



ST. TAMMANY PARISH

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NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

St. Tammany Parish Government is seeking responses for the following project:

RFP# 21-11-3 – STAR Transit Urban Operations 2021

Responses will be received by the Department of Procurement, until **2:00 p.m. CST Wednesday, June 16, 2021**. RFP responses will be opened publicly at the physical location as stated in Section 1.4 of the RFP documents and only respondents who have submitted an RFP response shall be identified aloud. Prices shall not be read. Each response will be evaluated by designated Parish personnel after the submission deadline and public opening has passed.

Each Proposal must be sealed. The outside of the envelope, box or package should be marked with the Proposer's Name and Address, the Proposal Name, the RFP #, and the Proposal Opening Date.

The successful Respondent must supply St. Tammany Parish Government with all required documentation as specified in the RFP documents. Said Respondent must also be in Good Standing and licensed to do business in the State of Louisiana.

Specifications may be obtained online at <http://www.stpgov.org/>. It is the Vendor's responsibility to check the Parish website frequently for any possible addenda that may be issued. The Parish is not responsible for a Vendor's failure to download any addenda documents required to complete a submission.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and in an effort to help slow the spread of the virus, Openings will take place outside at the "Pavilion" of Building B located at 21454 Koop Drive, Mandeville, La. 70471. Any questions regarding this should be directed to the Department of Procurement via email at purchasing@stpgov.org. Please call the Procurement office at 985-898-2520 and we will meet you at the front entrance of Building B to collect bids and issue a receipt.

Proposals will be received at the St. Tammany Parish Government Department of Procurement Office, 21454 Koop Dr., Suite 2F, Mandeville LA., 70471 from each Respondent or his agent, or by certified mail with return receipt requested.

Procurement Department

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
ST. TAMMANY PARISH GOVERNMENT
STAR Transit Urban Operations 2021



RFP Number: 21-11-3

Proposal Opening Date: Wednesday, June 16, 2021

Proposal Opening Time: 2:00PM

May 7, 2021

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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
FOR
STAR Transit Urban Operations 2021**

PART I: OVERVIEW

1.1 Background/Purpose

The purpose of this Request for Proposal (RFP) is to obtain proposals from qualified Proposers who are interested in providing a transit operations to urban demand-response service. Submittal of a proposal does not create any right or expectation to a contract with the Parish.

1.2 Definitions

A. Shall – The term “shall” denotes mandatory requirements.

B. Must - The term “must” denotes mandatory requirements.

C. May - The term “may” denotes an advisory or permissible action.

D. Should – The term “should” denotes a desirable action.

E. Contractor – A Proposer who contracts with the Parish.

F. Parish - St. Tammany Parish Government.

G. Discussions- For the purposes of this RFP, a formal, structured means of conducting written or oral communications/presentations with responsible Proposers who submit proposals in response to this RFP.

H. RFP – Request for Proposal.

I. Proposer – Person or entity responding to this RFP.

J. Agreement – A contract between the Contractor and the Parish.

K. Evaluation Committee – Committee established for the purposes of evaluating proposals submitted in response to this RFP.

1.3 Schedule of Events

| | <u>Date</u> | <u>Time (CT)</u> |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| 1. RFP Available | May 19, 2021 | 8:00AM |
| 2. Deadline to receive written inquiries | June 7, 2021 | 2:00PM |
| 3. Deadline to answer written inquiries | June 11, 2021 | 2:00PM |
| 4. Proposal Opening Date (deadline for submitting proposals) | June 16, 2021 | 2:00PM |
| 5. Oral discussions with proposers, if applicable | <i>To be scheduled</i> | |
| 6. Notice of Intent to Award to be mailed | <i>To be scheduled</i> | |
| 7. Contract Initiation | <i>To be scheduled</i> | |

NOTE: The Parish reserves the right to revise this schedule. Any such revision will be formalized by the issuance of an addendum to the RFP.

1.4 Proposal Submittal

This RFP may be obtained online at <http://stpgov.org/>.

