



STATE OF TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF
GENERAL SERVICES

**INVITATION TO BID # 32101-13890 AMENDMENT # 1
FOR INMATE TRANSPORT BUSES**

DATE: June 5, 2026

ITB # 32101-13890 IS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

1. State responses to questions and comments in the table below amend and clarify this ITB.

Any restatement of ITB text in the Question/Comment column shall NOT be construed as a change in the actual wording of the ITB document.

ITB SECTION	PAGE #	QUESTION / COMMENT	STATE RESPONSE
		1 Will the State consider piggybacking off of a Master Contract from another state?	As a result of the proprietary nature of this solicitation, the State must procure these goods through our own event.
		2 Please provide a Floorplan example including number of seats.	The State cannot provide a floor plan. Seating includes forty-nine (49) inmate seats with one (1) lavatory seat, three (3) roadside cells, two (2) curbside cells, a first segregated area including 2 passenger seats on the roadside and 2 passenger seats on the curbside, and a second segregated area including 3 passenger seats on the roadside and 2 passenger seats on the curbside.
		3 What is the required knee spacing?	Knee spacing should be standard for the type of bus used.
		4 Please show placement of guard seats on floorplan.	The State cannot provide a floor plan. The front guard seat is located before the locking door, and the second guard seat is located in the rear with exit door access
		5 What is the total length of the bus does the State want?	Total length should be standard for the type of bus used.
		6 What is the wheelbase?	The wheelbase should be standard for the type of bus used.
		7 What is the interior width does the State require?	The interior with should be standard for the type of bus used.
		8 What type of bus does the State prefer; C or D?	The State has no preference for the bus type. No specific measurement is required so long as the specification requirements are met.

		9 Does the State prefer the MCI bus?	The State has no preference. No specific measurement is required so long as the specification requirements are met.
		10 Does the State desire to do site visits to see Respondent's most recent builds for other customers?	This is not possible during the active solicitation period.
I. Standard Features, 1.	1	11 What size Block and Horse Power does the State require for the Cummins Engine?	The State requires a Cummins X12 engine with 410 horsepower or better Cummins engine due to the size of the vehicle.
I. Standard Features, 2.	1	12 What size does the State require for the Allison Transmission: 3,000 or 2,500?	Allison B500 - 5,000 series is required due to the size of the vehicle.
I. Standard Features, 3.	1	13 Will the State accept steel frames with undercoating applied instead of a semi-monocoque, low-corrosion stainless steel frame?	Yes, as long as it is effectively equivalent to the specification requirements.
I. Standard Features, 4.	1	14 Will the State accept metal body panels instead of composite material?	Yes, as long as it is effectively equivalent to the specification requirements.
I. Standard Features, 5.	1	15 Will the State accept a 2-panel style door instead of plug style doors?	No, the specifications require 2-panel style doors.
I. Standard Features	1	16 What type of windows does the State prefer: port hole windows or passenger side windows with 5" stops?	The windows shall be standard 5 inch windows
I. Standard Features, 8.	1	17 Please provide more information on Tag Unload feature.	The Tag Unload feature is an electronically-controlled system to reduce weight carried by tag axle.
I. Standard Features, 9.	1	18 What kind of air maintenance supply does the State want? Is this for AC, air brakes, air tanks or air compressor maintenance. Please specify the State's needs.	Air maintenance should be standard for the vehicle.
I. Standard Features, 20.	1	19 The digital wheel end sensing system is an aftermarket add on. Will the State consider omitting this spec?	The State will not omit this specification.
I. Standard Features, 23.	1	20 Can the State omit the swing out cooling package with E-Fan system from the spec?	The State will not omit this specification.
I. Standard Features, 24.	1	21 Is it the intent of the State to have dual alternators: one for the body and one for the AC system?	Yes, this is the intent for the AC system.

