



**FROM:** Purchasing Division  
Walter Castillo, Materials Manager  
Broward County Transportation Department  
**SUBJECT:** Solicitation No.: TRN2130464B2  
Bus Batteries (FTA)

Recommended Vendor: Green Dream International LLC  
Recommended Group(s)/Line Item(s): None  
Initial Award Amount: \$ 370,125.00 Potential Total Amount: \$ 1,850,625.00  
Initial Contract Term: One Year Contract Term, including Renewals: Five Years

**CONCURRENCE:**

The agency has reviewed Vendor’s response(s) for specification compliance and Vendor responsibility, which includes license requirements (if applicable). I have reviewed all documents including the Vendor Questionnaire and after careful evaluation, I concur with recommendation for award to the Vendor.

**FINANCIAL BACKGROUND/D & B REPORT: (check one)**

I am satisfied with the Vendor’s financial background and/or rating and payment performance.  
 Not applicable Provide explanation if choosing this option

**LITIGATION HISTORY: (check one)**

I have reviewed the Litigation History Form and there is no issue of concern.  
 Refer to additional information from the Office of the County Attorney to address an issue/concern.

**PAST PERFORMANCE: (check all that apply)**

I have reviewed the Vendor’s past Performance Evaluations in ContractsCentral and:

- Vendor received an overall rating  $\geq 2.59$  on all evaluations.
- No evaluations within the past three years contained any items rated a score of 2 or less.
- Vendor received a rating  $\leq 2.59$  on an evaluation(s). Refer to additional information.
- Vendor received a score of  $\leq 2$  on an individual item(s). Refer to additional information.
- Past evaluations are not relevant to the scope of this contract.
- No past Performance Evaluations exist in ContractsCentral.

**AND**

Reference Verification Forms are attached.

**OR**

Reference Verification Forms are not required: Commodity only purchase (less than \$250,000); Service less than \$100,000 and the Vendor has a Performance Evaluation within the past three years.

**NON-CONCURRENCE:**

I do not concur. Detailed reason for non-concurrence is attached, including the reference to any bid requirement.

TYPED NAME OF SIGNER: Walter Castillo  
(Individual authorized to administer the contract.)

TITLE: Materials Manager

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**FROM:** Purchasing Division  
Walter Castillo, Materials Manager  
Broward County Transportation Department  
**SUBJECT:** Solicitation No.: TRN2130464B2  
Bus Batteries (FTA)

Recommended Vendor: Los Pasos LLC dba Batteries Plus  
Recommended Group(s)/Line Item(s): None  
Initial Award Amount: \$ 371,501.00 Potential Total Amount: \$ 1,857,505.00  
Initial Contract Term: One Year Contract Term, including Renewals: Five Years

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TITLE: Materials Manager

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**FROM:** Purchasing Division  
Walter Castillo, Materials Manager  
Transportation Department  
**SUBJECT:** Solicitation No.: TRN2130464B2  
Insert Solicitation: Bus Batteries, (FTA)

Recommended Vendor: GUTZ LLC dba Batteries ETC  
Recommended Group(s)/Line Item(s): None  
Initial Award Amount: \$ 393,609.50 Potential Total Amount: \$ 1,968,047.50  
Initial Contract Term: One Year Contract Term, including Renewals: Five Years

**CONCURRENCE:**

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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** February 26, 2026

**TO:** Robert Gleason, Director, Purchasing Division

**FROM:** Walter Castillo, Materials Manager, Transportation Department

**SUBJECT:** Non-Concurrence of Award for Bid# TRN2130464B2, Bus Batteries (FTA), Alamex, Inc., Green Dream International, LLC, Los Pasos LLC, dba Batteries Plus, Parts Authority, and GUTZ, LLC dba Batteries ETC

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The Broward County Transportation Department (BCT) Operations Division is seeking a vendor to deliver bus batteries.

