section Title: Tires

Nature of Request:
Contractor request the manufacture and model of the tire that will either be provided by the Agency or procured by Contractor.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X  Denied: 

Explanation: Conditionally Approved: PDRTA amends the tire size in Bid Document Section 5.3.1.4.2 The tire size shall be 305/85R22.5 and the manufacturer shall be either Firestone, Goodyear, or Michelin.

Signed: [Signature]
Bid Document Section: 5.3.1.4.2

Section Title: Tires

Nature of Request:
Contractor would like to advise the Agency that tires in a minimum size of 305/85R22.5 or with an overall diameter of 43.4" (inches) is required for proper ride height, departure and approach angles on the 35' (foot) bus.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

**PDRTA Response**
Approved: X  Denied: 

Explanation: 

Signed: 

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Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.3.2.3.2

Section Title: Kneeling Valve

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests approval to provide an electro-pneumatic valve manufactured by Norgren.

This is standard on the Contractors bus.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X
Denied: 

Explanation: 

Signed: [Signature]
Bid Document Section: 5.3.3.2.1

Section Title: General Requirements

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests approval to have both the front and rear service brakes apply when the door control is activated. The braking effort is set at 23 psi. Manual adjustment without tools is possible; however, the maximum pressure by the door brake interlock system should not be adjusted to be above 30 psig. Meritor does not approve of adjusting the interlock and therefore any adjustment is discouraged by Contractor.

The interlock control valves are manufactured by Norgren. These valves are mounted with other air valves in a shielded, accessible location under the driver's floor. The rear brakes are released by the rear service break relay valve and the front brakes are released by a quick release valve. Once the brake interlock is engaged, the driver must make a brake application to release the brake interlock. The brake application required to release the interlock must be hard enough to also turn on the stoplights.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X  Denied:   

Explanation:  

Signed:  

[Signature]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.4.2.4.1

Section Title: General Requirements

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests approval to provide a heavy duty Spicer 1700 series driveshaft that is 3 1/2" diameter, with needle bearing universal joints between the transmission and axle. The shaft is designed to prevent contact with air lines or injury to passengers in case of breakage.

This is standard on the Contractor's bus.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

**PDRTA Response**
Approved: X
Denied: 

Explanation: 

Signed: [Signature]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.4.2.7.2

Section Title: Cooling Fan Operation (Option)

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests approval to provide a Modine 8 fan electric fan system.

This is standard on the Contractor's bus.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X Denied: _____

Explanation: [Signature]

Signed: [Signature]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.4.2.7.2

Section Title: Cooling Fan Operation (Option)

Nature of Request:
Contractor would like to clarify that an EMP cooling system will be priced as an option, but the current version of the system that EMP offers on a Contractor bus is a (5) fan system.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: ___ X ___ Denied: ___

Explanation:  

Signed:  

[Signature]
Bid Document Section: 5.4.2.8.4

Section Title: Air System Dryer

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests approval to provide a SKF High Capacity Turbo 2000 dual desiccant cartridge heated air dryer with integral filtration plus option to satisfy the requirements of this section.

This is the Contractor's new standard installation and so far is the only approved air dryer with sufficient capacity and effectiveness to meet the increased air flow output (63%) of the new 2010 Cummins engines equipped with the WABCO 30.4 CFM air compressor.

The dryer is mounted on the curbside frame rail aft of the drive axle.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

**PDRTA Response**

Approved: X  Denied: 

Explanation: 

Signed: 

[Signature]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.4.2.8.6

Section Title: Air Reservoir Drains

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests approval to delete the requirement for all air tanks to be equipped with clean-out plugs and guarded or flush type drain valves.

The air reservoirs on a Low Floor bus are mounted in the roof structure in an air tank compartment under the roof, making these drain valves impractical.

Contractor will supply four (4) drain valves on the road side of the bus conveniently located approximately waist high above the battery box.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: __X__ Denied: _____

Explanation: 

Signed:
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.4.2.10.2.2

Section Title: Fuel Capacity

Nature of Request:
Contractor would like to clarify that on the 29' (foot) bus the fuel tank have a minimum capacity of 75 gallons.

