

KPTA BID #11 QUESTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS/APPROVED EQUALS

Section A.4.1 states contract to run through June 2025. Will there be accommodation for years of extension? **No, we are not looking for anything longer at this time.**

Section: Vehicle body, Page 5, paragraph 5. We interpret that the exterior skin is to be “bonded” to the steel cage structure and that 2-sided tape attaching the exterior panel is not acceptable. Please confirm. **Follow Specifications**

Section: Vehicle body, Page 5: Please approve body structure per attached diagram. This is the structure used on all previous buses for KPTA over the past approximately 10 years and all product produced by Forest River. **Follow Specifications**

Section: Vehicle body, Page 6, paragraph 3: Refers to FRP exterior sidewalls and skirt panel. Is galvanized steel acceptable ILO FRP? **Our intention is to change to fiberglass panels.**

Section: Vehicle body, Interior, Page 6, paragraph 2(under interior): While paragraph 1 makes School bus-type interior not acceptable, the FRP required in second paragraph is closer to school bus than a padded vinyl interior. Please approve padded vinyl for greater comfort and aesthetic appeal. **Follow Specifications**

Floor Structure: Page 10: Please approve Space Age Tough board at 5/8” thickness for the subfloor. See attached brochure. **As long as your product meets the minimum as specified in our specifications it is acceptable.**

Seats Pg.13 Paragraph 3: Seat spacing of 32” is not a problem. The seat cushion on a Freedman 3PT seat is 17 ½” so the knee room is approximately 11”. In order to get 17” knee room would require seat spacing to be a minimum of 40” and require the bus body be much longer. Please approve standard/typical seat spacing and knee room of 32” and 10” knee spacing which is the same as buses previously purchased through KPTA. **Follow Specifications**

Please consider adding an option to substitute lap belt only seats in lieu of 3PT seats. While 3PT seats are a good feature, there may be many agencies that prefer to remain with seats that they have had in the past. This option would be a significant credit. **Vehicles between 10 and 26 passengers does not have to have 3 point seats.**

Option #48: Tablet: Will you accept that this pricing will be on a “Quote basis” as there are many variations. **Purchaser will determine**

Option #53: 37” wide lift. This may impact the seat spacing on the curb side of the bus. Please approve a variation as required. **Must meet minimum requirements as specified.**

The vehicles we are bidding for the 6+1 Passenger Wagon Van and 12 Pass Off Center Aisle Passenger Wagon Van categories will be OEM Vans with no modifications to the original van body produced by the chassis manufacturer. Since, no modifications are made to the body of the vehicle after Ford builds the van we request the acceptance of the following OEM Chassis and Body Manufacturer's warranty.

Manufacturer Warranty applies

Please accept a 42" length of the vertical stanchion pole/stainless grab bar. All other aspects of the stanchion pole will meet the specification we are only asking the approval of the length. **42" minimum for 12 passengers acceptable**

In reference to paragraph two that describes the subfloor required in this specification, we ask that you consider our Passenger Wagon Van Flooring System that we would like to use for both the 6+1 category and the 12 Passenger Off Center Aisle category. **OEM Flooring is acceptable for wheelchair transit vans and 12 Passenger off center aisle vans**

Please accept the Ford OEM horn provided with the chassis. Ford does not offer the horn specified. (6+1 Passenger Wagon Van and 12 Passenger Off Center Aisle Wagon Van) **OEM horn is acceptable**

Please accept the OEM door ajar system for the 6+1 and the 12 Passenger Off Center Aisle Wagon Van categories. The 6+1 Passenger Van will be equipped with an interlock system. **OEM Electrical System acceptable**

This question is in regards to the KPTA Bid #11, specifically the specifications for the 8 ambulatory and 2 wheelchair Transit Narrow Body Cut-a-way vehicle.

The specifications call for 260" minimum overall exterior length and 154" maximum interior length behind driver and 156" wheelbase. We do not offer a vehicle that meets all three of those requirements. We either have:

1. Body 1 – 282" overall length, 174" interior length behind driver and 156" wheelbase. This unit doesn't meet specifications because it exceeds the maximum interior length behind driver of 154". This body has more interior room but is longer with a longer wheelbase resulting in a larger turning radius. So you trade more room for less maneuverability.
2. Body 2 – 264" overall length, 156.5" interior length behind driver and 138" wheelbase. This unit doesn't meet specifications because it is a 138" wheelbase instead of 156". This body has less interior room but meets the minimum requirement but is shorter with a shorter wheelbase resulting in a shorter turning radius. So you have better maneuverability but a little less interior room.

Both vehicles should meet the other specifications regarding minimum wheelchair position size and seat spacing. Please advise on which vehicle size is preferred and change the specifications to allow for the desired vehicle.

Specifications are minimum with larger body acceptable, shorter body NOT acceptable