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AMENDMENT #2 RFP-020-2017*(P)* Qualified Firm/s for the manufacture and delivery of Five (5) Heavy Duty Transit Buses to the Government of the U.S. Virgin Islands

INSERT: ***Questions and Answers (see attached)***

Revised Proposal Due Date

Old Due Date: **August 22, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.**

New Due Date: **September 12, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.**

ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS REMAIN UNCHANGED

BIDDERS MUST ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THIS AMENDMENT WITH THEIR BID PROPOSAL.

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Item#	Page / Section:	Specification in question:	Approved Equal and/or Clarification Request:	GVI Response:
1	1/ NR 1. Work Description 4/IP 1. Quantities 36/ SP 3. Options	States (5) w/ option for up to (10) Addtl over five years States (5) w/ option for up to (5) States (5) w/ option for up to (10)	Clarification requested on whether the option quantity is for up to (10) additional units over the five years or up to (5) additional units over the five years.	□ Approved □ Denied GVI Comments: **The Change will now be an option for 20 additional buses over a 5 years period**
2	1/NR 2. Proposal Due Date and Submittal Requirements	Proposals must be received by Tuesday, August 22, 2017.	Approval requested for an extension of the bid due date of three (3) weeks, September 12, 2017.	□ Approved □ Denied GVI Comments: **Extension APPROVED**
3	1/NR 2. Proposal Due Date and Submittal Requirements	All interested parties shall submit six (6) sets of proposals marked "Original"	Approval requested for the submission of one (1) original and five (copies).	□ Approved □ Denied GVI Comments: **REQUEST APPROVED**
4	29/SP 1.1 Pilot Bus	Section left blank	confirming that no pilot bus is required. Please verify.	□ Approved □ Denied GVI Comments: **NO PILOT BUS REQUIRED**
5	30/SP 2.1 Bus Delivery	Delivery of buses shall be determined by signed receipt of the GVI's designated agent(s), at point(s) of delivery (to be determined) . . .	Clarification provided that CONTRACTOR will deliver the buses to a United States east coast port (port as selected by GVI). The GVI would be responsible for coordination and payment of the ocean freight to the US Virgin Islands. In addition, GVI will be responsible for applicable taxes and fees once landed in the US Virgin Islands.	□ Approved □ Denied GVI Comments: **REQUEST APPROVED**
6	30/SP 2.2 Delivery Schedule	Delivery of the vehicles shall be completed with 360 days after Notice of Award.	Approval requested of the following change in delivery schedule: 1. <u>With Pilot Bus</u> – pilot bus delivered within 365 days. The balance of buses delivered within 395 days from pilot acceptance and subsequent notice to proceed from GVI. 2. <u>Without Pilot Bus</u> – All buses delivered within 395 days. The balance of buses delivered within 395 days from purchase order from GVI.	□ Approved □ Denied GVI Comments: **APPROVE 395 DAYS DELIVERY SCHEDULE**

