



**Ministry of Tourism and Transport
Department of Public Transportation**

**Request for Information
For
The Supply of Public Bus Vehicles for Bermuda**

Request for Information No.: **DPT001-2019**

Issued: **Monday, January 21, 2019**

Submission Deadline: **Friday, February 15, 2019 05:00:00 PM AST**

1. Introduction

The Government of Bermuda and Rocky Mountain Institute have jointly entered into a Memorandum of Understanding to investigate and transition Bermuda's public bus transportation system to energy efficient, low emissions technology.

This Request for Information (RFI) published by the Government of Bermuda (the "Government") through the Ministry of Tourism and Transport, is being issued to gauge the interest from vendors and manufacturers to supply clean diesel, hybrid, and/or electric public buses to the Government's Department of Public Transportation (the DPT). Respondents are asked to provide the information requested below.

2. RFI Timetable

Issue Date of RFI	Monday, January 21, 2019
No Pre-Bid / Site Meeting	
Deadline for Questions	Friday, February 1, 2019 4:00 PM
Deadline for Addenda	Friday, February 08, 2019 4:00 PM
Submission Deadline	Friday, February 15, 2019 05:00:00 PM

All times listed are in Atlantic Standard Time (AST). The RFI timetable is tentative. It may be changed by the Government at any time, and the Government may choose to waive or extend the Deadline for Questions, Deadline for Addenda and/or the Submission Deadline.

3. Background

The DPT is responsible for public bus transportation in Bermuda, which has an area of 22 square miles. The island is serviced with 11 bus routes ranging in distance from 7km to 25km. DPT bus service operates 18 hours per day, 365 days of the year. The current fleet of 98 buses operates out of the maintenance depot located in the central part of the Island and is supported by two additional depots in the east and west ends of the island. This bus service provides public transportation for residents, students, and visitors.

Approximately 64 of the existing 98 bus fleet, 65%, is over 10 years old and has exceeded its intended service life. Reliability is compromised by the aging fleet and the DPT has embarked on a fleet replacement program to reduce the average age of the fleet and restore reliability.

The Bus Operator work rosters are currently configured to service a variety of routes in a given day. A bus may be assigned to multiple rosters/operators throughout an 18-hour day. As such, a bus could be required to drive anywhere from 180km to 270km per day. The existing fleet of single-deck midi-buses is based on the MAN A66 chassis. There have been a variety of body builders over the years, the most recent being MOB/people, Portugal. The layout and dimensions for the current 38-seat bus is included in Annex B for reference only.

In an effort to improve local air quality, cost and the quality of service DPT seeks to replace its existing buses with more efficient, cleaner running vehicles. To that end, this RFI seeks responses for vehicles powered by low-emissions diesel, diesel-electric hybrid, and battery electric drivetrains.

Bermuda has a number of specific vehicle requirements that are the result of its unique infrastructure and climate, which require a narrow chassis, right-hand drive, and high performance

air conditioning. The details are set forth in Table 1 below. These requirements are intentionally limited to those that are absolutely necessary so as to garner a diverse set of responses.

Table 1: Mandatory Requirements

Overall length	Not to exceed 9300 mm (366.14in)
Overall width	Not to exceed 2300 mm (90.55in)
Overall height	Single deck
Driver orientation	Right-hand drive
Climate control	Air conditioning capable of maintaining interior temperature at or below 21 degrees C when fully loaded with passengers, exterior temperature of 30 degrees C, relative humidity 80% and passenger doors opening every five minutes.
Passenger capacity	Between 20 and 38 seat capacity

While Table 1 details the critical requirements, DPT requests the detailed specifications of all vehicles submitted so as to be able to robustly evaluate the fit for local operations. Details of the information requested, including a company questionnaire and bus technical questionnaire are provided in Annex A.

4. Information Requested

In order to assess the market for buses of different types in Bermuda, DPT requests that respondents provide the information requested and complete the company and technical questionnaires in Annex A.:

See Annex A - Responses Template

5. Submission Instructions

Respondents are asked to submit their information and signed Respondent Submission Form by Friday, February 15, 2019 05:00:00 PM to the following email address and to the attention of the RFI Contact.

Mr. Roger Todd, Director of the Department of Public Transportation, email: dpt@gov.bm

Respondents should direct any questions on this RFI process to the same RFI Contact.

Submissions should include a completed and signed Respondent Submission Form (Appendix A) that acknowledges, among other things, that this RFI and any respondent submissions will not create a legal relationship or obligation regarding the procurement of any good or service.

Respondents downloading this file and intending to respond to this RFI are required to register their interest with the RFI Contact by emailing their company name and contact information to prior to the Submission Deadline noted in the RFI timetable above.

Amendment/addenda (if any) will be posted at <https://www.gov.bm/procurement-notices>. Respondents should visit the Government Portal on a regular basis during the procurement process.

