

Rural Economic Assistance League, Inc.
(R.E.A.L., Inc)



Request for Proposals (RFP) for

**Transit Scheduling
&
Dispatching Software**

September 3, 2019



Rural Economic Assistance League, Inc
301 Lucero St.
Alice, TX 78332

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RFPEventsTimetable

ACTION

ON

Public media notification of RFP

September 3, 2019

RFP packets made available for distribution

September 4, 2019

RFP deadline:

October 24, 2019

RFPs must be received & date-stamped by 5:00pm at

Rural Economic Assistance League, Inc

301 Lucero St.

Alice, TX 78332

Review and evaluation process begins

October 25, 2019

Selection and negotiation with winning proposer

October 28, 2019

Final Selection, Agreement/Contract
for Deliverables and Services Initiated

October 30 – 31, 2019

General Information

A. Request

Rural Economic Assistance League, Inc (R.E.A.L., Inc) is requesting proposals, for software and technology systems that would aid us in our daily mission of providing quality demand responsive service in an economical manner. It is our intent to provide proposers the opportunity to offer proven software products with little customization with a minimal implementation timeline.

The specifications herein may not have addressed all functional elements of a vendor's software product/ITS technology. Such omissions are not intended to mean that we do not desire to have that functional element as part of the software or technology system(s) to be purchased under this procurement. A full featured functionally diverse software package is required.

B. Purpose

The purpose in soliciting Request for Proposals (RFP) is to secure a vendor(s) that will provide quality scheduling and dispatch software to meet the rural public transit service needs of R.E.A., Inc. Please visit www.realinc.org

C. Deadline for Submission

The deadline for submission of proposals is 5:00pm (CST), Thursday, October 24, 2019.

D. Submission Requirements

Submit an original proposal and four (4) copies to:

Rural Economic Assistance League, Inc

301 Lucero St. Alice, TX 78332

Attn: Martin Ornelas

E. Contact Person

All questions concerning this RFP packet should be directed to: Martin Ornelas
301 Lucero St. Alice, TX 78332.

By phone (361) 668-3158 or by email martin.ornelas@realinc.org Questions and answers will be posted at www.realinc.org

F. Contract Type

The winning proposal will be offered a standard agreement/contract from Rural Economic Assistance League, Inc.

G. Timeline

The successful proposer agrees to include an implementation timeline.

H. Limitations and Reservations

R.E.A.L., Inc. reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals received as a result of this request, to negotiate with all qualified sources, or to cancel in part or in its entirety this RFP, if found to be in the best interest of R.E.A.L. Inc. This RFP does not commit R.E.A.L. Inc. to award a contract, to pay any costs incurred for the preparation of proposals or to procure or contract for any services.

R.E.A.L. Inc. specifically reserves the right to vary the provisions set forth herein any time prior to the execution of a contract where such variance is deemed to be in the best interest of the needs of R.E.A.L. Inc. While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy and completeness of the information in this RFP,

R.E.A.L. Inc. recognizes that the information is not exhaustive in every detail and that all work and materials may not be expressly mentioned in the requirements of the RFP. Therefore, it is the responsibility of the proposer to include in their proposal all software and hardware requirements which are necessary for the full performance of the system. If selected for negotiations, proposer may be required to prepare and submit additional information prior to final vendor(s) selection, in order to reach terms for the provision of services, which are agreeable to both parties.

I. Modification and Renewals

R.E.A.L. Inc. reserves the right to negotiate a modification or renewal for software services in connection with any executed agreement/contract funded through this RFP without repeating the RFP process for a period of up to five (5) years from the original proposal initiation. Vendor modifications and renewals shall be considered based upon the vendor's ability to meet R.E.A.L. Inc. needs.

J. Signatures

A proposal shall be signed by the business's official authorized to bind that business and shall contain a statement to the effect that the proposal is a firm bid for a thirty (30) day period from the date that the proposal is received by R.E.A.L. Inc. The proposal shall also provide the name, title, address and telephone number of the individual(s) with authority to negotiate during the period of proposal evaluation.

K. Evaluation Criteria

The selection of a proposal is to be made after a careful evaluation of the proposals received. Each proposal will be evaluated for acceptability with emphasis on the various factors enumerated in the evaluation table. Each factor is assigned a numerical score. The scores will be used to determine vendor(s) with whom negotiations may be conducted. Evaluations will be based upon the criteria table on page 12 for which up to 100 points may be awarded. Total evaluation values of less than 70 points will invalidate a proposal.

L. Protest Rights

All protest or complaints regarding this RFP process shall be referred to the R.E.A.L., Inc. Grievance Procedures for resolution. Copies of such procedures may be found on page 7 of this RFP.

M. Conflict of Interest

To avoid any real or apparent conflict of interest in the procurement of this RFP, no R.E.A.L., Inc. employee or their family member may vote on or financially benefit from any award connected with this request.

N. Subcontracting

The services of any vendor(s) awarded from this RFP must be delivered by the vendor named on the proposal. Subcontracting will not be allowed, unless prior authorization from R.E.A.L., Inc. is given.

O. Submission Requirements

To be considered responsive and receive an evaluation, a proposal must include all items listed on the RFP Submission Checklist on page 13.

Dispute and Protest Procedures

A. Purpose

The purpose of this procedure is to secure, at the lowest possible level, equitable solutions to the problems, which may from time to time arise affecting individuals. Both parties agree that these proceedings will be kept confidential as may be appropriate at any level of the procedure.

Potential bidders, contractors or proposers can lodge written protests as a remedy to correct a perceived wrong that may have occurred during the procurement process. R.E.A.L., Inc. will accept and review the protest with the understanding that the integrity of the procurement process may be at stake. R.E.A.L., Inc. will use the following procedures to resolve disputes in the attempt to avoid FTA involvement or litigation.

All protests lodged by potential or actual bidders, contractors or proposers must be made in writing and contain the following information:

1. Name, address and telephone number of the protestor.
2. Identification of the solicitation or contract number and title.
3. A detailed statement of the protest's legal and factual grounds, including copies of relevant documents.
4. Identification of the issue(s) to be resolved and statement of what relief is requested.
5. Argument and authorities in support of the protest.
6. A statement that copies of the protest have been mailed or delivered to all interested parties in the Request for Proposal (RFP) process.

Mail or hand deliver the protest to:

Martin Ornelas
R.E.A.L., Inc
301 Lucero St.
Alice, TX 78332

Faxed or emailed protests will not be accepted.

The R.E.A.L., Inc. Transportation Director will respond, in written detail, counterclaims to each substantive issue raised in the protest. The Transportation Director will also perform the following analysis:

1. Price Analysis or Cost Analysis for each claim.
2. Technical analysis to determine the validity of the claim(s) and determine the appropriate response(s).

R.E.A.L., Inc's Transportation Director has the authority to render the final determination regarding the protest. Any determination rendered by R.E.A.L., Inc. will be final.

B. Pre-Bid or Solicitation Phase Protest

A Pre-Bid or Solicitation Phase Protest must be received in writing by R.E.A.L., Inc. Transportation Director a minimum of five (5) full workdays prior to the bid opening or proposal due date. If the written protest is not received in the time specified, the award may be made following normal procedures, unless the Transportation Director, upon investigation, determines that remedial action is required on the ground of fraud, gross abuse of the procurement process, or otherwise indicates substantial prejudice to the integrity of the procurement system, and said action should be taken. Within three (3) workdays from the time the protest is received, the R.E.A.L. Inc. Transportation Director will notify all potential bidders, contractors, or proposers that a protest has been lodged and the nature of the protest. The Transportation Director will respond to the protest in writing within five (5) working days from the time the protest was received. If the Transportation Director decides to withhold the award pending the resolution of the protest, he/she may request a time extension for award acceptance from those bidders, contractors, or proposers whose bids or proposal might become eligible for the award. This extension for the award acceptance must be with the consent of sureties, if any, in order to avoid re-advertising.

R.E.A.L. Inc. will not make an award prior to five (5) working days after the protest is resolved, or if the protest has been filed with FTA during the protest negotiation period, unless R.E.A.L. Inc. determines that:

1. The items or services to be procured are urgently required;
2. Delivery or performance will be unduly delayed by failure to make the award promptly, or
3. Failure to make the award will otherwise cause undue harm to R.E.A.L. Inc. or the Federal government.

The Transportation Director will document this action and give written notice of the decision to proceed with the award to the Protester, and to other parties where deemed necessary.

C. Pre-Award Protest

Protests may be lodged after the Bid Opening or Close of Request for Proposal deadline and prior to Notice of Award. Within three (3) workdays from the time the protest is received, the R.E.A.L. Inc. Transportation Director will notify all potential bidders, contractors, or proposers that a protest has been lodged and the nature of the protest. The Transportation Director will respond to the protest in writing within five (5) working days from the time the protest was received. If the Transportation Director decides to withhold the award pending the resolution of the protest, he/she may request a time extension for award acceptance from those bidders, contractors, or proposers whose bids or proposal might become eligible for award. This extension for award acceptance must be with the consent of sureties, if any, in order to avoid the need to re-advertise.