Bid# TRN2130464B2, Bus Batteries (FTA) was advertised on October 10, 2025, and ended on October 28, 2025. Nine (9) responses were received from Alamex, Inc., Green Dream International, LLC, Parts Authority, LLC, Adelleway.com, Glades Parts Company Inc. dba Original Equipment Co., Los Pasos LLC, Batteries ETC, Number 1 Transport Inc., and General Fleet Services.

On October 30, 2025, the Purchasing Division sent an email to Alamex, Inc. to submit additional documents but did not receive a response; see Exhibit A attached. The lowest vendor was deemed non-responsive on October 30, 2025.

On November 25, 2025, BCT was instructed to perform our responsibility review for the second lowest vendor (Green Dream International, LLC). BCT sent out reference forms to the three (3) vendors listed on the Vendor Questionnaire and received all three (3) responses back by December 1, 2025. BCT still had questions and sent Purchasing a list of questions to ask the vendor on December 3, 2025. Purchasing sent the questions to Green Dream International, LLC on December 3, 2025, and received a response on December 4, 2025, see Exhibit B attached.

After reviewing the vendor's answers, the vendor is not compliant with Section 5.2 of the Specifications and Requirements which discusses a 72-hour pickup for battery cores. The vendor stated BCT to ship battery cores to an address provided by the vendor, and the vendor stated they need one week to pick up the defective batteries that are under warranty. Both responses above do not meet BCT's Specifications and Requirements. A Non-Concurrence of Award was processed on December 5, 2025.

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BCT reviewed Los Pasos LLC, dba Batteries Plus's bid response. Batteries Plus does not currently operate within the bus battery industry and has no past performance specific to this market. While the vendor has expressed an interest in entering the bus battery sector, intent alone does not meet the technical, safety, and reliability requirements necessary for this procurement. Additionally, the vendor's warehouse is located in Wisconsin, with its distributor based in Pennsylvania, which introduces additional logistics complexity and increased lead time from order placement to delivery. Given the critical nature of bus battery systems and the associated operational risks, concurrence is not recommended at this time until the vendor can substantiate proven industry involvement and compliance with applicable standards.

BCT performed a site visit on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 10:00am; see site-visit pictures in Exhibit C attached. The primary location is approximately 2,000 square feet with 1,000 square feet dedicated to retail and the other 1,000 square feet for warehousing, which is not adequate to hold the vendor's current battery storage and the additional batteries for BCT. A Non-Concurrence of Award was processed on January 21, 2026.

BCT received Parts Authority, LLC bid response on January 21, 2026. After reviewing the bid documents, the vendor indicated Part B on the Buy America Form. BCT reached out requesting the waiver and the vendor replied they do not have an FTA waiver. The vendor further went on to explain that there was a misunderstanding of what was requested. BCT recommended the vendor reach out to the FTA Chief Counsel to clarify if the FTA will accept a revised Buy America Form. On February 2, 2026, Parts Authority reached out to the FTA Chief Counsel to petition the incorrect Buy America Form. On February 4, 2026, the FTA Chief Counsel's Office denied Parts Authority petition to resubmit a revised Buy America Form per 49 CFR § 661.13(b)(1) as the petition email request was more than ten (10) days from the bid open date on October 24, 2025. See email thread in Exhibit D for reference. A Non-Concurrence of Award was processed on February 5, 2026.

BCT reviewed GUTZ, LLC dba Batteries ETC bid response and sent the Vendor Questions Spreadsheet to the vendor to complete on February 9, 2026. BCT received their response on February 12, 2026. After review, the vendor does not currently operate within the bus battery industry and has no past performance specific to this market. See Exhibit E attached. Given the critical nature of bus battery systems and the associated operational risks, concurrence is not recommended at this time until the vendor can substantiate proven industry involvement and compliance with applicable standards. A non-concurrence was processed on February 13, 2026. BCT is processing an award to the next lowest vendor, Glades Parts Co, Inc dba Original Equipment CO.

For additional information, please contact Walter Castillo at (954) 357-8431 or [Wacastillo@broward.org](mailto:Wacastillo@broward.org).

