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From: City of Ocala - Contracting Officer <noreply@jotform.com>
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Subject: Your policy exception has been approved.

Your policy exception has been **approved**.

Approval Comments: drobinson@ocalafl.org

As a political subdivision of the state of Florida and public transit agency, the City of Ocala's SunTran program is authorized to make purchases subject to the terms and conditions of Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Public Transit Office's Transit Research Inspection Procurement Services ("TRIPS") Contract No. TRIPS-22-CA-MB-LF-ABC for standard cutaway, transit minibuses, and low floor cutaway vehicles for public transit agencies. On July 28, 2023, FDOT entered into Contract No. TRIPS-22-CA-MB-LF-ABC with ABC Bus, Inc. for the manufacture and delivery of these vehicles at a firm fixed price. Please ensure that the Purchase Order directly refers to Contract No. TRIPS-22-CA-MB-LF-ABC and incorporates the required federalized terms. You may proceed with your purchase. PLEASE ESTABLISH A MUNIS CONTRACT NUMBER WITH AN EXPIRATION DATE WHICH MATCHES THE CONTRACT. PLEASE ENSURE A COPY OF THIS EXCEPTION APPROVAL AND THE CORRESPONDING TRIPS CONTRACT ARE ATTACHED. BECAUSE AGGREGATE EXPENDITURES FOR THE CONTRACT WILL EXCEED \$50,000, THIS CONTRACT WILL NEED TO BE TAKEN TO COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL.



Procurement/Contract/P-Card Exception

Select exception type:

Procurement

Reason for procurement exception:

Piggyback Request in Lieu of Bid

SunTran is requesting to piggyback on the TRIPS contract# TRIPS-22-CA-MB-LF to purchase three (3) Standard Cutaway and Minibus Chasis Type Transit Vehicle. The TRIPS contract was solicited in accordance with the FTA/FDOT procurement policy, see the attachment titled "Rolling Stock Third Party Checklist".

Enter a brief description of your exception request:

After careful consideration, SunTran has decided to purchase from ABC Bus Sales based on the best value offered. ABC provided competitively bid items that are critical to the operation of SunTran. Notably, many of these items were not available through the TRIPS contract with other vendors, which hindered an equal price comparison.

The critical items that could not be substituted by other vendors include, but are not limited to:

- TSI Camera System
- Avail for bus tracking, APC, and other integrated processes
- Luminator Destination Signs

For our price analysis, I used a 24' length, E450 chassis powered by the 7.3L engine, maintaining the same seat configuration. As a result, our selected vendor's price is \$76,699 less than Model 1 and \$19,395 more than National Bus.

Attach all documents related to the exception that can assist the Contracting Officer's decision.

[Price Analysis.pdf](#)
[Rolling Stock Third Party Checklist.pdf](#)
[TRIPS-22-CA-MB-LF-Award-Documents.pdf](#)
[Ocala TRIPS-22-CA-MB-LF Order Packets-ABC Companies-FINAL \(3 vehicles\).xlsx](#)
[TRIPS-22-CA-MB-LF Contract-EXECUTED-ABC.pdf](#)

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Who authorized requesting this exception?

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