

KPTA/RTEC Bid # 8

Low-Floor Ramped Equipped Minivan

Clarifications, Exceptions and Approved Equals

**A. Instructions to Bidders**

**A.1.3: Contract prices must remain effective from the date of the contract bid award for RTEC/KPTA to make purchases to assign to other agencies for purchasing through June 30, 2021.**

Q. The 2019 model year Dodge Grand Caravan SE (RT platform) will only remain in production through December of 2019. A 2020 model year Dodge Grand Caravan SE (RT platform) will be produced beginning January of 2020 and is tentatively scheduled to be produced through November of 2020 however it will not be CARB compliant. Your technical specifications, on page 7, state the fuel tank, fuel lines and hardware must meet all current FMVSS, including FMVSS 301, as well as all current CARB and EPA requirements. We request that the requirement for CARB compliance be removed from the specification. CARB is an emissions standard promulgated by the State of California, for the State of California. It is not a national standard and is not currently adopted by the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Kentucky is not defined as a "CARB State". In so doing, BraunAbility would agree to purchase a sufficient stock of the 2020 model Dodge Grand Caravan SE (RT platform) to carry through the end of your contract on June 30, 2021. The latest information that we have from Chrysler is they plan to cease production of the non-CARB compliant 2020 Dodge Grand Caravan SE in November 2020. Please keep in mind that Chrysler's end of life plan for the Grand Caravan SE RT platform is subject to change, and remains out of our control. **APPROVED TO REMOVE CARB REQUIREMENT AS THIS DOES NOT APPLY TO THE STATE OF KY**

**A.4.1: Contractual Obligation of Bidder. Each proposal by the bidder shall be submitted with the understanding that the bid must be effective to June 30, 2021 approved by KPTA, RTEC and the KYTC/Office of Transportation Delivery (OTD), two years with an option to renew an additional year.**

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## **VEHICLE SPECIFICATIONS**

### **DIMENSIONS**

#### **Overall Exterior Length: Pg. 2: 190.5" Maximum**

Q. Please note that the overall exterior length of the Dodge Grand Caravan is 202.5". This is the length provided by Chrysler. We request that the specification be changed to 190.5" minimum.

**APPROVED**

### **CHASSIS EQUIPMENT**

#### **Power Package: Pg. 3: Power Windows, Door Locks, and Power adjustable Drivers Seat with Keyless Entry**

Q. We would request that you require power windows and door locks and list the Power Package and Power Adjustable Drivers Seat as individual optional line items. The Dodge "power package" (Chrysler Code AJP) includes power side slide doors and a power rear hatch. The Dodge "power adjustable driver seat" is a separate option through Dodge (Chrysler Code JPR). Moving the "power package" and "power driver seat" to an approved option will lower the overall price of the base unit and prevent unwanted options that may not be necessary for everyone. It will also expedite the delivery time, as vans without the power doors/driver seat are generally available in-stock; whereas chassis containing the power package and power driver seat would normally be a special-order chassis through Chrysler. **Price Power Driver's seat as an Option only. Since Power Windows and Door locks are standard, mark these items as N/A on Options List**

#### **Safety Equipment: Pg. 5: Back up sonar must be installed in each vehicle.**

Q. We would request approved equal status for the ACCELE Electronics Back-up Sensor system. The system features four color left/right obstruction digital distance display, 4 flush mount sensors, and independent stick on buzzer. (See attached Ultrasonic Backup Buzzer)

**APPROVED**

### **MODIFICATIONS**

#### **Lowered Floor Material Specifications:**

**Pg. 6 D: The skid plate shall be constructed of 12-gauge material, and bolted to the frame.**

Q. Please note that the BraunAbility conversion does not include a "skid plate" as currently called for by the specification. It should be noted that the BraunAbility conversion does include a structure that surrounds the tank. The mounting of the tank and the surrounding structure has been fully crash tested and documented to prove fuel system integrity (FMVSS 301). We request approval of the BraunAbility structure/mounting system. **APPROVED**

**Pg. 6 E: Floor covering shall be slip resistant vinyl flooring, constructed with aluminum oxide, silicon carbide, quartz and multiple colored PVC chip blended throughout a high-quality vinyl wear surface for better depth perception for sight impaired (top coating is not acceptable). Bacteriostats will be incorporated providing all exposed surfaces with excellent anti-bacterial properties. Minimum thickness of 2.2 millimeters (combination of flooring and backing material will not be accepted). Altro trans floor or approved equal**

Q. We request approved equal status for Gerflor Sirius series Graphite (6801) transit flooring. This flooring provides 2.25 mm thickness, 300 mg abrasion resistance, and conforms to FMVSS 302 (fire resistance). **FOLLOW BID SPECIFICATIONS**

#### **FUEL TANK**

**Pg. 7: Tank, fuel lines and hardware must meet all current FMVSS, including FMVSS 301, as well as all current CARB and EPA requirements and must be OEM equivalent in connection types, etc.**

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#### **SECUREMENT DEVICES Pg. 8:**

Q. Please clarify the quantity of securement systems to be supplied (QRT 360). As presented, it appears that only (1) system is required. If (2) complete systems are required, please note in the description. **VEHICLE IS SPECIFIED AS A 3+2 SO 2 WHEELCHAIR SECUREMENT SYSTEMS ARE REQUIRED**

#### **BASE BID PRICE OPTIONS Pg. 11:**

Item 3: It is uncommon to see a fare box requirement for a lowered floor mini-van. If it is needed, please provide information regarding the manufacturer, model, spare vault, etc. **IF OPTION DOES NOT APPLY TO YOUR BID MARK AS N/A**

Item 5: It should be noted that the Dodge Grand Caravan is now equipped with an OEM backup camera as standard equipment. **IF SIZE AND LOCATION OF BACK-UP CAMERA MONITOR IS DIFFERENT THAN STANDARD OEM PRICE AS OPTION.**

Item 8: Please provide information regarding the manufacturer and model number for the Fender Mounted Key Storage Tube. **An example of the fender key mounted storage tube can be found using this website. <http://suprasystems.com/Products/Pages/Elante.aspx>**

Item 9 and 10: It is uncommon to see a requirement for a surveillance system requirement in a lowered floor mini-van solicitation. Certainly, an 8 camera system would not be appropriate for this size van. If a system is desired, please provide a detailed description of the appropriate system desired. **IF OPTION DOES NOT APPLY TO YOUR BID MARK AS N/A**

Item 11: BraunAbility would not be able to provide rear mount LED strobe lights that engage when the brakes are activated. **MARK AS N/A**

Item 11: Safety equipment is usually included in the general conversion specification in lieu of an optional item. Please advise if you wish to keep the safety equipment as an option and if so please list as a separate line option separate from the rear mounted LED strobe lights. **SAFETY EQUIPMENT SHOULD BE OPTION 12 AND SEPARATE FROM OPTION 11. PRICE SAFETY EQUIPMENT AS AN OPTION**

Item 12: The base color for this solicitation would be OEM White Knuckle. Other colors would be available but would be restricted to those offered by the OEM and available for the Dodge Grand Caravan. We would not be able to offer any type of specialty paint. **EXTERIOR PAINT COLOR EXCLUDING WHITE SHOULD HAVE BEEN OPTION 13. AVAILABLE COLORS OFFERED BY OEM ARE APPROVED**