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1	90	5.23 Powerplant (a) Engine - Diesel	The bus shall be powered by a Cummins ISL 280 HP diesel engine capable of providing the performance to satisfy the operating conditions in geographical areas throughout the State of Mississippi.	GILLIG respectfully requests approval for the use of the Cummins B6.7 diesel engine integrated with the Allison eGen Flex hybrid propulsion system as this is the only available configuration we can offer. This powertrain is currently in successful service with the Jackson, MS transit agency and has demonstrated reliable performance under similar operating conditions throughout the State of Mississippi.	Acceptable
2	97	5.24 Hybrid System Transmission - Conventional Powertrain	The transmission shall be an Allison B400R automatic shift with torque converter, retarder, and electronic controls	GILLIG is respectfully requesting approval for the use of the Cummins B6.7 diesel engine integrated with the Allison eGen Flex hybrid propulsion system. This is the only configuration GILLIG can offer to meet the operational requirements throughout the State of Mississippi. This propulsion system is currently in successful service with the Jackson, MS transit agency and has demonstrated reliable performance in similar operating conditions.	Acceptable
3	101	5.25 Design and Construction(d) Dry Break Fuel Filler	The fuel filler shall accommodate a nozzle that forms a locked and sealed connection during the refueling process to eliminate spills. Fuel shall not be allowed to flow into the tank unless the nozzle has been properly coupled, locked, and sealed to the filler.	GILLIG respectfully requests approval to provide a gravity fill fuel neck. This configuration is currently in use on buses delivered to and in service at Jackson, MS, and has demonstrated reliable performance in the field.	Acceptable
4	107	5.29 Floor (d) Pressure-Preserved Plywood Panel	Plywood shall be certified at the time of manufacturing by an industry-approved third-party inspection City of Jackson such as APA – The Engineered Wood Association (formerly the American Plywood Association).	GILLIG respectfully requests approval of the following standard floor configuration: 3/4" 7-ply GW Industries Transit Deck XP Plus plywood at the first and second steps, and composite material at the third step. This configuration is standard on all GILLIG buses, is currently in use on buses delivered to and in service at Jackson, MS, and has demonstrated reliable performance in the field.	Acceptable
5	112	5.33 Wheels and Tires (c) Tires	(1) 35' and 40' buses will have 305/85/22.5 tires	GILLIG respectfully requests approval to provide 315/80R22.5 tires for both 35' and 40' buses. This configuration is currently in use on buses delivered to and in service at Jackson, MS, and has demonstrated reliable performance in the field.	Acceptable
6	112	5.33 Wheels and Tires (c) Tires	(2) If the City of Jackson has a tire supplier, either purchase or lease, arrangements will be made for the supplier to furnish tires.	GILLIG respectfully requests clarification regarding whether the City intends to supply the tires directly through its own vendor, or if GILLIG should include the cost of the tires in the bus pricing? This information is important to ensure accurate and complete pricing.	Include in bus pricing
7	115	5.37 Brakes (e) Drum Brakes/Disc	The service brakes shall be two (2) shoes, internal-expanding, air-operated S-cam type brakes at each wheel.	GILLIG respectfully requests approval to provide EX225H3 front and rear disc brakes. This configuration is currently in use on buses delivered to and in service at Jackson, MS, and has demonstrated reliable performance in the field. Hybrids are only available with disc brakes. This is a mandatory requirement, and no alternative options are available.	Acceptable
8	125	5.41General Electrical Requirements(f) Alternator / Regulator	A Niehoff 803 alternator shall supply the entire nighttime operating electrical load of the coach while providing at least 20 percent (20%) of its current output for battery charging when the battery is fully discharged. As an option, the Niehoff 703 alternator will be made available and priced as an option. As an option, the Delco 450 DN will be made available and priced separately.	GILLIG respectfully requests approval to remove these requirements which apply exclusively to diesel-powered buses and are not applicable to hybrid-electric configurations. The EGenFlex hybrid system utilizes a Vanner beltless alternator DC-DC converter in place of a traditional belt-driven alternator to supply 24V power and manage battery charging.	Acceptable
9	144	5.49 Mirrors (a) Exterior Mirrors	Exterior mirrors shall be Lucerix (Metagal) 8" x 15" 2-piece flat and convex.	GILLIG requests approval to provide Safe Fleet exterior mirrors with dimensions of 10" x 11", consistent with buses previously delivered and currently in service in Jackson, MS.	Acceptable
10	147	5.51 Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning	The Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) climate control system shall be a rear-mounted Thermo King T-14(616) Screw Compressor, Brushless Evaporator & Condenser Motors with R134a	GILLIG is requesting approval to provide a TE14 All-Electric Unit equipped with an HVAC system using R407C refrigerant. This is the only available option, and no other alternatives are provided. This configuration supports electric vehicle and geofencing capabilities	Acceptable
