

Southeast Vermont Invitation for Bid for A Used Cutaway Bus 9/27/22

Southeast Vermont Transit (SEVT) is a non-profit corporation providing public transit services to 35 towns in southeastern Vermont. The main company office is located in Wilmington, Vermont.

This Invitation for Bid is one used cutaway to replace a vehicle that was recently lost in an accident. The vehicle must be Altoona-tested for five years and 150,000 miles.

While this procurement is administered by SEVT, the current and future members of the Vermont Public Transportation Association (VPTA), and their respective successors, members and service area municipalities, and assignees, and any future entities operating transit service in their respective current or future service areas shall be allowed to purchase buses from the successful Bidder. Additionally, any entity which receives funding through the State of Vermont's Agency of Transportation shall be allowed to purchase buses off the base and options pricing of the successful Bidder. Additionally, public transit providers funded in part by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation, shall be allowed to purchase buses off this procurement. Assignment of available option quantities under this contract will be allowed by written authorization from the CEO of SEVT. Each Purchaser that elects to purchase buses pursuant to this procurement will enter into contracts or purchase orders directly with the successful Bidder.

This procurement is for a contract term of up to three (3) months. An award letter will be mailed from SEVT to chosen firms or individuals which, along with this Invitation for Bid, the Bidder's bid, and any other document referenced in the award letter will become the contract.

Several forms in this IFB are required as part of the Bid. A fixed price contract will be awarded. Time is of the essence for this bid. We must secure a vehicle as soon as possible.

Deadline for receipt of printed bids is 2:00 pm October 20, 2022 at the SEVT Office in Wilmington, Vermont. **Telephone, e-mailed, or faxed bids will not be accepted.** The winning bid will be announced on or before 2:00 pm, October 31, 2022.

All communication during this procurement is done via e-mail – no exceptions - to randys@moover.com. Mailing address for bids below:

Randy Schoonmaker,
CEO
c/o Southeast Vermont Transit
45 Mill Street
Wilmington, VT 05363

Thank you.

IFB Calendar

Subject to change without notice. All times are 2:00 pm Eastern Standard Time unless otherwise noted.

September 27, 2022	Invitation for Bids (IFB) issued
October 5, 2022	Deadline for pre-bid opening protests
October 5, 2022	Deadline for questions/clarifications by prospective Bidders
October 13, 2020	Deadline for IFB amendments and SEVT responses to questions/spec changes/approved equals
October 20, 2022	Bids due at the SEVT's Wilmington, Vermont Office
October 25, 2022	Deadline for post IFB opening protests
On or before October 31, 2022	Notice of Award issued
Five Business Days After Award	Deadline for post-award protests

BID SPECS

Minimum eight ambulatory seats and two wheelchair positions for a minimum of 10 seats. The number of seats may range up to 14 total seats, but the vehicle must be able to be driven by a non-CDL driver.

Tie downs for 2 wheelchairs

No flat floor buses – there must be an equal number of entry steps all the same rise. The vehicles wheel wells will protrude above the interior floor surface.

No chassis can have a separate entry door for a passenger seat next to the driver seat.

Seller must provide all vehicle manuals and documentation that it has

The vehicle must be Altoona tested for five years and 150,000 miles

The vehicle must have the appropriate FMVSS ratings

Provide the proposed vehicle's Altoona test results.

Provide a floor plan with dimensions showing interior layout of vehicle

BID INFORMATION

A. Bids

A Bidder may submit more than one vehicle bid. All bids are via e-mail to randys@moover.com. **Telephone, e-mailed or faxed bids will not be accepted.**

B. Bid Prices

BIDDER shall state bid's total price of vehicles based on payment terms of full payment thirty (30) calendar days after formal acceptance of the vehicle, which shall be the price used in evaluating the bids for award of the contract. SEVT is exempt from all Federal excise taxes. Please quote less these taxes.

C. Cancellation

SEVT specifically reserves the right to cancel this IFB or any unfilled portion of the equipment order providing, in the opinion of its CEO, the services and/or materials supplied by the BIDDER are not satisfactory or consistent with the terms of their bid, or, if funding for the project has been cancelled by the FTA or the Vermont Agency of Transportation, or for cause or convenience.

D. Invoices

Invoices shall be submitted in duplicate on the BIDDER'S standard billing letterhead directly to SEVT, 45 Mill Street, Wilmington, Vermont 05363, ATTN: Randy Schoonmaker. Invoices shall be paid within thirty (30) days of receipt of the equipment based on inspection and acceptance of the equipment.

E. Specification Changes

BIDDER shall be notified via e-mail of any changes or variations in the specifications. The BIDDER should not consider verbal instructions from any other source.

F. Questions, Responses, Amendments

All questions from BIDDERS must be sent to SEVT via e-mail at randys@moover.com prior to the deadline for receipt of questions. SEVT will answer all questions via e-mail and will share all questions and answers with all BIDDERS without revealing the source of the question.

G. Indemnification

The BIDDER shall indemnify, keep and save harmless SEVT, its members, officers and employees against all injuries, death, losses, claims, suits, liabilities, costs and expenses, which may in any way accrue against SEVT in consequence of the bid, contract or grant of the Award, or which may in any way result, whether or not it shall be alleged or determined that the act was caused through negligence of, or the omission by the BIDDER or its employees, and subcontractor or its employees if any. The BIDDER shall, at its own expense, appear, defend and pay all charges of attorneys and all costs and other expenses arising there from or incurred in connection therewith. If any judgment shall be rendered against SEVT in any such action, the BIDDER shall, at its own expense, satisfy and discharge the same. The BIDDER expressly understands and agrees that any insurance protection required by this award, or otherwise provided by the BIDDER, shall in no way limit the responsibility to indemnify, keep and save harmless, and defend SEVT.

H. Award Criteria

Award for this Bid is based, in no order of preference, on:

1. The vehicle's mileage, #seats, overall condition, #days required before delivery, and value to SEVT (50%)
2. Price (50%)

I. Award Procedure

SEVT will determine the Most Qualified Bidder by rating bid on the above criteria. After checking references and performing other due diligence, SEVT will award the procurement. Should the Most Qualified Bidder not meet SEVT's qualifications, the second highest-rated BIDDER will be checked by SEVT, and so forth, until a Most Qualified Bidder is determined. SEVT will announce the award and enter into a contract with the Most Qualified Bidder as soon as possible. The date of receipt by the BIDDER of the contract signed by SEVT shall constitute "DAY ONE (1)" for the purpose of delivery of the vehicle(s) under this award. SEVT reserves the right to negotiate price after the award.

BID PRICES

Body make and model, and model year	
Chassis make and model, and model year	
#Seats when two wheelchair positions are not occupied	
Altoona rating - years	
Altoona rating - miles	
Fuel tank capacity	
Front axle lbs	
Rear axle lbs	
Vehicle length	
Wheelbase	
Vehicle width	
Vehicle height	
Horsepower	
Transmission type	
Rear heater(s) BTU	
Rear AC BTU	
stop request light	
#inches high of cover floor molding	
Stop request light dash mounted	
#Days before vehicle can be picked up by SEVT	
Location of vehicle when it is ready to pick up	

Vehicle price inclusive of all fees, FOB at the bus dealer: \$ _____

IFB PROTEST POLICY

GENERAL

Protests before award must be submitted within the time frame specified below and all protests and related correspondence must be sent via e-mail or US Mail. If the protest is not received by the time specified, the bid or evaluation process shall continue.

SEVT reserves the right to amend this procedure at any time.

PROTEST BEFORE BID OPENING

A protest addressing the adequacy of the Invitation to Bid or Request for Bid, including the Pre-Award Procedure, the Instruction to BIDDERS, General Terms and Conditions, Specifications and Scope of Work, must be filed with SEVT not less than ten (10) full working days before the bid or bid opening. Thereafter, all issues and appeals are deemed waived by all interested parties.

Upon receipt of the written protest, SEVT will determine if the bid opening or evaluation process should be postponed. If the bid opening or evaluation process is postponed, SEVT will immediately contact all parties who have been furnished a copy of the specifications that a protest has been filed and that bid opening or evaluation process is postponed until a final decision is issued. An appropriate addendum will be issued regarding a rescheduling of the bid opening or evaluation process.