APPENDIX A – RESPONDENT SUBMISSION FORM

5. Respondent Information

Please fill out the following form, naming one person to be the respondent's contact for the RFI process and for any clarifications or communication that might be necessary.	
Full Legal Name of Respondent or Personal/Given Name:	
Representative's Name (Person with Signing Authority) and Title:	
Street Address:	
City, Province/State, Parish:	
Postal Code/Zip Code:	
Country:	
Phone Number with Area Code:	
Respondent's Social Insurance Number issued by the Government of Bermuda:	
Respondent's Payroll Tax Number issued by the Government of Bermuda:	
Company Website (if any):	
Respondent Contact Name and Title:	
Respondent Contact Phone:	
Respondent Contact Fax:	
Respondent Contact Email:	

6. Terms of Reference

In responding to this RFI, the respondent acknowledges its acceptance of the following RFI Terms of Reference:

a. Request for Information Not a Formal Competitive Bidding Process

This RFI is issued for information-gathering purposes and is not intended to create legal obligations between the Government and any of the respondents or their representatives. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, this RFI will not necessarily result in any subsequent negotiations, direct contract award, invitational tendering process or open tendering process, and does not constitute a commitment by the Government to procure any goods or services.

b. RFI Not to Limit the Government's Pre-Existing Rights

This RFI will not limit any of the Government's pre-existing rights. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Government expressly reserves the right, at its discretion, to:

- (i) seek subsequent information or initiate discussions with any potential supplier, including potential suppliers that did not respond to this RFI;
- (ii) initiate direct negotiations for the procurement of any good or service with any potential supplier or suppliers, regardless of whether the potential supplier or suppliers responded to this RFI;
- (iii) contact a limited number of potential suppliers, which may include only those that responded to this RFI or may include potential suppliers that did not respond to this RFI, for the purpose of a competitive process for the procurement of any good or service;
- (iv) elect to proceed by way of open tender call where all potential respondents, including those that did not respond to this RFI, are eligible to compete for the award of a contract for the supply of any good or service; and
- (v) elect not to procure the good or service that is the subject of this RFI.

These expressly reserved rights are in addition to any and all other rights of the Government that existed prior to the issuance of this RFI.

c. Pricing Information for General Information Purposes Only

Any pricing information provided by respondents is for general information purposes and is not intended to be binding on respondents. Any legally binding pricing or purchasing commitments will be established only where specified by the express terms of a subsequent tender call process or where established through the execution of a written agreement.

d. Information in RFI Only an Estimate

The Government and its advisers make no representation, warranty or guarantee as to the accuracy of the information or empirical data contained in the RFI or issued by way of addenda. Any quantities shown or data contained in this RFI, or provided by way of addenda, are estimates provided only as general background information.

e. Parties to Bear Their Own Costs

The Government will not be liable for any expenses incurred by a respondent, including the expenses associated with the cost of preparing responses to this RFI. The parties will bear their own costs associated with or incurred through this RFI process, including any costs arising out of, or incurred in, (i) the preparation and issuance of this RFI; (ii) the preparation and making of a submission; or (iii) any other activities related to this RFI process.

f. Accuracy of Responses

The respondent acknowledges that the information provided is, to the best of its knowledge, complete and accurate.

g. Submissions Will Not Be Returned

Except where set out to the contrary in this RFI or expressly requested in the respondent's submission, the submission and any accompanying documentation provided by a respondent will not be returned.

h. Confidential Information of the Government

All information provided by or obtained from the Government in any form in connection with this RFI either before or after the issuance of this RFI (i) is the sole property of the Government and must be treated as confidential; (ii) is not to be used for any purpose other than replying to this RFI; (iii) must not be disclosed without prior written authorization from the Government; and (iv) must be returned by the respondent to the Government immediately upon the request of the Government.

The respondent may not at any time directly or indirectly communicate with the media in relation to this RFI without first obtaining the written permission of the Government.

i. Disclosure of Information

The respondent consents to the Government's collection of information as contemplated under the RFI for the uses contemplated under the RFI. Respondents should not include information in their response that is proprietary or confidential. Information provided by a respondent may be released in accordance with governing laws. To the extent that a respondent does include confidential or proprietary information, the respondent should identify any information in its submission or any accompanying documentation supplied in confidence for which confidentiality is to be maintained by the Government. The confidentiality of such information will be maintained by the Government, except where the Public Access to Information Act 2010 or where an order by a tribunal or court requires the Government to do otherwise. The respondent consents to the disclosure, on a confidential basis, of this submission by the Government to advisers retained by the Government for the purpose of reviewing this submission.

The respondent acknowledges that the Government may make public the name of any and all respondents.

j. Governing Law

This RFI process will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Bermuda applicable therein.

Signature of Witness

Signature of Respondent Representative

Name of Witness

Name of Respondent Representative

Title of Respondent Representative

Date