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7	37/SP 5.1 Payment Terms; Progress Payments with Retention	Section that follows "The performance milestones and payment limits shall be as follows: . . ."	1. The GVI shall make payments for buses at 25% of the unit price for each bus itemized in the price schedule upon commencement of Body Weld and within 30 calendar days of receipt of a proper invoice.	□ Approved □ Denied GVI Comments: **GVI AGREES TO THIS PAYMENT SCHEDULE LANGUAGE CHANGE:**
			2. The GVI shall make payments for buses at 25% of the unit price for each bus itemized in the price schedule upon completion of engine installation and within 30 calendar days of receipt of a proper invoice. 3. The GVI shall make payments for buses at 25% of the unit price for each bus itemized in the price schedule once the bus is drivable and within 30 calendar days of receipt of a proper invoice. 4. The GVI shall make final payments for buses at 25% of the unit price for each bus itemized in the price schedule upon verification by the GVI's representative and/or inspector that said bus(es) have been bought off and are ready for shipment to the agreed upon east coast port and within 30 calendar days of receipt of a proper invoice. • Further note that final vehicle payment must be received prior to shipping the buses from the factory.	1. The GVI shall make payments for buses at 25% of the unit price for each bus itemized in the price schedule upon commencement of Body Weld and within 30 calendar days of receipt of a proper invoice. **Contractor must provide notice to the GVI 30 days prior to commencement of Body Weld process.** 2. The GVI shall make payments for buses at 25% of the unit price for each bus itemized in the price schedule upon completion of engine installation and within 30 calendar days of receipt of a proper invoice. **Contractor must provide notice to the GVI 30 days prior to Completion of engine installation.** 3. The GVI shall make payments for buses at 25% of the unit price for each bus itemized in the price schedule once the bus is drivable and within 30 calendar days of receipt of a proper invoice. **Contractor must provide notice to the GVI 30 days prior to period when bus is drivable.** 4. The GVI shall make final payments for buses at 25% of the unit price for each bus itemized in the price schedule upon verification by the GVI's representative and/or inspector that said bus(es) have been bought off and are ready for shipment to the agreed upon east coast port and within 30 calendar days of receipt of a proper invoice. **Final Payment shall be received prior to shipping bus from**
8	19/GC 4.1 General	The pre-delivery tests and inspections shall be performed at the Contractor's plant . . .	Clarification provided that both the pre-delivery inspection and final buy-off by the GVI must be performed at our manufacturing facility prior to shipment of buses.	□ Approved □ Denied GVI Comments: **GVI AGREES THAT FINAL INSPECTION AND BUY OFF WILL BE PERFORMED AT MANUFACTORING PLANT. APPROVED**

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9	32/SP 2.3 Contract Deliverables	18. Professionally prepared mechanics "Bus Orientation"	Approval requested for the video requirement to be deleted. Training will be provided on two islands on the actual purchased vehicles upon delivery.	□ Approved □ Denied GVI Comments: **REQUEST DENIED**
10	33/SP 2.3 Contract Deliverables	29. Recommended spare parts list, including bill of materials & 30. Part number index	Approval requested for the parts list and manual to be provided within 30 days of delivery. This will allow adequate generation time. MANUFACTURER will not commence building the manual until the bus has shipped, guaranteeing that all last minute revisions are accounted for. This timeframe allows us to provide "as built" parts list and	□ Approved □ Denied GVI Comments: **APPROVED**
11	34/SP 2.3 Contract Deliverables	38. Interior Features – fire-resistance certificates	Approval requested to delete this requirement since a Docket 90 interior is not a requirement of this procurement.	□ Approved □ Denied GVI Comments: **APPROVED**
12	35/SP 2.3 Contract Deliverables	48. Results of noise test including with engine braking	Approval requested to delete this requirement since we will be proposing an Allison B400R transmission with integral retarder in lieu of an engine braking system.	□ Approved □ Denied GVI Comments: **APPROVED**
13	36/SP 3 Options & Option Pricing	The Index shall be the Producer Price Index for Truck and Bus Bodies, Series No. 1413	Approval requested for the cost of any required Federal or State regulatory changes, (i.e. engine emission changes, etc.) that occur during the contract period be passed through to GVI at the bus manufacturer's cost. This is standard FTA contracting language.	□ Approved □ Denied GVI Comments: **APPROVED**
14	55/TS 5.2 Capacity	The bus shall be design to carry a minimum of 46 passengers, seated and standees . . .	Approval requested for a bus that carries forty-two (42) passengers, seated and standees per attached floorplan.	□ Approved □ Denied GVI Comments: **APPROVED**
15	57/TS 5.8 Noise	In addition, the bus shall meet interior and exterior noise requirements while the engine brake is operating.	Approval requested to delete this requirement since we will be proposing an Allison B400R transmission with integral retarder in lieu of an engine braking system.	□ Approved □ Denied GVI Comments: **APPROVED**