This is standard on the Contractor's bus.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X
Denied: __________

Explanation:

Signed:
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.4.2.11.14.4

Section Title: Charge Air Hose Clamps

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests approval to provide Breeze or Otiker hose clamps.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: ______ X ______
Denied: ______

Explanation: ______________________

Signed: ______________________
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.4.2.12.6.7

Section Title: Spare Wires

Nature of Request:
Contractor would like to clarify that not all harnesses on the bus over 5 feet long have 10% (minimum one) spare wires. Additional spare wires can be negotiated during the pre-production meeting if Contractor is the successful bidder.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X Denied: 

Explanation: 

Signed: 

Signature
Bid Document Section: 5.4.2.12.9

Section Title: Alternator Requirements

Nature of Request:
Contractor would like to clarify that due to the use of the Modine E-Fan system that a Delco 50DN+ will be used. This is a 450 amp alternator with sufficient output to drive the E-Fan system.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X Denied: ______

Explanation: ________________

Signed: ___________________
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.4.2.13.6.3.2

Section Title: Auxiliary Fuel Filter

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests approval to provide a Davco 384 non-heated secondary fuel filter.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved:  X   Denied:  

Explanation: 

Signed:  

Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.5.1.3.1

Section Title: General Requirements

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests approval to provide black anodized window frames.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

**PDRTA Response**
Approved: X  Denied: _____

Explanation:

Signed: [Signature]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5 . 5 . 1 . 3 . 3

Section Title: Operator's Side Window

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests deletion of the “bug deflector”.

This is currently not an option on the Contractor's bus

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X  Denied: 

Explanation: 

Signed: 

[Signature]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.5.1.13.2

Section Title: Front Bumper

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests approval to provide our standard energy absorbing bumpers installed on both the front and rear of the bus.

The front bumper is a three-piece design, and the rear, a three section design without side extensions due to the bus design and width requirements.

Bumpers are solid black in color and the rear bumper is an anti-ride type design.

Bumpers are manufactured by RO-LAB American Rubber Co. in Tracy, CA.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X
Denied:

Explanation:

Signed: 

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Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.5.1.13.3

Section Title: Rear Bumper

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests approval to provide our standard energy absorbing bumpers installed on both the front and rear of the bus.

The front bumper is a three-piece design, and the rear, a three section design without side extensions due to the bus design and width requirements.

Bumpers are solid black in color and the rear bumper is an anti-ride type design.

Bumpers are manufactured by RO-LAB American Rubber Co. in Tracy, CA.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X Denied: 

Explanation:

Signed:
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5 . 5 . 4 . 4

Section Title: TOWING LIGHTS CONNECTION

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests approval to supply a Cole Hersee No. 12063 7 way connector. This connector is more robust for use in transit.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved:  X   Denied:  

Explanation: 

Signed:  

__________________________
PDRTA 30-35 Foot Buses

Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.6.1.4

Section Title: REAR BULKHEAD

Nature of Request:
Contractor request more information on the manufacture of the fabric and the PRDTA logo that is to be contained within the fabric.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X Denied: _____

Explanation: Conditional Approval: Please delete the last two sentences in Section 5.6.1.4

Signed: [Signature]

[Signature]

[Signature]
Bid Document Section: 5.6.1.9.3.1

Section Title: Stepwell Requirements

Nature of Request:
Contractor would like to advise the Agency that the rear stepwell is an aluminum extrusion with integral LED lighting, but the door nosing will be rubber without integral LED lighting. The lighting source for entrance/exit doors will be external.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X Denied: 

Explanation: 

Signed: [Signature]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.6.1.9.4.1
Section Title: General Requirements

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests approval to provide black Altro flooring at the driver’s foot platform.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X  Denied: 

Explanation:

Signed:
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.6.1.10

Section Title: NUMBERS AND SIGNS

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests clarification on the numbers and signs that are to be installed as specified by Agency. Appendix C refers to laws and regulations and the required decals will be installed as required by laws and regulations. Does the Agency wish to have bus numbers and or signs, logos, slogans, or other graphics applied to the bus? If so a paint layout showing the locations, type, colors and fonts will be required to accurately bid the contract.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X Denied: 

Explanation: Conditional Approval: *No exterior lettering is required*

Signed: [Signature]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.6.2.1.6

Section Title: Watertight Requirements

Nature of Request:
Contractor would like to advise the Agency that cleaning the interior overhead LED lighting with a pressure washer will result in water intrusion to the interior overhead lighting. Interior lighting is designed to resist water from spray bottles and prevent dust intrusion, but is not water tight.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X
Denied:

Explanation:

Signed:
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.7.4.2

Section Title: Ramp System

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests approval to provide The Lift-U Model LU-18 Dual Mode Ramp in place of the Model LU-11. The LU-18 ramp is considered a direct product replacement/improvement over the LU-11 model.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X Denied: 

Explanation:

Signed: [Signature]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.7.2.1

Section Title: GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Nature of Request:
Contractor would like to advise that door attached assists as provided by Vapor do not have metal casted connecting tees. The door attached assists have ABS plastic attaching hardware.

