

SOLICITATION ADDENDUM

Date: **June 27, 2016**
Subject: **Paratransit Vehicles Contract**
Solicitation Number: **6100038746**
Due Date/Time: **07/05/2016/2:30 p.m.**
Addendum Number: **8**

To All Suppliers:

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania defines a solicitation “Addendum” as an addition to or amendment of the original terms, conditions, specifications, or instructions of a procurement solicitation (e.g., Invitation for Bids or Request for Proposals).

List any and all changes:

Please note the following information:

Q. ALL PCID Page #3 – We request approval of our standard ADA Compliant lighting for the entry step and door lighting area that consists of Optronics 4” round LED recessed entry ceiling mount, 2 each 2” Optronics round LED recessed step lights and an exterior surface mounted Optronics LED fixture.

Using these lights far exceeds ADA requirements as displayed on the included test report for a 158” wheelbase unit labeled #1, though all vehicle entry ways are identical.

R. As long as the Optronics lighting stated meets the specifications, including the required 500 Lumens.

Q. ALL PCID Page #4 We request that the Jensen HD JBR550 AM/FM/CD be approved as an equal. Designed for the transportation market, it has a long history of reliability. A data sheet is included Labeled #2

R. A model Jensen HD JBR550 AM/FM/CD is an approved equal as long as it meet the required PCID specifications.

Q. ALL PCID - You specify that passenger seats be provided with Yellow grab handles. Is this requirement in force for the last rows of forward facing seats in a vehicle?

R. The requirement that yellow grab handles be provided for all passenger seats, except for the last row of forward facing seats in each vehicle.

Q. ALL PCID Page #5 - Will you accept Freedman Flame Block material for passenger seat bottoms, as you have been receiving on the current contract?

R. We will not accept Freedman Flame Block material for passenger seat bottoms. The seats must be encapsulated and must meet the FTA Docket 90-A requirements. The request is denied.

Q. PCID #1113, 1114, 1116, 1122, 1130 Page #5 - The front entrance door specifies brushes at the bottom. In order to preclude water from entering under the brushes we use a stainless steel door leaf mounting bracket that allows our doors to fully seal to the bottom of the stepwell. We request this be accepted as equal to/better than brushes. Information is attached Labeled #5.

R. We will accept a stainless steel door leaf mounting bracket that allows the front entrance door(s) to fully seal at the bottom of the stepwell under the bottom brushes as an approved equal.

Q. ALL PCID - You specify that body materials not inherently corrosive resistant shall be protected with corrosion resistant coatings. You then identify stainless steel, galvanized or galvanealed steel as being inherently corrosive resistant. We request that you add aluminized steel to the list of inherently corrosive resistant materials. It is used in lieu of galvanized steel in many areas such as culvert pipes and road sign stanchions because it is more corrosion resistant than galvanized steel due to the fast formation of an aluminum oxide layer that protects the base material more effectively than the zinc in galvanized steel.

R. We cannot accept aluminized steel to the list of inherently corrosive resistant materials.

Q. ALL PCID, Page 8 - We request approval for our heavy duty 12" x 38" Driver running board that is extremely slip resistant and made from stainless steel. Information is attached Labeled #7.

R. We will accept the heavy duty 12 inch X 38 inch driver running board made from stainless steel.

Q. ALL PCID, Page 9 - Flooring is specified to be Altro Transflor or approved equal. We request approval for Gerflor Sirius NT flooring as an equal. It is also heat welded at all seams and offers a 12 year warranty. Details are attached Labeled #8.

R. We will accept Gerflor Sirius NT flooring as an approved equal to the Altro Transfloor.

Q. All PCID, Wheelchair Lift Doors: You specify outward opening stainless steel side or galvanized or anodized aluminum or fiberglass doors equipped with windows, including a stainless steel door "jamb". Our doors come in "pre-hung" from our vendor. The panels comply, and the trim/"jamb" is made of powder coated aluminum and powder coated stainless steel hinge offset vertical mount, offering extreme corrosion resistance. Please approve this method.

