

Request for Clarifications and Exceptions

<u>Group #</u>	<u>Question</u>	<u>Response</u>
3 all LD	Exception: For buses with raised floor, then minimum depth will be 8.5" not 9" as specified	Approved
3 all LD	Exception: Height at center aisle below evaporator will be less than 74"	Approved
3 all LD	Exception: Driver running board step will be 11.5 wide, not 12" as specified	Approved
3 all LD	Exception: Some metal such as anodized aluminum trim will not be primed or painted	Approved
3 all LD	Exception: There are no lift requirements in the appendix section of the bid specifications	Noted: Follow specification in sec 3.9 of IFB
3 all LD	Exception: If two tie down positions are side by side on the back wall, then aisle width will be reduced to zero	Approved
3 all LD	Exception: Radio will be Sony not OEM	Approved
3 all LD	AE: 3.7 L gas engine in lieu of 6.0-6.8L gas	Approved for 138" WB only
3 all LD	AE: Speed governor is not available unless we order a special chassis. Exclude?	Approved, but most note on order form it is not included
3 all LD	Exception: Additional supplemental suspension not currently available. Can this requirement be excluded?	Has it available, request withdrawn
3 all LD	AE: 5/8" ply wood in lieu of 3/4"	Approved with an available upgrade option
3 all LD	AE: Driver storage compartment is 1.8 CF in lieu of 3 CF	Approved
3 all LD	AE: Tow hooks will be added by the body manufacturer and not the OEM chassis manufacturer	Approved
3 all LD	AE: 60K BTU rear heater in lieu of 65K BTU	Approved for 138" WB only
1	Exception: Spare tire allowed to be mounted on rear carrier section, not underneath vehicle	Denied: This will not work per the transit agencies
2	Exception: Request C Van be exempt from Altoona Bus Testing per FTA ruling not requiring for this size vehicle	Approved
2	Exception: Allow Ford Transit Chassis which is unibody in lieu of full frame specification	Approved
3 all LD	AE: Request 6.2L Triton V8 FFV engine	Spec is 6.0-6.8 so this meets spec. Request not necessary
3 all LD	Clarification: Spec "A/C system will have chassis factor A/C plus a rear A/C unit to obtain 52K BTU minimum with	Rear AC should be stand alone system
XXXXX	three blower speed setting, controlled at drivers console.: 52K would include the OEM A/C or does the rear AC	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
XXXXX	be 52K as a stand alone system?	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
3 all LD	AE: request 102 decibel back alarm which meets FMVSS requirements be approved in lieu of 107 min	Approved
IFB	Why is CPI used instead of PPI with table 1413 for trucks and bus bodies?	State of Iowa standards
IFB	This states Iowa DOT pays proper submitted invoices while 6.16 of the IFB states payment for vehicles will be	Transit system pays the vendor, but they get funds from the state or
XXX	made to Contract Bidder by each public transit system. Who pays the Iowa DOT or the public transit system?	FTA. State will not issue any funds to transit system unless all required
IFB		documents are submitted.
IFB	Clarification: Is there a published list of vehicle cost ceilings per class?	Sent though it is also on the Iowa DOT/Transit website
2	Exception: Exempt C vans from Altoona Testing Requirement	Approved
2	Exception: Allow unibody vans such as the Ford Transit	Approved
2	Exception: OEM not longer offers upper 4" of windshield with deep tine. Please accept without	Approved
2	Exception: OEM offers front door opening windows and 3rd row venting windows. Please accept	Approved
2	Exception: Would 1/2" pressure treated marine grade plywood with 1/4" hardboard overlay be allowed?	Approved
2	AE: The floor base material will consist of a 1 1/2" thick composite, water substrate. The flooring substrate must be	Approved
X	fully encapsulated with an FMVSS 302 compliant polyurea finish to provide a slip resistant surface while creating	XXXXXXXXXX
X	a barrier which is impervious to environmental elements. Please accept	XXXXXXXXXX
2	Clarification: No decibel level has been stated for C vans. Is the level left up to the bidder's determination?	FMVSS stats 102 is the norm
2	AE: Please accept restraint track that runs across floor in place of track that runs front to back	Approved, but by only one transit agency. Would like an upgrade option
3 all LD	Clarification: The Transit van has weights listed to use to determine the loaded weight for the vehicle. The bus	Yes
XXXXX	does not list these weights. Are these the weights to be used for all vehicles?	XXX
3 all LD	AE: The OEM chassis is equipped with gauges for fuel, oil pressure, and water temperature. There is a warning	Approved
XXXXX	light for the charging system. Is the OEM gauge package acceptable?	XXXXXXXXXX
4 all MD	Clarification: The dimensions listed in the header are the body length no the wheelbase correct?	Correct
4 all MD	AE: The OEM chassis is equipped with gauges for fuel, oil pressure, and water temperature. There is a warning	Approved

XXXXX light for the charging system. Is the OEM gauge package acceptable?