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16	60/TS 6.4 Step Height	. . all step riser heights shall be the same height within ± 0.25 inches and shall be no more than 10 inches.	Approval requested for a step riser height that is 10.5 inches.	□ Approved □ Denied GVI Comments: **APPROVED**
17	60/TS 6.6 Ramp Clearances	Approach Angle 10° Departure Angle 11°	Approval requested for an approach and departure angle that is a minimum of nine degrees (9°).	□ Approved □ Denied GVI Comments: **APPROVED**
18	62 & 63/TS 7.2 Gradability & TS 7.3 Acceleration	Gradability requirements shall be met . . . & Acceleration requirements shall be met. . .	Approval requested for submittal of an Allison Performance SCANN to document our estimation of Gradability and Acceleration performance of your criteria.	□ Approved □ Denied GVI Comments: **APPROVED**
19	64/TS 9 Engine	The engine shall meet all requirements of the Technical Specifications when operating on No. 1 or 2 diesel fuel	Approval requested for an engine that utilizes ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel (ULSDF).	□ Approved □ Denied GVI Comments: **APPROVED**
20	65/TS 9 Engine 67, TS 12 Retarder	In order to improve vehicle braking performance and extend brake life . . . the engine shall be equipped with an engine exhaust brake . . .	Approval requested for an electronically controlled B400R which is the approved transmission for the Cummins ISL diesel engine. The transmission is a five speed, pushbutton automatic transmission with an **integral output hydraulic brake retarder**. The transmission has a duty cycle rating of 45,000 lbs. GVWR. The retarder capacity is 925 ft lb rating. This is a critical design element, which cannot be modified.	□ Approved □ Denied GVI Comments: **APPROVED**
21	68/TS 13.1 Service	Engine oil and the radiator filler caps shall be hinged to the filler neck and closed with spring pressure or positive locks.	Approval requested for the Cummins engine OEM oil filler cap; spring loaded caps are not available. Approval requested for a non-hinged positive lock type radiator filler cap mounted on the surge tank which is integral with the engine coolant recovery tank system that utilizes a screw-on cap for checking the engine coolant level. Please note that the proposed engine coolant recovery system meets Cummins recommended design for EPA 2017 and beyond.	□ Approved □ Denied GVI Comments: **APPROVED**
22	69/TS 14.1 Fluid Lines	Flexible lines shall be Teflon hoses with braided stainless steel jackets . . .	Approval requested to supply standard non-stainless steel braided engine compartment lines. The only exception will be the air compressor discharge line which will remain braided stainless steel covered.	□ Approved □ Denied GVI Comments: **APPROVED**

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23	71/TS 17.2.1 Design and Construction, Diesel	The fuel filler shall accommodate a standard 11/2 inch fuel nozzle and filler rate of not less than 40 gallons per . . . audible signal shall indicate when the tank is essentially full.	Approval requested to delete the fast fueling system as specified. A standard diesel fuel fill will be provided that does not provide an audible signal.	□ Approved □ Denied GVI Comments: **APPROVED**
24	72/TS 19.1 Design	The vehicle shall be constructed using only inherently corrosion-resistant materials and fasteners to minimize deterioration . . .	Approval requested for our standard Grade C, high-strength carbon steel body structure with multi-layer corrosion protection package. Stepwells, wheelwells and engine bulkhead will be constructed of stainless steel.	□ Approved □ Denied GVI Comments: **APROVED**
25	73&74/TS 23. Corrosion	The structure shall not require corrosion-preventive coatings or after-treatments, either during construction or throughout the service life of the vehicle.	Approval requested for our standard frame design constructed of structural steel and provides stainless steel in high corrosion areas, i.e., wheelwells, stepwells, rear engine bulkhead, etc. This design requires undercoating that may require touch-up during service intervals through the life of the bus.	□ Approved □ Denied GVI Comments: **APPROVES: TS 23, 3rd paragraph "Additional Corrosion Resistance Requirement" is changed to read: Corrosion Resistance Requirements for Exposed and Interior Surfaces of Tubing Throughout the Entire Vehicle. All exposed surfaces and the interior surfaces of tubing and other enclosed members shall be corrosion resistant through application of a corrosion**
26	79/TS 30.3.4 Kneeling	A kneeling system shall lower the entrance(s) of the bus . . .	Approval requested for a vehicle that only kneels at the front entrance.	□ Approved □ Denied GVI Comments: **APPROVED**

