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September 21, 2023

Invitation for Bid
GSA-062-23
Electric School Bus (77 Passengers) Type C (Latest Model)

Questions and Concerns received from Morrico Equipment LLC on September 15, 2023.

- 1. Our Manufacturer supplies a 3 Phase A/C Motor. Will this be acceptable? **Response:** No. Bid specifications remain the same.
- 2. Our Manufacturer supplies a DC <u>ONLY</u> Level 1 Plug. Will this be acceptable? **Response:** No. Bid specifications remain the same.
- Our Manufacturer can supply DC <u>ONLY</u>. Will this be acceptable?
 Response: No. Bid specifications remain the same.
- 4. Our Manufacturer can supply DC <u>ONLY</u>. Will this be acceptable? **Response**: No. Bid specifications remain the same.

Questions and Concerns received from Guam Auto Spot on September 5, 2023.

1. Firstly, the bid specifies a seat dimension of 40 inches. Typically, a school bus accommodating 77 passengers adheres to a seat width of 39 inches, in line with the guidelines established by the National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services (NASDPTS). While the difference in seat size may appear minor, it has piqued our interest, and we are eager to comprehend the reasoning behind this deviation from the widely accepted standard. We believe it is essential to align our procurement process with nationally recognized standards to ensure consistency, compliance, and, most importantly, the safety and comfort of students.

Response: Please refer to Amendment #2.

2. Furthermore, the bid calls for a 13.5 CFM compressor, whereas our existing 10.6 CDFM compressor meets all federal DOT, EPA, and FMVSS requirements. We are intrigued by this deviation from established standards and would appreciate insight into the underlying rationale.

As electric buses are becoming the new standard, many components and standards are evolving for the better. Electrical solutions are replacing air-driven systems, enhancing reliability and diagnostic capabilities. This shift renders the need for a larger 13.5 CFM compressor unnecessary, as fewer components rely in compressed air.

The bid specifications also mention the choice between a manual or air-powered door, while the industry trend is moving towards electric doors for the electric buses. Similarly, the bid outlines AIR drum brakes, yet the standard is swiftly transitioning to AIR Disk brakes, known for superior performance and reduced maintenance.

Response: No. Bid specifications remain the same.

The bid specs call for 13.5 CFM hic also meets DOT, FMVSS, and EPA requirements. And yes electric buses are evolving for the better. Although DPW still requires an air brake compressor of 13.6 CFM as we did with all our previous school buses with air brakes systems. This ensures an adequate air supply is available not only for accessories but mainly for the constant everyday stopand-go traffic on our island, as well as for southern hills and terrain.

Please Note: Follow up/Clarification to the Questions and Concerns responses dated 09/21/2023 must be submitted to the General Services Agency via email to gsaprocurement@gsadoa.guam.gov no later than 5pm, Friday, September 22, 2023.

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*By appointment of Director of the Department of Administration effective July 26, 2023 through September 26, 2023.

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