Any protest may be withdrawn at any time before SEVT has issued its decision.

PROTEST AFTER BID OPENING

A protest of a decision by SEVT to award a contract to a prime contractor or a subcontractor after bid opening/evaluation process must conform to the above and be received by SEVT within three (3) full working days after bid opening or deadline for receipt of bids, whichever comes first. Thereafter, all such issues and appeals are deemed waived by all interested parties.

In addition, when a protest against the making of an award is received and SEVT determines to withhold the award pending disposition of the protest, the BIDDERS/Bidders (whose bids/bids might become eligible for award) shall be requested, before expiration of the time for acceptance of their bids/bids, to extend the time for acceptance (with the consent of sureties if any) to avoid the need for re-advertising.

When a written protest against the making of an award is received, the award shall not be made until three (3) working days after the matter is resolved. SEVT may, however, proceed to make an award if it determines that:

- a. The items to be procured are urgently requested; or
 - b. Delivery or performance will be unduly delayed by failure to make the award promptly; or
- a. Failure to make a prompt award otherwise causes undue harm to SEVT, the State of Vermont or the Federal Government.

In the event that SEVT determines that an award is to be made during the three (3) day period or during the pending of a protest, the FTA will be notified prior to the making of the award. The FTA reserves the right not to participate in such procurements.

If an award is made, the appropriate documents will be prepared to explain the need for the award with notice going to the protestor and other concerned parties.

PROTEST AFTER AWARD

Protest against an award must be filed with SEVT within three (3) full working days immediately following the award. This protest shall conform to the above requirements. Thereafter, such issues are deemed waived by all interested parties.

Although the number of persons involved in or affected by the filing of a protest may be limited to instances where an award has been made, the contractor shall be furnished with the notice of protest and related information. Also, if it appears that the award may be invalidated and a delay in receiving the supplies or service is not prejudicial to SEVT interest, SEVT shall consider a mutual agreement with the contractor to suspend performance on a no-cost basis.

SEVT DECISION ON THE PROTEST

Written protest, detailing the specific complaint(s), must be submitted to SEVT CEO on or before the deadlines above.

The CEO will evaluate and:

1. Determine if there is a need for review by SEVT Board of Directors
2. Seek attorney guidance if necessary
3. Take appropriate actions
4. Advise SEVT Board of complaint(s) and actions and seek approval of action no later than thirty days (30) after receipt of complaint(s).

Should the involvement of the Board of Directors be determined necessary, the Board of Directors will review the complaint(s) and take action in accordance with FTA guidance no later than thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of complaint(s).

Following an adverse decision by SEVT the protestor may file a protest with VTrans and/or the Federal Transportation Administration (FTA).

II. Federal Clauses

Applicability - The following requirements and conditions shall be considered as an essential part of specifications and bid. This document will serve as part of the contract for the project once the bid is awarded. If there is another contract document the following shall be considered part of that contract.

Energy Conservation - The Contractor agrees to comply with mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act pursuant to 42 USC 6321 and 49 CFR part 622.

Prohibited Interests - No employee, officer, board member, or agent of SEVT, who is involved in contract specifications, solicitations, selection, or award, shall have any interests in this contract, or the proceeds thereof. In addition, no immediate family members or partners of an employee, officer, board member, or agent of SEVT who is involved in contract specifications, solicitations, selection, or award, shall have any interests.

Right Infringement - Contractor agrees to save, keep, and hold harmless, and fully indemnify SEVT, its members, and entities with rights to order buses under this procurement, including any officers or agents from all damages, cost, or expenses in law or equity, that may at any time be claimed against SEVT, its members, and entities with rights to order buses under this procurement for or in connection with any infringement of the patent, trademark, copyright or other rights of any person or persons as a consequence of the use by SEVT, its members, and entities with rights to order buses under this procurement, including any officers or agents, of any product or service supplied under the contract, arising from bids submitted, and any claim that the bidder did not have all necessary right and authority to sell the products or services to SEVT, its members, and entities with rights to order buses under this procurement, provided SEVT gives the Contractor prompt notice in writing of any such claim.

Equal Employment Opportunity for Non-Construction Contracts - The contractor agrees to comply with all requirements of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e, and 49 U.S.C. § 5332 and any implementing requirements FTA may issue. Those equal employment opportunity (EEO) requirements include, but are not limited to, the following:

The Contractor agrees that it will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, creed, sex, disability, age, or national origin. The Recipient agrees to take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, creed, sex, disability, age, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, 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. The Contractor also agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.

The contractor will also insert this provision in all its sub-contracts.

Nondiscrimination - Title VI of the Civil Rights Act - The Contractor and any subcontractor agree to comply with all requirements prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d, and U.S. DOT regulations, "Nondiscrimination in Federally-Assisted Programs of the Department of Transportation -- Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act," 49 C.F.R. Part 21, and any implementing requirements FTA may issue.

The Contractor must include the above statement in any subcontract.

Fly America Requirements— Applicability – all contracts involving transportation of persons or property, by air between the U.S. and/or places outside the U.S. These requirements do not apply to micro-purchases (\$10,000 or less, except for construction contracts over \$2,000).

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.

Cargo Preference— Use of US-Flag Vessels – Applicability – Contracts involving equipment, materials or commodities which may be transported by ocean vessels. These requirements do not apply to micro-purchases (\$10,000 or less, except for construction contracts over \$2,000). 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.

Energy Conservation— Applicability – All Contracts except micro-purchases (\$10,000 or less, except for construction contracts over \$2,000) 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.

Clean Water— Applicability – All Contracts and Subcontracts over \$250,000. 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 \$250,000 financed in whole or in part with FTA assistance.

Access to Records and Reports– Applicability – As shown below. These requirements do not apply to micro-purchases (\$10,000 or less, except for construction contracts over \$2,000). The following access to records requirements apply to this Contract:

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.

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 \$250,000.

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.

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.

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

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 recipient, 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.

Federal Changes— Applicability – All Contracts except micro-purchases (\$10,000 or less, except for construction contracts over \$2,000). 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 recipient 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.

Clean Air— Applicability – All contracts over \$250,000. 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 \$250,000 financed in whole or in part with FTA assistance.

Recycled Products— Applicability – All contracts for items designated by the EPA, when the purchaser or contractor procures \$10,000 or more of one of these items during the current or previous fiscal year using Federal funds. 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.

Contract Work Hours & Safety Standards Act— Applicability – Contracts over \$250,000

(1) Overtime requirements - No contractor or subcontractor contracting for any part of the contract work which may require or involve the employment of laborers or mechanics shall require or permit any such laborer or mechanic in any workweek in which he or she is employed on such work to work in excess of 40 hours in such workweek unless such laborer or mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in such workweek.

(2) Violation; liability for unpaid wages; liquidated damages - In the event of any violation of the clause set forth in para. (1) of this section, contractor and any subcontractor responsible therefore shall be liable for the unpaid wages. In addition, such contractor and subcontractor shall be liable for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer or mechanic, including watchmen and guards, employed in violation of the clause set forth in para. (1) of this section, in the sum of \$10 for each calendar day on which such individual was required or permitted to work in excess of the standard workweek of 40 hours without payment of the overtime wages required by the clause set forth in para. (1) of this section.

(3) Withholding for unpaid wages and liquidated damages - the recipient shall upon its own action or upon written request of USDOL withhold or cause to be withheld, from any moneys payable on account of work performed by contractor or subcontractor under any such contract or any other Federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other federally-assisted contract subject to the Contract Work Hours & Safety

Standards Act, which is held by the same prime contractor, such sums as may be determined to be necessary to satisfy any liabilities of such contractor or subcontractor for unpaid wages and liquidated damages as provided in the clause set forth in para. (2) of this section.

(4) Subcontracts - Contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in this section and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. Prime contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with the clauses set forth in this section.

No Government Obligation to Third Parties.- Applicability – All contracts except micro- purchases (\$10,000 or less, except for construction contracts over \$2,000)

(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.