R.E.A.L. Inc. will not make any award prior to five (5) working days after the protest is resolved, or if the protest has been filed with FTA during the protest negotiation process, unless R.E.A.L. Inc. determines that:

1. The items or services to be procured are urgently required;
2. Delivery or performance will be unduly delayed by failure to make the award promptly, or
3. Failure to make the award will otherwise cause undue harm to R.E.A.L. Inc. or the Federal government.

The Transportation Director will document this action and give written notice of the decision to proceed with the award to the Protester, and to other parties where deemed necessary.

D. Post-Award Protest

R.E.A.L. Inc. will receive protest in writing within three (3) working days after the Notice of Award and letters of notification should have been received by bidders or proposers. Upon receipt of a protest, the Transportation Director shall notify the bidder or proposer awarded the contract. The Transportation Director will render a determination to proceed with the contract or suspend the project until the protest is resolved. The Transportation Director will respond to the protest in writing within five (5) working days after receipt of the protest.

E. Appeals

R.E.A.L. Inc. Transportation Director has the authority to settle any dispute and resolve the protest. The Transportation Director may solicit written responses regarding the protest from other parties. If this course of action does not result in a satisfactory resolution, the Protester may appeal in writing to the R.E.A.L. Inc. Executive Director within three (3) working days after the Transportation Director issues a final decision. The Executive Director will issue a decision within five (5)

working days after receipt of the appeal.

R.E.A.L. Inc. may elect to involve legal counsel or arbitration and mediation consultants to resolve the issue(s).

The Protester has the right to appeal in writing to the Federal Transit Administration if:

1. The Protester has exhausted all administrative remedies with R.E.A.L. Inc., and
2. R.E.A.L. Inc. has failed to follow its protest procedures or failed to review a complaint or protest.

The Protester's appeal must be received by the FTA Region VI Office within five (5) working days of the date of the Protester knew or should have known the violation.

Office of Operations and Program Management
Department of Transportation
Federal Transit Administration Region VI
819 Taylor Street, Suite 8A36
Fort Worth, Texas 76102
Phone: 817-978-0550

When the Protester sends an appeal to FTA, the Protester must also send a copy of the appeal to R.E.A.L. Inc. within the same time frame. In the event of a protest, the Transportation Director will contact FTA to check whether an appeal has been made.

Violations of Federal law or regulation will be handled by the complaint process stated within that law or regulation. Violations of State or local law or regions will be under the jurisdiction of state or local authorities.

If data becomes available that was not previously known, or there has been an error of law or regulations, R.E.A.L. Inc. will grant an allowance for request for reconsideration.

F. Notification of FTA in Dispute Matters

The FTA Master Agreement MA, (October 1, 2018), Section 39 of the MA - *Disputes, Breaches, Defaults, or Other Litigations*, states that FTA has a vested interest in the settlement of any violation of federal law, regulation, or disagreement involving the Award, the accompanying Underlying Agreement, and any Amendments thereto including, but not limited to, a default, breach, major dispute, or litigation, and FTA reserves the right to concur in any settlement or compromise.

a.) Notification to FTA. If a current or prospective legal matter that may affect the Federal Government emerges, the Recipient must promptly notify the FTA Chief Counsel, or FTA Regional Counsel for the Region in which the Recipient is located. (1) The types of legal matters that require notification include, but are not limited to, a major dispute, breach, default, litigation, or naming the Federal Government as a party to litigation or a legal disagreement in any forum for any reason.

b.) Matters that may affect the Federal Government include, but are not limited to, the Federal Government's interests in the Award, the accompanying Underlying Agreement, and any Amendments thereto, or the Federal Government's administration or enforcement of federal laws, regulations, and requirements.

c.) If the Recipient has credible evidence that a Principal, Official, Employee, Agent, or Third Party Participant of the Recipient, or other person has submitted a false claim under the False Claims Act, 31 U.S.C. § 3729 *et seq.*, or has committed a criminal or civil violation of law pertaining to such matters as fraud, conflict of interest, bribery, gratuity, or similar misconduct involving federal assistance, the Recipient must promptly notify the U.S. DOT Inspector General, in addition to the FTA Chief Counsel or Regional Counsel for the Region in which the Recipient is located.

d.) Federal Interest in Recovery. The Federal Government retains the right to a proportionate share of any proceeds recovered from any third party, based on the percentage of the federal share for the Underlying Agreement. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, the Recipient may return all liquidated damages it receives to its Award Budget for its Underlying Agreement rather than return the federal share of those liquidated damages to the Federal Government, provided that the Recipient receives FTA's prior written concurrence.

e.) Enforcement. The Recipient must pursue its legal rights and remedies available under any third-party agreement, or any federal, state, or local law or regulation.

FTA Circular 5010.1E, Chapter 3, Section 7d (10) (11) requires grantees to notify FTA of any current or prospective litigation or major disputed claim in excess of \$100,000 relating to any third part contract. This Circular also requires grantees to provide a list of all outstanding claims exceeding \$100,000 and a list of all claims settled during the reporting period as part of each quarterly progress report. A brief description and reasons for each claim should accompany this list.

For information on circumstances where R.E.A.L. Inc. is required to secure FTA review and concurrence in a proposed claim settlement before using Federal funds, refer to the FTA Best Practices Procurement Manual (October 2016), Section 5.5.3 "When FTA Concurrence is Required."

Evaluation & Rating Summary Table

For Office Use Only

Name of Proposal/Proposer: _____

Evaluation Criteria	Possible Points	Points Given
Implementation Timeline	20	
Proposer's ability to provide specification criteria in narrative format and explanation.	20	
Reasonableness of proposed price/cost	45	
Proposer's ability to provide references of other organizations provided this type of service	15	
Total Points	100	

Proposal Recommendations: _____

Justification: _____

Evaluator's Signature

Date

RFP Submission Checklist

- Required Elements in Response Format
- Certification of Compliance with Required Elements
- Assurances
- Certifications Regarding Lobbying, Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; Including Drug-free Workplace Requirements and Americans with Disabilities Act
- Submission of 1 original proposal and 4 copies by 5pm (CST), Thursday, August 19, 2019, to R.E.A.L., Inc. at 301 Lucero St. Alice, TX 78332

Required Elements in Response Format

All interested parties shall submit the following information to be considered responsive, as well as demonstrate its capabilities to provide, perform and complete the following tasks:

1. Provide a cover letter that contains, at a minimum, the following information: statement of interest; certification that the information and data submitted is true and complete to the best knowledge of the individual signing the letter; respondent's name, address, telephone number, fax number and email address of the individual to contact regarding the submittal; and an authorized partner shall sign the letter.
2. Provide a turn-key IT solution which consists of Transit Management Software for route scheduling/dispatching, vehicle tracking and reporting, map data for areas served by R.E.A.L., Inc. Transportation, building AND "on-board" hardware and software with AVL capabilities. Vendor to include, but not be limited to trip data, expenses, revenues, maintenance, cost per trip, cost per mile, cost per hour, etc.

The proposer shall include a concise summary of the products and services being offered to meet the requirement of this RFP. Proposer should also provide their approach to providing the services. Software should be a complete suite of tools needed to run and automate R.E.A.L., Inc.'s Rural Transit District: scheduling/dispatching, billing reporting, NEMT data migration, mapping, auto scheduling, MDS/tablet interface, tech support and maintenance. Proposer should also include options and capabilities not listed in this RFP (i.e. fare automation, call functions, demographics such as 5310 data, driver training, query tools, route optimization, coordination etc.).

3. Implement the IT solution in a way all R.E.A.L., Inc. Transportation Data is migrated to the new system.

The proposer shall describe the approach to meeting the implementation, training, documentation, and transition requirements as well as the go-live plan. The proposer shall provide specifications for all recommended hardware and software and shall continually assess requirements for the system environment and provide specifications for any recommended changes to the R.E.A.L., Inc. environment. These specifications should include all hardware and software (Transit Management Software) required for complete system integration.

4. Provide any all necessary software or hardware integration required to provide a seamless solution.

The proposer shall provide any type necessary software or hardware integration require to provide a seamless solution. The system should deploy in a pilot environment to test all aspects of the system including full integration of MDC/tablet and AVL system with transit software. The go-live plan should include at least prerequisite activities including training, deployment steps, test plan, and data conversion.

5. Develop and conduct training for system administrators, dispatchers, drivers, train the trainers, users, etc.

The proposer shall provide training to ensure all R.E.A.L., Inc. users have the knowledge and capability necessary to effectively use the system. Training should be conducted at the R.E.A.L., Inc. facility in Alice. A training plan shall be developed by the proposer and reviewed and approved by R.E.A.L., Inc. Training shall be conducted from installation through implementation. The proposer shall provide user documentation including manuals, quick reference guides, tutorials, on-line and any configuration or customization documentation.

6. Provide warranty, maintenance coverage, and tech support. Describe ongoing software and hardware maintenance plan, as well as support for your proposed solution.

The proposer shall warrant each deliverable for a period of one year after the system is fully implemented and accepted. During the warranty period, the proposer shall be responsible for correcting any issues causing any portion of the system to be inoperable or any issues resulting in inaccurate results produced by the system when the system is used in accordance with product documentation provided by the proposer and without extraordinary actions on the part of R.E.A.L., Inc. or its users.

