

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL-COMMODITY**

**PROJECT NO. RFP-C 18-36**

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS No. 003**

Date: June 28, 2018

To: Prospective Respondents

From: Procurement Operations Department, Houston Community College

Subject: Questions and Answers Responses

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Q1. Is it correct to assume that 10A is a requirement for (10) aluminum wheels?

**Response: Not sure, we would prefer aluminum wheels but many times, they are just on the outside rear and front, total 6.**

Q2. Is "A/RS" a requirement for "Air Ride Suspension"?

**Response: I can't find that abbrev but we want air ride**

Q3. Could this model CA12564SLP be an "or equivalent" to the requested model number?

**Response: Yes**

Q4. An "APU" is noted, is there a preference for APU type, brand or required functionality?

**Response: No preference or is it needed, nice but not mandatory**

Q5. Ratio – A specific gear ratio of 3.42 is noted. Is this the exact ratio a “requirement” as factors such as tire diameter, transmission model? (there are approximately 8 different 10 speed transmissions available) and although a 3.42 ratio would be within the acceptable range for certain transmissions, other transmissions would require a different range.

**Response: 10 speed (straight 10) not one of the variations. Ratio will always be listed in a bid but for training purposes not important**

Q6. Wheelbase - An exact wheelbase of 228” is noted. Is there any flexibility for this requirement? I would request that a 3% variance or 228” wheelbase + - 7” be allowed to increase the number of available trucks to be offered in an effort to provide the “best value” to HCC.

**Response: Yes there is flexibility**

Q7. Engine – DD13 450 – I would assume that this is a “minimum requirement” and that a Detroit DD13, DD15, Cummins ISX / X15 or similar with a comparable displacement and horsepower rating equal or greater than 450 would meet this “minimum requirement? The addition of “minimum or equal” to this specification would be beneficial to HCC.

**Response: I would list Detroit or Cummings engine, size does not matter since we don’t haul freight**

Q8. Sleeper – “Flat” – I would assume that this is a request for a “flat top” sleeper? The Freightliner Cascadia CA125 with a 72” sleeper is not available with a “flat top” sleeper by definition, it is available as a “mid-roof or raised-roof” only. Is it correct to assume that “Sleeper type: Flat” is a minimum and can be exceeded?

**Response: Raised Roof or mid roof, minimum 60” sleeper**

Q9. Tire size: The specification calls for an 11R22.5 tire. This particular tire size has become very uncommon in the type of vehicle you have requested. I would ask that the following sizes be considered (295/75/22.5 or 275/80R22.5) or that a statement showing “or equivalent” be added. Again, this will greatly increase the number of vehicles available and likely provide a better value to HCC.

**Response: Tire size 22.5, (either will work)**

Q10. Will vehicle mileage be taken into consideration when evaluating the proposals for a “BEST VALUE” determination?

**Response: YES**

Q11. Is there a maximum number of miles that is acceptable to HCC or a preferred mileage range?

**Response: 450,000 or less**

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