

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
 BUREAU OF PURCHASE AND PROPERTY
 STATE HOUSE ANNEX
 25 CAPITOL STREET
 CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03301-6398

ADDENDUM #1 TO BID INVITATION #1821-16

DATE OF BID OPENING: 10/16/15 TIME OF BID OPENING: 11:00 AM

FOR: VEHICLES – ACCESSIBLE PARATRANSIT

CLARIFY THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: Please note the following clarifications:

DATE OF BID OPENING:
 PRESENTLY READS: 10/16/15
 AMEND TO READ: 10/22/15

NHDOT RESPONSE

October 10, 2015

The following page and sections refer to the Vehicle Specifications section.

Page	Section	Question	Answer
9-BP	DELIVERY	Request: Please accept manufacturer's standard delivery of 90-120 days after receipt of chassis	No The chassis availability should be affirmed in advance if need be
4	2.1	Request: Please accept that vehicle will not meet docket 90-A and it is not required to by law. Vehicle will meet FMVSS 302 flammability of interior materials.	NO FTA recommends Docket 90-A
5	3.0	For the Class 1 vehicle, on the front lift floor plan, a narrower entry door is required in order to fit the wheelchair lift between the entry door and the rear wheels. Therefore, please accept an entry door with a 26" clear opening in lieu of 30".	YES
5	3.0	(bidder) asks that the NH DOT accept an exterior body width of 80" (+ 1") and a chassis GVWR of 10,050 minimum.	NO Concerns with single rear-wheel chassis given passenger loads
5	3.0	(bidder) asks that the NH DOT accept a maximum exterior body width of 93"	YES
7	4.23	In lieu of stainless steel, please accept aluminized steel for the exhaust, which is the same steel as used by Ford on the OEM system.	NO Consensus is that stainless steel prevents corrosion better
8	4.24	Request: Please accept remote controlled exterior mirrors that have turn signals on the outside of the mirror housing.	NO Such mirrors are easily damaged and not as visible
9	4.25.1	Request: Please accept manufacturer's standard wiring and schematics that involves the use of butt connectors.	NO Problems have been experienced with butt connectors
9	4.25.3	Please accept that the OEM headlights and turn signals on the chassis are not LED.	YES

9	4.25.3	Request: Please accept that lights will not be terminated with Weatherpack connectors and will not be specially coated to protect from chemical and abrasion degradation. Interior lights will be in a padded vinyl transition pad and protected from any chemicals and the elements.	NO Exposure concerns, including corrosion
9	4.25.3 G	Request: Please accept manufacturer's standard raised floor design that has an extra step(s) in line with rest of step well. This area will be adequately lighted by ADA stepwell LED lights and will not require additional led strip lights.	YES
10	4.25.5	(bidder) asks that the NH DOT accept stainless steel bearing slides on battery tray.	NO Operators have expressed need for improved slides, and specified Teflon.
13	4.31.2	Request: Please accept that manufacturer will use sheet metal screws, only when applicable.	NO Sheet metal screws were cited as being very problematic
13	4.32 B	Request: Please accept that driver's seat specified on page 15 will require the removal of seat to change seat cover.	NO Ease of cleaning/hygiene makes this necessary (Recaro black vinyl skirt is part #40787507.VV11
14	4.32(i)	(bidder) asks that the NH DOT accept seats that are bolted through the floor in a fixed position. Justification: All dimensional requirements will be met or exceeded. More tracks in the floor reduces the integrity of the plywood, allows for more water penetration because of more seams in the floor, and the track, even with the filler cap, will get dirty. There is also the chance that the seat is not reinstalled properly if removed and put back in or moved to a different location. Bolting through the floor allows for the safest method of seat installation.	YES
15	4.32 (l)	Note: Please note that Recaro no longer manufactures a Recaro SHS driver's seat.	We were advised by Brian Sabo, Sr. Commercial Sales Manager at Recaro, that the SHS seat is available. Please contact Brian at 248-761-4212 if you have any questions.
15	4.32 (l)	Request: Please accept that there will be no OEM seat trim around power ped.	NO Trim is needed
15	4.32 (l)	The last sentence in this section says "Seat material to meet Docket 90-A." Do you mean only the seat covering material, and not the cushions? You stated in the first paragraph of 4.32 that seat cushions need not comply with Docket 90-A. Please clarify.	Only the seat covering material needs to meet Docket 90-A (not the cushion)
16	4.36	This section states that all step risers should have a uniform riser height. But in section 4.25.3.g, you stated that raised floors require an LED strip light in the step riser. This is typically only done when the extra step is a short step (not uniform with the others) and located outside the main stepwell. When building a raised floor, some manufacturers incorporate all the steps into the main stepwell (with uniform risers). On raised floors, will you accept stepwells built either way?	YES
16	4.36	Please accept a first entry step height up to 12" in lieu of 11"	YES (maximum of 12.0")
16	4.36	Request: Please accept manufacturer's standard ground to first step height on 11 1/2" +/- 1"	NO (However, will revise to maximum of 12.0")