The proposer shall provide a planned maintenance upgrade and data management strategy. The proposed maintenance and tech support agreement shall include at a minimum:

- *Planned software and data upgrades and maintenance schedules. This should include any planned enhancements and any outstanding critical issues that are being addressed.*
- *Software upgrade procedures to ensure any software version upgrade is*

compatible with the R.E.A.L., Inc. IT infrastructure.

- *In a hosted environment, procedure to notify R.E.A.L., Inc. when the system must be halted to provide scheduled and unscheduled maintenance. Clearly defined roles, responsibilities and coordination processes should be provided.*
- *Document all customization or configuration to ensure reproducibility when R.E.A.L., Inc. upgrades to a new release of the software.*
- *Proposer shall submit business continuity procedures and a disaster recovery plan which includes at a minimum recommended hardware and software and a documented disaster recovery plan.*

7. Support forty-five (45) or more vehicles and provide the ability to increase scope with additional vehicles and functionality. System must be adaptable to various types of transit service.

System shall allow dispatch to view vehicle location on GIS map, download schedule and route to vehicle, provide navigation, capture all trip related information using a tablet, allow dispatch to reassign trip to another driver, allow dispatch to add a trip for any type of funding source, ability to update trip information and status, and ability to integrate vehicle odometer.

8. Work closely with R.E.A.L., Inc. to develop a Project Plan and provide any required documentation including Test/Acceptance Plan, Transition Plan, and "Go-Live" Plan.
9. Provide qualifications, certifications and references of key staff to be assigned to this project including technical staff.

The proposer will document successful past performance and relevant qualifications and experience. The proposer shall be a company in the business of developing Transit Management Software, integration and maintenance for advanced ITS systems for a minimum of three (3) years within the last five (5) years. Within the last five (5) years, the company should have successfully completed projects that are similar in size and complexity. A list of the proposer's last five (5) installations should be included. The installations should refer to previous experience integrating to broker portals for downloading NEMT trips.

10. Provide price quotes for software, hardware (tablets with mounting solution or better), training, licensing (initial and annual), and maintenance and support.

Proposer shall list additional options/capabilities of software as applicable (i.e. vehicles analytics, fleet productivity – idle, speed, driver performance) as well as all recurring costs including software and hardware updates, as applicable, and

initial set-up fees and warranties. Proposer should provide five (5) year price quote options for upfront payment of all reoccurring fees, licenses, and warranties.

11. Indicate the number of years' experience operating such services in a stable, sound manner, as well as, references that include names, addresses and phone numbers of references familiar with the proposer's ability, experience, and reliability in the performance and management of projects of a similar nature.
12. Describe your organization's method and capacity to assure quality in the services requested through this RFP.

CATEGORY 1. CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES REQUIRED OF EVERY APPLICANT.

All applicants must make the certifications in this category.

1.1. Standard Assurances.

This certification appears on the Office of Management and Budget's standard form 424B "Assurances—Non-Construction Programs". This certification has been modified in places to include analogous certifications required by U.S. DOT statutes or regulations.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, you certify that the applicant:

- (a) Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project cost) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of the project described in this application.
- (b) Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the award; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
- (c) Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
- (d) Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
- (e) Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§ 4728–4763) relating to prescribed standards for merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
- (f) Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination. These include but are not limited to:
 - (1) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin, as effectuated by U.S. DOT regulation 49 C.F.R. Part 21;
 - (2) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§ 1681–1683, and 1685–1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex, as effectuated by U.S. DOT regulation 49 C.F.R. Part 25;
 - (3) Section 5332 of the Federal Transit Law (49 U.S.C. § 5332), which prohibits any person being excluded from participating in, denied a benefit of, or discriminated

- against under, a project, program, or activity receiving financial assistance from FTA because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, or age.
- (4) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. § 794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps, as effectuated by U.S. DOT regulation 49 C.F.R. Part 27;
 - (5) The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§ 6101–6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age;
 - (6) The Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse;
 - (7) The comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91–616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism;
 - (8) Sections 523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§ 290 dd-3 and 290 ee-3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records;
 - (9) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§ 3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental, or financing of housing;
 - (10) Any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and,
 - (11) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.
- (g) Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (“Uniform Act”) (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal or federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases. The requirements of the Uniform Act are effectuated by U.S. DOT regulation 49 C.F.R. Part 24.
- (h) Will comply, as applicable, with provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§ 1501–1508 and 7324–7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.
- (i) Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis–Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§ 276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. § 276c and 18 U.S.C. § 874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§ 327–333), regarding labor standards for federally assisted construction subagreements.
- (j) Will comply, if applicable, with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.

- (k) Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following:
 - (1) Institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514;
 - (2) Notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738;
 - (3) Protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990;
 - (4) Evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988;
 - (5) Assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§ 1451 et seq.);
 - (6) Conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) Implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§ 7401 et seq.);
 - (7) Protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and
 - (8) Protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).
- (l) Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§ 1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
- (m) Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. § 470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§ 469a-1 et seq.).
- (n) Will comply with P.L. 93-348 regarding the protection of human subjects involved in research, development, and related activities supported by this award of assistance.
- (o) Will comply with the Laboratory Animal Welfare Act of 1966 (P.L. 89-544, as amended, 7 U.S.C. §§ 2131 et seq.) pertaining to the care, handling, and treatment of warm blooded animals held for research, teaching, or other activities supported by this award of assistance.
- (p) Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
- (q) Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart F, "Audit Requirements", as adopted and implemented by U.S. DOT at 2 C.F.R. Part 1201.
- (r) Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing the program under which it is applying for assistance.

- (s) Will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. § 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a sub-recipient from:
- (1) Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect;
 - (2) Procuring a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect; or
 - (3) Using forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

1.2. Standard Assurances: Additional Assurances for Construction Projects.

This certification appears on the Office of Management and Budget's standard form 424D "Assurances—Construction Programs" and applies specifically to federally assisted projects for construction. This certification has been modified in places to include analogous certifications required by U.S. DOT statutes or regulations.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, you certify that the applicant:

- (a) Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency; will record the Federal awarding agency directives; and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure nondiscrimination during the useful life of the project.
- (b) Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review, and approval of construction plans and specifications.
- (c) Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work confirms with the approved plans and specifications, and will furnish progressive reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.

1.3. Procurement.

The Uniform Administrative Requirements, 2 C.F.R. 200.324, allow a recipient to self-certify that its procurement system complies with Federal requirements, in lieu of submitting to certain pre-procurement reviews.

The applicant certifies that its procurement system complies with:

- (a) U.S. DOT regulations, "Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards," 2 C.F.R. Part 1201, which incorporates by reference U.S. OMB regulatory guidance, "Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost

Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards,” 2 C.F.R. Part 200, particularly 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.317–200.326 “Procurement Standards;

- (b) Federal laws, regulations, and requirements applicable to FTA procurements; and
- (c) The latest edition of FTA Circular 4220.1 and other applicable Federal guidance.

1.4. Suspension and Debarment.

Pursuant to Executive Order 12549, as implemented at 2 C.F.R. Parts 180 and 1200, prior to entering into a covered transaction with an applicant, FTA must determine whether the applicant is excluded from participating in covered non-procurement transactions. For this purpose, FTA is authorized to collect a certification from each applicant regarding the applicant's exclusion status. 2 C.F.R. § 180.300. Additionally, each applicant must disclose any information required by 2 C.F.R. § 180.335 about the applicant and the applicant's principals prior to entering into an award agreement with FTA. This certification serves both purposes.

The applicant certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that the applicant and each of its principals:

- (a) Is not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily or involuntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;
- (b) Has not, within the preceding three years, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against him or her for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public or private agreement or transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes, including those proscribing price fixing between competitors, allocation of customers between competitors, and bid rigging; commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion, receiving stolen property, making false claims, or obstruction of justice; or commission of any other offense indicating a lack of business integrity or business honesty;
- (c) Is not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State, or local) with commission of any offense described in paragraph (b) of this certification;
- (d) Has not, within the preceding three years, had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause or default.

CATEGORY 2. TAX LIABILITY AND FELONY CONVICTIONS.

Federal appropriations acts since at least 2014 have prohibited FTA from using funds to enter into an agreement with any corporation that has unpaid Federal tax liabilities or recent felony convictions without first considering the corporation for debarment. As prescribed by U.S. DOT Order 4200.6, FTA requires each applicant to certify as to its tax and felony status.

If the applicant is a private corporation, partnership, trust, joint-stock company, sole proprietorship, or other business association, the applicant certifies that:

- (a) It has no unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed, for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted or have lapsed, and that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability; and
- (b) It has not been convicted of a felony criminal violation under any Federal law within the preceding 24 months.

CATEGORY 3. LOBBYING.

If the applicant will apply for a grant or cooperative agreement exceeding \$100,000, or a loan, line of credit, loan guarantee, or loan insurance exceeding \$150,000, it must make the following certification and, if applicable, make a disclosure regarding the applicant's lobbying activities. This certification is required by 49 C.F.R. § 20.110 and app. A to that part.

This certification does not apply to an applicant that is an Indian Tribe, Indian organization, or an Indian tribal organization exempt from the requirements of 49 C.F.R. Part 20.

