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**SOLICITATION AMENDMENT
MODIFICATION DE L'INVITATION**

The referenced document is hereby revised; unless otherwise indicated, all other terms and conditions of the Solicitation remain the same.

Ce document est par la présente révisé; sauf indication contraire, les modalités de l'invitation demeurent les mêmes.

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Signature	Date

This solicitation amendment 004 is raised to address bidders questions.

Question 2.

As per past Commuter Procurement Specification requirements Please accept:

3.4.2 Payload

- (a) The vehicle **shall** transport at least 40-seated passengers;
- (b) The vehicle **shall** have a payload capacity of at least 97 kg (215 lbs) for the vehicle driver;
- (c) The vehicle **shall** have a payload capacity of at least 115 kg (255 lbs) per passenger; and
- (d) These ratings include provisions for luggage

Answer:

This is acceptable.

Amend Annex B paragraph 3.4.2 (b) to read: The vehicle **shall** have a payload capacity of at least 97 kg for the vehicle driver;

No need to amend paragraph 3.4.2 (c), since the payload capacity exceeds the 100 kg per passenger.

Amend Annex B paragraph 3.4.2 (d) to read: The vehicle payload **shall** include a capacity of 15 kg per passenger for luggage.

Question 3.

3.4.3 dimensions d) The vehicle shall have an exterior height of no more than 3,050 mm

To allow for passenger capacity, interior head room and under floor luggage requested please accept 3.4.3 dimensions d) The vehicle shall have an exterior height of no more than 3,379 mm (133")

Answer.

Amend Annex B paragraph 3.4.3 (d) to read: The vehicle **shall** have an exterior height of no more than 3,380 mm.

Question 4.

3.5c) vii) All windows shall be shatter proof, tinted and thermo-pane safety glass (AS-2)

Shatter proof windows are not used in our production of commercial buses so please accept

3.5c) vii) All windows shall be shatter resistant, tempered, tinted and thermo-pane safety glass.

Answer.

Amend Annex B paragraph 3.5 (c) vii to read: All windows **shall** be shatter resistant, tinted and thermos-pane safety glass (AS-2);

Question 5.

3.5d)i) The door shall be manually operated with the control to the right of the driver

Our Bus model uses an Electrically controlled entry door as standard equipment. This allows for no interference in removing the engine cover. Please accept:

3.5d)i) The door shall be manually or electrically operated with control to the right of the driver.

Answer.

Amend Annex B paragraph 3.5 (d) i to read: The vehicle **shall** be provided with a passenger access door on the right hand side. The passenger access door **shall** be a lockable bi-fold door. The door **shall** include a side window and a curb window. The passenger access door **shall** be at least 2,125 mm high and have a width of at least 750 mm. Each of the door leaves **shall** be provided with thermal pane AS-2 safety glass windows. The door **shall** be manually or electrically operated with the control to the right of the driver and **shall** be accessible by a seated driver. The door control **shall** not interfere with the removal of the engine access cover;

Question 6.

3.5f)ii) The driver's area shall be heated with the heating system provided by the manufacturer of the vehicle chassis.

Our chassis manufacturer does not supply a heater for the drivers area. Our bus body manufacturer supplies the heat and AC system for the driver. Please accept:

3.5f)ii) The driver's area shall be heated with the heating system provided by the manufacturer of the chassis or by the bus body manufacturer if a drivers heater not supplied by chassis OEM.

Answer.

Amend Annex B paragraph 3.5 (f) ii to read: The driver's area **shall** be heated with the heating system provided by the manufacturer of the vehicle chassis or the bus body;

Question 7.

3.5h)iv) Passenger seating shall be at least 1,065mm high from the top of a lowered headrest. Please clarify if passenger seating is to have an adjustable headrest or a fixed headrest on all seats.

Answer.

The headrest is the adjustable type. Note the statement “the top of the lowered headrest”.
No need for a paragraph amendment.

Question 8.

3.5h)v) The passenger seating shall be installed with a distance from the back of one row to the back of the row in front of at least 810 mm

On the curb side of the bus our seat spacing is reduced because of space lost for the passenger entrance door. This reduces our seat spacing on the curb side below requirement. On the driver's side we exceed requirement. Please accept:

3.5h)v) The passenger seating shall be installed with a distance from the back of one row to the back of one row in front of at least 810 mm on road side and 762 mm on Curb side

Answer.

This is acceptable.

Amend Annex B paragraph 3.5 (h) v to read: Passenger seating **shall** be installed with a distance from the back of one row to the back of the row in front of at least 810 mm on the road side and at least 760 mm on the curb side;

Question 9.