R. We will not accept the pre-hung wheelchair lift door(s) without a stainless steel door frame. This does not meet specifications. This request is denied.

Q. Are price increases permitted during the first two years of a contract?

R. Manufacturer's price increases are allowed at the beginning of the second year of this two year contract and at contract renewals.

Q. PCID 1120 – Item 4.0 – “The bidder shall comply with all warranties within a 25 mile radius of the purchaser” – Q: Because of the *nature* of a two stage transit / shuttle vehicle, it is likely there will not be an authorized warranty center for all components within a 25 mile radius of every purchaser. Can this requirement be removed from the specification?

R. The successful bidder must have established service locations throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania” in place of the requirement we are deleting “The bidder shall comply with all warranties within a 25 mile radius of the purchaser”?

Q. Are COSTARS fees levied annually or with every COSTARS order?

R. Annually

Q. Our standard OEM exterior color is white (only). Are other full body paint colors required to be included in the base price?

R. **Standard OEM Exterior Color is white only.** Yes, each bidder should submit a bid with a standard OEM exterior color of white only. No other full body paint colors are required to be included in the base price. The cost for full body colors other than white can be addressed in a Change Order to each Purchase Order that the purchaser requires.

Q. Can you provide photos of the exterior graphics required by eligible users for this contract?

R. We **cannot** provide photos of exterior graphics since they differ from each purchaser. Since we have an option in each PCID specification for vinyl graphics decaling up to a maximum of \$750, the successful vendor should assess the cost of exterior graphics decaling required by the purchaser for each Purchase Order on a case by case basis. If the cost of the exterior graphics exceeds the \$750 maximum limit, the vendor may add the additional cost for graphics on the Change Order to each Purchase Order

Q. I noticed in reviewing the specifications for #1113, #1114, #1116, #1122, #1130, #1132, #1152 & #1153, the removal of a specific requirement that was a concern to both the Maintenance Committee, along with the State. This was discussed at the public specification reviews numerous times and at each meeting, it was determined this type of construction was not going to be accepted. Under the heading of body construction in the “Old Bid”, you did not allow the use of Two-Sided Tape, which would have been under the heading for the use of adhesives. During your modification of the specifications, I just noticed that it was not included. Are you now allowing this type (Two Sided Tape), of construction to be used?

R. The use of two-sided tape is not an acceptable adhesive for bus construction of referenced PCID’s.

Q. The bus door step requirement is 9" +/- 1/2". Would the state consider a ground to first step of 10.5" +/- 1/2"? It is our primary concern that a ground to first step of 9" would create a situation where the step could possibly drag on speed bumps and damage the step well.

R. PCID 1154 is a conversion of the Ford Transit type van. The passenger entrance door is to be installed behind the “B” pillar and be a two leaf outward opening style door as per specifications. The ground to first step of 9 inches +/- ½ inch should not be a problem with speed bumps where the specifications require it be installed. This type of van has been purchased off of the current DGS Wheelchair Vehicle contract which will terminate on 7/31/2016 with no reported problems with the ground to first step measurement or damage of the stepwell dragging on speed bumps. No change to the specifications

Q. Optional Equipment: Driver and Front Passenger seat re-cover. Due to the airbags in the seat bolsters of the OEM seats, we are unable to re-cover these seats. Would the state of Pennsylvania consider removing this option?

R. This Option is in the PCID 1154 of the current DGS Wheelchair Vehicle contract which will terminate on 7/31/2016. There has been no reported problems with the re-upholstering the OEM driver and right front passenger seat by the vehicle conversion company. I understand the vehicle conversion company has a way to avoid touching the airbags in the seat bolsters of the OEM seats when they recover them. No change to the specifications.

Q. The AbiliTrax floor system is a requirement. Our manufacturer offers track seating in their conversion. Would this be considered an approved equal to the AbiliTrax system? It is the concern of NBSL and the manufacturer that drivers would have the ability to move these seats and the possible failure of the seat if not re-installed properly.

R. The AbiliTrax floor track system or the SMART floor track system are the only two tracking systems that are acceptable and will meet the PCID vehicle specifications. A regular floor track system is **not considered an approved equal** to the required vehicle specifications for an AbiliTrax floor track system. No change to the specifications.

