

CHATHAM AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY RFP 2025-02, ADDENDUM NO. 4

DATE: November 11, 2024
ORIGINAL RFP NUMBER: 2025-02
PROJECT: RFP REPOWER, REFINISH AND REFURBISH
CAT GILLIG BUSES

This Addendum forms a part of the Request for Proposals 2025-02 dated, October 17, 2024. In response to received questions and updated schedule of events.

Questions posed during initial Q&A Period and CAT’s Responses:

Question 1: I’m working on acquiring the new engine quote for the bid and have received the following Cummins warranty information, the desired 3 year 150k mileage warranty coverage outlined in the RFP is not offered by Cummins. Please let me know what coverage will be acceptable to include to the bid

Response: Three (3) years, 300,000 miles .

Question 2: Will you please provide the VINs and Unit Numbers for each unit to be refurbished?

Response: Information Provided on Addendum No. 2

Question 3: Will you please provide the Engine Serial Numbers for each unit to be refurbished?

Response: Information Provided on Addendum No. 2

Question 4: Will you please provide Transmission Serial Numbers for each unit to be refurbished?

Response: Information Provided on Addendum No. 2

Question 5: Will you please provide the paint codes for each color on the buses? (white, lime green, dark green)

Response: We will provide to awarded contractor

Question 6: Will you please provide a rendition of the graphics that are to be installed?

Response: We will provide to awarded contractor

Question 7: Are the bike racks to be removed and replaced, or refinished? If they are to be replaced, please provide the desired specs. Does the deployment switch need to be replaced?

Response: Yes

Question 8: Does the Driver's area front dash need to be refinished?

Response: Yes

Question 9: Do you recommend a preferred secondary insulation/ shielding for the harnesses?

Response: yes

Question 10: For buses missing the engine belt guard assembly, are we to install a new assembly?

Response: Yes

Question 11: Is the TCM to be replaced with new? We recommend doing so.

Response: Yes

Question 12: Do the fresh air intake hoses need to be replaced along with the alternator replacement?

Response: Yes

Question 13: Is it acceptable to provide change orders for all items found damaged, non-repairable as outlined in the "if required" or "if necessary" statements throughout the RFP?

Response: Yes, if necessary

Question 14: Per addendum No. 2, the notification of award to proposer is January 28, 2025. On Attachment A, Section 2 –Scope of Services the Tentative Award/Notice to Proceed is April 29, 2025. Please confirm the project schedule for notice to proceed and delivery of buses.

Response: Will be updated based on award date and contract signing

Question 15: Can you please provide a copy of the CAT paint schematics, including the decals layout or kit

Response: See attached.

Question 16: Do you require all OEM parts?

Response: Yes, CAT is requiring OEM parts.

Question 17: Please provide clarification on the 3-year engine warranty. What components are expected to be covered? What will the contractor be responsible for?
Is a local office required?

Response: See response to question 1. The warranty should cover all the internal and external parts of the engine. The contractor or a local Cummins Dealer should be responsible for the coverage including towing.

Question 18: Will CAT accept Cummins extended warranty and waive the surety bond?

Response: See response to question Number 1.

Question 19: Attachment A, Section B – Engine: The scope states “The per-unit cost of the engine shall not include costs for the air compressor, governor, and starting system as described in subsection G below.” To confirm, CAT wants these items to be charged separately.

Response: Yes

Question 20: Attachment A, Section C – Cooling System: If radiator fails testing and needs cores replacement, will that be considered additional cost?

Response: Yes, when replacement is necessary

Question 21: Attachment A, Section K – Exhaust and Emission System: The DEF system is not specified in this section. Does CAT want to refurbish the DEF system too? Please confirm

Response: Yes.

Question 22: Attachment A, Section L – Hydraulic System: Does CAT want a new power steering pump?

Response: Yes

Question 23: Page 37, Section 4 – Measurement and Payment: What is the price schedule?

Response: Terms are after completion and acceptance per bus.