3.5o)ii) The rear luggage compartment shall have interior dimensions of at least 1,955mm high, 1,371 mm deep and 2,280 mm wide.

We would like to reduce the interior length of luggage compartment and increase the depth using drop floor luggage to allow for more interior passenger room for seat spacing. A drop floor luggage compartment increases the luggage capacity below the chassis main frame rails allowing a shorter compartment to carry more luggage and increasing the useable interior passenger area space for seat spacing. This feature also enhances access into the rear luggage compartment as the floor of the luggage compartment is now 15” closer to the ground. This increases luggage capacity after the compartment drops below the main frame rails. The luggage floor drops an additional 15” the full width of the compartment to the full interior height of the passenger compartment once it drops below the chassis main frame rails.

Please accept:

3.5o)ii) The rear luggage compartment if level with main floor shall have interior dimensions of at least 1,955mm high, 1,371 mm deep and 2,280 mm wide or if equipped with a rear drop floor luggage compartment that drops an additional 381 mm below main chassis frame rails.

The rear luggage compartment shall have interior dimensions of at least 1,955mm high, **1,143 mm deep** and 2,280 mm wide with the rear section of luggage compartment dropping an additional 381mm for a total height in the lowered rear luggage section of **2,336 mm**

Answer.

This is acceptable.

Amend Annex B paragraph 3.5 (o) ii to read: The rear luggage compartment *shall* have inside dimensions of at least 1,955 mm high, 1,371 deep and 2,280 mm wide. If a rear drop floor luggage compartment is provided, the rear luggage compartment *shall* have inside dimensions of at least 1,955 mm high, 1,143 mm deep and 2,280 mm wide;

Question 10.

Over Hall height: the Blue Bird TX4 front engine have an over hall height of: 124.5 inch / 3,163 mm. You ask for 120 inch / 3,050 mm (3.4.3 (D))
Could you accept this height (124.5 inch / 3,163mm?)

Answer.

This is acceptable.

See response to question 3.

Question 11.

Manuel door: could you accept an electric control entrance door? (3.5.(D) I)

Answer.

See response to Question 5

Question 12.

Delivery date: since you revised the closing date of the bid we will not be able to start the delivery on March 16. Could you send us a new schedule for delivery?

Answer.

With respect to delivery date what is indicated is because of fiscal year end and it is not mandatory or evaluated, so you indicate the best delivery date available.

Question 13.

3.11 **Wheels and Tires**

- (d) The vehicle *shall* be provided with polished aluminum wheels;
(h) The vehicle *shall* be provided with a spare wheel and tire assembly for the front axle.

Question:

- 3.11d) Are all (6) wheels to be aluminum or only Aluminum on the outer assemblies making it
(4) Polished Aluminum wheels and (2) Steel Wheels

Answer.

All wheels shall be polished aluminum wheels. No steel wheels required.

No need for a paragraph amendment.

Question 14.

Current bid requests:

3.11 **Wheels and Tires**

- (h) The vehicle *shall* be provided with a spare wheel and tire assembly for the front axle.

3.11h) Is the Spare Rim and Tire to have an Aluminum or Steel wheel

Answer.

Amend Annex B paragraph 3.11 (h) to read: The vehicle *shall* be provided with a spare polished aluminum wheel and tire assembly for the front axle.

Question 15. 3.15 **Lighting**

- (a) The vehicle shall be provided with the manufacturer's lighting package, including integrated LED body lighting
- what LED lighting are you wanting included in the solicitation?

Answer.

Amend Annex B paragraph 3.15 (a) to read: All vehicle lights, interior and exterior, except the headlights, *shall* be LED;

Question 16.

Item 3.8.1a) asks for a limited slip differential axle on the rear driven axle. Chassis Manufacturer does not offer a limited slip rear differential but they do offer a Full Time No-Spin rear differential option upgrade. Will you accept this upgrade.

A16:

This is acceptable

Amend Annex B paragraph 3.8.1(a) to read: The vehicle ***shall*** be provided with a limited slip differential or a full time no-spin differential on the driven axle.

At Annex B paragraph 1.1 Scope;

Amend Annex B paragraph 1.1 Scope to read; This purchase description describes the requirements for a minimum 40 passenger bus, based on a flat nose commuter bus chassis, diesel engine driven, 4x2, w/dual wheels, under-body luggage storage compartments and rear storage. The bus will be used to transport up to 40-adult passengers with luggage for distances up to 300-miles.

ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS REMAIN THE SAME