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ADDENDUM No. 1

Request for Proposal CS-20-19 NEW CHIEF COMMAND VEHICLE

The addendum is being issued prior to the closing of the request for proposal (RFP) to provide further information, make changes to, or to clarify the RFP documents and is to be read, interpreted and coordinated with all other parts of the RFP documents. In the case of a conflict with the balance of the documents, this Addendum shall govern. Proponents shall attach a signed copy of this addendum to their proposal submission, failure to do so may result in a non-compliant proposal. This addendum shall form part of the Contract Documents.

This addendum is to provide clarification to RFP CS-20-19 released October 22, 2020.

QUESTION 1: #5. States: Fog lamps to be included. Fog lamps are no longer offered on the 2021 Suburban on any trim level. The addition of fog lamps to the front bumper is not recommended by the dealership as there are no components stable enough to mount the lights to and no wiring available to tie into the factory system. The 2021 Suburban comes standard with LED headlights.

Does the department feel that the LED headlights would be sufficient?

ANSWER 1: The fire department will accept the LED headlights as sufficient and will remove the requirement for fog lamps based upon the information provided that the fog lamps are no longer offered on the 2021 Suburban.

QUESTION 2: #8 States: Cold Climate Package. A block heater is no longer standard or optional with the gas engines. We are currently checking with our Chevrolet dealer to see if an aftermarket block heater can be installed.

Will the department accept a Suburban without a block heater if we cannot add an aftermarket heater at the dealership?

ANSWER 2: This vehicle will be parked outside in freezing weather. A block heater is required.

QUESTION 3: #13 States: Hill Descent Control. Hill descent control is only available with the Z71 model, which is a higher end unit with leather seating, bucket seats and a factory console in front. Unfortunately, we cannot remove the factory console and install custom console as requested in Emergency Equipment, # 4 if the Z71 trim level is selected. This is due to complicated electronics installed in this console by the factory such as USB ports, wireless charging for cell phones, rear seat heat controls and air conditioning controls, which if removed, will result in loss of options and may possibly cause the GM computer system to not operate correctly with these missing components. We are unable to utilize the factory console as there is no room in the factory console for the siren install and no location within the vehicle to install the wiring for the siren and future radio installation by the department. The vehicle does have tow haul. Will the department accept a Suburban without hill decent control but with tow haul?

ANSWER 3: The fire department will accept the vehicle without hill decent control.

QUESTION 4: #21 States: To have air conditioning and a high output heater. A high output heater is not available with the 2021 Suburban.

Will the department accept a Suburban without a high output heater?

ANSWER 4: The fire department will accept the factory supplied standard heater.





QUESTON 5: #22 States: Battery - To be dual, minimum 720 CCA, with heavy duty alternator.

A dual battery and heavy-duty alternator are not available on a Suburban. The battery which comes with the Suburban does have the requested CCA.

Will the department accept a Suburban without a heavy-duty alternator?

ANSWER 5: The fire department wants the highest capacity alternator available that can be provided by the factory.

QUESTION 6: #25 States: Two tow hooks to be located on the front. Two tow hooks to be located at the rear of the vehicle. Front two hooks are only available with the Z71 trim level. Two rear tow hooks are not available.

Would the department accept no front and rear tow hooks? In lieu of rear tow hooks, would the department accept using the rear hitch with a tow hook receiver?

ANSWER 6: The fire department will accept a rear hitch with a tow hook receiver. There must also be provided a tow hook somewhere on the front of the vehicle. The fire department does not want the Z71 trim level, therefore the tow hook on the front must be added by the fire apparatus manufacturer.

QUESTION 7: #33 States: Left and right power adjustable towing mirrors to be provided.

Towing mirrors are not available on a Suburban.

Would the department accept no adjustable towing mirrors, or would they like us to investigate aftermarket clip on towing mirrors?

ANSWER 7: The fire department accepts no adjustable towing mirrors being provided. The regular vehicle side mirrors must be electrically adjustable, however.

QUESTION 8: The provision of supplying a 2021 Chevrolet Tahoe Special Services Vehicle is an option, however if a Tahoe is selected in lieu of a Suburban there will still be a number of Chassis Cab Specifications not met. Would the department prefer a 2021 Suburban or 2021 Tahoe?

ANSWER 8: The fire department will accept a Suburban, or equivalent vehicle. The vehicle included in the bid must meet the specifications listed in Appendix C, unless a clarification or change is provided through an addendum. The proponent is free so to submit a vehicle that meets these requirements.

QUESTION 9: We would not be able to provide the drawings as requested in 12.0 Command Vehicle Familiarization, 12.1 Chief Command Vehicle Drawings. Would the department be willing to accept the design and present the contract award using detailed specifications in lieu of drawings?

ANSWER 9: Drawings need to be provided by the fire apparatus manufacturer.

I/We hereby verify that we have considered this addendum in our proposal submission.		
Proponent's Signature	Date	

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