3.1. Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements.

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

- (a) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- (b) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.
- (c) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

3.2. Statement for Loan Guarantees and Loan Insurance.

The undersigned states, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

If any funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this commitment providing for the United States to insure or guarantee a loan, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

Submission of this statement is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required statement shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

CATEGORY 4. PRIVATE SECTOR PROTECTIONS.

If the applicant will apply for funds that it will use to acquire or operate public transportation facilities or equipment, the applicant must make the following certification regarding protections for the private sector.

4.1. Charter Service Agreement.

To enforce the provisions of 49 U.S.C. § 5323(d), FTA's charter service regulation requires each applicant seeking assistance from FTA for the purpose of acquiring or operating any public transportation equipment or facilities to make the following Charter Service Agreement. 49 C.F.R. § 604.4.

The applicant agrees that it, and each of its subrecipients, and third party contractors at any level who use FTA-funded vehicles, may provide charter service using equipment or facilities acquired with Federal assistance authorized under the Federal Transit Laws only in compliance with the regulations set out in 49 C.F.R. Part 604, the terms and conditions of which are incorporated herein by reference.

4.2. School Bus Agreement.

To enforce the provisions of 49 U.S.C. § 5323(f), FTA's school bus regulation requires each applicant seeking assistance from FTA for the purpose of acquiring or operating any public transportation equipment or facilities to make the following agreement regarding the provision of school bus services. 49 C.F.R. § 605.15.

- (a) If the applicant is not authorized by the FTA Administrator under 49 C.F.R. § 605.11 to engage in school bus operations, the applicant agrees and certifies as follows:
 - (1) The applicant and any operator of project equipment agrees that it will not engage in school bus operations in competition with private school bus operators.
 - (2) The applicant agrees that it will not engage in any practice which constitutes a means of avoiding the requirements of this agreement, part 605 of the Federal Mass Transit Regulations, or section 164(b) of the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973 (49 U.S.C. 1602a(b)).
- (b) If the applicant is authorized or obtains authorization from the FTA Administrator to engage in school bus operations under 49 C.F.R. § 605.11, the applicant agrees as follows:
 - (1) The applicant agrees that neither it nor any operator of project equipment will engage in school bus operations in competition with private school bus operators except as provided herein.
 - (2) The applicant, or any operator of project equipment, agrees to promptly notify the FTA Administrator of any changes in its operations which might jeopardize the continuation of an exemption under § 605.11.
 - (3) The applicant agrees that it will not engage in any practice which constitutes a means of avoiding the requirements of this agreement, part 605 of the Federal Transit Administration regulations or section 164(b) of the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973 (49 U.S.C. 1602a(b)).
 - (4) The applicant agrees that the project facilities and equipment shall be used for the provision of mass transportation services within its urban area and that any other use of project facilities and equipment will be incidental to and shall not interfere with the use of such facilities and equipment in mass transportation service to the public.

CATEGORY 5. TRANSIT ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN.

If the applicant owns, operates, or manages capital assets used to provide public transportation, the following certification is required by 49 U.S.C. § 5326(a).

The applicant certifies that it has, or will develop, a transit asset management plan in compliance with 49 C.F.R. Part 625.

CATEGORY 6. ROLLING STOCK BUY AMERICA REVIEWS AND BUS TESTING.**6.1. Rolling Stock Buy America Reviews.**

If the applicant will apply for an award to acquire rolling stock for use in revenue service, it must make this certification. This certification is required by 49 C.F.R. § 663.7.

The applicant certifies that it will conduct or cause to be conducted the pre-award and post-delivery audits prescribed by 49 C.F.R. Part 663 and will maintain on file the certifications required by Subparts B, C, and D of 49 C.F.R. Part 663.

6.2. Bus Testing.

If the applicant will apply for funds for the purchase or lease of any new bus model, or any bus model with a major change in configuration or components, the applicant must make this certification. This certification is required by 49 C.F.R. § 665.7.

The applicant certifies that the bus was tested at the Bus Testing Facility and that the bus received a passing test score as required by 49 C.F.R. Part 665. The applicant has received or will receive the appropriate full Bus Testing Report and any applicable partial testing reports before final acceptance of the first vehicle.

CATEGORY 7. URBANIZED AREA FORMULA GRANTS PROGRAM.

If the applicant will apply for an award under the Urbanized Area Formula Grants Program (49 U.S.C. § 5307), or any other program or award that is subject to the requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 5307, including the Formula Grants for the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors Program (49 U.S.C. § 5310); "flex funds" from infrastructure programs administered by the Federal Highways Administration (see 49 U.S.C. § 5334(i)); projects that will receive an award authorized by the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act ("TIFIA") (23 U.S.C. §§ 601–609) or State Infrastructure Bank Program (23 U.S.C. § 610) (see 49 U.S.C. § 5323(o)); formula awards or competitive awards to urbanized areas under the Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program (49 U.S.C. § 5339(a) and (b)); or low or no emission awards to any area under the Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program (49 U.S.C. § 5339(c)), the applicant must make the following certification. This certification is required by 49 U.S.C. § 5307(c)(1).

The applicant certifies that it:

- (a) Has or will have the legal, financial, and technical capacity to carry out the program of projects (developed pursuant 49 U.S.C. § 5307(b)), including safety and security aspects of the program;
- (b) Has or will have satisfactory continuing control over the use of equipment and facilities;

- (c) Will maintain equipment and facilities in accordance with the applicant's transit asset management plan;
- (d) Will ensure that, during non-peak hours for transportation using or involving a facility or equipment of a project financed under this section, a fare that is not more than 50 percent of the peak hour fare will be charged for any—
 - (1) Senior;
 - (2) Individual who, because of illness, injury, age, congenital malfunction, or any other incapacity or temporary or permanent disability (including an individual who is a wheelchair user or has semi-ambulatory capability), cannot use a public transportation service or a public transportation facility effectively without special facilities, planning, or design; and
 - (3) Individual presenting a Medicare card issued to that individual under title II or XVIII of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 401 et seq., and 1395 et seq.);
- (e) In carrying out a procurement under 49 U.S.C. § 5307, will comply with 49 U.S.C. §§ 5323 (general provisions) and 5325 (contract requirements);
- (f) Has complied with 49 U.S.C. § 5307(b) (program of projects requirements);
- (g) Has available and will provide the required amounts as provided by 49 U.S.C. § 5307(d) (cost sharing);
- (h) Will comply with 49 U.S.C. §§ 5303 (metropolitan transportation planning) and 5304 (statewide and nonmetropolitan transportation planning);
- (i) Has a locally developed process to solicit and consider public comment before raising a fare or carrying out a major reduction of transportation;
- (j) Either—
 - (1) Will expend for each fiscal year for public transportation security projects, including increased lighting in or adjacent to a public transportation system (including bus stops, subway stations, parking lots, and garages), increased camera surveillance of an area in or adjacent to that system, providing an emergency telephone line to contact law enforcement or security personnel in an area in or adjacent to that system, and any other project intended to increase the security and safety of an existing or planned public transportation system, at least 1 percent of the amount the recipient receives for each fiscal year under 49 U.S.C. § 5336; or
 - (2) Has decided that the expenditure for security projects is not necessary;
- (k) In the case of an applicant for an urbanized area with a population of not fewer than 200,000 individuals, as determined by the Bureau of the Census, will submit an annual report listing projects carried out in the preceding fiscal year under 49 U.S.C. § 5307 for associated transit improvements as defined in 49 U.S.C. § 5302; and
- (l) Will comply with 49 U.S.C. § 5329(d) (public transportation agency safety plan).

CATEGORY 8. FORMULA GRANTS FOR RURAL AREAS.

If the applicant will apply for funds made available to it under the Formula Grants for Rural Areas Program (49 U.S.C. § 5311), it must make this certification. Paragraph (a) of this certification helps FTA make the determinations required by 49 U.S.C. § 5310(b)(2)(C). Paragraph (b) of this certification is required by 49 U.S.C. § 5311(f)(2). Paragraph (c) of this certification, which applies to funds apportioned for the Appalachian Development Public Transportation Assistance Program, is necessary to enforce the conditions of 49 U.S.C. § 5311(c)(2)(D).

- (a) The applicant certifies that its State program for public transportation service projects, including agreements with private providers for public transportation service—
 - (1) Provides a fair distribution of amounts in the State, including Indian reservations; and
 - (2) Provides the maximum feasible coordination of public transportation service assisted under 49 U.S.C. § 5311 with transportation service assisted by other Federal sources; and
- (b) If the applicant will in any fiscal year expend less than 15% of the total amount made available to it under 49 U.S.C. § 5311 to carry out a program to develop and support intercity bus transportation, the applicant certifies that it has consulted with affected intercity bus service providers, and the intercity bus service needs of the State are being met adequately.
- (c) If the applicant will use for a highway project amounts that cannot be used for operating expenses authorized under 49 U.S.C. § 5311(c)(2) (Appalachian Development Public Transportation Assistance Program), the applicant certifies that—
 - (1) It has approved the use in writing only after providing appropriate notice and an opportunity for comment and appeal to affected public transportation providers; and
 - (2) It has determined that otherwise eligible local transit needs are being addressed.

