

Group 40524, IFB 23000, SCHOOL BUSES: OGS Responses to Vendor Inquiries

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1	IFB Main Document	IFB Cover Page	Page 1 of the IFB has a spot to enter the "NYS Vendor Identification Number." Is that the same "NYS Vendor Identification Number" that we have on our current contract?	IFB Main Document, Cover Page (Page 1 of the IFB). NYS Vendor Identification Number: (See "New York State Vendor File Registration" clause)	<p>Yes, if your company currently holds a NYS contract under the same federal tax identification number that your company enters on the IFB Cover Page for this solicitation, then the NYS Vendor Identification Number will be the same number that is listed on the current contract.</p> <p>As stated in Section IV.11 <i>New York State Vendor File Registration</i>, "following the initial registration, a unique New York State ten-digit vendor identification number (Vendor ID) shall be assigned to your company...for usage on all future transactions with New York State.</p>
2	IFB Main Document	I.1 <i>Overview</i> , Paragraph C	Can there be more than 2 vendors as a bidding consortium?	IFB Main Document, Section I.10 <i>Consortium Bids</i> , Paragraph C. 2. If submitting as a Consortium, the NYS County distribution set forth in the Consortium bid must result in the ability of the vendors participating in the resultant Contracts to collectively deliver the applicable Item(s) on a statewide basis to Authorized Users in all sixty-two (62) NYS counties (e.g. Consortium of two (2) vendors: Vendor A responsible for New York, Kings, Richmond, Bronx, Queens, Nassau, and Suffolk counties; and, Vendor B responsible for all other counties in the state).	Yes, there can be more than two (2) vendors in a Consortium bid. As stated in Section I.12 <i>Definitions</i> , a Consortium is defined as "a bid comprised of two (2) or more vendors...."
3	IFB Main Document	I.2 <i>Scope</i>	Why will leasing not be permitted under this contract?	IFB Main Document, Section I.2 <i>Scope</i> The resultant awards shall cover the outright purchase of current <u>Model Year-new</u> School Buses for which the equitable or legal title has never been transferred by a manufacturer, distributor or Dealer to an ultimate purchaser. Under no circumstances may "demos" or "used" School Buses be sold under the Contract(s) resulting from this IFB. Delivery of Dealer-stocked buses, that are preordered and preloaded with options not typically purchased, will not be permitted. Leasing of a School Bus shall not be permitted under the resultant Contract(s).	<p>The IFB has been amended to make the changes indicated in the "Referenced Clause or Specification" column (see red and underlined language).</p> <p>In accordance with Section I.2 <i>Scope</i>, "the resultant awards shall cover the outright purchase of new School Buses..." Leasing under the resultant contracts shall not be permitted because OGS has determined that it is in the best interests of the State to not include leasing in this Award.</p>

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4	IFB Main Document	I.2 <i>Scope</i>	Leasing. Can the reference price for an Item be used by a school district as the basis for a bid that district may have for leasing the vehicle? This has been the norm in the past.	IFB Main Document, Section I.2 <i>Scope</i> Leasing of a School Bus shall not be permitted under the resultant Contract(s).	As stated in Section I.2 <i>Scope</i> , "leasing of a School Bus shall not be permitted under the resultant Contract(s)." Therefore, language addressing leasing terms and conditions, including language that either permits or prohibits the Contract price for an awarded Item to be used by a school district for another purpose outside the Contracts, (such as the basis for leasing a School Bus), shall not be included in the resultant Contracts.
5	IFB Main Document	I.2 <i>Scope</i>	<p>A. Are products still in development able to be bid?</p> <p>B. What is the minimum requirement that a new product must meet in order to be bid? Please provide specific requirements that must be met in order to bid a product in development.</p> <p>C. Does a product have to be "announced" to the public nationally in order to be bid?</p> <p>D. Does a product have to be currently in production or have had at least 3 pilot units built in order to be bid?</p>	IFB Main Document, Section I.2 <i>Scope</i> The resultant awards shall cover the outright purchase of <u>current Model Year-new</u> School Buses for which the equitable or legal title has never been transferred by a manufacturer, distributor or Dealer to an ultimate purchaser. Under no circumstances may "demos" or "used" School Buses be sold under the Contract(s) resulting from this IFB. Delivery of Dealer-stocked buses, that are preordered and preloaded with options not typically purchased, will not be permitted. Leasing of a School Bus shall not be permitted under the resultant Contract(s).	<p>The IFB has been amended to make the changes indicated in the "Referenced Clause or Specification" column (see red and underlined language).</p> <p>A. A Product that is still in development may be bid, provided that all required bid submittal documents (see Section III.2 <i>Bid Format and Content</i>) are submitted for the Product bid, including a NYS DOT Approval Number, Build Sheet(s) and OEM Data Book(s).</p> <p>B. All Product bid, including new Product, must meet the minimum requirements stated in the IFB (see Section V.2 <i>School Bus Requirements</i>).</p> <p>C. It is not required that a Product be announced to the public nationally in order to be bid.</p> <p>D. It is not required that a Product be currently in production, or have had at least three (3) pilot units built, in order to be bid. A pilot model shall only be required after Contract award if requested by an Authorized User (see Section V.3 <i>Pilot Model Inspection</i>).</p> <p>See also Question 7 for information about adding Product after Contract award, and Question 21 for amendments related to the NYS DOT Approval Number.</p>

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6	IFB Main Document	I.2 <i>Scope</i> Table 1: Lists of Lots and Items	In preparing for NYS approval requests based on the item descriptions, it appears that the A-1 and A-2 designations may be reversed in the IFB. NYS DOT designates A-1 to be a GVWR of over 10,000 pounds and A-2 to be 10,000 pounds or less. The IFB designations are inverse to the DOT designations and may impact a Bidder's response to this IFB. Should the DRW items in the IFB be listed as A-1 and the SRW items listed as A-2?	IFB Main Document, Section I.2 <i>Scope</i> ; Table 1: <i>List of Lots and Items</i> IFB Main Document, Section I.12 <i>Definitions</i> "Type A" shall mean a conversion School Bus constructed using a cutaway front-section vehicle with a left side driver's door. This definition includes two classifications: Type A-1, with a GVWR of 10,000 pounds or less; and Type A-2, with a GVWR equal to or greater than 10,001 pounds and less than or equal to 21,500 pounds.	No, the DRW Items in the IFB should not be listed as A-1 and the SRW Items listed as A-2. The definition of Type A School Buses set forth in Section I.12 <i>Definitions</i> (see the "Referenced Clause or Specification" column) take precedence over the NYS DOT designations included in <i>New York Codes, Rules and Regulations (NYCRR)</i> , Title 17 <i>Department of Transportation</i> , Chapter VI <i>Transportation Regulations</i> , Subchapter D <i>Motor Carriers of Passengers</i> , Article 3 <i>Safety</i> , Part 720 <i>Bus and Passenger Carrying Vehicle Safety Regulations</i> and Part 721 <i>Bus and Passenger Carrying Vehicle/Driver Operational Requirements</i> .
7	IFB Main Document	I.2 <i>Scope</i> Table 1: Lists of Lots and Items	<p>A. Comment: In the current Type A bus market, all manufacturers have product in development for multiple power sources. Unfortunately today there exists but a single source provider for a diesel engine, limited choices for gasoline engines, and neither GM or Ford offer any alternative fuel powered engine as a factory option. A single source provider situation has historically not been beneficial to the purchaser regardless of product. Single source does not promote in-class competition which may lead to higher acquisition, maintenance, repair and replacement part costs to the end user. Many school districts have standardized their fleets to a particular manufacturer for sound business practice reasons including safety, efficiency, expense control, training, and management reasons. Authorized users may be forced to purchase unwanted and non-standardized equipment in a single source environment involving a multi-year period.</p> <p>Question: We respectfully request that given the great majority of Type A buses purchased currently and over the past 5 years are gasoline powered, Lot A, all items, be bid using the manufacturer's standard gasoline engine (as stated in the gasoline power specifications attached to this IFB) and allow alternative-to-gasoline power sources be an OEM option.</p> <p>(Continued on next page)</p>	<p>A. IFB Main Document, Section I.2 <i>Scope</i>; Table 1: <i>List of Lots and Items</i> <u>Table amended to remove Items identified with a "D," "LPG," "CNG," and "H" in the Item name, and to add Items identified with an "EV" in the Item name to Lots C and D.</u> ***** Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i> <u>Replaced in its entirety.</u> ***** For additional related changes, see the IFB Main Document labeled "redline" that is posted on the OGS website with this OGS Responses to Vendor Inquiries Document. Changes to the IFB Main Document are reflected in Section I.1 <i>Overview</i>, I.2 <i>Scope</i>, II.1 <i>Award Overview</i>, and III.1 <i>Important Notice to Potential Bidder</i>.</p> <p>(Continued on next page)</p>	<p>A. The IFB has been amended to make the changes indicated in Paragraph A of the "Referenced Clause or Specification" column (see red and underlined language). Each LOT A Item identified with a "G" in the Item name (e.g., "LOT A (Item 1-G)"), shall be bid as a gasoline engine, with alternative-to-gasoline engines included as additional fuel type that a Bidder may offer.</p> <p>1. At a minimum, a Bidder must offer a gasoline engine for LOT A Items identified with a "G" in the Item name (e.g., "LOT A (Item 1-G)"). Failure to offer a gasoline engine for Items identified with a "G" in the Item name shall result in the bid being deemed non-responsive for the Item and shall result in the disqualification of the bid for the applicable Item. Diesel, LPG, CNG and Hybrid engines may also be offered as additional Base Items for Items identified with a "G" in the Item name.</p> <p>(Continued on next page)</p>

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7	IFB Main Document	<p>I.2 <i>Scope</i></p> <p>Table 1: Lists of Lots and Items</p>	<p>(See Question 7 on previous page)</p> <p>B. Comment: In addition, this IFB as written would prevent school districts from purchasing engine options that most likely be made available during the term of the contract and extensions. This will be disadvantageous to the Authorized User as it may not allow for the selection of proper equipment for use in that User's situation. The IFB as written may prevent competition between manufacturers in regard to product development and market pricing, again a disadvantage to the Authorized User.</p>	<p>(See Question 7 on previous page)</p> <p>B. IFB Main Document, Section I.1 <i>Overview</i> <u>Paragraph E added.</u> <u>E. This is a periodic recruitment solicitation. In order to participate in the initial recruitment period, a vendor must submit a bid by the "Submission of bid and bid opening" date and time indicated in Section I.3 Key Events/Dates. After this initial recruitment period, additional bid submissions shall not be accepted by OGS until the next periodic recruitment period is advertised by OGS. It is anticipated that the next periodic recruitment period shall not begin until at least one (1) calendar year from the date that the Contract term begins for the first Contract awarded under IFB 23000. OGS reserves the right to not advertise any additional periodic recruitment periods, to advertise a periodic recruitment that begins sooner than one (1) year from the date that the Contract term begins for the first Contract awarded under IFB 23000, and to offer additional periodic recruitment periods only to vendors that provide specific School Bus fuel types (e.g., electric or hybrid).</u></p> <p>*****</p> <p>IFB Main Document, V.8 <i>Replacement Product and Product Additions</i> <u>Paragraph B added:</u> <u>B. The State may permit the Contractor to add School Buses and additional fuel type Base Items to the Contract Pricelist during the life of the Contract. Such Product additions shall be limited to (1) additional fuel types, (e.g., LPG, CNG, hybrid), for an OEM Chassis Model/Body Model combination awarded to the Contractor for an Item, and (2) OEM Chassis Model/Body Model combinations that have not previously been awarded for an Item to any Contractor. Product additions must meet the minimum requirements and specifications of IFB 23000.</u></p> <p><u>A Contractor may request OGS consideration of Product additions by submitting a Contract Modification Form (see Attachment 7: Contract Modification Procedure) to the OGS Contract Administrator identified in the Contract.</u></p>	<p>(See Question 7 on previous page)</p> <p>2. An electric propulsion system must be offered for Items identified with an EV in the Item name (e.g., "LOT A (Item 1-EV)"). <i>Failure to offer an electric propulsion for Items identified with an "EV" in the Item name shall result in the bid being deemed non-responsive for the Item and shall result in the disqualification of the bid for the applicable Item.</i></p> <p>B. The IFB has been amended to make the changes indicated in Paragraph B of the "Referenced Clause or Specification" column (see red and underlined language). After Contract award, a vendor that has not been awarded a Contract may offer School Buses during a periodic recruitment period, and a Contractor may request the addition of School Buses and fuel types pursuant to Section V.8 <i>Replacement Product and Product Additions.</i></p>

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8	IFB Main Document	<p>I.2 <i>Scope</i></p> <p>Table 1: Lists of Lots and Items</p>	<p>A. Comment: In the current Type C bus market, all manufacturers have product in development for alternative-to-diesel power sources. Unfortunately today there exists a single source provider for both a gasoline engine and a CNG engine in this Lot. A single source provider situation has historically not been beneficial to the purchaser, regardless of product. Single source does not promote in-class competition which may lead to higher acquisition, maintenance, repair and replacement part costs to the end user. Many school districts have standardized their fleets to a particular manufacturer for sound business practice reasons including safety, efficiency, expense control, training, and management reasons. Authorized users may be forced to purchase unwanted and non-standardized equipment in a single source environment involving a multi-year period.</p> <p>Question: We respectfully request that Lot C, all items, be bid using the manufacturer's standard diesel engine (as stated in the diesel power specifications attached to this IFB) and allow alternative-to-diesel power sources be an OEM option.</p> <p>B. Comment: In prior OGS School Bus Purchase contracts, power sources for the Type C bus have been viewed as an OEM option. OEM option offerings are subject to change, especially during a multi-year period (e.g., state contracts). This has been advantageous to the Authorized User as it allowed for the selection of proper equipment for use in that User's situation. It has also allowed for competition between manufacturers in regard to product development and market pricing, again a benefit to the Authorized User.</p>	<p>IFB Main Document, Section I.2 <i>Scope</i>; Table 1: <i>List of Lots and Items</i> <u>Table amended to remove Items identified with a "D," "LPG," "CNG," and "H" in the Item name, and to add Items identified with an "EV" in the Item name to Lots C and D.</u></p> <p>*****</p> <p>Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i> <u>Replaced in its entirety.</u></p> <p>*****</p> <p>For additional related changes, see the IFB Main Document labeled "redline" that is posted on the OGS website with this OGS Responses to Vendor Inquiries Document. Changes to the IFB Main Document are reflected in Section I.1 <i>Overview</i>, I.2 <i>Scope</i>, II.1 <i>Award Overview</i>, and III.1 <i>Important Notice to Potential Bidder</i>.</p>	<p>A. The IFB has been amended to make the changes indicated in Paragraph A of the "Referenced Clause or Specification" column (see red and underlined language). Each LOT C and LOT D Item identified with a "D" in the Item name (e.g., "LOT C (Item 1-D)"), shall be bid as a diesel engine, with alternative-to-diesel engines included as additional fuel types that a Bidder may offer.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. At a minimum, a Bidder must offer a diesel engine for LOT C and LOT D Items identified with a "D" in the Item name (e.g., "LOT C (Item 1-D)"). Failure to offer a diesel engine for Items identified with a "D" in the Item name shall result in the bid being deemed non-responsive for the Item and shall result in the disqualification of the bid for the applicable Item. Gasoline, LPG, CNG and Hybrid engines may also be offered as additional Base Items for Items identified with a "D" in the Item name. 2. An electric propulsion system must be offered for Items identified with an EV in the Item name (e.g., "LOT C (Item 1-EV)"). Failure to offer an electric propulsion for Items identified with an "EV" in the Item name shall result in the bid being deemed non-responsive for the Item and shall result in the disqualification of the bid for the applicable Item. <p>B. See Question 7 for amendments related to the addition of School Buses after the date that the Contract term begins for the first Contract awarded under IFB 23000.</p>