16	4.38	<p>For the lower 30" section of the modesty panels, please accept our standard padded vinyl material in lieu of Formica laminate.</p> <p>And</p> <p>Request: Please accept manufacturer's standard modesty panel that is constructed of Lewan and padded gray vinyl.</p>	<p>NO</p> <p>Formica laminate will likely hold up better and is easier to clean</p>
17	4.41	<p>In lieu of spray foam insulation, please accept our standard high-density polystyrene insulation, 1" in walls and 1.5" in ceiling. Spray foam insulation is incompatible with our construction process.</p>	<p>YES</p>
17	4.41	<p>Request: Please accept insulation will not meet docket 90 and is not required to by law. Insulation will meet FMVSS302 flammability of interior materials.</p>	<p>YES</p> <p>Insulation must meet either Docket 90-A or FMVSS 302 standards</p>
17	4.40	<p>(bidder) asks that the NH DOT accept a side window size of 24" x 30" or 24" x 36".</p> <p>Justification: 24" x 30" windows meet all FMVSS. The vertical cage structure is designed for maximum passenger safety and allows for only a 24" wide window. Smaller/Narrower windows allow for more vertical sidewall structure in the vehicle providing more protection for the passengers and a safer vehicle. More vertical steel posts means more steel cage structure. The narrower window provides more safety to the passenger in a side impact as it is more durable and less apt to break and expose passengers to danger or possible ejection. A wider and taller window only means that the sidewall at just above seat level is comprised mostly of glass.</p>	<p>YES</p> <p>24" x 36" windows are acceptable.</p> <p>(24"x30" will NOT be accepted)</p>
20	4.49.a	<p>Please accept that the interior construction of our wheelchair lift doors is made of heavy-gauge aluminum tubing in lieu of stainless steel tubing. Aluminum is used to reduce the weight of the door, thus reducing stress on the hinges and helping to reduced door sag over time. Please accept aluminum tubing in lieu of stainless steel.</p> <p>And</p> <p>Request: Please accept that the lift door will not have a stainless steel frame. Does the State want the structural steel around the door opening to be stainless steel? The frame around the door will be anodized aluminum.</p>	<p>NO</p> <p>Operators have experienced quality issues with recent-model years that have had aluminum doors. To clarify, the "1" tubular steel around the perimeter" must be stainless.</p>
20	4.49	<p>Request: Please accept the lift door latch will be a 3-point pivot type latch and the handles will be on the exterior of the door.</p>	<p>NO</p> <p>Quality and ease-of-use</p>
21	4.51	<p>Since you have requested that the wheelchair securement system comply with WC18, please note that the new Q' Straint model number for this system is the QRT-360 in lieu of the QRT Max 8300-A1.</p> <p>Information about the QRT-360 is attached for reference. The specific QRT-360 kit is the Q-10007.</p>	<p>To clarify, only floor track needs to be WC-18 compliant. Thus, QRT MAX 8300-A1-L is appropriate though not WC-18 compliant. Option for QRT-360 is already in spec should agencies wish to upgrade</p>
22	4.53.a	<p>Please accept a belt cutter from Q' Straint in lieu of Tie Tech.</p>	<p>NO</p> <p>There's a discernable quality difference that could impact safety</p>

22	4.5.3.b	Please note that the Q'Straint Postural Belt is also known as a Torso Pad. They are not separate products, as this bid section seems to imply. Please confirm that supplying three (3) Postural Belts with each bus will satisfy this section's requirement.	YES We will remove extra torso pad from the spec since it is redundant.
22	4.53.c	Please delete the requirement for a storage compartment in the front cap or above the driver's area. The front cap is used for the destination sign described in section 4.54.I, and the area above the driver's door is used for our primary electrical distribution panel. And Request: Please accept that if there is a front destination sign there will not be able to be a storage area for securement equipt. etc in the front bulkhead. if there is a destination sign manufacturer suggests a T-uffy storage box.	YES
22/23	4.54.d	Please provide a drawing or picture(s) of the New Hampshire Transit Logo so we can price this item accurately.	Please see below image
24	4.57	In lieu of an OEM (Ford) radio, please accept an aftermarket radio of similar quality. Our chassis are not stocked with the Ford radio, so it will take longer to procure the chassis if we have to order the radio. Also, if we use an aftermarket radio, we can tie the PA system into it as well.	YES Aftermarket radio and installation must be of similar quality to OEM installed radio.
29	Class 1 Front	On the Class 1 Front Lift, you show the wheelchair position centered between the driver's modesty panel and the street side wheel well, but it will not fit there since you also asked for the L-track to be spaced 54" apart. There are 2 possible solutions: bump the wheelchair position out towards the aisle, or use the standard ADA L-track spacing of 48" from outside edge to outside edge (46" center to center). Please advise.	YES Wheelchair position may be re-located towards the aisle as needed to accommodate the L-Track
31	Class 3, Front	In order to use a 176" wheelbase on this floor plan, please accept a raised floor in order to accommodate the two (2) wheelchair positions with 54" L-track spacing.	YES
49	5.14	Please accept the following definition of the 5-year / 150,000 mile Rust Proofing warranty. "Rust Proofing warranty covers any sheet metal, such as body panels, or metal components, such as steel tubing and cross members, that become perforated due to corrosion during normal use due to a manufacturing defect. It does not cover surface rust or staining." The wording of this definition is very similar to the definition of Ford's corrosion warranty.	YES
49	5.14	Request: Please accept manufacturer's standard warranty for bus body, structure, and add on components.	NO No warranty document provided



NOTE: IN THE EVENT THAT YOUR BID INVITATION HAS BEEN SENT TO THIS OFFICE PRIOR TO RECEIVING THIS ADDENDUM, RETURN ADDENDUM WITHIN THE SPECIFIED TIME WITH ANY CHANGES YOU MAY WISH TO MAKE AND MARK ON THE REMITTANCE ENVELOPE BID INVITATION NUMBER AND OPENING DATE. RETURNED ADDENDA WILL SUPERSEDE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED BID

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