

MCHENRY COUNTY COLLEGE
RFQ: TWO NEW 15 PASSENGER BUSES-36 MONTH LEASE
REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATIONS, APPROVED EQUALS OR EXCEPTIONS

RFQ PAGE#	SECTION:	SPECIFICATION AS ISSUED	VENDOR REQUEST
7	CHASSIS SPECIFICATIONS	Under this section, the following are specified. E350, Super duty chassis, 6.8L V10 engine,, 12,500# GVWR, 7,800# rear axle, 4,600# front axle, 225 amp alternator, 40 gallon fuel tank	Due to the quick delivery time that McHenry College is looking for, bidders will need to offer units they have in stock. We have a unit however it has the following variations. The chassis is a Ford E450 Super duty chassis, the engine is a 7.3L V8, (the 6.8L V10 as listed has not been available for several years), the GVWR is 14,500# with rear axle of 9,600# GVWR and front axle of 5,000# GVWR, alternator of 240 and fuel tank of 55 gallons. We ask that these variances be accepted as approved equals. -Variances are acceptable here.
8	DOORS AND WINDOWS	The first item in this section references windows that are solid with no T-Slider vents. The last item in this section makes references to operating side windows in rear seating.	Specs identify two totally different types of windows. Bus cannot have both. We request that the operating side windows in rear seating be deleted. We also believe based on experience with McHenry College that solid fixed windows are what is desired. -Either option will work here.
8	DOORS AND WINDOWS	Specs call for power window and locks.	Typical bus of this type do not have power windows/locks. While that can be secured (may require a special ordered chassis) the quick delivery time McHenry College is looking for does not allow the extra time that may be needed. In addition, a product we currently have in inventory for timely delivery does not have these features. We request that the requirement of power windows and locks be removed. -Variances are acceptable here.
8	ELECTRICAL INTERIOR	Specs call for a 20" minimum flip down DVD/VCP combo.	According to our supplier a 20" flip down monitor is no longer available. Appears 15" is the largest with built in DVD. Please accept a 15" in lieu of a 20". Also it is possible to put in two 15" if desired. Please amend and advise. -Variances are acceptable here.
8	ELECTRICAL INTERIOR	Specs call for a flip down monitor with DVD/VCP combo	VCP (video cassette player) have not been used for several years and is not available in a flip down monitor. Request deletion of VCP requirement from specs. -Variances are acceptable here.
9	FEATURES INTERIOR	Specs call for grey padded vinyl walls and headliner.	Request that this be amended to allow for black padded vinyl walls and headliner. Again, this is what we currently have in stock for timely delivery. -Black padded vinyl is acceptable.

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9	SEATS	This section calls for front passenger seat directly across from driver's seat, moving entry door rearward.	This type f configuration is not as popular as when the bus entrance door is across from driver. In addition, what we have for timely delivery does not have this configuration. We request that you allow for bus door in front and all passengers in rear of the bus. Attached is the floor plan we propose. Note, this is also the same floor plan as McHenry College has in their current leased vehicles. - Variances are acceptable here.
10	MISCELLANEOUS	Specs call for a tow package.	Can you provide more specific information here. For example if you are looking for a trailer hitch what class are you looking for? Class III is most typical. Also what type of wiring connector is required? Base is 4 prong but there are also 5, 6 and 7 prong. If you currently have a trailer you tow, this can be determined by looking at the trailer. Suggest you may issue a picture of the trailer connector in addendum so everyone knows what is needed. - Please use the most common hitch.
11	LEASE BREAKDOWN	Specifications call for lease start and delivery date to be June 2, 2025	On page 2 of the bid document it indicates that award notification will be May 30 (Friday), 2025. There is no way that notification can be received on Friday and the lease documents can be in place and bus delivered by the following Monday June 2nd. Getting lease documents prepared, signed/executed takes time. In addition, there are some items that in our case need to be installed on the bus if we were awarded the bid. One can assume, other prospective bidders may have the same issues. We request that the delivery date be extended to at least 2 weeks after receipt of notice of award. - We will be without buses and need delivery ASAP.
18	MINIMUM INSURANCE REQUIERMENTS	This section sets forth information on required insurance and the requirement to show McHenry County College as an additional insured.	The coverage indicated seems to apply more to construction type contracts or those where work or services are perfumed on McHenry County College premises. The RFQ is for the providing of equipment and does not include any type of work/service to be performed at McHenry County College. We request that these requirements be removed from the RFQ.. - This is informational and cannot be removed.
20-28	BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM	This document spells out BEP participation goals of 30%.	The product requested in the RFQ is for a fully completed product that is simply distributed by a dealer. As such there is no areas in which to utilize BEP participation like there might be in construction type contracts. It is simply a pass thru product that is being leased. As such, we request that BEP participation requirements be removed. - This cannot be removed. If does not apply to you, please note that this.