

November 12, 2020

**To:** Bidders  
**From:** Kimmy Truong, Buyer II  
**Subject:** Questions and Answers to IFB No. P20061  
Bus Coach Batteries Parts and Services

This document provides answers to the following questions submitted regarding this solicitation:

**Question 1:** Can I get the winning bid for the Bus Coach Batteries from last time?  
**Answer 1:** Previous Contract P14658 pricing

Item	VTA Part #	Current Approved Manufacturer	Current Approved Part #	Description	Year 1 & 2	Year 3, 4 & 5
					Price per Unit	Price per Unit
1	125001	Odyssey Deka	PC2150/31 8A31H	Battery Group 31	\$137.65	\$146.82
2	124474	Deka	8A8D/T978	Battery 8D	\$328.44	\$328.44

**Question 2:** Line Item 2 – 8D side terminal  
We would like to know the exact thread size required for both positive and negative posts.

**Answer 2:** All studs, for the 8D batteries and the Group 31 batteries, are to be 3/8-16.

**Question 3:** Section 3.4 – Battery Approval process.  
Please provide the approval process for submitting an approved equal battery.

**Answer 3:** The requirement is that the two SAE tests specified be performed side by side in the same lab on the approved equal battery design being requested, and on an already approved battery design of the same size. If the requested approved equal has equal or better results when tested to failure as the already approved battery, on both tests, it will be approved. The sample size is not specified by SAE, therefore for the purposes of this scope it must be a minimum sample of 5 each.

**Question 4:** Section 8 Price: It's the VTA's desire to have a fixed price contract. How can we address the following within the contract?

- A. California Battery Fee. Currently set at \$1.00. This will increase to \$2.00 2020.
- B. Any future state or federal mandated labor increase
- C. Any future state or federal mandated hazardous material handling fees
- D. Any future mandated tariffs increase that could affect the price to produce the product
- E. Any future mandated energy cost that could affect the price to produce or deliver the product.

**Answer 4:** A & C: Addendum 1 on Bid form 1-B will be posted with the following commit on the bid form 1-B, "All CA Fee and state or federal hazardous material handling fee can be added to the invoice based on current requirement of state and federal fee.

B, D & E: VTA is requesting a Firm Fixed Price Contract.

**Question 5:** On the pricing excel sheet provided you have a line item for extended terms discount. The IFB doesn't address if this discount is a deciding factor of the overall bid price. Please clarify.

**Answer 5:** The extended terms discount doesn't decide the overall bid price factor. This part is optional for vendor.

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