



Battery-Electric Cutaway Buses

**VIA MOBILITY SERVICES
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
BATTERY-ELECTRIC CUTAWAY BUS
PROJECT NO. 2022-003**

Addendum # 1

Date: April 8, 2022

This Addendum is a formal addition to the Via Mobility Services (Via) Request for Proposals (RFP), Project # 2022-003, dated March 18, 2022.

I. Questions Posted and Via Clarifications

Two (2) pages follow this addendum announcement to provide clarification to questions posted to Via by April 1, 2022.

The two pages list the questions posted by RFP section and the companion Via answer or clarification.

II. Solicitation Schedule Amendment

Based on the response to the questions posed about an extension to the proposal due date, Via has modified the solicitation schedule. All modifications are noted in red font.

Date and Time	Action
March 18, 2022	Publish/Release RFP
April 1, 2022	Questions/Clarifications Due, 3:00 pm MDT
April 12, 2022	Answers Published
July 11, 2022	Proposals Due, 5:00 pm MDT
July 12 – August 12, 2022	Responsiveness, Responsibility, Evaluation Review; Competitive Range Offerors Interviews/Vehicle Viewings
August 15, 2022	Notice of Intent to Award (Anticipated)
August 15 – August 26, 2022	Contract Negotiation/Execution – Via/CDOT Approval

VIA MOBILITY SERVICES RFP NUMBER 2022-003 ADDENDUM #1 QUESTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS AND VIA RESPONSE			
RFP Section	Page Number	Question/Clarification	Via Response
SECTION 1: Request for Proposals			
Solicitation Schedule	4-5	Do you think it would be possible to get a 60 day extension on the VIA EV bid? The current chassis situation is not good and we would like some time to see if Ford is going to continue with the current production pattern or not.	Via Mobility Services has granted the 60-day extension request. This addendum includes a revised solicitation schedule as a result of this extension. The revised proposal due date is now 5:00 pm MDT, July 11, 2022.
Solicitation Schedule	4-5	I would like to request a 60-day extension of the due date for RFP #2022-003. The Ford Econoline plant is currently shut down and we are not sure when production will resume. We would like some time to see how Ford production will progress over the next few months.	Via Mobility Services has granted the 60-day extension request. This addendum includes a revised solicitation schedule as a result of this extension. The revised proposal due date is now 5:00 pm MDT, July 11, 2022.
Solicitation Schedule	4-5	We request a 60-day extension because of Ford and the uncertainty of chassis at this time.	Via Mobility Services has granted the 60-day extension request. This addendum includes a revised solicitation schedule as a result of this extension. The revised proposal due date is now 5:00 pm MDT, July 11, 2022.
Solicitation Schedule	4-5	We would like to request a 30-day extension on this procurement so that we have enough time to acquire EV buses to demonstrate.	Via Mobility Services has granted the 60-day extension request. This addendum includes a revised solicitation schedule as a result of this extension. The revised proposal due date is now 5:00 pm MDT, July 11, 2022.
SECTION 2: Contractual Provisions			
Federal Terms and Conditions	33	For the Altoona requirement, is it acceptable to receive the first unit if a test has not been completed yet but falls within the 5 units that can be sold without a test?	As requested in the Technical Proposal Requirements, please include: "STURAA (Altoona) Test Report or explanation of when the proposed model's test and report will be completed" with each proposal. If STURAA testing is currently in process or scheduled, describe the anticipated timeframe for completion of testing in the explanation. If testing is not currently in process or scheduled, provide that information in the explanation.
Federal Terms and Conditions	33	If an Altoona test is currently not available for a particular electric propulsion system, is it possible to award a contract with the test in process and the understanding that the first unit cannot be delivered until the Altoona test has been completed?	As requested in the Technical Proposal Requirements, please include: "STURAA (Altoona) Test Report or explanation of when the proposed model's test and report will be completed" with each proposal. If STURAA testing is currently in process or scheduled, describe the anticipated timeframe for completion of testing in the explanation. If testing is not currently in process or scheduled, provide that information in the explanation.

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Liquidated Damages	36	Due to market conditions with chassis and manufactures parts shortages are you flexible on the conditions of the liquidated damages?	Given the current market conditions, Via Mobility Services is open to negotiating modification of the liquidated damages conditions based on the awarded delivery schedule. Please note, liquidated damages are only assessed if the contractor does not communicate with Via Mobility Services about excusable delays defined on pages 35-36 of this solicitation document. Continual fluctuations with chassis and manufacturer parts shortages are considered excusable delays as long as the contractor continues to communicate these delays to Via.
SECTION 5: Technical Specifications			
Vehicle Performance: Electric Traction System	51	For clarification, the traction control system is independent of Ford is meant to be strictly for the electric propulsion system, correct?	A traction control feature is a requirement of the Technical Specifications. It is understood that different battery electric platforms may use different methods of electrification, and that some features common to one conversion may not apply to another. If the proposed vehicle deviates from the specified requirements in any way, the offeror shall note this as a deviation and submit it for evaluation with the proposal.
Vehicle Performance: Batteries	53	For the driver instrument panel temperature display, what temperature(s) are you looking for? Ambient, cab, system, etc.?	Offerors are expected to submit an image of instrument panel configuration that clearly details the specific operational information displayed by the proposed vehicle. If multiple screens, menus, or display modes are included in the instrument panel of the proposed vehicle, offerors are expected to submit multiple images to provide details of all operational information displayed.
Vehicle Performance: Batteries	54	For clarification, the Telematics System is independent of Ford and is meant to be strictly for either the electric propulsion system or the Samsara system (please choose one), correct?	The electric propulsion system is expected to include a dedicated telematics and analytics system independent of any Ford or Samsara telematics systems, and a detailed description of the operational features of this system is required with each proposal.
Vehicle Systems: Heating, Defrosting, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning System	59	In both pricing pages and page 59 an optional "Diesel fuel fired heater" is requested. We are unaware of a heater with self-sustained fuel source, since this unit contains no fuel source. Can the agency advise if they have a product in mind for this application and how long the generator needs to run for?	Transit agencies located in colder climates typically include an auxiliary diesel heater on their BEBs for supplemental heat to increase bus range and maintain passenger comfort. Heavy duty bus manufacturers such as New Flyer, Gillig, and Proterra have utilized fuel-fired heaters with dedicated fuel tanks from manufacturers such as Valeo, Proheat, and Eberspacher. Any proposed option for an auxiliary fuel-fired heater must include provisions for a dedicated fuel tank with exterior fuel filler access suitable to the body-on-chassis platform.