CATEGORY 9. FIXED GUIDEWAY CAPITAL INVESTMENT GRANTS AND THE EXPEDITED PROJECT DELIVERY FOR CAPITAL INVESTMENT GRANTS PILOT PROGRAM.

If the applicant will apply for an award under any subsection of the Fixed Guideway Capital Investment Program (49 U.S.C. § 5309), including an award made pursuant to the FAST Act's Expedited Project Delivery for Capital Investment Grants Pilot Program (Pub. L. 114-94, div. A, title III, § 3005(b)), the applicant must make the following certification. This certification is required by 49 U.S.C. § 5309(c)(2) and Pub. L. 114-94, div. A, title III, § 3005(b)(3)(B).

The applicant certifies that it:

- (a) Has or will have the legal, financial, and technical capacity to carry out its Award, including the safety and security aspects of that Award,
- (b) Has or will have satisfactory continuing control over the use of equipment and facilities acquired or improved under its Award.
- (c) Will maintain equipment and facilities acquired or improved under its Award in accordance with its transit asset management plan; and
- (d) Will comply with 49 U.S.C. §§ 5303 (metropolitan transportation planning) and 5304 (statewide and nonmetropolitan transportation planning).

CATEGORY 10. GRANTS FOR BUSES AND BUS FACILITIES AND LOW OR NO EMISSION VEHICLE DEPLOYMENT GRANT PROGRAMS.

If the applicant is in an urbanized area and will apply for an award under subsection (a) (formula grants) or subsection (b) (competitive grants) of the Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program (49 U.S.C. § 5339), the applicant must make the certification in Category 7 for Urbanized Area Formula Grants (49 U.S.C. § 5307). This certification is required by 49 U.S.C. § 5339(a)(3) and (b)(6), respectively.

If the applicant is in a rural area and will apply for an award under subsection (a) (formula grants) or subsection (b) (competitive grants) of the Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program (49 U.S.C. § 5339), the applicant must make the certification in Category 8 for Formula Grants for Rural Areas (49 U.S.C. § 5311). This certification is required by 49 U.S.C. § 5339(a)(3) and (b)(6), respectively.

If the applicant, regardless of whether it is in an urbanized or rural area, will apply for an award under subsection (c) (low or no emission vehicle grants) of the Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program (49 U.S.C. § 5339), the applicant must make the certification in Category 7 for Urbanized Area Formula Grants (49 U.S.C. § 5307). This certification is required by 49 U.S.C. § 5339(c)(3).

Making this certification will incorporate by reference the applicable certifications in Category 7 or Category 8.

CATEGORY 11. ENHANCED MOBILITY OF SENIORS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAMS.

If the applicant will apply for an award under the Formula Grants for the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program (49 U.S.C. § 5310), it must make the certification in Category 7 for Urbanized Area Formula Grants (49 U.S.C. § 5307). This certification is required by 49 U.S.C. § 5310(e)(1). Making this certification will incorporate by reference the certification in Category 7, except that FTA has determined that (d), (f), (i), (j), and (k) of Category 7 do not apply to awards made under 49 U.S.C. § 5310 and will not be enforced.

In addition to the certification in Category 7, the applicant must make the following certification that is specific to the Formula Grants for the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program. This certification is required by 49 U.S.C. § 5310(e)(2).

The applicant certifies that:

- (a) The projects selected by the applicant are included in a locally developed, coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan;
- (b) The plan described in clause (a) was developed and approved through a process that included participation by seniors, individuals with disabilities, representatives of public, private, and nonprofit transportation and human services providers, and other members of the public;
- (c) To the maximum extent feasible, the services funded under 49 U.S.C. § 5310 will be coordinated with transportation services assisted by other Federal departments and agencies, including any transportation activities carried out by a recipient of a grant from the Department of Health and Human Services; and
- (d) If the applicant will allocate funds received under 49 U.S.C. § 5310 to subrecipients, it will do so on a fair and equitable basis.

CATEGORY 12. STATE OF GOOD REPAIR GRANTS.

If the applicant will apply for an award under FTA's State of Good Repair Grants Program (49 U.S.C. § 5337), it must make the following certification. Because FTA generally does not review the transit asset management plans of public transportation providers, this certification is necessary to enforce the provisions of 49 U.S.C. § 5337(a)(4).

The applicant certifies that the projects it will carry out using assistance authorized by the State of Good Repair Grants Program, 49 U.S.C. § 5337, are aligned with the applicant's most recent transit asset management plan and are identified in the investment and prioritization section of such plan, consistent with the requirements of 49 C.F.R. Part 625.

CATEGORY 13. INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE PROGRAMS.

If the applicant will apply for an award for a project that will include assistance under the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act ("TIFIA") Program (23 U.S.C. §§ 601-609) or the State Infrastructure Banks ("SIB") Program (23 U.S.C. § 610), it must make the certifications in Category 7 for the Urbanized Area Formula Grants Program, Category 9 for the Fixed Guideway Capital Investment Grants program, and Category 12 for the State of Good Repair Grants program. These certifications are required by 49 U.S.C. § 5323(o).

Making this certification will incorporate the certifications in Categories 7, 9, and 12 by reference.

CATEGORY 14. ALCOHOL AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES TESTING.

If the applicant will apply for an award under FTA's Urbanized Area Formula Grants Program (49 U.S.C. § 5307), Fixed Guideway Capital Investment Program (49 U.S.C. § 5309), Formula Grants for Rural Areas Program (49 U.S.C. § 5311), or Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program (49 U.S.C. § 5339) programs, the applicant must make the following certification. The applicant must make this certification on its own behalf and on behalf of its subrecipients and contractors. This certification is required by 49 C.F.R. § 655.83.

The applicant certifies that it, its subrecipients, and its contractors are compliant with FTA's regulation for the Prevention of Alcohol Misuse and Prohibited Drug Use in Transit Operations, 49 C.F.R. Part 655.

CATEGORY 15. RAIL SAFETY TRAINING AND OVERSIGHT.

If the applicant is a State with at least one rail fixed guideway system, or is a State Safety Oversight Agency, or operates a rail fixed guideway system, it must make the following certification. The elements of this certification are required by 49 C.F.R. §§ 659.43, 672.31, and 674.39.

The applicant certifies that the rail fixed guideway public transportation system and the State Safety Oversight Agency for the State are:

- (a) Compliant with the requirements of 49 C.F.R. part 659, "Rail Fixed Guideway Systems; State Safety Oversight";
- (b) Compliant with the requirements of 49 C.F.R. part 672, "Public Transportation Safety Certification Training Program"; and
- (c) Compliant with the requirements of 49 C.F.R. part 674, "State Safety Oversight".

CATEGORY 16. DEMAND RESPONSIVE SERVICE.

If the applicant operates demand responsive service and will apply for an award to purchase a non-rail vehicle that is not accessible within the meaning of 49 C.F.R. Part 37, it must make the following certification. This certification is required by 49 C.F.R. § 37.77.

The applicant certifies that the service it provides to individuals with disabilities is equivalent to that provided to other persons. A demand responsive system, when viewed in its entirety, is deemed to provide equivalent service if the service available to individuals with disabilities, including individuals who use wheelchairs, is provided in the most integrated setting appropriate to the needs of the individual and is equivalent to the service provided other individuals with respect to the following service characteristics:

- (a) Response time;

- (b) Fares;
- (c) Geographic area of service;
- (d) Hours and days of service;
- (e) Restrictions or priorities based on trip purpose;
- (f) Availability of information and reservation capability; and
- (g) Any constraints on capacity or service availability.

CATEGORY 17. INTEREST AND FINANCING COSTS.

If the applicant will pay for interest or other financing costs of a project using assistance awarded under the Urbanized Area Formula Grants Program (49 U.S.C. § 5307), the Fixed Guideway Capital Investment Grants Program (49 U.S.C. § 5309), or any program that must comply with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 5307, including the Formula Grants for the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors Program (49 U.S.C. § 5310), "flex funds" from infrastructure programs administered by the Federal Highways Administration (see 49 U.S.C. § 5334(i)), or awards to urbanized areas under the Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program (49 U.S.C. § 5339), the applicant must make the following certification. This certification is required by 49 U.S.C. §§ 5307(e)(3) and 5309(k)(2)(D).

The applicant certifies that:

- (a) Its application includes the cost of interest earned and payable on bonds issued by the applicant only to the extent proceeds of the bonds were or will be expended in carrying out the project identified in its application; and
- (b) The applicant has shown or will show reasonable diligence in seeking the most favorable financing terms available to the project at the time of borrowing.

CATEGORY 18. CONSTRUCTION HIRING PREFERENCES.

If the applicant will ask FTA to approve the use of geographic, economic, or any other hiring preference not otherwise authorized by law on any contract or construction project to be assisted with an award from FTA, it must make the following certification. This certification is required by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2019, Pub. L. 116-6, div. G, title I, § 191.

