



ADDENDUM NO. 3

RFP #26-011 Mid-Life Transit Vehicle Overhaul

February 10, 2026

RFP #26-011 Mid-Life Transit Vehicle Overhaul issued on January 15, 2026. This Addendum is being issued to clarify the RFP documents and shall supersede and supplement all portions of previously issued RFP documents with which it conflicts.

NOTE: Due date for proposal submissions has been extended to March 12, 2026 @ 2:00 PM EST.

NOTE: Question deadline and approved equal request deadline has been extended to March 3, 2026 @ 5:00 PM EST.

NOTE: Liquidated Damages have been removed completely from this contract.

NOTE: Proposers are permitted to visit our site at their own expense and inspect the vehicles. The PVTA shall not be responsible for any travel costs, and it is the Proposer's responsibility to schedule a time and date with PVTA in advance. Alternatively, PVTA will accept requests for photos or videos of specific areas of concern. However, these requests shall be treated similarly to an in-person inspection in that Proposers shall have one opportunity to submit requests for photos/video and PVTA shall provide one response for practical reasons. Any shared photos or videos shall be shared publicly. These requests shall be submitted before the question deadline and should be submitted ASAP to guarantee a response before the proposal submission deadline.

NOTE: The Technical Summary for the SR-1749 build, service and parts manuals for the buses and the paint scheme renderings are all available upon request.

This Addendum #3 provides a response to the following inquiries received:

INQUIRY #1: Section 1.4 – Procurement Schedule: Please confirm that proposers are able to submit their own production and completion schedule for the project as the dates prescribed in this section (primarily the completion date of 8/18/2026) are untenable due to major component lead times, existing orders and potential variability in award dates from PVTA.

RESPONSE: Yes. Keep in mind schedule is a component of the evaluation criteria for this procurement.

INQUIRY #2: Section 2.1 – We will submit company financials on a confidential basis as requested, however, please confirm that the documents will not be shared outside of PVTA.

RESPONSE: Yes, financials will be kept confidential in accordance with MA state public record laws.

INQUIRY #3: Section 2.2 – Submission Requirements: Please confirm that on the Price/Cost Proposal that Parts Pricing and Labor Pricing will be provided but Overhead and Profit can be left blank as discussed during the pre-proposal conference call. Under addendum 2, the form still has the line item for Overhead and Profit.

RESPONSE: These can be left blank.

INQUIRY #4: The addendum 2 new Price/Cost form now includes a line item for labor for Hidden Damages but no line item for a parts price. How is parts pricing for Hidden Damages going to be handled? On an ad hoc basis during the contract? If not, an additional line item for parts markup could be included in a revised pricing form.

RESPONSE: The new price form instructs proposers to submit their own parts sheet with prices to be paid by PVRTA for any potentially anticipated parts that may fall under “Hidden Damages.”

INQUIRY #5: Can you please advise what pricing information on the Price/Cost form will be used in the evaluation. Will it only be the Total Contract Firm Fixed Price per Bus or will the evaluation also include the optional items? If the evaluation is to include the optional items, then a defined list of items that PVRTA wants from an extended warranty perspective will be needed to ensure a level playing field among competitors.

RESPONSE: The PVRTA shall evaluate all options may may not elect to exercise all or any options. Extended Warranty options that shall be evaluated include:

1. Cummins Engine.
2. Allison ESS.
3. Allison DPIM.

INQUIRY #6: Section 5.2 – Underbody: We respectfully request the deletion of the requirement to sandblast the undercarriage. We do not have the equipment for this task nor have we in our 38 years sandblasted the undercarriage of a bus. We respectfully request the approval of our process that involves thoroughly steam cleaning the undercarriage as well as using an air needle scaler to remove rust and if necessary, coat with an encapsulator (Por-15).

RESPONSE: Steam cleaning shall be accepted as a means to clean areas of the undercarriage that are NOT corroded or have damaged/missing undercoating. To address previously undercoated sections where the undercoating has failed and the steel structure has been exposed, the Proposer shall submit to PVRTA detailed alternative means and methods to prepare the surface if they differ from the manufacturer’s recommended procedure. The surface preparation must remove all existing rust, then they have to prime it with Zinc rich primer before undercoating. “Approved Equal” products (including Por-15) must be submitted to PVRTA for review.

Per the New Flyer service manual:

Damaged undercoated areas more than 1/8" in width must be cleaned to bare metal. Clean 2" around the damage area in all directions.

Grit blast the cleaned and dry structure to bare metal. Grit blast all surfaces to an SSPC-SP-6 profile of 1.0 to 2.0 mils.

Wheel abrade any spots missed grit blasting which still have rust, mill scale or weld spatter still present.

NOTE:

SSPC-SP-6/NACE No. 3 "Commercial Blast Cleaning" is a standard available from SSPC: The Society for Protective Coatings.

INQUIRY #7: Section 5.6 – Corrosion Protection: Can you please clarify the product specific Axalta Tuf-Coat UC1006 as we have researched this product on Axalta's website and cannot locate the UC1006 product. We can see a number of products in the Tuf-Cote line (vs Tuf-Coat in your bid specs) but none match the UC1006 designation in the specifications.

RESPONSE: We will accept a superseded version of the Tuf-Cote product if the UC1006 is unavailable. We recommend reaching out to your local AXALTA distributor, using the following products below for reference. These product numbers are pulled directly from the New Flyer service manual. These are the products that were installed on the bus and are still in use by the manufacturer.

