

TYPE 4 VEHICLE

RESPONSE TO REQUESTS FOR EQUALS-EXCEPTIONS PART B

This document contains requests from vendors for approval of equals or exceptions to the specifications for the bus bid under the current bid ITB-TVT-2010-01. Due to technical difficulties, these requests were not able to be posted at the same time as the others.

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Section: D.4.22

Specific Transit Agency applicable to: Entry Steps

Question/Clarification or Approved Equal:

As a point of clarification, our entry door frame and paratransit door frame are constructed of 12-gauge, 304-grade stainless steel. This structure shall be powder coated using the five (5) step Interpon PZ770 process, in bright white to match vehicle exterior base color. Our stepwell is constructed of formed and weld fabricated using minimum 14-gauge, 304 grade stainless steel powder coated using the five (5) step Interpon PZ770 process in a two-step design.

Coordinated Bid Response

Noted as a point of clarification-- assume that these specs for the entry door will be shown by the vendor as within specifications since no request for approval of an exception was made herein; however, it may be that the vendor has previously received approval for exceptions touching these specifications in a previous request—vendor/s would be aware of this via the website.

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Section: D.4.24.8

Specific Transit Agency applicable to: Passenger Windows

Question/Clarification or Approved Equal:

We request approval to provide our Passenger side windows of 41" tall x 29.5" wide, top T-slider ventilating style or 41" tall x 19" wide non-ventilating type as required by the floor plan design. The upper t-slider portion offers 7-1/2" X 13" ventilator window.



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Approved.

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Section: D.4.26

Specific Transit Agency applicable to: Insulation

Question/Clarification or Approved Equal:

We request approval to provide the sides, roof, front and rear crowns to be insulated by dead air cells of the body assembly composite. The center composite layer of the body structure consists of a 1" thick resin-hardened craft honeycomb material laid on edge to allow maximum column strength of each cell. This insulation shall provide a R-6 thermo-barrier and sound absorption. Insulation complies with all Federal requirements and shall pass the testing requirement specified in the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Recommended Fire Safety Practices for Transit Bus and Van Materials Selection.

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Approved as long as the quality, duration, and functional intent of the original specifications are met.

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Section: D.4.27

Specific Transit Agency applicable to: Paint

Question/Clarification or Approved Equal:

We request approval to provide the standard chassis cab to be painted in the OEM bright white finish from the chassis manufacturer, and that the exterior body surface shall be a minimum .020" thickness of high-gloss bright white gel coat matching the OEM cab. This exterior surface provides a bright white, highly durable color designed to prevent moisture penetration and corrosion.

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Approved as long as the quality and durability, along with appearance of the original specifications for bus box exterior meet specifications.

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Specific Transit Agency applicable to: Undercoating

Question/Clarification or Approved Equal:

We request approval to provide Tectyl® 121 commercial corrosion preventative compound undercoating equal to that specified

Coordinated Bid Response

Approved as it meets specifications (and would actually require no approval when specifications are met—we do not, in any case, approve by brand names but state the equal of a given brand for the purposes of establishing a level of quality, durability, functionality, or (as it applies) appearance.

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Section: D.4.30.1

Specific Transit Agency applicable to: Air Conditioning

Question/Clarification or Approved Equal:

Specifications are requiring an 80,000 BTU passenger air conditioning system EQUAL TO AC Industries AC 442. The AC 442 tie-in system produces 50,000 BTU whereas the 442 Max system produces 60,000 BTU, neither of which would be adequate for this size vehicle. We would recommend the American Cooling Technology ACT 90 MAX system producing 100,000 BTU.

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Approved as to the BTU performance which exceeds the 80,000 BTU requirements and remind all Vendors we are approving specifications and not brands.

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Specific Transit Agency applicable to: Heating

Question/Clarification or Approved Equal:

We request approval to provide a passenger compartment heating system consisting of two (2) Pro-Air 465 65,000 btu floor heaters and in integral 60,000 btu heat strip incorporated in to the rear AC evaporator. This system would also provide a heat circulation (booster) pump to maximum fluid flow to maximize heat output.

Coordinated Bid Response

The original requirement was that the heat in rear be provided by over the rear window heating.

However, we will approve this request only under the following conditions:

- 1. It is not practical to install rear heating above the rear windows fully integrated into the air conditioning system in this application or other comparable applications (see other vendors) and this generally means it would be too costly to follow the specification design and (not or) it would cost too much and would not deliver the required BTU's;***
- 2. The floor installations cannot cause the least discomfort to any passenger (this is the primary reason why floor heaters were not specified); and***
- 3. The rear floor heaters must be high quality and durability equal to the overall quality of aftermarket heating and AC installations in the passenger area of the bus or buses.***

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