



# Bid Solicitation Update 8

## Subject: Responses to Additional Inquiries

DATE: August 26, 2015

IFB/RFP: 22945                      BID OPENING DATE | TIME: August 27, 2015                      | 11:00                      AM

GROUP | TITLE: 40523 | BUSES, TRANSIT (Adult Passenger)

### OGS DESIGNATED CONTACTS:

Matthew Jones	CMS 1	518-474-4163	<a href="mailto:SST_auto@ogs.ny.gov">SST_auto@ogs.ny.gov</a>
Wendy Reitzel	CMS 3	518-473-5280	<a href="mailto:SST_auto@ogs.ny.gov">SST_auto@ogs.ny.gov</a>

### SOLICITATION AMENDMENTS:

The above referenced IFB has been amended to include the changes outlined below in the “OGS Responses to Vendor Inquiries” beginning on page two of this document. These amendments have not been reflected in revised IFB documents, but shall be considered to be final terms and conditions and required specifications when submitting a bid, as if fully set forth in the IFB documents. These amendments shall be incorporated in the final Contract(s) resulting from IFB 22945.

**Note: All Bidders must submit the revised Attachment 1: *Specifications and Price Pages* which was posted at <http://www.ogs.ny.gov/purchase/biddocument/22945Bid.asp> on July 29, 2015, and states at the top of each tab “(Revised 07/29/2015).” Pursuant to IFB Section V.2, Bid Format and Content, “Failure to submit the final version of this attachment with the correct revision date as posted on the OGS website and announced via the NYS Contract Reporter, shall result in the bid being deemed non-responsive and in the disqualification of the bid.”**

### OGS RESPONSES TO BIDDER INQUIRIES:

Pursuant to IFB Section I.4, *Inquiries/Designated Contacts*, the Office of General Services (OGS) reserved the right to consider questions received after the official question and answer period ended. OGS has elected to respond to additional inquiries and requests for clarifications that were received after the “OGS Responses to Vendor Inquiries” document was posted at <http://www.ogs.ny.gov/purchase/biddocument/22945Bid.asp> on July 29, 2015, and responses to additional inquiries were posted August 3, 2015, August 10, 2015, and August 19, 2015. OGS responses to these inquiries are included on page two of this memo.

### BIDDER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SOLICITATION UPDATES:

All Bidders must acknowledge receipt and agreement to all IFB amendments by answering “Yes” to question #14 on Attachment 2: *Bid Documents (Electronic)*, Section A: *Bid Submittal Checklist*.

All other terms and conditions of the IFB remain the same.

OGS Responses to Vendor Inquiries (received after 08/19/2015)					
Q#	Solicitation Document	Document Section	Vendor Question	Referenced Clause or Specification	OGS Response
1	Attach 1: Specs & Price Pages; LOT F & G	Part 4: <i>Optional equipment</i>  Hybrid System Propulsion	Can the word "Hydraulic" be added to the type of launch assist?	<p>Hybrid System Propulsion: Add a hybrid propulsion system to the base vehicle. The hybrid system will be installed downstream of the OEM engine and transmission, conserving energy through regenerative braking, and storing that energy in ultracapacitor(s) or battery(s) for an electric assist launch. The hybrid system installation and operation shall not void the OEM chassis warranty. The hybrid system shall provide a minimum 2 year/36,000 mile warranty. Compliant with SAE J2343 and NFPA 52, if applicable.</p> <p>Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i> amendments:  <u>Cell B180 [LOT F], Cell B186 [LOT G]: At the end of the second sentence after "or battery(s) for an" DELETE "electric".</u></p>	Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i> has been revised to include the changes as indicated in the "Referenced Clause or Specification" column (see red and underlined language). These amendments have not been reflected in a revised Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i> , but shall be considered to be final, requiring specifications when submitting a bid, as if fully set forth in Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i> . These amendments shall be incorporated in the final Contract(s) resulting from IFB 22945.



# Bid Solicitation Update 7

## Subject: Responses to Additional Inquiries

DATE: August 19, 2015

IFB/RFP: 22945                      BID OPENING DATE | TIME: August 27, 2015                      | 11:00                      AM

GROUP | TITLE: 40523 | BUSES, TRANSIT (Adult Passenger)

### OGS DESIGNATED CONTACTS:

Matthew Jones	CMS 1	518-474-4163	<a href="mailto:SST_auto@ogs.ny.gov">SST_auto@ogs.ny.gov</a>
Wendy Reitzel	CMS 3	518-473-5280	<a href="mailto:SST_auto@ogs.ny.gov">SST_auto@ogs.ny.gov</a>

### SOLICITATION AMENDMENTS:

The above referenced IFB has been amended to include the changes outlined below in the “OGS Responses to Vendor Inquiries” beginning on page two of this document. These amendments have not been reflected in revised IFB documents, but shall be considered to be final terms and conditions and required specifications when submitting a bid, as if fully set forth in the IFB documents. These amendments shall be incorporated in the final Contract(s) resulting from IFB 22945.

**Note: All Bidders must submit the revised Attachment 1: *Specifications and Price Pages* which was posted at <http://www.ogs.ny.gov/purchase/biddocument/22945Bid.asp> on July 29, 2015, and states at the top of each tab “(Revised 07/29/2015).” Pursuant to IFB Section V.2, Bid Format and Content, “Failure to submit the final version of this attachment with the correct revision date as posted on the OGS website and announced via the NYS Contract Reporter, shall result in the bid being deemed non-responsive and in the disqualification of the bid.”**

### OGS RESPONSES TO BIDDER INQUIRIES:

Pursuant to IFB Section I.4, *Inquiries/Designated Contacts*, the Office of General Services (OGS) reserved the right to consider questions received after the official question and answer period ended. OGS has elected to respond to additional inquiries and requests for clarifications that were received after the “OGS Responses to Vendor Inquiries” document was posted at <http://www.ogs.ny.gov/purchase/biddocument/22945Bid.asp> on July 29, 2015, and responses to additional inquiries were posted August 3, 2015 and August 10, 2015. OGS responses to these inquiries are included on page two of this memo.

### BIDDER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SOLICITATION UPDATES:

All Bidders must acknowledge receipt and agreement to all IFB amendments by answering “Yes” to question #14 on Attachment 2: *Bid Documents (Electronic)*, Section A: *Bid Submittal Checklist*.

All other terms and conditions of the IFB remain the same.

OGS Responses to Vendor Inquiries (received after 08/10/2015)					
Q#	Solicitation Document	Document Section	Vendor Question	Referenced Clause or Specification	OGS Response
1	General	General	If it is at all possible to request, I am asking for a week to 10 day delay in the bid opening date for IFB# 22945. With the timing of the responses to vendor questions, we have had to deal with unforeseen and unchangeable circumstances that is making the orderly gathering of information and proper documentation a challenge to say the least.	Section I.3 <i>Key Events/Dates</i>  Submission of bid and bid opening: August 18, 2015 11:00 AM ET	The "Submission of Bid and Bid Opening Date" date change to August 27, 2015 was announced on Bid Solicitation Update #6 memo which was posted on the OGS website on August 13, 2015
2	IFB Main Document	Section V.2 <i>Bid Format and Content</i> , Paragraph A, Subparagraph 4	As we're not importing the Ford Chassis or making any changes to the fuel, do we need to supply a "Certificate of Conformity" or would we need to obtain one from Ford?	Paragraph A, Subparagraph 4. <i>Additional Supporting Information</i> , b) <i>Certificate of Conformity</i> : A U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Certificate of Conformity. Instructions on how to obtain Certificates of Conformity are available on the EPA website at <a href="http://www.epa.gov/otaq/imports/ct-hd-nr.htm">http://www.epa.gov/otaq/imports/ct-hd-nr.htm</a>  IFB main document amendments: <u><a href="#">Section V.2 Bid Format and Content, Paragraph A, Subparagraph 4 Additional Supporting Information, b) Certificate of Conformity:</a></u> <u><a href="#">DELETE second sentence "Instructions on how to obtain Certificates of Conformity are available on the EPA website at http://www.epa.gov/otaq/imports/ct-hd-nr.htm"</a></u>	The Certificate of Conformity is a required bid document for all Lots, and should be requested from the manufacturer (e.g., Ford).  <u><a href="#">Section V.2 Bid Format and Content, Paragraph A, Subparagraph 4 Additional Supporting Information, b) Certificate of Conformity</a></u> has been revised to include the changes indicated in the "Referenced Clause or Specification" column (see red and underlined language). These amendments have not been reflected in revised IFB documents, but shall be considered to be final terms and conditions and required specifications when submitting a bid, as if fully set forth in the IFB documents. These amendments shall be incorporated in the final Contract(s) resulting from IFB 22945.
3	Attach 1: Specs & Price Pages; General	General	Please clarify if bids are to be current model year (2016) as award will be tentatively December. There are manufacturers with backlogs of 2014 vehicles that may attempt to bid and attempt an unworkable price structure clause next year once sold out.	Section I.2 <i>Scope</i> : The resultant award is to cover the outright purchase of new, current production Transit Buses.	Pursuant to IFB Section I.2 <i>Scope</i> , "The resultant award is to cover the outright purchase of new, current production Transit Buses."  A Bidder must bid whichever Model Year is currently under production for the Transit Bus that they are offering.

