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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS #046-19
University of Maine System
Athletic Teams Light & Medium Duty Passenger Buses
RESPONSE ADDENDUM #1
February 8, 2019

This addendum responds to initial questions submitted by vendors.

The University of Maine

Q1. Would the University System accept submissions for electric buses?

University of Maine
at Augusta

A1. No, due to the location of some of the campuses, lack of charging stations, and distance traveled the University System will not consider electric buses.

University of Maine
at Farmington

Q2. Will the University System consider a 3 year / 9 month program for the 15 passenger buses, September through May?

University of Maine
at Fort Kent

A2. No, lease agreements will be for a full 3 years / 12 month terms with an option for an additional 9 month lease.

University of Maine
at Machias

Q3. Page 23, paragraph Mirrors, West Coast Style, please clarify what West Coast Style Mirrors are.

University of Maine
at Presque Isle

A3. Mirrors that are standard, 7" wide x 16" high is the preferred mirror.

University of
Southern Maine

Q4. Page 22, F350 G-Force, minimum 10,000, will the University accept a Ford Transit in place of a F350 chassis?

A4. The University will accept the Ford T350 with a 3.7 Liter Gasoline Engine however seating must be 14 passengers plus driver (15 total). Vans will not be accepted, vehicle must be bus / shuttle like with rear storage.

Q5. What level of upholstery is the University looking for?

A5. Seats are preferred to be cloth, commercial grade.

Q6. On the 15 passenger, the 3.7 liter gas engine is available in a T-350 chassis and not the F350 as mentioned. Is the T-350 the chassis you are looking for?

A6. See A4.

Q7. The available alternator on the T-350 chassis for the 15 passenger is a single 250 amp, is this acceptable?

A7. As part of your Response indicated under Respondent's Specification what the amp size is.

Q8. The only available fuel tank on the T-350 is 25 gallon, is this acceptable?

A8. As part of your Response indicate under Respondent's Specification the fuel tank size.

Q9. RFP requests Urethane insulation. Is Polystyrene acceptable as it does not absorb moisture?

A9. As part of your Response indicate under Respondent's Specification the type of insulation.

Q10. The University is requesting a ¾" plywood flooring which is considered in the industry to be an insulated floor. The RFP also requests urethane insulation in the floor. Which does the University prefer?

A10. As part of your Response indicate under Respondent's Specification they type of insulation.

Q11. Is using a fully sealed plywood floor only without the urethane in the floor acceptable?

A11. As part of your Response indicate under Respondent's Specification if flooring is fully sealed plywood with or without urethane.

Q12. Please accept wheel wells on the 15 passenger. The flat floor is not available on the T-350 passenger bus is available on the 29 passenger F-550 size bus.

A12. As part of your Response indicate under Respondent's Specification whether the floor is flat or has wheel wells.

Q13. Besides the front OEM heat that is mentioned, what BTU Rear Heat is the University requesting?

A13. The University is requesting the Rear Heat / AC Unit to be a dual compressor system of 70,000 BTU's for 15 Passenger and 87,000 BTU's for 29 Passenger.

Q14. Does the University want a heater booster pump (recommender on the 29 passenger)?

A14. The University prefers both the 15 passenger and 29 passenger buses to have Auxiliary Rear Heaters / AC Unit that provides additional heat /

AC to the rear section of the bus.

Q15. Attachments A & B under Directions: All Respondents are required to complete Appendix F, what is Appendix F?

A15. Appendix F is a typo, All Respondents are required to complete Attachment A and Attachment B.

Note to All Respondents: Under Directions for Attachment A and Attachment B – The University has provided a list of requested specifications. Respondents are to provide detailed information for scoring, at the University's sole discretion, of the Respondent's unit in comparison to the University's requested specification. All Respondents are required to fill out Respondents Specification in the spreadsheet (Attachment A and Attachment B) AND provide detailed specifications informational documentation of item(s) submitted. Include, if available, view drawings of front, back, sides, tope and interior.

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