It is the Proposer's responsibility to check the Parish website frequently for any possible addenda that may be issued. The Parish is not responsible for a proposer's failure to download any addenda documents required to complete an RFP.

All proposals shall be received by the Procurement Department **no later than the date and time shown in the Schedule of Events.**

Important - - Clearly mark outside of the sealed envelope, box or package with the following information and format:

- X **Name and Address of Proposer**
- X **Proposal Name: STAR Transit Urban Operations 2021**
- X **RFP #: 21-11-3**
- X **Proposal Opening Date: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 2:00PM**

Proposals may only be sent via certified mail, hand-delivery or courier service to our physical location at:

St. Tammany Parish Government Procurement Department
21454 Koop Drive, Suite 2F
Mandeville, Louisiana 70471

Proposer is solely responsible for ensuring that its courier service provider makes inside deliveries to our physical location. The Parish is not responsible for any delays caused by the proposer's chosen means of proposal delivery.

Proposer is solely responsible for the timely delivery of its proposal. Failure to meet the proposal opening date and time shall result in rejection of the proposal.

PROPOSALS SHALL BE OPENED PUBLICLY AT THE PHYSICAL LOCATION IDENTIFIED ABOVE AND ONLY PROPOSERS SUBMITTING PROPOSALS SHALL BE IDENTIFIED ALOUD. PRICES SHALL NOT BE READ.

1.5 Proposal Response Format

Proposals submitted for consideration should follow the format and order of presentation described below:

- A. **Cover Letter:** The cover letter should exhibit the Proposer's understanding and approach to the project. It should contain a summary of Proposer's ability to perform the services described in the RFP and confirm that Proposer is willing to perform those services and enter into a contract with the Parish.

ATTENTION: Please indicate in the Cover Letter which of the following applies to the signer of this proposal. Evidence of signature authority shall be provided upon the Parish's request.

1. The signer of the proposal is either a corporate officer who is listed on the most current annual report on file with the secretary of state **or** a member of a partnership or partnership in commendam as reflected in the most current partnership records on file with the secretary of state. **A copy of the annual report or partnership record must be submitted to the Parish before contract award.**
2. The signer of the proposal is a representative of the Proposer authorized to submit this proposal as evidenced by documents such as, corporate resolution, certification as to corporate principal, etc. **If this applies, a copy of the resolution, certification or other supportive documents must be submitted to the Parish before contract award.**

The cover letter should also:

1. Identify the submitting Proposer and provide its federal tax identification number;

2. Identify the name, title, address, telephone number, fax number, and email address of each person authorized by the Proposer to contractually obligate the Proposer; and
3. Identify the name, address, telephone number, fax number, and email address of the contact person for technical and contractual clarifications throughout the evaluation period.

- B. **Table of Contents:** Organized in the order cited in the format contained herein.
- C. **Proposer Qualifications and Experience:** History and background of Proposer, financial strength and stability, related services provided to government entities, existing customer satisfaction, volume of merchants, etc. Proposer should specifically provide a description of all relevant consulting assignments similar to the Project requested herein which have been completed by the Proposer within the last three (3) years ("Recent Projects").

The description of any such Recent Projects should include the following:

1. Name of the client;
2. Year of the assignment and length of time to complete the project;
3. Nature of the services rendered; and
4. Professionals assigned to the project who are also proposed to serve on this assignment.

- D. **Proposed Solution/Technical Response:** Illustrating and describing proposed technical solution and compliance with the RFP requirements.
- E. **Innovative Concepts:** Presentation of innovative concepts, if any, for consideration.
- F. **Project Schedule:** Detailed schedule of implementation plan. This schedule is to include implementation actions, timelines, responsible parties, etc.
- G. **Financial Proposal:** **Proposer's fees and other costs, if any, shall be submitted on Attachment "G".** Prices proposed shall be firm for the duration of the contract. This financial proposal shall include any and all costs the Proposer wishes to have considered in the contractual arrangement with the Parish.
- H. **References:** Proposer should provide names, addresses, telephone numbers and contact persons for five (5) other public jurisdictions for which comparable services have recently been rendered, including a description of the services provided.
- I. **Customer Service:** Each Proposer should submit a provision for customer service, including personnel assigned, toll-free number, and account inquiry, etc.
- J. **Resumes:** Each Proposer should submit resumes for account manager, designated customer service representative(s) and any other key personnel to be assigned to this Project, including those of subcontractors, if any.