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9	IFB Main Document	I.3 <i>Key Events/Dates</i>	<p>Vendor 1: Submission of bid and bid opening date is 7-21-16. Request that this date be moved up to 7-28-16 as the New York Association for pupil transportation conference is 7-16 to 7-20-16, and the NYS head mechanics conference is 7-21-16. These conferences will require all vendor personnel to attend limiting time for this ifb.</p> <p>Vendor 2: We request that the bid opening date be delayed until at least August 11. The scheduled bid opening date of July 21 is the same week as the NYAPT Annual Summer Conference and the NYSHMA Annual Summer conference. Also please consider that this 63 item bid (not including alternate bids) is significantly larger than previous bids. Finally, OGS responses to vendor inquiries are expected to be released only 9 days before currently bid opening date.</p> <p>Vendor 3: We have been informed by the factory that 2017 Ford chassis pricing will not be available until the week of 8-1-16. As a result we are requesting that the bid opening date be extended until the week of 8-8-16.</p>	IFB Main Document, Section I.3 <i>Key Events/Dates</i> . Submission of bid and bid opening: July 21, 2016, 11:00 AM ET	OGS has amended the IFB to change the "Submission of bid and bid opening" deadline to August 18, 2016, 11:00 AM ET. Other solicitation dates have also been changed (see Section I.3 <i>Key Events/Dates</i> for the revised dates).
10	IFB Main Document	I.10 <i>Consortium Bids</i>	We request that each member of a Consortium be allowed to bid their own, separate price based on which counties each Consortium member represents. Recently NYS lawmakers implemented an "Upstate / Downstate" minimum wage law that further highlights the extreme difference in cost of doing business "Downstate" as opposed to "Upstate". To calculate a bid price based on a lower than legally allowable labor costs is detrimental to the bidding entity. However to calculate a bid price based on the higher labor cost of "Downstate" would allow for unnecessary expenses to be considered and charged for "Upstate".	IFB Main Document, Section I.10 <i>Consortium Bids</i> If submitting a Consortium bid, the NYS Contract Prices and discounts (i.e., Base Item NYS Contract Price, Optional Equipment NYS Contract Prices, Additional Body Section NYS Contract Price, and Additional Options NYS Discount), for each applicable Item bid, shall be identical for each individual vendor participating in the Consortium, and each vendor shall commit to providing the Item(s) under the resultant Contract for the Consortium bid price.	OGS declines to amend the IFB to allow individual participants of a Consortium to bid their own, separate prices based on which counties each Consortium member represents. In accordance with Section V.1.4 <i>Price Adjustments</i> , Paragraph C <i>Lower Pricing</i> , "Price decreases to the Authorized User are permitted at any time, and do not need prior approval by Procurement Services." Therefore, during the Contract term it would be permissible to offer awarded Items for an individual Authorized User purchase at less than the "not to exceed" NYS Contract Prices that are set forth in the Contract.

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11	IFB Main Document	I.10 Consortium Bids	We plan on submitted this IFB as a Consortium bid. In the pre-bid conference it was mentioned that the all vendors involved in a Consortium bid have their company name and contact information in the yellow header in Attachment 1. Is this the only location that needs to be? Does it also need to be in Attachment 5?	Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i> ; Attach 1 Summary Enter Bidder information below in the yellow-colored cells. For a Consortium bid, enter information for all vendors participating in the Consortium.	The "Attach 1 Summary" bidder input worksheet on Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i> , is the only bid submittal document that requires input of the company name of each vendor participating in the Consortium in the "Company Name(s)" field. If a Consortium is collectively submitting bid inquiries on Attachment 5: <i>Inquiries Form</i> prior to the "Submission of bid and bid opening" date, then the "Company Name" field on that form would also require input of the company name of each vendor participating in the Consortium.
12	IFB Main Document	II.1 Award Overview	<p>Vendor 1: What determination will be used by OGS in deciding an award of either fewer or greater then 3 bidders?</p> <p>Vendor 2: We respectfully request a non-tiered, multiple awardee, menu bid, as is in place today and has been for many years in the past, replace the tiered contractor award.</p> <p>Vendor 3: What is the purpose of ranking and naming the awardees?</p> <p>Vendor 4: Is there an advantage in being ranked "Primary" over "Secondary" or "Tertiary"?</p> <p>Vendor 5: Why are we being told that OGS expects to make three awards per Item?</p> <p>Vendor 6: With only three anticipated awards per Item for the Type A units it appears that this IFB is eliminating the option for Authorized Users to choose between Chevrolet and Ford. Even if we bid Ford as our Primary bid and Chevrolet as our Alternate bid capping the award at 3, 4 or 5 could still keep one of these chassis manufacturer's from receiving an award. We request that each Type A Item have an equal number of awards for Ford and Chevrolet.</p>	<p>IFB Main Document, Section II.1 <i>Award Overview</i> As specified in Section I.2 <i>Scope</i>, Table 1: <i>List of Lots and Items</i>, the IFB includes a total of twenty-one (21) sixty-three (63) Items, separated into three (3) Lots. Contract awards shall be made to three (3) responsive and responsible Bidders, representing three (3) different OEM's Chassis/Body combinations, as set forth below. Because of the nature of the Products involved, and recognizing that no one Bidder will be able to supply all of the Products required by Authorized Users, award shall be made to multiple Bidders for each Item. A Consortium Bid shall be considered a single Bidder when determining award of each Item.</p> <p><u>One (1) award shall be made for each different OEM Chassis Model/Body Model combination (e.g. Ford E-Series Chassis/Coach & Equipment Body, Ford Transit Chassis/Coach & Equipment Body, Chevrolet 3500 Chassis/Coach & Equipment Body, and Freightliner M2-106 Chassis/Blue Bird Body) offered for each Item. In the event that two (2) or more Bidders offer the same OEM Chassis Model/Body Model combination, then award for that OEM Chassis Model/Body Model combination for the applicable Item shall be made to the Bidder with the lowest Grand Total For Item. OGS reserves the right to make award to either greater or fewer than three (3) responsive and responsible Bidders, if doing so is determined to be in the best interest of the State.</u></p> <p>(Continued on next page)</p>	The IFB has been amended to make the changes indicated in the "Referenced Clause or Specification" column (see red and underlined language).

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12	IFB Main Document	II.1 <i>Award Overview</i>	(See Question 12 on previous page)	<p>(See Question 12 on previous page)</p> <p>A. Primary Contractor. The Bidder with the lowest Grand Total For Item for an Item will be the Primary Contractor for that Item.</p> <p>B. Secondary Contractor. The Bidder with the lowest Grand Total For Item for an Item, amongst the Bidders representing a different OEM Chassis/Body combination than the Primary Contractor, will be the Secondary Contractor for that Item.</p> <p>C. Tertiary Contractor. The Bidder with the lowest Grand Total For Item for an Item, amongst the Bidders representing a different OEM Chassis/Body combination than the Primary Contractor and Secondary Contractor, will be the Tertiary Contractor for that Item.</p> <p>Grand Total For Item is calculated in accordance with Section II.3 <i>Grand Total For Item Calculation</i>, and is based on the sum of a combination of the Base Item Evaluation Price, the Total Optional Equipment Evaluation Price, the Additional Body Section Evaluation Price (if applicable for the Item), and the Additional Options Evaluation Price. The examples below in Section II.2 <i>Total Optional Equipment Evaluation Price Calculation</i> and Section II.3 <i>Grand Total For Item Calculation</i>, indicate the calculations for each Item.</p>	(See Question 12 on previous page)

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13	IFB Main Document	II.4 <i>Cost Proposal Revision</i>	<p>Vendor 1: Can a limit be place on the number of Cost Proposal Revisions?</p> <p>Vendor 2: Does the OGS rely on any specific authority giving it the ability to conduct more than one round of cost revision proposals?</p> <p>Vendor 3: What is the historical usage of the cost revision proposal in all OGS IFB's? Of the historical usage of "cost revision proposals", what percentage of the cost revision proposals have been multiple (i.e. the provision used more than once in an IFB)?</p> <p>Vendor 4: What is the OGS' intent of the cost proposal revision process given that the IFB document language states that awards are based on the lowest "responsive and responsible Bidders" found in Section II.1 Award Overview, Paragraph 1, which is usual and customary language associated with a "bid"?</p> <p>Vendor 5: Has the OGS factored in the additional time required to conduct cost revision proposal(s) into the "Key Events/Dates" found in Section I.3, in particular the Contract Term Begin (estimated)" date?</p> <p>Vendor 6: Paragraph 5 states that "The company name of the Bidder with the lowest bid shall not be shared with the participants in the cost proposal revision process." Given the language noted above contained in this IFB, exactly what information will be shared with Bidders at and immediately following the bid opening?</p> <p>Vendor 7: This section appears to put the original lowest bidder in the worst position. Why would the original lowest bidder, without knowing what any other bid prices were, lower their bid? All other bidders have the advantage of knowing their bid price and the lowest bid price. It is very easy to conceive that the original lowest bidder could end up being the highest bidder for an item. We request that this entire section, II.4 Cost Proposal Revision, be removed from the IFB.</p>	<p>IFB Main Document, Section II.4 <i>Cost Proposal Revision</i> <u>Section removed in its entirety</u></p>	<p>The IFB has been amended to make the changes indicated in the "Referenced Clause or Specification" column (see red and underlined language). Section II.4 <i>Cost Proposal Revision</i> has been removed in its entirety.</p>

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14	IFB Main Document	III.1 <i>Important Notice to Potential Bidders</i> , Paragraph E	<p>Vendor 1: In past bids for school buses there was a provision for offering bids on multiple chassis, i.e. Chevy & Ford. Can this be done with alternate bids? How should the alternate bids be submitted? On the same CD with the main bid, or as a separate bid altogether?</p> <p>Vendor 2: We are respectfully requesting that OGS supply us how they would like the vendors to submit Alternate bids. In the Item A buses there can be more than one chassis that can be bid, please clarify how this should be assembled in the bid submittal package.</p>	<p>IFB Main Document, Section III.1 <i>Important Notice to Potential Bidders</i> E. If a Bidder wishes to make more than one bid, such bid(s) are to be submitted separately and are to be listed as "alternate" bids. "Alternate" bids must satisfy and address all requirements stated in this solicitation. and shall be evaluated as separate bids <u>An alternate bid shall be considered an individual bid that is a completely different bid than any other bid received from the same vendor, and be subject to the same evaluation process specified in the IFB.</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>An alternate bid is required when a Bidder offers an additional OEM Chassis Model/Body Model combination that is different than what is offered on the Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i> submitted with a bid for an Item. A feature that may be offered as an OEM option on a Model that is bid (e.g., a 6.0 liter gasoline engine that is available in lieu of the standard 4.8 liter engine included with the Chassis Model bid) would not require an alternate bid. The following are examples of situations that would require submittal of an alternate bid:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) <u>Two (2) different OEM Chassis are being offered by a Bidder for the same Item (e.g., one bid is for a Ford Chassis, and the other is for a Chevrolet Chassis).</u> b) <u>Two (2) different OEM Chassis Model/Body Model combinations are being offered by a Bidder for the same fuel type for an Item (e.g. one bid is for a gasoline-fueled Ford E-Series Chassis/Coach & Equipment Body, and the other is for a gasoline-fueled Ford Transit Chassis/Coach & Equipment Body).</u> 2. <u>The following is an example of the bid package assembly for an alternate bid:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) <u>Bid Package #1 (Ford Chassis) Include in bid package all documents set forth in Section III.2 <i>Bid Format and Content</i>, Paragraph A, with the bid package labeled "Company Name, Bid #1, (Ford)." The Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i> that is submitted with this alternate bid would include bid submittal information and pricing entered by the Bidder for the Ford Chassis that is being offered for each Item bid.</u> <p>(Continued on next page)</p>	<p>The IFB has been amended to make the changes indicated in the "Referenced Clause or Specification" column (see red and underlined language).</p> <p>A Bidder may offer more than one (1) OEM Chassis for an Item by submitting an alternate bid. Instructions for doing so are included in the amended Section III.1 <i>Important Notice to Potential Bidders</i>, Paragraph E.</p>

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				<p>(See Question 14 on previous page)</p> <p><u>Bid Package #2 (Chevrolet Chassis)</u> <u>At a minimum, include in bid package all documents set forth in Section III.2 Bid Format and Content, Paragraph A, that are required at the "Submission of bid and bid opening" date and time (i.e., IFB Cover Page, IFB Acknowledgement Page, Attachment 1: Specifications and Price Pages, and NYS DOT Approval Numbers), with the bid package labeled "Company Name, Bid #2, Alternate Bid (Chevrolet)." The Attachment 1: Specifications and Price Pages that is submitted with this alternate bid would include bid submittal information and pricing entered by the Bidder for the Chevrolet Chassis that is being offered for each Item bid.</u></p>	