Program Fraud and False or Fraudulent Statements or Related Acts.- Applicability – All contracts except micro-purchases (\$10,000 or less, except for construction contracts over \$2,000)

(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.

Termination – Applicability – All Contracts over \$10,000, except contracts with nonprofit organizations and institutions of higher learning, where the threshold is \$250,000

a. Termination for Convenience (General Provision) the recipient may terminate this contract, in whole or in part, at any time by written notice to contractor when it is in the recipient'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 recipient. If contractor is in possession of any of the recipient's property, contractor shall account for same, and dispose of it as the recipient 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 recipient may terminate this contract for default. Termination shall be affected 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 recipient 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 recipient, 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 recipient 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 recipient'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 recipient setting forth the nature of said breach or default, the recipient 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 recipient 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 recipient elects to waive its remedies for any breach by contractor of any covenant, term or condition of this Contract, such waiver by the recipient 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 recipient, by written notice, may terminate this contract, in whole or in part, when it is in the recipient's interest. If the contract is terminated, the recipient 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 recipient may terminate this contract for default. The recipient 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 recipient'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 recipient may terminate this contract for default. The recipient 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 recipient goods, contractor shall, as directed by the recipient, protect and preserve the goods until surrendered to the recipient or its agent. Contractor and the recipient 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 recipient'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 recipient may terminate this contract for default. the recipient shall terminate by delivering to contractor a notice of termination specifying the nature of default. In this event, the recipient 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 recipient 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 recipient 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 recipient, 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 recipient in writing of the causes of delay. If in the recipient's judgment, delay is excusable, the time for completing the work shall be extended. The recipient'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 recipient's convenience.

i. Termination for Convenience or Default (Architect & Engineering) the recipient may terminate this contract in whole or in part, for the recipient's convenience or because of contractor's failure to fulfill contract obligations. The recipient 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 recipient 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 recipient'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 recipient may complete the work by contract or otherwise and contractor shall be liable for any additional cost incurred by the recipient. 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 recipient's convenience.

j. Termination for Convenience or Default (Cost-Type Contracts) the recipient 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 recipient 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 recipient, or property supplied to contractor by the recipient. If termination is for default, the recipient 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 recipient and the parties shall negotiate the termination settlement to be paid to contractor. If termination is for the recipient'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 recipient 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 recipient, after setting up a new work schedule, may allow contractor to continue work, or treat the termination as a termination for convenience.

Contracts Involving Federal Privacy Act Requirements— Applicability - When a grantee maintains files on drug and alcohol enforcement activities for FTA, and those files are organized so that information could be retrieved by personal identifier, the Privacy Act requirements apply to all contracts except micro-purchases (\$10,000 or less, except for construction contracts over \$2,000)

The following requirements apply to the Contractor and its employees that administer any system of records on behalf of the Federal Government under any contract:

(1) The Contractor agrees to comply with, and assures the compliance of its employees with, the information restrictions and other applicable requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a. Among other things, the Contractor agrees to obtain the express consent of the Federal Government before the Contractor or its employees operate a system of records on behalf of the Federal Government. The Contractor understands

that the requirements of the Privacy Act, including the civil and criminal penalties for violation of that Act, apply to those individuals involved, and that failure to comply with the terms of the Privacy Act may result in termination of the underlying contract.

(2) The Contractor also agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract to administer any system of records on behalf of the Federal Government financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA.

Civil Rights Requirements– Applicability – All contracts except micro-purchases (\$10,000 or less, except for construction contracts over \$2,000)

The following requirements apply to the underlying contract:

The Recipient understands and agrees that it must comply with applicable Federal civil rights laws and regulations, and follow applicable Federal guidance, except as the Federal Government determines otherwise in writing. Therefore, unless a Recipient or Program, including an Indian Tribe or the Tribal Transit Program, is specifically exempted from a civil rights statute, FTA requires compliance with that civil rights statute, including compliance with equity in service:

a. Nondiscrimination in Federal Public Transportation Programs. The Recipient agrees to, and assures that each Third Party Participant will, comply with Federal transit law, 49 U.S.C. § 5332 (FTA’s “Nondiscrimination” statute): (1) FTA’s “Nondiscrimination” statute prohibits discrimination on the basis of: (a) Race, (b) Color, (c) Religion, (d) National origin, (e) Sex, (f) Disability, (g) Age, or (h) Gender identity and (2) The FTA “Nondiscrimination” statute’s prohibition against discrimination includes: (a) Exclusion from participation, (b) Denial of program benefits, or (c) Discrimination, including discrimination in employment or business opportunity, (3) Except as FTA determines otherwise in writing: (a) General. Follow: 1 The most recent edition of FTA Circular 4702.1, “Title VI Requirements and Guidelines for Federal Transit Administration Recipients,” to the extent consistent with applicable Federal laws, regulations, and guidance, and 2 Other applicable Federal guidance that may be issued, but (b) Exception for the Tribal Transit Program. FTA does not require an Indian Tribe to comply with FTA program-specific guidelines for Title VI when administering its projects funded under the Tribal Transit Program,

b. Nondiscrimination – Title VI of the Civil Rights Act. The Recipient agrees to, and assures that each Third Party Participant will: (1) Prohibit discrimination based on: (a) Race, (b) Color, or (c) National origin, (2) Comply with: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq., (b) U.S. DOT regulations, “Nondiscrimination in Federally-Assisted Programs of the Department of Transportation – Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964,” 49 C.F.R. part 21, and (c) Federal transit law, specifically 49 U.S.C. § 5332, as stated in the preceding section a, and (3) Except as FTA determines otherwise in writing, follow: (a) The most recent edition of FTA Circular 4702.1, “Title VI and Title VI-Dependent Guidelines for Federal Transit Administration Recipients,” to the extent consistent with applicable Federal laws, regulations, and guidance. (b) U.S. DOJ, “Guidelines for the enforcement of Title VI, Civil Rights Act of 1964,” 28 C.F.R. § 50.3, and (c) Other applicable Federal guidance that may be issued,

c. Equal Employment Opportunity. (1) Federal Requirements and Guidance. The Recipient agrees to, and assures that each Third Party Participant will, prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin, and: (a) Comply with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e et seq., (b) Facilitate compliance with Executive Order No. 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity," as amended by Executive Order No. 11375, "Amending Executive Order No. 11246, Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity," 42 U.S.C.

§ 2000e note, (c) Comply with Federal transit law, specifically 49 U.S.C. § 5332, as stated in section a, and (d) Comply with FTA Circular 4704.1 other applicable EEO laws and regulations, as provided in Federal guidance, including laws and regulations prohibiting discrimination on the basis of disability, except as the Federal Government determines otherwise in writing, (2) General. The Recipient agrees to: (a) Ensure that applicants for employment are employed and employees are treated during employment without discrimination on the basis of their: 1 Race, 2 Color, 3 Religion, 4 Sex, 5 Disability, 6 Age, or 7 National origin, (b) Take affirmative action that includes, but is not limited to: 1 Recruitment advertising, 2 Recruitment, 3 Employment, 4 Rates of pay, 5 Other forms of compensation, 6 Selection for training, including apprenticeship, 7 Upgrading, 8 Transfers, 9 Demotions, 10 Layoffs, and 11 Terminations, but (b) Indian Tribe. Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, exempts Indian Tribes under the definition of "Employer".

