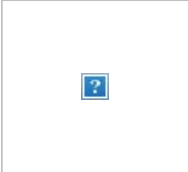


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Your policy exception has been **approved**.

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The department is approved to piggyback the Georgia contract for Public Mass Transit Vehicles and Related Options, Equipment, and Accessories (Contract No. 99999-SPD-SPD0000212-0002) ith Hometown Manufacturing Inc. for the purchase of an FTA Category 3 Electric Trolley Bus. SunTran has a need for an electric trolley bus. There are only two (2) domestic-based manufacturers of electric trolley buses: (1) Hometown Manufacturing, Inc.; and (2) Gillig, LLC. SunTran staff conducted the a price analysis as required by FTA regulations and based on a comparison between suppliers found that Hometown offered best value with pricing of \$495,192.04 as compared to Gillig's \$1.4 Million. Both SunTran and Procurement staff have evaluated the contract documents and solicitation documents. The solicitation conducted by the state of Georgia was conducted in compliance with 2 CFR 200. The resulting contract is for a term of three years beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2025 with three one-year renewals. In its quote, Hometown has agreed to extend the same pricing to the City of Ocala that was offered to the State of Georgia under Contract No. 99999-SPD-SPD0000212-0002. Based on the price



analysis conducted, staff and Procurement have found this pricing to be fair and reasonable. PLEASE ESTABLISH A MUNIS CONTRACT NUMBER AND ISSUE A REQUISITION SO THAT A PURCHASE ORDER CONTAINING THE CITY AND FTA TERMS AND CONDITIONS CAN BE GENERATED. THE CONTRACT WILL NEED TO BE TAKEN TO COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL ONCE ALTOONA TESTING HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND THE DEPARTMENT IS READY TO PROCEED. PLEASE ENSURE THIS EXCEPTION APPROVAL IS ATTACHED TO THE MUNIS CONTRACT, REQUISITION, AND AGENDA ITEM.

Procurement/Contract/P-Card Exception

Select exception type:

Procurement

Reason for procurement exception:

Piggyback Request in Lieu of Bid

Enter a brief description of your exception request:

The SunTran department is requesting to purchase an Electric Trolley Bus from Hometown Trolley. There are only two manufacturers for Electric Trolley Buses, Hometown Trolley and Gillig. Gillig is on the PTSA contract and HomeTown Trolley is on Georgia's DOAS contract. SunTran has chosen to purchase the Electric Trolley Bus from HomeTown Trolley because the pricing (\$495,192.04) is significantly less than Gillig's (\$1.4 million). HomeTown's Trolley Bus is not yet approved by the FTA as it is awaiting the completion of the Altoona testing. Altoona testing is a requirement by the Federal government for new model buses before Federal funding can be used. SunTran needs to submit a purchase order as soon as possible to the manufacturer to get in the queue to build the bus. In the event Hometown Trolley fail the Altoona testing, the purchase order will be cancelled at no expense to the City (manufacturer letter attached).

[Attachment A eRFQ Public Mass Transit Vehicles and Related .pdf](#)

[Attachment C Federal-FTA Requirements.pdf](#)

[Attachment J FTA-Master-Agreement-v29-2022-02-07.pdf](#)

[Attachment K Federal_Requirements and _Clauses.pdf](#)

[Attachment L - Certifications.pdf](#)

[Fully Executed Contract 7-1-23.pdf](#)

[Hometown Mfg - Attachment O Certification of](#)

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

[Specifications Deviation Compliance.pdf](#)
[Hometown Mfg Att L - Federally Required Cert - Hometown Mfg.pdf](#)
[Hometown Altoona Test - View.pdf](#)
[Hometown MT-MR7 - FMVSSView 35-39 .pdf](#)
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[Price Analysis.pdf](#)
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