

Group 40523, IFB 23224, BUSES, TRANSIT (Adult Passenger) Vendor Inquiries and OGS Responses 12/04/2020

Q#	Solicitation Document	Document Section	Vendor Question	Referenced Clause or Specification	OGS Response
1	Attachment 1 – Specifications and Pricing	PART 3: Base Item Specifications, Seating (Row #162)	Will the OGS specify Docket 90 for upholstery materials compliant with Docket 90? Supporting documentation attached.	Entire seat frame, except mounting brackets, shall be enclosed in energy absorbing materials. Seat covers shall be transit grade vinyl, 36 oz. per linear yard (Cameo/Predictions), or Compatible Equivalent, or transit grade fabric produced from Marquesa Lana Yarns-Interweave, Regions, or Bus Textil Level 3, or Compatible Equivalent. All cover materials must meet FMVSS 302 flammability requirements. Seat foam must meet ASTM D-3675 Radiant Flammability Test.	OGS declines to revise Attachment 1 - <i>Specifications and Pricing</i> , which reference the 1993 Federal Register for recommended fire safety practices- calling for FMVSS302 seat fabric and ASTM D-3675 seat foam flammability certification.
2	IFB Main Document	Section 1.2 Scope	We recently saw the NYS bid for adult passenger buses, and we were wondering if the bid is for the service of buses or for the purchase of said buses.	The purpose of this IFB and the resultant Contract is to provide Authorized Users with a means of acquiring new FTA Adult Passenger Transit Buses and associated Optional Equipment. The resultant award is to cover the outright purchase of new Transit 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" Transit Buses be sold under the Contract resulting from this IFB without prior approval of Procurement Services and NYS DOT, Public Transportation Bureau. Leasing of a Transit Bus is not permitted under this IFB or resultant Contract. See Section 6.3 Price and Section 3.1 Transit Bus Requirements for additional requirements for the Transit Buses to be provided under the resultant Contract.	"The purpose of this IFB and the resultant Contract is to provide Authorized Users with a means of acquiring new FTA Adult Passenger Transit Buses and associated Optional Equipment", see IFB Section 1.2 <i>Scope</i> .
3	Attachment 1 – Specifications and Pricing	PART 3: Base Item Specifications, Body (Row #80-82)	Request approved equal for padded vinyl in drivers area ILO FRP	Minimum 90" interior Body width (from sidewall to sidewall). Exterior shall be smooth and free of any visible fasteners. Exterior Siding shall be 25-gauge protected (i.e. galvanized) steel (or 24-gauge aluminum) with smooth surface or laminated fiberglass composite reinforced with insulation that is foamed in place or resin hardened honeycomb. Body shall be compliant to all stated General Body specifications. Interior sidewalls shall be fiberglass, vinyl clad aluminum or Compatible Equivalent material. Insulation in walls and ceiling shall be fiberglass, resin-hardened honeycomb (FRP) material, polyurethane, or closed cell EPS foam. Vinyl padding may be used for finish to the drivers area, modesty panels, or other interior trim. All cover materials must meet FMVSS 302 flammability requirements.	OGS declines to revise Attachment 1 – <i>Specifications and Pricing</i> , which states "Vinyl padding may be used for finish to the drivers area, modesty panels, or other interior trim. All cover materials must meet FMVSS 302 flammability requirements".
4	Attachment 1 – Specifications and Pricing	PART 3: Base Item Specifications, Floor Assembly (Row #105)	Request approved equal for Marine Tech Plywood floor ILO marine grade plywood floor(see attached)	Shall be insulated and shall include a minimum 5/8" thick marine grade plywood or 3/4" Advantech sub-floor, or Compatible Equivalent. A light colored (e.g. light gray), floor covering shall have a non-slip surface that remains effective in all weather conditions and meet FMVSS 302 and ADA requirements.	OGS declines to review this request for a determination of Compatible Equivalent prior to the Bid Opening. Pursuant to IFB Section 3.5 <i>Compatible Equivalent</i> , "Bidder quoting on a Product other than the referenced Product Shall: A. Furnish complete identification in its bid of the Product it is offering by trade name, brand and/or model number; B. Furnish descriptive literature and data with respect to the substitute Product it proposes to furnish; and C. Indicate any known specification deviations from the referenced Product."
