***IFB Answers for EV procurement – Addendum #1***

Item 25 For the vans, Model 1 has purchased hundreds of OEM electric Ford E Transit van chassis’ that are technically badged as 2023 units, because Ford skipped the 2024 model year.  So, the vans we could offer are 2023 model E Transit vans, but they will be converted to add seats, a lift if required, etc in 2025.  As a result, the MSO will list them as 2025 units.  Will this be acceptable?  ~~This request is accepted.~~

The Iowa DOT accepts this request, however after further research and evaluation all vendor bid packages for vehicles must list the following items:

* Production year of the chassis.
* Production year of the vehicle battery pack
* Battery pack capacity in kWh
* Battery pack useful life, accounting for degradation due to battery age
* Expected driving range of the vehicle in miles
* Vehicle battery warranty (As stated in ADA Van Specification 2.14, the battery warranty must be a minimum of 5 years or 150,000 miles).

Item 146 ADA Van – 38.g - Please accept no conversion or body manual available. The manufacture is not able to provide this. There is a paper owners manual for the van from OEM Ford. It will not be available in a electronic option from us. A manual with the OEM Ford high voltage system or diagrams is not available to us and is usually not available from Ford for non dealers until a few model years later. Repair and service manuals will not be provided for the Ford chassis. We do not have access to them from Ford. This request is accepted while the vehicle is under warranty so long as a partial schematic and servicing guidance are provided. Manuals must be provided before the end of the warranty period.

Clarification – The Iowa DOT understands that the vehicle owner’s manual may not be available from the OEM in print form. In this case, please clarify in the bid package how an agency procuring the vehicle would be able to obtain the electronic copy of the owner’s manual. If the electronic owner’s manual requires a subscription-based fee associated with it, include this subscription fee in the base bid package as an optional line item. This line item shall include all available manuals from the OEM for the vehicle. This line item shall also include all costs associated with these subscription-based fees for the duration of the manufacturer’s warranty. If maintenance manuals cannot be provided without a subscription-based fee, please describe how a purchasing transit agency would maintain and service the vehicle.

Item 152 ADA Van – 40.a - Please accept that we are only able to provide the OEM Ford operating manual that will not detail a parts list. ~~This request is denied.~~

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Item 154 ADA Van – 40.d - Please accept that we are unable to provide the requested parts and chassis manual as well as a manual for each individual part on the van. We will also not be able to provide continuously updated manuals for all just listed for three years. The cost for that is not something that we can even calculate, and we would not be able to offer that level of detail since we are a dealership not the manufacturer of all the components. ~~This request is denied.~~

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New Item 177 We have received several inquiries on the charging stations portion of this procurement pertaining to the Iowa DOT requiring bid proposals on both charging station equipment and the installation of the charging stations. This procurement is for charging station equipment only, please do not submit bid proposals for installation. Each purchasing transit agency will be responsible to bid out the installation separately once the charging station equipment is selected.