II. Lavatory and Lavatory Accessories, 3.	1	22	Please provide the State's preferred location for this box?	Mounted on the curbside is preferred but it will not affect evaluation.
III. Windows	2	23	Does the State prefer port hole style windows?	The windows shall be standard 5 inch windows
III. Windows, 3.	2	24	Can the State confirm that the State only requires a heated front and rear windshield and no rear window?	Yes, the vehicle only requires a heated front and rear windshield and no rear window.
IV. Interior Flooring, 1.	2	25	Will the State accept glue applied flooring as used in school buses instead of seamless liquid applied flooring?	No, seamless liquid applied flooring is required.
IV. Interior Flooring, 1.	2	26	Will the State accept grey?	Light gray with anti-slip additive is required for the flooring.
VIII. Miscellaneous Exterior, 1.	2	27	Will the State accept a non-multiplexed system?	No, a multiplexed system is required.
XII. Fuel System, 1.	3	28	Will the State accept a 100-gallon fuel tank?	No, a 150- gallon fuel tank is required.
XIII. Wheels, Wheel Accessories, and Tires, 1.-2.	3	29	Does the State want a bus with 9 tires and wheels?	Yes, this is standard for the bus size.
XIII. Wheels, Wheel Accessories, and Tires, 4.	3	30	Will the State accept the traditional bearing seal race?	Bearing seal race shall be standard issue for the bus.
XIII. Wheels, Wheel Accessories, and Tires, 5.	3	31	Will the State accept a non-tag axle suspension?	No, a tag axle is required.
XIII. Wheels, Wheel Accessories, and Tires, 6.	3	32	Will the State omit the kneeling features?	The State will not omit this specification.
XIII. Wheels, Wheel Accessories, and Tires, 8.	3	33	Will the State omit the steerable tag axle?	The State will not omit this specification.
XIV. Transmission and Transmission Accessories, 1.	3	34	Please specify the type of transmission the State is requesting: PTS 2500 or PTS 3000?	Steering should be 5000 PTS which is standard for the size of bus.
XV. Seating and Trim	3	35	Please provide more description on the seat pedestal caps -stainless steel spec (driver, passenger, etc.).	This was an error from another spec, please remove.
XVIII. User Defined Specials, 8.	4	36	Does the State prefer a specific brand for the camera system?	No brand is preferred as long as specifications are met.
XVIII. User Defined Specials, 9.	4	37	Will the State accept 15" bucket style seats?	Seats must match specifications.

II. Contractor Support, 2.	4	38	Will the State accept a vendor who is not an authorized Allison dealer?	No, all respondents must be authorized Allison dealers.
Delivery Date Conflict in Appendix A vs. Specifications		39	Appendix A — Line Specifications lists a Due Date of 05/06/2026 for both Schedule 1 and Schedule 2. This date precedes the bid opening date of 06/03/2026 14:00 CDT. However, Section I.4 of the Vehicle Specifications (Delivery and Support) states that "The Contractor shall deliver the vehicle within one year of the issuance of a purchase order, unless otherwise approved by the State." Please confirm the actual delivery expectation that will apply to the awarded contract so that bidders can price and plan production accordingly.	Refer to 32101-13890_Inmate_Buses_Specifications, Delivery and Support section, I. Delivery, 4. for the State's due date expectation. Appendix A – Line Specifications in the Bid Sheet has been updated to reflect a due date of one (1) year from when bids are due, however due date will need to be approved by the State after a purchase order has been issued to the awarding vendor.
Schedule 2 Ship-To Address		40	Appendix A Schedule 2 indicates a quantity of two (2) vehicles but does not list a Ship To address. Because pricing is F.O.B. destination under Section 3.15, please provide the Ship To address for the Schedule 2 quantity so that bidders can accurately calculate freight to destination.	Appendix A – Line Specifications in the Bid Sheet has been updated to reflect a Ship To location for Schedule 2. The Ship To location aligns with the Ship To location stated in 32101-13890_Inmate_Buses_Specifications, Delivery and Support section, I. Delivery, 3.
Cummins Engine and Allison Transmission Authorization Documentation		41	Please confirm what form of documentation the State will accept for this requirement — for example, confirmation that authorized Cummins and Allison sales/service network coverage is available within the local service area, an attestation from the vehicle manufacturer confirming that the vehicles will be built using genuine Cummins and Allison components covered by their standard factory warranties, or another acceptable form.	The warranty shall be standard for the parts included (Engine/transmission) and for the vehicle itself.
Tennessee Contractor License Applicability, 3.22		42	Please confirm whether a Tennessee Contractor's License is required for the sale and delivery of completed motor vehicles under this Event, or whether Tennessee motor vehicle dealer licensing, Department of Revenue sales/use tax registration, and other standard dealer credentials satisfy the licensing requirements for this procurement.	No, neither a Contractor's License nor the TN Motor Vehicle Dealer License are required. The Vendor must register with the Department of Revenue as a vendor with the State of TN.
Scope and Format of Authorized Factory Service Center List, 3.21		43	Please confirm the scope and format of service center listing the State expects in the response — specifically, whether the list should include chassis OEM service centers, body manufacturer service locations, the prime contractor's own service operations, or all of the above.	List is for chassis OEM service centers across the state of TN.
Equivalency of Functionally Comparable Components and Assemblies		44	Several Standard Features listed in Section I and elsewhere in the Vehicle Specifications appear to reference design architecture, component terminology, or naming characteristic of a specific motor coach OEM (for example, specific frame metallurgy, specific multiplex system, specific cooling system architecture, and specific wheel-end sensing system terminology). Some lines include "or	The State will accept equivalent products except where a specific brand or product is named directly.

