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Page & Reference: 90.B.

Request Description

Please accept 4 year/100,000 Altoona Test Report in lieu of requested 5 year/100,000.

See attached Altoona Test for Side Entry Manual Ramp.

Use Additional Sheet If More Space Is Required

Accepted: **X** _____ Rejected: _____ See Addendum # _____

Explanation: _____

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Request Description

Please accept our manual ramp in lieu of the requested electric ramp.

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Accepted: **x** _____ Rejected _____ See Addendum # _____

Explanation: **Please provide pricing for side and rear entry as well as electric
and manual ramps if possible.** _____

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Request Description

Please clarify in this section if you want a manual side entry ramp or a manual rear entry ramp.

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Accepted: _____ Rejected: _____ See Addendum # _____

Explanation: **Please provide pricing for side and rear entry as well as electric
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Page & Reference: 92.E. _____

Request Description

Please accept the 2023 Chrysler Voyager LX 180 AMP Alternator. This comes standard in the Chrysler Voyager LX.

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Page & Reference: 92.E. _____

Request Description

Please accept that the 2023 Chrysler Voyager LX comes with 650 CCA battery in lieu of 500 CCA battery.

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Accepted: **x** _____ Rejected: _____ See Addendum # _____

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Page & Reference: 92.I.

Request Description

Please accept that the 2023 Chrysler Voyager LX is available with an inflatable spare tire in lieu of spare wheel and tire mounted in accessible location. Photos attached.

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Request Description

Please accept that the 2023 Chrysler Voyager LX is available with a 19-gallon fuel tank in lieu of 20 gallons.

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Page & Reference: 92.J. _____

Request Description

Please accept that the Braun conversions have a steel structure around the fuel tank in lieu of a skid plate underneath the tank. The design has been crash tested.

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Accepted: _____ **x** Rejected: _____ See Addendum # _____

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Page & Reference: 93.L.Floor 3. _____

Request Description

Please clarify that your requested non-skid 1/8 inch thick marine grade plywood is referring to the floor covering material, not sub-floor. We utilize 2.2mm thick anti-skid Gerflor.

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Accepted: x _____ Rejected: _____ See Addendum # _____

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Page & Reference: 93.N.Seating 6.

Request Description

Please note the spec calls for the front driver and passenger seat to be mounted on the OEM factory floor. Second row rear bench seat shall be provided. Please clarify if this for a rear entry seating layout which we believe should be side-entry.

Front Seats: The power driver seat will be OEM and mounted to the vehicle floor. The OEM front passenger seat shall be equipped to easily lock/unlock from the floor and permit easy roll out for mobility aid access/securement. This would be for side-entry.

Rear Seat: The third row 3-passenger bench seat shall be the OEM seat, remounted to be capable of accommodating 3 adult passengers, and is to be covered with OEM upholstery to match the driver and front passenger seats. A manually operated one-piece lighted footrest will be installed for increased comfort of rear bench seat passengers. Again, this would be for side-entry.

Use Additional Sheet If More Space Is Required

Accepted: **X** Rejected: _____ See Addendum # _____

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Page & Reference: 94.P.Exterior/Interior Paint 3.

Request Description

Please note that the 2023 model year Chrysler Voyagers have been allocated, and we are receiving white clear coat, which will accommodate aftermarket painting as needed for recipient.

Because of the times that we are in, even though we requested bright white clear coat, our 2024 models cannot be guaranteed to be white clear coat.

Use Additional Sheet If More Space Is Required

Accepted: **X** Rejected: _____ See Addendum # _____

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Page & Reference: 95.P.5.

Request Description

Please note that the 2023 model year Chrysler Voyager are all OEM factory white. Any special colors ordered would require a special order chassis which would result in extended delivery with no guarantee of even receiving a different color.

Use Additional Sheet If More Space Is Required

Accepted: **X** Rejected: _____ See Addendum # _____

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Request Description

Please accept OEM standard push button start in lieu of key start.

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Accepted **X** Rejected: _____ See Addendum # _____

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Request Description

Please accept the following sub flooring; The interior floor shall be thermoplastic panels, consisting of a polypropylene honeycomb core with chopped glass reinforced facing on both sides – providing a durable water-resistant base with superior strength to weight ratio. The panels provide a smooth surface for flooring attachment and minimize interior noise.

This would be in lieu of 3/8-inch thick marine grade plywood subflooring.

