

## **TYPE 7 VEHICLE**

### **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 ITB-TVT-2010-01.

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Specific Transit Agency applicable to: Entire Specification

Question/Clarification or Approved Equal:

Being that Section D.7 specifications are basically the same specification as Section D.4. with the exception to changes in the floorplan, we would ask that our D.4. requests for equal/clarification be considered and allowed, as applicable, for Section D.7. specifications as well.

### **Coordinated Bid Response**

***In most cases, the requests for equals and exceptions for the Type 4 vehicle cannot be applied to the Type 7 vehicle.***

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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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Section: 3.4.1

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**

**Denied**

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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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Section: D.4.2.2

Specific Transit Agency applicable to: 6.6L Duramax Diesel

Question/Clarification or Approved Equal:

Chevrolet has discontinued the Chevrolet 4500/5500 series chassis, which was the class chassis for this type IV vehicle. We request approval to provide the International 3200 series chassis with the 6.4L Maxxforce diesel engine.

### **Coordinated Bid Response**

***Refer to Bid Amendment # 1.43 for an addition to the specifications for the Type 7 Vehicle as follows:***

**Section D.7.2.1 is amended with the addition of the following specification:  
The agency requires 300 horsepower engine.**

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Specific Transit Agency applicable to: Penntex Alternator

Question/Clarification or Approved Equal:

We request approval to provide the Leece-Neville model 4949PA 12 Volt 270 Amp capacity alternator in lieu of a Penntex. This is the OEM alternator offered on the International 3200 chassis.

### **Coordinated Bid Response**

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Section: D.4.5.3

Specific Transit Agency applicable to: Exhaust System

Question/Clarification or Approved Equal:

We request approval to provide the International 3200 OEM exhaust system as provided by the chassis manufacturer. We are precluded from modifying this OEM exhaust system.

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Section: D.4.6.2

Specific Transit Agency applicable to: Rear Axle & Final Drive

Question/Clarification or Approved Equal:

We request exception to the requirement for rear helper springs, which is not an available feature for the International 3200 chassis. We would propose to furnish the OEM rear air suspension with dual leveling valves that would compensate for the additional weight of the lift.

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Section: D.4.6.6

Specific Transit Agency applicable to: Mor/Ride Suspension

Question/Clarification or Approved Equal:

We request approval to provide the International 3200 series chassis which offers the International Ride Optimized Suspension (IROS) air suspension with a 15,500-lb. capacity.

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Section: D.4.67

Specific Transit Agency applicable to: Rear Axle & Final Drive; Mor/Ryde Feature

Question/Clarification or Approved Equal:

We request exception to the requirement for rear Mor/Ryde suspension, which is not an available feature for the International 3200 chassis. We would propose to furnish the OEM rear air suspension with dual leveling valves that would compensate for the additional weight of the lift, exceeding your specification.

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Section: D.4.6.8

Specific Transit Agency applicable to: Rear Stabilizer Bar

Question/Clarification or Approved Equal:

We request exception to this requirement as a stabilizer bar is not available on the International 3200 medium/heavy duty chassis. Since the rear suspension is an air suspension, we would ask for approval to provide dual leveling valves in lieu of a stabilizer bar.

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Specific Transit Agency applicable to: Coil Spring

Question/Clarification or Approved Equal:

We request approval to provide the International 3200 Parabolic taper Leaf spring suspension with 8,000-lb Capacity

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Specific Transit Agency applicable to: Front Stabilizer Bar

Question/Clarification or Approved Equal:

We request exception to the requirement for a front stabilizer bar, which is not an available feature on the International 3200 series chassis.

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Section: D.4.11.2

Specific Transit Agency applicable to: Emergency Brake

Question/Clarification or Approved Equal:

We request approval to provide the International 3200 parking brake which is a Bosch DSSA drum Type; 12" x 3", Spring Actuated; For the Hydraulic Brake Chassis With Air Source; parking brake is activated by Parking Brake Knob on instrument panel; differential mounted.