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15	IFB Main Document	III.1 <i>Important Notice to Potential Bidders</i> , Paragraph E	<p>ALTERNATE BID & MULTIPLE SAME FUEL SOURCE OFFERINGS BY A SINGLE MANUFACTURER, LOT A. Item E states that "If a bidder wishes to make more than one bid, such bid(s) are to be submitted separately and are to be listed as "alternate" bids." "Alternate" bids must satisfy and address all requirements stated in this solicitation, and shall be evaluated as separate bids."</p> <p>A. QUESTIONS: 1. Please define "evaluated as a separate bid". Does this mean as a separate item in a Lot? Or as a sub item to an Item in a Lot? 2. To what is the "alternate bid" evaluated against? Other alternate bids? Original bids?</p> <p>B. For question clarification and guidance, some manufacturers offer a same type fuel engine option for buses identified in the various Lots and Items included in this bid. For example, GM offers a 4.8 liter gas and a 6.0 liter gas engine chassis that could be used for a number of Items in Lot A. The 4.8 liter engine is the standard gas engine in these instances and should be bid as instructed by the bid specs (standard engine). If a bidder chose to bid the 6.0 liter gas engine as an "alternate bid", would this alternate bid be evaluated as a separate bid against other 6.0 liter chassis, same item bids or against the standard engine (4.8 liter gas engine) bids? If the alternate bid is evaluated against the original bid in this instance, the alternate bid would be higher priced than the original bid by default due to the 6.0 liter engine being a added cost to the standard chassis and may not be selected for an award under the resultant contract. This would impact the Authorized User's ability to select the correct power source for a given route/application potentially decreasing the safe transportation of school children. Using past bid philosophy of bidding the standard engine in a given chassis while allowing other engines to be purchased as an option alleviates this concern.</p> <p>C. In addition to the questions above, we respectfully request that Lot A, all Items except Item 1 are bid using the standard gasoline engine chassis offered by a manufacturer, with all other engine offerings being additional options.</p>	<p>IFB Main Document, Section III.1 <i>Important Notice to Potential Bidders</i>, Paragraph E See Question 14 for referenced clause and amendments. ***** Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i> Replaced in its entirety. See Question 7. All LOT A Items that are identified with a "G" in the Item name (e.g., "LOT A (Item 1-G)") include the following engine specification: PART 3: <i>Base Item Specifications</i> Engine shall have a manufacturer's standard water cooled engine complete with accessories, as called for under classification. Engine shall develop full-rated torque and horsepower without requiring the use of premium grade fuel for any condition of operation. Diesel engine shall develop full-rated torque and horsepower with the use of both ultra low sulfur grade diesel fuel and renewable diesel fuel.</p>	<p>The IFB has been amended to make the changes indicated in the "Referenced Clause or Specification" column (see red and underlined language).</p> <p>A. See Question 14 for amendments to IFB Main Document, Section III.1 <i>Important Notice to Potential Bidders</i>, Paragraph E, for answers to questions about submittal and evaluation of an "alternate bid."</p> <p>B. The amended Base Item Specifications require that the OEM standard gasoline engine be bid for LOT A Items that are identified with a "G" in the Item name (e.g., "LOT A (Item 1-G)"). A feature that may be offered as an OEM option on a Model that is bid (e.g., a 6.0 liter gasoline engine that is available in lieu of the standard 4.8 liter engine included with the Chassis Model bid) would not require an alternate bid. See Question 14 for amendments to IFB Main Document, Section III.1 <i>Important Notice to Potential Bidders</i>, Paragraph E. See also Question 12 for amendments to Section II.1 <i>Award Overview</i>.</p> <p>C. See Question 7 for amendments to Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i>.</p>

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16	IFB Main Document	III.1 <i>Important Notice to Potential Bidders</i> , Paragraph E	<p>ALTERNATE BID & MULTIPLE SAME FUEL SOURCE OFFERINGS BY A SINGLE MANUFACTURER, LOTS C & D. Item E states that "If a bidder wishes to make more than one bid, such bid(s) are to be submitted separately and are to be listed as "alternate" bids." "Alternate" bids must satisfy and address all requirements stated in this solicitation, and shall be evaluated as separate bids."</p> <p>A. QUESTIONS: 1. Please define "evaluated as a separate bid". Does this mean as a separate item in a Lot? Or as a sub item to an Item in a Lot? 2. To what is the "alternate bid" evaluated against? Other alternate bids? Original bids?</p> <p>B. For question clarification and guidance, one manufacturer offers multiple same type fuel engine options for buses identified in the various Lots C & D included in this bid. For example, Blue Bird Bus offers a 6.7 liter diesel engine as its standard engine as well as a lower cost 5.0 liter diesel engine as an optional power source for its conventional buses, various items in Lot C. The 6.7 liter engine is the standard engine in the Blue Bird conventional bus and should be bid as instructed by the bid specs (standard engine). If the Blue Bird bus bidder chose to bid the 5.0 liter engine as an "alternate bid", would this alternate bid be evaluated as a separate bid against other 5.0 liter diesel conventional buses (none exist today in the conventional bus market) or against the 6.7 liter diesel standard engine used by all other bus manufacturers? This example of the alternate bid being evaluated against original bids illustrates a competitive bidding inequity to one manufacturer over others in the most widely purchased segment of school buses (Type C), and would impact the Authorized User's ability to select the correct power source for a given route/application or remain as a standardized fleet, which is proven to be a very efficient method of fleet management. Using past bid philosophy of bidding the standard engine in a given chassis while allowing other engines to be purchased as an option alleviates this concern.</p> <p>C. In addition to the questions above, we respectfully request that Lots C & D, all Items be bid using the standard diesel engine offered by a manufacturer, with all other engine offerings being additional options.</p>	<p>IFB Main Document, Section III.1 <i>Important Notice to Potential Bidders</i>, Paragraph E <u>See Question 14 for referenced clause and amendments.</u> ***** Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i> <u>Replaced in its entirety. See Question 8. All LOT C and LOT D Items that are identified with a "D" in the Item name (e.g., "LOT C (Item 1-D)") include the following engine specification:</u> PART 3: <i>Base Item Specifications</i> <u>Engine shall have a manufacturer's standard water cooled engine complete with accessories, as called for under classification. Engine shall develop full-rated torque and horsepower without requiring the use of premium grade fuel for any condition of operation. Diesel engine shall develop full-rated torque and horsepower with the use of both ultra low sulfur grade diesel fuel and renewable diesel fuel.</u></p>	<p>The IFB has been amended to make the changes indicated in the "Referenced Clause or Specification" column (see red and underlined language).</p> <p>A. See Question 14 for amendments to IFB Main Document, Section III.1 <i>Important Notice to Potential Bidders</i>, Paragraph E, for answers to questions about submittal and evaluation of an "alternate bid."</p> <p>B. The amended Base Item Specifications require that the OEM standard diesel engine be bid for LOT C and LOT D Items that are identified with a "D" in the Item name (e.g., "LOT C (Item 1-D)"). A feature that may be offered as an OEM option on a Model that is bid (e.g., a 5.0 liter diesel engine that is available in lieu of the standard 6.7 liter engine included with the Chassis Model bid) would not require an alternate bid. See Question 14 for amendments to IFB Main Document, Section III.1 <i>Important Notice to Potential Bidders</i>, Paragraph E. See also Question 12 for amendments to Section II.1 <i>Award Overview</i>.</p> <p>C. See Question 8 for amendments to Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i>.</p>

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17	IFB Main Document	III.1 <i>Important Notice to Potential Bidders</i> , Paragraph E	<p>ALTERNATE BID & THE POSSIBLE EXCLUSION OF CERTAIN CHASSIS MANUFACTURERS, LOT A. Item E states that "If a bidder wishes to make more than one bid, such bid(s) are to be submitted separately and are to be listed as "alternate" bids." "Alternate" bids must satisfy and address all requirements stated in this solicitation, and shall be evaluated as separate bids."</p> <p>A. QUESTIONS: 1. Please define "evaluated as a separate bid". Does this mean as a separate item in a Lot? Or as a sub item to an Item in a Lot? 2. To what is the "alternate bid" evaluated against? Other alternate bids? Original bids?</p> <p>B. For question clarification and guidance, both Ford and GM offer a same type fuel engine option - gasoline - for buses identified in Lot A included in this bid. For example, both Ford and GM offer gasoline powered engines in their standard school bus cutaway chassis. If the Items in the bid are simply identified by fuel type and not manufacturer (as in past bids), the possibility exists that one of these manufacturers' chassis will not be listed on the resultant contract, negatively impacting school district fleets by limiting choices of best equipment for their application, disturbing standardization efforts, and increasing operating costs. Using past bid philosophy of bidding the items segregated by chassis manufacturer alleviates this concern.</p> <p>C. In addition to our questions above, we respectfully request that Lot A, Items 2, 3, 4, & 5 be bid by chassis manufacturer as in past bids.</p>	<p>IFB Main Document, Section III.1 <i>Important Notice to Potential Bidders</i>, Paragraph E See Question 14 for referenced clause and amendments. ***** Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i> Replaced in its entirety. See Question 7.</p>	<p>The IFB has been amended to make the changes indicated in the "Referenced Clause or Specification" column (see red and underlined language).</p> <p>A. See Question 14 for amendments to IFB Main Document, Section III.1 <i>Important Notice to Potential Bidders</i>, Paragraph E, for answers to questions about submittal and evaluation of an "alternate bid."</p> <p>B. A Bidder may offer more than one (1) OEM Chassis for an Item by submitting an alternate bid. See Question 14 for amendments to IFB Main Document, Section III.1 <i>Important Notice to Potential Bidders</i>, Paragraph E.</p> <p>C. OGS declines to amend the IFB to bid LOT A Items by Chassis manufacturer. See Question 7 for amendments to Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i>.</p>

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18	IFB Main Document	III.1 <i>Important Notice to Potential Bidders</i> , Paragraph E	<p>ALTERNATE BID & THE POSSIBLE EXCLUSION OF CERTAIN CHASSIS DESIGNS, LOT A. Item E states that "If a bidder wishes to make more than one bid, such bid(s) are to be submitted separately and are to be listed as "alternate" bids." "Alternate" bids must satisfy and address all requirements stated in this solicitation, and shall be evaluated as separate bids."</p> <p>A. QUESTIONS: 1. Please define "evaluated as a separate bid". Does this mean as a separate item in a Lot? Or as a sub item to an Item in a Lot? 2. To what is the "alternate bid" evaluated against? Other alternate bids? Original bids?</p> <p>B. For question clarification and guidance, Ford now offers two (2) chassis configurations that offer a the same type fuel engine option - gasoline - for buses identified in Lot A included in this bid, the E Series and the Transit Series cutaway chassis. If the Items in the bid are simply identified by fuel type, the possibility exists that one of these Ford chassis will not be listed on the resultant contract, negatively impacting school district fleets by limiting choices of best equipment for their application, disturbing standardization efforts, increasing operating costs, and preventing the purchase of new and innovative product.</p> <p>C. In addition to our questions above, we respectfully request that the Ford Transit chassis become a separate item under Lot A, Item 3-G & 3-D.</p>	<p>IFB Main Document, Section III.1 <i>Important Notice to Potential Bidders</i>, Paragraph E See Question 14 for referenced clause and amendments. ***** Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i> Replaced in its entirety. See Question 7.</p>	<p>The IFB has been amended to make the changes indicated in the "Referenced Clause or Specification" column (see red and underlined language).</p> <p>A. See Question 14 for amendments to IFB Main Document, Section III.1 <i>Important Notice to Potential Bidders</i>, Paragraph E, for answers to questions about submittal and evaluation of an "alternate bid."</p> <p>B. The amended Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i> require that only one (1) gasoline fueled Chassis Model, and only one (1) diesel fueled Chassis Model be offered for LOT A Items that are identified with a "G" in the Item name (e.g., "LOT A (Item 1-G)").</p> <p>A Bidder may offer more than one (1) OEM Chassis Model for a fuel type for an Item by submitting an alternate bid. See Question 14 for amendments to IFB Main Document, Section III.1 <i>Important Notice to Potential Bidders</i>, Paragraph E. See also Question 12 for amendments to Section II.1 <i>Award Overview</i>.</p> <p>C. OGS declines to amend the Items included in the IFB to have the Ford Transit chassis become a separate item under LOT A, Item 3-G & 3-D. See Question 7 for amendments to Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i>.</p>

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19	IFB Main Document	III.1 <i>Important Notice to Potential Bidders</i> , Paragraph E	Section III.1.E says "Alternate bids must satisfy and address all requirements stated in this solicitation, and shall be evaluated as separate bids." Based on that wording, as a Consortium Bidder, are we required to prepare an entirely separate bid submission containing all Attachments and required documents or just a separate Attachment #1 labeled as Alternate and put in the envelop labeled "Attachment 1: Specifications and Price Pages"?	<p>IFB Main Document, Section III.1 <i>Important Notice to Potential Bidders</i>, Paragraph E See Question 14 for referenced clause and amendments.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>Section III.2 <i>Bid Format and Content</i>, Paragraph C C. <u>Consortium Bid</u>. For a complete Consortium bid (see Section I.10 <i>Consortium Bids</i>, and III.1.3 <i>Bid Pricing Submittal</i>, Paragraph F), all documents listed in Section A above, with the exception of Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i>, must be submitted by each vendor participating in the Consortium bid. A Consortium bid should be submitted in one (1) bid package, with separately bound documents for each participating vendor, labeled with its full legal business name, enclosed within. See Section III.3 <i>Bid Pricing Submittal</i> for additional information regarding submitting Consortium bid pricing on Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i>.</p>	<p>A Consortium bid is not considered an "alternate bid." Instructions for submitting a Consortium bid are set forth in Section III.2 <i>Bid Format and Content</i>, Paragraph C, (see "Referenced Clause or Specification" column).</p> <p>In accordance with Section III.3 <i>Bid Pricing Submittal</i>, Paragraph F <i>Consortium Bid</i>, "The Attachment 1: Specifications and Price Pages for a Consortium bid should be enclosed in its own envelope labeled "Attachment 1: Specifications and Price Pages," separate from the other required bid documents for each participating vendor, and be included in the Consortium bid package."</p>
20	IFB Main Document	III.2 <i>Bid Format and Content</i> , Paragraph A	Based on the amount of documents required, we envision submitting everything required in a three ring binder. Is that what you're looking for?	<p>IFB Main Document, Section III.2 <i>Bid Format and Content</i> A. The complete bid consists of the following documents. A potential Contractor must submit all documents in the manner and format set forth below (i.e., paper or electronic (on CD)). Do not submit any documents not set forth below. Documents required in electronic format should not be submitted in paper format, and vice versa.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>IFB Main Document, Section III.2 <i>Bid Format and Content</i> D. Paper documents shall include original signatures and notary, where applicable. Documents should be submitted bound in a binder or by some other method (e.g., through the use of a three-hole report cover). Spiral binding is not desired by the State.</p>	<p>In accordance with Section III.2 <i>Bid Format and Content</i>, Paragraph D (see "Referenced Clause or Specification" column), a three ring binder is acceptable. However, a large three ring binder should not be necessary to bind the small number of documents required in paper format.</p> <p>The list of required bid submittal documents in Section III.2 <i>Bid Format and Content</i>, Paragraph A, specifies whether a document is required to be submitted in paper or electronic format. Documents required in electronic format should not be submitted in paper format, and vice versa.</p>

