



**April 29, 2019**

**ADDENDUM #1**

**THIS ADDENDUM IS ISSUED TO:**

**TITLE: Paratransit Access Vehicle Purchase**

**RFP Number: 19-T036**

**Purpose:**

- **To provide answers to proposal questions**
- **Extend the proposal due date to May 14, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.**

ALL TERMS OF THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL REMAIN THE SAME UNLESS CHANGED THROUGH A WRITTEN AMENDMENT TO THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL. NO ORAL CHANGES ARE BINDING. CHANGE REQUESTS MUST BE IN THE FORM OF A WRITTEN REQUEST TO BE ANSWERED IN A WRITTEN ADDENDUM.

**RESPONDANTS MUST ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THIS ADDENDUM IN THE FORM 1 IN THEIR PROPOSAL. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY INVALIDATE THE PROPOSAL.**

1. Page 15, 3.1 General Specifications

- a. The entry door dimensions are listed as 30” x 80”, but the door opening is listed at 51”. Could the agency please clarify as to the door dimension/opening required? A clear door opening for this style bus is typically 38” +/- 2”.

**Response: Trinity Metro will approve for typical clear door opening style size if included in your proposal response.**

2. Page 15, 4.1 Engine, Fuel Package, Cooling System

- a. We request the use of a 6.8L V10 engine in lieu of a 6/8 cylinder engine as this engine is available from Ford Motor Company and offers the hardened valve option which is required for compressed natural gas conversions.

**Response: Trinity Metro will approve the above, if included in your proposal response.**

3. Page 17, 6.1 Front Suspension

- a. We request an approved/equal for a frame mounted compressor. Our compressor is 14CFM and is powered by a dedicated 1440CCA battery. This is located on the curb side of the bus behind the rear axle.

**Response: Trinity Metro does not approve the above as an approved equal, if proposed. It must be belt driven.**

4. Page 18, 10.3 Wheels and Tires

- a. We request the requirement for steel wheel covers to be removed from the specification. All steel wheel covers will cover the lug nuts and wheel studs.

**Response: Trinity Metro will approve the request for removal, if included in the proposal response.**

5. Page 19, 11.3 Electrical System

- a. We request the use of the Ford OEM 225 amp alternator. This alternator is sufficient to charge the batteries on this style cutaway bus and is covered under the Ford OEM chassis warranty.

**Response: Trinity Metro will approve the above, if proposed.**

6. Page 25, 17.3 Body Structure
  - a. We request an approved/equal for the CosmoLite composite roof structure. This structure is typical for this style cutaway shuttle. Details on this product are attached.

**Response: Trinity Metro will approve the above as a substitution, if proposed.**

7. Page 25, 17.5 Body Structure

- a. We request the removal of this section as the specification is requesting a low floor shuttle bus. The use of a step well is unnecessary in this body construction.

**Response: Trinity Metro will approve the removal of this specification.**

8. Page 26, 18.1 Flooring

- a. The product specified is a commercial grade flooring which is utilized in commercial building applications, and not transit buses. Can the agency please provide a product which is from the bus category? Altro offers the Transflor Meta product in Black #TFM22892 which appears to be similar to the requested flooring.

**Response: Trinity Metro will approve the alternative above, if proposed.**

9. Page 26, 18.6 Flooring

- a. We request the agency remove the requirement for a flat flooring with no wheel wells. It is typical for a low floor bus to have wheel wells due to the design to remove the need for passenger entry steps.

**Response: Trinity Metro will agree to remove this as a requirement.**

10. Page 26, 19.1 Exterior Paint

- a. We request the use of PPG 2-stage paint in lieu of Dupont. PPG is a leading manufacturer of automotive paint products and can color match to any Dupont color currently available.

**Response: Trinity Metro will consider as a proposed substitute, if included in your proposal response.**

11. Page 27, 20.4 Doors

- a. We request an approved/equal for an A&M door system. The Vapor door system

is most commonly utilized in heavy duty transit buses and are not available on cutaway shuttles.

**Response: Trinity Metro will approve for A&M, if proposed.**

12. Page 27, 21.1 Seating

- a. We request the Freedman Seating 3pt seat be accepted as an approved/equal. This seat meets FMVSS 207/210 and has the features required such as arm rests and the integrated shoulder/lap belt.
- b. The American Seating Model 6466 is predominately utilized in the heavy duty transit market and does not have an option for the 3pt (lap and shoulder) belts.

**Response: Trinity Metro will consider the proposed seating solutions and will approve the requested model/brand above, if proposed.**

13. Page 28, 21.7 Seating

- a. We request the agency provide a product from the Freedman Seating catalog for the upholstery utilized on the passenger seats. There are numerous options and varying features that are available to meet the needs of the agency.

**Response: Trinity Metro will consider your proposal response and options, and will work with the selected provider for a final product decision.**

- b. This section refers to the seating requiring non-retractable seat belts. If the seating is to require a 3pt belt, it will automatically retract.

**Response: Trinity Metro understands, and will approve if proposed with the specifications.**

14. Page 28, 22.1 Wheelchair Ramp and Securements

- a. We request the removal of the requirement of “Floor to ground travel must be a minimum of 48.” This specification is common with the use of a wheelchair lift, and in this application, we are utilizing a wheelchair ramp.

**Response: Trinity Metro will approve the request for removal, if included in your proposal response.**

15. Page 30, 24.3 Mirrors

- a. Can the agency please clarify as to the number of sets of spare mirrors required for the driver and passenger side? Is the quantity required per bus delivered, or order? If this is based on the bus delivery per year, could the agency please estimate the number of units which will be purchased in years two (2) through five (5)?

Response: Per specifications, 2 driver's mirrors and 4 sets for passenger side, per 7- vehicle order. Trinity Metro cannot provide an estimate at this time but will work with the selected provider to forecast future requirements as needed.

16. Page 31, 25.3 Decals

- a. We request the removal of the decal "Welcome Aboard" from the specification as there is no lower step riser in a low floor bus.

Response: Trinity Metro will approve the request for removal.

17. Page 32, Warranty

- a. We request the agency consider the Ford OEM chassis warranty of 3yrs/36,000 miles as the basic vehicle warranty. Ford Motor Company does not offer a 5yr/unlimited mileage basic vehicle warranty.

Response: You may propose as you choose; however, Trinity Metro prefers the warranty as stated in the RFP.

18. Page 32, Miscellaneous Provisions

- a. Ford Motor Company no longer offers paper maintenance manuals. We request that these manuals be offered in digital format.

Response: Trinity Metro will approve this format, if proposed.

19. We request a two week extension from the May 2<sup>nd</sup> due date of RFP 19-T036 as we are experiencing a delay with our manufacturer.

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Response: The proposal due date is extended to **May 14, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.**

End of Addendum # 1