- K. **Financial Stability Statement:** Each Proposer should submit information demonstrating the Proposer's financial stability (financial statements, annual reports, or similar data for the last three years).
- L. **Additional Information:** Each Proposer should submit any other information deemed pertinent by the Proposer including terms and conditions which the Proposer wishes the Parish to consider.
- M. **Acknowledgment and Waiver:** Proposer shall execute and have notarized an Acknowledgment and Waiver (Attachment "C" hereto).
- N. **Multiple Copies of Response:** Each Proposer shall submit one (1) signed original response. Four (4) additional copies of the proposal should be provided, as well as one (1) redacted copy, if applicable (See Section 5.2), and one (1) electronic version shall be submitted with your response.

PART II: SCOPE OF WORK/SERVICES

2.1 Scope of Work/Services

St. Tammany Parish is seeking a contractor to provide demand-response curb to curb transit service within the Parish's urbanized areas as designated by the U.S. Census Bureau. A full description of the scope of services is found in 'Attachment A'.

See Attachment A.

2.2 Period of Agreement

The term of this contract shall be for a three (3) year period beginning on the date the Parish provides the Contractor with a written Notice to Proceed. The contract may be extended for up to two(2) additional one(1) year terms. The Parish shall pay the Contractor based on an hourly rate. The Parish, but not the Contractor, shall have the right to extend the contract by posting in the mail or delivering to the Contractor a notice of extension no later than three months prior to end of the expiring term.

The Contractor shall have the obligation to cooperate with the Parish to the maximum extent possible in the event the contract is awarded to another Contractor in the future.

The term of any contract resulting from this solicitation shall begin on October 1, 2021 and renew annually on October 1st. The contract shall terminate pursuant to the terms and conditions of section 5.31 herein, the terms and conditions of the contract, operation of law, as agreed between the parties, or upon satisfactory completion of all services and obligations described in the contract.

2.3 Price Schedule

Prices proposed by the Proposers shall be firm for the term of the contract.

2.4 Deliverables

The deliverables listed in this section are the minimum desired from the successful Proposer. Every Proposer should describe what deliverables will be provided per their proposal and how the proposed deliverables will be provided.

2.5 Location

Urbanized Areas of St. Tammany Parish.

PART III: EVALUATION

The evaluation committee shall assign points to its evaluation of each Proposal as follows:

| Evaluation Criteria | Possible Points |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Proposed Solution/Technical Response | 30 |
| Qualifications of the Proposer, including, but not limited to, its experience and personnel assigned to the Project | 20 |
| Financial Proposal: The following formula will be used to award points for the price proposal evaluation: $(\text{Lowest Total Proposal Cost received}) / (\text{Total Proposal Cost under evaluation}) \times 35 = \text{Price proposal score}$ | 35 |
| Local Match Proposal - The following formula will be used to award points for the price proposal evaluation: $(\text{Total Local Match Proposal under evaluation}) / (\text{Highest Total Local Match Proposal received}) \times 15 = \text{Local Match Proposal score}$ | 15 |
| Total | 100 |

The proposal will be evaluated in light of the material and the substantiating evidence presented to the Parish, not on the basis of what may be inferred.

The scores will be combined to determine the overall score. The Proposer with the highest overall score will be recommended for award.

PART IV: PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

4.1 Performance Requirements

Fuel cap/contribution: Maximum to be paid is \$80,000 per year based on current prices. Should a spike in fuel prices occur, it will be addressed on a case by case basis by the Parish.

4.2 Performance Measurement/Evaluation

Omitted as not applicable to this RFP.