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21	IFB Main Document	III.2 <i>Bid Format and Content</i> , Paragraph A4 <i>NYS DOT Approval</i>	All necessary floor plans for this IFB have been submitted to NYS DOT for their approval. If an approval has not come back from DOT within the time frame for this bid submittal, please advise as to how this should be submitted. Do we put in PENDING in the required spot for the approval number?	<p>IFB Main Document, Section III.2: <i>Bid Format and Content</i>, Paragraph A</p> <p>4. <u>NYS DOT Approval</u>. For each Item bid, a NYS DOT Approval Number <u>must either be</u> on file with, <u>or have been applied for with</u>, NYS DOT Passenger Carrier Safety Bureau for the School Bus bid. <u>If a NYS DOT Approval Number for the School Bus bid has been applied for, but approval has not been received, enter "Pending" on Attachment 1: Specifications and Price Pages, and submit with your bid an electronic copy of the "Application for Approval of School Bus Body/Chassis Specifications" that has been submitted to NYS DOT.</u></p> <p><i>Failure to have a NYS DOT Approval Number on file with NYS DOT for the School Bus bid <u>by December 1, 2016</u> shall result in the bid being deemed non-responsive for that individual Base Item and shall result in the disqualification of the bid for the applicable Item. <u>After the Contract term begins for the resultant Contracts for IFB 23000, a Contractor may request Product additions in accordance with Section V.8 Replacement Product and Product Additions. See also Section I.1 Overview, Paragraph E, for information regarding periodic recruitment.</u></i></p> <p>*****</p> <p>Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i>, (all Items)</p> <p>PART 1: Enter Product information for the Base Item(s) bid <u>(Category Added): NYS DOT Approval Number: See revised Attachment 1: Specifications and Price Pages for specification.</u></p> <p>PART 3: <i>Base Item Specifications</i> <u>General: School Bus Model and drawing approval on file with NYS DOT, Passenger Carrier Safety Bureau.</u></p>	<p>The IFB has been amended to make the changes indicated in the "Referenced Clause or Specification" column (see red and underlined language).</p> <p>See also Question 7, which sets forth amendments to Section I.1 <i>Overview</i> that identify IFB 23000 as a periodic recruitment solicitation, and Question 8, which sets forth amendments to Section V.8 <i>Replacement Product</i> that allow a Contractor to request Product Additions after Contract award.</p>
22	IFB Main Document	III.2 <i>Bid Format and Content</i> , Paragraph A5	<p>Vendor 1: Does the submission of a single copy of the NYDOT approval list for a manufacturer suffice for all items bid, or is a separate document necessary for each item or lot?</p> <p>Vendor 2: Is this asking for a copy of the drawing with the correct NYSDOT Approval # listed on it?</p>	<p>IFB Main Document, Section III.2 <i>Bid Format and Content</i>, Paragraph A</p> <p>5. <u>Additional Supporting Information</u>. For each Item bid, an electronic (on CD) version of the documents listed below. <u>a) NYS DOT Approval Document. The NYS DOT Approval document on file with NYS DOT Passenger Carrier Safety Bureau for the School Bus bid.</u></p>	<p>The IFB has been amended to make the changes indicated in the "Referenced Clause or Specification" column (see red and underlined language). The NYS DOT Approval Document is no longer a required bid submittal document.</p>

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23	IFB Main Document	III.2 <i>Bid Format and Content</i> , Paragraph A5	5.c - Our manufacturers no longer offer "Databooks" as they make that information available to dealers through a secured website. Based on the description of "OEM Databooks" in Section I.12 Definitions we are requesting that our Nationally Advertised MSRP Listing be an acceptable replacement. It lists all options available for each model and Contract Item. It also is our price book that will be used to sell options from with a column added to show the Selling Price in NYS based on our offered discount.	IFB Main Document, Section III.2 <i>Bid Format and Content</i> , Paragraph A 5. <u>Additional Supporting Information</u> . For each Item bid, an electronic (on CD) version of the documents listed below. b) <u>OEM Data Book(s)</u> . OEM Data Book(s), as defined in Section I.12 <i>Definitions</i> , <u>for the Chassis Model offered; and</u> c) <u>Bidder-Published Pricelist(s), Bidder-Published Pricelist(s), as defined in Section I.12 Definitions (see "Contractor-Published Pricelist")</u> , <u>for the Body Model offered</u> .	In reference to the Body Model bid, the IFB has been amended to make the changes indicated in the "Referenced Clause or Specification" column (see red and underlined language). OGS declines to amend the IFB to allow a Bidder-Published Pricelist to meet the definition of "OEM Data Book." The revised IFB requires that a Bidder submit an OEM Data Book(s), as defined in Section I.12 <i>Definitions</i> , for the Chassis Model offered. "OEM Data Book is defined as "the nationally published or internal document(s) issued by the OEM which lists, among other things, an Option Code and description for the OEM's Product Line." Information exported or otherwise saved in electronic form from an OEM's "secured website" would be considered "internal document(s)"
24	IFB Main Document	III.3 <i>Bid Pricing Submittal</i>	A. On the Item A buses, if there are bids submitted on both the Chevy and Ford chassis, will OGS be evaluating the alternate bid against the primary bid based upon price. If one is going against the other it would only make sense to submit the lower price bid. Both Chevy and Ford chassis are offered on the current school bus contract. B. Should this be considered a supplemental bid and not an alternated bid?	IFB Main Document, Section III.3 <i>Bid Pricing Submittal</i> A Bidder shall submit Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i> in accordance with Section III.2 <i>Bid Format and Content</i> . If submitting a bid for an Item, Bidder is required to select "Yes" for that Item on the Bid Summary worksheet, and complete all applicable yellow-shaded cells as instructed on the applicable Item worksheet in Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i> . The following also applies to bid pricing: (see IFB for complete clause).	A. OGS shall award each Item in accordance with the revised Section II.1 <i>Award Overview</i> . See Question 12. B. An offer of an additional OEM Chassis is considered an alternate bid. See Question 14 for amendments to IFB Main Document, Section III.1 <i>Important Notice to Potential Bidders</i> , Paragraph E.

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25	IFB Main Document	III.3 <i>Bid Pricing Submittal</i> , Paragraph B	III.3, Paragraph B states that Failure to provide an Additional Body Section NYS Contract Price for an Item (if applicable for the Item) shall result in the bid being deemed non-responsive for that Item and in the disqualification of the bid for the applicable Item. What if a vendor is not able to offer a body extension for an item and another vendor can offer as body extension, pricing will not be a good representation of that item.	<p>IFB Main Document, Section III.3 <i>Bid Pricing Submittal</i> B. <u>Additional Body Section NYS Contract Price</u>: Bidder shall enter an Additional Body Section NYS Contract Price when submitting a bid for an Item in Lot A, (excluding Item 1), <u>if an Additional Body Section is available for the School Bus bid</u>. The Additional Body Section NYS Contract Price entered by the Bidder is based on adding one (1) Additional Body Section to the Base Item and the applicable Base Item NYS Contract Price. <u>If there is no cost for an Additional Body Section, Bidder shall enter "\$0.00."</u> <u>If an Additional Body Section is not available for the School Bus bid, Bidder shall enter "Not Available."</u> <u>The Additional Body Section NYS Contract Price is not included in the Grand Total For Item that is calculated, and shall not be considered in the award for an Item. Failure to provide an Additional Body Section NYS Contract Price for an Item (if applicable for the Item) shall result in the bid being deemed non-responsive for that Item and in the disqualification of the bid for the applicable Item.</u></p> <p>*****</p> <p>For additional related changes, see the IFB Main Document labeled "redline," and the amended Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i>, which is posted on the OGS website with this OGS Responses to Vendor Inquiries Document.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Changes to the IFB Main Document are reflected in Section I.12 <i>Definitions</i>, II.1 <i>Award Overview</i>, II.3 <i>Grand Total For Item Calculation</i>, III.2 <i>Bid Format and Content</i>, and V.2.6 <i>Optional Equipment and Additional Body Sections</i>. 2. Changes to Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i> are reflected on the "Instructions," "Bid Summary," and all "Item" worksheets in LOT A (see also Question 65 for changes to LOT A, Item 1). The following amendments have been made to the LOT A "Item" worksheets in PART 2: <i>Enter Pricing for the Base Item, Additional Body Section, and Additional Options</i>: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Rows for "Additional Body Section Evaluation Amount" and "Additional Body Section Evaluation Price" have been removed. b) The language in the "Additional Body Section NYS Contract Price" Row has been amended to reflect the changes to Section III.3 <i>Bid Pricing Submittal</i> above. c) "Additional Body Section" has been removed from the language in the Row for "Grand Total For Item," and from the calculation of the Grand Total For Item. 	The IFB has been amended to make the changes indicated in the "Referenced Clause or Specification" column (see red and underlined language). It shall not be required that an Additional Body Section be offered for the School Bus bid for an Item. If an Additional Body Section is offered, then an Additional Body Section NYS Contract Price must be entered on Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i> .

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26	IFB Main Document	III.3 Bid Pricing Submittal, Paragraph D	<p>A. Does a vendor have to offer a bid on all of the options?</p> <p>B. What if that option is not available?</p>	<p>IFB Main Document, Section III.3 <i>Bid Pricing Submittal</i></p> <p>D. <u>Optional Equipment NYS Contract Price</u>: Bidder shall<u>must</u> enter an Optional Equipment NYS Contract Price for each of the Optional Equipment listed for an Item, <u>excluding "Floor (Flat) With Recessed Wheelchair Track Throughout Entire Body." An Optional Equipment NYS Contract Price must be entered for "Floor (Flat) With Recessed Wheelchair Track Throughout Entire Body" only if the Bidder shall offer that Optional Equipment under the resultant Contract.</u></p> <p>The Optional Equipment NYS Contract Price entered by the Bidder is based on adding to or deleting the Optional Equipment from the Base Item and the applicable Base Item NYS Contract Price. <u>If there is no cost for the Optional Equipment, or the equipment is already included in the School Bus bid for the Base Item, enter "\$0.00."</u> If adding or deleting the Optional Equipment results in a credit, Bidder shall enter a negative number for the Optional Equipment NYS Contract Price.</p> <p>All Optional Equipment listed for an Item, <u>excluding "Floor (Flat) With Recessed Wheelchair Track Throughout Entire Body,"</u> shall be available from the Bidder. <u>"Floor (Flat) With Recessed Wheelchair Track Throughout Entire Body" is not a mandatory Optional Equipment, and is not included in the "Total Optional Equipment Evaluation Price" calculated for an Item. If "Floor (Flat) With Recessed Wheelchair Track Throughout Entire Body" is not available for the School Bus bid, enter "Not Available."</u></p> <p><i>Failure to provide an Optional Equipment NYS Contract Price for one or more Optional Equipment listed for an Item, <u>excluding "Floor (Flat) With Recessed Wheelchair Track Throughout Entire Body," may shall</u> result in the bid being deemed non-responsive for that individual Optional Equipment and <u>may shall</u> result in the disqualification of the bid for the applicable Item.</i></p>	<p>The IFB has been amended to make the changes indicated in the "Referenced Clause or Specification" column (see red and underlined language). See Question 49 for additional related amendments.</p> <p>A. Yes, for each Item bid, a Bidder must offer all of the Optional Equipment listed in Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages, PART 4: Optional Equipment Specifications and Pricing</i>, excluding "Floor (Flat) With Recessed Wheelchair Track Throughout Entire Body," and enter an Optional Equipment NYS contract price for each Optional Equipment. As stated in the amended Section V.2.6 <i>Optional Equipment and Additional Body Sections</i>, (see Question 25), "The Contractor must offer the Optional Equipment as specified for the applicable Item in Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i>, and may also offer Additional Body Section(s)."</p> <p>B. If any Optional Equipment other than "Floor (Flat) With Recessed Wheelchair Track Throughout Entire Body" is not available, that should be brought to the attention of OGS as soon as possible. Vendors are advised to submit inquiries at any time prior to the "Submission of bid and bid opening" date and time indicated in Section I.3 <i>Key Events/Dates</i>, if the specifications and/or terms and conditions included in the IFB may affect the ability of the Vendor to submit a responsive bid.</p> <p>Additionally, the IFB has been amended to change "shall" to "may" in the final paragraph (see red and underlined language in the "Referenced Clause or Specification" column. In accordance with Section III.9 <i>New York State Procurement Rights</i>, Paragraph O, OGS may "Require clarification at any time during the procurement process and/or require correction of arithmetic or other apparent errors..."</p>

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27	IFB Main Document	III.3 <i>Bid Pricing Submittal</i> , Paragraph F	C. Same request as noted above under I.10 Consortium Bids to allow for individual Consortium members to bid separate prices for each Item.	IFB Main Document, Section III.3 <i>Bid Pricing Submittal</i> F. <u>Consortium Bid</u> : For a Consortium bid (see Section I.10 <i>Consortium Bids</i>), NYS Contract Prices and discounts (i.e., Base Item NYS Contract Price, Optional Equipment NYS Contract Prices, Additional Body Section NYS Contract Price, and Additional Options NYS Discount), for each applicable Item bid, shall be identical for each individual vendor participating in the Consortium. Therefore, a single Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i> shall be submitted for a Consortium bid.	OGS declines to amend the IFB to allow individual participants of a Consortium to bid their own, separate prices based on which counties each Consortium member represents.
28	IFB Main Document	IV.1 <i>Contract Period and Extensions</i> , Paragraph A	Due to the complexity of this bid and the need for school districts to have a predictable, continuous mechanism for purchasing school buses, we request that the "Base Term" of the bid be extended to Five (5) Years.	IFB Main Document, Section IV.1 <i>Contract Period and Extensions</i> A. <u>Base Term</u> . The Contract(s) shall commence after all necessary approvals by both parties, and shall become effective upon mailing of the final Contract Award Notice by OGS (see Appendix B §23 <i>Contract Creation/Execution</i>). All School Bus Contracts awarded under solicitation 23000 shall terminate simultaneously three (3) years from the date of OGS approval of the first contract awarded.	OGS declines to amend the IFB to extend the "Base Term" of the resultant Contracts to five (5) years.
29	IFB Main Document	IV.1 <i>Contract Period and Extensions</i> , Paragraph B	We request that "Extensions" be changed to Two (2) separate One (1) Year extensions.	IFB Main Document, Section IV.1 <i>Contract Period and Extensions</i> B. <u>Extensions</u> . 1. If mutually agreed between OGS and the Contractor, the Contract may be extended under the same terms and conditions for up to two (2) additional years. The Contract extension may be exercised on a month to month basis such as an additional three month, six month, twelve month, or 24 month period.	OGS declines to amend the IFB to limit extension periods to two (2) separate one (1) year extensions. Section IV.1 <i>Contract Period and Extensions</i> allows for the flexibility to offer an extension period of up to two (2) years, with such extension being "exercised on a month to month basis such as an additional three month, six month, twelve month, or 24 month period."
30	IFB Main Document	IV.13.2 <i>Invoicing</i>	Why are we required to separately list "Optional Equipment Total" and "Additional Options Total" on our invoices to Authorized Users?	IFB Main Document, Section IV.13.2 <i>Invoices</i> Authorized Users are instructed not to process invoices that do not include the required information set forth below. Invoices must be detailed and include in the body of the invoice or an attachment to the invoice all of the following items. Failure to comply may result in lengthy payment delays. Invoices shall include, at a minimum, the following information: A. Contract number; B. NYS Vendor ID; C. Purchase Order number; D. Lot and Item designation of the School Bus; E. Make, Model and Model Code of the School Bus; F. Optional Equipment, Additional Body Sections, and Additional Options, if applicable; G. Calculation of NYS Contract Price, including Additional Options NYS Discount; and Breakdown of liquidated damages, if any (see Section V.4.6 <i>Liquidated Damages</i>);	Section IV.13.2 <i>Invoices</i> does not require an "Optional Equipment Total" and "Additional Options Total" on the invoice. Section IV.13.2 <i>Invoices</i> requires Optional Equipment, Additional Body Sections, and Additional Options be listed individually so that the NYS Contract Price(s) and Additional Options NYS Discount listed on the applicable Contract Pricelist may be verified prior to payment.