Q#	Solicitation Document	Document Section	Vendor Question	Referenced Clause or Specification	OGS Response
4	Attach 1: Specs & Price Pages; LOT H	Part 3: <i>Base Item Specifications</i>  Chassis Warranty, including LPG System (Row 175)	Chevrolet and GMC have reduced their powertrain warranty from 5 years/100,000 miles to 5 years/60,000 miles for the 2016 model year. Please change minimum warranty to reflect this recent change.	Chassis Warranty, Including LPG System: Minimum of five (5) years, 100,000 mile Transfer Powertrain Limited Warranty  Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i> amendments: <u>Cell A175 [LOT H]: DELETE “, including LPG System”</u> <u>Cell B175 [LOT H]: DELETE “100,000” ADD “60,000”</u>	Section Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i> have been revised to include the changes as indicated in the “Referenced Clause or Specification” column (see red and underlined language). These amendments have not been reflected in a revised Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i> , but shall be considered to be final, requiring specifications when submitting a bid, as if fully set forth in Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i> . These amendments shall be incorporated in the final Contract(s) resulting from IFB 22945.
5	Attach 1: Specs & Price Pages; LOT J	Part 4: <i>Optional equipment</i>  LPG Engine and Fuel Tank (Row 187)	If no bidder provides a price on an LPG system, will they all be deemed non-responsive with no award, or will the item be awarded with no LPG option?  <i>OGS: See Question 181 on the OGS Responses to Vendor Inquiries released July 29, 2015, and Questions 6 &amp; 7 on the OGS Responses to Vendor Inquiries released August 10, 2015</i>	LPG Engine and Fuel Tank(s): Minimum 6.8L V10 gasoline engine rated minimum 300 HP x 425 lb. ft. torque. Add a gaseous prep package (hardened exhaust valves) and install a Propane Autogas conversion for dedicated LPG fuel. Fuel tanks shall provide a minimum 65 GGE (Gallon Gas Equivalent) useable. Compliant with SAE J2343 and NFPA 52.	If no Bidder can provide the "LPG Engine and Fuel Tank(s)" listed in Part 4: <i>Optional equipment</i> , OGS will proceed in accordance with the terms and conditions of the IFB.  Pursuant to IFB Section III.1.3 <i>Bid Pricing Submittal</i> , Paragraph B <i>Optional Equipment Unit Price</i> , "Failure to provide pricing information for one or more Optional Equipment listed for a Lot shall render the bid non-responsive for that individual Optional Equipment and shall result in the disqualification of the bid for the applicable Lot."
6	Attach 1: Specs & Price Pages; LOT I	Part 4: <i>Optional equipment</i>  LPG Engine and Fuel Tank (Row 189)	Please clarify which propane system is available for Lot I that has been tested to OGS' "understanding". There is no test published on the Altoona/FTA website. For an evaluation quantity of 6 units, OGS is potentially jeopardizing the entire lot, like in past years with hybrid-electric units that had essentially "zero" take-rate.  <i>OGS: See Question 181 on the OGS Responses to Vendor Inquiries released July 29, 2015, and Questions 6 &amp; 7 on the OGS Responses to Vendor Inquiries released August 10, 2015</i>	LPG Engine and Fuel Tank(s): Minimum 6.8L V10 gasoline engine rated minimum 300 HP x 425 lb. ft. torque. Add a gaseous prep package (hardened exhaust valves) and install a Propane Autogas conversion for dedicated LPG fuel. Fuel tanks shall provide a minimum 65 GGE (Gallon Gas Equivalent) useable. Compliant with SAE J2343 and NFPA 52.	OGS declines to “clarify which propane system is available for Lot I that has been tested to OGS' "understanding".  See OGS response to Question 6, Bid Solicitation Update #5 for IFB 22945, dated August 10, 2015, which stated “It is the understanding of OGS that Altoona testing has already occurred on an LPG conversion system that could meet the specifications for this LOT.”

Q#	Solicitation Document	Document Section	Vendor Question	Referenced Clause or Specification	OGS Response
7	Attach 1: Specs & Price Pages; LOT J	Part 4: <i>Optional equipment</i>  LPG Engine and Fuel Tank (Row 187)	<p>Please clarify which propane system is available for Lot I that has been tested to OGS' "understanding". There is no test published on the Altoona test report page. For an evaluation quantity of 4 units, OGS is jeopardizing the entire lot, like in past years with hybrid-electric units that had essentially "zero" take-rate.</p> <p><i>OGS: See Question 181 on the OGS Responses to Vendor Inquiries released July 29, 2015, and Questions 6 &amp; 7 on the OGS Responses to Vendor Inquiries released August 10, 2015</i></p>	<p>LPG Engine and Fuel Tank(s): Minimum 6.8L V10 gasoline engine rated minimum 300 HP x 425 lb. ft. torque. Add a gaseous prep package (hardened exhaust valves) and install a Propane Autogas conversion for dedicated LPG fuel. Fuel tanks shall provide a minimum 65 GGE (Gallon Gas Equivalent) useable. Compliant with SAE J2343 and NFPA 52.</p>	<p>OGS declines to "clarify which propane system is available for Lot I that has been tested to OGS' "understanding".</p> <p>See OGS response to Question 6, Bid Solicitation Update #5 for IFB 22945, dated August 10, 2015, which stated "It is the understanding of OGS that Altoona testing has already occurred on an LPG conversion system that could meet the specifications for this LOT."</p>
8	Attach 1: Specs & Price Pages; Multiple Lots (Lots A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M)	Part 4: <i>Optional equipment</i>  Camera Security System- 6 monitor	<p>Please accept a mini-laptop with built in mouse trackpad instead of 5-6" monitor with mouse. This will allow for operator to bring laptop into bus to view footage, or anywhere with their convenience. The DVR can hook up directly to the laptop for simple viewing of footage and event markers.</p>	<p>Camera Security System- 6 monitor: Provide and install a complete camera recording system, including software kit. Components include an 8-channel DVR capable of vertical or horizontal installation, plus simultaneous video recording for all camera heads. DVR shall be "user" programmable to record a minimum of 5 vehicle functions (signals) such as brake lights, turn signal, wheelchair lift, etc. A driver trip feature shall also be included. Camera heads to include a minimum of 2 exterior heads @ 600 TV lines resolution, with infrared feature and no audio, plus 4 interior camera heads @ 600 TV lines resolution, with infrared and audio. Install kit shall be universal for 1 or more vehicles with matching camera system. Minimum components include software, mouse, 5-6" monitor, HDD USB docking station, HDD adapter, and BNC F-RCA adapter.</p>	<p>OGS accepts "a mini-laptop with built in mouse trackpad" to satisfy the monitor and mouse requirements of the referenced specification.</p>