Question 24: Contractor request of Net 30 Payment schedule from final acceptance.

Response: Yes

Question 25: Can CAT provide Gillig parts manuals for the noted bus numbers?

Response: CAT will check with Gillig if able to share.

Question 26: Will CAT allow a bus inspection?

Response: Inspection Completed on PreBid Meeting.

Question 27: Can Cat Provide the 10 digit Allison serial number

Response: Should be B400R

Question 28: Will Cat be able to extend the due date by four weeks?

Response: CAT has extended up to January 10 2025 on previous addendum.

Question 29: Can the agency provide the electrical schematics of the buses?

Response: CAT will check with Gillig if able to share.

Question 30: Radiators, alternators, charge air coolers etc. have a long leadtime of 20 weeks. With notification of award being 1/28/25, we are proposing the below schedule to allow for a pilot bus. Is this change acceptable?

Response: Yes, will be based on the award issuance.

Question 31: In “Scope of Work” Section A. Engine Bay, “All wiring harnesses and hoses shall have secondary insulation in any area subject to chaffing”. Can CAT indicate what type of insulation is required? Split loom or fire sleeve?

Response: Split Loom

Question 32: In “Scope of Work” Section C., Can CAT clarify if the intercooling piping is to be replace? Under normal repair procedure, the steel pipes are inspected and replaced only if damaged.

Response: YES If it meets re-use Guidelines reduction line can be added if new charge air pipes are not required for MLO.

Question 33: In “Scope of Work” Section D. Transmission, is it acceptable to utilize a Weller transmission, a remanufactured Allison transmission?

Response: Yes, if warranty requirements are met.

Question 34: In “Scope of Work” Section H., can CAT provide the updated/required EMP alternator part number.

Responses: CAT will provide.

Question 35: In “Scope of Work” Section K. Exhaust and Emission System, the engineering work to retrofit 9 vehicles from current emissions to a 2024-emissions year product is significant and the volume doesn’t meet Cummins Sales and Services Business Case to allocate engineering resources. Cummins Sales and Service North America takes exception to this requirement and will provide a like for like emissions system replacement.

Response: Bid kind for kind.

Question 36: In “Scope of Work” Section K., would CAT like to consider adding “replacing and/or cleaning the DOC inlet catalyst? This was not specified but is highly recommended.

Response: Would prefer new.

Question 37: In “Scope of Work” Section M, Wiring, the RFP requests “All engine and transmission harnesses shall be replaced with new harnesses.” Can CAT clarify if this is the harnesses connected to the Engine Control Module and Transmission Control Module?

Response: yes

Question 38: Can you provide the paint specifications. What brand of paint is there a specific product number.

Response: CAT will provide.

Question 39: Will you be able to provide photographs or allow us to take photographs to better understand the scope of body work per bus?

Response: Yes

Question 40: Will you allow standard Cummins extended warranty terms, which are: 5 years with a selectable mileage range between 200,000 and 500,000 miles?

Response: Yes, 300,000 miles or as specified by bid.

Question 41: Will you allow standard Weller extended warranty terms?

Response: Yes, if it meets the bid specifications for time and mileage.

Question 42: Can CAT clarify if there is a DBE goal for this solicitation, and if so, what is the DBE goal?

Response: It is listed in the RFP at 10% wight for consideration.

Question 43: Can CAT clarify if the 'Federal Regulatory Forms' need to be completed and submitted with the bid?

Response: Yes, all federal regulatory forms and CAT forms are required to be submitted with the bid, if not completed it will be deemed as non-responsive, non-compliant.

2025-02 Updated Schedule of Events

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>
RFP Issued and advertised	October 17, 2024
Vendor Inquiry Deadline	November 20, 2024
RFP Submission Deadline	January 16, 2025, 2:00 p.m. EST
Evaluation Committee's Recommendation To Board of Directors	February 25, 2025
Notification of Award to Proposer	February 25, 2025

END OF ADDENDUM NO. 4