

[SF-1449, Table of Contents, and most of Section B deleted in abbreviated version]

Schedule of Items

Item 1	Bus, Crew Carrier	Daily Rate \$ _____	Mileage Rate \$ _____
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Company Name			
DUNS Number			
Contact Name			
E-Mail Address			
Phone Numbers (up to 6)			
Fax Number			
Mailing Address	Street:		
	City/State		Zip:

Equipment ID <i>(Identify each unit with a unique resource number/name for identification purposes.)</i>	VIN Number	City/State <i>(Identify the dispatch location (city/state) for each if different than the offeror's address)</i>

Each Bus offered shall include:

- a.) Make and model information
- b.) Model year
- c.) License number (including state)
- d.) Vehicle identification number (VIN)
- e.) Owner's vehicle unit identification number
- f.) Whether it is equipped with the required storage
- g.) Equipped with exterior boxes meeting flammable storage requirements
- h.) The physical location of each bus which will be used as the point of hire for initial dispatch purposes
- i.) Buses shall have cages to store equipment/gear OR provide chase vehicle at no extra expense
- j.) DOT Inspection

1. I certify that all employees are covered by Workers' Compensation or a legal exemption.
2. I am am not registered in the Contractor Central Registration (CCR) system (Ref. E.1(k)).
3. I have have not completed my representations and certifications on-line (Ref. E.3)

[Section C deleted in abbreviated version]

D.1 SCOPE OF AGREEMENT

The intent of this solicitation and any resultant Agreement is to obtain crew carrier bus(es) for use on a local, Regional and Nationwide basis. The Contractor is responsible for all equipment, materials, supplies, transportation, lodging, personnel, and supervision and management of those personnel, necessary to meet or exceed the Agreement specifications. The resources may be used in fire suppression and all-hazard incidents. The Incident Commander or responsible Government Representative is authorized to administer the technical aspects of this agreement.

Crew carrying type buses may be used on mountainous roads with gravel or native surfaces, narrow, unimproved roads, off roads, in mountainous, rangeland and timbered areas, and may be operated where there is brush and trees growing on the shoulders. See definition of ordinary wear and tear. The vehicles must be capable of providing personnel transportation to and from the fire line. The contractor supplied bus driver has the final say on where and how the vehicle can be used.

D.2 EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

Equipment shall meet all standards established by specification or incorporated by reference and shall be maintained in good repair by the Contractor.

D.2.1 Contractor provided equipment:

D.2.1.2 Equipment requirements. All equipment shall have:

- School-type bus with capacity to carry a minimum of 22 adult passengers
- One operator
- Shall be 1977 or newer
- Cargo storage areas will be constructed of durable materials that can safely and securely hold a minimum of 5100 pounds of firefighting gear. The storage area shall be a minimum of 120 cubic feet and will be securely mounted to the body or frame of the vehicle. The device will be engineered for the protection of the passengers, with no sharp edges or unfinished areas that may cause personnel injury. The storage area as designed shall not block exits that allow for the safe egress of personnel.
- Due to the wracking nature of off-road personnel carriers, storage areas shall be constructed as to withstand shifting cargo. Storage areas may be constructed of heavy weight ballistic nylon that is reinforced with heavy webbing that encapsulates the load, but netting is not approved. If the storage area is a cage like devise then the frame shall be constructed of metal.
- Each crew is allowed a maximum of 5,100 pounds which includes firefighters, personal gear, tools, and miscellaneous supplies. NOTE: Firefighting tools can include but are not limited to: chainsaws, drip torches, fuses, handtools, and bladder bags. Flammable/combustible liquids shall not be transported inside the vehicle with passengers and driver. Chainsaws, drip torches, mixture gas and fuses may be stored in DOT approved external storage compartments. Hanging racks on the side of the bus are not acceptable.

- The bus shall be configured to safely store the gear while maintaining all DOT required emergency exit openings. As an alternative, the Contractor can supply a chase vehicle with operator for the equipment at no extra cost to the government. The internal or external storage space shall meet Federal Motor Carrier – Safety Regulations 392.62 (c) 1, 2, 3 Safe Operations.
- Crew carrying type buses will be used on mountainous roads with gravel or native surfaces.
- The company name shall be displayed on the vehicle. Lettering on this shall be a minimum of two (2) inches in height.
- The following documentation shall be provided with each bus:
 - Copy of current DOT operating authorities, permit numbers, and the name and location (state) of the issuing authority organization.
 - Current proof of safety inspections and insurance coverage (binder required, not cab card) shall be available at all times during usage of the vehicle. Any bus used in interstate transportation shall meet the insurance requirements of DOT Regulation CFR 49, 387.33.
- **All buses are subject to a Government inspection upon dispatch and prior to passenger haul. Pre-use inspection and/or videotaping of bus may be conducted at time of hire.** The bus safety inspection checklist or the OF-296 “Vehicle/Heavy Equipment Safety Inspection Checklist” may be used.
- **Personal Protective Equipment.** Contractor shall be responsible for ensuring all personnel arrive at the incident with the proper Personal Protective Clothing and Equipment as prescribed in the agreement. Contractor shall be responsible for ensuring the Personal Protective Equipment is operable and maintained in good repair throughout the duration of any assignment. Personal Protective Clothing will be maintained in good repair, and be cleaned at sufficient intervals to preclude unsafe working conditions. All personnel shall be wearing Personal Protective Clothing, including boots, upon arrival at the incident.