Q#	Solicitation Document	Document Section	Vendor Question	Referenced Clause or Specification	OGS Response
9	Attachment 3: Bid Documents (Paper)	Section D: <i>FTA Certifications</i>	<p>The document states that if the bidder certifies compliance with Buy America, then we shall submit documentation listing component and subcomponent parts of the rolling stock.</p> <p>My concern here is that we will not have a finalized build sheet, specifications of the transit bus may change or be altered upon award and therefore may not be part of the final build. So my question is this: If we check numbers 1 and 2 – certifying that New Flyer will comply with the Buy-America requirements – is the pre-award audit cost documentation table mandatory to be included? Will a bid be rendered non-responsive or disqualified in the event it is not included?</p>	<p>Section D: FTA Certifications, Certification Of Compliance With Federal Buy America Requirements (Part 1 of 2):                      A bidder or offeror must submit to the FTA recipient the appropriate Buy America certification (below) with all bids or offers on FTA-funded contracts, except those subject to a general waiver. Bids or offers that are not accompanied by a completed Buy America certification must be rejected as nonresponsive. This requirement does not apply to lower tier subcontractors.</p>	<p>OGS does not anticipate that “specifications of the Transit Bus may change or be altered upon award.”</p> <p>Question #1: Yes, All transit Buses included in this bid must meet the requirements of 49 U.S. Code 5323(j); (49 CFR Part 661 <i>Buy America Requirements</i>, and 49 CFR Part 663.13 <i>Grantee Responsibility</i>.</p> <p>Question #2: Yes, A bid will be rendered non-responsive or disqualified in the event that the pre-award audit cost documentation table is not submitted with the bid in accordance with IFB Section V.2 <i>Bid Format and Content</i>, Paragraph B, which states in regards to Attachment 3: <i>Bid Documents (Paper)</i>, that “If Bidder does not submit any of these documents by “Submission of bid and bid opening” time and date specified in Section I.3 <i>Key Events/Dates</i>, Bidder is requested to submit such documents within five (5) Business Days of Procurement Services’ written request for such document(s). Failure to submit a document within five (5) Business Days of Procurement Services’ written request for such document(s) may render the bid non-responsive and result in the disqualification of the bid.</p> <p>Award cannot be made to a Bidder until such time that a pre-award audit cost documentation table has been provided, and, therefore, OGS shall request such documentation prior to award.</p>

Q#	Solicitation Document	Document Section	Vendor Question	Referenced Clause or Specification	OGS Response
10	Attach 1: Specs & Price Pages; Multiple Lots (LOT C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M)	Part 3: <i>Base Item Specifications</i>  Seating	All cover materials must meet FMVSS 302 flammability requirements. Seat Foam must meet ASTM D-3675 Radiant Flammability Test .... To meet the ASTM Spec would require using FTA FOAM - is the intent to require FTA Foam for this contract as opposed to simply meeting FMVSS 302? We are asking to hopefully avoid the cost, added weight, less comfort, and premature breakdown inherent in this material vs. others readily available	Seating: Entire seat frame, except mounting brackets, shall be enclosed in energy absorbing materials. Seat covers shall be transit grade vinyl, 36 oz. per linear yard (Cameo/Predictions), or Compatible Equivalent, or transit grade fabric produced from Marquesa Lana Yarns-Interweave, or Bus Textil Level 3, or Compatible Equivalent. All cover materials must meet FMVSS 302 flammability requirements. Seat foam must meet ASTM D-3675 Radiant Flammability Test.  <i>OGS: See Question 94 on the OGS Responses to Vendor Inquiries released July 29, 2015, the answer to which resulted in a specification change.</i>	The seating cover materials, as stated in the referenced specification, "must meet FMVSS 302 flammability requirements. Seat foam must meet ASTM D-3675 Radiant Flammability Test." OGS declines to amend the specification.
11	Attach 1: Specs & Price Pages; Figures	Lot B  Side Entry	Request is to move the Double Foldaway seat to the rear of the vehicle to meet DOT requirements	See "Figures" worksheet	OGS declines to amend the specifications to "move the Double Foldaway seat to the rear of the vehicle."
12	Attach 1: Specs & Price Pages; LOT B	Part 4: <i>Optional equipment</i>  Front Passenger Seat Delete (Row 167)	Request is to re-insert the side lift option as no air bag disconnect is required for the side lift application	Front Passenger Seat Delete: Delete the front passenger seat and storage shelf over the windshield and locate the wheelchair lift at the curb (right) side sliding door.  <i>OGS: This Optional Equipment was removed from Lot B. See Question 152 on the OGS Responses to Vendor Inquiries released July 29, 2015.</i>	OGS declines to amend the specifications to "re-insert the side lift option."
13	Attach 1: Specs & Price Pages; LOT B	Part 3: <i>Base Item Specification</i>  Wheelchair Lift (Row 106)	Request is to allow a model change to occur for the side entry lift installation application for compliance with side curtain air bag and this change be added to Row 167	Wheelchair Lift: The wheelchair lift shall be automatic electric/hydraulic type (power-up, gravity down) using dual hydraulic cylinders. The hydraulic reservoir capacity shall be at least 1 quart, with easy access for inspection and servicing. The maximum power draw shall not exceed 70 amps at 12 volts. Wheelchair lift unit shall be a Public Use Lift and shall be installed in accordance with manufacturer's standards. The lift must have a fail safe system that allows stowing if any solenoid seizes. A manual method to raise and stow the lift shall be provided in the event of a power failure.	OGS declines to amend the specifications to "allow a model change to occur for the side entry lift installation application."

Q#	Solicitation Document	Document Section	Vendor Question	Referenced Clause or Specification	OGS Response
14	Attach 1: Specs & Price Pages; LOT B	Part 3: <i>Base Item Specification</i>  Parking Brake (Row 55)	Request is to accept a hand operated parking brake in lieu of the foot operated brake	Parking Brake: Foot-operated parking brake  Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i> amendments: <u>Cell B55 [LOT B]: after "Foot-" ADD "or hand-"</u>	The specifications included in Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i> have been revised to include the changes as indicated in the "Referenced Clause or Specification" column (see red and underlined language). These amendments have not been reflected in a revised Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i> , but shall be considered to be final, requiring specifications when submitting a bid, as if fully set forth in Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i> . These amendments shall be incorporated in the final Contract(s) resulting from IFB 22945
15	Attach 1: Specs & Price Pages; LOT H	Part 3: <i>Base Item Specification</i>  Engine (Row 35)	Specification calls for OEM CHASSIS SUPPLIED LPG system. Initially a 57 GGE was required but later lowered to a 34GGE. The problem is that GM ONLY OFFERS THIS ON a 159" WB and the specification supplies also requires a 177" wheelbase to accommodate the layout requested. If an upfitter chooses to stretch this chassis it would demand that the OEM Fuel system be altered (extended lines at a minimum) which would void FMVSS301 and more than likely the GM Warranty ... and thereby require said body manufacturer to re-certify FMVSS 301 Fuel Integrity - while still more than likely then offering a vehicle without the GM OEM warranty. In order for any manufacturer to be compliant with what we believe is the intended spec it appears that OGS either needs to modify the specification to allow aftermarket LPG systems to be installed - or change the wheelbase requirement to accommodate the OEM 159" as offered by GM as the only manufacturer to offer the specified OEM Supplied LPG System. With the change in Wheelbase to 159", it also appears that the passenger capacity will be reduced to approx 12 & 2WC as opposed to 14& 2WC ... due to length.	Engine: OEM chassis supplied dedicated Liquified Petroleum Gas (LPG) system. Provide a gaseous fuel-ready 6.0L V8 332hp/370lb.ft. engine with factory installed hardened valves and intake/exhaust valve seats. Compliant with SAE J2343 and NFPA 52.  Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i> amendments:  "LOT H" worksheet, <u>Cell B35, [Engine]:</u> <u>DELETE "OEM chassis supplied dedicated Liquified Petroleum Gas (LPG) system. Provide a gaseous fuel-ready 6.0L V8 332hp/370lb.ft. engine with factory installed hardened valves and intake/exhaust valve seats. Compliant with SAE J2343 and NFPA 52"</u> <u>ADD "6.6L V8 Turbo diesel with 260hp, 525ft.lb. torque, and B20 compatibility"</u>  <u>Cell B39 [Fuel Tank]:</u> <u>DELETE "Fuel capacity with a 34 GGE (Gas Gallon Equivalent)"</u> <u>ADD "Nominal (plus or minus 5 gallons) 60-gallon fuel tank, with a 10 gallon (+- 2 gallon) DEF tank"</u>  <u>Cell B41 [Electrical]: before "145" ADD "Minimum"</u>  <b>Continued on next page.</b>	The specifications included in Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i> have been revised to include the changes as indicated in the "Referenced Clause or Specification" column (see red and underlined language). These amendments have not been reflected in a revised Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i> , but shall be considered to be final, requiring specifications when submitting a bid, as if fully set forth in Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i> . These amendments shall be incorporated in the final Contract(s) resulting from IFB 22945