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31	IFB Main Document	V.1.2 <i>Additional Options Price</i> , Paragraph B	<p>A. What is a "replacement part" as referenced in this section?</p> <p>B. If it is a part to be purchased after the original bus purchase why would it be eligible for the same Contract Discount offered?</p> <p>C. How is a vendor to know if a Replacement Part is being purchased to be used on a bus purchased under this award?</p>	<p>IFB Main Document, Section V.1.2 <i>Additional Options Price</i>, Paragraph B</p> <p>4. <u>Replacement Parts</u>. The discount for replacement parts shall be equal to or greater than the Additional Options NYS Discount, and shall apply to the MSRP on the OEM Data Book or Contractor-Published Pricelist as applicable. <u>See Section V.2.8 Replacement Parts.</u></p> <p>*****</p> <p>IFB Main Document, Section V.2.8 <i>Replacement Parts</i></p> <p>It is anticipated that Authorized Users may require purchase of <u>replacement parts for Contract Items. Replacement parts are Product that is intended to replace a part on a School Bus purchased from the Contract. Product separately from a Contract Item, for replacement parts for Contract Items.</u> Such Product may include replacement parts for the Base Item, Additional Body Section, Optional Equipment, or Additional Options. Contractor shall be required to honor all such purchases. <u>Replacement parts may not be purchased for use with School Buses that have not been purchased from the Contract.</u></p> <p><u>It is the responsibility of the Authorized User to ensure that replacement parts purchased under the Contract are used only for School Buses that have been purchased from the Contract.</u></p>	<p>The IFB has been amended to make the changes indicated in the "Referenced Clause or Specification" column (see red and underlined language).</p> <p>A. Replacement parts are Product that is intended to replace a part on a School Bus purchased from the Contract.</p> <p>B. Replacement parts are included in the Contract for the convenience of Authorized Users, and must be offered at the Additional Options NYS Discount bid for the applicable Item, so that Authorized Users may obtain such parts at an established discount set forth in a Statewide Contract. OGS declines to amend the IFB to allow for the discount bid for replacement parts to be a different discount than the discount bid for the Additional Options NYS Discount.</p> <p>C. It is the responsibility of the Authorized User to ensure that replacement parts purchased under the Contract are used only for School Buses that have been purchased from the Contract.</p>
32	IFB Main Document	V.2.7 <i>Additional Options</i>	<p>Can an awarded school bus model be optioned to a fuel type that is different from what was awarded for that Item, or do I need to do a contract modification for that? So, for example, if I bid a gas engine for Lot A (Item 1-G), but I don't bid Lot A (Item-CNG) because we can't currently offer a CNG option for that size school bus, can I sell a CNG option on the Lot A (Item 1-G) school bus if it becomes available during the life of the contract?</p>	<p>IFB Main Document, Section V.2.7 <i>Additional Options</i>, The following terms and conditions apply to Additional Options provided under the Contract. See Section V.1.2 <i>Additional Options Price</i> for pricing information relative to the addition and deletion of options.</p> <p>A. Additional Options to be offered under the Contract are limited to products that are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) listed on the OEM or Contractor-Published Pricelist(s); (2) may be installed on the awarded Base Item by the Contractor, or third-party; or (3) have been approved for installation on the School Bus by NYS DOT, if the applicable Additional Option is produced by an OEM other than the School Bus OEM. (4) <u>does not result in a change to the fuel type of an awarded Base Item (e.g., changing the gasoline-fueled engine on the Chassis Model awarded for the "Gasoline" Base Item to a diesel-fueled engine).</u> 	<p>No, an awarded School Bus Model cannot be optioned to a fuel type that is different than what was awarded for an Item. A Contractor can only offer the fuel types that have been awarded under the Contract.</p> <p>The IFB has been amended to make the changes indicated in the "Referenced Clause or Specification" column (see red and underlined language).</p> <p>For information about adding additional fuel types to the after award of the Contracts resulting from IFB 23000, see Question 7. The OGS response to Question 7 sets forth amendments to Section I.1 <i>Overview</i> that identify IFB 23000 as a periodic recruitment solicitation, and Question 8, which sets forth amendments to Section V.8 <i>Replacement Product</i> that allow a Contractor to request Product Additions after Contract award.</p>

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33	IFB Main Document	V.2.8 <i>Replacement Parts</i>	<p>A. What is a "replacement part" as referenced in this section?</p> <p>B. If it is a part to be purchased after the original bus purchase why would it be eligible for the same Contract Discount offered?</p> <p>C. How is a vendor to know if a Replacement Part is being purchased to be used on a bus purchased under this award?</p>	<p>(5) IFB Main Document, Section V.2.8 <i>Replacement Parts</i> See Question 31 for referenced clause and amendments.</p>	<p>The IFB has been amended to make the changes indicated in the "Referenced Clause or Specification" column (see red and underlined language).</p> <p>See Question 31 for amendments to Section V.1.2 <i>Additional Options Price</i>, Paragraph B, and V.2.8 <i>Replacement Parts</i>.</p>
34	IFB Main Document	V.4.6 <i>Liquidated Damages</i>	<p>We request that this entire section be removed. Authorized Users often do not issue a Purchase Order until after July 1st of a given year. Deliveries typically take place prior to the end of the calendar year. Also, manufacturing delays and industry wide component shortages can cause later than anticipated deliveries. A clear, in writing delivery agreement would need to exist to be able to enforce this and I don't believe this topic is a problem for Authorized Users.</p>	<p>IFB Main Document, Section V.4.6 <i>Liquidated Damages</i> In the event of a delay or default in the delivery timeframe previously agreed upon by the Contractor and the Authorized User, the Authorized User shall be entitled to and shall assess against the Contractor as liquidated damages and not by way of penalty, a sum calculated as follows:</p> <p>Two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) per seven (7) calendar day period, prorated for a period less than seven (7) calendar days, per School Bus, to compensate for delay, and other loses, detriments and inconveniences attendant upon such delay from the end of the grace period commencing from the time delivery was due as specified on the Purchase Order. A grace period of seven (7) calendar days commencing on and including the Purchase Order date for delivery shall be extended to the Contractor prior to the assessment of such liquidated damages. Notice is hereby given to the Contractor that, despite the extensions of the grace period herein specified, time shall be of the essence in regard to delivery of the School Bus.</p> <p>Liquidated damages, if assessed, shall be deducted from the Purchase Order price for each School Bus delivered against such Purchase Order.</p>	<p>OGS declines to amend the IFB to remove Section V.4.6 <i>Liquidated Damages</i>. In accordance with Section V.4.4. <i>Shipping Dates and Delivery Time</i>, Paragraph A, "All School Buses must be delivered within the number of calendar days previously agreed upon by the Contractor and Authorized User, after receipt of the Purchase Order by the Contractor."</p> <p>In accordance with Section V.4.4 <i>Shipping Dates and Delivery Time</i>, Paragraph E, "If shipment shall not be made within the delivery time, the Contractor is required to notify the Authorized User in writing within one (1) Business Day of when Contractor knows the shipment shall not be made within the delivery time. This notification must include a reasonable explanation, (e.g. the OEM has a delay in shipment to the Contractor), for the delay and the latest date the School Bus shall be shipped. Should the explanation for the delay be determined to be unreasonable by the Authorized User, appropriate contract default proceedings shall be initiated under Section V.4.6 <i>Liquidated Damages</i>. Failure to supply timely written notification of delay may be cause for default proceedings.</p>

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35	IFB Main Document	V.5 <i>General Warranty Requirements</i> , Paragraph E.	<p>Comment: Type A school bus chassis are manufactured by either General Motors or Ford at this time. Both of those manufacturers have a standard warranty of 3 years or 36,000 miles, whichever occurs first. Some Authorized Users of this type of school bus exceed 36,000 miles per year.</p> <p>Question: Will the OGS accept the warranty limitations of chassis manufacturers (GM & Ford) to one (1) year/36,000 miles?</p>	<p>IFB Main Document, Section V.5 <i>General Warranty Requirements</i> E. The Contractor shall warranty all Product offered under the Contract against defective materials and workmanship for a minimum period of one (1) year from the in-service date, as specified on the delayed warranty form, with no mileage limitation. If the manufacturer's standard warranty exceeds the minimum one (1) year warranty stated herein, then the manufacturer's standard warranty shall apply.</p> <p><u>The Contractor shall warranty all School Buses offered under the Contract against defective materials and workmanship from the in-service date, as specified on the delayed warranty form, as follows:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>The warranty period for the Chassis shall be the manufacturer's standard commercial warranty period; and</u> 2. <u>The warranty period for the Body, and all other Product, shall be the manufacturer's standard commercial warranty period, if applicable, or for a minimum of one (1) year.</u> 	<p>The IFB has been amended to make the changes indicated in the "Referenced Clause or Specification" column (see red and underlined language).</p>
36	IFB Main Document	V.11 <i>Procurement Instructions</i> , Paragraph B	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. How will this requirement be regulated, and what entity (OGS?) will regulate it? B. What are the ramifications to involved parties for failure to adhere to this IFB stipulation? C. What types of justifications are sufficient to satisfy this requirement? Please define the terms "justification" and "controlling entity" as applied to a school district who may be purchasing from this contract. Will the OGS provide examples of the form of written justifications necessary to satisfy this requirement? D. We request that this entire paragraph be removed as it essentially creates a "winner take all" bid that has been argued against by industry partners, including NYAPT, for many years. This could cause the closure of several NYS businesses while simultaneously making the school buses our children ride less safe. 	<p>IFB Main Document, Section V.11 <i>Procurement Instructions</i> B. The Contracts under Award 23000 are tiered multiple award for each Item. Authorized Users are required to purchase from the Primary Contractor, unless written justification for purchasing from the Secondary Contractor or Tertiary Contractor is approved by the Authorized User's controlling entity shall follow their applicable procurement guidelines when making a purchase. Awarded Contractors' Product offerings, Contract and pricing information will be posted to the OGS website at http://ogs.ny.gov/purchase/spg/awards/4052423000CAN.HTM.</p>	<p>Section V.11 <i>Procurement Instructions</i> has been amended to make the changes indicated in the "Referenced Clause or Specification" column (see red and underlined language).</p> <p>See also Question 12 for amendments to Section II.1 <i>Award Overview</i>.</p>

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37	IFB Main Document	V.11 <i>Procurement Instructions</i> , Paragraph D	<p>Comment: For 13+ years Contractors have delivered school buses to Authorized Users under these and other guidelines found in the IFB under Section V.4 through Section V.4.2 (except for the fuel and DEF fill level requirements stated in this IFB) and received payment for those buses upon delivery.</p> <p>The prior OGS school bus contract contained specific language as to the delivery/acceptance/payment of school buses whereas this IFB is complex in the determination of that sequence. In fact, the Contractor and Authorized User must review the IFB plus Appendix B to understand acceptance and payment guidelines. Under the guidelines found in Appendix B, an Authorized User may have up to 60 days from the delivery to pay for school bus - 30 days to "accept" and 30 days from the "acceptance" to "payment".</p> <p>It is important to note that the delivery/acceptance/payment sequence found in this IFB and Appendix B will cause a Contractor using a floor plan to become "out of trust" with the floor plan provider causing dire consequences to that Contractor. This is due to customary Floor Plan language stating that a vehicle must be paid in full at the time of title passage, a requirement of the delivery language found in this IFB. It would be a sound assumption that every contractor selling school buses in the State of New York uses a floor plan financing program due to various reasons including the considerable cost of school buses, efficient throughput of taking a bus through all phases of pre delivery, DOT inspection and final delivery to the User, and the seasonality of the school bus delivery season. Simply stated, the current delivery/acceptance/payment schedule works in the best interests of all parties involved and by primarily saving taxpayer monies.</p> <p>Question: We respectfully request that the COD language found in the current School Bus Purchase Contract be inserted and become part of this IFB.</p>	<p>IFB Main Document, Section V.11 <i>Procurement Instructions</i> D. Upon Authorized User acceptance of School Buses itemized on the Purchase Order, Contractor(s) shall invoice the Authorized User for the School Buses, and accordingly, Authorized User shall arrange for payment. Payment shall not be made until a NYS DOT "Regular Certificate of Inspection" (not a short term certificate) has been issued.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>IFB Main Document, Section IV.14 <i>Contract Payments</i> Payments cannot be processed by Authorized Users until the School Bus has been delivered and accepted in accordance with Section III <u>V.4 Delivery</u>. Payment shall be based on any invoice used in the Contractor's normal course of business. However, such invoice must contain all requirements in Section IV.13 <i>Purchase Orders and Invoicing</i>, including description of the School Bus as well as NYS Vendor ID. See also Appendix B §45 <i>Contract Invoicing</i>.</p> <p><u>When a School Bus is delivered the Authorized User shall process the invoice immediately for the full amount of the NYS Contract Price if, in its opinion, the School Bus is in compliance with the School Bus specifications in the Contract (see Section V.2 School Bus Requirements), and the Purchase Order. However, if poor workmanship and/or minor deviations exist, the Authorized User may withhold up to 20% of the NYS Contract Price upon delivery and delay payment of the balance until the Contractor has made all necessary corrections. The Authorized User may withhold the full amount of the NYS Contract Price if, in its opinion, the School Bus contains major deviations from the School Bus specifications in the Contract (see Section V.2 School Bus Requirements), and the Purchase Order. However, Contractor must be notified, in writing, of reasons for delay of payment.</u></p> <p>*****</p> <p>IFB Main Document, Section V.4 Delivery, Paragraph A A. In accordance with Appendix B §61 Product Acceptance <u>§34 Title and Risk of Loss for Products Other than Technology Products</u>, the Contractor agrees to bear the risk of loss, injury, or destruction of the School Bus ordered, prior to acceptance of the School Bus by the Authorized User.</p>	<p>The IFB has been amended to make the changes indicated in the "Referenced Clause or Specification" column (see red and underlined language).</p>