IFB Request transit agencies pay vendor 30 days after acceptance of vehicle or interest be charged back to agency

IFB Ask that in the even that multiple vehicles are ordered on one purchase order that each vehicle be paid for

XXX according to delivery date and not according to delivery of the last vehicle on the order.

IFB Question regarding prices holding firm for two years unless chassis no longer available

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IFB Please update the website where we can find bidder registration docs. to register to do business in Iowa

IFB Contingent liability and builders risk are not needed as they do not pertain to the services/products provided

2 Exception: The Ram Pro Master will not meet buy America. Will there be an exception or should all products

X be based on the Ford Transit

2 Altoona testing

2 Exception: unibody allowed on Cvan

2 AE: Operable passenger windows. Some windows are fixed, but the driver/shotgun windows are operable

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2 AE: Please accept GerFloor as an AE. It is an upgrade from RCA rubber and equivalent to Altro

2 Exception: Rear glass shall be OEM tint. Our OEM vendors do not offer tint forward from the "B" pillar windows

2 Exception: Please accept Form OEM rear heat/air. No BTU rating is provided by Ford

2 Exception: Please clarify or remove "Lower Lighting." Automatic overhead is the industry standard

2 AE: Please accept Q-Straint Deluxe, L-Pods for wheelchair securement

2 Clarification: Please state number of wheelchair positions you are asking for on the Cvan

3 all LD Exception: Glaval Entourage report on Altoona testing may not be released by March 26th.

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3 all LD AE: engine to be 3.2L Diesel in lieu of 6.8L gas

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3 all LD AE: Request Glaval ground to top surface step be 12.5" in lieu of 12"

3 Low Floor Exception: Rear suspension on a low floor will not allow additional supplemental suspension system

3 all LD Exception: Remove requirement of FMVSS 220

3 all LD Exception: Exterior panels. Please allow the use of aluminized coating.

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XXXXX screen on the skirt of the bus over the condenser or an actual A/C condenser fan cover? If A/C condenser fan

XXXXX cover, please allow this to be an option and not a minimum requirement. If not installed correctly, they can

XXXXX damage the A/C fan system

3 - 138" AE: Please allow 3 interior overhead lights on the smaller 138WB buses instead of full 6 interior lights

3 all LD Clarification: Warranty parts will be provided though vendor Parts/Service and the end user and vendor will be

XXXXX following TT warranty/parts procedures

4 all MD AE: Request Gerflor Sirius "Dune" for the flooring in lieu of RCA or Altro. Previously approved for the LD buses

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Will discuss with OPT staff. Will require a policy change

Approved, though we are still working on final wording

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Additional prices are accepted not based on modal year of chassis, but only if cardinal changes are made to the chassis with a new model year.

You should bid anticipating a 2018 and 2019 chassis and incorporate those costs. If you bid based only on a 2018 chassis and the vendor no longer offers that year and the new model year has a price increase this will not justify increasing the base bid. Plan on holding for 2 years.

<https://www.iowadot.gov/purchasing/>

Builders risk says "optional." Contingent liability is not required

I do not have prior knowledge of what products meet Buy America but only those that do will be allowed on our contract. Will not exempt

As stated above, not required on this platform Cvan

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Clarify: Exterior lighting as required by ADA part 38.31

Denied: Lpods hinder ability to secure very large or awkward chairs

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Approved to bid since test has been completed, but you will not be able to sell this model until you have the forms

Denied for "light-Duty" buses as a base. The 3.7L gas will be accepted for the "conversion van" (cat. 2) and the 3.2L diesel can be an option

Approved

Approved for low floor model

Approved as this is defined as relating only to school buses

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Approved if option available

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Approved with change to "winter cover" screen on the skirt of the bus

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