This is standard with Vapor door handles.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X
Denied: 

Explanation:

Signed: 

[Signature]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.7.4.4

Section Title: WHEELCHAIR RESTRAINTS

Nature of Request:
Contractor would like to clarify that on a Contractor 29’ bus the only way to receive 2 Q’Pod restraint systems is to have split fuels tanks (this is in conflict with section 5.4.2.10.2 and 5.4.2.10.2.1) and delete the rear door (this is in conflict with section 5.7.3). Contractor offers the attached seat layout in addition to the one provided under section 5.1.6.13.9 approved equal.

Providing a clear selection of the options and seating a configuration will properly price and assemble our bid offering to the PDRTA agency.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X Denied: 

Explanation: Clarification: PDRTA deletes the requirement of including the 2 Q’Pod restraint system on the 29ft bus ONLY.

Signed: ____________________________
Bid Document Section: 5.7.4.4

Section Title: WHEELCHAIR RESTRAINTS

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests approval to provide a seating layout with a minimum seating capacity of 31.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

**PDRTA Response**

Approved:  X  Denied:  

Explanation:

Signed: [Signature]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.7.5.3

Section Title: STANCHION STOP REQUEST PUSH BUTTONS

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests approval to provide a “stop” stop request push button at the stanchion forward of the rear door.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X Denied: ___

Explanation: Conditionally Approved: PDRTA also will require a stop request push button within reach of wheelchair seating.

Signed: _______________________________
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.8.1.1

Section Title: GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Nature of Request:
Contractor would like to advise the Agency that any equipment that to be installed by Contractor, must be clearly detailed out within the contract. Any item for installation by Contractor requested by the Agency cannot be guaranteed to be installed if it is not contained within the contract. Contractor reserves the right to review and approve any equipment to be installed by Contractor and provided by the Agency if it is not contained within the contract. Any equipment supplied by the Agency has to be brand new in unopened packages; no used components will be installed by Contractor.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X  Denied: ______

Explanation:

Signed: [Signature]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.8.1.2

Section Title: GLARE AND ILLUMINATION

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests clarification if the passenger window frames are to be clear anodized as noted in section 5.5.1.3.1 - General Requirements or if they are to be black as noted within this section.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

**PDRTA Response**

Approved: **X**  Denied: ______

Explanation: **CLARIFICATION:** *PDRTA requires the window frames to be black.*

Signed: _____________________________
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.8.2.2
Section Title: HAND CONTROLS

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests approval to delete the requirement to provide a strobe light on the bus.

A NHTSA Rule Clarification and Notice to all bus OEM's has had the basic effect of eliminating strobe lights from being installed as original equipment on motor vehicles.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: _____  Denied: ___X___

Explanation: Due to heavy fog conditions the customer desires the strobe light. To have one installed after production of the vehicle requires difficult wiring and roof installation.

Signed: [Signature]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.8.2.4.2

Section Title: Engine Fast Idle Switch

Nature of Request:
Contractor would like to clarify that the activation of the fast idle switch will not prevent the engine from shutting down.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X Denied: ___

Explanation:

Signed: ___________________________
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.8.2.4.3

Section Title: Engine Shutdown Override

Nature of Request:
Contractor would like to advise that the engine shutdown override switch will only delay shutdown for 15 seconds per occurrence of the switch activation.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

**PDRTA Response**
Approved: X  Denied: 

Explanation:

Signed:
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.8.2.8.2

Section Title: Operator's Area Light Switch

Nature of Request:
Contractor would like to clarify that the driver's area light is operated through a maintained rocker switch.

This is standard on the Contractor bus.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

**PDRTA Response**

Approved: X  Denied: 

Explanation: [Signature]

Signed: [Signature]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.8.2.8.7

Section Title: Exterior Roof Mounted Strobe Beacon with Brach Guard

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests approval to delete the requirement to provide a strobe light on the bus.

A NHTSA Rule Clarification and Notice to all bus OEM's has had the basic effect of eliminating strobe lights from being installed as original equipment on motor vehicles.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: _____ Denied: _____ X

Explanation: Due to heavy fog conditions the customer desires the strobe light. To have one installed after production of the vehicle requires difficult wiring and roof installation.

Signed:
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.8.2.9.6

Section Title: Auxiliary Coolant Heater Switch

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests clarification if an auxiliary coolant heater is required or not.

If an auxiliary coolant heater is required, please provide the manufacture and model of the heater.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X Denied: 

Explanation: Clarification: PDRTA deletes the requirement to have an auxiliary coolant heater.

