



## Town of North Providence

### Passenger Bus Minimum 25 Passenger with Wheelchair Access

Bids will be received at the Office of the Purchasing Agent, 2000 Smith Street, North Providence, Rhode Island, ground floor, until 10:45 A.M. Wednesday July 10, 2024. Bids will be opened at 11:00 a.m. that day in the Assembly Room (Ground Floor) of the North Providence Town Hall.

Bids must be sealed and plainly marked on the outside of the envelope.

The Purchasing Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informalities in the bids received and to accept the bid deemed most favorable to the interest of the Town.

The following minimum specifications will apply to the vehicle listed to be purchased for the Town of North Providence.

Dealers are requested to make their bids conform to these specifications. Dealers are also requested to check the vehicle being delivered against these specifications as the vehicle will not be accepted unless completely equipped as specified.

It is intended that the manufacturer in the selection of components will use material and design practices that are the best available in the industry for the type of operating conditions to which the vehicle will be subjected. Brakes, suspension, wheel, tire, and other component parts of the vehicle shall be selected to give maximum performance, service life and safety and not merely meet the minimum requirements of this specification.

The term "heavy duty" as used in these specifications shall mean that the item to which the term is applied shall exceed the usual quantity, quality, or capacity supplied with standard production vehicles; and it shall be able to withstand unusual strain, exposure, temperature, wear and use.

Vehicle shall be equipped with all Safety features in conformance with the latest standards established.

Payment will not be made until vehicle meets all specifications.

Please refer any questions as to Specifications to Albert Costa, Purchasing Agent, at (401) 232-0900 ext. 1236.

Vehicles shall be completely serviced and ready for operation when delivered. The manufacturer's warranty, general date, and all maintenance information shall be delivered with the vehicle. The successful bidder shall supply repair and shop manuals for vehicle.

Only a firm bid will be accepted. All bids must include transportation and delivery charges to the North Providence Town Hall, 2000 Smith Street, North Providence, Rhode Island.

Any additions, deletions or variations from the following specifications must be noted. These specifications shall be construed as minimum. Should the manufacturers current published data or specifications exceed these, they shall be considered minimum and shall be furnished. These specifications also require that the bidder furnish descriptive literature, complete specifications and all other necessary data on the equipment he proposes to furnish.

Equipment which would normally be part of the manufacturer's first grade heavy duty package, not specifically set out in these specifications, and not inconsistent with these specifications, shall be made a part of these specifications referred to in the bid of the vendor or not.

Vehicle shall be equipped with all Safety Features in conformance with the latest standards established by the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

## **INFORMATION FOR BIDDERS**

### **1. Receipt and Opening of Proposals:**

Sealed proposals (bids) will be accepted in the office of the Purchasing Agent, 2000 Smith Street, North Providence, R. I. 02911 until the time indicated in the Invitation for Bids, for the services designated in the Specifications and will then be publicly opened and read. No bids received thereafter will be considered.

### **2. Form of Bid:**

Proposals must be submitted on and in accordance with the bid proposal form included hereto, blank places must be filled in as noted, no change shall be made in the phraseology or in the item or items mentioned therein, must contain the name and proper address of the bidding firm, and must be signed by a responsible member of the firm with his signature and official title. Proposals, which are not complete, or contain any omissions, erasures, alterations, addition or contain irregularities of any kind, may be rejected as informal.

### **3. Submission of Bids:**

(a) Envelopes containing bids must be sealed and addressed to the office of the Purchasing Agent, and must be marked with the name and address of bidder, date and hour of bid opening, and name of item in bid call.

(b) The Purchasing Agent will decide when the specified time has arrived to open bids, and no bid received thereafter will be considered.

(c) Any bidder may withdraw his bid by written request at any time prior to the advertised time for opening. Facsimile bids; amendments, or withdrawals will not be accepted.

(d) No bid may be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) days from the date and time of opening.

(f) Negligence on the part of the bidder in preparing the bid confers no rights for the withdrawal of the bid after it has been opened.

f) Proposals received prior to the time of opening will be securely kept, unopened. No responsibility will be attached to an officer or person for the premature opening of a proposal not properly addressed and identified.

(g) Two (2) copies of all documentation submitted.

### **4. Acceptances or Rejection of Bid Proposal:**

The Town reserves the right to award the bid by item and further reserves the right to reject any and all proposals or parts thereof, to waive any informality in the proposals received and to accept the proposal, or parts thereof, which it deems to be most favorable to the best interest of the Town.