11	118	5.39 Pneumatic System (b) Air Compressor	An engine-driven air compressor shall be sized to charge the air system from 40 psi to the governor cut-off pressure in less than four (4) minutes while not exceeding the fast idle speed setting of the engine.	GILLIG is requesting approval to provide a Powerex electric-driven air compressor (12.5 CFM). This is the only available option. There is no alternative. This configuration enables EV and geofencing capabilities,	Acceptable

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12	112	5.34 Steering	Engine-driven hydraulic pump shall be provided for power steering.	GILLIG is requesting approval to provide a concentric, electrically driven hydraulic pump. This is the only available option. There is no alternative. This configuration enables EV and geofencing capabilities.	Acceptable
13	152	5.52 Air Flow (g) Roof Ventilators	(1) One roof ventilator shall be provided on the roof of the bus, approximately over or just forward of the front axle of the bus	The standard GILLIG roof hatch is located at the rear of the vehicle above the rear axle. Would you like to add a front roof hatch to match the configuration of your previously delivered buses to Jackson, MS.	Acceptable
14	182	(h) Radio Transmitter	A radio control head and speaker mounting plate shall be installed in a location to provide easy access for operator operation. The handset shall be handheld and be equipped with a cradle harness. The radio handset will be a telephone handset with a magnetic hang-up cup. All switches and controls shall be permanently and clearly labeled.	GILLIG is requesting the brand and model of the two-way radio to be provided. Alternatively, will Jackson, MS be handling the installation of the two-way radio after bus delivery.	Harris Model#CU23218
15	21	2.33 Warranty vi. Structure/Body Integrity	seven (7) years / unlimited miles warranty on parts and Labor.	GILLIG offers a structural integrity and corrosion warranty of 144 months or 500,000 miles. We cannot provide a seven (7) year / unlimited mileage warranty on parts and labor. This is the only available warranty extended coverage. Please confirm your concurrence with this clarification.	Acceptable, but provide the cost for extended warranty coverage
16	21	2.33 Warranty vi. Basic Body Structure -	three (3) years / unlimited miles warranty on parts and labor.	GILLIG offer a basic body structural warranty of 84 months or 300,000 miles. We cannot provide a seven (7) year / unlimited mileage warranty on parts and labor. This is the only available warranty extended coverage. Please confirm your concurrence with this clarification.	Acceptable, but provide the cost for extended warranty coverage
17	37	2.33 Warranty vi. Sub-Flooring and Rubber Flooring	twelve (12) years / unlimited miles warranty on parts and labor.	GILLIG offer a sub-floor warranty of 144 months or 500,000 miles. We cannot provide an unlimited mileage warranty on parts and labor. This is the only available warranty extended coverage. Please confirm your concurrence with this clarification.	Acceptable, but provide the cost for extended warranty coverage
18	92	5.4 Hybrid System	A brake pedal application of 15 - 20 psi shall be required by the operator to engage forward or reverse range from the neutral position. Auxiliary Function Range inhibits input function needs to be enabled.	GILLIG would like to clarify that a 4 PSI brake pressure switch is used to generate the shift enable signal. This switch also activates the rear brake lamp and, in accordance with FMVSS 121, must not be set higher than 6 PSI. This configuration is currently in operation on buses delivered to and serving Jackson MS, where it has shown dependable performance in the field. Please confirm your concurrence with this clarification.	Acceptable
19	92	5.4 Hybrid System	A diagnostic connector port for the Hybrid private network as well as the public powertrain network shall be provided in the operator's and the engine compartment.	GILLIG would like to clarify that a diagnostic connector providing access to the Hybrid private network will be available only on the rear electrical, I/O control panel inside the bus. The two diagnostic ports located at the front of the bus (in the front electrical panel and on the steering column), as well as the port on the run box in the engine compartment, are not connected to the Hybrid private CAN network. This configuration is currently in operation on buses delivered to and serving Jackson MS, where it has shown dependable performance in the field. Please confirm your concurrence with this clarification.	Acceptable
20	92	5.4 Hybrid System	The hybrid propulsion regenerative braking system shall provide a minimum of 0.08G deceleration, at GVWR up to (50) mph vehicle speed.	GILLIG wishes to inform Allison that iSCAAN testing for a 40-foot bus at GVWR predicts the system will meet the required performance between 10 mph and 50 mph. At speeds below 10 mph, the regenerative torque is expected to produce a deceleration rate of less than 0.08g. This configuration is currently in operation on buses delivered to and serving Jackson MS, where it has shown dependable performance in the field.	Acceptable

