

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS # 2023-061
Athletic Teams Passenger Buses
RESPONSE ADDENDUM #1
March 17, 2023

CLARIFICATION

The University is unable to accept 15 passenger Transit vans or similar sized vehicles. These smaller vans would not work for long trips.

Respondents can submit multiple options for 15 passenger or 29 passenger buses and the University will select the bus/buses that best suit University's needs. If respondent does not supply a 29-passenger bus, the University will consider the closest options the respondent can provide.

Respondents who are unable to deliver buses for August 1, 2023 may submit proposals which include purchasing the University's existing fleet and allowing the University to use these buses until the new buses arrive. Respondent must include all costs associated with their solution.

QUESTIONS

Q1: I see your RFP for four (4 – 2 15 passenger & 2 29 passenger) athletic buses for the university of Southern Maine. I was hoping there might be interest and the ability for us to bid with Battery Electric buses?

A1: [The RFP is for 2 Athletic buses \(15 passenger\) for USM, 2 Athletic Buses for UMA \(15 passenger\), 2 Athletic buses for UMPI \(29 passenger\), 2 Athletic buses for UMFK \(29 passenger\). Regarding electric buses, the athletic teams take multi-day trips of up to 1500 miles. We do not currently believe the infrastructure exists to support this length of a trip in an electric bus but if the respondent can provide evidence to the contrary, we would consider the solution.](#)

Q2: **Requested: 3.7 Gasoline V8 Engine**

Please accept diesel engine, to utilize our current stock

A2: [It is unlikely that we would consider a diesel engine due to increased operations expenses.](#)

Q3: **Requested: Passenger Windows, T-Slider, Privacy Glass**

Please accept bonded windows with privacy glass to utilize our current stock

A3: [We require windows that open.](#)

Q4: Requested: Passenger Seats, Cloth High Back, Reclining/Adjustable, Foldup Armrest, Lap Belts with Side Sliders on all applicable rows.

Please accept High Back Non Reclining Seats without Side Sliders to utilize our current stock. Please accept vinyl fabric that is abrasion resistant and antibacterial/antimicrobial.

[A4: We require reclining seats for long trips up to 1500 miles.](#)

Q5: Requested: DVD Player, 2 Flip-Up TVs Located In Front and Mid Area (Include Screen Sizes)

Please omit to utilize our current stock.

[A5: We can consider solutions without. If there is an option to add these after market, please provide that information.](#)

Q6: Requested: Flat interior passenger flooring

Please accept non-raised floor with minimal height over wheel well to utilize our current stock.

[A6: Yes, we are fine with this.](#)

Q7: Requested: Black Rubber Floor Finish with Ribbed Surface In Walk Areas, Smooth Rubber Flooring Under Seating Area

Rubber Flooring is no longer available. Please accept industry standard Ger-Flor

[A7: Yes, we are fine with this.](#)

Q8: Requested: F550 G-Force, Minimum 19,500 GVWR, preferred 23,500 GVWR

Please accept F59 chassis to utilize existing chassis pool

[A8: We will consider chassis that are comparable to the requested chassis.](#)

Q9: Bus #1 VIN: 1FDAF5GYKEF41880... this one is missing a digit in the VIN. Can you verify?

[A9: 1FDAF5GY1KEF41880](#)