Q#	Solicitation Document	Document Section	Vendor Question	Referenced Clause or Specification	OGS Response
15	Attach 1: Specs & Price Pages; LOT H	Part 3: <i>Base Item Specification</i>  Engine (Row 35)	See previous page	<b>Continued from previous page</b>  Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i> amendments:  "LOT H" worksheet, <u>Row 186 [Diesel Engine and Fuel Tank]:</u> <b>DELETE entire row. Bidders are advised to enter "\$0.00 in Cell G186, "Optional Equipment Unit Price." for this deleted Optional Equipment.</b>	See previous page
16	Attach 1: Specs & Price Pages; LOT H	Part 3: <i>Base Item Specification</i>  Engine (Row 35)	Chevrolet only offers its OEM LPG system on a 159" wb chassis and will not permit it to be stretched. In order to obtain an LPG system on this size vehicle you will have to permit an after-market system.	Engine: OEM chassis supplied dedicated Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) system. Provide a gaseous fuel-ready 6.0L V8 332hp/370lb.ft. engine with factory installed hardened valves and intake/exhaust valve seats. Compliant with SAE J2343 and NFPA 52.	See OGS response to Question 15.
17	Attach 1: Specs & Price Pages; Multiple Lots (LOT C, D, E)	Part 3: <i>Base Item Specifications</i>  Air Conditioning (Row 142)	I cannot enter the "A/C Capacity [Body BTUH]" because the cells are locked	Air Conditioning: A/C Capacity [Body BTUH]	Bidders are advised to either include the "Spec for Equipment Provided" for "A/C Capacity [Body BTUH]" in an unlocked "Comments/Notes" cell with an explanation, or attach a separate sheet with their bid.  <b><i>This answer applies to any other "Spec for Equipment Provided" cells that are locked for Bidder entry.</i></b>
18	Attach 1: Specs & Price Pages; LOT D	Part 3: <i>Base Item Specifications</i>  Suspension (Row 50)	Neither chassis manufacturer offers a max spring rating of 5000lbs in this category. Max available is 4600. Please reduce minimum. See attached chassis source book	Suspension: Vehicle shall have Front Springs rated at 5,000lbs. minimum and Rear Springs rated at 8,500 lbs. minimum  Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i> amendments: <u>Cell B50 [LOT D]: DELETE "5,000lbs." ADD "4,600lbs."</u>	The specifications included in Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i> have been revised to include the changes as indicated in the "Referenced Clause or Specification" column (see red and underlined language). These amendments have not been reflected in a revised Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i> , but shall be considered to be final, requiring specifications when submitting a bid, as if fully set forth in Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i> . These amendments shall be incorporated in the final Contract(s) resulting from IFB 22945

Q#	Solicitation Document	Document Section	Vendor Question	Referenced Clause or Specification	OGS Response
19	Attach 1: Specs & Price Pages; Bid Summary	Lot H and Lot I	<p>The total amount for LOT I does not transfer over correctly to the summary page. The amount for LOT H is the amount that transfers into that slot, not from LOT I.</p> <p>If I only enter pricing for LOT I, then the Grand Total For Lot for LOT I on the summary page says "No Bid."</p>	Grand Total For Lot, Cell R21 [LOT H] and Cell T21 [LOT I]	<p>OGS will correct the "Grand Total For Lot" formula on the "Bid Summary" worksheet in Cell R21 [LOT H] and Cell T21 [LOT I] for each Bidder upon receipt of Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i>.</p> <p>An amendment to correct this issue has not been reflected in a revised Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i>.</p> <p>The "Grand Total For Lot" is calculated correctly on the Lot H and Lot I worksheets, and shall be the dollar amount calculated in this IFB to evaluate each Lot.</p>



# Bid Solicitation Update 6

---

## Subject: Change in Submission of Bids and Bid Opening Date

**DATE:** August 13, 2015

**IFB/RFP:** 22945                      **BID OPENING DATE | TIME:** August 18, 2015                      | 11:00                      AM

**GROUP | TITLE:** 40523 | BUSES, TRANSIT (Adult Passenger)

**OGS DESIGNATED CONTACTS:**

Matthew Jones	CMS 1	518-474-4163	<a href="mailto:SST_auto@ogs.ny.gov">SST_auto@ogs.ny.gov</a>
Wendy Reitzel	CMS 3	518-473-5280	<a href="mailto:SST_auto@ogs.ny.gov">SST_auto@ogs.ny.gov</a>

**TO PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS:**

The above referenced IFB has been amended to include the change outlined below:

1. Change the "Submission of bid and bid opening" date from Tuesday, August 18, 2015 to Thursday, August 27, 2015. The time will remain 11:00AM EST.



# Bid Solicitation Update 5

## Subject: Responses to Additional Inquiries

DATE: August 10, 2015

IFB/RFP: 22945                      BID OPENING DATE | TIME: August 18, 2015                      | 11:00                      AM

GROUP | TITLE: 40523 | BUSES, TRANSIT (Adult Passenger)

### OGS DESIGNATED CONTACTS:

Matthew Jones	CMS 1	518-474-4163	<a href="mailto:SST_auto@ogs.ny.gov">SST_auto@ogs.ny.gov</a>
Wendy Reitzel	CMS 3	518-473-5280	<a href="mailto:SST_auto@ogs.ny.gov">SST_auto@ogs.ny.gov</a>

### SOLICITATION AMENDMENTS:

Appendix B and Attachment 1: *Specifications and Price Pages* for the above referenced IFB have been amended to include the changes outlined below. These amendments have not been reflected in a revised Appendix B or Attachment 1: *Specifications and Price Pages*, but shall be considered to be final terms and conditions and required specifications when submitting a bid, as if fully set forth in Appendix B and Attachment 1: *Specifications and Price Pages*. These amendments shall be incorporated in the final Contract(s) resulting from IFB 22945.

**Note: All Bidders must submit the revised Attachment 1: *Specifications and Price Pages* which was posted at <http://www.ogs.ny.gov/purchase/biddocument/22945Bid.asp> on July 29, 2015, and states at the top of each tab “(Revised 07/29/2015).” Pursuant to IFB Section V.2, Bid Format and Content, “Failure to submit the final version of this attachment with the correct revision date as posted on the OGS website and announced via the NYS Contract Reporter, shall result in the bid being deemed non-responsive and in the disqualification of the bid.”**

The following amendments have been made to the IFB:

- Appendix B §5 *Late Bids Rejected* (see red and underlined language):

**5. LATE BIDS REJECTED** For purposes of Bid openings held and conducted by OGS, a Bid must be received in such place as may be designated in the Solicitation or, if no place is specified, in the OGS Mailroom located in the Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12242, at or before the date and time established in the Solicitation for the Bid opening. For purposes of Bid openings held and conducted by Authorized Users other than OGS, the term late Bid is defined as a Bid not received in the location established in the Bid Specifications at or before the date and time specified for the Bid opening.

