

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of Air, Rail, & Transit – 2016 Rolling Stock Procurement

1.3 Request for Pre-Bid Change/Exception/Approved Equal Form
Medium Duty Buses

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Bidder: Thomas Bus Sales, Inc.

IFB Section: 3.3

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Questions/clarification, exception/deviation or approved equal:]

We request the use of the following ACT-50HD air conditioning system. The passenger area air conditioning system is completely independent of the OEM in-dash A/C system. The passenger area A/C system shall be ACT model ACT-50HD. The total A/C system rating is 70,000 BTU/HR (passenger area A/C and OEM A/C). The rear ceiling mounted evaporator is ACT Model EZ-5. The skirt mounted condenser is ACT Model CS-3, and the engine driven compressor for the passenger area A/C system is a nominal ten (10) cubic inch displacement. The OEM A/C consists of an in-dash evaporator, radiator condenser, and engine driven compressor. The EZ-5 airflow is 1600 cfm. The EZ-5 evaporator is rated at 60,000 BTU and the CS-3 condenser is rated up to 82,000 BTU. This is the system I have previously provided to the State of South Dakota, without complaint.

Request #1

Agency action:

- Approved
- See addendum

- Denied
- See response below

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Bidder: Thomas Bus Sales, Inc.

IFB Section: 3.9

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Questions/clarification, exception/deviation or approved equal:]

Your are requesting R5 insulation, including lift doors. We have two options available for lift doors. The first one has an all stainless steel main frame and dual fiberglass door panels. The R value of the fiberglass panels is 1.5. The second option has an all aluminum main frame with dual R5 insulated door panels. Which option would meet your approval?

Second Option - Aluminium main Frame

Agency action:

Approved
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Denied
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Agency response:

Request # 2

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Bidder: Thomas Bus Sales, Inc.

IFB Section: 3.11 Bumpers

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Questions/clarification, exception/deviation or approved equal:]

I respectfully request you to consider the use of the front OEM bumper from Ford F-550 chassis. Neither Romeo Rim or Transpec offer a help bumper for this chassis.

Agency action:

Approved

Denied

See addendum

See response below

Agency response:

Request # 3

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Bidder: Harlow's Bus Sales, Inc.

IFB Section: 3.11 Bumpers

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Questions/clarification, exception/deviation or approved equal:]

We respectfully request to except the use of a front OEM bumper for the F550 chassis as neither Romeo Rim or Transpec offer a Help bumper for this chassis. There is no problem installing one on the rear.

Agency action: Approved Denied
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Agency response: Request # 4

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Bidder: Harlow's Bus Sales, Inc.

IFB Section: 3.4 Alternator

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Questions/clarification, exception/deviation or approved equal:]

3.4 – Chassis is not available with an OEM 225 amp Alternator. Please accept an aftermarket alternator that will fall under the body manufacturer's warranty.

ALTERNATOR MOTORCRAFT F550/650 FORD OEM 225 AMP

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Agency response:

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Bidder: Harlow's Bus Sales, Inc.

IFB Section: 3.32 Mirrors

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Questions/clarification, exception/deviation or approved equal:]

please accept the Ford OEM, Heated, Remote, mirrors, with turn signals as an equal to this section.

Agency action: Approved Denied
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Bidder: Harlow's Bus Sales, Inc.

IFB Section: 3.54 *Wheels*

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Questions/clarification, exception/deviation or approved equal:]

3.54 – please acknowledge that the color or the wheels from the OEM as gray not white. The only way to get the wheel white would be to paint. Please advise how you would like us to proceed.

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Agency response:

Please Paint Wheel

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Bidder: Harlow's Bus Sales, Inc.

IFB Section: 3.25 Floor

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Questions/clarification, exception/deviation or approved equal: }

please accept 3/4" marine grade ply wood in place of the Space Age Synthetics board model 2661.
We will completely foam and undercoat the underbody of the bus making a virtually watertight barrier between the floor and the road.

Agency action: Approved Denied
 See addendum See response below

Agency response: _____ **Request #** 8