Q. PCID 1113 and 1114 (Low Floor)

Both of these PCIDs require low floor options as part of the required pricing structure. Our manufacturer does not offer a low floor vehicle option. Requiring a “low floor” in an otherwise industry standard bus category will impact competition, and prevent most manufacturers from bidding. Please move the low floor vehicles to



their own separate PCID number(s). Requiring a low floor option to bid in these categories will preclude us from offering any pricing.

R. The Addendum # 2 DGS posted addressed the issue.

Q. PCID 1132, Page 2, Electrical – Please accept that no stainless steel option for battery exist from Freightliner. The only option is their OEM battery box and tray located behind the driver on the chassis frame rail. We install an access door.

R. We cannot accept an OEM battery box form Freightliner that is not stainless steel. The battery box shall be stainless steel as required by the specifications and be relocated.

Q. PCID 1132, Page 2, Electrical – We have spoken with Intermotive/LGS and the PCOM is not available for Freightliner chassis. Please delete.

R. Upon further review, the Park crank only modular capability is available for freightliner or other aftermarket supplier.

Q. There is no 6 way electric power seat available on the S2 Freightliner chassis. They offer the Bostrom T910 air suspension seat. Information is attached labeled #3.

R. A Bostrom T 910 air suspension Driver’s Seat is acceptable as an approved equal.

Q. The Freightliner PS-2 we offer has an integrated fiberglass step cover that has an aluminum diamond plate cover. Please approve in lieu of stainless steel driver step. A photo is attached and labeled #4.

R. An integrated fiberglass step cover that has an aluminum diamond plate cover is acceptable as an approved equal.

Q. I saw on your questions that you will allow the recover of OEM seats, since your current supplier is doing it with no issues. Freedman Seating offers a Level 5 Vinyl that matches the OEM seats. Would it be considered equivalent to recover the Freedman Seats to match the OEM seats? This way there is no question that the OEM Air Bag that is mounted the OEM Driver and Passenger seat will work as intended.

R. No.

Q. Our body manufacturer does not offer manual doors on the Freightliner, F550, and Low Floor products. Instead it is all electric doors. Does the state consider this as acceptable for “exceeding specification” despite the electric door being an option?

R. No

Q. On PCID 1122, page 12 layout 1122/A, the layout requests (1) double forward facing two state fold down seat. Most manufacturers, including ours, have an interior width of 80”, making this not a feasible floor plan to fit a double flip seat. Will the state edit this floor plan or change this double flip to a single flip?

R. No

Q. In body requirements on all buses, the state requests “t-slider sash windows, to provide ventilation, which all shall be emergency egress...”. Having all windows as egress exceeds FMVSS standards and adds unnecessary cost to each vehicle. Would the state accept instead FMVSS standard amount of egress windows per side?

R. No

Q. In PCID 1120, 1.22.2, factory incomplete vehicles must stay under 1,000 otherwise there is a \$5.00 fine per mile. As an eastern PA dealership, vehicles come in to our dealership with 650 miles from the factory if the driveaway company doesn’t have detours. If we had to deliver to a customer back to Western PA, we could



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easily go over this mileage. Would the state be willing to raise this limit to 1,200 miles for incomplete vehicles? Otherwise this is a deterrent to dealerships on the Eastern part of the state.

R. No, vehicles can be delivered via flatbed.

- PCID-1122 has been revised to correct two different height requirements.
- PCID's 1152, 1153 have been revised to correct the gas tank size.
- So that this solicitation can be completed, there will be no more questions accepted after Tuesday, June 28, 2016 at 12:00 p.m.

Type of Solicitation: Electronic Bid (SRM) - Review the Questions section of your solicitation response to ensure you have responded, as required, to any questions relevant to solicitation addenda issued subsequent to the initial advertisement of the solicitation opportunity.

Except as clarified and amended by this Addendum, the terms, conditions, specifications, and instructions of the solicitation and any previous solicitation addenda, remain as originally written.

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