

RFP Addendum
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PLEASE NOTE:

This document must be signed where indicated below by a person authorized to sign Proposals and Addenda on behalf of your company, and returned with your Request for Proposal (RFP) submission. Failure to do so may result in rejection of your Proposal.

DESCRIPTION: 30', 35' and 40' Low Floor Heavy Duty Clean Fuel Diesel and Hybrid Electric Buses

Questions received and their corresponding answers are attached (This is a partial list of questions and responses. Responses to the previous set of questions received were issued in Addendum #1 on Friday, October 23, 2015):

All other Terms and Conditions remain the same.

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		Would the Authority accept Zero Emission bus that utilizes a battery electric propulsion system? BYD's zero emissions bus offers a 12 year unlimited mile battery warranty relieving the perceived risk associated with Zero Emissions Battery electric propulsion system buses. Over the 12 year service life of the bus the Authority will benefit from reduced maintenance costs and realize a lower cost of ownership, which will be the lowest cost of ownership of any bus manufacturer in the industry.

A: No, not at this time.

Section	Page	Q:
Exhibit A.1 Technical Specification	46	Request received to consider the Vanner Start Sentry Ultracapacitor as an Approved Equal instead of the stated KBI EC501.2.

A: CTDOT will review requests for approved equals on a case-by-case basis during the RFP evaluation phase. Deviations to the specifications provided in the Exhibit A.1 - Technical Specifications of the RFP must be detailed in writing on Form ZZ of Exhibit A2 - Vehicle Technical Information, and returned with your proposal. Acceptance or denial of approved equals will be at the sole discretion of CTDOT.

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RFP Document 1.	16	We are kindly requesting the bid closing date and question period for 15DOT7002 – Bus RFP to be moved by 4 weeks. The question period would therefore be due by November 6th and the RFP due date to December 17th 2015.

A: At this point there are no plans to revise the Proposal Schedule. Request is denied.

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RFP Document	17 & 24	Clarification is requested as to how many copies of the proposal are required with the original. Page 17 states one original with 5 copies and Page 24 states one original with 6 copies.

A: Submit one (1) original and six (6) copies.

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Attachment 1 5.	5	Approval is requested to amend this section to read the following: "Notwithstanding anything else to the contrary contained herein, in the event that a price adjustment is required in respect of changes that are mandatory as a result of legislation or regulations that become effective after the date of the proposal submission, such price adjustment shall be negotiated in good faith by the Agency and the Contractor."

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Attachment 1 10.	7	Approval is requested to amend this section to read the following: The Agency shall, within forty-five (45) days of the effective date of Termination, reimburse the Contractor for its Performance rendered and accepted by the Agency in accordance with Exhibit A, in addition to all of its costs, including contract close-out costs, and profit on work performed up to the date of Termination. However, the Contractor is not entitled to receive and the Agency is not obligated to tender to the Contractor any payments for anticipated or lost profits. Upon request by the Agency, the Contractor shall assign to the Agency, or any replacement contractor which the Agency designates, all subcontracts, purchase orders and other commitments, deliver to the Agency all Records and other information pertaining to its Performance, and remove from State premises, whether leased or owned, all of Contractor's property, equipment, waste material and rubbish related to its Performance, all as the Agency may request.

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Attachment 1 35.	18	Approval is requested to amend this section to read the following: "The Agency and its representatives and agents agree to enter into a confidentiality agreement with the Contractor prior to commencing an audit, review or analysis in order to protect and maintain the confidentiality of the Contractor's information."

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RFP Document		Clarification is requested in regards to uploading the required forms (OPM Ethics Form 1, OPM Ethics Form 5, OPM Ethics Form 6, OPM Form 7) online. An account has been created however an error message stating "RFP 15DOT7002 is not eligible for online submission." Please clarify.

A: Access your account. Click on Company Information. Click on Company Docs. You should have the ability to upload the Forms (don't reference the RFP number). If you are unable to successfully upload the Forms, contact the State Contracting Portal helpline for assistance at: 860-713-5095.

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Attachment 1 5.	5.	Approval is requested to amend the payment terms to be Net 30 Days as the current scope and payment terms (45 days) require us to make a substantial investment up front for the execution of the contract deliverables. We respectfully request that timelines be agreed upon by both parties for the required acceptance and corrective action activities, to ensure that both contract deliverables and payment are received in a timely manner.

A: Payment terms for the State of Connecticut are 45 days. Proposers may offer prompt payment discounts for payment terms less than 45 days. Request is denied.

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RFP Document	4	In your RFP 15DOT7002, a reference is made to the following two documents: http://www.das.state.ct.us/Purchase/Info/Vendor Authorization and Guidance 081106.pdf http://www.ct.gov/ethics/lib/ethic/2006 guide for contractors.pdf We are unable to locate these documents on your website.

A: *Disregard the first link. This is no longer a requirement. The correct link for the remaining item is:
[http://www.ct.gov/ethics/lib/ethics/guides/contractors guide 10.pdf](http://www.ct.gov/ethics/lib/ethics/guides/contractors%20guide%2010.pdf)*

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		Since the cost of paint is influence by the complexity of the project, we are kindly requesting the paint scheme associated with this procurement.

A: *For consistent comparison, Proposers should assume the present paint color and scheme used on the "blue" CTtransit local buses operated in Hartford, New Haven, and Stamford. It is recognized that the price may vary if the paint color and scheme differs in a particular order of buses.*

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		Would it be possible to know how many contracts are expected on the 213 buses? What is the number of buses expected by contract?

A: *It is anticipated that the orders issued in the first year will be between 60-75 buses, the majority being 40'. CTDOT reserves the right to adjust quantities and types of buses at its sole discretion.*

Section	Page	Q:
		In regards, to the Exhibit B where you request the "Date of Delivery After Receipt of Order", should this date be the start date of delivery or the completion? If the completion, based on how many buses?

A: *It should be considered as the arrival date of the last bus, per order. The final delivery schedule shall be determined jointly by the purchasing authority and the vendor.*

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		To our understanding, the individual Non Discrimination Certification is not required for a corporation. Is our understanding correct?

A: *An individual Non Discrimination certification is not required for a corporation.*

Section	Page	Q:
		Are we allowed to add lines to the price schedule? If an item differs between a diesel and hybrid bus, we would like to duplicate the line.

A: *Exhibit B, Price Schedule has separate line items (Hybrid and Diesel) for the base bus prices. If you are referring to the Optional Spare Parts and Extended Warranty Pricing, you may attach a separate sheet. Please be clear in your description of each item and corresponding price.*

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		Are "unlike replacement buses" confirmed quantity?

A: *The final number and type of bus will be confirmed at the time of order.*

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		Whenever an officer is requested to appear in front of a Notary or Clerk, we request to accept a Commissioner of Oaths or a registered Attorney to replace a Notary or Clerk as the person before whom the officer executes the certificates, forms or schedules...
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A: A sworn statement before a Commissioner of Oaths (as permitted by local law) would be considered equivalent to a similar statement sworn before a Notary Public. Statements sworn to a registered Attorney are not considered equivalent and will not be valid. Proposers are reminded that Connecticut law will be considered as the governing rules for this procurement.