5	IFB Main Document	Section 6.10 <i>Transit Bus Pre-Order Worksheet and Finalized Order</i>	Is the Transit Bus Pre-Order Worksheet required with the bid submission? First page first sentence states: "The contractor shall create a Transit Bus Pre-Order worksheet for LOT I awarded under the Contract"	Upon contact from an Authorized User, or other entity (see 6.38 <i>Extension of Use</i>), initiating a Transit Bus order for the Lot, the Contractor Shall create and provide to the Authorized User a Transit Bus Pre-Order Worksheet that includes all items specified in Attachment 11 – <i>Transit Bus Pre-Order Worksheet</i> . The Authorized User will submit a completed Purchase Order and Transit Bus Pre-Order Worksheet to the Contractor for each Transit Bus order. The Contractor Shall review the Purchase Order and Transit Bus Pre-Order Worksheet for completeness and, within five (5) business days of receipt, shall either request revisions, or notify the Authorized User that the order is a Finalized Order. If the order is a Finalized Order, the Contractor Must provide Written confirmation to the Authorized User that an order has been placed with the Manufacturer, and an estimated delivery date (See Section 6.19 <i>Delivery Time</i>). If the Contractor fails to provide an estimated delivery date within this timeframe, the Authorized User may, at its sole discretion, cancel the order.	No, Attachment 11 - <i>Transit Bus Pre-Order Worksheet</i> is not to be submitted with vendor's Bid submission. Per IFB 23224 Section 6.10 <i>Transit Bus Pre-Order Worksheet and Finalized Order</i> , Attachment 11 - <i>Transit Bus Pre-Order Worksheet</i> will be used by the awarded Contractor as follows: "Upon contact from an Authorized User, or other entity (see 6.38 <i>Extension of Use</i>), initiating a Transit Bus order for the Lot, the Contractor Shall create and provide to the Authorized User a Transit Bus Pre-Order Worksheet that includes all items specified in Attachment 11 – <i>Transit Bus Pre-Order Worksheet</i> ." See also IFB Section 4.4 Content for the required format and content of a complete Bid submission. Attachment 6 - <i>Bidder Submission Checklist</i> has been revised to omit the submission of Attachment 11 - <i>Transit Bus Pre-Order Worksheet</i> with Bid and has been renumbered. Please see revised Attachment 6 – <i>Bidder Submission Checklist</i> , dated December 4, 2020.
6	Attachment 1 – Specifications and Pricing	PART 3: Base Item Specifications, Body Structure (Row #79)	Please accept the Eldorado Aero Elite steel reinforced composite body structure as shown on the attached diagrams. The Eldorado Aero Elite body meets all FMVSS and NYSDOT requirements.	Shall consist of a heavy-duty integral steel Body roll cage structure (from curbside to street side floor connections) fabricated of square or rectangular tubing (or structurally equivalent hat section member) and be in full compliance with Title 17 NYCRR Part 720.4(b)(1). Roll cage shall extend forward sufficiently to protect driver in the event of rollover. Documentation consisting of detailed explanation and dimensional drawing supporting the Body structures compliance shall be supplied with bid submission for each vehicle classification, including current substantiating documentation (not older than 5 years unless the structure has not been significantly modified as defined by 49 CFR 665) confirming compliance with FMVSS 220.	OGS declines to revise Attachment 1 – <i>Specifications and Pricing</i> to change the specification which states "from curbside to street side of floor connections".
7	Attachment 1 – Specifications and Pricing	PART 3: Base Item Specifications, Electrical (Row #44-46)	The 2021 Ford F-550 chassis offers OEM dual batteries underhood on the diesel option; which must be retained for Ford QVM. On the gasoline/propane chassis, one battery is underhood, and an additional battery is added by the body upfitter in a side battery box. On the gasoline/propane chassis, with side battery tray, is stainless steel required as in specifications for smaller buses on the current Adult Transit Bus contract (i.e. Lot G)?	Dual Heavy Duty Batteries, minimum 1300 CCA total, which shall have protective rubber jacket at connection terminals (pigmented red to indicate positive and black to indicate negative)	OGS declines to revise Attachment 1 – <i>Specifications and Pricing</i> , which does not specify battery location.

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8	Attachment 1 – Specifications and Pricing	PART 3: Base Item Specifications, Exterior Mirrors (Row #95-98)	Our body upfitter mounts the exterior power mirror switches and heated mirror switch above the windshield, in the front header. Due to packaging limitations on the F-550 dashboard, this location is the only suitable mounting position, and is within clear reach of the driver. Please accept the mirror switches mounted above the windshield.	Driver's side and curbside exterior mirrors shall be heated and remote controlled, with the switch(s) to be installed at a prior approved location. In no case shall the switch be mounted above the windshield. Each mirror head shall be constructed of high impact ABS and include a flat and convex feature. Extension Arms shall be provided on mirrors to allow for a clear and unobstructed view to rear regardless of Transit Bus width.	OGS declines to revise Attachment 1 – <i>Specifications and Pricing</i> , which states, "In no case shall the switch be mounted above the windshield."
