

Formal Responses to Questions from Potential Respondents

40-Foot Low Floor Heavy Duty Transit Buses

RFP Number: 2014-TRANSIT-001

**Q:** Due to the extremely short time required to process the QUESTIONS/DEVIATIONS, we request your consideration to extend the date one (1) week to March 26, 2014. We also request your consideration to extend the Proposal due date to April 30, 2014.

**A:** Reference Part V, paragraph 2.3 – “The federal funds appropriated to reimburse the Center for the buses identified in the base year contract expire December 31, 2014. As a result, the Contractor must deliver the last bus to the Center by November 24, 2014, so the Center can accept the all buses by no later than December 1, 2014, which allows an adequate amount of time for the Center to file for federal reimbursement. It is understood and agreed the Center shall have the right to terminate the Contract if the last bus is not delivered by November 24, 2014. The Center may affect such termination by giving the Contractor a written notice of termination.”

Due to the timeframe for delivery of buses in the base year contract, The Gulf Coast Center **cannot** extend the Deadline for Written Questions or Proposals Due date.

**Q:** Can you please acknowledge that this bus purchase will be funded by the FTA? Your response will help us to determine the best way to approach the request for proposals.

**A:** Reference Part I, paragraph 2.3 – “The initial order of three (3) buses is funded by the Center with a portion of the cost to be reimbursed by FHWA under Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program (CMAQ).”

No, this bus purchase will not be funded (partially reimbursed) by FTA. The purchase will be partially reimbursed by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The part not reimbursed by FHWA will be paid by the Center.

TxDOT, as the administrator of FHWA programs in Texas, has directed Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) to follow the FTA requirements for Third Party Procurements, as well as meet TxDOT administrative requirements. As a result, the agreement between H-GAC and the Center requires that respondents comply with all FTA and TxDOT requirements, as shown in the RFP.