Per the latest version of the New Flyer service manual:

The under structure of your New Flyer vehicle has been protected during manufacture using the following products:

- ☐ Ganicin™ - Structure Primer consisting of primer base and zinc powder: protects exterior surfaces of structural steel components.
- ☐ Tufcote™ UC-1006™ - Underbody Coating: a chip resistant coating covering the underbody of the vehicle.
- ☐ Tufcote™ UC-7101™ - Interior Tube Coating: protects interior surfaces of tubular steel components.

NOTE:

All of the above listed products are supplied by Xalta Coatings and can be obtained through your local distributor.

INQUIRY #8: Section 5.8.6 – Electrical System: Can you please confirm that the switches being referenced in this section apply to the dash area and that all switches on the front and left dash are to be replaced.

RESPONSE: Yes, all switches on the front and left dash, as well as the rear run box in the engine compartment.

INQUIRY #9: Section 5.11.3 – Climate Control: Can PVTA please provide the model number of the a/c compressor being referenced in this section.

RESPONSE: Thermo King X640.

INQUIRY #10: Section 5.20 – Seating: Can PVTa please provide the brand and model of the passenger seats so that we can calculate the correct pricing for the seat inserts.

RESPONSE: American Seating Insight “Classic”.

INQUIRY #11: Section 5.35 – Painting: Please confirm that any work in this section will be handled under hidden or unforeseen work and will not be in the base price as there is no way to determine what paint/body work may be required on the buses at time of bid. Further, can PVTa please provide your paint scheme and paint codes as part of the specifications?

RESPONSE: Painting will be handled under hidden or unforeseen work, with the exception of the rear propulsion door as described in the bid specifications.

The Proposer shall agree to submit a proposal to PVTa for any further paint/body work that may be required once the project starts. PVTa reserves the right to alter or reject any such proposal.

We have included the original paint scheme approval drawings.

The paint is Axalta Imron Elite high solids polyurethane. With the following codes:

- Red/Maroon: 819822 EX
- Grey: 830705 EX
- White: N5793 EX
- Blue: N0637 EX

INQUIRY #12: Section 5.40 – Optional Work Scope: Can PVTa please provide a listing or Bill of Material for your Avail ITS System so that we can price out the components from this component supplier. Further, a key contact at Avail would be beneficial as well.

RESPONSE: Avail OEM product engineer: Dawn Huffman dhuffman@availtec.com
A Bill of Material will be provided once available, this was requested from PVTa’s IT team.

INQUIRY #13: Section 5.42 – Scheduling: As requested prior, the return date of 8/18/2026 is requested to be removed in favor of proposer supplied schedule.

RESPONSE: This is PVTa’s preferred schedule, that date is not mandatory. Proposers shall submit their own schedule but for evaluation purposes, the closer a schedule is to PVTa’s requested schedule, the more advantageous it is.

INQUIRY #14: Section 6.25 – Liquidated Damages: We respectfully request that the Liquidated Damages section be deleted as the per day amount is on the very high side typical industry standards. Further, given that the bid specification has a very aggressive project completion date that will be challenging to meet and that each proposer will need to submit its own schedule, such a high LD amount may necessitate bidders to propose a lengthy project completion schedule to avoid LDs. This approach works in everyone’s disfavor by potentially having

the proposer be less competitive on project schedule. If a deletion of the LDs cannot occur then we request LDs be set at \$100/day and capped at a maximum \$6,000.

RESPONSE: LDs are now removed completely.

INQUIRY #15: The water circulation pump (Marine Pump) shall be replaced with an Ametek Rotron pump.—As per NF there is no replacement in Ametek for the current EMP pump. Existing Pump is a smart device. Do you have a part number of the pump being requested?

RESPONSE: New Flyer part # is 6506515. This is a CAN enabled Ametek pump which should be compatible.

INQUIRY #16: Front and side destination signs shall be replaced with Luminator Gen 4 full color LED signs. The rear sign assembly shall be replaced with a Luminator amber LED sign. Luminator needs part numbers for this request

RESPONSE: Front Sign: 555511 KIT, MODULE, SPECTRUM 24 x 200 FRONT SIG, FULL-COLOR, SPTM, FF
Side Sign: 699608 1 EA SPECTRUM 14X96 SIDE SIGN ASSEMBLY FULL COLOR
Rear Route Sign: 668504 1 EA HORIZON 16X48 AMBER REAR ROUTE SIGN

INQUIRY #17: All touch tapes shall be replaced with new PVTA approved touch tapes, coated with yellow plastic. ACCORDING TO PARTS MANUAL, BUS IS EQUIPPED WITH PULL CORDS

RESPONSE: Yes, bus is equipped with pull cords. All pull cords shall be replaced. ADA flip seats are equipped with push buttons, these shall be included in the scope as well.

INQUIRY #17: Will any and all Structural work or corrosion be considered extra work?

RESPONSE: Yes, with the exception of the two structural members above the aft center axle air springs mentioned in the bid specification.

INQUIRY #18: The Contractor shall replace any scratched, chipped, cracked or broken windshields. New rubber gasket material shall be installed around the windshields and checked for water leaks after installation.—Would this be hidden damages or should I get prices for this?

RESPONSE: Get pricing for new gaskets and glass.

INQUIRY #19: Can you please provide the number of seats in each bus so we can properly price the inserts.

RESPONSE: 48.

INQUIRY #20: We have been informed by New Flyer that they will not be able to fulfill our request for pricing in time to meet your deadline of February 19, 2026, related

to RFP-26-011. We are requesting an extension to the due date to March 12, 2026 to fulfill the requirement of the use of OEM parts to be used to accomplish the scope outlined in the RFP, and submit our proposal.

RESPONSE: Granted.

All other requirements of the RFP shall remain in full force and effect.