PART V: GENERAL PROVISIONS

5.1 Legibility/Clarity

Responses to the requirements of this RFP in the formats requested are desirable with all questions answered in as much detail as practicable. The Proposer's response is to demonstrate an understanding of the requirements. Proposals prepared simply and economically, providing a straightforward, concise description of the Proposer's ability to meet the requirements of the RFP is also desired. Each Proposer is solely responsible for the accuracy and completeness of its proposal.

5.2 Confidential Information, Trade Secrets, and Proprietary Information

The designation of certain information as trade secrets and/or privileged or confidential proprietary information shall only apply to the technical portion of the proposal. The cost proposal will not be considered confidential under any circumstance. Any proposal copyrighted or marked as confidential or proprietary in its entirety may be rejected without further consideration or recourse.

For the purposes of this procurement, the provisions of the Louisiana Public Records Act (LSA-R.S. 44.1, *et. seq.*) will be in effect. Pursuant to this Act, all proceedings, records, contracts, and other public documents relating to this procurement shall be open to public inspection. Proposers are reminded that while trade secrets and other proprietary information they submit in conjunction with this procurement may not be subject to public disclosure, protections must be claimed by the Proposer at the time of submission of its Technical Proposal. Proposers should refer to the Louisiana Public Records Act for further clarification.

The Proposer must clearly designate the part of the proposal that contains a trade secret and/or privileged or confidential proprietary information as "confidential" in order to claim protection, if any, from disclosure. The Proposer shall mark the cover sheet of the proposal with the following legend, specifying the specific section(s) of his proposal sought to be restricted in accordance with the conditions of the legend:

"The data contained in pages _____ of the proposal have been submitted in confidence and contain trade secrets and/or privileged or confidential information and such data shall only be disclosed for evaluation purposes, provided that if a contract is awarded to this Proposer as a result of or in connection with the submission of this proposal, the Parish of St. Tammany shall have the right to use or disclose the data therein to the extent provided in the contract. This restriction does not limit the Parish of St. Tammany's right to use or disclose data obtained from any source, including the Proposer, without restrictions."

Further, to protect such data, each page containing such data shall be specifically identified and marked "CONFIDENTIAL".

Proposers must be prepared to defend the reasons why the material should be held confidential. If a competing proposer or other person seeks review or copies of another proposer's confidential

data, the Parish will notify the owner of the asserted data of the request. If the owner of the asserted data does not want the information disclosed, it must agree to indemnify the Parish and hold the Parish harmless against all actions or court proceedings that may ensue (including attorney's fees), which seek to order the Parish to disclose the information. If the owner of the asserted data refuses to indemnify and hold the state harmless, the Parish may disclose the information.

The Parish reserves the right to make any proposal, including proprietary information contained therein, available to Parish personnel, the Parish Council, or other Parish and state agencies or organizations for the sole purpose of assisting the Parish in its evaluation of the proposal. The Parish shall require said individuals to protect the confidentiality of any specifically identified proprietary information or privileged business information obtained as a result of their participation in these evaluations.

If your proposal contains confidential information, you should also submit a redacted copy along with your proposal. If you do not submit the redacted copy, you will be required to submit this copy within 48 hours of notification from the Procurement Department. When submitting your redacted copy, you should clearly mark the cover as such - "REDACTED COPY" - to avoid having this copy reviewed by an evaluation committee member. The redacted copy should also state which sections or information have been removed.

5.3 Proposal Clarifications Prior to Submittal

5.3.1 Pre-proposal Conference

Omitted as not applicable to this RFP.

5.3.2 Proposer Inquiry Periods

The Parish shall not and cannot permit an open-ended inquiry period, as this creates an unwarranted delay in the procurement cycle and Parish operations. The Parish reasonably expects and requires *responsible and interested* proposers to conduct their in-depth proposal review and submit inquiries in a timely manner.