(3) Equal Employment Opportunity Requirements for Construction Activities. In addition to the foregoing, when undertaking "construction" as recognized by the U.S. Department of Labor (U.S. DOL), the Recipient agrees to comply, and assures the compliance of each Third Party Participant, with: (a) U.S. DOL regulations, "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor," 41 C.F.R. chapter 60, and (b) Executive Order No. 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity," as amended by Executive Order No. 11375, "Amending Executive Order No. 11246, Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity," 42 U.S.C. § 2000e note, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise. To the extent authorized by applicable Federal law, the Recipient agrees to facilitate, and assures that each Third-Party Participant will facilitate, participation by small business concerns owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals, also referred to as "Disadvantaged Business Enterprises" (DBEs), in the Project as follows: 1) Requirements. The Recipient agrees to comply with: (a) Section 1101(b) of Map-21, 23 U.S.C. § 101 note, (b) U.S. DOT regulations, "Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in Department of Transportation Financial Assistance Programs," 49 C.F.R. part 26, and (c) Federal transit law, specifically 49 U.S.C. § 5332, as stated in section a, (2) Assurance. As required by 49 C.F.R. § 26.13(a), (b) DBE Program Requirements. Recipients receiving planning, capital and/or operating assistance that will award prime third-party contracts exceeding \$250,000 in a Federal fiscal year must: 1 Have a DBE program meeting the requirements of 49 C.F.R. part 26, 2 Implement a DBE program approved by FTA, and 3 Establish an annual DBE participation goal, (c) Special Requirements for a Transit Vehicle Manufacturer. The Recipient understands and agrees that each transit vehicle manufacturer, as a condition of being authorized to bid or propose on FTA-assisted transit vehicle procurements, must certify that it has complied with the requirements of 49 C.F.R. part 26, (d) the Recipient provides assurance that: The Recipient shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the award and performance of any DOT-assisted contract or in the administration of its DBE program or the requirements of 49 C.F.R. part 26. The Recipient shall take all necessary and reasonable steps under 49 C.F.R. part 26 to ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts. The Recipient's DBE program, as required by 49 C.F.R. part 26 and as approved by DOT, is incorporated by reference in this agreement. Implementation of this program is a legal obligation and failure to carry out its terms shall be treated as a violation of this agreement.

Upon notification to the Recipient of its failure to carry out its approved program, the Department 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 of 1986, 31 U.S.C. § 3801 et seq., (2) Exception for the Tribal Transit Program. FTA exempts Indian tribes from the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise regulations at 49 C.F.R. part 26 under Map-21 and previous legislation,

d. Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex. The Recipient agrees to comply with Federal prohibitions against discrimination on the basis of sex, including: (1) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, 20 U.S.C. § 1681 et seq., (2) U.S. DOT regulations, “Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance,” 49 C.F.R. part 25, and (3) Federal transit law, specifically 49 U.S.C. § 5332, as stated in section a,

e. Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Age. The Recipient agrees to comply with Federal prohibitions against discrimination on the basis of age, including: (1) The Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA), 29 U.S.C. §§ 621 – 634, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age, (2) U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (U.S. EEOC) regulations, “Age Discrimination in Employment Act,” 29 C.F.R. part 1625, which implements the ADEA, (3) The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 6101 et seq., which prohibits discrimination against individuals on the basis of age in the administration of programs or activities receiving Federal funds, (4) U.S. Health and Human Services regulations, “Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Age in Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance,” 45 C.F.R. part 90, which implements the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and (5) Federal transit law, specifically 49 U.S.C. § 5332, as stated in section a,

f. Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability. The Recipient agrees to comply with the following Federal prohibitions pertaining to discrimination against seniors or individuals with disabilities: (1) Federal laws, including: (a) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, 29 U.S.C. § 794, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in the administration of federally funded programs or activities, (b) The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq., which requires that accessible facilities and services be made available to individuals with disabilities, 1 General. Titles I, II, and III of the ADA apply to FTA Recipients, but 2 Indian Tribes. While Titles II and III of the ADA apply to Indian Tribes, Title I of the ADA exempts Indian Tribes from the definition of “employer,” (c) The Architectural Barriers Act of 1968, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 4151 et seq., which requires that buildings and public accommodations be accessible to individuals with disabilities, (d) Federal transit law, specifically 49 U.S.C. § 5332, which now includes disability as a prohibited basis for discrimination, and (e) Other applicable laws and amendments pertaining to access for elderly individuals or individuals with disabilities, (2) Federal regulations, including: (a) U.S. DOT regulations, “Transportation Services for Individuals with Disabilities (ADA),” 49 C.F.R. part 37, (b) U.S. DOT regulations, “Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in Programs and Activities Receiving or Benefiting from Federal Financial Assistance,” 49 C.F.R. part 27, (c) U.S. DOT regulations, “Transportation for Individuals with Disabilities: Passenger Vessels,” 49 C.F.R. part 39, (d) Joint U.S. Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (U.S. ATBCB) and U.S. DOT regulations, “Americans With Disabilities (ADA) Accessibility Specifications for Transportation Vehicles,” 36 C.F.R. part 1192 and 49 C.F.R. part 38, (e) U.S. DOJ regulations, “Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in State and Local Government Services,” 28 C.F.R. part 35, (f) U.S. DOJ regulations, “Nondiscrimination

on the Basis of Disability by Public Accommodations and in Commercial Facilities,” 28 C.F.R. part 36, (g) U.S. EEOC, “Regulations to Implement the Equal Employment Provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act,” 29 C.F.R. part 1630, (h) U.S. Federal Communications Commission regulations, “Telecommunications Relay Services and Related Customer Premises Equipment for Persons with Disabilities,” 47 C.F.R. part 64, Subpart F, (i) U.S. ATBCB regulations, “Electronic and Information Technology Accessibility Standards,” 36 C.F.R. part 1194, and (j) FTA regulations, “Transportation for Elderly and Handicapped Persons,” 49 C.F.R. part 609, and (3) Other applicable Federal civil rights and nondiscrimination guidance,

g. Drug or Alcohol Abuse - Confidentiality and Other Civil Rights Protections. The Recipient agrees to comply with the confidentiality and civil rights protections of: (1) The Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972, as amended, 21 U.S.C. § 1101 et seq., (2) The Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 4541 et seq., and (3) The Public Health Service Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 290dd – 290dd-2, Access to Services for People with Limited English Proficiency. Except as the Federal Government determines otherwise in writing, the Recipient agrees to promote accessibility of public transportation services to people whose understanding of English is limited by following:

1) Executive Order No. 13166, “Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency,” August 11, 2000, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d-1 note, and (2) U.S. DOT Notice, “DOT Policy Guidance Concerning Recipients’ Responsibilities to Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Persons,” 70 Fed. Reg. 74087, December 14, 2005,

h. Other Nondiscrimination Laws. Except as the Federal Government determines otherwise in writing, the Recipient agrees to: (1) Comply with other applicable Federal nondiscrimination laws and regulations, and (2) Follow Federal guidance prohibiting discrimination.

i. Remedies. Remedies for failure to comply with applicable Federal Civil Rights laws and Federal regulations may be enforced as provided in those Federal laws or Federal regulations.

Breaches and Dispute Resolution— Applicability – All contracts over \$250,000 Disputes arising in the performance of this contract which are not resolved by agreement of the parties shall be decided in writing by the recipient’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 recipient’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 recipient’s CEO shall be binding upon contractor and contractor shall abide by the decision. FTA has a vested interest in the settlement of any violation of Federal law including the False Claims Act, 31 U.S.C. § 3729.

Performance During Dispute.- Unless otherwise directed by the recipient, 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 recipient 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 the residing 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 recipient 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.

Patent and Rights Data_– Contracts involving experimental, developmental, or research work (\$10,000 or less, except for construction contracts over \$2,000).

Patent Rights

A. General. The Recipient agrees that:

(1) Depending on the nature of the Project, the Federal Government may acquire patent rights when the Recipient or Third Party Participant produces a patented or patentable:

(a) Invention,

(b) Improvement, or (c) Discovery, (2) The Federal Government's rights arise when the patent or patentable information is: (a) Conceived under the Project, or (b) Reduced to practice under the Project, and (3) When a patent is issued or patented information becomes available as described in Patent Rights section A(2), the Recipient agrees to: (a) Notify FTA immediately, and (b) Provide a detailed report satisfactory to FTA,

B. Federal Rights. The Recipient agrees that:

(1) Its rights and responsibilities, and the rights and responsibilities of each Third Party Participant, in that federally funded invention, improvement, or discovery will be determined as provided by applicable Federal laws, regulations, and guidance, including any waiver thereof, and (2) Unless the Federal Government determines otherwise in writing, irrespective of the Recipient's status or the status of any Third Party Participant as a large business, a small business, a State government, a State instrumentality, a local government, an Indian tribe, a nonprofit organization, an institution of higher education, or an individual, the Recipient agrees to transmit the Federal Government's patent rights to FTA as specified in: (a) 35 U.S.C. § 200 et seq., and (b) U.S. Department of Commerce regulations, "Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements," 37 C.F.R. part 401, and

C. License Fees and Royalties. As permitted by 49 C.F.R. parts 18 and 19:

(1) License fees and royalties for patents, patent applications, and inventions derived from the Project are program income, and (2) The Recipient has no obligation to the Federal Government with respect to those license fees or royalties, except: (a) For compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 200 et seq., which applies to patent rights developed under a federally funded research-type project, and (b) As FTA determines otherwise in writing.