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27	80/TS 31 Wheels and Tires	. . . The tires shall be supplied by the Contractor.	Clarification requested on whether a spare tire and spare aluminum wheel are to be provided and shipped loose with each bus. Your response will allow for proper costing,	□ Approved □ Denied GVI Comments: **A spare tire and spare aluminum wheel shall be provided on each bus.**
28	82/TS32.2.4 Steering Wheel Telescopic Adjustment	Table 4 At Maximum Telescopic Height Adjustment (5 inches)	Approval requested for a steering wheel where the maximum telescopic adjustment is 2.5 inches on all angles of slope. This is a critical supplier issue, which cannot be modified.	□ Approved □ Denied GVI Comments: **APPROVED**
29	83/TS 35.2 Actuation	Actuation of ABS shall override the operation of the engine brake.	Approval requested to delete this requirement since we will be proposing an Allison B400R transmission with integral retarder in lieu of an engine braking system. Please note that ABS will be provided and overrides the retarder.	□ Approved □ Denied GVI Comments: **APPROVED**
30	88/TS 40.1.2 Battery Cables	The battery terminals and cable shall be color-coded with red for primary positive, black for negative and another for any intermediate voltage cables.	Approval requested for the battery terminals and cable shall be color-coded with brown for primary positive, black for negative and red for intermediate voltage cables.	□ Approved □ Denied GVI Comments: **APPROVED**
31	90/TS 40.1.6 Master Battery Switch	Turning the master switch off with the power plant operating shall shutdown the engine and not damage any of the electrical system.	Approval requested to provide a master switch that does not shut down the engine upon opening. Cummins advises against such a function since it could lock up the engine computer.	□ Approved □ Denied GVI Comments: **APPROVED**
32	98/TS 44.5 Normal Bus Operation Instrumentation and Controls	Transit Bus Instruments and Alarms	Clarification provided that the listing of Transit Bus Instruments and Alarms is a composite listing of all possible alarms. For example, a fire suppression button with protective cover would only be provided if that specific option were selected by the end user. As such, not every device listed will be provided on the baseline bus.	□ Approved □ Denied GVI Comments: **APPROVED**
33	98/TS 44.5 Table 5	HVAC indicator	Approval for the HVAC indicator to be part of the HVAC control unit and located in the driver's overhead.	□ Approved □ Denied GVI Comments: **APPROVED**

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34	98/TS 44.5 Table 5	Driver's ventilation	Approval requested for a 3-position toggle switch – high/off/low – for the driver's ventilation in lieu of a rotary switch.	□ Approved □ Denied GVI Comments: **APPROVED**
35	98/TS 44.5 Table 5	Defroster Fan	Approval of a 3-position toggle switch with High/Off/Low for the defroster fan.	□ Approved □ Denied GVI Comments: **APPROVED**
36	98/TS 44.5 Table 5	Windshield Washer	Approval requested for the windshield washer to be integrated into the windshield wiper switch in lieu of a push button.	□ Approved □ Denied GVI Comments: **APPROVED**
37	99/TS 44.5 Table 5	WC ramp/kneel enable & front door ramp/kneel enable	Approval requested to delete both lines in their entirety since a ramp will not be provided on this standard floor bus.	□ Approved □ Denied GVI Comments: **APPROVED**
38	99/TS 44.5 Table 5	Front Kneel three position momentary switch	Approval requested for the use of a red hooded, two position toggle switch which operates the kneeling function of the bus. This simple design automatically lowers the bus in the down position, and raises the bus when flipped to the up position.	□ Approved □ Denied GVI Comments: **APPROVED**
39	99/TS 44.5 Table 5	Rear door ramp/kneel & rear door ramp & rear kneel	Approval requested to delete these lines in their entirety since a ramp will not be provided on this standard floor bus and rear kneeling is not an option for this vehicle.	□ Approved □ Denied GVI Comments: **APPROVED**
40	100/TS 44.5 Table 5	Remote Engine Speed	Approval requested to delete this line item in its entirety.	□ Approved □ Denied GVI Comments: **APPROVED**
41	100/TS 44.5 Table 5	Retarder disable/No retarder	Clarification provided that CONTRACTOR will be providing an integral retarder with the Allison B400 transmission.	□ Approved □ Denied GVI Comments: **APPROVED**