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Section: D.4.11.7

Specific Transit Agency applicable to: Hydro Boost Brakes

Question/Clarification or Approved Equal:

We request approval to provide the International 3200 braking system which provides full power braking with accumulator, "Quadraulic", with four (4) 70mm Diameter Pistons exceeding your specification.

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Section: D.4.12.1

Specific Transit Agency applicable to: Wheels

Question/Clarification or Approved Equal:

We request approval to provide the International 3200 wheels consisting of disc, 19.5"; Painted Steel, 4 Hand Hole, 8-Stud (275 MM BC) Hub Piloted, Flanged Nut, Metric Mount, 6.75 DC Rims; With Steel Hubs.

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Section: D.4.13.3

Specific Transit Agency applicable to: Spare Tire & Wheel

Question/Clarification or Approved Equal:

We request exception to the requirement to mount the spare tire under the bus, as this is not compatible with the International chassis. We propose to ship the spare tire loose in the bus intending it to be stored in the appropriate maintenance facility.

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Specific Transit Agency applicable to: Batteries

Question/Clarification or Approved Equal:

We request approval to provide an Interstate 8-D battery in lieu of Exide.

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Section: D.4.14.22

Specific Transit Agency applicable to: Outside Electrical Connecting Plug

Question/Clarification or Approved Equal:

We request clarification for a rear outside electrical connecting plug. Please clarify what this is intended for.

### **Coordinated Bid Response**

***For D.7.14.20 - Clarification: This is for engine heating in cold climate.***

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Specific Transit Agency applicable to: Fast Idle

Question/Clarification or Approved Equal:

We request approval to provide a fast (high) idle system integral to the required ADA interlock that will monitor the amperage draw when the vehicle is in Park and the emergency brake set. When there is a negative discharge the idle will rise to create a positive discharge.

### **Coordinated Bid Response**

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Section: D.4.15.5

Specific Transit Agency applicable to: OEM AM/FM/CD Player

Question/Clarification or Approved Equal:

We request approval to provide an REI AM/FM/CD stereo system with four (4) speakers. International does not show the 3200 having an available option for a stereo system.

### **Coordinated Bid Response**

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Specific Transit Agency applicable to: Body Structure

Question/Clarification or Approved Equal:

We request approval to provide the EIDorado National Aero Elite steel reinforced composite body structure medium duty bus that has the distinction of being the only vehicle in its class to have undergone actual crash testing. Wall structure shall include a minimum of two (2) 1.50" wide longitudinal sections of 18-gauge flat steel extending from the forward body seam to the rearward body seam to provide an additional attachment point for the integrally welded sidewall seat rail. Roof structure to be of single piece design and include a minimum of 5 longitudinal sections of 18-gauge flat steel extending from the forward body seam to the rearward body seam. All flat steel sections shall be fully integrated into the roof matrix and shall provide additional structural integrity and a secure attachment surface for ceiling panels, handrails and stanchion fixtures. Window framing in sidewall shall be a heavy gauge steel ladder-type assembly. Window pillars shall be minimum 1.5" x 1" 14-gauge dipped, zinc-plated tube. Top and lower horizontal ladder bridge rails shall be minimum 1" x 2" 12-gauge zinc-plated angle section. Attachment of ladder assembly to roof and lower wall section shall be grade 5, #10 x .75" mechanical fasteners on not more than 8" center. In addition, interface of wall and roof to window ladder assembly surfaces shall include a high contact adhesive, Sikaflex 521 to provide a 100% bonding and sealing at these locations.