Rights in Data and Copyrights

A. Definition of “Subject Data.” means recorded information: (1) Copyright. Whether or not copyrighted, and (2) Delivery. That is delivered or specified to be delivered under the Underlying Agreement,

B. Examples of “Subject Data.” Examples of “subject data”: (1) Include, but are not limited to:

- (a) Computer software, (b) Standards, (c) Specifications, (d) Engineering drawings and associated lists, (e) Process sheets, (f) Manuals, (g) Technical reports, (h) Catalog item identifications, and (i) Related information, but (2) Do not include: (a) Financial reports,
- (b) Cost analyses, or (c) Other similar information used for Project administration,

C. General Federal Restrictions. The following restrictions apply to all subject data first produced in the performance of the Recipient’s Project supported by the Underlying Agreement:

(1) Prohibitions. The Recipient may not: (a) Publish or reproduce any subject data in whole or in part, or in any manner or form, or (b) Permit others to do so, but (2) Exceptions. The prohibitions of Rights in Data and Copyrights C(1) do not apply to: (a) Publications or reproductions for the Recipient’s own internal use, (b) An institution of higher learning, (c) The portion of subject data that the Federal Government has previously released or approved for release to the public, or (d) The portion of data that has the Federal Government’s prior written consent for release,

D. Federal Rights in Data and Copyrights. The Recipient agrees that: (1) License Rights. The Recipient must provide a license to its “subject data” to the Federal Government, which license is: (a) Royalty-free, (b) Non-exclusive, and (c) Irrevocable, (2) Uses. The Federal Government’s license must permit the Federal Government to take the following actions provided those actions are taken for Federal Government purposes: (a) Reproduce the subject data, (b) Publish the subject data, (c) Otherwise use the subject data, and (d) Permit other entities or individuals to use the subject data, and

E. Special Federal Rights in Data for Research, Development, Demonstration, Deployment, and Special Studies Projects. In general, FTA’s purpose in providing Federal funds for a research, development, demonstration, deployment, or special studies Project is to increase transportation knowledge, rather than limit the benefits of the Project to the Recipient and its Third Party Participants, therefore, the Recipient agrees that: (1) Publicly Available Report. When the Project is completed, it must provide a Project report that FTA may publish or make available for publication on the Internet, (2) Other Reports. It must provide other reports pertaining to the Project that FTA may request, (3) Availability of Subject Data. FTA may make available to any FTA Recipient or any of its Third Party Participants at any tier of the Project, either FTA’s copyright license to the subject data or a copy of the subject data, except as the Federal Government determines otherwise in writing, (4) Identification of Information. It must identify clearly any specific confidential, privileged, or proprietary information submitted to FTA, (5) Incomplete Project. If the Project is not completed for any reason whatsoever, all data developed under the Project becomes “subject data” and must be delivered as the Federal Government may direct, but (6) Exception. Rights in Data and Copyrights Section E does not apply to an adaptation of automatic data processing equipment or program that is both: (a) For the Recipient’s use, and (b) Acquired with FTA capital program funding,

F. License Fees and Royalties. As permitted by 49 C.F.R. parts 18 and 19: (1) License fees and royalties for copyrighted material or trademarks derived from Project are program income, and

G. The Recipient has no obligation to the Federal Government with respect to those license fees or royalties, except: (a) For compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 200 et seq., which applies to patent rights developed under a federally funded research-type project, and (b) As FTA determines otherwise in writing, Hold Harmless. Upon request by the Federal Government, the Recipient agrees that: (1) Violation by Recipient. (a) If it willfully or intentionally violates any: 1 Proprietary rights, 2 Copyrights, or 3 Right of privacy, and (b) Its violation occurs from any of the following uses of Project data: 1 Publication, 2 Translation, 3 Reproduction, 4 Delivery, 5 Use, or 6 Disposition, then (c) It will indemnify, save, and hold harmless against any liability, including costs and expenses of: 1 The Federal Government's officers acting within the scope of their official duties, 2 The Federal Government's employees acting within the scope of their official duties, and 3 Federal Government's agents acting within the scope of their official duties, but (2) Exceptions. The Recipient will not be required to indemnify the Federal Government for any liability described in Rights in Data and Copyrights section G(1) if: (a) Violation by Federal Officers, Employees or Agents. The violation is caused by the wrongful acts of Federal employees or agents, or (b) State law. If indemnification is prohibited or limited by applicable State law,

H. Restrictions on Access to Patent Rights. Nothing in this Rights in Data and Copyrights section pertaining to rights in data either: (1) Implies a license to the Federal Government under any patent, or (2) May be construed to affect the scope of any license or other right otherwise granted to the Federal Government under any patent,

I. Data Developed Without Federal Funding or Support. The Recipient understands and agrees that in certain circumstances it may need to provide data developed without any Federal funding or support to FTA. Nevertheless: (1) Protections. Rights in Data and Copyrights Sections A, B, C, and D generally do not apply to data developed without Federal funding, even though that data may have been used in connection with the Project, and (2) Identification of Information. The Recipient understands and agrees that the Federal Government will not be able to protect data developed without Federal funding from unauthorized disclosure unless that data is clearly marked "Proprietary" or "Confidential," and

J. Requirements to Release Data. The Recipient understands and agrees that the Federal Government may be required to release Project data and information the Recipient submits to the Federal Government as required by: (1) The Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, (2) Another applicable Federal law requiring access to Project records, (3) U.S. DOT regulations, "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Other Non-Profit Organizations," specifically 49 C.F.R. § 19.36(d), or (4) Other applicable Federal regulations and guidance pertaining to access to Project records.

Transit Employee Protective Provisions— Applicability – Contracts for transit o

Prompt Payment— Applicability – All contracts except micro-purchases (\$10,000 or less, except for construction contracts over \$2,000) The prime contractor agrees to pay each subcontractor under this prime contract for satisfactory performance of its

contract no later than 30 days from the receipt of each payment the prime contract receives from the Recipient. The prime contractor agrees further to return retainage payments to each subcontractor within 30 days after the subcontractors' work is satisfactorily completed. Any delay or postponement of payment from the above referenced time frame may occur only for good cause following written approval of the Recipient. This clause applies to both DBE and non-DBE subcontracts.

Incorporation of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Terms— Applicability – All contracts except micro-purchases (\$10,000 or less, except for construction contracts over \$2,000)

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 recipient to be in violation of FTA terms and conditions.

Full and Open Competition— In accordance with 49 U.S.C. § 5325(h) all procurement transactions shall be conducted in a manner that provides full and open competition.

Prohibition Against Exclusionary or Discriminatory Specifications— Apart from inconsistent requirements imposed by Federal statute or regulations, the contractor shall comply with the requirements of 49 USC 5323(h)(2) by refraining from using any FTA assistance to support procurements using exclusionary or discriminatory specifications.

Access Requirements for Persons with Disabilities— 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.

Notification of Federal Participation— To the extent required by law, in the announcement of any third party contract award for goods and services (including construction services) having an aggregate value of \$500,000 or more, contractor shall specify the amount of Federal assistance to be used in financing that acquisition of goods and services and to express that amount of Federal assistance as a percentage of the total cost of the third party contract.

Interest of Members or Delegates to Congress— No members of, or delegates to, the US Congress shall be admitted to any share or part of this contract nor to any benefit arising therefrom.