An inquiry period is hereby firmly set for all interested Proposers to perform a detailed review of the proposal documents and to submit any written inquiries relative thereto. *Without exception*, all inquiries MUST be submitted in writing by an authorized representative of the Proposer, clearly cross-referenced to the relevant solicitation section (even if an answer has already been given to an oral question during a Pre-proposal Conference). All inquiries must be received by the close of business on the Inquiry Deadline date set forth in Section 1.3 Schedule of Events of this RFP. Only those inquiries received by the established deadline shall be considered by the Parish. Inquiries received after the established deadline shall not be entertained.

Inquiries concerning this solicitation may be delivered by e-mail or hand-delivery to:

St. Tammany Parish Government Procurement Department
Attn: Anthony Smith
21454 Koop Drive, Suite 2F
Mandeville, Louisiana 70471
E-Mail: purchasing@stpgov.org

An addendum will be issued and posted at the Parish website, www.stpgov.org, to address all inquiries received and any other changes or clarifications to the solicitation. Thereafter, all proposal documents, including but not limited to the specifications, terms, conditions, plans, etc., will stand as written and/or amended by any addendum. No negotiations, decisions, or actions shall be executed by any Proposer as a result of any oral discussions with any Parish employee or Parish consultant. It is the Proposer's responsibility to check the Parish website frequently for any possible addenda that may be issued. The Parish is not responsible for a Proposer's failure to download any addenda documents required to complete an RFP.

Proposer shall be aware that this RFP is not subject to the Louisiana Public Bid Law or the Louisiana Procurement Code. As such, Proposers are not provided an opportunity to protest the process or results of this RFP.

5.4 Errors and Omissions in Proposal

The Parish will not be liable for any error in the proposal. Proposer will not be allowed to alter proposal documents after the deadline for proposal submission, except under the following condition: the Parish reserves the right to make corrections or clarifications due to patent errors identified in proposals by the Parish or the Proposer. The Parish, at its option, has the right to request clarification or additional information from the Proposer.

5.5 Proposal Guarantee

Omitted as not applicable to this RFP.

5.6 Performance Bond

Omitted as not applicable to this RFP.

5.7 Changes, Addenda, Withdrawals

The Parish reserves the right to change the Schedule of Events or issue Addenda to the RFP at any time. The Parish also reserves the right to cancel or reissue the RFP.

If the Proposer needs to submit changes or addenda, such shall be submitted in writing, signed by an authorized representative of the Proposer, cross-referenced clearly to the relevant proposal section, prior to the proposal opening, and should be submitted in a sealed envelope. Such shall meet all requirements for the proposal.

5.8 Withdrawal of Proposal

A Proposer may withdraw a proposal that has been submitted at any time up to the proposal closing date and time. To accomplish this, a written request signed by the authorized representative of the Proposer must be submitted to the Procurement Department.

5.9 Material in the RFP

Proposals shall be based only on the material contained in this RFP. The RFP includes official responses to questions, addenda, and other material, which may be provided by the Parish pursuant to the RFP.

5.10 Waiver of Administrative Informalities

The Parish reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to waive administrative informalities contained in any proposal.

5.11 Proposal Rejection

Issuance of this RFP in no way constitutes a commitment by the Parish to award a contract. The Parish reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals submitted or to cancel this RFP if it is in the best interest of the Parish to do so.

5.12 Ownership of Proposal

All materials (paper content only) submitted in response to this request become the property of the Parish. Selection or rejection of a response does not affect this right. All proposals submitted will be retained by the Parish and not returned to Proposers. Any copyrighted materials in the response are not transferred to the Parish.

5.13 Cost of Offer Preparation

The Parish is not liable for any costs incurred by prospective Proposers or Contractors prior to issuance of or entering into a Contract. Costs associated with developing the proposal, preparing for oral presentations, and any other expenses incurred by the Proposer in responding to the RFP are entirely the responsibility of the Proposer, and shall not be reimbursed in any manner by the Parish.

5.14 Non-negotiable Contract Terms

Non-negotiable contract terms include but are not limited to taxes, assignment of contract, audit of records, EEOC and ADA compliance, record retention, content of contract/order of precedence, contract changes, governing law, claims or controversies, and termination based on contingency of appropriation of funds.