9	Attachment 1 – Specifications and Pricing	PART 3: Base Item Specifications, Steps (Row #107)	The row for Steps ends with "shall comply with"; please expand this row to clarify remaining language.	All step edges shall be a minimum of 9" in depth and have a high visible yellow nosing band running the full width of each step. Transit Buses shall have a maximum of three (3) steps (not including ground to first step) with risers not to exceed 10" in height. Steps shall comply with ADA 1192 .	The complete text for Attachment 1 - <i>Specifications and Pricing</i> , Tab "Lot I" Cell B 107 is provided in the "Referenced Clause or Specification" column, see red and underlined language for the text you were not able to view. It is recommended that Attachment 1 – <i>Specifications and Pricing</i> be viewed at 100% to see all text.
10	Attachment 1 – Specifications and Pricing	PART 3: Base Item Specifications, Door Entry Grab Rails (right and left side) (Row #109)	The row for Door Entry Grab Rails ends with "to floor of Transit", please expand this row to clarify remaining language.	Shall be installed on each side of entry, parallel to the steps, securely fastened and a minimum 1 1/4" diameter made of stainless steel powder coated material, or non-slip Compatible Equivalent, and shall be a high visible yellow in color, accessible from first step to floor of Transit Bus .	The complete text for Attachment 1 - <i>Specifications and Pricing</i> , Tab "Lot I" Cell B 109 is provided in the "Referenced Clause or Specification" column, see red and underlined language for the text you were not able to view. It is recommended that Attachment 1 – <i>Specifications and Pricing</i> be viewed at 100% to see all text.
11	Attachment 1 – Specifications and Pricing	PART 3: Base Item Specifications, General (Row 27), and Wheelchair & Wheelchair Occupant Restraints (Row #165-167)	Please clarify that first (2) required wheelchair positions must be 30x50" and that additional wheelchairs may be 30x48" if required for packaging.	<u>General (Row #27):</u> Floor plan matches "Figures" tab. The floor plan shall provide a minimum of 27.5" hip-to-knee for all seated positions, with the wheelchair footprint a minimum of 50" x 30". <u>Wheelchair & Wheelchair Occupant Restraints (Row #165-167):</u> Two (2) Wheelchair Restraint System (Wheelchair and Wheelchair Occupant) shall be provided and installed and designed for "L" track systems. Occupant restraint system (including lap belt, shoulder belt with height adjustment, floor inserts, retractable wheelchair restraint/tie-downs, and restraint mounting hardware) meeting the required 30" wide x 48" long ADA envelope (or amendments thereto) adjacent to lift at rear of Transit Bus and ADA wheelchair space maneuvering clearances (or any amendments thereto). Wheelchair restraint/tie-downs (retractable), lap belt, and shoulder belt with height adjustment shall be in compliance with FMVSS 209 210, shall be forward facing, and shall be a Q-Straint Q-10007 or Sur-Lok AL812S-4C, or Compatible Equivalents. Individual storage pouch shall be provided to completely secure belts/straps on Transit Bus sidewalls when not in use. All items shall be installed in accordance with manufacturer's standards and be in compliance with ADA, SAE Standard J2249, ANSI/RESNA WC-18, and ISO Standard 10542. Instructions on use of the wheelchair restraint system shall be affixed to the Transit Bus interior at a minimum of one (1) restraint position.	OGS declines to revise Attachment 1 – <i>Specifications and Pricing</i> , which specifies "[...] meeting the required 30" wide x 48" long ADA envelope (or amendments thereto)".
12	Attachment 1 – Specifications and Pricing	PART 3: Base Item Specifications, Driver Seat (Row #151-153)	As power driver seat is required, and only available on Ford F-550 with XLT package, please accept the 2021 Ford F-550 XLT as suitable for this bid. The seat will be cloth, and can not be modified as per Ford QVM, due to side airbag. The package includes additional items, such as power windows/locks, 8" touchscreen radio display, digital center display on the instrument cluster, and chrome grille.	Driver's seat shall be high back; fully adjustable (vertically and horizontally with electric or air power seat pedestal); include lumbar support; suspension seating (minimally spring suspension); foam padded; fabric upholstered; w/retractable 3-point lap/shoulder seat belt (in compliance with FMVSS 209 & 210). Seat color shall complement interior seating color.	OGS declines to revise Attachment 1 – <i>Specifications and Pricing</i> , to allow for deviations from the driver seat specifications.
13	Attachment 1 – Specifications and Pricing	PART 3: Base Item Specifications, Electrical (Row #44-46)	Upon new information from Ford; the F-550 XLT with gasoline/propane engine comes standard with dual batteries underhood. As with the diesel underhood batteries, it is not permitted by Ford QVM to relocate batteries to a side battery box/tray. Please accept dual underhood batteries for all powertrains on F-550 XLT.	Dual Heavy Duty Batteries, minimum 1300 CCA total, which shall have protective rubber jacket at connection terminals (pigmented red to indicate positive and black to indicate negative)	OGS declines to revise Attachment 1 – <i>Specifications and Pricing</i> , which does not specify battery location.