

TYPE 4A VEHICLE

AMENDED

RESPONSE TO REQUESTS FOR EQUALS-EXCEPTIONS

This document contains requests from vendors for approval of equals or exceptions to the specifications for the bus bid under prior bid ITB-TVT-2009-02. These responses are applicable to the current bid ITB-TVT-2010-01.

This document also 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. These requests are noted with a 2010 date.

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Offeror: Intermountain Coach Leasing, Inc.

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Specific Transit Agency applicable to: Pricing

Question/Clarification or Approved Equal:

Please clarify how to price this specification. There are many options and features listed for NICE only and deleted options for NICE from the base bid. I would suggest a price for the base bid and a separate price for the NICE bus.

Coordinated Bid Response

TVT believes that this was the intention of the bid coordinator to provide a separate bid for the NICE Bus under 4A. This will be the way to proceed.

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Specific Transit Agency applicable to: Air Suspension

Question/Clarification or Approved Equal:

Please accept the LINKS air suspension system. This system provides an air bag system for the rear only. This is the only air suspension system available for the Chevrolet 5500.

Coordinated Bid Response

This approval is related to the Chevrolet chassis only—other applications may meet the specifications and provide another air suspension system.

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Specific Transit Agency applicable to: MorRyde System

Question/Clarification or Approved Equal:

The previous specification calls for an air ride system. The MorRyde is not compatible with the MorRyde on the rear. I would recommend the LINKS air ride system on the rear and standard springs on the front. Please delete the MorRyde requirement in this specification.

Coordinated Bid Response

This approval is related to the Chevrolet chassis only—other applications may meet the specifications and provide another air suspension system.

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Specific Transit Agency applicable to: Driver's Seat

Question/Clarification or Approved Equal:

Please accept the Freedman Evolution and the LoCam air suspension base as an approved equal to the National driver's seat.

Coordinated Bid Response

Approved only on the basis that the Freedman Evolution or equal meets all the requirements of quality, durability, safety and functionality of the National or equal driver's seat.

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Section: D4A.21.11

Specific Transit Agency applicable to: Rear Door

Question/Clarification or Approved Equal:

There is no ADA requirement for a rear door. Please accept the 32" wide and 52" high rear door for this specification.

***Coordinated Bid Response
Approved.***

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Specific Transit Agency applicable to: OEM Radio

Question/Clarification or Approved Equal:

Please accept a high quality (Jensen Digital) radio in lieu of the Chevrolet OEM radio. The Jensen radio has additional features over the OEM radio.

Coordinated Bid Response

Approved - remember that it requires an input jack.

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Section: D4A.24.11

Specific Transit Agency applicable to: Windows

Question/Clarification or Approved Equal:

Please clarify when type of windows are required for this specification. I don't understand what is meant by "commuter type bus" windows.

Coordinated Bid Response

The bus is being used in a commuter or over-the-road application, therefore regular transit windows do not meet the requirement, please use the windows that are standard for intercity or commuter applications.

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Specific Transit Agency applicable to: Overhead Console

Question/Clarification or Approved Equal:

An overhead console is not available on the Chevrolet 5500 body. Please accept the switch mounted in the dash. This location will eliminate any interference to the driver's vision.

Coordinated Bid Response

The requirement for the overhead consul was one specific to NICE and therefore the switch mounted in the dash is acceptable for this application.

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Section: D.4A.6.2

Specific Transit Agency applicable to: GVWR

Question/Clarification or Approved Equal:

Chevrolet no long produces the 5500 chassis with a GVWR rating of 26,000 lbs. Please accept the 22,000 GVWR. Enclosed on a separate email the weight analysis worksheet. The 22,000 GVWR will accept the capacity as required with an excess of 1,148 lbs. The only chassis Chevrolet chassis available is the 22,000 GVWR . Without this approved equal we will not be able to bid this specification.

Coordinated Bid Response

Denied. The specification states a GVWR of 26,000 and the transit agency does not accept any exceptions.