Signed:
 Bid Document Section: 5.8.2.10.5

Section Title: Emergency Alarm Push Button

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests approval to provide our standard Otto push button crime alarm.

This is standard on the Contractors bus.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

**PDRTA Response**

Approved: X

Denied: 

Explanation:

Signed:
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.8.2.10.5

Section Title: Emergency Alarm Push Button

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests approval to delete the requirement for an additional normally closed and normally open circuit from the crime alarm to be supplied in the electrical equipment box and provide our standard signals per each vendor’s requirement as required under this contract.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X Denied: ______

Explanation:

Signed:
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.8.2.9.5

Section Title: Operator’s Booster Blower Control

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests approval to provide a toggle switch for this section that has high, low, and off positions.

This is standard on the Contractors bus.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X  Denied: 

Explanation: 

Signed: [Signature]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.8.2.12.3

Section Title: Mirror Heat Switch

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests approval to have the heated mirror function turn off after 15 minutes of being activated. This will allow proper time for the mirror glazing(s) to be heated and dissipate any moisture on the mirrors.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

**PDRTA Response**

Approved:  
Denied:  

Explanation:  

Signed:  

[Signature]

PDDTA 30-35 Foot Buses
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.10.4.7.1

Section Title: General Requirements

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests clarification from the Agency on the color of the destination sign LED lights. Are they to be amber, white or full color?

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X Denied: ______

Explanation: Clarification: PDRTA requires the color of the destination sign LED lights to be white.

Signed: ____________________________

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Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.10.4.7.5.2

Section Title: Side Sign

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests approval to provide a side sign with 16 rows x 112 columns. This is standard with the Twin Vision Smart Series III destination signs.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

**PDRTA Response**
Approved: X  Denied: 

Explanation: 

Signed: [Signature]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.8.3.3

Section Title: TILT ADJUSTMENT

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests approval to provide a Douglas steering column that will have full tilt capability with an adjustment range of 35 degrees from the vertical position. The Douglas steering column is easily adjustable by the driver and is accessible by a 5th percentile female and 95th percentile male.

This is the standard with the Douglas steering column, and standard on the Contractors bus.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X Denied: ___

Explanation:

Signed: [Signature]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.8.3.4

Section Title: TELESCOPIC ADJUSTMENT

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests approval to provide a Douglas steering column with a telescopic adjustment of 1.875". The maximum telescopic range with 0 degree tilt is 30.75" inches and a low-end telescopic adjustment of 28.87"

This is the standard with the Douglas steering column, and standard on the Contractors bus.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X Denied:  

Explanation:

Signed: 

[Signature]

[Signature]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.8.5.1

Section Title: GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Nature of Request:
Contractor would like to advise the Agency that indicators are not all located within Area 1. The light bar/status part is located in front of the driver just above eye level.

This is standard on the Contractors bus.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved:  X  Denied:  

Explanation:  

Signed:  

[Signature]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.8.5.1

Section Title: GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Nature of Request:
Contractor is submitting a sample dash layout for review and approval in acceptance for this section. If Contractor is the successful bidder we will work with the Agency to provide a custom dash layout that meets the Agency’s expectations.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X  Denied:  

Explanation:

Signed:
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.8.6.2.1

Section Title: General Requirements

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests approval to provide an accelerator pedal angle of 41 (degrees).

This is standard on the Contractors bus.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

**PDRTA Response**

Approved: **X**  Denied: ______

Explanation: 

Signed: ___________________________
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.8.6.4.2
Section Title: Turn Signal Controls
Nature of Request:
Contractor requests approval to locate the turn signal switches mounted to the turn signal platform described in section 5.8.6.4.1.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X Denied: 

Explanation: 

Signed: [Signature]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.8.6.4.3

Section Title: High Beam and PA Controls

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests approval to provide high beam and PA controls mounted to the turn signal platform.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X  Denied: 

Explanation: 

Signed: 

[Signature]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.8.8.1.1

Section Title: General Requirements

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests clarification if the heated mirror feature is required to activate with the drivers defroster or a momentary toggle switch as stated in section 5.8.2.12.3.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: _______  Denied: _______

Explanation: Clarification: **PDRTA requires a momentary toggle switch for activating the heated mirror feature.**

Signed: 

______________________________
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.8.8.2.5

Section Title: Bicycle Rack Mirror

Nature of Request:
Contractor request the use of a 5" (inch) bike rack mirror.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X Denied: 

Explanation: 

Signed:
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.8.9.1

Section Title: ROLLER CURTAINS

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests approval to provide sun shades manufactured by Auto-Motion.

