

Expression of Interest - 8000 Series Railcars

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) is in the planning stage for its next railcar procurement. This procurement could be for replacement of 2000 and 3000 Series cars. These new cars will be designated as the 8000 Series. While the 8000 series cars will take a technological leap relative to earlier series, the 8000 Series cars still represent an evolution from the 7000 Series cars currently being procured. In advance of preparing a complete technical specification, WMATA is requesting comments from the railcar industry regarding significant changes that might be incorporated into the 8000 Series cars. The attached document (General Design Criteria for Industry Comment) identifies 17 areas of change and asks questions regarding each. WMATA appreciates any response that you may provide. Responses are requested within eight (8) weeks from issuance of this letter. Responses may be sent via email to:

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Your response or absence of a response will not be a factor in any future procurement. While it is WMATA's intent that all responses remain confidential, within the limits of applicable legal requirements, WMATA will be using this information to inform and assist in writing the 8000 Series Technical Specification. To that end, please do not provide proprietary solutions in your responses. At the time of procurement, complete technical specifications will be prepared based on WMATA needs, and will consider industry comments to this design criteria document. Respondents are solely responsible for expenses associated with their responses. For this reason, WMATA is not anticipating detailed technical analysis. Rather, WMATA is seeking your informed opinion.

Thank you for any response that you may provide.