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Specific Transit Agency applicable to: Suspension

Question/Clarification or Approved Equal:

Please accept the Rear Suspension to be OEM Chevrolet Air ride system with the front suspension to be MorRyde. There is no front air suspension available on the market for a front air suspension.

Coordinated Bid Response

Approved as long as the rear air meets or exceeds 26,000 GVWR standard

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Specific Transit Agency applicable to: Wheels/Rims

Question/Clarification or Approved Equal:

Clarification: The wheel size available on the Chevrolet 5500 is 19.5"

Coordinated Bid Response

The transit agency requires the tire size to meet the 26,000 GVWR standard.

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Specific Transit Agency applicable to: Seating Capacity

Question/Clarification or Approved Equal:

On the first page of the specifications it implies that the NICE bid is to have 32 seats. I see no changes in the seating section to change the capacity from 28 to 32 or if wheelchair position remain at 4. Please clarify the capacity of seated passengers and number of wheelchair positions for the NICE bid.

Coordinated Bid Response

Please see Bid Amendment 1.13

Section D.4A.19.1 SPECIFIC TO NICE " is amended to read:

SPECIFIC TO NICE AND CITYLINK "PASSENGER SEATS Standard Seating shall be 28 ambulatory seated with Two (2) fold-away seats, accommodating up to two (2) wheel chair positions."

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Specific Transit Agency applicable to: Window Configuration

Question/Clarification or Approved Equal:

The term "intercity-commuter" windows is unclear to me. The windows available are either solid pane windows or windows with upper T-Slide openings. Please clarify which window is acceptable

Coordinated Bid Response

The T-slide heavy duty windows are approved.

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Specific Transit Agency applicable to: In Line Fuel Coolant Heater

Question/Clarification or Approved Equal:

The Espar heaters available for buses are Model: Hydronic 10 or Hydronic 24. Please clarify which these heaters are acceptable. Please also accept the WEBASTO TSL17 heater as acceptable equal to the Espar. Most of the bus industry uses the WEBASTO heater rather than the Espar heaters.

Coordinated Bid Response

The Hydronic 10 is approved. The WEBASTO will only be accepted if an active repair dealer is within 50 miles of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

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Specific Transit Agency applicable to: Ground to 1st Step Height

Question/Clarification or Approved Equal:

Please accept the ground to first step height to be 12" (spec calls for 10.5").

Coordinated Bid Response
Approved.

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Specific Transit Agency applicable to: Type IV Ten Year Altoona Test

Question/Clarification or Approved Equal:

This class bus is typically considered a 7-year/200,000 mile class bus. As such, we request approval to provide a 7-year/200,000 mile Altoona Test Report.

Coordinated Bid Response

We do not find any reference to a ten-year Altoona test in the current bid document. ITB-TVT-2010-01 Section 3.4.2 states "The Altoona Testing Documents for the specific model and specifications of the buses being bid must be enclosed with the Bid submittal."

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Specific Transit Agency applicable to: 180 Day Delivery

Question/Clarification or Approved Equal:

We request approval to provide delivery within 90 days after receipt of chassis by final stage manufacturer. Given the state that the chassis manufacturers are in (Ford, Chevrolet, and International), production has been ceased or cutback for several of the plants and we cannot guarantee timely arrival of the chassis' from the respective chassis manufacturer. For example, we were shorted on our allocation of 2009 and 2010 chassis by all three (3) manufacturers this past year. Chevrolet just announced the deadline of 06-18-2010 for ordering the G-series chassis. Chassis production and availability is beyond the control of the final stage manufacturer.

Coordinated Bid Response

Approved for Type 4A vehicle only. See Bid Amendment 1.4 applicable to the Type 4A bus only.

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Specific Transit Agency applicable to: Service & Parts, Training

Question/Clarification or Approved Equal:

We request approval to provide wheelchair lift or ramp manuals, VHS video, or DVD format as available from the respective lift/ramp manufacturer.

Coordinated Bid Response
Approved.

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Specific Transit Agency applicable to: Floorplan

Question/Clarification or Approved Equal:

Pursuant to specifications, please find attached our proposed floorplan for model D.4.A.

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Denied. Please see Bid Amendment 1.13

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