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		Since PPI - W The PPI category WPS141106 "Transportation Equipment", "Trucks, over 14,000 lbs. GVW" is no longer valid, the WPU141106 would be applicable. Is our understanding correct?
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A: PPI Category WPS141106 was listed incorrectly in the RFP. For the Purpose of this procurement WPU1413 will be used for the duration of the contract.

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		Despite the evaluation criteria 4a3 (page 22 of 40 DOTRFP-22), to our understanding, no bonding is required in this procurement.
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A: Bonds are not required.

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		We understand that the contract included in the RFP is a sample. Therefore, we consider that deviations from this sample contract can be submitted with our proposal and those deviations will be considered by CTDOT. Is this accurate?
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		In the warranty provisions (section 1.13 Exhibit A) it is provided for a remedy in the event of the occurrence of a fleet defect. The definition of fleet defect includes a cumulative failure of 20% in the same components [...]. Should we considered that the 20% is calculated on components failure which affects 20% of the buses delivered under the contract?
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A: The definition should be based on the number of buses affected, not on the total number of failed components (assuming that there is more than one component of the same type per bus.

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RFP Document	13	Please advise the projected official award date.
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A: CTDOT anticipates that an award will be issued in January, 2016

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Attachment 1	20	<p>We maintain and pay the premiums for insurance of the types and limits it deems sufficient for its protection through the manufacturing process, and through delivery and acceptance at the Agency property.</p> <p>Upon delivery of the transit vehicles, the Agency, as the new Legal Owner, would be responsible to obtain and pay the premiums for insurance of the types and limits it requires for its protection.</p> <p>We request deletion of the requirement for Contractor to have Professional Liability Insurance. This coverage is only necessary for professional services such as engineering, architecture, etc. Contractor's General Liability will provide the Agency with insurance protection for product related liability issues.</p> <p>Attached is a copy of our Certificate of Liability Insurance for your information and approval. Please advise.</p>

A: Professional Liability Insurance will not be required.

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Proposal		<p>We request clarification as to how many copies of the proposal are required with the original. Page 17 states one original with 5 copies and Page 24 states one original with 6 copies.</p>

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Attachment 1 Termination		<p>Approval is requested to amend this section to read the following: The Agency shall, within forty-five (45) days of the effective date of Termination, reimburse the Contractor for its Performance rendered and accepted by the Agency in accordance with Exhibit A, in addition to all of its costs, including contract close-out costs, and profit on work performed up to the date of Termination. However, the Contractor is not entitled to receive and the Agency is not obligated to tender to the Contractor any payments for anticipated or lost profits. Upon request by the Agency, the Contractor shall assign to the Agency, or any replacement contractor which the Agency designates, all subcontracts, purchase orders and other commitments, deliver to the Agency all Records and other information pertaining to its Performance, and remove from State premises, whether leased or owned, all of Contractor's property, equipment, waste material and rubbish related to its Performance, all as the Agency may request.</p>

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Attachment 1 Audit, Review, Analysis		Approval is requested to amend this section to read the following: "The Agency and its representatives and agents agree to enter into a confidentiality agreement with the Contractor prior to commencing an audit, review or analysis in order to protect and maintain the confidentiality of the Contractor's information."
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Section 38. C Insurance		We request acknowledgement that we do not carry a specific Professional Liability policy. We request clarification as to whether our Commercial General Liability (CGL) policy would suffice for the insurance coverages stated.
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A: Professional Liability Insurance will not be required.

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Section 38. A Insurance		We request that any references to subcontractors be removed as subcontractors are not used by us.
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A: Subcontractors are not specifically mentioned in the referenced section. The reference to "Independent Contractors" would apply in the event that they are utilized. Request is denied.

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Section 16. E		We request approval to remove the referred requirement as insurance certificates stating proof/limits of coverage will suffice as proof of coverage.
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A: Request is denied.

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Section 16. A Indemnifi- cation		Approval is requested to amend this section to read the following: The Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the State and its officers, representatives, agents, servants, employees, successors and assigns from and against any and all (1) Proven Third Party Claims arising, directly or indirectly, in connection with the Contract, including the negligent acts of commission or omission (collectively, the "Acts") of the Contractor or Contractor Parties; and (2) liabilities, damages, losses, costs and expenses, including but not limited to, attorneys' and other professionals' fees, arising, directly or indirectly, in connection with Claims, Acts. The Contractor shall use counsel reasonably acceptable to the State in carrying out its obligations under this section. The Contractor's obligations under this section to indemnify and hold harmless against Proven Third Party Claims includes Claims concerning confidentiality of any part of or all of the Contractor's bid, proposal or any Records, any intellectual property rights, other proprietary rights of any person or entity, copyrighted or uncopyrighted compositions, secret processes, patented or unpatented inventions, articles or appliances furnished or used in the Performance.

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Proposal Require- ments Ownership of Subse- quent Products		Approval is requested to remove this section.

A: *Revisions to the Terms and Conditions May or may not be approved during the negotiation phase of the RFP process, at the sole discretion of CTDOT*

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Attachment 1 Force Majeure		Approval is Requested to amend this section to read the following: Events that materially affect the cost of the Goods or Services or the time schedule within which to Perform and are outside the control of the party asserting that such an event has occurred, including, but not limited to, strikes, labor stoppages, labor troubles unrelated to the Contractor, failure of or inadequate permanent power, unavoidable casualties, fire not caused by the Contractor, extraordinary weather conditions, disasters, riots, acts of God, insurrection or war.

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Attachment 1 Working and Labor Synergies		Approval is requested to amend this section to read the following: The Contractor shall be responsible for maintaining a tranquil working relationship between the Contractor work force, the Contractor Parties and their work force, State employees, and any other contractors present at the work site. The Contractor shall quickly resolve all labor disputes which result from the Contractor's or Contractor Parties' presence at the work site, or other action under their control. Labor disputes shall not be deemed to be sufficient cause to allow the Contractor to make any claim for additional compensation for cost, expenses or any other loss or damage.

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Ex. A.1 General RQMTS	1	Request approval to provide our standard model buses with standard minimum expected life of twelve (12) years or 500,000 miles, whichever comes first.
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Ex. A.1 General RQMTS	1	Manufacturer requests approval that all diagnostic equipment be priced separately from the bus price in order to ensure proper costing, regardless of the number of buses in the base order, any option orders and for each agency. Manufacturer further requests approval to provide a comprehensive diagnostic equipment and tools proposal complete with pricing. This would provide each agency with the flexibility to select which tools and quantities are required based on their respective operation.
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A: Vendor may provide a price list separately at its discretion as part of the proposal submitted.