Any Bid received at the specified location after the time specified will be considered a late Bid. A late Bid shall not be considered for award unless: (i) no timely Bids meeting the requirements of the Solicitation are received; or (ii) in the case of a multiple award, an insufficient number of timely Bids were received to satisfy the multiple award; and acceptance of the late Bid is in the best interests of the Authorized Users; or (iii) as may otherwise be determined in the Commissioner’s sole discretion. Bids submitted for continuous or periodic recruitment contract awards must meet the submission requirements associated with the Solicitation. Delays in United States mail deliveries or any other means of transmittal, including couriers or agents of the Authorized User, generally shall not excuse late Bid submissions. Similar types of delays, including but not limited to, bad weather, or security procedures for parking and building

admittance, generally shall not excuse late Bid submissions. Determinations relative to Bid timeliness shall be at the sole discretion of the Commissioner.

2. Attachment 1: *Specifications and Price Pages*: Cell B78 [LOT C, D,E,G,H,I]: after "laminated fiberglass composite" DELETE "(0.090" -0.095" thick."
3. Attachment 1: *Specifications and Price Pages*: Cell B106 [LOT F]: DELETE "minimum clear entry opening of 28"" and ADD "minimum clear entry opening of 38""

**OGS RESPONSES TO BIDDER INQUIRIES:**

Pursuant to IFB Section I.4, *Inquiries/Designated Contacts*, the Office of General Services (OGS) reserved the right to consider questions received after the official question and answer period has ended. OGS has elected to respond to additional inquiries and requests for clarifications that were received after the "OGS Responses to Vendor Inquiries" document was posted at <http://www.ogs.ny.gov/purchase/biddocument/22945Bid.asp> on July 29, 2015, and responses to additional inquiries were posted August 3, 2015. OGS responses to these inquiries are included on page two of this memo.

**BIDDER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SOLICITATION UPDATES**

All Bidders must acknowledge receipt and agreement to all IFB amendments by answering "Yes" to question #14 on Attachment 2: *Bid Documents (Electronic)*, Section A: *Bid Submittal Checklist*.

All other terms and conditions of the IFB remain the same.

## OGS Responses to Vendor Inquiries

Q#	Solicitation Document	Document Section	Vendor Question	Referenced Clause or Specification	OGS Response
1	Attach 1: Specs & Price Pages; Multiple Lots (Lots C, D, E, G, H, I)	Part 3: <i>Base Item Spec.</i>  Body	For Lot C, D, E, G, H, and I please accept our standard sidewall construction of .067" (1.7mm) Lamilux4000 High Gloss FRP laminated to 2.7mm Symalite composite panels. This laminated construction results in excellent safety/impact resistance, reduces road noise, improves temperature variance, and prevents corrosion. This sidewall construction will be backed by required 5 year/150,000 mile structure warranty and meet safety testing. See attached supporting documents. If .067" FRP thickness is not approved, this will prohibit us from bidding.	<p>Body: Maximum 85" interior body width (from sidewall to sidewall). Exterior shall be smooth and free of any visible fasteners. Exterior Siding shall be 25-gauge protected (i.e. galvanized) steel (or 24-gauge aluminum) with smooth surface or laminated fiberglass composite (0.090" -0.095") thick reinforced with insulation that is foamed in place or resin hardened honeycomb. Body shall be compliant to all stated General Body specifications. Interior sidewalls shall be fiberglass, vinyl clad aluminum or Compatible Equivalent material. Insulation in walls and ceiling shall be fiberglass, resin-hardened honeycomb (FRP) material, polyurethane, or closed cell EPS foam.</p> <p>Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i>, amendments:  <u>Cell B78 [LOT C, D,E,G,H,I]: after "laminated fiberglass composite" DELETE "(0.090" -0.095") thick"</u></p> <p><i>OGS: The specification above in Cell B78 [LOT D,E,F,G,H,I] has been previously been corrected to read "minimum 90" interior body width (from sidewall to sidewall)." See Question 1 on the OGS Responses to Vendor Inquiries released August 3, 2015.</i></p>	<p>The requested sidewall construction material and process is approved. A Bidder should note that FMVSS 221 will remain as a performance specification for safety purposes.</p> <p>The specifications included in Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i> (Revised 07/29/2015) have been revised to include the changes indicated in the "Referenced Clause or Specification" column (see red and underlined language). These amendments have not been reflected in a revised Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i>, but shall be considered to be final, required specifications when submitting a bid, as if fully set forth in Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i>. These amendments shall be incorporated in the final Contract(s) resulting from IFB 22945.</p>
2	Attach 1: Specs & Price Pages; LOT A	Part 3: <i>Base Item Spec.</i>  Body Structure (Row 84)	As requested initially, please approve our standard 14 and 15 gauge Aluminized Steel with Stainless steel used in the track pan and lowered door extensions. This is the exact construction offered currently on NYS OGS Group 40523 for the lowered floor vans, and has been a long-term build process of our van converter. All corrosion warranties will meet state requirements. If stainless steel requirement is upheld, this will prohibit us from bidding.	<p>Body Structure: If body on frame construction, body structure shall be in full compliance with Title 17 NYCRR Part 720.4(b)(1). A van body that is part of an overall unibody construction, then modified, is acceptable, provided the modification incorporates a stainless steel floor and door extensions. Certification of compliance with all Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards for passenger vehicles under 10,000lbs., plus documentation consisting of detailed explanation and dimensional drawing supporting the body structures shall be supplied with bid submission.</p> <p><i>OGS: See Question 142 on the OGS Responses to Vendor Inquiries released July 29, 2015.</i></p>	OGS declines to amend the specification to allow for approval of "standard 14 and 15 gauge Aluminized Steel with Stainless steel used in the track pan and lowered door extensions."

Q#	Solicitation Document	Document Section	Vendor Question	Referenced Clause or Specification	OGS Response
3	Attach 1: Specs & Price Pages; LOT C	Part 3: <i>Base Item Specifications</i>  Steps (Row 105)	<p>We are again requesting our standard flat floor construction for Lot C. Please see attached sample floorplan. Our steps comply with the 9" depth, and offer agencies many more floorplan options than a standard wheelwell floor. If our flat floor is not approved, this will prohibit us from bidding.</p> <p><i>OGS: See Question 165 on the OGS Responses to Vendor Inquiries released July 29, 2015.</i></p>	<p>Steps: All step edges shall be a minimum of 9" in depth and have a high visible yellow nosing band running the full width of each step. Buses shall have a maximum of 2 steps (not including ground to first step) with risers not to exceed 10" in height. Steps shall comply with ADA 1192.</p>	<p>OGS declines to amend the specification to allow for approval of the proposed "standard flat floor construction."</p>
4	Attach 1: Specs & Price Pages; LOT F	Part 3: <i>Base Item Spec.</i>  Entrance Door(s) (Row 106)	<p>On Lot F, you now have the Entrance door having a clear opening of 28", and it would be a real challenge to get a wheelchair through that space.</p> <p><i>OGS: See Question 159 on the OGS Responses to Vendor Inquiries released July 29, 2015, and Question 6 on the OGS Responses to Vendor Inquiries released August 3, 2015.</i></p>	<p>Entrance Door(s): A "walk through" minimum 74" high headroom right front entrance door with a minimum clear entry opening of 28" constructed with top and bottom (or length of door) viewing windows and a heavy duty electric opener shall be provided. An interlock (Intermotive Gateway or compatible equivalent) shall be installed and programmed that prevents the door to be opened or closed unless the vehicle speed equals zero (0). Door leading and sectional edges shall be equipped with approximately 2" extruded rubber edges to form weather-tight seal. Door shall be affixed with hinges that provide corrosion protection and fasteners or hex rod (aluminum or zinc die cast hinge with stainless steel pin also acceptable). Entrance door surround (portal) and step well shall be constructed from stainless steel or material with equal corrosion resistant properties. Entrance door shall comply with FMVSS 217.</p> <p>Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i>, amendments:  <u>Cell B106 [LOT F]: DELETE "minimum clear entry opening of 28"" and ADD "minimum clear entry opening of 38""</u></p>	<p>The specifications included in Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i> (Revised 07/29/2015) have been revised to include the changes indicated in the "Referenced Clause or Specification" column (see red and underlined language). These amendments have not been reflected in a revised Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i>, but shall be considered to be final, required specifications when submitting a bid, as if fully set forth in Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i>. These amendments shall be incorporated in the final Contract(s) resulting from IFB 22945.</p>