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38	Attach 1: Specs & Price Pages; General	General	The price pages are separated into capacities and fuel type, but not as different chassis type. On the LOT A Buses there are 2 different chassis options, Chevy & Ford. How do we submit bids for on both Chassis? Do we label attachment 1 as Chevy & Ford separately? It's not really an alternate bid. Please advise.	N/A	A Bidder may offer more than one (1) OEM Chassis for an Item by submitting an alternate bid. See Question 14 for amendments to IFB Main Document, Section III.1 <i>Important Notice to Potential Bidders</i> , Paragraph E.
39	Attach 1: Specs & Price Pages; LOT A, C & D, Multiple Items	PART 2: <i>Enter Pricing for the Base Item, Additional Body Section, and Additional Options</i>	<p>A. What are the Additional Options Evaluations Amounts based upon?</p> <p>B. Are the numbers for one year of the contract, or all three years?</p>	<p>Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i>; LOT A, C & D PART 2: <i>Enter Pricing for the Base Item, Additional Body Section, and Additional Options</i></p> <p>Additional Options Evaluation Amount: A dollar amount used in this IFB for evaluation. This number is based on historic sales and anticipated future needs, and is for evaluation purposes only. It is not a guaranteed purchase under the resultant Contract(s).</p> <p>*****</p> <p>IFB Main Document, Section I.12 <i>Definitions</i> “Evaluation Amount” shall refer to either a quantity or a dollar amount used in this IFB for evaluation. This number is based on <u>three (3) years of</u> historic sales and anticipated future needs, and is for evaluation purposes only. It is not a guaranteed purchase under the resultant Contract(s).</p>	<p>The IFB has been amended to make the changes indicated in the "Referenced Clause or Specification" column (see red and underlined language).</p> <p>A. As stated in Section I.12 <i>Definitions</i>, "Evaluation Amount," refers "to either a quantity or a dollar amount used in this IFB for evaluation. This number is based on historic sales and anticipated future needs, and is for evaluation purposes only. It is not a guaranteed purchase under the resultant Contract(s)." This applies to Additional Options Evaluations Amount.</p> <p>B. The Evaluation Amounts in the IFB reflect three (3) years of historic sales and anticipated future needs.</p>
40	Attach 1: Specs & Price Pages; LOT A, C & D, Multiple Items	PART 3: <i>Base Item Specifications</i> Door (Rear Emergency Exit)	Can the door glass be limited to a single window in line with the split sash windows on the bus?	Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i> ; LOT A, C & D PART 3: <i>Base Item Specifications</i> Door (Rear Emergency Exit): Shall include lower glass.	OGS declines to amend this specification to allow for the door glass to be limited to a single window in line with the split sash windows on the bus. The rear emergency exit door for the School Bus bid must include lower glass.
41	Attach 1: Specs & Price Pages; LOT A, C & D, Multiple Items	PART 3: <i>Base Item Specifications</i> Electrical	Lot C & D Items have a line titled "Electrical" where it says all exterior lights, except for headlamps, are to be LED. This same statement is not present on any Item in Lot A. This seems odd as the electrical draw on Type A units is much closer to the maximum output of the alternators that Chevrolet and Ford offer. Conversely, on Type C & D units the standard alternator is always more than sufficient to handle the draw from exterior incandescent lights. We request that the Exterior Light LED requirement be removed from all Items in Lot C & D OR that the requirement be added to all Items in Lot A.	<p>Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i>; LOT C & D PART 3: <i>Base Item Specifications</i> Electrical: All exterior lamps, except headlamps, shall be Light Emitting Diode (LED) design that meet applicable SAE standards.</p> <p>Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i>, (all Items); PART 3: <i>Base Item Specifications</i> <u>Electrical: All exterior lamps, except headlamps, shall be Light Emitting Diode (LED) design that meet applicable SAE standards.</u></p>	The IFB has been amended to make the changes indicated in the "Referenced Clause or Specification" column (see red and underlined language). The requirement for LED lighting has been added to all Items in LOT A.

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42	Attach 1: Specs & Price Pages; LOT A, C & D, Multiple Items	PART 3: <i>Base Item Specifications</i> Front Axle	There are no Front Axle minimum weight requirements?	Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i> ; LOT A, C & D PART 3: <i>Base Item Specifications</i> Front Axle: ("Specification" Column blank)	<p>No minimum weight requirements are specified for the front axle for any Item in LOT A, C or D. In accordance with the instructions set forth in the opening Paragraph of each Item on Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i>, "Unless otherwise specified in the Base Item Specifications, each School Bus and Optional Equipment bid shall meet the requirements of the latest amended regulations of New York Codes, Rules and Regulations (NYCRR), Title 17 <i>Department of Transportation</i>, Chapter VI <i>Transportation Regulations</i>, Subchapter D <i>Motor Carriers of Passengers</i>, Article 3 Safety, Part 720 <i>Bus and Passenger Carrying Vehicle Safety Regulations</i> and Part 721 <i>Bus and Passenger Carrying Vehicle/Driver Operational Requirements</i>."</p> <p>In Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i>, Column E ("Spec for Equipment Provided"), enter the specifications requested in Column D ("Information to provide in Column E") for the School Bus being bid.</p>
43	Attach 1: Specs & Price Pages; LOT A, C & D, Multiple Items	PART 3: <i>Base Item Specifications</i> Rear Axle	There are no Rear Axle minimum weight requirements?	Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i> ; LOT A, C & D PART 3: <i>Base Item Specifications</i> Rear Axle: ("Specification" Column blank for LOT A Items; Single speed rear axle for LOT C & D Items)	<p>No minimum weight requirements are specified for the rear axle for any Item in LOT A, C or D. In accordance with the instructions set forth in the opening Paragraph of each Item on Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i>, "Unless otherwise specified in the Base Item Specifications, each School Bus and Optional Equipment bid shall meet the requirements of the latest amended regulations of New York Codes, Rules and Regulations (NYCRR), Title 17 <i>Department of Transportation</i>, Chapter VI <i>Transportation Regulations</i>, Subchapter D <i>Motor Carriers of Passengers</i>, Article 3 Safety, Part 720 <i>Bus and Passenger Carrying Vehicle Safety Regulations</i> and Part 721 <i>Bus and Passenger Carrying Vehicle/Driver Operational Requirements</i>."</p> <p>In Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i>, Column E ("Spec for Equipment Provided"), enter the specifications requested in Column D ("Information to provide in Column E") for the School Bus being bid.</p>

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44	Attach 1: Specs & Price Pages; LOT A, C & D, Multiple Items	PART 3: <i>Base Item Specifications</i> Tires	There are no minimum tire requirements?	Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i> ; LOT A, C & D PART 3: <i>Base Item Specifications</i> Tires: <u>Tires shall meet the minimum requirements for the Chassis Model, as published by the Chassis manufacturer.</u>	The IFB has been amended to make the changes indicated in the "Referenced Clause or Specification" column (see red and underlined language).
45	Attach 1: Specs & Price Pages; LOT A, C & D, Multiple Items	PART 4: <i>Optional Equipment Specifications and Pricing</i> Air Conditioning	The request for air conditioning: this option request does not go along with the description in specification and what is asked for in the information column e. This is the same for all other lots as well.	Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i> ; LOT A, C & D PART 4: <i>Optional Equipment Specifications and Pricing</i> Air Conditioning: <u>Heating system shall maintain a temperature throughout the entire School Bus, including the passenger compartment, of a maximum of 72 degrees Fahrenheit when the temperature outside the School Bus is the annual mean hottest temperature in New York City, as per the national weather service office. When tested with a starting temperature of at least 85°F inside and outside the School Bus, the air conditioning system must provide a minimum 20°F temperature drop throughout the interior of the School Bus within a twenty (20) minute time period.</u> Column D <i>Information to provide in Column E</i> Number of <u>heaters-air conditioning units</u> (including OEM if applicable):	The IFB has been amended to make the changes indicated in the "Referenced Clause or Specification" column (see red and underlined language).
46	Attach 1: Specs & Price Pages; LOT A, C & D, Multiple Items	PART 4: <i>Optional Equipment Specifications and Pricing</i> Air Conditioning	Please clarify what is meant by "Heating system shall maintain a temperature throughout the entire School Bus, including the passenger compartment, of a maximum of 72 degrees Fahrenheit when the temperature outside the School Bus is the annual mean hottest temperature in New York City, as per the national weather service office."	Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i> ; LOT A, C & D PART 4: <i>Optional Equipment Specifications and Pricing</i> <u>See Question 45 for referenced specification and amendments.</u>	The IFB has been amended to make the changes indicated in the "Referenced Clause or Specification" column (see red and underlined language).

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47	Attach 1: Specs & Price Pages; LOT A, C & D, Multiple Items	PART 4: <i>Optional Equipment Specifications and Pricing</i> Capacity - Delete One (1) Row of Seating	<p>A. Does this mean one row left and right seats or just on side?</p> <p>B. Is this for the wheelchair requirement?</p> <p>C. A wheelchair option will require the removal of 2 rows of seats from the curb side. Does this need to be changed?</p>	Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i> ; LOT A, C & D PART 4: <i>Optional Equipment Specifications and Pricing</i> Capacity - Delete One (1) Row of Seating: Delete one (1) <u>full</u> row of seating (<u>both left and right sides</u>) without removing a Body section from the Base Item, <u>or altering the spacing between the remaining seats.</u>	<p>The IFB has been amended to make the changes indicated in the "Referenced Clause or Specification" column (see red and underlined language).</p> <p>A. Deleting one (1) row of seating means deleting one (1) full row (both left and right sides).</p> <p>B. This could be requested for the purpose of providing a wheelchair area, providing space for storing athletic or band equipment, or some other purpose.</p> <p>C. No, the specification does not need to be changed. If an Authorized User requests a wheelchair option that requires only the removal of two (2) rows of seats on only the curb side, then the Contractor may provide removal of those seats as an Additional Option (see Section V.2.7 <i>Additional Options</i>). See also Question 32 for amendments to Section V.2.7 <i>Additional Options</i>.</p>
48	Attach 1: Specs & Price Pages; LOT A, C & D, Multiple Items	PART 4: <i>Optional Equipment Specifications and Pricing</i> Capacity - Delete One (1) Row of Seating	Deleting one(1) row of seating without removing a body section from the Base item - this may result with excess of maximum seat spacing	Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i> ; LOT A, C & D PART 4: <i>Optional Equipment Specifications and Pricing</i> Capacity - Delete One (1) Row of Seating: Delete one (1) <u>full</u> row of seating (<u>both left and right sides</u>) without removing a Body section from the Base Item, <u>or altering the spacing between the remaining seats.</u>	<p>The IFB has been amended to make the changes indicated in the "Referenced Clause or Specification" column (see red and underlined language).</p> <p>The "Capacity - Delete One (1) Row of Seating" Optional Equipment may be requested by an Authorized User to provide an empty space in the School Bus for storing athletic or band equipment, or some other purpose. Removing one (1) row of seating with this Optional Equipment shall not alter the spacing between the remaining seats in the School Bus.</p>

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49	Attach 1: Specs & Price Pages; LOT A, C & D, Multiple Items	PART 4: <i>Optional Equipment Specifications and Pricing</i> Floor (Flat) With Recessed Wheelchair Track Throughout Entire Body	Is the intention that this is pricing for only upgrade to flat floor with track throughout. No wheelchair restraints, no seats?	<p>Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i>; LOT A, C & D PART 4: <i>Optional Equipment Specifications and Pricing</i></p> <p>All Optional Equipment listed in Part 4: <i>Optional Equipment Specifications and Pricing</i>, <u>(excluding "Floor (Flat) With Recessed Wheelchair Track Throughout Entire Body")</u>, shall be available from the Bidder for installation on the School Bus bid for the applicable Base Item.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i>; LOT A, C & D PART 4: <i>Optional Equipment Specifications and Pricing</i> Floor (Flat) With Recessed Wheelchair Track Throughout Entire Body: The unit shall be the Body manufacturer's typical recessed mounting track on a <u>raised</u> flat floor throughout the entire passenger area to rear of front wheel wells, <u>with tracks that would allow for multiple configurations of seats and wheelchair tie down positions that can be readily changed</u>. Unit does NOT include mounting upgrades for seating mounts to be compatible with the track, <u>wheelchair restraints, or seats</u>.</p> <p>Insulated flooring contiguous to all track inserts shall be a non-hazardous material that is either not susceptible to, or is treated to prevent, decay and dry-rot. Additionally, the contiguous joint(s) between the floor pan and/or its insulating floor materials and/or rubber finish flooring shall have a non-hazardous adhesive/sealant that prevents moisture from migrating to any adjacent untreated floor-insulating materials that are subject to rotting.</p> <p><u>Note: "Floor (Flat) With Recessed Wheelchair Track Throughout Entire Body" is not a mandatory Optional Equipment, and is not included in the "Total Optional Equipment Evaluation Price" calculated in Column J. If "Floor (Flat) With Recessed Wheelchair Track Throughout Entire Body" is not available for the School Bus bid, enter "Not Available" in Column H.</u></p>	<p>The IFB has been amended to make the changes indicated in the "Referenced Clause or Specification" column (see red and underlined language). See Question 26 for additional related amendments.</p> <p>This Optional Equipment does not include mounting upgrades for seating mounts to be compatible with the track, wheelchair restraints, or seats. This equipment may be provided at an Authorized User's request as an Additional Option (see Section V.2.7 <i>Additional Options</i>). See also Question 32 for amendments to Section V.2.7 <i>Additional Options</i>.</p> <p>If the standard floor provided with the Base Item bid is a "Floor (Flat) With Recessed Wheelchair Track Throughout Entire Body" then the Optional Equipment NYS Contract Price entered by the Bidder would be zero dollars (\$0.00).</p>

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50	Attach 1: Specs & Price Pages; LOT A, C & D, Multiple Items	PART 4: <i>Optional Equipment Specifications and Pricing</i> Floor (Flat) With Recessed Wheelchair Track Throughout Entire Body	Vendor 1: Tracking the entire unit limits the Authorized Users ability to install adequate heat. Vendor 2: This would result in the unit having no heaters. Is that the intention?	Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i> ; LOT A, C & D PART 4: <i>Optional Equipment Specifications and Pricing</i> See Question 49 for referenced specification and amendments.	The IFB has been amended to make the changes indicated in the "Referenced Clause or Specification" column (see red and underlined language). The specifications for "Floor (Flat) With Recessed Wheelchair Track Throughout Entire Body" do not eliminate the requirement for heaters as specified in <i>New York Codes, Rules and Regulations (NYCRR), Title 17 Department of Transportation, Chapter VI Transportation Regulations, Subchapter D Motor Carriers of Passengers, Article 3 Safety, Part 720 Bus and Passenger Carrying Vehicle Safety Regulations.</i>
51	Attach 1: Specs & Price Pages; LOT A, C & D, Multiple Items	PART 4: <i>Optional Equipment Specifications and Pricing</i> Floor (Flat) With Recessed Wheelchair Track Throughout Entire Body	The request if for a Floor (Flat) with Recessed Wheelchair Track Throughout Entire Body. Please clarify the placement of this tracking, should it be on the drivers and curb side or just the drivers side?	Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i> ; LOT A, C & D PART 4: <i>Optional Equipment Specifications and Pricing</i> See Question 49 for referenced specification and amendments.	The IFB has been amended to make the changes indicated in the "Referenced Clause or Specification" column (see red and underlined language). The specification for "Floor (Flat) With Recessed Wheelchair Track Throughout Entire Body" requires tracking "throughout the entire passenger area." The "passenger area" includes both the driver and curb sides of the School Bus.