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21	92	5.4 Hybrid System	The hybrid system shall be able to achieve a continuous system traction performance of 240 HP (including energy storage).	GILLIG wishes to inform that in full hybrid mode, the transmission output power will be 240 hp at output shaft speeds ranging from 400 to 3400 rpm. At output shaft speeds below 400 rpm, the available power will decrease proportionally with speed, as output torque is limited to 3,500 lb-ft.	Acceptable
22	92	5.4 Hybrid System	The installation of the hybrid system shall be done in accordance with the hybrid system manufacturer's technical data requirements. Also, the hybrid system installation shall be certified in writing by the vehicle manufacturer as being designed, manufactured, and assembled following the hybrid system's manufacturer's technical data requirements. The bus shall meet or exceed the hybrid system's manufacturer's technical data cooling requirements before the customer accepts the first production bus. The vehicle manufacturer shall certify to the customer that the pilot production bus meets or exceeds the hybrid systems manufacturer's technical data cooling system requirements. Cooling documentation and vehicle certification shall be provided to the customer before the pilot bus is accepted by the customer. The vehicle manufacturer shall be ISO-9000 registered.	GILLIG requests approval to provide our standard Quality Assurance (QA) program. Please see attached QA information which outlines the processes and procedures we use to manage and maintain product quality. We hope the Agency's primary interest is not in a specific documentation system, but rather in receiving the highest quality buses — and that is what we are fully committed to delivering, without ISO 9000 certification. Please confirm your concurrence	Acceptable
23	92	5.4 Hybrid System	All flexible hose that carries hybrid drive system fluid shall be Teflon with braided stainless steel sheathing. An easily accessible, external spin-on hybrid system fluid filter shall be installed.	GILLIG wishes to inform that Aeroquip FC350 hose, certified to SAE J1402 standards, will be used for the flexible hose connections between the drive unit and the oil cooler. This hose features a polyester outer braid and a CPE (Chlorinated Polyethylene) inner tube. It has been successfully used in this application for many years without any reported issues. The eGenFlex drive unit incorporates two oil filters: The control main oil supply filter is a spin-on type, located on the lower right side of the drive unit, and meets the specified requirements. The cooler return filter is internal to the drive unit and accessed through a cover plate on the bottom of the oil pan. The oil filter configuration is inherent to the Allison design and, therefore, cannot be modified by GILLIG. Please confirm your concurrence with this clarification.	Acceptable
24	92	5.4 Hybrid System	A Baldwin Filters brass probalyzer plug (OTK5062), or approved equal designed to allow uncontaminated oil samples to be taken shall be placed in a convenient location on the hybrid drive system to extract oil samples.	GILLIG requests approval to provide a Checkfluid KST18NV-RC sampling probe. This probe offers the same functionality and dimensions as the Baldwin unit referenced, with only a slight difference in appearance. See attached <i>5.4 Hybrid System Oil Sampling Valve</i> document for more information.	Acceptable
25		ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS - LAST PARAGRAPH	BIDS , EBO AND DBE PLANS SHALL BE SUBMITTED IN TRIPLICATE . . .	GILLIG requests confirmation that the bid submission clarified at the pre-bid meeting confirmed that the "electronic" format submission is acceptable & we request your approval. The requirement to submit printed copies is not required as noted on your page 6, item 1.12, for a total of seven (7) printed copies plus a jump drive.	Bids can be submitted electronice through centralbidding.com referenced within the RFP
26	4	1.9 PROPOSAL FORMET/CONTENT, (3) PROPOSAL VALIDITY	The cover letter shall contain a statement that the Proposal is valid for one hundred fifty (150) calendar days.	The cover letter requires proposal validity confirmation as 150 days. However, page 7, item 1.13 notes proposals may not be withdrawn for 90 calendar days. Please advise which is the preferred proposal validity date for this procurement	The proposal validity is valid for 90 calendar days; unless there is a protest, then the proposal is valid no more than 150 calendar days.
27	6	1.12 RECEIPT OF PROPOSALS - BID SUBMISSION FORMAT	The original sealed proposal marked "Low Floor Hybrid Diesel Bus Proposal #2025-01 and six (6) copies plus a jump drive in a PDF format. The outside envelope or other package containing the proposal shall be marked with the RFP number and title.	GILLIG requests clarification of the bid submission format: (1) we request confirmation that the official bid submission is to be an "ELECTRONIC BID" format only. (2) The request for seven(7) original copies is "DELETED".	Unacceptable. All bidders have the options of submitting the proposal electronically or physcially. You do not have to do both.