This is standard on the Contractors bus.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

**PDRTA Response**
Approved: ___X___  Denied: ______

Explanation: [Signature]

Signed: [Signature]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.8.9.2

Section Title: OPERATORS STORAGE BOX

Nature of Request:
Contractor request approval to provide our standard size typical overhead storage box 21"x8"x14.5" (2560 cubic in.) with a door and latch integrated into the operator barrier.

In response to this section, Contractor is enclosing illustration of the operator storage box.

Further details can be discussed and reviewed at the preproduction meeting if Contractor is the successful bidder.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X   Denied: _____

Explanation: 

Signed: [Signature]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section:

Section Title:

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests approval to provide overhead black nylon assist straps for standing passengers manufactured, rather than the straps specified.

Contractor has found these nylon straps to be both reliable and relatively maintenance free.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X  Denied: ___

Explanation:

Signed: [Signature]

PDRTA 30-35 Foot Buses
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.10.4.1

Section Title: GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests clarification if an APC (automated passenger counter system) is required under this contract with the DR-VLU system.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: _____  Denied: _____

Explanation: Clarification: PDRTA deletes a requirement for an automated passenger counting system.

Signed: [Signature]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.10.4.2

Section Title: WIRELESS COMMUNICATION REQUIREMENTS

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests approval to delete the requirement for Contractor to provide and install any equipment at the PRDTA administrative facility to form a wireless path to control the flow of data to and from the bus with regard to the programming of the destination signs other data as necessary from the drive train and multiplexing levels and to the video surveillance system.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X Denied: 

Explanation: 

Signed: 

[Signature]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.10.4.3.3

Section Title: Diagnostic Data

Nature of Request:
Contractor would like to advise the agency that any on bus equipment as required under this contract to provide network data will only broadcast diagnostic data if the equipment, software, and hardware are all currently provided to the Agency from each respective vendor. Contractor in no way will be responsible for providing component integration if it is not already developed by equipment, software, or hardware required under this contract.

Contractor would also like to advise that Agency that Contractor will not pay for or provide any integration services required for equipment, hardware, or software if it is required under this contract and is not already designed by each respective manufacture required under this contract.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved:    X    Denied:    

Explanation:  

Signed:  

[Signature]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.10.4.6.1

Section Title: Internal Display Sign

Nature of Request:
Contractor would like to clarify that we will provide a “ramp requested” signal via the ADA stop request system to the DR-VLU. Contractor will not pay for nor provide the integration of said signal with the DR-VLU system. The DR-VLU system must be properly configured currently to support the feature being requested.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X Denied: 

Explanation: 

Signed: [Signature]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.10.4.6.3

Section Title: Boom Microphone

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests approval to provide a SoundView SVA505F boom microphone without an on/off switch.

This is standard on the Contractor’s bus.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X Denied: 

Explanation:

Signed:
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.10.4.6.3

Section Title: Boom Microphone

Nature of Request:
Contractor request confirmation if the boom microphone is to have a switch on it or if a remote switch at the toe platform is required. Section 5.8.6.4.3 states that the PA control switch shall be floor mounted and conflicts with this section.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: _______  Denied: _______

Explanation: Clarification: No switch is required except for the switch at the toe platform.

Signed: [Signature]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: APPENDIX E

Section Title: DELIVERABLES AND CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests clarification if “spare component - per bus” as selected in column 1 appendix E are the only items to be included in the bus price. The statement “The price for a spare component per bus” for an option must be included in Appendix H.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: _______ Denied: _______

Explanation: Clarification: The spare component per bus as selected in column 1 APPENDIX E (as revised) includes what is requested.

Signed: __________________________
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: APPENDIX E

Section Title: DELIVERABLES AND CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

Nature of Request:
Contractor would like to clarify that software provided under this contract for trouble shooting and or diagnosing the bus will not be installed on any laptops provided. The Agency will be fully responsible for installing the software as required under this contract on the laptops provided under this contract. Contractor will offer technical support and or assistance installing the software should the Agency need assistance.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X  Denied: 

Explanation: Clarification: A laptop is not requested or required.

Signed: [Signature]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: APPENDIX E

Section Title: DELIVERABLES AND CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

Nature of Request:
Contractor request the Agency break out the "spare components-initial build" separately on the pricing pages Appendix H. Currently all the spares components that could possibly be selected by the Agency are listed as an each price and would be easier to determine actual cost when purchasing spare components.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X  Denied: 

Explanation: Clarification: PDRTA has revised Appendix E and Appendix H. The revisions are included in this addendum.