Q#	Solicitation Document	Document Section	Vendor Question	Referenced Clause or Specification	OGS Response
5	Attach 1: Specs & Price Pages; LOT F	Part 3: <i>Base Item Spec.</i>  Heater(s) (Row 130)	<p>The heater spec was changed on all other lots except this one. Please change it on Lot F so it is the same as on Lots G, H, I, J, K, L.</p> <p>OGS: <i>See Question 80 on the OGS Responses to Vendor Inquiries released July 29, 2015, and Question 2 on the OGS Responses to Vendor Inquiries released August 3, 2015.</i></p>	<p>Heater(s): An OEM dash air conditioning system plus two (2) 65,000btu rear heaters shall be provided.</p> <p>OGS: <i>Relevant portions of specifications provided. See Cells B130 for the complete specifications.</i></p> <p>Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i>, amendments: <u>Cell B130 [LOT F]: DELETE "65,000 BTU"</u></p>	<p>The specifications included in Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i> (Revised 07/29/2015) have been revised to include the changes indicated in the "Referenced Clause or Specification" column (see red and underlined language). These amendments have not been reflected in a revised Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i>, but shall be considered to be final, required specifications when submitting a bid, as if fully set forth in Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i>. These amendments shall be incorporated in the final Contract(s) resulting from IFB 22945.</p>
6	Attach 1: Specs & Price Pages; LOT I	Part 4: <i>Optional equipment</i>  LPG Engine and Fuel Tank(s)	<p>There is no LPG system on the market that has been Altoona tested in this item class. By requiring an LPG option on this item class, it will restrict bidders from offering a bid. In addition, Ford is changing the entire platform of the F-550 for the 2017 model year, which will require an entirely new Altoona-test. It is cost prohibitive to test a bus for this procurement, particularly with the short one year window of sales potential before a redesign. We request the removal of the LPG option.</p> <p>OGS: <i>See Question 181 on the OGS Responses to Vendor Inquiries released July 29, 2015.</i></p>	<p>LPG Engine and Fuel Tank(s): Minimum 6.8L V10 gasoline engine rated minimum 300 HP x 425 lb. ft. torque. Add a gaseous prep package (hardened exhaust valves) and install a Propane Autogas conversion for dedicated LPG fuel. Fuel tanks shall provide a minimum 65 GGE (Gallon Gas Equivalent) useable. Compliant with SAE J2343 and NFPA 52.</p>	<p>OGS declines to amend the solicitation to remove "LPG Engine and Fuel Tank(s)" from the list of Optional Equipment.</p> <p>It is the understanding of OGS that Altoona testing has already occurred on an LPG conversion system that could meet the specifications for this LOT. If it is later deemed that a test is necessary, then a partial test is likely for the Chassis referenced. In any event, the Bidder's responsibility to evaluate the required process as outlined in IFB Section V.2 Bid <i>Format and Content</i>, Paragraph A, Subparagraph 4 <i>Additional Supporting Information</i>, d), regarding the STURAA Test Report, and either conform to it or choose to not submit a bid for this Lot.</p>

Q#	Solicitation Document	Document Section	Vendor Question	Referenced Clause or Specification	OGS Response
7	Attach 1: Specs & Price Pages; LOT J	Part 4: <i>Optional equipment</i>  LPG Engine and Fuel Tank(s)	<p>There is no LPG system on the market that has been Altoona tested in this item class. By requiring an LPG option on this item class, it will restrict bidders from offering a bid. We request removal of the LPG system, as was done on the nearly-identical Lot K option.</p> <p><i>OGS: See Question 124 on the OGS Responses to Vendor Inquiries released July 29, 2015.</i></p>	<p>LPG Engine and Fuel Tank(s): Provide a Liquified Petroleum Gas (LPG) system. The engine shall have a liquid propane injection system, a V8 or V10, with a minimum 6.8L displacement. Minimum horsepower and torque ratings shall be 270hp/495 ft.lb. Fuel tanks must provide a minimum capacity of 65 GGE (Gas Gallon Equiv.) usable. Compliant with SAE J2343 and NFPA 52.</p>	See Question 6.



# Bid Solicitation Update 4

## Subject: Responses to Additional Inquiries

DATE: August 3, 2015

IFB/RFP: 22945                      BID OPENING DATE | TIME: August 18, 2015                      | 11:00                      AM

GROUP | TITLE: 40523 | BUSES, TRANSIT (Adult Passenger)

### OGS DESIGNATED CONTACTS:

Matthew Jones	CMS 1	518-474-4163	<a href="mailto:SST_auto@ogs.ny.gov">SST_auto@ogs.ny.gov</a>
Wendy Reitzel	CMS 3	518-473-5280	<a href="mailto:SST_auto@ogs.ny.gov">SST_auto@ogs.ny.gov</a>

### SOLICITATION AMENDMENTS:

Attachment 1: *Specifications and Price Pages* for the above referenced IFB has been amended to include the changes outlined below. These amendments have not been reflected in a revised Attachment 1: *Specifications and Price Pages*, but shall be considered to be final, required specifications when submitting a bid, as if fully set forth in Attachment 1: *Specifications and Price Pages*. These amendments shall be incorporated in the final Contract(s) resulting from IFB 22945.

**Note: All Bidders must submit the revised Attachment 1: *Specifications and Price Pages* which was posted at <http://www.ogs.ny.gov/purchase/biddocument/22945Bid.asp> on July 29, 2015, and states at the top of each tab “(Revised 07/29/2015).” Pursuant to IFB Section V.2, Bid Format and Content, “Failure to submit the final version of this attachment with the correct revision date as posted on the OGS website and announced via the NYS Contract Reporter, shall result in the bid being deemed non-responsive and in the disqualification of the bid.”**

The following amendments have been made to Attachment 1: *Specifications and Price Pages*:

1. Cell B78 [LOT D,E,F,G,H,I]: DELETE “maximum 85” and ADD “minimum 90”
2. Cell B31 [LOT J]: DELETE “225”, ADD “227”

### OGS RESPONSES TO BIDDER INQUIRIES:

Pursuant to IFB Section I.4, Inquiries/Designated Contacts, the Office of General Services (OGS) reserved the right to consider questions received after the official question and answer period has ended. OGS has elected to respond to additional inquiries and requests for clarifications that were received after the “OGS Responses to Vendor Inquiries” document was posted at <http://www.ogs.ny.gov/purchase/biddocument/22945Bid.asp> on July 29, 2015. OGS responses to these inquiries are included on page two of this memo.

### BIDDER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SOLICITATION UPDATES

All Bidders must acknowledge receipt and agreement to all IFB amendments by answering “Yes” to question #14 on Attachment 2: *Bid Documents (Electronic)*, Section A: *Bid Submittal Checklist*.

All other terms and conditions of the IFB remain the same.

