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Invitation For Bid GSA-012-23

10-Passenger ADA-Compliant Vans with 3 Wheelchair Positions Questions and Concerns received from Cars Plus Guam on January 20, 2023

1.) How many hard-copy bids must be submitted? Any flash drives required?

Response: Please refer to page 3 of 72.

"The bid shall be submitted in duplicate and sealed to the issuing office above no later than (Time) 10:00am. Date: 01/30/2023 and shall be publicly opened."

2.) Please clarify what time on Jan. 30th the bid is due. The invitation for Bid page (3 of 72) states 10am on 01/30/23. Page 2 of the Special Provisions (44 of 72) #18 states 3pm on the date designated for bid opening.

Response: Refer to Amendment #1

3.) We urge GSA to choose to accept only a ramp-equipped vehicle and not allow lift-equipped vehicles to be proposed. In the specification, either a lift or a ramp acceptable. However, low-floor vehicles with ramps are inherently more expensive because they go through more of conversion. Therefore, if GSA hopes to receive low-floor ramp vehicles, they must exclude the proposal of a lift.

- a. The prior fleet of GRTA was made up of (11) Arboc low-floor buses and (12) MV-1 Low-Floor minivans. Most recently, we delivered, in conjunction with Monster AutoSpot, (10) high-floor, lift-equipped buses. The trend is to go low-floor and return back to what GRTA has had in the past. Low-floor, ramp-equipped vehicles are better than high-floor vehicles because:
 - i. Significantly safer for rider, operators, and bystanders
 - ii. Far less maintenance with a ramp vs. lift because there are fewer moving parts
 - iii. Loading and unloading are dramatically cut down due to the time it takes to get passengers in and out. Lift cycles can take 3-5 minutes, whereas a ramp takes 30-60 seconds,
 - iv. Fuel savings and emission reduction when going with a ramp-equipped vehicle since the bus is idling for less time and losing less air conditioning from the inside.

Response: Specifications remain as is.

Please Print
Acknowledgement Copy (Re-Fax to GSA)

Received By: _____

Date: _____

Company Name: _____

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