The applicant certifies the following:

- (a) That except with respect to apprentices or trainees, a pool of readily available but unemployed individuals possessing the knowledge, skill, and ability to perform the work that the contract requires resides in the jurisdiction;
- (b) That the applicant will include appropriate provisions in its bid document ensuring that the contractor does not displace any of its existing employees in order to satisfy such hiring preference; and

- (c) That any increase in the cost of labor, training, or delays resulting from the use of such hiring preference does not delay or displace any transportation project in the applicable Statewide Transportation Improvement Program or Transportation Improvement Program.
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ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

(Signature pages alternate to providing Certifications and Assurances in TrAMS.)

Name of Applicant: _____

The Applicant certifies to the applicable provisions of categories 01–18. _____

Or,

The Applicant certifies to the applicable provisions of the categories it has selected:

Category	Certification
01 Certifications and Assurances Required of Every Applicant	_____
02 Tax Liability and Felony Convictions	_____
03 Lobbying	_____
04 Private Sector Protections	_____
05 Transit Asset Management Plan	_____
06 Rolling Stock Buy America Reviews and Bus Testing	_____
07 Urbanized Area Formula Grants Program	_____
08 Formula Grants for Rural Areas	_____
09 Fixed Guideway Capital Investment Grants and the Expedited Project Delivery for Capital Investment Grants Pilot Program	_____
10 Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities and Low or No Emission Vehicle Deployment Grant Programs	_____
11 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Programs	_____
12 State of Good Repair Grants	_____
13 Infrastructure Finance Programs	_____
14 Alcohol and Controlled Substances Testing	_____
15 Rail Safety Training and Oversight	_____
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AFFIRMATION OF APPLICANT

Name of the Applicant: _____

BY SIGNING BELOW, on behalf of the Applicant, I declare that it has duly authorized me to make these Certifications and Assurances and bind its compliance. Thus, it agrees to comply with all federal laws, regulations, and requirements, follow applicable federal guidance, and comply with the Certifications and Assurances as indicated on the foregoing page applicable to each application its Authorized Representative makes to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in federal fiscal year 2019, irrespective of whether the individual that acted on his or her Applicant's behalf continues to represent it.

FTA intends that the Certifications and Assurances the Applicant selects on the other side of this document should apply to each Award for which it now seeks, or may later seek federal assistance to be awarded during federal fiscal year 2019.

The Applicant affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of the Certifications and Assurances it has selected in the statements submitted with this document and any other submission made to FTA, and acknowledges that the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986, 31 U.S.C. § 3801 *et seq.*, and implementing U.S. DOT regulations, "Program Fraud Civil Remedies," 49 CFR part 31, apply to any certification, assurance or submission made to FTA. The criminal provisions of 18 U.S.C. § 1001 apply to any certification, assurance, or submission made in connection with a federal public transportation program authorized by 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 or any other statute

In signing this document, I declare under penalties of perjury that the foregoing Certifications and Assurances, and any other statements made by me on behalf of the Applicant are true and accurate.

Signature _____ Date: _____

Name _____ Authorized Representative of Applicant

AFFIRMATION OF APPLICANT'S ATTORNEY

For (Name of Applicant): _____

As the undersigned Attorney for the above-named Applicant, I hereby affirm to the Applicant that it has authority under state, local, or tribal government law, as applicable, to make and comply with the Certifications and Assurances as indicated on the foregoing pages. I further affirm that, in my opinion, the Certifications and Assurances have been legally made and constitute legal and binding obligations on it.

I further affirm that, to the best of my knowledge, there is no legislation or litigation pending or imminent that might adversely affect the validity of these Certifications and Assurances, or of the performance of its FTA assisted Award.

Signature _____ Date: _____

Name _____ Attorney for Applicant

Each Applicant for federal assistance to be awarded by FTA must provide an Affirmation of Applicant's Attorney pertaining to the Applicant's legal capacity. The Applicant may enter its electronic signature in lieu of the Attorney's signature within TrAMS, provided the Applicant has on file and uploaded to TrAMS this hard-copy Affirmation, signed by the attorney and dated this federal fiscal year.

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FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL CONDITIONS

As used in these Supplemental Conditions, the term "CCRTA" shall refer to the Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority in Corpus Christi, Texas, the term "Contractor" shall refer to the contractor named in the Contract to which these Supplemental Conditions are attached, and the term "FTA" shall refer to the Federal Transit Administration. The Contractor clauses and provisions apply to all Federally assisted construction /repair contracts. These provisions supersede and take precedence over any other clause or provision contained within this contract that may be in conflict therewith.

1. No Federal Government Obligations to Third Parties

(1) the recipient and contractor acknowledge and agree that, notwithstanding any concurrence by the US Government in or approval of the solicitation or award of the underlying contract, absent the express written consent by the US Government, the US Government is not a party to this contract and shall not be subject to any obligations or liabilities to the recipient, the contractor, or any other party (whether or not a party to that contract) pertaining to any matter resulting from the underlying contract.

(2) Contractor agrees to include the above clause in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with FTA assistance. It is further agreed that the clause shall not be modified, except to identify the subcontractor who will be subject to its provisions.

2. False Statement or Claims – Civil and Criminal Fraud

(1) Contractor acknowledges that the provisions of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986, as amended, 31 USC 3801 et seq. and USDOT regulations, "Program Fraud Civil Remedies," 49 CFR 31, apply to its actions pertaining to this project. Upon execution of the underlying contract, contractor certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of any statement it has made, it makes, it may make, or causes to be made, pertaining to the underlying contract or FTA assisted project for which this contract work is being performed. In addition to other penalties that may be applicable, contractor further acknowledges that if it makes, or causes to be made, a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submittal, or certification, the US Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act (1986) on contractor to the extent the US Government deems appropriate.

(2) If contractor makes, or causes to be made, a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submittal, or certification to the US Government under a contract connected with a project that is financed in whole or in part with FTA assistance under the authority of 49 USC 5307, the Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of 18 USC 1001 and 49 USC 5307(n)(1) on contractor, to the extent the US Government deems appropriate.

(3) Contractor shall include the above two clauses in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with FTA assistance. The clauses shall not be modified, except to identify the subcontractor who will be subject to the provisions.

3. Access to Third Party Contract Records

The following access to records requirements apply to this Contract:

1. Where the purchaser is not a State but a local government and is an FTA recipient or a subgrantee of FTA recipient in accordance with 49 CFR 18.36(i), contractor shall provide the purchaser, the FTA, the US Comptroller General or their authorized representatives access to any books, documents, papers and contractor records which are pertinent to this contract for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts and transcriptions. Contractor shall also, pursuant to 49 CFR 633.17, provide authorized FTA representatives, including any PMO contractor, access to contractor's records and construction sites pertaining to a capital project, defined at 49 USC 5302(a)1, which is receiving FTA assistance through the programs described at 49 USC 5307, 5309 or 5311.

2. Where the purchaser is a State and is an FTA recipient or a subgrantee of FTA recipient in accordance with 49 CFR 633.17, contractor shall provide the purchaser, authorized FTA representatives, including any PMO Contractor, access to contractor's records and construction sites pertaining to a capital project, defined at 49 USC 5302(a)1, which receives FTA assistance through the programs described at 49 USC 5307, 5309 or 5311. By definition, a capital project excludes contracts of less than the simplified acquisition threshold currently set at \$100,000.

3. Where the purchaser enters into a negotiated contract for other than a small purchase or under the simplified acquisition threshold and is an institution of higher education, a hospital or other non-profit organization and is an FTA recipient or a subgrantee of FTA recipient in accordance with 49 CFR 19.48, contractor shall provide the purchaser, the FTA, the US Comptroller General or their authorized representatives, access to any books, documents, papers and record of the contractor which are directly pertinent to this contract for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts and transcriptions.

4. Where a purchaser which is an FTA recipient or a subgrantee of FTA recipient in accordance with 49 USC 5325(a) enters into a contract for a capital project or improvement (defined at 49 USC 5302(a)1) through other than competitive bidding, contractor shall make available records related to the contract to the purchaser, the Secretary of USDOT and the US Comptroller General or any authorized officer or employee of any of them for the purposes of conducting an audit and inspection.

5. Contractor shall permit any of the foregoing parties to reproduce by any means whatsoever or to copy excerpts and transcriptions as reasonably needed.

6. Contractor shall maintain all books, records, accounts and reports required under this contract for a period of not less than three (3) years after the date of termination or expiration of this contract, except in the event of litigation or settlement of claims arising from the performance of this contract, in which case contractor agrees to maintain same

until the municipal corporation, FTA Administrator, US Comptroller General, or any of their authorized representatives, have disposed of all such litigation, appeals, claims or exceptions related thereto. Re: 49 CFR 18.39(i)(11). FTA does not require the inclusion of these requirements in subcontracts.

4. Changes to Federal Requirements

Contractor shall comply with all applicable FTA regulations, policies, procedures and directives, including without limitation those listed directly or by reference in the Master Agreement between the municipal corporation and FTA, as they may be amended or promulgated from time to time during the term of the contract. Contractor's failure to comply shall constitute a material breach of the contract.