Ineligible Contractors and Subcontractors Any name appearing upon the Comptroller General's list of ineligible contractors for federally-assisted contracts shall be ineligible to act as a subcontractor for contractor pursuant to this contract. If contractor is on the Comptroller General's list of ineligible contractors for federally financed or assisted construction, the recipient shall cancel, terminate or suspend this contract.

Other Contract Requirements - To the extent not inconsistent with the foregoing Federal requirements, this contract shall also include those standard clauses attached hereto, and shall comply with the recipient's Procurement Guidelines, available upon request from the recipient.

Compliance With Federal Regulations - Any contract entered pursuant to this solicitation shall contain the following provisions: All USDOT-required contractual provisions, as set forth in FTA Circular 4220.1F, are incorporated by reference. Anything to the contrary herein notwithstanding, FTA mandated terms shall control in the event of a conflict with other provisions contained in this Agreement. Contractor shall not perform any act, fail to perform any act, or refuse to comply with any grantee request that would cause the recipient to be in violation of FTA terms and conditions. Contractor shall comply with all applicable FTA regulations, policies, procedures and directives, including, without limitation, those listed directly or incorporated by reference in the Master Agreement between the recipient and FTA, as may be amended or promulgated from time to time during the term of this contract. Contractor's failure to so comply shall constitute a material breach of this contract.

Real Property - Any contract entered into shall contain the following provisions: Contractor shall at all times comply with all applicable statutes and USDOT regulations, policies, procedures and directives governing the acquisition, use and disposal of real property, including, but not limited to, 49 CFR 18.31-18.34, 49 CFR 19.30-19.37, 49 CFR Part 24, 49 CFR 5326 as amended by Map-21, 49 CFR part 18 or 19, 49 USC 5334, applicable FTA Circular 5010, and FTA Master Agreement, as they may be amended or promulgated during the term of this contract. Contractor's failure to so comply shall constitute a material breach of this contract.

Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency

To the extent applicable and except to the extent that FTA determines otherwise in writing, the Recipient agrees to comply with the policies of Executive Order No. 13166, "Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency," 42 U.S.C. § 2000d 1 note, and with the provisions of DOT Notice, "DOT Guidance to Recipients on Special Language Services to Limited English Proficient (LEP) Beneficiaries," 70 Fed. Reg. 74087, December 14, 2005.

Environmental Justice - Except as the Federal Government determines otherwise in writing, the Recipient agrees to promote environmental justice by following: (1) Executive Order No. 12898, "Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations," February 11, 1994, 42 U.S.C. § 4321 note, as well as facilitating compliance with that Executive Order, and (2) DOT Order 5610.2, "Department of Transportation Actions To Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations," 62 Fed. Reg. 18377, April 15, 1997, and (3) The most recent and applicable edition of FTA Circular 4703.1, "Environmental Justice Policy Guidance for Federal Transit Administration Recipients," August 15, 2012, to the extent consistent with applicable Federal laws, regulations, and guidance,

Environmental Protections – Compliance is required with any applicable Federal laws imposing environmental and resource conservation requirements for the project. Some, but not all, of the major Federal laws that may affect the project include: the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; the Clean Air Act; the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act; the comprehensive Environmental response, Compensation and Liability Act; as well as environmental provisions with Title 23 U.S.C., and 49 U.C. chapter 53. The U.S. EPA, FHWA and other federal agencies may issue other federal regulations and directives that may affect the project. Compliance is required with any applicable Federal laws and regulations in effect now or that become effective in the future.

Geographic Information and Related Spatial Data – Any project activities involving spatial data or geographic information systems activities financed with Federal assistance are required to be consistent with the National Spatial Data Infrastructure promulgated by the Federal Geographic Data Committee, except to the extent that FTA determines otherwise in writing.

Geographic Preference

All project activities must be advertised without geographic preference, (except in A/E under certain circumstances, preference for hiring veterans on transit construction projects and geographic-based hiring preferences as proposes to be amended in 2 CFR Part 1201).

Organizational Conflicts of Interest

The Recipient agrees that it will not enter into a procurement that involves a real or apparent organizational conflict of interest described as follows: (1) When It Occurs. An organizational conflict of interest occurs when the Project work, without appropriate restrictions on certain future activities, results in an unfair competitive advantage: (a) To that Third Party Participant or another Third Party Participant performing the Project work, and (b) That impairs that Third Party Participant's objectivity in performing the Project work, or (2) Other. An organizational conflict of interest may involve other situations resulting in fundamentally unfair competitive conditions, (3) Disclosure Requirements. Consistent with FTA policies, the Recipient must disclose to FTA, and each of its Subrecipients must disclose to the Recipient: (a) Any instances of organizational conflict of interest, or (b) Violations of federal criminal law, involving fraud, bribery, or gratuity violations potentially affecting the federal award, and (4) Failure to Disclose. Failure to make required disclosures can result in remedies for noncompliance, including debarment or suspension.

Safe Operation of Motor Vehicles

a. Seat Belt Use. The Recipient agrees to implement Executive Order No. 13043, "Increasing Seat Belt Use in the United States," April 16, 1997, 23 U.S.C. § 402 note, (62 Fed. Reg. 19217), by:

- (1) Adopting and promoting on-the-job seat belt use policies and programs for its employees and other personnel that operate company-owned vehicles, company-rented vehicles, or personally operated vehicles, and
- (2) Including a "Seat Belt Use" provision in each third party agreement related to the Award.

b. Distracted Driving, Including Text Messaging While Driving. The Recipient agrees to comply with:

- (1) Executive Order No. 13513, "Federal Leadership on Reducing Text

Messaging While Driving,” October 1, 2009, 23 U.S.C. § 402 note, (74 Fed. Reg. 51225),

(2) U.S. DOT Order 3902.10, “Text Messaging While Driving,” December 30, 2009, and

(3) The following U.S. DOT Special Provision pertaining to Distracted Driving:

(a) Safety. The Recipient agrees to adopt and enforce workplace safety policies to decrease crashes caused by distracted drivers, including policies to ban text messaging while using an electronic device supplied by an employer, and driving a vehicle the driver owns or rents, a vehicle Recipient owns, leases, or rents, or a privately-owned vehicle when on official business in connection with the Award, or when performing any work for or on behalf of the Award,

(b) Recipient Size. The Recipient agrees to conduct workplace safety initiatives in a manner commensurate with its size, such as establishing new rules and programs to prohibit text messaging while driving, re-evaluating the existing programs to prohibit text messaging while driving, and providing education, awareness, and other outreach to employees about the safety risks associated with texting while driving, and

(c) Extension of Provision. The Recipient agrees to include the preceding Special Provision of section 34.b(3)(a) – (b) of this Master Agreement in its third party agreements, and encourage its Third Party Participants to comply with this Special Provision, and include this Special Provision in each third party sub-agreement at each tier supported with federal assistance.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Identification Number

The municipal project sponsor is required to identify in its accounts all Federal awards received and expended, and the Federal programs under which they were received. Federal program and award identification shall include, as applicable, the CFDA title and number, award number and year, name of the Federal agency, and name of the pass-through entity.

The CFDA number for the Federal Transit Administration. Nonurbanized Area Formula (Section 5311) is 20.509. A Recipient covered by the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular A-133, “Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit

Organizations,” (replaced with 2 CFR Part 200, “Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards” effective December 26, 2014 as applicable) agrees to separately identify the expenditures for Federal awards under the Recovery Act on the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA) and the Data Collection Form

(SF-SAC) required by OMB Circular A-133. The Recipient agrees to accomplish this by identifying expenditures for Federal awards made under Recovery Act separately on the SEFA, and as separate rows under Item 9 of Part III on the SF-SAC by CFDA number, and inclusion of the prefix “ARRA” in identifying the name of the Federal program on the SEFA and as the first characters in Item 9d of Part III on the SF-SAC.

(a) ITS Compliance

To the extent applicable, the Contractor agrees to conform to the National Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Architecture and Standards as required by SAFETEA LU § 5307(c), 23 U.S.C. § 512 note, and comply with FTA Notice, "FTA National ITS Architecture Policy on Transit Projects" 66 Fed. Reg. 1455 et seq., January 8, 2001, and any subsequent further implementing directives, except to the extent FTA determines otherwise in writing.

