

Notice to all interested parties, to date we have received five change/AE requests. If additional requests are received before the deadline of June 14, 2026, another Addendum will be posted prior to the deadline of July 21.

Request for Pre-Offer Change or Approved Equal

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Request #1 Propose RFP Section: Introduction Page #: 5
Question, clarification, or approved equal: This section states that vehicles must not have any Class 1 failures or more than two (2) Class 2 failures reported in the most recent executive summary. This is a Minimum Required Specification. (Responsive/Non-Responsive). Please accept a bus which had (2) Class 1 failures which were resolved in less than 1/2 hour each. Manufacturing changes were implemented eliminating these problems from units produced thereafter.
Agency action: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Denied
Agency response: We will allow you to bid the vehicle, but please note that vehicle design and performance is among the scoring criteria for this best value procurement. Altoona report will be reviewed as part of the scoring process.

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Request #2 Proposer: RFP Section: Exhibit A Page #: 41-42
Question, clarification, or approved equal: Seating is requested, and shown, as 21 passengers. Please accept 20 passengers plus driver, removing the center seat of the rear row. This may be required in order to stay under the GVWR of the chassis.
Agency action: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Denied
Agency response: We will accept a 20 passenger vehicle, with seating configured as described.

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Request #3 Proposer: RFP Section: II, 4 Page #: 5
Question, clarification, or approved equal: Minimum Qualifications require a Transit Vehicle Manufacturers certification of compliance with Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) regulations. The DBE Interim Final Rule (IFR) issued on October 3, 2025, paused some reporting and submission requirements. Until further notice, TVMs are not required submit DBE goals. TVMs are not required to submit semiannual uniform reports until further notice. Please allow a letter stating such, as well as a link to the FTA website of eligible manufacturers.
Agency action: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved(conditional approval) <input type="checkbox"/> Denied
Agency response: We have reviewed The IFR, and agree with this interpretaion. A letter, and a link to the eligible manufacturer's list will be accepted, so long as the FTA does not change this requirement during the course of this procurement. In the event the FTA reverts to the previous requirements for DBE goals prior to completion of this project, we will follow suit, and will require compliance.


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Request #4 Proposer: RFP Section: Exhibit A Page #: 41
Question, clarification, or approved equal: Vehicle is requested to be approximately 26 feet in length w/ 186" wheelbase. Please accept a 176" wheelbase, as commonly used for this length of bus.
Agency action: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Denied
Agency response: 176" wheelbase is acceptable.

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Request #5 Proposer:  RFP Section: Exhibit A Page #: 4
Question, clarification, or approved equal: Specifications call for Gerflor Flooring. Please allow flooring from Altro, in a similar color to Griffon, as an approved equal.
Agency action: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Denied
Agency response: Altro flooring is acceptable. Bidder to furnish color chart, we will select a suitable color.