Contractor shall be responsible for ensuring that all personnel arrive with the following:

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- (1) **BOOTS:** All Leather uppers, lace-up type, minimum of 8 inches high with lug type sole in good condition (steel toed boots are not recommended).
- (2) **HARD HAT:** Hardhat meeting NFPA Standard 1977 is required.
- (3) **GLOVES:** One pair of heavy-duty leather per person.
- (4) **EYE PROTECTION:** One pair (meets standards ANSI Z87, latest edition).
- (5) **HEARING PROTECTION:** Use hearing protection whenever sound levels exceed 85 dB. Earphones (headset) required with radio shall have built-in hearing protection.
- (6) **HEAD LAMP:** With batteries and attachment for hardhat.
- (7) **FIRE SHELTER:** Each person is required to possess a fire shelter that meets refurbishment standards. The New Generation Fire Shelter must be manufactured in accordance with US Forest Service Specification 5100-606.
- (8) **FLAME RESISTANT CLOTHING (Shirt and Pants).** A minimum of two full sets of flame resistant shirt and pants. For routine fireline duties, flame resistant clothing must be certified to NFPA 1977.

NOTE: It is recommended that fireline personnel wear a short-sleeved t-shirt, underwear, and socks under fire clothing and boots. T-shirts and underwear should be 100% cotton or a 100% flame resistant blend of fibers. Socks should be cotton, wool, or a blend of flame resistant fibers.

D.2.2 Transportation

Each bus shall be licensed with the Department of Motor vehicles or other appropriate agency. If the bus is operating on apportioned plates a copy of the cab card showing the states the vehicle is licensed in is required to be with the vehicle. Exceptions are not allowed.

All transportation vehicles shall be in sound mechanical condition with sufficient horsepower and mainframe configurations to ensure successful performance on roads and highways, or in terrain described in these specifications. All vehicles under this Agreement shall be able to be legally driven on highways under their own power and be able to travel at a minimum of 50 miles an hour.

All drivers of commercial vehicles shall adhere to Federal Motor Carriers Administration "Hours of Service". At time of dispatch all drivers shall be able to operate up to the maximum hours of service

D.2.2.1 –Tires shall have loading rating in accordance with the vehicle Gross Vehicle Weight Ratings (GVWR). All tires on the vehicles, which including the spare tire, if required, shall have sound sidewalls, body and tire tread depth of a minimum of 2/32 inch for rear tires and 4/32 inch for steering axle tires.

D.2.2.2 Prohibited Marking

Federal regulations prohibit the use of official agency shields or markings on private vehicles or property.

D.3 PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS

All Contractor personnel shall comply with Exhibit F, Safety Standards. Contractors shall comply with the Fair Labor Standards Act when employing persons under 18 years of age (Ref. 29 CFR 570).

D.3.1 Training/Experience

Each person under this Agreement shall meet the following minimum requirements:

1. RT-130 Annual Fireline Refresher including fire shelter.
2. Commercial Driver's License (CDL) with passenger endorsement and medical card valid for the state in which the operator resides.
3. All operators shall be able to operate the equipment safely up to the manufacturer's limitations.

The government reserves the right to verify training at any time for all operators.

[D.3.2 through D.6.1 deleted in abbreviated version]

D.6.2 RANKING OF AWARDED EQUIPMENT FOR DISPATCH PRIORITY **CO: May modify accordingly**

All resources on an awarded Agreement will be ranked on a priority dispatch list by **Host Dispatch Zone or Geographic Area**. Priority will be given to those small business concerns identified in Section B, Method of Award – Cascading Set-Aside Procedure. Within each small business program category, priority will be given according to the lowest price using the following calculation considering both the daily rate and mileage offered, with the lowest price being ranked highest on the dispatch list. A separate priority list will be generated for each type.

$$(\text{Daily rate X 80\%}) + (\text{Mileage X 20\%}) = \text{low price}$$

[D.6.3 through D.15 deleted in abbreviated version]

D.16 PRE-AWARD

A pre-award inspection will not be done.

[D.17 through D.21.7 deleted in abbreviated version]

D.21.8 PAYMENTS

Each host agency is responsible for their incident payments. The payment office will be designated in block 9 on the Emergency Equipment – Use Invoice, Form OF-286. See Exhibit B for complete agency payment office information.

The time under hire shall start at the time the resource begins traveling to the incident after being ordered by the Government, and end at the estimated time of arrival back to the point of hire after being released, except as provided in D.21.8.3.