Use Additional Sheet If More Space Is Required

Accepted: X Rejected: _____ See Addendum # _____

Explanation: _____

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Request Description

Please accept the following floor construction process that has be crash tested. The lowered floor skin shall be constructed of 20 ga. Aluminized steel. The frame rails shall be made of 14 ga. Aluminized Steel formed channels; the floor shall be reinforced with 16 ga. Aluminized Steel formed channel crossmembers. The floor shall be lowered from the front toe-pan to the rear bench, providing an overall usable flat floor length of 98". The width of the floor shall extend from side doorsill to side doorsill. Mobility aid restraint tracks and seat locks shall be beveled, with no sharp edges and will protrude no more than 1/4" above floor surface.

This would be in lieu of 14 gauge hot rolled steel supported by 1 1/2"X3" 14-gauge tubular frame members & 1 1/2" square 14 gauge steel tube frame members.

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Accepted: **X** Rejected: _____ See Addendum # _____

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Request Description

Please note that this seems to be describing a rear entry floor drop. The side entry drop would be described as follows; The floor shall be lowered from the front toe-pan to the rear bench, providing an overall usable flat floor length of 98". The width of the floor shall extend from side doorsill to side doorsill.

Please clarify if you want a rear-entry or side-entry vehicle.

Use Additional Sheet If More Space Is Required

Accepted: _____ Rejected: _____ See Addendum # _____

Explanation: Provide pricing for both if possible.

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Request Description

Please accept and review attached track layout for Braun side-entry conversion.

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Request Description

Please accept that Braun only offers non-retractable lap and shoulder belts made by Q'Straint.

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Accepted **L X** Rejected: _____ See Addendum # _____

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Request Description

Please accept manuals in booklet or electronic format in lieu of CD-ROM.

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Page & Reference: 103 XLIV Price Submittal Worksheet _____

Request Description

Please clarify whether you want side-entry or rear-entry pricing.

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Accepted: _____ Rejected: _____ See Addendum # _____

Explanation: **Please provide pricing both**

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Addendum 1

Date: March 30, 2023

Acknowledgment of Addenda

The undersigned acknowledges receipt of the following addenda to the bidding document:

**THE COMPLETED ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ADDENDA FORM
SHOULD BE RETURNED WITH BID RESPONSE PACKAGE: NOT
SENT TO RIPTA SEPARATELY**

NOTE: Failure to acknowledge receipt of all addenda may cause the bid to be considered non-responsive to the solicitation. Acknowledged receipt of each addendum must be clearly established and included with the bid.

Name of Bidder

Street Address

City, State, Zip

Signature of Authorized Official

Date

DATTCO QUESTIONS

All of the approved equals listed below are APPROVED

XXXV. GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS

Page 90. B. Intent – The spec is calling for a 5 year/100,000 Altoona Testing Report. The minivans are Altoona Testing to a 4 year/100,000 mile requirement. Testing documents attached.

Page 90. H. Seating/Floor Plan – The spec is calling for an electric side ramp. The Braun Side Entry ADA conversion is only available with a manual ramp as requested on page 99 C. Wheelchair Ramp item 1.

XXXVI. CHASSIS, DRIVE TRAIN, AND BODY SPECIFICATIONS

Page 91. A. Overall Seating Capacity Dimensions and Weight – The spec is calling for a rear entry ramp in this section but a side ramp in other sections. I believe this should be updated to side-entry.

Page 92. E. Electrical/Battery/Alternator 2. The spec calls for 150 Amp Alternator. The 2023 Chrysler Voyager LX comes standard with a 180 Amp Alternator.

Page 92. E. Electrical/Battery/Alternator 2. The spec calls for 500 CCA battery. The 2023 Chrysler Voyager LX comes standard with a 650 CCA battery.

Page 92. I. Tires 2. The spec calls for a spare wheel and tire mounted on each vehicle at an accessible location. The 2023 Chrysler Voyager LX is available with an inflatable spare tire. Photos attached.

Page 92. J. Fuel System - The spec calls for 20 U.S. gallons fuel tank. We utilize the OEM fuel tank which is 19-gallon capacity.

Page 92. J. Fuel System – The spec calls for a skid plate under the fuel tank. The Braun conversion have a steel structure around the fuel tank but no skid plate underneath the tank. The design has been crash tested.

Page 93. L. Floor 3. – The spec calls for non-skid 1/8 inch thick marine grade plywood. I believe this section is referring to the floor covering material not the sub-floor. We utilize 2.2 mm thick commercial grade vinyl transit floor covering shall cover the entire floor surface. Flooring should also possess anti-skid properties (Gerflor Tarabus Sirius or equivalent).