III. Certifications

CERTIFICATION AND RESTRICTIONS ON LOBBYING

I (name and title of official) _____,
hereby certify on behalf of (name of BIDDER/Company Name)

_____ that:

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 any agency, a Member of Congress, and 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.

If any funds other than federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, and officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the 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.

The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all sub-awards at all tiers (including sub-contracts, sub-grants and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all sub-recipients 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 31 U.S.C. § 1352 (as amended by the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995). 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.

The undersigned certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of the contents of the statements submitted on or with this certification and understands that the provisions of 31 U.S.C. Section 3801, et seq., are applicable thereto.

Name of BIDDER/Company _____

Type or print name _____

Signature of authorized representative _____

Date _____

**GOVERNMENT-WIDE DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION
(NONPROCUREMENT)**

Instructions for Certification: By signing and submitting this bid or bid, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the signed certification set out below.

It will comply and facilitate compliance with U.S. DOT regulations, “Non-procurement Suspension and Debarment,” 2 CFR part 1200, which adopts and supplements the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (U.S. OMB) “Guidelines to Agencies on Government-wide Debarment and Suspension (Non-procurement),” 2 CFR part 180,

To the best of its knowledge and belief, that its Principals and Subrecipients at the first tier:

Are eligible to participate in covered transactions of any Federal department or agency and are not presently:

Debarred,
Suspended,
Proposed for debarment,
Declared ineligible,
Voluntarily excluded, or
Disqualified,

Its management has not within a three-year period preceding its latest application or bid been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against any of them for:

Commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or local) transaction, or contract under a public transaction, Violation of any Federal or State antitrust statute, or Commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making any false statement, or receiving stolen property,

It is not presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State, or local) with commission of any of the offenses listed in the preceding subsection 2.b of this Certification,

It has not had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause or default within a three-year period preceding this Certification,

If, at a later time, it receives any information that contradicts the statements of subsections 2.a – 2.d above, it will promptly provide that information to FTA.

It will treat each lower tier contract or lower tier subcontract under its Project as a covered lower tier contract for purposes of 2 CFR part 1200 and 2 CFR part 180 if it:

- Equals or exceeds \$25,000,
- Is for audit services, or
- Requires the consent of a Federal official, and

It will require that each covered lower tier contractor and subcontractor:

- Comply and facilitate compliance with the Federal requirements of 2 CFR parts 180 and 1200, and
- Assure that each lower tier participant in its Project is not presently declared by any Federal department or agency to be:

- Debarred from participation in its federally funded Project,
- Suspended from participation in its federally funded Project,
- Proposed for debarment from participation in its federally funded Project,
- Declared ineligible to participate in its federally funded Project,
- Voluntarily excluded from participation in its federally funded Project, or
- Disqualified from participation in its federally funded Project, and

It will provide a written explanation as indicated on a page attached in FTA's TEAM-Web or the Signature Page if it or any of its principals, including any of its first tier Subrecipients or its Third Party Participants at a lower tier, is unable to certify compliance with the preceding statements in this Certification Group.

BIDDER Name _____

Signature of Authorized Official _____

Name and Title of Contractor's Authorized Official _____

Date _____

BUS TESTING CERTIFICATION

The undersigned BIDDER [Contractor/Manufacturer] certifies that the vehicle model or vehicle models offered in this bid submission complies with 49 CFR Part 665.

A copy of the test report (for each bid ITEM) prepared by the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Altoona, Pennsylvania Bus Testing Center is attached to this certification and is a true and correct copy of the test report as prepared by the facility.

The undersigned understands that misrepresenting the testing status of a vehicle acquired with Federal financial assistance may subject the undersigned to civil penalties as outlined in the U.S. Department of Transportation's regulation on Program Fraud Civil Remedies, 49 CFR Part In addition, the undersigned understands that FTA may suspend or debar a manufacturer under the procedures in 49 CFR Part 29.

Name of BIDDER/Company Name

Type or print name

Signature of authorized representative

Date of Signature

PRE-AWARD PURCHASER'S REQUIREMENTS CERTIFICATION

As required by Title 49 of the CFR, Part 663 – Subpart B (the recipient) certifies that the buses to be purchased (number and description) _____

_____ are the same product described in the recipient's solicitation specification and that the proposed manufacturer is a responsible manufacturer with the capability to produce a bus that meets the specifications.

Signature _____

Title _____

Date _____

PRE-AWARD FMVSS COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION

As required by Title 49 of the CFR, Part 663 – Subpart D, (the recipient) certifies that it received, at the pre-award stage, a copy of (the manufacturer's) _____ information stating that the buses, (number and description) _____

_____ will comply with relevant Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards issued by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 571.

Signature _____

Title _____

Date _____

**PRE-AWARD CERTIFICATION FOR PROCUREMENT OF ROLLING STOCK
(VENDOR)**

71 FR 14117, Mar. 21, 2006, as amended at 72 FR 53698, Sept. 20, 2007; 74 FR 30239, June 25, 2009

PRE-AWARD AUDIT REQUIREMENTS

A recipient purchasing revenue service rolling stock with FTA funds must ensure that a pre-award audit under this part is complete before the recipient enters into a formal contract for the purchase of such rolling stock.

DESCRIPTION OF PRE-AWARD AUDIT

A pre-award audit under this part includes— (a) A Buy America certification; (b) A purchaser's requirements certification; and (c) Where appropriate, a manufacturer's Federal Motor Vehicle Safety certification information.

PRE-AWARD BUY AMERICA CERTIFICATION

For purposes of this part, a pre-award Buy America certification is a certification that the recipient keeps on file that:

There is a letter from FTA which grants a waiver to the rolling stock to be purchased from the Buy America requirements under section 165(b)(1), (b)(2), or (b)(4) of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982, as amended; or

The bidder or offeror hereby certifies that it will comply with the requirements of section 165(b)(3), of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982, as amended, and the regulations of 49 USC 5323(j) and 49 CFR 661.11, as amended by Section 3011 of the FAST Act.

The recipient is satisfied that the rolling stock to be purchased meets the requirements of section 165(a) or (b)(3) of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982, as amended, after having reviewed itself or through an audit prepared by someone other than the manufacturer or its agent documentation provided by the manufacturer which lists:

The Component and subcomponent parts of the rolling stock that are produced in the United States is more than sixty percent (70%) of the cost of all components and subcomponents of the vehicle identified by the manufacturer; and

The location of the final assembly must take place in the United States (49 CFR 661.11), including a description of the activities that will take place at the final assembly point and the cost of final assembly.

Solicitation Specification Requirements: Contractor shall submit evidence that it will be capable of meeting the bid specifications.

Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS): Contractor shall submit 1) manufacturer's FMVSS self-certification sticker information that the vehicle complies with relevant FMVSS or 2) manufacturer's certified statement that the buses will not be subject to FMVSS regulations.

BIDDER or offeror Certificate of:

COMPLIANCE with Buy America and FMVSS Rolling Stock Requirements

The BIDDER or offeror hereby certifies that it will comply with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5323(j), and the applicable regulations of 49 CFR 661.11.

Name of BIDDER/Company Name

Type or print name

Signature of authorized representative

Date of Signature:

ON-SITE MANUFACTURER INSPECTION COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION

(Post-Delivery purchaser's requirement, in compliance with the federal requirements of 49 U.S.C. Section 5323(m))

(Rolling Stock Procurements for more than 10 vehicles for areas >200,000 in population) As required by 49 CFR Part 663-Subpart C, the (Recipient's name) _____, certifies that a resident inspector (name of inspector) _____, was at (name of manufacturer) _____, during the period of manufacture of the buses (description of buses) _____. (name of the inspector) _____, and the recipient (name of recipient) _____, has reviewed the inspection documentation, maintains a copy of this report, and certifies that the buses meet the contract specifications.