CC: Angelica Love, Deputy General Manager, Transportation Department  
Sonia Lovett, Senior Purchasing Manager, Purchasing Division  
Yanell Fernandez, Program Project Coordinator, Sr., Administration Division  
Ashram Maharaj, Program Project Coordinator, Administration Division

# Exhibit A

## Maharaj, Ashram

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**From:** Richards, Stacie-Ann  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 9, 2025 11:31 AM  
**To:** Maharaj, Ashram  
**Subject:** FW: ACTION REQUIRED - Solicitation No. TRN2130464B2 for Bus Batteries (FTA)  
**Attachments:** FTA Funding Supplement Acknowledgement (1).pdf; FTA Government-Wide Debarment Certification (4).pdf; FTA Restrictions on Lobbying Certification (1).pdf; FTA Restrictions on Lobbying Certification (Loan Guarantees and Loan Insurance) (1).pdf; Insurance Requirements - Quotes Bids (9).docx; Litigation History (10).docx; Vendors Participant List (Federal Funding) (2).pdf; 1-Vendor Questionnaire - Quotes and Bids.pdf

FYI



**Stacie-Ann Richards, BSc, CPPB, NIGP-CPP**

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**From:** Richards, Stacie-Ann  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 30, 2025 11:24 AM  
**To:** 'contact@alamexusa.com' <contact@alamexusa.com>  
**Cc:** Lovett, Sonia <SLOVETT@broward.org>  
**Subject:** ACTION REQUIRED - Solicitation No. TRN2130464B2 for Bus Batteries (FTA)

Good morning,

Please be advised that your response to Solicitation No. TRN2130464B2 for Bus Batteries (FTA) is currently under review. Please note that additional information is required to complete the review, to provide the following by **5:00 pm (EST), Tuesday, November 4, 2025 (or sooner if possible)**:

1. In your submitted response, the Vendor Questionnaire is missing information for the answer to questions #28 (provide required answer), #29 (provide requires answer), and #30 (Contact Title, Contract/Project Dates and Contract Amount is required for reference #1, Contact Title, Email, Contract/Project Dates and Contract Amount is required for reference #2, and Contract/Project Title, Contact Title, Email, Contract/Project Dates and Contract Amount is required for reference #3). Kindly provide missing information and return a revised questionnaire.

2. Please complete and sign the following missing forms (see attachments):

- Anti Human Trafficking Affidavit
- Insurance Requirements Form
- Litigation History Form
- FTA Supplement Acknowledgement
- FTA Government-wide Debarment Certification
- FTA Restrictions on Lobbying Certification
- FTA Restrictions on Lobbying Certification (Loan Guarantees and Loan Insurance)
- Vendor Participant List

3. Please provide designation letter signed by the Director/Corporate Officer, authorizing the individual signing the solicitation documents to bind on behalf of Alamex, Inc.

4. Please confirmed that your firm can comply with Section, 4 (Delivery) and Section 5, (Core Pick-Up) of the solicitation Specifications and Requirements.

Kindly provide the required information by **5:00 pm (EST), Tuesday, November 04, 2025** (or sooner if possible) for further consideration.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Regards