D.21.8.1 Rates of Payments - Payment will be at rates specified and, except as provided in D.21.8.3, shall be in accordance with the following:

- a. **Payment will be made for the daily rate or mileage rate, whichever is greater.**
 - i. **Daily Rate** - Payment will be made on basis of calendar days (0001 – 2400). For fractional days at the beginning and ending of time under hire, payment will be based on 50 percent of the Daily Rate for periods less than 8 hours.
 - ii. **Mileage** – Payment shall be made for the mileage rate or the daily rate, whichever is greater.

[D.21.9 through D.23 deleted in abbreviated version]

EXHIBIT M – BUS SAFETY INSPECTION CHECKLIST

BUS SAFETY INSPECTION CHECKLIST			
1. INCIDENT NAME/NUMBER	2. ORDER/REQUEST NUMBER		
3. OWNER/VENDOR NAME & COMPANY NUMBER			
4. AGREEMENT, PO, CONTRACT NO.		5. EXPIRES	
6. MAKE		7. MODEL, TYPE	
8. SERIAL NO./VIN		LICENSE NO.	

10. PRE-USE INSPECTION	REJECTED
MILES: _____ DATE _____ TIME _____	
INSPECTOR NAME: _____	
TITLE _____	
PRINT	
10. PRE-USE INSPECTION	ACCEPTED
MILES: _____ DATE _____ TIME _____	
VENDOR SIGNATURE: _____	
TITLE _____	
PRINT	
INSPECTOR NAME: _____	
TITLE _____	
PRINT	

* Safety Items, Do Not Accept Until Repaired	Pre-Use		Release	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
1. DOT inspection in previous 12 mths when required *				
2. Gauges and lights *				
3. Seat belts *				
4. Glass and mirrors *				
5. Wipers and horn *				
6. Clutch pedal: proper adjustment, 3/4" free travel				
7. Cooling system: check radiator and hoses				
8. Oil level/condition: full and clean				
9. Battery: check for corrosion, loose terminals, tie downs				
10. Fuel system *				
11. Electrical system: alternator and starter working				
12. Engine running: check for knocks and leaks				
13. Transmission: check for leaks				
14. Steering (See specialty items) *				
15. Tie rods, ball joints: check for looseness or bent *				
16. Lubrication: check for dry fittings				
17. Brakes (See specialty items) *				
18. Drive line/U-joints: check for looseness				
19. Springs and shocks *				
20. Differential: check for leaks				
21. Exhaust system (See specialty items) *				
22. Frame *				
23. Tire and wheels: 1/4" front, 3/16" rear tread required *				
24. Accessories: jack, lug wrench, mounted spare				
25. Body and interior condition: describe & locate damage on back side of form				
26. Emergency Equipment required: Fire Extinguisher Spare fuses Reflectors Chock Blocks *				
27. Operator(s) properly licensed: State License No. Class Endorsements Med Cert Exp Date				

Bus Specialty Requirements	Yes	No
1. SAFETY CAGE: Security nets WILL NOT be accepted. See page 17 of 2004 solicitation.		
2. EMERGENCY DOORS: Marked with 1-inch letters and identified with a red electric lamp that works when lights are needed. 393.92 1. No emergency exit sign over rear door (if cage in rear) 2. Roof hatch minimum size is 13X17" 3. All exits shall be properly labeled		
3. FIRE EXTINGUISHER: Minimum rating of 5BC, fully charged, maintained to permit visual check for charge and securely mounted(no bungee)		
4. SPARE FUSES: Not required for buses with relay systems		
5. DRIVE SHAFT PROTECTION: Must have at least one guard or bracket at the end of the shaft that would prevent whipping of the shaft in the event of failure		
6. EXHAUST SYSTEM: Gas Powered Buses: Tailpipe will exit at or within 6" forward of the rear most part of the bus Diesel Buses: Tailpipe will exit within 15" of the rear most part of the bus or to the rear of all doors or windows designed to be opened except windows designed to open solely as emergency exits 393.83 No exhaust leaks will be tolerated, no temp repairs		
7. SPARE TIRE: Full size, mounted on wheel required on all buses: tire must be secured to bus but not loose		
8. STEERING SYSTEM: 393.209 See table in CFR book for maximum steering lash allowed. Gear box, u-joints, ball joints and tie rods must be in good condition. Power steering systems will NOT have ANY leaks. Belts in good condition, steering wheel spokes may not be cracked or missing		
9. BRAKES: Parking brake must hold, air brakes must meet front protection regs and have low air warning devices and working air pressure gauge. Slack adjusters must be properly adjusted. Brake lining will conform to specs. NO leaks of air or fluid allowed		

11. RELEASE INSPECTION
MILES _____ DATE _____ TIME _____
VENDOR SIGNATURE: _____
TITLE _____
INSPECTOR NAME: _____
TITLE _____
PRINT

COMMENTS: