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Addendum Number 1

Invitation To Bid 25-42-213402

ARRC New 110 Ton 64 General Service Flat Cars

ITB closing date, Offers will be received UNTIL 3:00 PM LOCAL TIME ON JUNE 17, 2025.

This addendum is being issued to provide information as follows:

- Spec seems to reference a "General Service" and specify a load scenario of up to 120k lbs across the middle 18 ft of the car, which sounds like a general-purpose flat car (i.e. a heavy robust car design). We assume "General Service" to mean general purpose meaning non-bulkhead and not hauling containers. Is this correct?
- Please carefully read the specifications. The specification calls for multiple twist lock pocket locations for the handling of both containers and general freight loads. This is our general-purpose car. No bulkheads are included in the specification
- Our production gen purpose flat car has a lightweight of around 69,500 lbs. Based on the request to load up to 220k on the car, the car would need to weigh no more than 66,000 lbs. to meet gross load rules. Flat cars are heavy robust car designs, and it will be difficult to remove that much weight from a flat car. Can you please confirm what will be loaded and weight criteria?
- The specification gives estimated light weight and payload for the car. Deviation up to 5% 220k is acceptable.
- The design spec requests a $\frac{3}{4}$ " steel deck on the car. Our production 64' gen purpose car has a $\frac{3}{8}$ " steel deck. The increase in steel would add additional weight to our design. Can we confirm the steel decking requirement? Is the $\frac{3}{4}$ " required or would $\frac{3}{8}$ " be acceptable?
- The specification calls for $\frac{3}{4}$ " steel decking.
- How will the shipments be loaded onto the car?
- While not apropos to the bid, the car will be loaded by forklifts, cranes, container handlers, end and side ramps and other means.
- Lastly, we would need to research the paint as we are not familiar with the paint request. We would need the pantone codes as the paint requested does not seem to be the standard paint and appears to be a solvent-based poly enamel. Can you confirm if the paint referenced is required or if we can quote our standard paint with the pantone codes so we can match?
- We are not concerned by the paint brand, but the color. Color match of the blue and yellow will be acceptable.
- Can the IBC Connector top elevation be above the deck elevation?
- The IBC Connectors can be up to $\frac{3}{4}$ " above the deck elevation.

Sincerely,

C. Lee Thompson

Contract Administrator

Alaska Railroad Corporation