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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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Title - Sujet Wheelchair Accessible Van	
Solicitation No. - N° de l'invitation W8476-175556/A	Amendment No. - N° modif. 006
Client Reference No. - N° de référence du client W8476-175556	Date 2017-01-30
GETS Reference No. - N° de référence de SEAG PW-\$\$HP-916-71918	
File No. - N° de dossier hp916.W8476-175556	CCC No./N° CCC - FMS No./N° VME
Solicitation Closes - L'invitation prend fin at - à 02:00 PM on - le 2017-02-15	Time Zone Fuseau horaire Eastern Standard Time EST
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Address Enquiries to: - Adresser toutes questions à: Paravan, Tony	Buyer Id - Id de l'acheteur hp916
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This Solicitation Amendment is raised to provide a response to Bidder's questions as follows:

Q2. In Section 3.2 where alternatives are described, can you advise how the technical requirements associated with full crash testing will be determined? Will you allow vehicles that are exempt from full crash testing be eligible for this Solicitation?

A2. Ref 3.2 Substitute and Alternatives, Part 3 of the Solicitation

Bidders may propose substitutes and alternatives where "**or equivalent**" is indicated in the technical requirement description (Purchase Description/Statement of Requirement/Statement of Work). Safe operating conditions are as defined in the documents listed in paragraph 2 of the purchase description.

Q3. Can the Crown please elaborate on the requirements for full CMVSS crash test data and how results are determined? Are conversions subject less stringent used car CMVSS rules?

A3. Testing of new and converted vehicles is as defined in the documents listed in paragraph 2 of the purchase description.

Q4. Will the Crown give weighted credit towards vehicles that meet all CMVSS compliance standards with exemptions? Converted vehicles are treated as used under CMVSS and crash testing is not required of the converted vehicle as I understand it. If I am wrong please advise where I am wrong and reading the rules incorrectly. You can't be new and not be fully crash tested. That's how I understand and how I read the rules. Please clarify.

A4. New vehicles are subjected to the CMVSS document as stated in paragraph 2.1.1.a of the purchase description. The wheelchair accessible minivan must meet the requirements of the document in paragraph 2.1.1.b of the purchase description.

Q5. In terms of Part 4, what is the weighting for the various elements of the bid solicitation? It appears in 4.2 that the overriding criteria is price and not safety/quality/compliance and full crash testing without exemptions... is this correct?

A5. Safety standards are as mandated by the references in paragraph 2.1.1 of the Purchase Description. Within the technical evaluation, there are no weightings given to the various elements.

Q6. Purchase Description, page 5 of 9 has section 3.4 as one criteria and a lower standard in 3.5. In fact conversion features implies a bias in favour of conversions rather than the safer OEMs? Why?

A6. Paragraph 3.4 defines the minimum features for the vehicle. Paragraph 3.5 defines the items that must be included in the converted vehicle by the convertor. There is no bias as there is no connection.

Q7. Rotating driver's seat. Is this to be an external transfer or interior transfer seat? Note: No provision for hand controls has been specified.

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A7. The seat must be removed from the outside of the vehicle. The seat will only be used by an ambulatory person therefore there is not a requirement to consider whether the seat should be for an internal or external transfer. Hand controls are not required.

Q8. Removable front seats. Passenger removable front seat installed on delivery. Is driver seat to be transfer and also removable.

A8. Yes.

Q9. Are the Wheelchair Accessible Minivans to be purchased by the Crown to be new?

A9. Yes.

Q10. Insofar as Part 5 is concerned, why doesn't the Crown require certifications around full crash testing of vehicles? Is product conformance related to safety?

A10. The Crown requires vehicles to conform to the requirements of the two documents referred to in paragraph 2.1.1 the Purchase Description.

Q11. Who will be our direct liaison on delivery?

A11. Each delivery location will have a direct liaison person (contact) for delivery of the vehicles.

Q12. With respect to CMVSS guidelines, will new or used car guidelines apply?

A12. CMVSS guidelines for new vehicles will apply as modified by the Standard for Motor Vehicles for the Transportation of Persons with Physical Disabilities

Q13. How are the two wheelchair positions determined?

A13. Paragraph 3.5.1 of the Purchase Description shows the positions of the two wheelchair positions.

Q14. Ref: Purchase Description para 3.4.1b, refers to an airbag for among other things the front passenger seat area where the seat is removed. However, I understand that the rules regarding this which date back to 1998 require the airbag to be inoperative. Can you clarify this point please?

A14. Paragraph 3.4.1b refers to the OEM vehicle and hence to the provisions of the CMVSS regulations.

Q15. The specification for the Side Entry Vans stipulate that it must be a Conversion which necessitates significant structural modifications to the OEM vehicle (which will almost certainly be of uni-body architecture). Is the vehicle required to meet all CMVSS Safety Standards and Crash Tests without exemption the Standard for Motor Vehicles for the Transportation of Persons with physical Disabilities? What Certifications are required from the Conversion Supplier that are different from those of the original OEM Manufacturer?

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A15. The OEM vehicle must meet the provisions of the CMVSS regulations. Post-conversion vehicle must meet the provisions of the Standard for Motor Vehicles for the Transportation of Persons with physical Disabilities.

Q16. Section 3.5.1.j of ECC 140166 provides a configuration sketch. Wheelchairs are provided in a wide variety of sizes and configurations to meet the requirements of their users. This sketch is not to scale and provides no dimensions. What are the required interior dimensions and what are the dimensions of the two required "wheelchair boxes"?

A16. The boxes only represent positions for wheelchairs. Hence, no dimensions are defined. D409-02 defines the allocated space requirement for wheelchairs.

Q17. Do the vehicles need to be delivered on or before the May 24, 2017 delivery date?

A17. The May 24th 2017 requested delivery date is only a desirable date.

Q18. You have said an equivalency is acceptable how will equivalency be evaluated? Do you have a definition?

A18. Paragraph 1.2.6 refers to standards and stipulates that when equivalent is offered, this equivalent standard must be provided upon request to the technical authority. The technical authority will evaluate the equivalence.

Q19. No GVWR or Payload specifications are provided. What is the Payload Requirement (ECC 140166)? The vehicle is required to carry 6 passengers and 2 wheelchairs. What weight specifications for each position are used?

A19. The payload of the post-conversion vehicle is defined by the GVWR of the OEM vehicle minus the curb weight of the post-conversion vehicle.

Q20. Regarding 4.1.1 and 4.1.2 of the Purchase Description, is a bidder "non-responsive" if this after sales support requirement cannot be met?

A20. Yes