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Ex. A.1 Basic Body	3	Request approval to provide a combination of a robust steel chassis and a purpose-built aluminum body structure, integrated to provide a light-weight yet rigid durable structure.
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Ex. A.1 Basic Body	3	Request approval to provide Axalta's Alesta® Zinc-Rich primed frame, Corashield® 7972 by PPG coated underbody & CoraTube® by PPG on the insides of tube members from the roof line.
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Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Basic Body	3	Request approval to provide bus with the deterioration from atmospheric conditions and de-icing materials for a period of 12 years or 500,000 miles, whichever comes first.
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Ex. A.1 Basic Body	3	Request more details on what type of body material is required.
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A: Details shall be as mutually agreed after acceptance of the bid.

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Ex. A.1 Basic Body	3	Request clarification as this section contradicts the next paragraph which states no coatings or periodic touch up is allowed.
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A: The Intent of these provisions is that neither corrosion-preventive coatings nor after treatments shall have to be applied on undamaged material in order to maintain anti-corrosive properties for the life of the bus either (1) as a complete refurbishment or (2) as a touch-up over corrosion-resistant material (e.g., a stainless-steel weld).

Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Basic Body	3	Request clarification as this is a direct contradiction to the paragraph above - states it shall NOT require coatings to be applied during or after build - however paragraph above states periodic touch up is OK.
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A: The Intent of these provisions is that neither corrosion-preventive coatings nor after treatments shall have to be applied on undamaged material in order to maintain anti-corrosive properties for the life of the bus either (1) as a complete refurbishment or (2) as a touch-up over corrosion-resistant material (e.g., a stainless-steel weld).

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Ex. A.1 Basic Body	3	Request approval to provide a hybrid (Ferritic stainless steel) structure with semi-monocoque design, using high-strength low-alloy (HSLA) steel (ASTM A242, A588, A606, A568, CSA G40.21 44W, 50A, 50W) and a structural tube and channel (ASTM A500, CSA G40.21 50A, 50W) for strength and durability. Ferritic stainless steel is known for its weld joints and toughness when exposed to cold temperatures, easily welded to HSLA steel and retains corrosion resistant properties post welding. The proposed structure has been proven successful and reliable in service. Structural components, both interior and exterior, are subject to New Flyer's extensive standard corrosion protection.
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A: Each type of material offered must provide both anti-corrosive properties and metallurgy satisfactory to CTDOT. The determination of satisfactory compliance with this provision shall be made exclusively by CTDOT and/or its designee(s).

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Ex. A.1 Basic Body	4	Request approval to provide a bus that is only towable from the front for the purpose of repositioning the bus before front towing. Rear towing is not recommend due to insufficient ground clearance at the front of the vehicle and the problem of locking the front wheels in a straight position. rationale - The bus is designed to be towed from the front using the flat tow method.
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Ex. A.1 Basic Body	4	Request approval to provide bus with the surface edges that shall be blended with a circular section of radius not less than ¼ in. or installed in a fully sealed butt joint
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Ex. A.1 Basic Body	5	Request approval to provide Greenwood Forest, NT ACQ Bus Panel ¾ in. – 7-PLY Veneer plywood Flooring that is undercoated with Corashield for superior protection against the elements. Pressure treated plywood shall be supplied in the wheelchair ramp cavity also. The forward five (5) feet of the upper level floor has been designed with a lightweight durable molded "Fiberglass honey comb core with polyester resin" composite which incorporates a stylized step up to the upper level and wraps over the fuel tank on the 40 ft bus. Greenwood Forest, NT ACQ Bus panel does not require sealing of cut edges as it is developed to assure full penetration and retention of ACQ, the environmentally-friendly preservative that prevents decay and insect damage. Also request approval to use Milwaukee composite flooring as an alternate option.
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Ex. A.1 Basic Body	5	Request approval to provide a driver's platform of 17.75" in height, with a fare box pedestal providing an additional 6" step.
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Ex. A.1 Basic Body	5	Request approval to provide an anodized aluminum trim in areas where stainless steel trim cannot be properly formed for the given application.
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Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Basic Body	5	Request approval to provide a rear step which is angled, varying in depth from 12" to 34".
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Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Basic Body	5	Request approval to provide a step surface covered with flooring material, and large yellow edging on both steps, to match the rest of the floor. Also request clarification as to what is meant by "stair risers shall be laminated."
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Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Basic Body	5	Request acknowledgement that its fiberglass wheelhouse covers are not color-impregnated. Request approval to provide standard fiberglass layup techniques and gelcoat painted A surface only for the wheelhouse covers.
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Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Basic Body	6	Request acknowledgement that impact panels only come in 2 shades of grey.
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Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Basic Body	6	Request approval to provide the bus with the splash aprons extending downward to within 6 in. off the road surface at static conditions.
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Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Basic Body	6	Request approval to provide a front license plate which is not recessed. It is mounted directly on the front defroster door, held in place by four (4) inserts providing a near flush mount.
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Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Basic Body	6	Request approval to provide all large exterior access doors with square key locks. Latches can be provided on the engine door, side console and fuse box doors, however due to insufficient space on the radiator, defroster and battery doors, slam latches cannot be mounted.
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Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Basic Body	7	Request approval to provide a polyethylene battery tray supported by a stainless steel sub-frame and polyethylene enclosure. This design is corrosion resistant, light weight and proven to be robust. The batteries are supported by structural stainless steel U-channels, sized to provide support for 2 8d batteries or 4 GP 31 batteries.
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Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Basic Body	7	Request approval to provide an aesthetic bumper design of the proposed bus. Dimensions from the top of the bus to the outer edges of the bumper equal 26.7" and from the top to the center line of the bus equal 24.3" with a rolling radius of 19".
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Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Basic Body	8	Request approval to provide roof marker/clearance lights which are low profile, non-flush mounted.
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Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Basic Body	8	Request clarification as to what is required by this statement.
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A: Affected interior components shall either be impregnated with a manufactured surface treatment or shall have received application of post-manufactured anti-graffiti coating that facilitates the removal of permanent markers using regular cleaners and detergents without permanent damage or color change to the affected areas.

Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Basic Body	8	Request acknowledgement that Arborite P-925-S has been discontinued. Request approval to provide Arborite Berry Blue Linolite P-290-CA.
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Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Basic Body	8	Request approval that materials comply with Recommended Fire Safety Practices from FMVSS 302, in lieu of FTA Docket 90.
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A: The most strident and up to date Standard must be applied.

Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Basic Body	8	Request approval to provide an operator's barrier to be formed by the side of the SDS enclosure, black in color.
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A: CTDOT will review requests for approved equals on a case-by-case basis during the RFP evaluation phase. Deviations to the specifications provided in the Exhibit A.1 - Technical Specifications of the RFP must be detailed in writing on Form ZZ of Exhibit A2 - Vehicle Technical Information, and returned with your proposal. Acceptance or denial of approved equals will be at the sole discretion of CTDOT.

Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Basic Body	9	Request approval to provide one of two storage boxes due to space constraints: Above the seated driver with dimensions 12"H x 13-19"L x 9"W with a short wing quad latch or; Behind the seated driver with dimensions 12"H x 19"L x 7"W with a paddle latch or keyed lock.
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Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Basic Body	9	Request approval to provide modesty panels which extend approximately 6" above the lower window line.
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A: CTDOT will review requests for approved equals on a case-by-case basis during the RFP evaluation phase. Deviations to the specifications provided in the Exhibit A.1 - Technical Specifications of the RFP must be detailed in writing on Form ZZ of Exhibit A2 - Vehicle Technical Information, and returned with your proposal. Acceptance or denial of approved equals will be at the sole discretion of CTDOT.

Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Basic Body	9	Request approval to provide an electronic cabinet that acts as a barrier between the passengers and the rear of the driver. The driver's barrier shall extend from the top of the wheel well to the ceiling the level of the seated driver and shall fit close to the bus side windows and wall to prevent passengers from reaching the driver or the driver's personal effects.
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Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Engine	11	Request approval to provide a pressure release lever in lieu of a pushbutton. The coolant is now filled via the coolant recovery tank, not the surge tank access door (where the lever is located), with the fill location being approximately 60" above the ground.
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Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Engine	11	Request approval to provide a coolant recovery tank fill port 60" above the ground.
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A: CTDOT will review requests for approved equals on a case-by-case basis during the RFP evaluation phase. Deviations to the specifications provided in the Exhibit A.1 - Technical Specifications of the RFP must be detailed in writing on Form ZZ of Exhibit A2 - Vehicle Technical Information, and returned with your proposal. Acceptance or denial of approved equals will be at the sole discretion of CTDOT.

Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Engine	11	Request approval to provide an electronic C-COM gauge with a backlit LCD display located on the engine compartment switch box. Standard display parameters include: engine oil pressure, engine coolant temperature, transmission oil temperature, tachometer and 12V and 24V battery voltage.
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Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Engine	11	Manufacturer would like to clarify that the engine oil and radiator filler caps are not hinged but removable and tethered to the fill ports. Furthermore, the engine oil cap is retained by screw cap, which is a Cummins mandated change designed to create a more positive seal and prevent leakage.
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Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Engine	11	Request approval to provide a bus with Cummin's ES Complete™ coolant.
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A: CTDOT will review requests for approved equals on a case-by-case basis during the RFP evaluation phase. Deviations to the specifications provided in the Exhibit A.1 - Technical Specifications of the RFP must be detailed in writing on Form ZZ of Exhibit A2 - Vehicle Technical Information, and returned with your proposal. Acceptance or denial of approved equals will be at the sole discretion of CTDOT.

Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Engine	12	Manufacturer's proposal is based on providing flexible air lines which are manufactured by Manuli and come equipped with plated steel fittings.
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Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Engine	13	Request approval to provide one of the two following options: 1) A Kidde-Dual Spectrum fire suppression system 2) An Amerex Modular fire suppression system with a 25lb tank.
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A: CTDOT will review requests for approved equals on a case-by-case basis during the RFP evaluation phase. Deviations to the specifications provided in the Exhibit A.1 - Technical Specifications of the RFP must be detailed in writing on Form ZZ of Exhibit A2 - Vehicle Technical Information, and returned with your proposal. Acceptance or denial of approved equals will be at the sole discretion of CTDOT.

Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Engine	13	Request approval to provide the FogMaker fire suppression system the used 'Loss of Pressure' tubing detection and not individual point thermal sensors.
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Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Trans- mission	15	Requests approval to provide a bus with the retarder switch located in a flip door behind the driver's seat; we are required to provide a switch however this location requires a driver to intentionally access the switch. The retarder disable switch shall be accessible to the driver but not from the seated position.
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A: CTDOT will review requests for approved equals on a case-by-case basis during the RFP evaluation phase. Deviations to the specifications provided in the Exhibit A.1 - Technical Specifications of the RFP must be detailed in writing on Form ZZ of Exhibit A2 - Vehicle Technical Information, and returned with your proposal. Acceptance or denial of approved equals will be at the sole discretion of CTDOT.

Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Axle(s)	15	Request approval to provide a MAN axle designed with a grease-packed unitized bearing.
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Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Axle(s)	15	Request approval to provide a 5 year/300,000 mile (whichever occurs first) limited MAN axle warranty.
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Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 SPNSN System	16	Request approval to provide grease fittings that are not all accessible to allow a rigid tube end grease gun to be used. A flexible hose end will be required.
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A: CTDOT will review requests for approved equals on a case-by-case basis during the RFP evaluation phase. Deviations to the specifications provided in the Exhibit A.1 - Technical Specifications of the RFP must be detailed in writing on Form ZZ of Exhibit A2 - Vehicle Technical Information, and returned with your proposal. Acceptance or denial of approved equals will be at the sole discretion of CTDOT.

Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 SPNSN System	16	Request approval to provide kneeling rate of 2" per second.
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A: CTDOT will review requests for approved equals on a case-by-case basis during the RFP evaluation phase. Deviations to the specifications provided in the Exhibit A.1 - Technical Specifications of the RFP must be detailed in writing on Form ZZ of Exhibit A2 - Vehicle Technical Information, and returned with your proposal. Acceptance or denial of approved equals will be at the sole discretion of CTDOT.

Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 SPNSN System	16	Request approval to provide a kneeling system that shall lower the entrance(s) of the bus a minimum of 2 inch during loading or unloading operations regardless of load up to GVWR.
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A: CTDOT will review requests for approved equals on a case-by-case basis during the RFP evaluation phase. Deviations to the specifications provided in the Exhibit A.1 - Technical Specifications of the RFP must be detailed in writing on Form ZZ of Exhibit A2 - Vehicle Technical Information, and returned with your proposal. Acceptance or denial of approved equals will be at the sole discretion of CTDOT.

Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 SPNSN System	17	Request approval to provide a warning light mounted near the curbside of the front door, a minimum 2.5 in. diameter amber lens, shall be provided that will blink when the kneel feature is activated.
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A: CTDOT will review requests for approved equals on a case-by-case basis during the RFP evaluation phase. Deviations to the specifications provided in the Exhibit A.1 - Technical Specifications of the RFP must be detailed in writing on Form ZZ of Exhibit A2 - Vehicle Technical Information, and returned with your proposal. Acceptance or denial of approved equals will be at the sole discretion of CTDOT.

Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Wheels & Tires	17	Request approval to provide accurate steel wheels 19.5 X 6.75H-8-OS145M20-01EP, Spigot mounted 6.75" steel rims, Powder Coated silver. powder coated Silver.
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A: CTDOT will review requests for approved equals on a case-by-case basis during the RFP evaluation phase. Deviations to the specifications provided in the Exhibit A.1 - Technical Specifications of the RFP must be detailed in writing on Form ZZ of Exhibit A2 - Vehicle Technical Information, and returned with your proposal. Acceptance or denial of approved equals will be at the sole discretion of CTDOT.

Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Cooling	19	Manufacturer requests acknowledgement that a water filter is no longer offered per Cummins recommendation.
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A: CTDOT will review requests for approved equals on a case-by-case basis during the RFP evaluation phase. Deviations to the specifications provided in the Exhibit A.1 - Technical Specifications of the RFP must be detailed in writing on Form ZZ of Exhibit A2 - Vehicle Technical Information, and returned with your proposal. Acceptance or denial of approved equals will be at the sole discretion of CTDOT.

Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Pneumatic System	19	Manufacturer requests acknowledgement that retained caps on tow fittings are not required. The pressure relief valve and fillers are not required and not provided. If required, retained caps can be provided for the engine compartment air connection.
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A: CTDOT will review requests for approved equals on a case-by-case basis during the RFP evaluation phase. Deviations to the specifications provided in the Exhibit A.1 - Technical Specifications of the RFP must be detailed in writing on Form ZZ of Exhibit A2 - Vehicle Technical Information, and returned with your proposal. Acceptance or denial of approved equals will be at the sole discretion of CTDOT.

Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Pneumatic System	19	Request approval to provide the following additional color-coding: Blue: indicating suspension
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A: CTDOT will review requests for approved equals on a case-by-case basis during the RFP evaluation phase. Deviations to the specifications provided in the Exhibit A.1 - Technical Specifications of the RFP must be detailed in writing on Form ZZ of Exhibit A2 - Vehicle Technical Information, and returned with your proposal. Acceptance or denial of approved equals will be at the sole discretion of CTDOT.

Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Pneumatic System	20	Request approval to provide support to the air lines at 30" intervals, in limited locations, due to vehicle design. Areas such as the entrance and exit door headers require extended support intervals due to the lack of supporting structure from which to mount the necessary supports.
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Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Pneumatic System	20	Request approval to provide a Haldex Gemini air dryer with Consep oil/water separator, eliminating the need for an additional oil separator.
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A: CTDOT will review requests for approved equals on a case-by-case basis during the RFP evaluation phase. Deviations to the specifications provided in the Exhibit A.1 - Technical Specifications of the RFP must be detailed in writing on Form ZZ of Exhibit A2 - Vehicle Technical Information, and returned with your proposal. Acceptance or denial of approved equals will be at the sole discretion of CTDOT.

Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Pneumatic System	20	Request approval to provide a bus with a Wabco super saver 1200 air dryer with oil coalescing filter.
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A: CTDOT will review requests for approved equals on a case-by-case basis during the RFP evaluation phase. Deviations to the specifications provided in the Exhibit A.1 - Technical Specifications of the RFP must be detailed in writing on Form ZZ of Exhibit A2 - Vehicle Technical Information, and returned with your proposal. Acceptance or denial of approved equals will be at the sole discretion of CTDOT.

Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Heating, Ventilating & A/C Equipment	20	Request approval to provide a Thermo King RLF roof-mounted HVAC for diesel and hybrid vehicles.
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A: CTDOT will review requests for approved equals on a case-by-case basis during the RFP evaluation phase. Deviations to the specifications provided in the Exhibit A.1 - Technical Specifications of the RFP must be detailed in writing on Form ZZ of Exhibit A2 - Vehicle Technical Information, and returned with your proposal. Acceptance or denial of approved equals will be at the sole discretion of CTDOT.

Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Heating, Ventilating & A/C Equipment	20	Request approval to provide a bus with a roof mounted Thermo King Athenia AM II 960S HVAC.
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A: CTDOT will review requests for approved equals on a case-by-case basis during the RFP evaluation phase. Deviations to the specifications provided in the Exhibit A.1 - Technical Specifications of the RFP must be detailed in writing on Form ZZ of Exhibit A2 - Vehicle Technical Information, and returned with your proposal. Acceptance or denial of approved equals will be at the sole discretion of CTDOT.

Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Heating, Ventilating & A/C Equipment	22	Request approval to provide a single vent on the dash panel, near the entrance door.
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A: CTDOT will review requests for approved equals on a case-by-case basis during the RFP evaluation phase. Deviations to the specifications provided in the Exhibit A.1 - Technical Specifications of the RFP must be detailed in writing on Form ZZ of Exhibit A2 - Vehicle Technical Information, and returned with your proposal. Acceptance or denial of approved equals will be at the sole discretion of CTDOT.

Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Heating, Ventilating & A/C Equipment	22	Request approval to provide ventilation at the operator's feet only inherent to the design of the proposed bus.
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A: CTDOT will review requests for approved equals on a case-by-case basis during the RFP evaluation phase. Deviations to the specifications provided in the Exhibit A.1 - Technical Specifications of the RFP must be detailed in writing on Form ZZ of Exhibit A2 - Vehicle Technical Information, and returned with your proposal. Acceptance or denial of approved equals will be at the sole discretion of CTDOT.

Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Heating, Ventilating & A/C Equipment	22	Request approval to provide air directly to the driver ducted from the main evaporator outlet. This is possible due to the proximity of the HVAC unit and the position of the air vents to the bus interior.
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A: CTDOT will review requests for approved equals on a case-by-case basis during the RFP evaluation phase. Deviations to the specifications provided in the Exhibit A.1 - Technical Specifications of the RFP must be detailed in writing on Form ZZ of Exhibit A2 - Vehicle Technical Information, and returned with your proposal. Acceptance or denial of approved equals will be at the sole discretion of CTDOT.

Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Heating, Ventilating & A/C Equipment	23	Request approval to provide floor heaters on the lower deck fore and across from the exit door. Additional heaters are not provided on the upper deck due to seating space limitations and the warmth created by the engine compartment and lower deck heaters.
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A: CTDOT will review requests for approved equals on a case-by-case basis during the RFP evaluation phase. Deviations to the specifications provided in the Exhibit A.1 - Technical Specifications of the RFP must be detailed in writing on Form ZZ of Exhibit A2 - Vehicle Technical Information, and returned with your proposal. Acceptance or denial of approved equals will be at the sole discretion of CTDOT.

Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Heating, Ventilating & A/C Equipment	23	Request approval to provide a single roof ventilator over the rear axle in the bus which is operated manually.
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A: CTDOT will review requests for approved equals on a case-by-case basis during the RFP evaluation phase. Deviations to the specifications provided in the Exhibit A.1 - Technical Specifications of the RFP must be detailed in writing on Form ZZ of Exhibit A2 - Vehicle Technical Information, and returned with your proposal. Acceptance or denial of approved equals will be at the sole discretion of CTDOT.

Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Interior Lighting	23	Request approval to provide TCB Industries LED interior lighting.
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A: CTDOT will review requests for approved equals on a case-by-case basis during the RFP evaluation phase. Deviations to the specifications provided in the Exhibit A.1 - Technical Specifications of the RFP must be detailed in writing on Form ZZ of Exhibit A2 - Vehicle Technical Information, and returned with your proposal. Acceptance or denial of approved equals will be at the sole discretion of CTDOT.

Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Interior Lighting	24	Requests approval to provide a bus that does not have a rotary run mode switch. Instead the bus is either on or off and independent switches are used to control other vehicle features(e.g. Lights).
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A: CTDOT will review requests for approved equals on a case-by-case basis during the RFP evaluation phase. Deviations to the specifications provided in the Exhibit A.1 - Technical Specifications of the RFP must be detailed in writing on Form ZZ of Exhibit A2 - Vehicle Technical Information, and returned with your proposal. Acceptance or denial of approved equals will be at the sole discretion of CTDOT.

Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Doors	24	Request approval to provide the Vapor Outward Sliding, one piece Rear door.
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A: CTDOT will review requests for approved equals on a case-by-case basis during the RFP evaluation phase. Deviations to the specifications provided in the Exhibit A.1 - Technical Specifications of the RFP must be detailed in writing on Form ZZ of Exhibit A2 - Vehicle Technical Information, and returned with your proposal. Acceptance or denial of approved equals will be at the sole discretion of CTDOT.

Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Windows	26	Request approval to provide a bus without a dark shaded band across the top of the windshield.
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A: CTDOT will review requests for approved equals on a case-by-case basis during the RFP evaluation phase. Deviations to the specifications provided in the Exhibit A.1 - Technical Specifications of the RFP must be detailed in writing on Form ZZ of Exhibit A2 - Vehicle Technical Information, and returned with your proposal. Acceptance or denial of approved equals will be at the sole discretion of CTDOT.

Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Windows	27	Request approval to provide an operator's side window with a minimum light transmittance of 70%.
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A: CTDOT will review requests for approved equals on a case-by-case basis during the RFP evaluation phase. Deviations to the specifications provided in the Exhibit A.1 - Technical Specifications of the RFP must be detailed in writing on Form ZZ of Exhibit A2 - Vehicle Technical Information, and returned with your proposal. Acceptance or denial of approved equals will be at the sole discretion of CTDOT. Preference will be given to glass with light transmittance values close to specified values and which are most commonly available as replacement parts.

Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Windows	27	Request approval to provide a bus with tempered 5mm thick driver's side window glazing
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A: CTDOT will review requests for approved equals on a case-by-case basis during the RFP evaluation phase. Deviations to the specifications provided in the Exhibit A.1 - Technical Specifications of the RFP must be detailed in writing on Form ZZ of Exhibit A2 - Vehicle Technical Information, and returned with your proposal. Acceptance or denial of approved equals will be at the sole discretion of CTDOT.

Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Windows	27	Request approval to provide passenger side windows that are tempered 5mm thick glazing and have a light transmittance of 44% grey.
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A: CTDOT will review requests for approved equals on a case-by-case basis during the RFP evaluation phase. Deviations to the specifications provided in the Exhibit A.1 - Technical Specifications of the RFP must be detailed in writing on Form ZZ of Exhibit A2 - Vehicle Technical Information, and returned with your proposal. Acceptance or denial of approved equals will be at the sole discretion of CTDOT.

Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Windows	27	Request approval to provide window emergency instructions in the form of adhesive decals.
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A: CTDOT will review requests for approved equals on a case-by-case basis during the RFP evaluation phase. Deviations to the specifications provided in the Exhibit A.1 - Technical Specifications of the RFP must be detailed in writing on Form ZZ of Exhibit A2 - Vehicle Technical Information, and returned with your proposal. Acceptance or denial of approved equals will be at the sole discretion of CTDOT.

Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Windows	27	Request approval to provide 1/4" laminated glass with options of either: -grey tint with 55% light transmittance -green tint with 72% light transmittance
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Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Mirrors	28	Request approval to provide high mount street side mirrors measuring 73.75" from the ground.
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Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Seats	28	Request approval to provide one of the two following options: 1) A seating layout of 36 with hip to knee room of 28 inches 2) A seating layout of 38 with hip to knee exact values TBD, but may be as low as 26.70"
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Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Seats	28	Request approval to supply Esteban Civic V2 with 24 passenger seats with two wheelchair positions.
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Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Seats	29	Request approval to provide hip-to-knee room that shall be no less than 27 inch.
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A: CTDOT will review requests for approved equals on a case-by-case basis during the RFP evaluation phase. Deviations to the specifications provided in the Exhibit A.1 - Technical Specifications of the RFP must be detailed in writing on Form ZZ of Exhibit A2 - Vehicle Technical Information, and returned with your proposal. Acceptance or denial of approved equals will be at the sole discretion of CTDOT.

Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Seats	28	Request approval to provide USSC Gemini passenger seats as option on bus.
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Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Noise Levels	29	Request approval to provide bus performance at 75 dBA with A/C off and 79 dBA with A/C on at the driver's area and 80 dBA at all passenger seat locations. Also request approval to provide bus performance idle curbside sound levels at 68 (+/- 5) dBA and street side sound levels at 83 (+/- 5) dBA at 5,500 rpm.
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Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Bus Interior	31	Request approval to provide ceiling panels constructed of ABS plastic.
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Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Bus Interior	32	Request approval to provide a floor to sidewall interface that meet at 90 degrees and sealed with a bead of sealant.
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Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Bus Interior	32	Request approval to provide small access panels on the rear bulkhead which have non-hinged, removable panels.
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Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Bus Interior	32	Request approval to provide frames similar to SR1861 and SR1896.
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A: CTDOT will review requests for approved equals on a case-by-case basis during the RFP evaluation phase. Deviations to the specifications provided in the Exhibit A.1 - Technical Specifications of the RFP must be detailed in writing on Form ZZ of Exhibit A2 - Vehicle Technical Information, and returned with your proposal. Acceptance or denial of approved equals will be at the sole discretion of CTDOT.

Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Bus Interior	32	Request approval to provide a driveshaft access panel manufactured completely from polyurethane without being edge bound with trim. This panel has a recessed area covered by flooring material (to match the bus interior) adhered with approved adhesive and edge sealed with approved sealant.
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Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Bus Interior	32	Request approval to provide a front stop request sign mounted in the center of the ceiling in the HVAC closeout just aft of the driver. This placement renders the sign invisible to the driver, therefore an indicator light is activated on the dash to advise the driver of a requested stop.
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Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Paint & Decals	33	Request approval to provide Axalta Imron Elite paint with colors per CT's most recent builds: 836916EW Silver, 836915EW Blue.
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A: CTDOT will review requests for approved equals on a case-by-case basis during the RFP evaluation phase. Deviations to the specifications provided in the Exhibit A.1 - Technical Specifications of the RFP must be detailed in writing on Form ZZ of Exhibit A2 - Vehicle Technical Information, and returned with your proposal. Acceptance or denial of approved equals will be at the sole discretion of CTDOT. It is recommended that the proposal is based on the color choices and paint materials specified. However, the final determination of paint color and material shall be made after award.

Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Paint & Decals	33	Request approval to provide the bus surface painted to a published average of 3.5. The large truck standard is 6 and car manufacturers reach 7. However, given the large surface area of the bus, meeting the rating of 7 is not achievable, even with robotic painting.
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Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Whlchair Ramp Lift Securemt	35	Request approval to provide a self-contained, modular flip-type ramp stored in a stainless steel box mounted in the floor. The non-skid, 3/16" thick aluminum ramp has a clear width of 32.25", a length of 47.6", a deployment angle ratio of 1:7 and is rated at 660lbs.
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Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 External Route Display Sign Sys	36	Manufacturer requests clarification that the larger 14x108 side destination sign must be mounted in the second window aft of the entrance door as it will not fit in the first. Dimensions of the sign to fit in the first window must be 8x96.
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Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 External Route Display Sign Sys	36	Request approval to provide the Destination sign system to be the Luminator Horizon SMT Full Led System – Amber. The front sign shall be 16 x 160 – 8" Amber. The Curbside sign will be 8 x 80. The system will be controlled by the ODK4 controller. The rear sign, shall be 16 x 48 in size.
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Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 External Route Display Sign Sys	37	Request clarification as to how many characters the block sign must be capable of displaying.
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A: The block number sign located on the front of the bus shall accommodate 5 alpha-numeric characters. The sign at the rear of the bus (not used for block numbers) shall accommodate 4 alpha-numeric characters.

Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 External Route Display Sign Sys	39	Request approval to provide an Operator's Destination Keyboard (ODK) mounted in the saw tooth panel above the driver.
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Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Operator's Work Area	40	Request approval to provide a two position master run switch at Dash left Wing.
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Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Operator's Work Area	40	Request approval to provide kneeling and ramp controls located on the right side of the instrument panel.
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A: CTDOT will review requests for approved equals on a case-by-case basis during the RFP evaluation phase. Deviations to the specifications provided in the Exhibit A.1 - Technical Specifications of the RFP must be detailed in writing on Form ZZ of Exhibit A2 - Vehicle Technical Information, and returned with your proposal. Acceptance or denial of approved equals will be at the sole discretion of CTDOT.

Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Operator's Work Area	41	Request approval to provide a Vansco instrument cluster which illuminates all warning lights during engine startup, eliminating the requirement of a test button. Also request acknowledgement that controls to initiate ABS and engine diagnostics are not provided. The Vanscon instrument cluster provides indicators to identify engine or ABS concerns.
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Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Operator's Work Area	42	Request approval to provide kneeling and ramp controls located on the right side of the instrument panel.
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A: CTDOT will review requests for approved equals on a case-by-case basis during the RFP evaluation phase. Deviations to the specifications provided in the Exhibit A.1 - Technical Specifications of the RFP must be detailed in writing on Form ZZ of Exhibit A2 - Vehicle Technical Information, and returned with your proposal. Acceptance or denial of approved equals will be at the sole discretion of CTDOT.

Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Operator's Work Area	42	Request approval to provide the detailed driver's control as shown in the attachment for buses.
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Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Operator's Work Area	43	Request approval to provide Cole Hersee water resistant foot controlled switches.
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Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Operator's Work Area	43	Manufacturer requests acknowledgement that auxiliary heater on and voltage overcharge indicators are not available.
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Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Operator's Work Area	43	Request approval to provide a turn signal platform with a 37 degree angle.
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Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Electrical	45	Request approval to provide a front electrical panel that does not contain and insulated panel. The side console is mounted on sliders that allow for it to raise up, providing easy access to all components from the interior of the bus.
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Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Electrical	46	Request approval to provide a configuration to minimize the amount of electrical connections stacked on the 24V load side of the disconnect switch. This is accomplished by placing a jumper power cable in the fusebox, linking the disconnect switch to the main 24V busbar and a power cable feeding the starter from the main 24V bulbar.
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Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Electrical	46	Request approval to provide a KBI super capacitor start module KSM05002405. This configuration provides the capacitor, relay and internal controls.
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Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Electrical	46	Request approval to provide a powder coated steel enclosure with the KBI module KSM05002405.
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Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Electrical	46	Request approval to provide one of the two following options: 1) A transtech transformer used to supply 24V power to the interior lights when the engine is shut off. Please refer to drawing 577904. 2) A Vanner battery charger that would supply power to a variety of 12 and 24 volt loads with a maximum output of 41A AT 24VDC nominal.
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A: CTDOT will review requests for approved equals on a case-by-case basis during the RFP evaluation phase. Deviations to the specifications provided in the Exhibit A.1 - Technical Specifications of the RFP must be detailed in writing on Form ZZ of Exhibit A2 - Vehicle Technical Information, and returned with your proposal. Acceptance or denial of approved equals will be at the sole discretion of CTDOT.

Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Electrical	47	Request approval to provide battery grounds that are attached to a stainless steel ground bar in the engine compartment.
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Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Electrical	48	Request approval to ship the console decal loose due to an unideal mounting location on the interior of the coach. This provides flexibility to loosely locate the decal or mount it in a preferred location.
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A: CTDOT will review requests for approved equals on a case-by-case basis during the RFP evaluation phase. Deviations to the specifications provided in the Exhibit A.1 - Technical Specifications of the RFP must be detailed in writing on Form ZZ of Exhibit A2 - Vehicle Technical Information, and returned with your proposal. Acceptance or denial of approved equals will be at the sole discretion of CTDOT. Schematics must be able to fit in the compartment and be easily seen and available to mechanics. If loose shipping of decals is permitted, the proposal must include providing labor to fit the decals at the point of delivery if requested by CTDOT.

Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Electrical	49	Request approval to provide the Siemens VDO Continental multiplex 24v with PC based diagnostics, multiplexing system in bus.
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A: CTDOT will review requests for approved equals on a case-by-case basis during the RFP evaluation phase. Deviations to the specifications provided in the Exhibit A.1 - Technical Specifications of the RFP must be detailed in writing on Form ZZ of Exhibit A2 - Vehicle Technical Information, and returned with your proposal. Acceptance or denial of approved equals will be at the sole discretion of CTDOT.

Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Public Address System	50	Request approval to provide a public address system with 4 speakers in the passenger compartment, 1 speaker in the driver's area & 1 exterior speaker.
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A: CTDOT will review requests for approved equals on a case-by-case basis during the RFP evaluation phase. Deviations to the specifications provided in the Exhibit A.1 - Technical Specifications of the RFP must be detailed in writing on Form ZZ of Exhibit A2 - Vehicle Technical Information, and returned with your proposal. Acceptance or denial of approved equals will be at the sole discretion of CTDOT.

Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Public Address System	50	Request approval to provide TCB speakers 6" in diameter with an output of 30 watts.
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A: CTDOT will review requests for approved equals on a case-by-case basis during the RFP evaluation phase. Deviations to the specifications provided in the Exhibit A.1 - Technical Specifications of the RFP must be detailed in writing on Form ZZ of Exhibit A2 - Vehicle Technical Information, and returned with your proposal. Acceptance or denial of approved equals will be at the sole discretion of CTDOT.

Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Provisions for ITS	50	Manufacturer requests clarification as to what components from the Trapeze CAD/AVL and APC systems would be manufacturer supplied and which components would be CT supplied for the base bus offering. Clarification is requested so that manufacturer can adequately price the components into the base bus offering and provide optional pricing, as required.
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A: Proposers should assume that the full cost of CTDOT-selected its system components and installation labor will Be included in submitted proposals for consistency.

Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Video Security System	52	Request approval to provide mounting provisions and layout positions for a maximum of 8 cameras.
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A: CTDOT will review requests for approved equals on a case-by-case basis during the RFP evaluation phase. Deviations to the specifications provided in the Exhibit A.1 - Technical Specifications of the RFP must be detailed in writing on Form ZZ of Exhibit A2 - Vehicle Technical Information, and returned with your proposal. Acceptance or denial of approved equals will be at the sole discretion of CTDOT.

Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Video Security System	52	Request approval to provide a communications (Secure Diagnostic Station [SDS] Box) located on the wheelhouse where the forward wall of the box acts as the upper portion of the barrier and the wheelhouse as the lower portion, separating the operator from the street side front passenger seat and thereby precluding the need for a separate barrier. The SDS box is made of fiberglass, painted black to minimize glare and reflections that may impact operator's sightlines and has been designed as an integral part of the interior of the bus by providing a solid enclosure behind the operator. The interior design provides ample space to adjust the trays vertically to accommodate virtually any components. Access to the equipment for service and maintenance is enhanced due to the street side window behind the box being an egress window, providing access to the backside of the rack, effectively providing front and rear access to the box.
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Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Radio	58	Manufacturer requests clarification as to which components from the radio system would be manufacturer supplied and which components would be CT supplied for the base bus offering.
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A: The appropriate radio will be specified in an addendum at the time of order. The proposal need not include the cost of the radio itself, but should include the approximate cost of its installation.

Section Page Q:

Ex. A.1 Emerg. Alarm	58	Request approval to provide the alarm button to be mounted on the left hand side of the driver's seat.
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A: CTDOT will review requests for approved equals on a case-by-case basis during the RFP evaluation phase. Deviations to the specifications provided in the Exhibit A.1 - Technical Specifications of the RFP must be detailed in writing on Form ZZ of Exhibit A2 - Vehicle Technical Information, and returned with your proposal. Acceptance or denial of approved equals will be at the sole discretion of CTDOT.

Section	Page	Q:
1.4 Training, Manuals & Parts Avail	31	Manufacturer requests recognition that it does not have a library of generic videos. Available on request, custom videos are created based on customer specific equipment. Manufacturer requests approval to provide a price list for custom videos, of the systems listed, in order to be priced separately from the bus price. In doing so, each agency can select videos based on their respective operation and specific requirements. Major component (engine, transmission, AC) videos will only be supplied if available from the respective OEM.

A: Vendor may provide a price list separately at its discretion as part of the proposal submitted.

Section	Page	Q:
1.4 Training, Manuals & Parts Avail	31	Manufacturer requests approval that all training be priced separately from the bus price in order to ensure proper costing regardless of the number of buses in the base order, any option orders and for each agency. New Flyer further requests approval to provide a training proposal showing number of hours and pricing for individual courses. This would provide each agency with the flexibility to select courses and quantities based on their respective operation.

A: Vendor may provide a price list separately at its discretion as part of the proposal submitted.

Section	Page	Q:
1.13 Warranty Provisions		Request approval to provide an industry standard, 1 year/50,000 miles warranty (whichever occurs first), beginning on the acceptance date of each bus.

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Section	Page	Q:
1.13 Warranty Provisions		Request approval to cover reasonable towing costs for the 1 year/50,000 mile base bus warranty period. Manufacturer requests acknowledgement that some limitations and exclusions may apply (e.g. Manufacturer does not reimburse for travel and all related expenses).

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Section	Page	Q:
1.13 Warranty Provisions		Request approval to provide a Cummins emission control system manufacturer warranty of 5-years/100,000 miles (whichever occurs first). For components not supplied by Cummins (e.g., exhaust system piping), OEM will provide a warranty of 2-years/100,000 miles (whichever occurs first).

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Section	Page	Q:
1.13 Warranty Provisions		Manufacturer requests approval to endeavor to meet the 30 day deadline. However, due to warranty repair/retrofit complexity (parts lead times), Manufacturer cannot extend warranties for non-revenue days as suppliers such as Cummins, Allison and Thermo King will not extend warranties to Manufacturer.

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1.13 Warranty Provisions		Request approval to provide fleet defect coverage for the whichever occurs first bus base warranty of 1 year/50,000 mile, as fleet defect warranty does not apply to contract specified components, normal wear and tear items or major components (engine, transmission, HVAC). Major component manufacturers will not recognize and/or participate in fleet defect clauses. Manufacturer further requests that it be responsible for support in the event the fleet defect specified percentage is reached on a major component, and for assisting CTDOT in obtaining a remedy from the major component manufacturer. In the event the fleet defect remedy proposed is not acceptable to CTDOT, acting reasonably, Manufacturer shall use commercially responsible efforts to develop an alternative remedy with the component manufacturer that is acceptable to CTDOT.
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1.13 Warranty Provisions		Request approval to work with CTDOT on warranty covered repairs. However, the majority of warranty repairs should be performed by CTDOT's trained personnel with reimbursement by Manufacturer. Manufacturer will be available to work with CTDOT on major equipment repairs to ensure service quality and repair time is satisfactory. Manufacturer would like to note that major component equipment suppliers (engine, transmission, HVAC and destination signs) mandate that all warranty repairs be performed by an authorized dealer, and not Manufacturer or CTDOT. In performing these repairs without written consent of the OEM, remaining warranty coverage may be voided.
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1.13 Warranty Provisions		Manufacturer requests access to shop space to complete warranty repairs. Manufacturer will provide the parts and tools required and work with CTDOT to return the bus to revenue service as quickly as possible.
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1.13 Warranty Provisions		Request approval that labor hours be determined using Manufacturer's Standard Repair Time Manual. If labor hours are not listed, they shall be negotiated between CTDOT and Manufacturer's Regional Product Support Manager (RPSM). Manufacturer agrees to cover reasonable towing costs for one (1) year or 50,000 miles (whichever occurs first). Manufacturer requests this limitation to accurately predict cost impact during the bid process. Towing is a non-recoverable expense.
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1.13 Warranty Provisions		Manufacturer agrees to reimburse CTDOT for parts at the current published price plus taxes and handling for the base bus warranty period. Manufacturer requests approval for handling costs to be capped at \$100/claim to predict costs during the bid process.
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Section Page Q:

1.13 Warranty Provisions		Request approval to reimburse within 60 days of an approved claim.
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Section Page Q:

1.13 Warranty Provisions		Request approval to exclude the expense of road calls and troubleshooting time from reimbursement. Accurate forecasting of these costs during the bid stage is problematic.
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1.13 Warranty Provisions		Request approval to provide online support in the form of IWarranty - a simplified claims process. Manufacturer requires claims be submitted within 30 calendar days from the date of failure. Claims later than 30 calendar days may be subject to rejection.
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Section Page Q:

1.13 Warranty Provisions		Request that all failed components be returned within 45 days of the failure date in order for a valid warranty claim to be considered.
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1.13 Warranty Provisions		Request approval to provide that the base bus warranty begins on the acceptance date of each bus. This is an industry standard.
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1.14 Training, Manuals & Parts Avail	34	Request approval to supply the stated quantities for each bus build and build specific manuals, as a single property could have multiple builds.
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A: Acceptable.

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Instruction to Proposers	17	Request clarification as to how many copies of the proposal are required with the original. Page 17 states one original with 5 copies and Page 24 states one original with 6 copies.
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A: One original and 5 copies are to be provided.