Signed:
Bid Document Section: APPENDIX E

Section Title: DELIVERABLES AND CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests clarification if an auxiliary coolant heater is required under this contract. Section 5.4.2.7.3.6 talks about a "coolant booster pump shall be provided....". The Contractor’s bus has a booster pump for proper circulation, but this is different than an auxiliary heater. If an auxiliary heater is required under this contract, Contractor request the manufacture and model of the heater.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: _____  Denied: _____

Explanation: Clarification: No auxiliary heater is required.

Signed: [Signature]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: APPENDIX E

Section Title: DELIVERABLES AND CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

Nature of Request:
Contrast requests approval to delete the requirement to supply templates for each of the bus windows.

Contractor will provide our standard parts and service manuals. These manuals include part numbers, pictures and illustrations.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X  Denied:  

Explanation:

Signed:
Bid Document Section: APPENDIX E

Section Title: DELIVERABLES AND CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests clarification on the “components/cables to be installed” statement within this section. Section 5.10.4.6.2 references the stop announcement system and speakers.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved:   X    Denied:   

Explanation: Clarification: Please disregard the request to include one spare component for Section 5.10.4.6.2

Signed:
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.8.2.5.2, 5.10.4.10.2,

Section Title: Retard Switch, Control Requirements

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests clarification if a 2-way radio is required to be provided under this contract.

If a 2-way radio is required to be supplied under this contract we request additional information such as the manufacture and model as well as the antenna manufacture, model and frequency that will be required to make the 2-way radio work.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X Denied: 

Explanation: Clarification: No 2-way radio is required.
Signed: [Signature]

[Signature]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 4 . 2 . 3 . 5

Section Title: RERIMBURSEMENT FOR LABOR

Nature of Request:
Contractor would like to clarify that labor reimbursement is for the base bus warranty period and does not apply to any extended coverage after the base bus warranty period.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

**PDRTA Response**
Approved:   X   Denied:   

Explanation:  

Signed:  

[Signature]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 4 . 2 . 3 . 6

Section Title: REIMBURSEMENT FOR PARTS

Nature of Request:
Contractor would like to clarify that handling costs (taxes where applicable) reimbursement is for the base bus warranty period and does not apply to any extended coverage after the base bus warranty period.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved:  X    Denied:  

Explanation:  

Signed:  

[Signature]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: APPENDIX F

Section Title: INSTRUCTIONS

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests approval to delete Appendix F in its entirety.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X Denied: 

Explanation: Conditionally Approved: Proposers may omit Appendix F but are required to include detailed warranty coverage in their proposal

Signed: [Signature]

[Signature]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: APPENDIX F

Section Title: INSTRUCTIONS

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests approval to provide our standard warranty statement documenting standard warranties.

Contractor will provide optional pricing for any extended coverages for items including, but no limited to engine, transmission, HVAC, axles, ramp, and structural components.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X  Denied:  

Explanation: Conditionally Approved: See previous response.

Signed: [Signature]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.5.1.3.3

Section Title: Operator's Side Window

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests the approval to delete the egress feature from the driver's window assembly. Bonded windows do not allow an egress driver's window assembly.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X  Denied: 

Explanation: 

Signed: 

[Signature]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.10.4.9, APPENDIX G

Section Title: VIDEO SURVEILLANCE

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests more information from the Agency for features and specific options that are required under this contract.

DVR model – Angeltrax Hybrid Quest Edge
DVR HDD size – 500 GB
GPS antenna – GPS E-1 mounted on DVR

Cameras should provide the following angles:
- Facing driver from near front door
- Facing front door from above driver
- Facing rear of bus from front
- Facing rear door from driver side center
- Front windshield highway view
- Rear highway view from rear of bus
- Exterior curb side above entrance door viewing down curb side of vehicle

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X Denied: 

Explanation:

Signed: [Signature]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.5.1.1.4

Section Title: FINISH AND COLOR

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests approval to provide a single painted color (non-metallic) included with the base bus of this contract.

Contractor will work with the Agency on a paint layout if additional colors or options are required if Contractor is the successful bidder.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X  Denied: 

Explanation:

Signed:
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.5.1.15

Section Title: NUMBERS AND SIGNS

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests approval to provide a single color painted bus (non-metallic) included with the base bus of this contract.

Contractor will work with the Agency on a graphics and layout if additional colors or options are required if Contractor is the successful bidder.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X Denied:

Explanation:

Signed:
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.10.4.6.2

Section Title: Public Address Speakers,

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests more information on the DR-VLU stop announcement system that is required under this contract.

Digital Recorders model -

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X  Denied:  

Explanation: Clarification: The stop announcement system is not required.