		equivalent" language and others do not. Pursuant to Section 3.3 (Quality of Workmanship and Materials), please confirm whether the State will accept functionally equivalent components and assemblies from any qualified Class A integral motor coach OEM that meet or exceed the performance intent of the written specifications, supported by documentation of equivalence.	
Terms & Conditions, 7.8 Termination for Convenience	11	45 Would the State consider add this to the end of this section. For certainty, the Vendor is responsible to stop work immediately upon Notice of Termination for Convenience. The Vendor is responsible to provide auditable financial documentation to support all claimed costs incurred up to the time of Notice of Termination. Given the custom design and manufacturing approach of the Coaches being purchased, the Vendor is entitled to be reimbursed for costs only if the Notice of Termination occurs at least 15 weeks before production starts. If the Notice of Termination occurs within 15 weeks before production starts, the Vendor is entitled to the costs incurred to date, specific and auditable close out costs (ex. Supplier restocking or cancellation fees), and a reasonable profit on the portion of work performed up to the time such termination. The profit will be capped at X% after all costs have been calculated.	The Prompt Pay Act at Tenn. Code Ann. § 12-4-701 – 707 only permits the State to pay for completed and conforming goods and services, therefore revisions to this section will not be considered at this time.
Terms & Conditions, 7.14 Records	13	46 Would the State consider adding to the end of section: The State, the Comptroller and their respective 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	The State cannot prospectively agree to keep records confidential unless the records are specifically exempted from public disclosure under the Open Records Act at Tenn. Code Ann. § 10-7-504, therefore revisions to this section will not be considered at this time.
Terms & Conditions, 7.37.1 Insurance Requirements	18	47 Would the State consider replacing the following language: If insurance expires during the Term, the State must receive a new COI at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to the insurance's expiration date. With the following: If insurance expires during the Term, the State must receive a new COI within ten (10) calendar days following the insurance's expiration date.	This requirement will remain the same. If insurance expires during the Term, the State must receive a new COI at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to the insurance's expiration date.
Terms & Conditions, 7.37.1 Insurance Requirements	18	48 Would the State accept a deductible of \$100,000?	Yes, a deductible of \$100,000 would be acceptable for any/all of the required coverages.

Terms & Conditions, 7.37.5 Professional Liability Insurance	20	49	Would the State delete the Professional Liability insurance requirements as it significantly drives up the cost of the procurement and is not required per industry standard?	Yes, the State would agree to remove the professional liability insurance requirement (Section 7.37.5). Please refer to Terms and Conditions v2.
Specifications , II. Lavatory and accessories	1	50	A storage container measuring 2 feet by 2 feet by 4 feet is not available. Further evaluation of the design and supplier availability will be necessary.	Seats cannot be removed as needed for space. The State requires the vehicle to include locking storage for records. Further evaluation of the design and supplier can be discussed further during the pre-production meeting.
Specifications , III. Windows	2	51	Will the State delete the rear windshield from the specifications as the ISTV coach only has a front windshield?	The vehicle must meet all specifications.
Specifications IV. Interior Flooring	2	52	Will the State approve of a bonded Vinyl Flooring in lieu of liquid applied full flooring. The Vinyl Flooring includes a 10-inch vertical flashing. The flooring is seamless, but due to the way seats are mounted to the structure, the flooring needs to be split in order for the seat tracks to be exposed.	No, seamless liquid applied flooring is required.
Specifications VII, Paint and Lettering	2	53	Will the State confirm if the following is still applicable: "TDOC" on the roof and painted lettering on the side. This was provided in the previous delivery.	Yes, lettering is included in the specifications. The specific words used will be TDOC, but this can be discussed further with the winning respondent after the Event is awarded.
Specifications XIII, Fuel System	3	54	Will the State allow the Respondent to provide a fuel tank of XLPE plastic in lieu of aluminum. The new fuel tank has a fill capacity of 200 USG compared to the aluminum fuel tank, provided on the legacy ISTV coach orders, with a fill capacity of 181 USG (~10% increase). The new design has improved fill flow rate capability for the standard fill tank and allows for a filling rate of up to 50 GPM flow rate without splash back or early nozzle tripping.	No, the specifications require 150-gallon aluminum fuel tank.
		55	Will the State accept a proposal for custom builds different from the configuration proposed in the specifications?	No, the specifications must be followed.
		56	Will the State extend the due date for bids so that vendors may review and adjust bids accordingly?	Due date has been extended to 6/18 per the update to the solicitation posted on 6/1/26.

2. **Delete Specifications, in its entirety, and replace it with Specifications v2, attached to this amendment.** Revisions of the original **Specifications.** are emphasized within the new release. **Any sentence or paragraph containing revised or new text is highlighted.**

3. **Delete Terms and Conditions, in its entirety, and replace it with Terms and Conditions v2, attached to this amendment.** Revisions of the original **Terms and Conditions.** are emphasized within the new release. **Any sentence or paragraph containing revised or new text is highlighted.**

4. **ITB Amendment Effective Date.** The revisions set forth herein shall be effective upon release. All other terms and conditions of this ITB not expressly amended herein shall remain in full force and effect.