**5. Qualifications of Bidder:**

The Town may make such investigations as it deems necessary to determine the ability of the bidder to perform the work, and the bidder shall furnish to the Town all such information and data for this purpose as the Town may request. The Town reserves the right to reject any bid if the evidence submitted by, or investigation of such bidder fails to satisfy the Town that such bidder is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the contract and to complete the work contemplated therein.

**6. Commencement of Contract:**

The successful bidder shall deliver vehicles within stated anticipated days for delivery.

**7. Indemnification:**

The Contractor shall hold harmless, defend, and indemnify the Town and its officers, agents, and employees against all claims, demands, actions, and suits (including all attorney fees and costs) brought against any of them arising from the Contractor's work or any subcontractor's work under the contract.

**8. Wages and Labor:**

The Contractor shall comply with the applicable provisions of Title 37, Chapter 13, as amended, General Laws of Rhode Island (1977 Reenactment).

**9. Safety and Health Regulations:**

All work contemplated is to be governed, at all times, by applicable provisions of Federal, State of Rhode Island and Town laws, regulations, and ordinances.

**10. Foreign Corporations:**

Attention of bidders is hereby directed to excerpts from Chapters 1 to 6 of Title 7 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, as amended, relative to the conditions precedent, etc. to carrying on business within this State for foreign corporations.

**11. Bid Evaluation:**

This is an evaluated bid. Bids will be evaluated on the following criteria using a weighted scale:

Mileage	15%
Options	5%
Bid Amount	40%
Appraised Value	15%
Condition	30%

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*The proposal shall reflect a vehicle that is ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant.*

### **2016 Ford Starcraft Allstar XL 33 Passenger Shuttle Bus / 19,500 GVWR / Ford F550 Chassis:**

- Ford Powerstroke 6.7 Liter V-8 Diesel".
- Automatic Transmission
- Hydraulic Brakes
- Freedman Glitz Upgraded High Back Seats, Aisle Side Armrests, Recliners or equivalent
- Lap Belts
- Driver and Passenger Air Conditioning
- Driver and Passenger Heater
- Driver OEM Stereo, PA Microphone Jack
- Black Padded Vinyl, Interior Overhead Parcel Racks, Wood Look Flooring

#### **BID SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:**

The bidder shall provide the following documentation:

- Warranty data of chassis, body and all sub-components.
- Specifications of the proposed engine, transmission, and chassis.
- Description of the bus body electrical system including a complete wiring schematic manual.
- A complete bus body and sub-component parts manual specific to the proposed vehicle.
- Details of the proposed heating system including literature.
- Details of the proposed air conditioning system including literature.
- Details of the bus body construction including fully dimensioned CAD engineering prints, the materials used to include size and gauge, and a worded description of the bus body construction procedure.
- A fully dimensioned floorplan portraying the arrangement of seats, wheelchair positions, passenger assists, wheelchair lift, modesty panels, and doorways.
- Literature of the proposed wheelchair lift and installation description.
- Literature of the proposed wheelchair securement system and installation description.
- Certification of compliance with applicable FMVSS requirements.
- The Altoona test of the proposed vehicle relative to "Bus Testing".
- A statement of certification of compliance with the chassis manufacturers "qualified vehicle modifiers" program.
- References including agency name, contact, phone number, and date delivered.

It is understood that the Town reserves the right to award the bid by item or alternate item, and further reserves the right to reject any and all proposals or parts thereof, to waive any informality in the proposals received and to accept the proposal or parts thereof, which it deems to be most favorable to the best interest of the Town.

Bidder further agrees that after notification that the bid has been accepted shall be organized to commence work and for immediate delivery as specified.

Anticipated days for delivery from time of award:

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Does proposed vehicle meet bid specifications: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Bidder:

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Number & Street:

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City/State/Zip:

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Signature:

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Being a (Corporation, incorporated under)

The laws of the State of \_\_\_\_\_ )

(Partnership \_\_\_\_\_ )

(Individual \_\_\_\_\_ )

Composed of officers, partners or owner as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_ (President) (Owner)

(Partner/s)

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Statement No. 1:

Statement of the specific type of equipment proposed to be provided

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This is to certify that the above-mentioned equipment will be available for use in carrying out the provisions of the contract commencing as soon as possible.

Bidder: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_