

TO: All Bidders
Remounting of Type III Ambulances
IFB# P06-046

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SUBJECT: Addendum #1, IFB#P06-046 (Three (3) Pages).
Clarifications / Answers to Questions at Pre-Bid Conference 11/10/05.

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Addendum #1 – IFB# P06-046

1. Number of units required: Clarification - Page 2, Sect. 1.1.2 & Page 48, Sect. 3.33:
Change quantity to ten (10) units.
2. Question: Page 10, Section 2. Page 18, Sect. 3.32
Clarification for the definition of “QVM- Qualified Vehicle Modifier” and also if being a “Ford Authorized Warranty Center” would meet this requirement.
Section 3.3.2 states, *“The Contractor shall ensure that the Ford cutaway chassis shall be prepared for mounting the ambulance modular body utilizing the original manufacturer’s methods of body to frame attachments. Attachment to the new chassis shall incorporate mounting of the module in a manner acceptable by **Ford QVM program** for the chassis selected.”*

Answer: Participation in the Ford QVM program by the bidder is mandatory.
This requirement sets the minimum standard to be followed by the bidders and

ensures the vehicle's compliance with all applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS). Ford's rules governing the QVM program are stringent and are designed with the vehicle capabilities in mind. This requirement will remain unchanged.

- 3) Question: Page 19, Sections: 3.4.6, 3.4.7 and 3.4.8 Request for clarification regarding the use of silicone sealant.

Answer: Clarification-This requirement will remain unchanged. Silicone sealant shall be used.

- 4) Clarification: Page 41, Sections: 3.15 and 3.15.3:
Clarification regarding these section requirements indicating the inclusion of manuals and handbooks with each unit. A request for clarification was made if CDs (Compact discs) would be suitable in lieu of the hard copy Ford repair manual and Ford parts handbook.

Answer: Section 3.15 states, "*The Contractor shall include manuals and handbooks with each unit.*" This section was a blanket requirement intended to require an **operator's** manual covering accessories, components, equipment and systems instructions (Section 3.15.2); a Ford Service Manual and a Ford Parts Book for each unit. To clarify, an **operator's** manual covering each vehicles accessories, components, equipment and systems instructions shall be provided with each vehicle ordered. (2) Two Ford Service Manuals and (2) two Ford Parts Books shall be provided based upon the Ford model year, not with each vehicle. The Ford Service Manuals and Parts Books shall be provided as CD (Compact disc) sets.

- 5) Clarification: Page 41, Sect. 3.15.2 – Clarification was requested regarding the requirement indicating the inclusion of complete wiring diagrams, CAD drawings, and illustrations. It was stated that this is not possible for standard conversions as required in this bid because the Contractor was not the original manufacturer of the vehicle/module.

Answer: This section states, *"Each manual and/or handbook shall include complete wiring diagrams including all radio equipment, and cover installation/operation instructions, CAD drawings, illustrations, manufacturer's part numbers, lubrication instructions, assembly and disassembly instructions, and safety precautions to insure proper installation, operation and maintenance of the equipment."* To clarify, each manual and/or handbook shall include complete wiring diagrams, CAD drawings and illustrations only for all changes/upgrades to the finished unit. This shall include electrical systems wiring changes, cabinet additions, Armrest modifications, etc. The requirement for installation/operation instructions (for installed equipment), manufacturer's part numbers, lubrication instructions, assembly and disassembly instructions, and safety precautions to insure proper installation, operation and maintenance of the equipment shall remain unchanged. Delete the requirement regarding *"all radio equipment."*

- 6) Clarification: Page 41, Sect. 4.1.1: Clarification regarding this section's requirement that pricing for each optional year of the contract is to remain the same as the final year of the original contract term. Multiple vendors joined the discussion indicating that this is not feasible and would cost UMDNJ significantly over the course of the contract .

Answer: The IFB shall be for one (1) year only with no optional extension years.

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