  
**Stacie-Ann Richards, BSc, CPPB, NIGP-CPP**  
Purchasing Agent  
Broward County Purchasing Division

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# Exhibit B

Broward responses.xlsx

Question	Response
Do you have any other references that have a similar contract value (\$370,125 annually) that you can provide?	We have already provided proof of our contracts with Gov. agencies, some of them valued at over \$1M dollars,
Do you have public-sector references of firms to whom you've supplied bus batteries to?	Our supplier is Battery Plus who has executed similar contracts numerous times
Have you done business with Broward County before, besides with the public school system?	yes,
Can you secure manufacturer letters granting dealer/distributor and commitment of allocation sufficient to cover ~1,375 batteries a year, with surge capacity of these special heavy-duty batteries?	Yes
Can you provide your stocking strategy?	We supply from Battery Plus Warehouses which have enough quantities in stock.
Can you currently deliver SLAs to Copan's/Ravenswood in 48-hours for priority orders, per Section 4.1 of the Specifications and Requirements?	we can deliver in one week
Can you pick up battery cores at BCT facilities within 72-hours, per Section 5.2 of the Specifications and Requirements	Battery Cores should be shipped to the address we provide by the client.
Can they handle the reverse logistics for warranty turnaround. (They need to pick up and replace any battery cores that fail within one year, section 7.3, within 72 hours, we don't have the ability to store cores longer than that, as stated in section 5.2.)	Defective batteries should be presented in Battery plus facilities for 48 hours testing. If defected , need one week to pick up the replacement.
What are your service-level expectations for response times?	One week
Are spare parts and replacement modules stocked domestically?	yes
What are typical manufacturing and delivery lead times?	One week
What is your supply chain strategy for critical battery components?	One week
What contingency plans are in place for supply chain disruptions?	a few in stock at the local store
What performance data from similar transit agencies can you share?	
What testing or validation will occur before full rollout?	load test

# Exhibit C













# Exhibit D

**BUY AMERICA CERTIFICATION for Iron, Steel, and Non-Rolling Stock Products**

**BUY AMERICA CERTIFICATION  
FOR PROCUREMENTS OF STEEL, IRON, OR MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS**

Certification of Compliance with Buy America Requirements:  
The Bidder or Offeror hereby certifies that it will comply with the requirements of 49 USC 5323(j)(1) and the applicable regulations in 49 CFR part 661.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signature

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Company: \_\_\_\_\_

OR

Certification of Non-Compliance with Buy America Requirements:  
The Bidder or Offeror hereby certifies that it cannot comply with the requirements of 49 USC 5323(j), but it may qualify for an exception to the requirements pursuant to 49 USC 5323(j)(2) as amended, and the applicable regulations in 49 CFR 661.7

10/16/25  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signature

Dave LaBarre  
Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Gov't Sales Manager  
Print Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Parts Authority LLC  
Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Instructions: This Buy America certification **must** be submitted to Broward County with all bids or offers on FTA-funded Contracts involving the acquisition of steel, iron, or manufactured products unless a waiver has been granted by the FTA or the product is subject to a general waiver. **Bids or offers that are not accompanied by a completed Buy America Certification will be rejected as nonresponsive.** General waivers are listed in 49 CFR 661.7. Additional information on FTA’s Buy America regulations can be found at <https://www.transit.dot.gov/buyamerica>. **Not for use with Rolling Stock.**

## Maharaj, Ashram

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**From:** Richards, Stacie-Ann  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 4, 2026 4:45 PM  
**To:** Maharaj, Ashram  
**Cc:** Lovett, Sonia; Jean-Pierre, Windelle; Pinnock, Jermaine  
**Subject:** FW: TRN2130464B2 Bus Batteries for Broward County (DL) Transportation

Good afternoon, Ashram,

Please see the response from the FTA Chief Counsel regarding Parts Authority, LLC Buy America Certification. FTA has denied their petition; I will provide the next vendor information for vetting.

Regards



**Stacie-Ann Richards, BSc, CPPB, NIGP-CPP**

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**From:** Luebbers, Jason (FTA) <jason.luebbers@dot.gov>

**Sent:** Wednesday, February 4, 2026 4:40 PM

**To:** Dave Labarre <[dlabarre@partsauthority.com](mailto:dlabarre@partsauthority.com)>  
**Cc:** Richards, Stacie-Ann <[STRICHARDS@broward.org](mailto:STRICHARDS@broward.org)>  
**Subject:** RE: TRN2130464B2 Bus Batteries for Broward County (DL) Transportation

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Good afternoon, Dave.

Thank you for this additional information. FTA has no discretion in this matter and must deny your petition to change certifications because the petition is not timely. Thank you for your understanding.

Please see the below response on behalf of FTA Chief Counsel:

Thank you for your letter petition dated February 2, 2026, on behalf of Parts Authority, LLC requesting permission to change the Buy America certification signed and submitted to Broward County in its original bid proposal for TRN2130464B2 (bus batteries). Based on the time elapsed between the date of bid opening and the date of petition, FTA is required by law to deny the petition.