5. Termination

All Contracts over \$10,000, except contracts with nonprofit organizations and institutions of higher learning, where the threshold is \$100,000

a. Termination for Convenience (General Provision) the municipal corporation may terminate this contract, in whole or in part, at any time by written notice to contractor when it is in the municipal corporation's best interest. Contractor shall be paid its costs, including contract close-out costs, and profit on work performed up to the time of termination. Contractor shall promptly submit its termination claim to the municipal corporation. If contractor is in possession of any the municipal corporation property, contractor shall account for same, and dispose of it as the municipal corporation directs.

b. Termination for Default [Breach or Cause] (General Provision) If contractor does not deliver items in accordance with the contract delivery schedule, or, if the contract is for services, and contractor fails to perform in the manner called for in the contract, or if contractor fails to comply with any other provisions of the contract, the municipal corporation may terminate this contract for default. Termination shall be effected by serving a notice of termination to contractor setting forth the manner in which contractor is in default. Contractor shall only be paid the contract price for supplies delivered and accepted, or for services performed in accordance with the manner of performance set forth in the contract. If it is later determined by the municipal corporation that contractor had an excusable reason for not performing, such as a strike, fire, or flood, events which are not the fault of or are beyond the control of contractor, the municipal corporation, after setting up a new delivery or performance schedule, may allow contractor to continue work, or treat the termination as a termination for convenience.

c. Opportunity to Cure (General Provision) the municipal corporation in its sole discretion may, in the case of a termination for breach or default, allow contractor an appropriately short period of time in which to cure the defect. In such case, the notice of termination shall state the time period in which cure is permitted and other appropriate conditions. If contractor fails to remedy to the municipal corporation's satisfaction the breach or default or any of the terms, covenants, or conditions of this Contract within ten (10) days after receipt by contractor or written notice from the municipal corporation setting forth the nature of said breach or default, the municipal corporation shall have the right to terminate the Contract without any further obligation to contractor. Any such termination for default

shall not in any way operate to preclude the municipal corporation from also pursuing all available remedies against contractor and its sureties for said breach or default.

d. Waiver of Remedies for any Breach In the event that the municipal corporation elects to waive its remedies for any breach by contractor of any covenant, term or condition of this Contract, such waiver by the municipal corporation shall not limit its remedies for any succeeding breach of that or of any other term, covenant, or condition of this Contract.

e. Termination for Convenience (Professional or Transit Service Contracts) the municipal corporation, by written notice, may terminate this contract, in whole or in part, when it is in the municipal corporation's interest. If the contract is terminated, the municipal corporation shall be liable only for payment under the payment provisions of this contract for services rendered before the effective date of termination.

f. Termination for Default (Supplies and Service) If contractor fails to deliver supplies or to perform the services within the time specified in this contract or any extension or if the contractor fails to comply with any other provisions of this contract, the municipal corporation may terminate this contract for default. the municipal corporation shall terminate by delivering to contractor a notice of termination specifying the nature of default. Contractor shall only be paid the contract price for supplies delivered and accepted, or services performed in accordance with the manner or performance set forth in this contract. If, after termination for failure to fulfill contract obligations, it is determined that contractor was not in default, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if termination had been issued for the municipal corporation's convenience.

g. Termination for Default (Transportation Services) If contractor fails to pick up the commodities or to perform the services, including delivery services, within the time specified in this contract or any extension or if contractor fails to comply with any other provisions of this contract, the municipal corporation may terminate this contract for default. The municipal corporation shall terminate by delivering to contractor a notice of termination specifying the nature of default. Contractor shall only be paid the contract price for services performed in accordance with the manner of performance set forth in this contract. If this contract is terminated while contractor has possession of the municipal corporation goods, contractor shall, as directed by the municipal corporation, protect and preserve the goods until surrendered to the municipal corporation or its agent. Contractor and the municipal corporation shall agree on payment for the preservation and protection of goods. Failure to agree on an amount shall be resolved under the Dispute clause. If, after termination for failure to fulfill contract obligations, it is determined that contractor was not in default, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if termination had been issued for the municipal corporation's convenience.

h. Termination for Default (Construction) If contractor refuses or fails to prosecute the work or any separable part, with the diligence that will insure its completion within the time specified, or any extension, or fails to complete the work within this time, or if contractor fails to comply with any other provisions of this contract, the municipal corporation may terminate this contract for default. The municipal corporation shall terminate by delivering to contractor a notice of termination specifying the nature of default. In this event, the

municipal corporation may take over the work and complete it by contract or otherwise, and may take possession of and use any materials, appliances, and plant on the work site necessary for completing the work. Contractor and its sureties shall be liable for any damage to the municipal corporation resulting from contractor's refusal or failure to complete the work within specified time, whether or not contractor's right to proceed with the work is terminated. This liability includes any increased costs incurred by the municipal corporation in completing the work. Contractor's right to proceed shall not be terminated nor shall contractor be charged with damages under this clause if:

1. Delay in completing the work arises from unforeseeable causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of contractor. Examples of such causes include: acts of God, acts of the municipal corporation, acts of another contractor in the performance of a contract with the recipient, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, freight embargoes; and

2. Contractor, within 10 days from the beginning of any delay, notifies the municipal corporation in writing of the causes of delay. If in the municipal corporation's judgment, delay is excusable, the time for completing the work shall be extended. The municipal corporation's judgment shall be final and conclusive on the parties, but subject to appeal under the Disputes clauses. If, after termination of contractor's right to proceed, it is determined that contractor was not in default, or that the delay was excusable, the rights and obligations of the parties will be the same as if termination had been issued for the municipal corporation's convenience.

i. Termination for Convenience or Default (Architect & Engineering) the municipal corporation may terminate this contract in whole or in part, for the municipal corporation's convenience or because of contractor's failure to fulfill contract obligations. The municipal corporation shall terminate by delivering to contractor a notice of termination specifying the nature, extent, and effective date of termination. Upon receipt of the notice, contractor shall (1) immediately discontinue all services affected (unless the notice directs otherwise), and (2) deliver to the municipal corporation all data, drawings, specifications, reports, estimates, summaries, and other information and materials accumulated in performing this contract, whether completed or in process. If termination is for the municipal corporation's convenience, it shall make an equitable adjustment in the contract price but shall allow no anticipated profit on unperformed services. If termination is for contractor's failure to fulfill contract obligations, the municipal corporation may complete the work by contract or otherwise and contractor shall be liable for any additional cost incurred by the municipal corporation. If, after termination for failure to fulfill contract obligations, it is determined that contractor was not in default, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if termination had been issued for the municipal corporation's convenience.

i. Termination for Convenience or Default (Cost-Type Contracts) the municipal corporation may terminate this contract, or any portion of it, by serving a notice of termination on contractor. The notice shall state whether termination is for convenience of the municipal corporation or for default of contractor. If termination is for default, the notice shall state the manner in which contractor has failed to perform the requirements of the contract.

Contractor shall account for any property in its possession paid for from funds received from the municipal corporation, or property supplied to contractor by the municipal corporation. If termination is for default, the municipal corporation may fix the fee, if the contract provides for a fee, to be paid to contractor in proportion to the value, if any, of work performed up to the time of termination. Contractor shall promptly submit its termination claim to the municipal corporation and the parties shall negotiate the termination settlement to be paid to contractor. If termination is for the municipal corporation's convenience, contractor shall be paid its contract close-out costs, and a fee, if the contract provided for payment of a fee, in proportion to the work performed up to the time of termination. If, after serving a notice of termination for default, the municipal corporation determines that contractor has an excusable reason for not performing, such as strike, fire, flood, events which are not the fault of and are beyond the control of contractor, the municipal corporation, after setting up a new work schedule, may allow contractor to continue work, or treat the termination as a termination for convenience.

6. Civil Rights (Title VI, ADA, EEO)

All contracts except micro-purchases (less than \$2,500). The following requirements apply to the underlying contract:

(1) Nondiscrimination - In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, as amended, 42 USC 2000d, Sec. 303 of the Age Discrimination Act (1975), as amended, 42 USC 6102, Sec. 202 of the Americans with Disabilities Act (1990), 42 USC 12132, and 49 USC 5332, contractor shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, age, or disability. Contractor shall also comply with applicable Federal implementing regulations and other requirements FTA may issue.

(2) Equal Employment Opportunity - The following equal employment opportunity requirements apply to the underlying contract: (a) Race, Color, Creed, National Origin, Sex - In accordance with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, as amended, 42 USC 2000e, and 49 USC 5332, contractor shall comply with all applicable equal employment opportunity requirements of USDOL, "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, USDOL," 41 CFR 60 et seq., (implementing Executive Order No. 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity," as amended by Executive Order No. 11375, "Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity," 42 USC 2000e), and any applicable Federal statutes, executive orders, regulations, and policies that may in the future affect construction activities undertaken in the course of the project. Contractor shall take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. In addition, contractor shall comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue. (b) Age - In accordance with Sec. 4 of the Age Discrimination in Employment Act (1967), as amended, 29 USC 623 and 49 USC 5332, contractor shall refrain from discrimination against present and prospective employees for reason of age. Contractor shall also comply with any implementing

requirements FTA may issue. (c) Disabilities - In accordance with Sec. 102 of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), as amended, 42 USC 12112, contractor shall comply with the requirements of US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), Regulations to Implement Equal Employment Provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, 29 CFR 1630, pertaining to employment of persons with disabilities. Contractor shall also comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.

(3) Contractor shall include these requirements in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with FTA assistance, modified only if necessary to identify the affected parties.

7. Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs)

Contracts involving subcontractors (exclusive of transit vehicle purchases)

To the extent authorized by Federal law, the Recipient agrees to facilitate participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) in the Project and assures that each subrecipient, lessee, and third party contractor at any tier of the Project will facilitate participation by DBEs in the Project to the extent applicable. Therefore:

(1) The Recipient agrees and assures that it will comply with section 1101(b) of SAFETEA-LU, 23 U.S.C. § 101 note, and U.S. DOT regulations, "Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in Department of Transportation Financial Assistance Programs," 49 C.F.R. Part 26.

(2) The Recipient agrees and assures that it shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, or national origin in the award and performance of any third party contract, or subagreement supported with Federal assistance derived from U.S. DOT in the administration of its DBE program and will comply with the requirements of 49 C.F.R. Part 26. The Recipient agrees to take all necessary and reasonable steps set forth in 49 C.F.R. Part 26 to ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of all third party contracts and subagreements supported with Federal assistance derived from U.S. DOT. As required by 49 C.F.R. Part 26 and approved by U.S. DOT, the Recipient's DBE program, if any, is incorporated by reference and made part of the Grant Agreement or Cooperative Agreement for the Project. The Recipient agrees that implementation of this DBE program is a legal obligation, and that failure to carry out that DBE program shall be treated as a violation of the Grant Agreement or Cooperative Agreement for the Project and the Master Agreement. Upon notification by U.S. DOT to the Recipient of its failure to implement its approved DBE program, U.S. DOT may impose sanctions as provided for under 49 C.F.R. Part 26 and may, in appropriate cases, refer the matter for enforcement under 18 U.S.C. § 1001, and/or the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act, 31 U.S.C. §§ 3801 et seq.

8. Incorporation of FTA Terms

The preceding provisions include, in part, certain Standard Terms & Conditions required by USDOT, whether or not expressly stated in the preceding contract provisions. All USDOT-required contractual provisions, as stated in FTA Circular 4220.1F, are hereby incorporated by reference. Anything to the contrary herein notwithstanding, all FTA mandated terms shall be deemed to control in the event of a conflict with other provisions contained in this Agreement. The contractor shall not perform any act, fail to perform any

act, or refuse to comply with any request that would cause the municipal corporation to be in violation of FTA terms and conditions.

9. Debarment and Suspension

This contract is a covered transaction for purposes of 49 CFR Part 29. As such, the contractor is required to verify that none of the contractors, its principals, as defined at 49 CFR 29.995, or affiliates, as defined at 49 CFR 29.905, are excluded or disqualified as defined at 49 CFR 29.940 and 29.945. The contractor is required to comply with 49 CFR 29, Subpart C and must include the requirement to comply with 49 CFR 29, Subpart C in any lower tier covered transaction it enters into. By signing and submitting its bid or proposal, the bidder or proposer certifies as follows: The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact relied upon by the municipal corporation. If it is later determined that the bidder or proposer knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to remedies available to the municipal corporation, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment. The bidder or proposer agrees to comply with the requirements of 49 CFR 29, Subpart C while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any contract that may arise from this offer. The bidder or proposer further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

10. Buy America

Contractor shall comply with 49 USC 5323(j) and 49 CFR 661, stating that Federal funds may not be obligated unless steel, iron, and manufactured products used in FTA-funded projects are produced in the United States, unless a waiver has been granted by FTA or the product is subject to a general waiver. General waivers are listed in 49 CFR 661.7, and include final assembly in the US for 15 passenger vans and 15 passenger wagons produced by Chrysler Corp., software, microcomputer equipment and small purchases (currently less than \$150,000) made with capital, operating, or planning funds. Separate requirements for rolling stock are stated at 5323(j)(2)(C) and 49 CFR 661.11. Rolling stock must be manufactured in the US and have a minimum 60% domestic content. A bidder or offeror shall submit appropriate Buy America certification to the recipient with all bids on FTA-funded contracts, except those subject to a general waiver. Proposals not accompanied by a completed Buy America certification shall be rejected as nonresponsive. This requirement does not apply to lower tier subcontractors.

11. Resolution of Disputes, Breaches, or Other Litigation

Disputes arising in the performance of this contract which are not resolved by agreement of the parties shall be decided in writing by the municipal corporation's authorized representative. This decision shall be final and conclusive unless within ten days from the date of receipt of its copy, contractor mails or otherwise furnishes a written appeal to the municipal corporation's CEO. In connection with such appeal, contractor shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard and to offer evidence in support of its position. The decision of the municipal corporation's CEO shall be binding upon contractor and contractor shall abide by the decision. Performance During Dispute - Unless otherwise directed by the municipal corporation, contractor shall continue performance under this contract while matters in dispute are being resolved. Claims for Damages - Should either party to the contract suffer injury or damage to person or property because of any act or omission of

the party or of any of his employees, agents or others for whose acts he is legally liable, a claim for damages therefore shall be made in writing to such other party within ten days after the first observance of such injury or damage.

Remedies - Unless this contract provides otherwise, all claims, counterclaims, disputes and other matters in question between the municipal corporation and contractor arising out of or relating to this agreement or its breach will be decided by arbitration if the parties mutually agree, or in a court of competent jurisdiction within Connecticut State.

Rights and Remedies - Duties and obligations imposed by the contract documents and the rights and remedies available thereunder shall be in addition to and not a limitation of any duties, obligations, rights and remedies otherwise imposed or available by law. No action or failure to act by the municipal corporation or contractor shall constitute a waiver of any right or duty afforded any of them under the contract, nor shall any such action or failure to act constitute an approval of or acquiescence in any breach thereunder, except as may be specifically agreed in writing.

12. Lobbying

Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment, 31 U.S.C. 1352, as amended by the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995, P.L. 104-65 [to be codified at 2 U.S.C. § 1601, et seq.] - Contractors who apply or bid for an award of \$100,000 or more shall file the certification required by 49 CFR part 20, "New Restrictions on Lobbying." Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Each tier shall also disclose the name of any registrant under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 who has made lobbying contacts on its behalf with non-Federal funds with respect to that Federal contract, grant or award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the recipient.

13. Clean Air

(1) Contractor shall comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations pursuant to the Clean Air Act, 42 USC 7401 et seq. Contractor shall report each violation to the recipient and understands and agrees that the recipient will, in turn, report each violation as required to FTA and the appropriate EPA Regional Office.

(2) Contractor shall include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$100,000 financed in whole or in part with FTA assistance.

14. Clean Water

Contractor shall comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 USC 1251 et seq. Contractor shall report each violation to the recipient and understands and agrees that the recipient shall, in turn, report each violation as required to FTA and the appropriate EPA Regional Office. Contractor shall include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$100,000 financed in whole or in part with FTA assistance.

15. Cargo Preference

Contractor shall: a. use privately owned US-Flag commercial vessels to ship at least 50% of the gross tonnage (computed separately for dry bulk carriers, dry cargo liners, and tankers) involved, whenever shipping any equipment, material, or commodities pursuant to the underlying contract to the extent such vessels are available at fair and reasonable rates for US flag commercial vessels; b. furnish within 20 working days following the loading date of shipments originating within the US or within 30 working days following the loading date of shipments originating outside the US, a legible copy of a rated, "on-board" commercial bill-of-lading in English for each shipment of cargo described herein to the Division of National Cargo, Office of Market Development, Maritime Administration, Washington, DC 20590 and to the recipient (through contractor in the case of a subcontractor's bill-of-lading.) c. include these requirements in all subcontracts issued pursuant to this contract when the subcontract involves the transport of equipment, material, or commodities by ocean vessel.

16. Fly America

Contractor shall comply with 49 USC 40118 (the "Fly America" Act) in accordance with General Services Administration regulations 41 CFR 301-10, stating that recipients and subrecipients of Federal funds and their contractors are required to use US Flag air carriers for US Government-financed international air travel and transportation of their personal effects or property, to the extent such service is available, unless travel by foreign air carrier is a matter of necessity, as defined by the Fly America Act. Contractor shall submit, if a foreign air carrier was used, an appropriate certification or memorandum adequately explaining why service by a US flag air carrier was not available or why it was necessary to use a foreign air carrier and shall, in any event, provide a certificate of compliance with the Fly America requirements. Contractor shall include the requirements of this section in all subcontracts that may involve international air transportation.

17. Energy Conservation

Contractor shall comply with mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency, stated in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy & Conservation Act.

18. Recycled Products

The contractor agrees to comply with all the requirements of Section 6002 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 6962), including but not limited to the regulatory provisions of 40 CFR Part 247, and Executive Order 12873, as they apply to the procurement of the items designated in Subpart B of 40 CFR Part 247.

19. ADA Access

Contractor shall comply with 49 USC 5301(d), stating Federal policy that the elderly and persons with disabilities have the same rights as other persons to use mass transportation services and facilities and that special efforts shall be made in planning and designing those services and facilities to implement that policy. Contractor shall also comply with all applicable requirements of Sec. 504 of the Rehabilitation Act (1973), as amended, 29 USC 794, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), as amended, 42 USC 12101 et seq., which requires that

accessible facilities and services be made available to persons with disabilities, including any subsequent amendments thereto.