Signature _____

Title _____

Date _____

ON-SITE MANUFACTURER INSPECTION COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION

(Rolling Stock Procurements for more than 20 vehicles for areas <200,000 in population) As required by 49 CFR Part 663-Subpart C, the (Recipient's name) _____, certifies that a resident inspector (name of inspector) _____, was at (name of manufacturer) _____, during the period of manufacture of the buses (description of buses) _____. (name of the inspector) _____, and the recipient (name of recipient) _____, has reviewed the inspection documentation, maintains a copy of this report, and certifies that the buses meet the contract specifications.

Signature _____

Title _____

Date _____

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise

SEVT has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 49 CFR Part 26. SEVT has received Federal financial assistance from the Department of Transportation, and as a condition of receiving this assistance, SEVT has signed an assurance that it will comply with 49 CFR Part 26.

It is the policy of SEVT to ensure that DBEs as defined in part 26, have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in DOT-assisted contracts. It is also our policy, and the objectives of this DBE program are:

1. To ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of DOT – assisted contracts;
2. To help remove barriers and create a level playing field on which DBEs can compete fairly for DOT-assisted contracts;
3. To ensure that the DBE Program is narrowly tailored in accordance with applicable law;
4. To ensure that only firms that fully meet 49 CFR Part 26 eligibility standards are permitted to participate as DBEs; and
5. To work with the Vermont Agency of Transportation to assist with the development of firms that can compete successfully in the market place outside the DBE Program.

The SEVT General Manager of the MOOver division has been delegated as the DBE Liaison Officer and is responsible for implementing all aspects of the DBE program. Implementation of the DBE program is accorded the same priority as compliance with all other legal obligations incurred by SEVT in its financial assistance agreements with the Department of Transportation.

SEVT has disseminated this policy statement to the SEVT Board of Directors and all office staff of our organization. We distribute this statement to DBE and non-DBE businesses that perform work for us on DOT-assisted contracts, we post this statement on our website, and we direct mail this statement to certified and potential DBEs.

This contract is subject to the requirements of Title 49, Code of Federal Regulation, Part 26, Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in Department of Transportation Financial Assistance Programs. The national goal for participation of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) is 10%. The Vermont Agency of Transportation's overall goal for DBE participation is 2.14%. A separate contract goal has not been established for this procurement.

The contractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract. The contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 in the award and administration of this DOT-assisted contract. Failure by the contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract, which may result in the termination of this contract or such other remedy as SEVT deems appropriate. Each subcontract the contractor signs with a subcontractor must include the assurance of this paragraph (see 49 CFR 276.13(b)).

The BIDDERS must include in their bid a list of all firms who quote to them on subcontracts, including the firm's name and address.

Prime contractors shall be required to submit detailed invoices that include a breakout of work done by all subcontractors, including DBEs.

The contractor shall maintain records and documents of payments to all subcontractors for three years following the performance of the contract. These records shall be made available for inspection upon request by any authorized representative of SEVT, VTtrans or USDOT. This reporting requirement also extends to any subcontractor.

The prime contractor agrees to pay each subcontractor within 7 days of receipt of payment from SEVT, or seven days after receipt of the subcontractor’s invoice, whichever is later, subject to satisfactory performance of the subcontractor’s contract. The prime contractor agrees further to return retainage payments to each subcontractor within 30- days after the subcontractor’s work is satisfactorily completed. Any delay or postponement of payment from the above referenced time frame may occur only for good cause following written approval of the SEVT. This clause applies to both DBE and non-DBE subcontractors.

SEVT requires prime contractors to provide evidence of compliance with prompt payment provisions. Prime contractors must submit by the 10th day of each month a list of all payments to all subcontractors during the preceding month. For each payment, the required information includes: the name of the subcontractor, the date and amount paid, and whether the payment is the “final payment” to the subcontractor. Failure to comply with the prompt payment provisions may result in contract termination. Whenever possible, SEVT shall provide the contractor with an opportunity to remedy the error or negotiate a fair remedial agreement.

The prime contractor on prime contracts not having DBE contract goals will provide subcontracting opportunities, whenever possible, of a size that small businesses, including DBEs, can reasonably perform, rather than self-performing all the work involved. BIDDERS must identify all subcontractors at the time of bid bid including name and address of the subcontractor, and must notify SEVT of any change in subcontractor during the term of the contract.

The contractor must promptly notify SEVT whenever a DBE subcontractor performing work related to this contract is terminated or fails to complete its work, and must make good faith efforts to engage another DBE subcontractor to perform at least he same amount of work. The contractor may not terminate any DBE subcontractor and perform that work through its own forces or those of an affiliate without prior written consent of SEVT.

Date _____

Signature _____

Company Name _____

Title _____

TRANSIT VEHICLE MANUFACTURER (TVM) CERTIFICATION

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 105(f) of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982, each BIDDER for this contract must certify that it has complied with the requirements of 49 CFR Part 26.49, regarding the participation of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) in FTA assisted procurements of transit vehicles. Absent this certification, properly completed and signed, a bid shall be deemed non-responsive.

Certification:

I hereby certify, for the BIDDER named below, that it has complied with the provisions of 49 CFR Part 26.49 and that I am duly authorized by said BIDDER to make this certification.

BIDDER/COMPANY

Name of BIDDER/Company

Signature of Representative _____

Type or Print Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

ISO Certification

The manufacturer of the buses shall have a proven third-party certified quality control system in place and shall be ISO 9001:2000 certified at the facility that will produce the buses as bid.

BIDDER must fill out Manufacturer's Certification below certifying that they are ISO 9001 compliant.

Manufacturer's Name _____

Certification _____

The _____ hereby certifies that the offered has been designed, manufactured, assembled, tested, and found suitable for the intended purpose as specified in the Bid Documents including ISO 9001 certification (and any revision thereof).

_____ Signature of Contractor's Authorized Official

_____ Name and Title of Contractor's Authorized Official

_____ Date

Certification of Non-Collusion

I certify under penalty of perjury:

A. That I am the bidder (if the bidder is an individual), a partner in the bid (if the bidder is a partnership), or an officer or employee of the bidding corporation having authority to sign on its behalf (if the bidder is a corporation);

B. That the attached bid or bids has been arrived at by the bidder independently and have been submitted without collusion and without any agreement, understanding, or planned common course of action with any other vendor of materials, supplies, equipment, or service described in the invitation to bid, designed to limit independent bids or competition;

C. That the contents of the bid or bids has not been communicated by the bidder or its employees or agents to any person not an employee or agent of the bidder or its surety on any bond furnished with the bid or bids, and will not be communicated to any such person prior to the official opening of the bid or bids; and

D. That I have fully informed myself regarding the accuracy of the statements made in this affidavit.

Date _____

Signature _____

Company Name _____

Title _____

Certification Regarding Compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act for Revenue Vehicles

_____certifies that all vehicles
manufactured and delivered to SEVT will be in full compliance with the Americans with
Disabilities Act.

_____Signature of Contractor's Authorized Official

_____Name and Title of Contractor's Authorized Official

_____Date

COMPREHENSION CERTIFICATION

The BIDDER _____, hereby certifies that:

This is certification that I have read the entire bid package and understand the requirements set forth therein and agree to abide by them.

BIDDER certifies that they are a fully authorized distributor of the vehicle being proposed; that they are prepared to perform maintenance and warranty service or have arranged for said service with a certified distributor within a 200-mile radius of the SEVT office in Wilmington, Vermont; and that they can provide spare or replacement parts, or can assure access to said parts. The BIDDER certifies that all equipment provided shall meet or exceed all federal and state requirements applicable to the equipment; for example, vehicles shall meet all FMVSS, USDOT, ADA, FMSCA, OSHA, Vermont Motor Vehicle Department, Health and Safety, Occupational Health and Safety and other applicable agencies and regulations. Failure of SEVT to specifically identify such regulations in the specifications does not relieve the BIDDER of the responsibility to meet them. BIDDER certifies that the vehicles meet federal safety, noise level and exhaust emission standards as well as Vermont safety standards.

Date _____

Signature _____

Company Name _____

Title _____

End of IFB