Signed:
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: APPENDIX H

Section Title: PRICING MATRIX

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests clarification of the cost change per single bus for automatic vehicle monitoring. Currently section 5.10.4.7.7 is referencing the destination signs and a reference to AVM could not be located within that section.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X  Denied: ___

Explanation: Clarification: *Automatic vehicle monitoring is NOT required.*

Signed: [Signature]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.10.4.5.3

Section Title: Wireless Data Transfer

Nature of Request:
Contractor would like to clarify that any data transfer that is used to provide AVM from any Digital Recorders system or any other system on the bus must be an existing system and Contractor will in no way be responsible for any configuration, software, hardware or other forms of design with regards to enabling any component required under this contract to provide AVM information wirelessly.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved:  X  Denied:  

Explanation:  

Signed:  

Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: APPENDIX E

Section Title: DELIVERABLES AND CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests approval to delete the requirement for 50 each of the "OEM Operation Manuals per bus build.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X Denied: 

Explanation: 

Signed: [Signature]

[Signature]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: APPEndIX E

Section Title: DELIVERABLES AND CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests approval to provide 1 each of any available OEM operation manuals for each bus build.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

**PDRTA Response**
Approved: X Denied: 

Explanation: 

Signed: [Signature]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: APPENDIX E

Section Title: DELIVERABLES AND CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests approval to provide 1 each of OEM maintenance manuals with each bus build.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved:    X    Denied:    

Explanation:  

Signed:  [Signature]


Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: APPENDIX E

Section Title: DELIVERABLES AND CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests approval to provide 1 each of the parts, electrical, driver and service manuals along with a CD/DVD containing all previously mentioned manuals with each bus build.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X  Denied: 

Explanation: 

Signed: [Signature]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.4.2.1.5.2

Section Title: Automatic Engine Shutdown

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests approval to delete the requirement for the transmission to go into neutral automatically with the door brake applied after 5 minutes.

If the transmission does go into neutral after 5 minutes and the bus is not on a completely level surface then when you close the doors which deactivates the interlocks the transmission would be in neutral and the bus could roll back or forward into someone or something. Also the CAN message for the neutral feature on the transmission is broadcast and could cause other problems not immediately obvious to our engineers.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X Denied: 

Explanation: 

Signed: 

[Signature]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.8.7.2.1

Section Title: Seat Pan Cushion Length

Nature of Request:
Contractor would like to advise the Agency the seat cushion on the USSC 9100 series seats is not adjustable.

This is standard on the USSC 9100 series seats.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

**PDRTA Response**

Approved: X  Denied: 

Explanation: *PDRTA amends the required driver's seat to be the following: USSC 9000 SERIES, Model 9001 AIR SUSPENSION FULL STROKE*

Signed: 

[Signature]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.8.7.2.15

Section Title: Materials and Durability

Nature of Request:
Contractor would like to advise the agency that the USSC 9100 series seats have exposed metal that is not stainless steel and is black powder coated.

This is standard on the USSC 9100 series seats.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X Denied:     

Explanation: Clarification: PDRTA amends the driver's seat make and model to USSC9000 SERIES 9001 AIR SUSPENSION FULL STROKE

Signed:  

______________________________
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.8.7.1
Section Title: GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests clarification of the part number 91100-10000Z-107 referenced in this section as the vendor USSC does not recognize the seat as a valid part number.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

**PDRTA Response**
Approved: X Denied: 

Explanation: Clarification: *PDRTA amends the driver's seat make and model to USSC9000 SERIES 9001 AIR SUSPENSION FULL STROKE*

Signed: [Signature]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.5.2.7
Section Title: EXTERIOR SERVICE COMPARTMENT LIGHTING
Nature of Request:
Contractor would like to clarify that exterior lighting is provided in the engine compartment only.
This is standard on the Contractor's bus.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved:  X  Denied:  

Explanation:

Signed:  

__________________________
Bid Document Section: 5.7.3.3
Section Title: MECHANISM

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests approval to delete the requirement for the exhaust air to be routed below the floor of the bus. In our experience good maintenance practices and product improvements to air dryers have virtually eliminated the need for the exhaust air to be routed below the bus floor.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

**PDRTA Response**
Approved:  X  Denied:  

Explanation:  

Signed:  

[Signature]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.6.2.1.2

Section Title: LED Module Type

Nature of Request:
Contractor requests approval to delete the requirement for a photo sensor to adjust the light levels relative to ambient light. The light output levels have been tested and adjusted to work at the desired level of output during the day and at night. There is also a switch provided to allow more control over the lighting system.