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52	Attach 1: Specs & Price Pages; LOT A, C & D, Multiple Items	PART 4: <i>Optional Equipment Specifications and Pricing</i> Floor With Recessed Wheelchair Restraint Track For One Wheelchair Station.	Is the intention that this is pricing for only upgrade to track flooring? No wheelchair restraints, no seats?	Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i> ; LOT A, C & D PART 4: <i>Optional Equipment Specifications and Pricing</i> Floor With Recessed Wheelchair Restraint Track For One Wheelchair Station: The unit shall be the Body manufacturer's typical recessed mounting track for a single wheelchair station. Unit does NOT include mounting upgrades for seating mounts to be compatible with the track, <u>wheelchair restraints, or seats.</u> Insulated flooring contiguous to all track inserts shall be a non-hazardous material that is either not susceptible to, or is treated to prevent, decay and dry-rot. Additionally, the contiguous joint(s) between the floor pan and/or its insulating floor materials and/or rubber finish flooring shall have a non-hazardous adhesive/sealant that prevents moisture from migrating to any adjacent untreated floor-insulating materials that are subject to rotting.	The IFB has been amended to make the changes indicated in the "Referenced Clause or Specification" column (see red and underlined language). This Optional Equipment does not include mounting upgrades for seating mounts to be compatible with the track, wheelchair restraints, or seats. This equipment may be provided at an Authorized User's request as an Additional Option (see Section V.2.7 <i>Additional Options</i>). See also Question 32 for amendments to Section V.2.7 <i>Additional Options</i> . If the standard floor provided with the Base Item bid is a "Floor With Recessed Wheelchair Restraint Track For One Wheelchair Station" then the Optional Equipment NYS Contract Price entered by the Bidder would be zero dollars (\$0.00).
53	Attach 1: Specs & Price Pages; LOT A, C & D, Multiple Items	PART 4: <i>Optional Equipment Specifications and Pricing</i> Floor With Recessed Wheelchair Restraint Track For One Wheelchair Station.	Is the intention that Authorized Users will be able to choose multiples for more than (1) wheelchair position? This could possibly push the body plan into a flat floor or different configuration.	Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i> ; LOT A, C & D PART 4: <i>Optional Equipment Specifications and Pricing</i> <u>See Question 52 for referenced specification and amendments.</u>	The IFB has been amended to make the changes indicated in the "Referenced Clause or Specification" column (see red and underlined language). Because a School Bus floor may only be provided in a single quantity, an Authorized Users will be able to choose one (1) quantity of the "Floor With Recessed Wheelchair Restraint Track For One Wheelchair Station" Optional Equipment. An alternate floor that allows for more than one (1) wheelchair position, may be provided at an Authorized User's request as an Additional Option (see Section V.2.7 <i>Additional Options</i>). See also Question 32 for amendments to Section V.2.7 <i>Additional Options</i> .

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54	Attach 1: Specs & Price Pages; LOT A, C & D, Multiple Items	PART 4: <i>Optional Equipment Specifications and Pricing</i> Kevlar Seat Covering	The request under all lots is for Kevlar seating in lieu of standard seat cover. Is this price that needs to be submitted on a single seat basis or for the total capacity of the bus? If it's for the total capacity how can that be determined on a wheelchair bus if the end user has different seating requirements?	Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i> ; LOT A, C & D PART 4: <i>Optional Equipment Specifications and Pricing</i> Kevlar Seat Covering: The School Bus seating shall be covered with Kevlar or Compatible Equivalent seat covering in lieu of the Body manufacturer's standard seat cover offering. The seat covering shall meet the NYCRR, Title 17, Part 720, definition of "Fire Block Upholstery" (i.e., any exterior material that will not sustain flame. Note: Material must be capable of withstanding tests such as "Boston Bag Method" or equivalent without allowing flame to penetrate and ignite seat filler material.). In addition, the seat covering shall include a spun laced backer, eliminating/minimizing tear propagation, and meet textile standard Tack Tear ASTM D751-79.	The IFB has been amended to make the changes indicated in the "Referenced Clause or Specification" column (see red and underlined language). The "Kevlar Seat Covering" Optional Equipment has been removed in its entirety from the Optional Equipment list for all Items. Kevlar seat covering, or a Compatible Equivalent, may be provided at an Authorized User's request as an Additional Option (see Section V.2.7 <i>Additional Options</i>). See also Question 32 for amendments to Section V.2.7 <i>Additional Options</i> .
55	Attach 1: Specs & Price Pages; LOT A, C & D, Multiple Items	PART 4: <i>Optional Equipment Specifications and Pricing</i> Multifunction School Activity Bus	The request is for a multifunction school activity bus. We are requesting that this bus be in its own lot as the seating for this bus, and all other options could vary greatly from the base bus, this is based upon the need of the user.	Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i> ; LOT A, C & D PART 4: <i>Optional Equipment Specifications and Pricing</i> Multifunction School Activity Bus: Convert the Base Item into a Multifunction School Activity Bus, as defined in FMVSS (49 CFR 571.3). Configure the School Bus bid for the Base Item as a Multifunction School Activity Bus as defined in FMVSS (49 CFR 571.3); (e.g., the same vehicle as the School Bus bid, except without the School Bus sign, the flashing lights for crossing Pupils, the stop arms on the sides, and the color of national school bus yellow).	OGS declines to amend the IFB to delete "Multifunction School Activity Bus" from the Optional Equipment list, or to list it as a separate Item or Lot. The IFB has been amended to make the changes indicated in the "Referenced Clause or Specification" column (see red and underlined language). Any other changes to the Base Item requested by the Authorized User, besides those required by FMVSS to configure the Item as a Multifunction School Activity Bus, can be provided using the Optional Equipment list or as an Additional Option (see Section V.2.7 <i>Additional Options</i>). See also Question 32 for amendments to Section V.2.7 <i>Additional Options</i> .
56	Attach 1: Specs & Price Pages; LOT A, C & D, Multiple Items	PART 4: <i>Optional Equipment Specifications and Pricing</i> Roof Ventilator / Emergency Exit	Is the intention that Authorized Users will be able to select additional roof ventilators/emergency exits than those required by FMVSS and NYS DOT?	Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i> ; LOT A, C & D PART 4: <i>Optional Equipment Specifications and Pricing</i> Roof Ventilator / Emergency Exit: Roof hatches shall provide static venting with the first unlatched position and provide a latch for release to the full opened emergency position, and be equipped with an exterior latch. Roof hatches shall be Transpec Standard Vent, Model 1970, Specialty Manufacturing 8600, 8900, or 9000 series, Spheros #550886A or 550887A, or Compatible Equivalent.	Yes, an Authorized Users will be able to use this Optional Equipment to purchase additional roof ventilators/emergency exits than just those required by FMVSS and NYS DOT.

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57	Attach 1: Specs & Price Pages; LOT A, C & D, Multiple Items	PART 4: <i>Optional Equipment Specifications and Pricing</i> School Bus Safety Camera	Is this device to be affixed to a stop arm? If so, is this for the front stop arm, and for one stop arm camera only?	Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i> ; LOT A, C & D PART 4: <i>Optional Equipment Specifications and Pricing</i> School Bus Safety Camera: An automated photo monitoring device affixed to a School Bus <u>in a location designated by the Authorized User, that activates when the School Bus stop arm is extended, and that is</u> designed to detect and store an image of motor vehicles which overtake or pass School Buses in violation of Subdivision A of Section 1174 of Vehicle and Traffic Law.	<p>The IFB has been amended to make the changes indicated in the "Referenced Clause or Specification" column (see red and underlined language).</p> <p>The School Bus Safety Camera shall be affixed to the School Bus in a location designated by the Authorized User.</p> <p>A Bidder shall provide an Optional Equipment NYS Contract Price for one (1) School Bus Safety Camera, in accordance with the instructions set forth on the "Item" Bidder input worksheets in Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i>, PART 4: <i>Optional Equipment Specifications and Pricing</i>, Paragraph 4: "In Column H ("Optional Equipment NYS Contract Price"), enter the Optional Equipment NYS Contract Price for one (1) unit, (or units if more than one unit is specified), of the Optional Equipment specified in Column B ("Specification")."</p>
58	Attach 1: Specs & Price Pages; LOT A, C & D, Multiple Items	PART 4: <i>Optional Equipment Specifications and Pricing</i> School Bus Safety Camera	All Items in all Lot's have "Stop Arm Cameras" listed as Additional Equipment. In an effort to minimize the cost of this option to Authorized Users we recommend they simply add a Stop Arm Camera to whatever Camera System they purchase for the interior of the vehicle. To provide a price for a stand alone, exterior stop arm camera would be an artificially high price that no school district would purchase because they can do it cheaper by adding on to what they have. Since each camera manufacturer offers a stop arm camera there are too many to list. We request that this option be removed from the bid and allow the Authorized Users to purchase this option if they desire it when they are buying their internal camera system.	Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i> ; LOT A, C & D PART 4: <i>Optional Equipment Specifications and Pricing</i> <u>See Question 57 for referenced specification and amendments.</u>	<p>As clarification, Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i> does not include "Stop Arm Cameras" listed as "Additional Equipment" for any Item. All Items include "School Bus Safety Camera" on the Optional Equipment list. OGS declines to amend the IFB to remove the "School Bus Safety Camera" from the Optional Equipment list for any Item.</p> <p>A Bidder shall provide an Optional Equipment NYS Contract Price for one (1) School Bus Safety Camera (see Question 57). An Authorized User may choose alternative School Bus Safety Cameras, by choosing Additional Options offered by the Contractor (see Section V.2.7 <i>Additional Options</i>). See also Question 32 for amendments to Section V.2.7 <i>Additional Options</i>.</p>

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59	Attach 1: Specs & Price Pages; LOT A, C & D, Multiple Items	PART 4: <i>Optional Equipment Specifications and Pricing</i> Vandal Lock	Vendor 1: Each item lists vandal locks on "emergency windows" This option is not available. How should a bidder handle this? Vendor 2: Please clarify if you are requiring a vandal lock for an emergency window or roof hatch that has no outside access. Vendor 3: Emergency windows used on Type A and Type C school buses cannot be opened from the outside of the bus, therefore there is no need for a vandal lock. We request that this option be deleted from the "Optional Equipment" list found under Lots A and C, all Items.	Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i> ; LOT A, C & D PART 4: <i>Optional Equipment Specifications and Pricing</i> Vandal Lock: Vandal locks shall be provided on all emergency doors; exit vents and any emergency windows that can be opened from the inside or the outside of the School Bus.	The IFB has been amended to make the changes indicated in the "Referenced Clause or Specification" column (see red and underlined language).
60	Attach 1: Specs & Price Pages; LOT A, C & D, Multiple Items	PART 4: <i>Optional Equipment Specifications and Pricing</i> Child Presence Check / Alarm	Please accept the Child Checkmate EP-1 model as a compatible equivalent. It has been being sold for several years with great satisfaction and lower cost	Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i> ; LOT A, C & D PART 4: <i>Optional Equipment Specifications and Pricing</i> Child Presence Check / Alarm: Shall be the Child Check-mate System Model EP 2, or Compatible Equivalent.	OGS declines to accept the Child Check-mate EP-1 Model as a Compatible Equivalent to the Child Check-mate System Model EP 2. Model EP-2 has additional child safety features not provided by the EP-1.
61	Attach 1: Specs & Price Pages; LOT A, Multiple Items	PART 2: <i>Enter Pricing for the Base Item, Additional Body Section, and Additional Options</i>	Under all lots requiring a price for an additional body section, it states to enter additional body section, excluding seats and other interior features. Where are you allowed to enter pricing for those additional seats and interior features?	Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i> ; LOT A PART 2: <i>Enter Pricing for the Base Item, Additional Body Section, and Additional Options</i> <u>See Question 25 for referenced IFB language and amendments.</u>	For all LOT A Items, excluding Item 1, pricing for an additional row of seating is required to be entered by the Bidder in Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i> , PART 4: <i>Optional Equipment Specifications and Pricing</i> , "Capacity - Add One (1) Row of Seating." Any other additional interior features requested by an Authorized User can be provided using the Optional Equipment list or as an Additional Option. See Section V.2.6 <i>Optional Equipment and Additional Body Sections</i> , and V.2.7 <i>Additional Options</i> . See also Question 25 for amendments to Section III.3 <i>Bid Pricing Submittal</i> , Paragraph B <i>Additional Body Section NYS Contract Price</i> , and Question 32 for amendments to Section V.2.7 <i>Additional Options</i> .

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62	Attach 1: Specs & Price Pages; LOT A, multiple items	PART 4: <i>Optional Equipment Specifications and Pricing</i> Auxiliary Engine Coolant Heater	We normally have not done this with Gasoline Buses - is this to be for ALL makes and models - no exceptions? I think this has been mostly the C&D buses - I would request striking this from type A offerings as we have had no requests for them in our history at all.	Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i> ; LOT A PART 4: <i>Optional Equipment Specifications and Pricing</i> Auxiliary Engine Coolant Heater: Low voltage fuel oil heater, used to preheat the engine coolant, for the purpose of reducing engine idling. Heater output shall be a minimum of 40,000 BTU/H. The heater shall be connected to the vehicle heating system using the same size and quality plumbing as the OEM Base Item. <u>The heater shall function separately from the School Bus engine. For a School Bus that uses a fuel type other than diesel, the heater shall operate via a separate diesel fuel tank.</u> For a diesel engine equipped School Bus, the heater shall use the same fuel tank and type of fuel supply lines as the original bus manufacturer provides. <u>Note: This amendment has also been made to LOT C and D Items that are identified with a "D" in the Item name (e.g., "LOT C (Item 1-D)").</u>	The IFB has been amended to make the changes indicated in the "Referenced Clause or Specification" column (see red and underlined language), which clarifies the type of School Bus requested. OGS declines to amend the IFB to remove "Auxiliary Engine Coolant Heater" from the Optional Equipment list for LOT A Items that currently include it. All Items that are identified with a "G" in the Item name (e.g., "LOT A (Item 1-G)") include the "Auxiliary Engine Coolant Heater.").
63	Attach 1: Specs & Price Pages; LOT A, Multiple Items	PART 4: <i>Optional Equipment Specifications and Pricing</i> Tires (Snow)	We are respectfully requesting that the Option for snow tires on all of the LOT A buses be excluded from this bid. Both of the chassis manufactures Chevy and Ford that these bids will be based upon do not offer an OEM option for snow tires. As a result the bidding vendor would have to out source after the fact to have snow tires added and the OEM all season tires taken off. Most school district that would want snow tires can buy them less expensive off of the NYS contract and install them and save the OEM supplied All Season tires as steer tires for the front of the chassis.	Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i> ; LOT A PART 4: <i>Optional Equipment Specifications and Pricing</i> SRW Items: Tires (Snow): Snow tread tires shall be provided on all drive wheels. Tires shall be Federal class D/A, STC (with snow traction capability), or class S/T, or A/T, AP with STC, or other class with STC. Tires of the same size and ply-rating as front tires shall be furnished on the rear wheels. The price entered for this Optional Equipment shall be for two (2) tires. DRW Items: Tires (Snow): Snow tread tires shall be provided on all drive wheels. Tires shall be Federal class D/A, STC (with snow traction capability), or class S/T, or A/T, AP with STC, or other class with STC. The price entered for this Optional Equipment shall be for four (4) tires. Tires furnished on the rear wheels shall be the same size and adequate for axle's GAWR.	OGS declines to amend the IFB to remove "Tires (Snow)" from the Optional Equipment list for Lot A Items.
64	Attach 1: Specs & Price Pages; LOT A (Item 1)	PART 3: <i>Base Item Specifications</i> General	What vehicle classifies this as a van body with roof and window conversion?	Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i> ; LOT A (Item 1) PART 3: <i>Base Item Specifications</i> General: A van body <u>School Bus with a left side driver's door that starts out as a standard production Model complete vehicle cargo or passenger van, (not a cutaway van), with roof and window conversion</u> School Bus constructed using a cutaway front-section vehicle with a left side driver's door, with and a GVWR of 10,000 pounds or less.	The IFB has been amended to make the changes indicated in the "Referenced Clause or Specification" column (see red and underlined language), which clarifies the type of School Bus requested.