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42	101/TS 44.5 Table 5	Auxiliary Power	Please revise the auxiliary power device as a 12-volt power receptacle, and not a 110-volt power receptacle as listed.	□ Approved □ Denied GVI Comments: **APPROVED**
43	104/TS 46.2 Windshield Washers	The windshield washer system shall have a minimum 3-gallon reservoir, located for easy refilling from outside of the bus.	Approval requested for our standard 2-gallon windshield washer system reservoir. This is the largest reservoir that will fit in our dash. This is a critical design element that cannot be modified.	□ Approved □ Denied GVI Comments: **APPROVED**
44	109/TS 51.3 Configuration	Operable Windows with Operable Transom Panel and Sliding Lower Panels	Clarification requested on whether window configuration should be solid glass as on your last build or upper tip-in transom as specified in the procurement document.	□ Approved □ Denied GVI Comments: **Configuration should remain as solid glass.**
45	110/TS 52 Heating, Ventilating and Air Conditioning	Heating	Clarification requested on whether a heating system is required for the roof mounted HVAC as well as the driver's dash unit. Please confirm that no heating system or heater lines will be required on the bus.	□ Approved □ Denied GVI Comments: **Heating system is not required**
46	111/TS 53. Capacity and Performance	Hot engine coolant water shall be delivered to the HVAC system . . .	Clarification requested on whether a hot engine coolant water booster pump is required. Please confirm that no heating system booster pump will be required on the bus.	□ Approved □ Denied GVI Comments: **No heating system booster pump is required.**
47	117/TS 69.1	Exterior painted surfaces shall be finished in DuPont Imron or PPG DGHS or PPG – Delfleet Paint System	Approval requested for the AkzoNobel Sikkens paint system.	□ Approved □ Denied GVI Comments: **APPROVED**
48	118/TS 71. Exterior Lighting	LED-type lamps shall be utilized at all exterior lamp locations except headlights.	Clarification requested on whether LED low and high beams are required as provided on your last build. Please confirm that LED headlights will be required.	□ Approved □ Denied GVI Comments: **LED headlights is required**

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49	120/TS 72. General Requirements	The entire interior of the bus aft of the white standee line . . . shall be coated with anti-graffiti clear polyurethane.	Approval requested to supply .10" thick transit grade melamine sidewalls and ceiling material. This material is graffiti resistant and will not require painting throughout its life. GVI may select either off-white or light gray melamine colors.	□ Approved □ Denied GVI Comments: **APPROVED**
50	122/TS 73.8 Floor Covering	The floor rubber shall be RCA Rubber Company, Transit Flor . . .	Clarification requested on whether Altro Meta Storm is required as provided on your last build. Please confirm that Altro flooring will be required.	□ Approved □ Denied GVI Comments: **Altro flooring will be required**
51	124/TS 74. Fare Collection	The GVI will specify and supply a fare box for the Contractor to install.	Clarification requested on whether contractor will be responsible for the purchase and/or installation of the GFI farebox.	□ Approved □ Denied GVI Comments: **Contractor will be responsible for the purchase and installation of GFI farebox.**
52	133/TS 78.2 Door Glazing	Glazing material in the rear doorway door panels shall be the same material, thickness and color as the side windows.	Approval requested to provide .25" thick tempered safety glass of the same color as supplied in the front door panels. This allows door glass to be interchanged from front to rear doors, which in turn saves on inventory costs.	□ Approved □ Denied GVI Comments: **APPROVED**
53	135/TS 78.6 Actuators & 136/TS 78.11 Door Open/Close	Doors shall automatically close when touch-bars are released . . .	Clarification requested on whether GVI will require rear door mounted touch-bars or not as they were not provided on your last build. Please clarify so adequate pricing can be provided.	□ Approved □ Denied GVI Comments: **Rear door mounted touch bar required.**
54	140/TS 83.1 Camera Surveillance System	Complete section	Clarification requested if GVI requires the same system as on your last build. Please confirm so adequate pricing can be provided.	□ Approved □ Denied GVI Comments: **Previous system required**