Page 93. N. Seating 6. – The spec calls for the front driver and passenger seat to be mounted on the OEM factory floor. Second row rear bench seat shall be provided. This is written as a rear entry seating layout which I believe should be side-entry; Front Seats: The power driver seat will be OEM and mounted to the vehicle floor. The OEM front passenger seat shall be equipped to easily lock/unlock from the floor and permit easy roll out for mobility aid access/securement.

Rear Seat: The third row 3-passenger bench seat shall be the OEM seat, remounted to be capable of accommodating 3 adult passengers, and is to be covered with OEM upholstery to match the driver and front passenger seats. A manually operated one-piece lighted footrest will be installed for increased comfort of rear bench seat passengers.

Page 94. P. Exterior/Interior Paint 3. The spec calls for the vendor to contact the purchaser for selection of an exterior color from the standard factory color chart at the time of order. Just a note, in these unusual time with automakers we have already ordered all of the 2023 Model Year Chrysler Voyagers that we were allocated. These were all ordered in factory White. PW7 Bright White Clearcoat. We are unsure when the 2024 Model Year order bank will open and what colors might be available.

Page 95. P. Exterior/Interior Paint 3. – The spec calls for the bidders to supply a color chart of paint colors. As noted above, all our 2023 Model Year chassis are OEM factory White.

Page 96. T. Other Requirements 7. – The spec calls for a Key Start System. The 2023 Model Year Chrysler Voyager LX comes standard with push button start.

XXXVII. ADA EQUIPMENT & ACCESSIBILITY SPECIFICATIONS

Page 96. A. Modifications 3. – The spec calls for 3/8 inch marine grade plywood sub floor. We utilize this following sub flooring; The interior floor shall be thermoplastic panels, consisting of a polypropylene honeycomb core with chopped glass reinforced facing on both sides – providing a durable water resistant base with superior strength to weight ratio. The panels provide a smooth surface for flooring attachment and minimize interior noise.

Page 96. A. Modifications 5. – The spec calls for a floor construction consisting of 14 gauge hot rolled steel supported by 1 ½”X3” 14 gauge tubular frame members & 1 ½” square 14 gauge steel tube frame members for strength and safety of wheelchair occupants. We utilize the following floor construction process that has be crash tested. The lowered floor skin shall be constructed of 20 ga. Aluminized steel. The frame rails shall be made of 14 ga. Aluminized Steel formed channels; the floor shall be reinforced with 16 ga. Aluminized Steel

formed channel crossmembers. The floor shall be lowered from the front toe-pan to the rear bench, providing an overall usable flat floor length of 98". The width of the floor shall extend from side doorsill to side doorsill. Mobility aid restraint tracks and seat locks shall be beveled, with no sharp edges and will protrude no more than 1/4" above floor surface.

Page 96. A. Modifications 6. – The spec calls for the lowered floor to be lowered no more than 16 inches in the rearmost part and no more than 11 inches in front of the rear axle. The floor shall be lowered from a location rearward of the front driver and passenger seat to the rearmost part of the vehicle. The highest possible quality of construction is required. Each vehicle shall be reinforced such that the structural integrity of the basic van is not degraded. Ground clearance shall be no less than 6 inches. This seems to be describing a rear entry floor drop. The side entry drop would be described as follows; The floor shall be lowered from the front toe-pan to the rear bench, providing an overall usable flat floor length of 98". The width of the floor shall extend from side doorsill to side doorsill.

Page 97. B. Securement Systems for Wheelchairs and other Mobile Seating Device 1. Belt-Track System – Wheelchair Restraint h. Track layout. Please see attached track layout for a Braun side entry conversion.

Page 98. B. 2. Belt-Track System – Occupant Restraint g. The upper torso restraint may be either retractable or non-retractable, as specified by the purchase order. We only offer the non-retractable lap & shoulder belt made by Q'Straint.

XXXVIII. MANUAL/VEHICLE DOCUMENTATION

Page 100. F. All manuals must be provided on CD ROM. Manuals will be provided in booklet format except for those OEM manuals that are provided on in electronic format.

XLIV. PRICE SUBMITTAL WORKSHEET

- A. Rear-Entry Wheelchair Accessible Taxi-Ready Passenger Mini-Vans Base. I'm assuming this should be Side-Entry **Please quote both side and rear if possible.**
- B. Option Price – Do they indeed wish for a rear-entry option? **Yes if possible**