### **Coordinated Bid Response**

***This is not applicable to the Type 7 specifications. For example, the Type 7 vehicle shall be 30,000 GVWR with 100-gallon fuel tank capacity.***

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Specific Transit Agency applicable to: Body Structure

Question/Clarification or Approved Equal:

We request approval to provide the Eldorado National Aero Elite steel reinforced composite body structure medium duty bus that has the distinction of being the only vehicle in its class to have undergone actual crash testing. The sidewalls, rear crown wall, roof, and front roof crown shall be interlocked by resin saturated fiberglass matting and wood members, forming a unibody design without exposed fasteners or protruding moldings. Body assembly shall meet or exceed FMVSS 220 and FMVSS 221 requirements. All body panel assemblies shall be Body Armor™ and shall consist of a matrix of fiberglass reinforced plastic with an inner core combination of both polypropylene honeycomb and resin-hardened craft honeycomb materials. The order of matrix assembly shall be as follows: Exterior surface shall be a minimum .020" thickness of high-gloss gel coat to prevent moisture penetration and corrosion. Secondary surface shall have a minimum .125" thickness of resin-hardened fiberglass reinforced plastic. The center composite layer shall consist of a 1" thick resin-hardened craft honeycomb material laid on edge to allow maximum column strength of each cell. Wall structure shall include a minimum of two (2) 1.50" wide longitudinal sections of 18-gauge flat steel extending from the forward body seam to the rearward body seam to provide an additional attachment point for the integrally welded sidewall seat rail. Roof structure to be of single piece design and include a minimum of 5 longitudinal, sections of 18-gauge flat steel extending from the forward body seam to the rearward body seam. All flat steel sections shall be fully integrated into the roof matrix and shall provide additional structural integrity and a secure attachment surface for ceiling panels, handrails and stanchion fixtures. Window framing in sidewall shall be a heavy gauge steel ladder-type assembly. Window pillars shall be minimum 1.5" x 1" 14-gauge dipped, zinc-plated tube. Top and lower horizontal ladder bridge rails shall be minimum 1" x 2" 12-gauge zinc-plated angle section. Attachment of ladder assembly to roof and lower wall section shall be grade 5, #10 x .75" mechanical fasteners on not more than 8" center. In addition, interface of wall and roof to window ladder assembly surfaces shall include a high contact adhesive, Sikaflex 521 to provide a 100% bonding and sealing at these locations.

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Specific Transit Agency applicable to: Steel Cage

Question/Clarification or Approved Equal:

We request approval to provide the EIDorado National Aero Elite steel reinforced composite body structure medium duty bus, equal to and exceeding your specifications. Our body structure meets and exceeds FMVSS 220 and has actually undergone crash testing, to which a copy will be provided with our proposal

### **Coordinated Bid Response**

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Section: D.4.18.21

Specific Transit Agency applicable to: Stepwell

Question/Clarification or Approved Equal:

We request approval to provide the EIDorado National Aero Elite stainless steel stepwell which offers the following dimensions:

Entry steps shall provide the following maximum dimensions:

- Ground to first – 11.5"
- Step risers – 8.5"
- Step tread depth – 10"

### **Coordinated Bid Response**

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Section: D.4.19.7k

Specific Transit Agency applicable to: Floorplan

Question/Clarification or Approved Equal:

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

### **Coordinated Bid Response**

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Section: D.4.42.1

Specific Transit Agency applicable to: Painting

Question/Clarification or Approved Equal:

Please refer to our previous request for Section D.4.27 page 20 requesting approval for the OEM chassis cab paint and gelcoat impregnated body paint.

### **Coordinated Bid Response**

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Specific Transit Agency applicable to: Manuals

Question/Clarification or Approved Equal:

We request approval to provide wheelchair lift operation and maintenance manuals as available from the respective manufacturer

**Coordinated Bid Response**  
**For D.7.43 Approved.**

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Specific Transit Agency applicable to: Stabilizer Bar

Question/Clarification or Approved Equal:

Please refer to our previous request for page 4, section D.4.6.8. and page 6, section D.4.10.7 requesting exception to this requirement as it is not an available feature from International.

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Specific Transit Agency applicable to: AM/FM/CD Radio

Question/Clarification or Approved Equal:

We request approval to provide a Jensen AM/FM/CD radio with four (4) speaker system. An OEM AM/FM/CD radio is not available on the International 3200 chassis.

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