When either door is open the lights will go to full brightness and when the doors are closed the lights will automatically go to their minimum brightness setting.

This is standard on the Contractor’s bus.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X  Denied:  

Explanation:

Signed: [Signature]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.10.4.7.7

Section Title: System Programming

Nature of Request:
Contractor would like to clarify that any means of programming the destination signs must be an existing system and Contractor will in no way be responsible for any configuration, software, hardware or other forms of design with regards to enabling any component required under this contract to provide means of updating the destination signs wirelessly.

If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

PDRTA Response
Approved: X  Denied:  

Explanation: 

Signed: [Signature]
Response for Clarification, Exception or Approved Equal

Bid Document Section: 5.10.4.5.1

Section Title: General Requirements

Nature of Request:
Contract requests more information on the Vehicle Area Network currently in use in the Agency fleet. Information such as devices using the VAN interfaces to the VAN and specific protocols used with the VAN system currently installed and used on the Agency’s fleet.

This will allow us to properly cost the bus and determine systems, engineering and locations of specific components required to meet this specification.
If the vendor is seeking concurrence with an approved equal, please submit supporting documentation (such as product specifications) and/or samples to support your contention that the requested equal meets or exceeds the specification minimum requirement.

**PDRTA Response**

Approved: X Denied: 

Explanation: Clarification: *PDRTA does not use a Vehicle Area Network*

Signed: [Signature]
LISTED BELOW ARE THE INSTRUCTIONS AND GUIDELINES TO BE USED WHEN USING APPENDIX “E” DELIVERABLES AND CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS.

- This Schedule will be used to determine the materials, other than complete buses, to be furnished during the proposed 2-year agreement.

- Spare Components per Initial Bus Build - shall be quoted as an option to be purchased with the initial bus build on Appendix E. The price for a “spare component per bus” for an option must be included in Appendix H.

- Test Diagnostic Equipment Initial Bus Build - shall be quoted as an option to be purchased with the initial bus build.

- All other spare components shall be quoted on a per bus unit cost and furnished as specified during every bus build including the initial bus build.

- All other test and diagnostic equipment shall be included in the complete bus unit cost and furnished as specified during every bus build including the initial bus build.

- All Materials to be shipped separately unless noted.

- When the requirements specify the provision of software, such software shall be installed and delivered in a PC or laptop as required and as specified by the software manufacturer.

  Exception: The engine and transmission software may be installed and delivered in the same laptop.

- If a spare component required by the initial bus build is not compatible with a different bus model purchased with a subsequent order, the bus manufacturer shall provide the cost of such component(s).

- Materials listed as an option must only be provided when PDRTA selects the option
C - System manufacturer recommended or preferred method

- Handheld device

A - Laptop computer with software installed

***Complete system - bus mounted equipment, no cables
***Complete system - bus mounted equipment / cables

NOTES:

The requested # of manuals must be furnished.

30 1 Operator's Manual per bus build. If the operator manuals do not adequately address the items identified in the "Operation Manuals" column, printed-paper and electronic PDF format.

6 1 Set of Manuals per bus build. A set of manuals consists of a Maintenance Manual, Parts Manual, and one set of Electrical Schematics.
### 30 Foot Bus

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Please include the cost of spare components individually separately in rows 13 and 14 of this document, as an option in Appendix E. The cost of machining per bus build and delivery per bus shall be provided as listed in this contract. 

Spare Component - Per Bus. Appendix E, column 1, do not include the cost of the components checked. The buses and materials to be furnished under the proposed contract shall be priced as listed below. Refer to Appendix E - Deliverables and Contract Requirements - for a list of materials other than complete buses such as spare components, test and/or diagnostic equipment and OEM manuals to be furnished during the contract.

Appendix F (1.6.10) Pricing Matrix
Revised September 27, 2016

Producers Price Index shall be limited to a maximum of five percent (5%) per year (Refer to Instruction to Bidders Section for more detail).
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When the cost of a complete, single bus without options for each bus model is provided as per the contract.

Equipment and O/E manuals to be furnished during the contract.

The buses and materials to be furnished under the proposed contract shall be priced as listed below.
Producers Price Index shall be limited to a maximum of five percent (5%) per year (Refer to Instruction to Bidders section for more detail).

Equipment, Trunk and Bus Bodies, that is released by the Federal Government Bureau of Transit Statistics. Any increase as determined by the equipment. The escalation will be determined by the percentage change in the producers price index (PPI) category #WP.U.14.3. Transportation options. The escalation will be applied to the bus model base price and subsequent year pricing. For orders placed after 180 days from contract execution, an escalation will be applied to the bus model base price and

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