FTA's Buy America regulation does not allow the Chief Counsel discretion to approve a petition to recertify where a bidder petitions the Chief Counsel more than 10 days after the date of bid opening of submission. [49 CFR § 661.13\(b\)\(1\)](#). For this reason, FTA must deny your petition to change the Buy America certification.

Thank you for your understanding and attention to this matter. If you have any questions, you may reach me at (714) 787-6697 or [Jason.Luebbers@dot.gov](mailto:Jason.Luebbers@dot.gov).

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**From:** Dave Labarre <[dlabarre@partsauthority.com](mailto:dlabarre@partsauthority.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 2, 2026 5:11 PM  
**To:** Luebbers, Jason (FTA) <[jason.luebbers@dot.gov](mailto:jason.luebbers@dot.gov)>  
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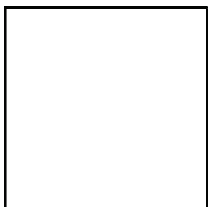
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It was submitted to Broward County on 10/16/25 at 5:06 pm.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,  
Dave

**Dave LaBarre**  
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443-386-4120 cell



On Mon, Feb 2, 2026 at 5:00 PM Luebbers, Jason (FTA) <[jason.luebbers@dot.gov](mailto:jason.luebbers@dot.gov)> wrote:

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Thank you, Dave.

In order for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to consider your request, can you please also attach the original certification made in error and provide the date of bid opening or final offer.

Regards,

Jason

**Jason Luebbers**

Attorney Advisor, General Law

Federal Transit Administration

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Unfortunately we created an error on our Buy America Certification. We inadvertently requested a waiver as we did not think this document applied to a goods contract. We were in error.

The goods we have bid and proposed are all made in the US. I have attached the corrected document.

We request approval for this correction. Thank you for your consideration.

Thank you

Regards,

Dave

**Dave LaBarre**

Government Sales Manager

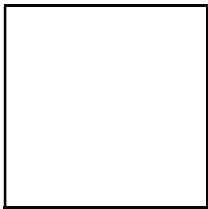
**Parts Authority LLC**

3 Dakota Dr Ste 110

New Hyde Park, NY 11042

410-789-6571 x7532

443-386-4120 cell



# Exhibit E

Vendor Questions - 2.9.26

Question	Response
Do you have any other references that have a similar contract value (\$375K annually) that you can provide?	NO
Do you have local government references of firms to whom you've supplied bus batteries to? If so, please provide the reference(s) information.	NO
Have you done business with Broward County before, besides with the public school system? If so, please provide the reference(s) information.	NO
Can you secure manufacturer letters granting dealer/distributor and commitment of allocation sufficient to cover ~1,375 batteries a year, with surge capacity of these special heavy-duty batteries?	YES
Can you provide your stocking strategy?	With forecast
Can you currently deliver SLAs to Copan's/Ravenswood in 48-hours for priority orders, per Section 4.1 of the Specifications and Requirements?	Yes
Can you pick up battery cores at BCT facilities within 72-hours, per Section 5.2 of the Specifications and Requirements	Yes
Can you handle the reverse logistics for warranty turnaround. (Vendor needs to pick up and replace any battery cores that fail within one year, section 7.3, within 72 hours. BCT does not have the ability to store cores longer than that, as stated in section 5.2.)	Yes
What are your service-level expectations for response times?	Same day/Next day
Are spare parts and replacement modules stocked domestically?	Yes
What are typical manufacturing and delivery lead times?	less than a week
What is your supply chain strategy for critical battery components?	Replace Battery if components not readily available
What contingency plans are in place for supply chain disruptions?	Get supplied from other distributors
What performance data from similar transit agencies can you share?	N/A
What testing or validation will occur before full rollout?	Voltage/Analyzer and load test
Please provide the name of your bus battery distributor	N/A