## OGS Responses to Vendor Inquiries

Q#	Solicitation Document	Document Section	Vendor Question	Referenced Clause or Specification	OGS Response
1	Attach 1: Specs & Price Pages; Multiple Lots (Lots C, D, E, F, G, H, I)	Part 3: <i>Base Item Spec.</i>  Body	<p>After reviewing the updated Attachment 1, there is a major issue with rows 78-80. The "maximum 85" interior body width" appears to have been copied into Items D, E, F, G, H, and I. This should read "minimum 90". This "maximum 85" interior body width" should only apply to Item C, which is a single wheel bus.</p> <p>Please update this as soon as possible to ensure we have the proper price pages when moving forward in our bid submittal process.</p>	<p>Body: Maximum 85" interior body width (from sidewall to sidewall). Exterior shall be smooth and free of any visible fasteners. Exterior Siding shall be 25-gauge protected (i.e. galvanized) steel (or 24-gauge aluminum) with smooth surface or laminated fiberglass composite (0.090" -0.095") thick reinforced with insulation that is foamed in place or resin hardened honeycomb. Body shall be compliant to all stated General Body specifications. Interior sidewalls shall be fiberglass, vinyl clad aluminum or Compatible Equivalent material. Insulation in walls and ceiling shall be fiberglass, resin-hardened honeycomb (FRP) material, polyurethane, or closed cell EPS foam.</p> <p>Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i>, amendments:  <u>Cell B78 [LOT D,E,F,G,H,I]: DELETE "maximum 85" and ADD "minimum 90"</u></p>	<p>The specifications included in Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i> (Revised 07/29/2015) have been revised to include the changes indicated in the "Referenced Clause or Specification" column (see red and underlined language). These amendments have not been reflected in a revised Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i>, but shall be considered to be final, required specifications when submitting a bid, as if fully set forth in Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i>. These amendments shall be incorporated in the final Contract(s) resulting from IFB 22945.</p>
2	Attach 1: Specs & Price Pages; Multiple Lots (LOTS G, H, I, J, K, L)	Part 3: <i>Base Item Spec.</i>  Heater(s)	<p>The result to the clarification to this specification has the bid spec completely eliminating the rear heaters. Please consider that the bid spec should read one (1) 65,000 BTU rear heater on LOTS G &amp; H, and two (2) 65,000 BTU Heaters on LOTS I,J,K,L, and that LOTS I,J,K,L will have a heater pump to circulate the proper flow.</p> <p>OGS: <i>See Question 79 and 80 on the OGS Responses to Vendor Inquiries released July 29, 2015.</i></p>	<p>Heater(s): [LOTS G, H]: An OEM dash air conditioning system plus two (2) rear heaters shall be provided. Sufficient BTU capacity of front and rear under seat heaters shall be provided to attain a 50°F temperature rise from a mean ambient winter temperature of 21°F...</p> <p>Heater(s): [LOTS I, J, K, L]: An OEM dash air conditioning system plus two (2) rear heaters (with circulation pump) shall be provided. Sufficient BTU capacity of front and rear under seat heaters shall be provided to attain a 50°F temperature rise from a mean ambient winter temperature of 21°F...</p> <p>OGS: <i>Relevant portions of specifications provided. See Cells referenced in Column F for the complete specifications.</i></p>	<p>The statement that "The result to the clarification to this specification has the bid spec completely eliminating the rear heaters" is incorrect.</p> <p>An explanation of the specifications are provided as follows:                      Cell B135 [LOTS C, D, E] specifies one (1) 60,000btu rear heater.                      Cell B136 [LOTS G, H, I], Cell B137 [LOTS J, K] and Cell B129 [LOT L], specifies two (2) rear heaters (with no BTU rating stated for each heater).</p> <p>It is up to the Bidder to determine and offer the appropriately sized rear heaters to comply with the performance specifications.</p>

Q#	Solicitation Document	Document Section	Vendor Question	Referenced Clause or Specification	OGS Response
3	Attach 1: Specs & Price Pages; LOT J (Row 31)	Part 3: <i>Base Item Spec.</i>  General	<p>On the recent request of equals LOT J was approved to 238", the bus we are proposing for this lot will have a wheelbase of 242" to allow for the best weight distribution, please accept the additional 4" increase.</p> <p>OGS: <i>See Question 184 on the OGS Responses to Vendor Inquiries released July 29, 2015.</i></p>	<p>General: Wheelbase: 225in. (plus or minus 15")</p> <p>Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i>, amendments: <u>Cell B31 [LOT J]: DELETE "225", ADD "227"</u></p> <p>OGS: <i>This response does not change the response to the previous question, which resulted in changing "(plus or minus 10)" to "(plus or minus 15)"</i></p>	<p>The specifications included in Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i> (Revised 07/29/2015) have been revised to include the changes indicated in the "Referenced Clause or Specification" column (see red and underlined language). These amendments have not been reflected in a revised Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i>, but shall be considered to be final, required specifications when submitting a bid, as if fully set forth in Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i>. These amendments shall be incorporated in the final Contract(s) resulting from IFB 22945.</p>
4	Attach 1: Specs & Price Pages; Multiple Lots (Lots D, E, G, H, I, J)	Part 3: <i>Base Item Spec.</i>  Entrance Door(s)	<p>On the recent request for equals and clarifications, on page 17 response # 67, the request was for galvaneel steel for use on the door surrounds and stepwell. We are requesting that our door surround and stepwell made of galvanized steel which is Flo-Coated be accepted in lieu of the request. The Flo-Coat process doubles the life span of regular galvanized steel, and this will be covered in the 5 years 150,000 miles as requested in this bid. Documentation is included with this request.</p>	<p>Entrance Door(s): A "walk through" minimum 74" high headroom right front entrance door with a minimum clear entry opening of 28" constructed with top and bottom (or length of door) viewing windows and a heavy duty electric opener shall be provided. An interlock shall be installed prohibiting the actuation of the door control if the transmission is out of the "park" position. Door leading and sectional edges shall be equipped with approximately 2" extruded rubber edges to form weather-tight seal. Door shall be affixed with hinges that provide corrosion protection and fasteners or hex rod (aluminum or zinc die cast hinge with stainless steel pin also acceptable). Entrance door surround (portal) and step well shall be constructed from stainless steel or material with equal corrosion resistant properties. Entrance door shall comply with FMVSS 217.</p>	<p>OGS declines to amend the specification to allow for approval for a "door surround and stepwell made of galvanized steel which is Flo-Coated."</p> <p>Note: The documentation that was submitted does not demonstrate equal corrosion resistant properties to stainless steel. If further requesting review of a Compatible Equivalent Product, documentation must be submitted with the bid as provided in IFB Section III.2.4 <i>Compatible Equivalent</i>, "A Bidder quoting on a Product other than the referenced Product shall: A. Furnish complete identification in its bid of the Product it is offering by trade name, brand and/or model number; B. Furnish descriptive literature and data with respect to the substitute Product it proposes to furnish; and C. Indicate any known specification deviations from the referenced Product."</p>

Q#	Solicitation Document	Document Section	Vendor Question	Referenced Clause or Specification	OGS Response
5	Attach 1: Specs & Price Pages; Multiple Lots (Lots J, K)	Part 3: <i>Base Item Spec.</i>  Safety Vent (three way)	The request is for two (2) safety vents to be installed on both of these lot's. Please clarify, the current DOT regulation calls for one (1) safety vent based upon the capacities of both of these buses, please advise that this is the correct requirement or it should be changed to one (1) vent.	Safety Vent (three way): Two (2) vents shall be installed on the roof of the passenger compartment. Each vent shall provide for fresh air ventilation, static type exhaust with fresh air ventilation and static type exhaust; and shall be equipped with release handle to provide for emergency exit. Size shall be approximately 23" x 23".	The requirement for two (2) ventilated roof hatches for these LOT J and K is correct and is based on the length of each Transit Bus Body. The additional airflow in the Transit Bus Body in the event of an air conditioning failure is an added benefit to the extra escape hatch.
6	Attach 1: Specs & Price Pages; LOT B	Part 3: <i>Base Item Spec.</i>  Floor Assembly (Row 97)	<p>Can I get clarification on why the Smartfloor system was deemed as not an approved equal to the Abilitrax system? The bid is written so ONLY the Abilitrax system is approved, the NY OGS has not approved any other floor system as an equal. I don't see how that is fair and competitive to the end users. Our Smartfloor was deem acceptable by the US General Services Administration, Pennsylvania, Louisiana, California, Oregon, Michigan, North Carolina, Florida and many other states.</p> <p>What specifically did the NY OGS find that disqualifies the Smartfloor system?</p>	<p>Floor Assembly: An Abilitrax floor system or Compatible Equivalent shall be installed to include a series of longitudinal, parallel floor mounted steel tracks. The system shall be capable of accepting L style wheelchair tiedown systems and passenger seat bases throughout the floor. The floor base shall be constructed of a water resistant composite material, and the floor tracks of A1011 HSLA 50 (High Strength Low Alloy) materials. The floor system shall incorporate heating ducts and heat registers. It shall also include a cavity that allows the wheelchair lift power and interlock signal wires to be routed through the floor, allowing the lift to be changed from a rear entry to a side entry application without drilling holes through the floor system.</p>	<p>The vendor failed to supply information with the request that would enable OGS to ascertain whether the Smartfloor system met any of the material and performance requirements specified on Attachment 1: <i>Specifications and Price Pages</i>. Thus, the product could not be approved as a Compatible Equivalent as requested.</p> <p>If further requesting review of a Compatible Equivalent Product, documentation must be submitted with the bid as provided in IFB Section III.2.4 <i>Compatible Equivalent</i>, "A Bidder quoting on a Product other than the referenced Product shall:</p> <p>A. Furnish complete identification in its bid of the Product it is offering by trade name, brand and/or model number;</p> <p>B. Furnish descriptive literature and data with respect to the substitute Product it proposes to furnish; and</p> <p>C. Indicate any known specification deviations from the referenced Product."</p>



# Bid Solicitation Update 3

## Subject: Responses to Inquiries and Bid Opening Date Change

DATE: July 29, 2015

IFB/RFP: 22945                      BID OPENING DATE | TIME: August 18, 2015                      | 11:00                      AM

GROUP | TITLE: 40523 | BUSES, TRANSIT (Adult Passenger)

### OGS DESIGNATED CONTACTS:

Matthew Jones	CMS 1	518-474-4163	<a href="mailto:SST_auto@ogs.ny.gov">SST_auto@ogs.ny.gov</a>
Wendy Reitzel	CMS 3	518-473-5280	<a href="mailto:SST_auto@ogs.ny.gov">SST_auto@ogs.ny.gov</a>

### SOLICITATION AMENDMENTS:

The above referenced IFB has been amended to include the changes outlined below. Amendments are reflected in the main IFB document, Attachment 1: *Specifications and Price Pages* and Attachment 3: *Bid Documents (Paper)*. The amended documents can be found at the following link:

<http://www.ogs.ny.gov/purchase/biddocument/22945Bid.asp>

In order for vendors to more clearly see the amendments, two (2) versions of the main IFB document and Attachment 1: *Specifications and Price Pages* have been posted, one labeled "Redline" with all amendments that have been made shown in red, and one labeled "Final," which is the final amended version. The "Redline" versions are for informational purposes only, and should not be submitted with the bid. The amendments have also been noted on the "OGS Responses to Vendor Inquiries" document.

**Note: All Bidders must submit the revised Attachment 1: *Specifications and Price Pages* which states at the top of each tab "(Revised 07/29/2015)." Failure to do so shall result in the bid being deemed non-responsive and in the rejection of the bid.**

### UPDATE TO BID SUBMISSION INFORMATION:

The Bid Opening date for this solicitation has been changed to August 18, 2015 at 11:00am ET.

### OGS RESPONSES TO BIDDER INQUIRIES:

The Office of General Services has given careful consideration to the inquiries and requests for clarifications that were timely received during the inquiry period, (i.e., by July 8, 2015, or that were posed at the Pre-Bid Conference held July 14 2015, or that were submitted post pre-bid conference by July 15, 2015), were due to be released on or about July 20, 2015. Responses to all inquiries are included on the "OGS Responses to Vendor Inquiries" document, which is posted at <http://www.ogs.ny.gov/purchase/biddocument/22945Bid.asp>.

### BIDDER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SOLICITATION UPDATES

All Bidders must acknowledge receipt and agreement to all IFB amendments by answering "Yes" to question #14 on Attachment 2: *Bid Documents (Electronic)*, Section A: *Bid Submittal Checklist*.

All other terms and conditions of the IFB remain the same.



# Bid Solicitation Update 2

## Subject: Responses to Inquiries and Bid Opening Date Change

DATE: July 16, 2015

IFB/RFP: 22945      BID OPENING DATE | TIME: July 30, 2015      | 11:00 AM

GROUP | TITLE: 40523 | BUSES, TRANSIT (Adult Passenger)

**OGS DESIGNATED CONTACTS:**

Matthew Jones	CMS 1	518-474-4163	<a href="mailto:SST_auto@ogs.ny.gov">SST_auto@ogs.ny.gov</a>
Wendy Reitzel	CMS 3	518-473-5280	<a href="mailto:SST_auto@ogs.ny.gov">SST_auto@ogs.ny.gov</a>

**RESPONSES TO INQUIRIES:**

In accordance with the BUSES, TRANSIT (Adult Passenger), Invitation for Bids (IFB) 22945 answers to questions and requests for clarifications that were timely received during the inquiry period, (i.e., by July 8, 2015, or that were posed at the Pre-Bid Conference held July 14 2015, or that were submitted post pre-bid conference by July 15, 2015), were due to be released on or about July 20, 2015.

Answers to questions are now anticipated to be released on or about Tuesday, July 28, 2015 to all registered vendors via the New State Contract Reporter, and will be posted on the OGS Bid calendar at the following link: <http://www.ogs.ny.gov/purchase/biddocument/22945Bid.asp>

**UPDATE TO BID SUBMISSION INFORMATION:**

The Bid Opening date for this solicitation will be changed. It is anticipated that the amended date and time will be August 11, 2015 at 11:00am ET. However, the final amended date and time will be included in the Bid Solicitation Update that is released on or about Tuesday, July 28, 2015.

**BIDDER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SOLICITATION UPDATES**

All Bidders must acknowledge receipt and agreement to all IFB amendments by answering "Yes" to question #14 on Attachment 2: *Bid Documents (Electronic)*, Section A: *Bid Submittal Checklist*.

All other terms and conditions of the IFB remain the same.



# Bid Solicitation Update 1

## Subject: Key Events / Dates Changes and Revised Attach 1

DATE: June 30, 2015

IFB/RFP: 22945 BID OPENING DATE | TIME: July 30 , 2015 | 11:00 AM

GROUP | TITLE: 40523 | BUSES, TRANSIT (Adult Passenger)

### OGS DESIGNATED CONTACTS:

Matthew Jones	CMS 1	518-474-4163	<a href="mailto:SST_auto@ogs.ny.gov">SST_auto@ogs.ny.gov</a>
Wendy Reitzel	CMS 3	518-473-5280	<a href="mailto:SST_auto@ogs.ny.gov">SST_auto@ogs.ny.gov</a>

### TO PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS:

The above referenced IFB has been amended to include the changes outlined below. The amendments are reflected in the main IFB document and Attachment 1: *Specifications and Price Pages*.

- A. Page 1 (Cover Page) has been updated to reflect the new bid opening date, July 30, 2015.
- B. Section I.3 Key Events/Dates has been amended to:
  - 1. Change the "Discretionary Pre-bid Conference" date from July 13, 2015 to July 14, 2015;
  - 2. Change the "Closing Date for post pre-bid conference vendor inquiries" date from July 14, 2015 to July 15, 2015; and
  - 3. Change the "Submission of bid and bid opening" date from July 28, 2015 to July 30, 2015.
- C. Attachment 1: *Specifications and Price Pages* has been amended to unlock the cells to allow for Bidder input in Row 78 through Row 180 of Column E on Lot G *Dual Rear Wheel Cutaway >22 ft., 16 Passenger (14 adults/2 wheelchair)*.