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65	Attach 1: Specs & Price Pages; LOT A (Item 1)	PART 2: <i>Enter Pricing for the Base Item, and Additional Options</i> and PART 4: <i>Optional Equipment Specifications and Pricing</i>	There is no option for a body extension on this item. What if an extension is available for this item, how can it be offered?	PART 2: Enter Pricing for the Base Item, and Additional Options <u>Row for entry of "Additional Body Section NYS Contract Price" added.</u> <u>See Question 25 for referenced IFB language and amendments:</u>	The IFB has been amended to make the changes indicated in the "Referenced Clause or Specification" column (see red and underlined language). For additional amendments related to Additional Body Sections, see Question 25.
66	Attach 1: Specs & Price Pages; LOT A (Item 2)	PART 3: <i>Base Item Specifications</i> General	The GVWR requirement for this lot is 10,000 lbs. or less. With this requirement you would have to use 3 point belts. There is an option for a SRW bus to be over 10,000 so that 3-point belts would not be needed, How can we offer that option under this lot?	Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i> ; LOT A (Item 2) PART 3: <i>Base Item Specifications</i> General: A conversion School Bus constructed using a cutaway front-section vehicle with a left side driver's door, with a GVWR of 10,000 pounds or less.	An option to increase the GVWR to over 10,000 lbs. for a SRW bus can be offered to an Authorized User as an Additional Option, provided that the School Bus complies with all governmental regulations as they apply to the operation of the School Bus. If such regulations do not require 3-point belts for a School Bus over 10,000 lbs. GVWR, then the 3-point belts may be removed from a School Bus that is over 10,000 lbs. GVWR.
67	Attach 1: Specs & Price Pages; LOT A (Item 2)	PART 4: <i>Optional Equipment Specifications and Pricing</i> Floor (Flat) With Recessed Wheelchair Track Throughout Entire Body	This option is not offered by the manufacturer for this model / size - is there a way to bid the chassis/body combination that fits for all other requirements of this bid without bidding this option?	Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i> ; LOT A, C & D PART 4: <i>Optional Equipment Specifications and Pricing</i> <u>See Question 49 for referenced specification and amendments.</u>	The IFB has been amended to make the changes indicated in the "Referenced Clause or Specification" column (see red and underlined language). "Floor (Flat) With Recessed Wheelchair Track Throughout Entire Body" is no longer a mandatory Optional Equipment, and is not included in the "Total Optional Equipment Evaluation Price" calculated in Column J. If "Floor (Flat) With Recessed Wheelchair Track Throughout Entire Body" is not available for the School Bus bid, enter "Not Available" in Column H.

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68	Attach 1: Specs & Price Pages; LOT A (Item 2, 3, 4,& 5)	PART 2: <i>Enter Pricing for the Base Item, Additional Body Section, and Additional Options</i>	If one vendor is able to offer a body extension and submits a bid price that is supportive of that extension i.e. \$2,000.00, and another vendor is not able to offer a body extension for that lot, but puts in a price that is not supportive of that requirement, i.e.\$1.00 what determines a responsible responsive bid for that lot?	Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i> ; LOT A (Item 2) PART 2: <i>Enter Pricing for the Base Item, Additional Body Section, and Additional Options</i> See Question 25 for referenced IFB language and amendments:	The IFB has been amended to make the changes indicated in the "Referenced Clause or Specification" column (see red and underlined language). It shall not be required that an Additional Body Section be offered for the School Bus bid for an Item. If an Additional Body Section is offered, then an Additional Body Section NYS Contract Price must be entered on Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i> . In accordance with IFB Section V.1.1 <i>Base Item, Optional Equipment, and Additional Body Sections Price</i> , "The Contractor must offer Base Items, Optional Equipment and Additional Body Sections sold under the Contract at net prices that are equal to the applicable NYS Contract Price that was bid, or less."
69	Attach 1: Specs & Price Pages; LOT A (Item 2, 3, 4,& 5)	PART 2: <i>Enter Pricing for the Base Item, and Additional Options</i> and PART 4: <i>Optional Equipment Specifications and Pricing</i>	Since additional body lengths with added rows of seats can impact GVWR and base item specifications (including NYS DOT Approval number), we suggest to DELETE additional body length options and offer "Specific Capacity options per item". Alternative capacity can be obtained by simply changing seat widths, ultimately saving cost to the end-user as a result.	Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i> ; LOT A (Items 2, 3, 4, and 5) PART 2: <i>Enter Pricing for the Base Item, Additional Body Section, and Additional Options</i> See Question 25 for referenced IFB language and amendments: PART 4: <i>Optional Equipment Specifications and Pricing</i> Capacity - Add One (1) Row of Seating: Add one (1) row of seating to an Additional Body Section that has been added to the Base Item.	OGS declines to amend the IFB to delete the Additional Body Section option entirely and instead have "Specific Capacity" options per item. For amendments related to Additional Body Sections, see Question 25. An Authorized User may choose alternative capacity options for a Base Item, by choosing Product listed on the Optional Equipment list, or an Additional Option offered by the Contractor (see Section V.2.7 <i>Additional Options</i>). See also Question 32 for amendments to Section V.2.7 <i>Additional Options</i> .
70	Attach 1: Specs & Price Pages; LOT A (Item 2)	PART 3: <i>Base Item Specifications</i> Fuel Tank(s)	Vendor 1: The Ford Transit Cutaway that fits into this group only has a 25 gallon capacity vs. the 30 gallon specification - please change spec to accept a 25 gallon minimum Vendor 2: The request is for a 30 gallon fuel tank. Because Ford is not offering an E-Series chassis under 10,000 GVWR, we will have to offer the new Ford Transit chassis that is under 10,000 GVWR requirement. This chassis is available with a 25 gallon fuel tank. Please accept this in lieu of the requested 30 gallon tank.	Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i> ; LOT A (Item 2) PART 3: <i>Base Item Specifications</i> Fuel Tank(s) - Thirty (30) <u>Twenty-Five (25)</u> gallon fuel capacity. Note: This amendment has also been made to LOT A (Item 1 and Item 3)	The IFB has been amended to make the changes indicated in the "Referenced Clause or Specification" column (see red and underlined language).

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71	Attach 1: Specs & Price Pages; LOT A (Item 4 & 5)	PART 4: <i>Optional Equipment Specifications and Pricing</i> Floor (Flat) With Recessed Wheelchair Track Throughout Entire Body	The safety requirements for buses with capacities in excess of 22 children (one Roof hatch and one Side emergency exit window per side of each school bus/activity bus after 23 passengers) in this configuration reduce the maximum number of wheel chair positions. At a 22 children capacity, up to 6 wheel chair positions are possible. Once the ambulatory capacity exceeds 22, the maximum number of wheel chair positions is reduced to 4. Thus, the 1 additional ambulatory position reduces possible wheel chair positions to 4 decreasing the flexibility for the Authorized User. In order to maximize the amount of W/C spaces allowed on flat floor models equipped with L-track seating, can the MAX certified capacity be 22 passengers plus the driver?	Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i> ; LOT A, C & D PART 4: <i>Optional Equipment Specifications and Pricing</i> <u>See Question 49 for referenced specification and amendments.</u>	The IFB has been amended to make the changes indicated in the "Referenced Clause or Specification" column (see red and underlined language). OGS declines to amend the IFB to specify a twenty-two (22) maximum Pupil capacity for the "Floor (Flat) With Recessed Wheelchair Track Throughout Entire Body" Optional Equipment. If providing Optional Equipment, or an Additional Option, results in changes to the minimum Pupil capacity stated in the Base Item Specifications for an Item, that is acceptable, provided that such changes are agreed upon by the Authorized User.
72	Attach 1: Specs & Price Pages; LOT A (Item 5)	PART 2: <i>Enter Pricing for the Base Item, Additional Body Section, and Additional Options</i>	There is a request for an additional body length section for this bus. The manufacture has informed us that in order to supply this bus with the CNG conversion it must be manufactured on a body that is to the largest scale of buses that they build. This is to accommodate the CNG tanks and weight calculations. As a result we are not able to offer an additional body section for this Item class. We are asking that this addition be removed from the Item 5-CNG.	Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i> ; LOT A (Item 5) PART 2: <i>Enter Pricing for the Base Item, Additional Body Section, and Additional Options</i> <u>See Question 25 for referenced IFB language and amendments:</u>	For amendments related to Additional Body Sections, see Question 25.
73	Attach 1: Specs & Price Pages; LOT C, Multiple Items	General	We would like to know if we can bid an all electric Type C school bus similar to how you have requested the Type A electric bus? If not, can we bid the electric Typc C as an alternate to the diesel option? Our electric Type C school Bus meets all FVMSS and NY State DOT requirements.	Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i> ; LOT C <u>Replaced in its entirety. See Question 7.</u>	The IFB has been amended to make the changes indicated in the "Referenced Clause or Specification" column (see red and underlined language). An electric-powered School Bus Item has been added to LOT C and LOT D. See LOT C and LOT D Items that are identified with an "EV" in the Item name (e.g., "LOT C (Item 1-EV)"). If a Bidder can offer more than one (1) electric School Bus Model that meets the specifications for an Item, then the Bidder should submit an alternate bid for the additional Model. See Question 14 for amendments to IFB Main Document, Section III.1 <i>Important Notice to Potential Bidders</i> , Paragraph E.

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74	Attach 1: Specs & Price Pages; LOT C & D, Multiple Items	PART 4: <i>Optional Equipment Specifications and Pricing</i> Tires (All Season)	THIS QUESTION APPLIES TO LOTS C & D, ALL ITEMS: The tires designated in this specification are light duty truck tires and are not applicable to nor available on Type C & D school buses which are classified as medium duty. We respectfully request that this option be deleted from the "Optional Equipment" list found under Lots C and D, all Items.	Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i> ; LOT C & D PART 4: <i>Optional Equipment Specifications and Pricing</i> Tires (All Season): All-season tread, tubeless, radial tires having a Federal class designation S/T or STC shall be provided. Tires shall be Michelin LTX M/S, or LTX M/S Commercial, or XPS Traction tread series, XDS, XDS-2, XZY3 , or Compatible Equivalent. The price entered for this Optional Equipment shall be for six (6) tires. Tires furnished on the rear wheels shall be the same size and adequate for axle's GAWR.	The IFB has been amended to make the changes indicated in the "Referenced Clause or Specification" column (see red and underlined language).
75	Attach 2: Bid Docs (Electronic); Sect. A: Bid Submittal Checklist	Question 11. <i>Form EEO-100</i>	When you click the link to download Form EEO-100 the last column in the document is missing the column heading so we don't know what is to be reported. Please advise.	N/A	The column on the far right-hand side of the EEO-100 (Equal Opportunity Staffing Plan), does not include a heading (e.g., "White," "Black," "Veteran"), so that the Bidder may self-identify a category to report on the form. If your company does not have employees in any other EEO job category, then this column should be left blank. A Bidder may find additional instructions for Form EEO-100 posted on the OGS at http://www.ogs.ny.gov/MWBE/Forms.asp
76	Attach 2: Bid Docs (Electronic); Sect. B: General Questions	13. Small Business Concern	13.d - To qualify for a Small Business Concern, paragraph d say "employs one hundred or fewer persons" Is that full time only or is our part time staff to be included in the calculation?	Attachment 2: Bid Documents (Electronic), Section B: <i>General Questions</i> 13. A Bidder that is a Small Business Concern as defined in accordance with New York State Finance Law Section 160(8) will be identified by OGS in the OGS Contract Award Notification upon award of the Contract. A "Small Business Concern" mean a business which: (a) is a resident of New York State; (b) is independently owned and operated; (c) is not dominant in its field; and (d) employs one hundred or fewer persons. 13.1 Is Bidder company a New York Small Business? 13.2 Total number of people employed by your business:	Please include all employees of your business (both full and part time) in calculating the "Total number of people employed by your business."

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77	Attach 2: Bid Docs (Electronic); Sect. B: General Questions	General	N/A. OGS modification	Attachment 2: <i>Bid Documents (Electronic)</i> <u>(replaced in its entirety)</u>	The IFB has been amended to make the changes indicated in the "Referenced Clause or Specification" column (see red and underlined language). Attachment 2: <i>Bid Documents (Electronic)</i> has been replaced in its entirety to make amendments that reflect other IFB amendments that have been made as a result of other Vendor questions included in this OGS Response to Vendor Inquiries document.
78	Attach 3: Bid Docs (Paper); Sect. A: NYS Required Certifications	General	N/A. OGS modification.	Attachment 3: <i>Bid Documents (Paper)</i> Section A: <i>NYS Required Certifications</i> <u>Amended to add "Nondiscrimination in Employment in Northern Ireland MacBride Fair Employment Principles" section.</u>	The IFB has been amended to make the changes indicated in the "Referenced Clause or Specification" column (see red and underlined language).
79	Attach 3: Bid Docs (Paper); Sect. D: Encouraging Use of NYS	General	Can you please provide examples or guidance as to how detailed you would like this information? Do you want to know the vendor that we purchase fuel from to fill the buses before delivery? Do you want to know all the camera vendors or 2 way radio vendors that we have used in the past and expect to use during this new contract? Please define "Identifying Information" so we can be sure to provide what is being sought.	Attachment 3: <i>Bid Documents (Paper)</i> Section D: <i>Encouraging Use of NYS Businesses</i> Will New York State Businesses be used in the performance of this Contract? _____ Yes _____ No If yes, identify New York State Business(es) below that will be used and attach identifying information. NYS Business(es) to be used in the performance of the Contract:	At a minimum, a Bidder should identify on Attachment 2: <i>Bid Documents (Paper)</i> , Section D: <i>Encouraging Use of NYS Businesses</i> , all NYS businesses that are anticipated to have a substantial contribution to the completed School Buses. "Identifying Information" is the company name and mailing address for the NYS Business(es) to be used in the performance of the Contract.
80	Attach 6: Report of Contract Usage	Optional Equipment Data	Why is there a separate report for Optional Equipment Data? It seems it should be incorporated into one report with all required data. We request one Report of Contract usage be used to simplify the reporting requirement.	Attachment 6: <i>Report of Contract Usage</i> Report of Contract Usage - Optional Equipment Data	OGS declines to amend the IFB to either remove the "Optional Equipment" tab from Attachment 6: <i>Report of Contract Usage</i> , or incorporate it into the "School Bus Data" tab.