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28	13	2.4 INSURANCE	The successful bidder will have in place insurance policies that protect the interests of the City of Jackson. Such policies will include, but not be limited to a \$1,000,000 worker's compensation policy for any eligible employees and a \$1,000,000 general liability insurance policy for any damage caused by the bidder or the employees of the bidder for any reason.	Gillig maintains and pays the premiums for insurance of the types and limits it deems sufficient for its protection. If we are the successful bidder we propose providing the attached document for your records. Enclosed is a copy of our Certificate of Liability Insurance for your information and approval.	Acceptable
29	14	2.12 LICENSE AND TAXES	The City of Jackson is exempt from Federal and State taxation and will provide a tax-exempt certificate as required. All applicable Federal taxes, State of Mississippi sales taxes, and any other taxes are the responsibility of the Contractor. The Contractor shall procure all licenses, permits, or certificates required by properly constituted authorities for the performance of the service.	GILLIG requests that the Agency advise bidders/proposers of any Local, City, County, State, Franchise or Income taxes, tariffs, fees, business licenses and special taxes, or licenses that will need to be paid and/or purchased by the successful bidder/proposer as part of the performance of this contract or option of this contract. The APTA STANDARD BUS PROCUREMENT GUIDELINES advise that the "Agency shall furnish to all prospective Proposers a list of applicable state and local taxes imposed by the Agency's state or local governments. The Agency shall be liable for any such state and local taxes applicable to the complete bus as delivered that are promulgated and become effective between the Due Date and the delivery date."	Discussed upon contract negotiation
30	14	2.12 LICENSE AND TAXES	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION - TARIFF CLARIFICATION	If any tariffs, duties or similar government-imposed charges result in an increase of Seller's costs to procure goods from suppliers that are used to fulfill Seller's obligations under the Contract, Buyer shall be liable to Seller for any such costs and Seller's price shall be adjusted accordingly. Seller shall notify Buyer of all such tariffs, duties or similar government-imposed charges and Buyer shall pay within thirty (30) days. GILLIG requests approval.	Open for discussion upon occurrence
31	14	2.7 DELIVERY TIME	(a) The City of Jackson's initial order shall be delivered no later than 365 calendar days and the end of the calendar quarter after which the City of Jackson's purchase order is issued to the Contractor. (b) All subsequent orders shall be delivered within 420 days after which the City of Jackson's purchase order is issued to the Contractor.	GILLIG confirms we can meet the 365 calendar day delivery requirement for the initial order. We confirm all subsequent orders shall be delivered within 540 days after receipt of a Purchase Order. We request approval.	Acceptable but will prefer a shorter delivery base
32	15	2.16 CONTRACT MODIFICATIONS	(a) No change in this contract shall be made unless the City of Jackson gives its prior written approval. . .	GILLIG requests the addition of the following in order to best serve the interest of the City, and to assist in determining the lowest bidder for this procurement, we recommend the use of the FTA approved Producer's Price Index (PPI) for Truck and Bus Bodies #1413 for the purchase of "Option Orders". Use of the PPI avoids arbitrary inflation estimates which may unnecessarily raise the option bus prices quoted. For multi-year procurements, the use of the PPI has been well accepted in the transit industry and approved by the FTA.	Acceptable
33			Please consider the RFP due date to be extended to June 25 th , 2025		We have agreed to extend the RFP closure to Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at 3:30 pm EST. Please reference Addendum#1.
34		Section 5.33 (c)(1) Wheels and Tires:	New Flyer's model cannot be equipped with 305/85R/22.5 tires. New Flyer can provide 305/70R/22.5 tires only		Acceptable
35		Section 5.35 Steering and Rear axle:	New Flyer does not provide buses equipped with Meritor Axles. New Flyer provides Axles manufactured by MAN (Buy America Compliant) See attached.		Acceptable
36		Section 2.7 Delivery Time:	New Flyer would be able to deliver the base bus order 420 days from P.O.		Acceptable but will prefer a shorter delivery base
37		5- Section 1.9 Proposal Format/Content Requirements :	New Flyer can submit a table of contents that will identify sections of the proposal in lieu of page numbers.		Acceptable
38		Section 1.12 Receipt of Proposals :	Please consider submission of an electronic copy of the proposal. This would be aligned with today's industry sustainability standards.		Bids can be submitted electronice through centralbidding.com referenced within the RFP