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55	142/TS 83.4 Radio Handset/Headset and Control System	The Contractor shall configure the bus, supply four (4) headsets per bus, and install the radio equipment in the Virgin Islands.	Approval requested for one of the following options: 1. Contractor supply pre-wiring only for the two-way radio system and GVI purchase, supply and install the two-way radio system from a local supplier, under contract with GVI. – OR -- 2. Contractor provide a Tait TM-8200 Series (or most current model) two-radio system with cabling and antenna as per your last build. Please choose either Option 1 or Option 2 so adequate pricing can be provided.	□ Approved □ Denied GVI Comments: **Option 2 selected**
56	148/Attachment 3	Item 14. Handheld radio and charger for supervision as described in Section "Radio"	Approval requested to delete this item as it is not included in Section "Radio".	□ Approved □ Denied GVI Comments: **Deletion approved**
57	152/WR 1.1.2 Complete Bus	The complete bus . . . warranted to be free from Defects and Related Defects for two (2) years or 100,000 miles, whichever comes first . . .	Approval requested for our standard complete bus warranty of two years or 50,000 miles whichever comes first.	□ Approved □ Denied GVI Comments: **Standard Warranty Approved**
58	152/WR 1.1.4 Propulsion System	The propulsion system manufacturer's standard warranty, delineating items excluded from the Extended Warranty shall be submitted in accordance with the Request for Pre-Offer Change or Approved Equal or with the Form for Proposal Deviation.	Pursuant to this requirement, attached please find the following warranty coverages with exclusions on the contractor's bus as well as specific warranty coverages/exclusions for the engine, transmission, and HVAC system. Please reference Approved Equal 58 that outlines delegation of warranty claims responsibility to Cummins, Allison, Thermo King and Arvin Meritor.	□ Approved □ Denied GVI Comments: **APPROVED**
59	153/WR 1.1.6 Subsystems	Other subsystems shall be warranted to be free from Defects and Related Defects for two year or 100,000 miles, whichever comes first.	Approval requested for our standard warranty of two (2) years or 50,000 miles whichever comes first on the "other subsystems" as listed in Section 7, WR 1.1.6 Subsystems.	□ Approved □ Denied GVI Comments: **APPROVED**

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60	154/WR 1.3.1 Pass-Through Warranty	Should the Contract elect to not administer warranty claims on certain components and wish to transfer this responsibility to the Suppliers, or to others, the Contract shall request this waiver.	Approval requested for a waiver to delegate warranty claims responsibility for the following component suppliers as these suppliers only allow for warranty claims to be submitted directly to their respective authorized dealer or distributor in the Virgin Island area: 1. Cummins Engine 2. Allison Transmission 3. Thermo King HVAC 4. Arvin Meritor Axles Please note that Contractor will work with GVI to resolve any warranty matters when local vendors are unable or unwilling to provide necessary support. Contractor will be responsible for all warranty restitution on the balance of the bus.	□ Approved □ Denied GVI Comments: **WAIVER REQUEST APPROVED**
61	159 – 168/ Section 8 Quality Assurance	The Contractor, the Contractor's manufacturing plant and organization shall be certified to the appropriate QS-9000/ISO 9000 series of standards.	Approval requested for our attached IS0-9001 Quality Assurance Certification and Quality Manual. This is lieu of Section 8 in its entirety.	□ Approved □ Denied GVI Comments: **APPROVED**