5.15 Taxes

Any taxes, other than state and local sales and use taxes from which the Parish is exempt, shall be assumed to be included within the Proposer's cost.

5.16 Proposal Validity

All proposals shall be considered valid for acceptance until such time an award is made, unless the Proposer provides for a different time period within its proposal response. However, the Parish reserves the right to reject a proposal if the Proposer's acceptance period is unacceptable and the Proposer is unwilling to extend the validity of its proposal.

5.17 Prime Contractor Responsibilities

The selected Proposer shall be required to assume responsibility for all items and services offered in his proposal whether or not he produces or provides them. The Parish shall consider the

selected Proposer to be the sole point of contact with regard to contractual matters, including payment of any and all charges resulting from the contract.

5.18 Use of Subcontractors

Each Contractor shall serve as the single prime contractor for all work performed pursuant to its contract. That prime contractor shall be responsible for all deliverables referenced in this RFP. This general requirement notwithstanding, Proposers may enter into subcontractor arrangements. Proposers may submit a proposal in response to this RFP, which identifies subcontract(s) with others, provided that the prime contractor acknowledges total responsibility for the entire contract.

If it becomes necessary for the prime contractor to use subcontractors, the Parish urges the prime contractor to use Louisiana vendors, including small and emerging businesses, a small entrepreneurship or a veteran or service-connected disabled veteran-owned small entrepreneurship, if practical. In all events, any subcontractor used by the prime should be identified to the Parish.

Information required of the prime contractor under the terms of this RFP, is also required for each subcontractor and the subcontractors must agree to be bound by the terms of the contract. The prime contractor shall assume total responsibility for compliance.

5.19 Written or Oral Discussions/Presentations

Written or oral discussions may be conducted with Proposers who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award; however, the Parish reserves the right to enter into an Agreement without further discussion of the proposal submitted based on the initial offers received. Any such written or oral discussion shall be initiated by the Parish.

Any commitments or representations made during these discussions, if conducted, may become formally recorded in the final contract.

Written or oral discussions/presentations for clarification may be conducted to enhance the Parish's understanding of any or all of the proposals submitted. Any such written or oral discussions/presentations shall be initiated by the Parish. Proposals may be accepted without such discussions.

5.20 Acceptance of Proposal Content

The mandatory RFP requirements shall become contractual obligations if a contract ensues. Failure of the successful Proposer to accept these obligations shall result in the rejection of the proposal.

5.21 Evaluation and Selection

All responses received as a result of this RFP are subject to evaluation by the Evaluation Committee for the purpose of selecting the Proposer with whom the Parish shall contract.

To evaluate all proposals, a committee whose members have expertise in various areas has been selected. This committee will determine which proposals are reasonably susceptible of being selected for award. If required, written or oral discussions may be conducted with any or all of

the Proposers to make this determination. Any such written or oral discussions shall be initiated by the Evaluation Committee.

Results of the evaluations will be provided by the Evaluation Committee to the Procurement Director. Written recommendation for award shall be made for the Proposer whose proposal, conforming to the RFP, will be the most advantageous to the Parish, price and other factors considered.

The committee may reject any or all proposals if none is considered in the best interest of the Parish.

5.22 Contract Negotiations

If for any reason the Proposer whose proposal is most responsive to the Parish's needs, price and other evaluation factors set forth in the RFP considered, does not agree to a contract, that proposal shall be rejected and the Parish may negotiate with the next most responsive Proposer. Negotiation may include revision of non-mandatory terms, conditions, and requirements. The Procurement Department must approve the final contract form and issue a purchase order, if applicable, to complete the process.

5.23 Contract Award and Execution

The Parish reserves the right to enter into a contract without further discussion of the proposal submitted based on the initial offers received.

The RFP, including any addenda, and the proposal of the selected Contractor will become part of any contract initiated by the Parish.

Proposers are discouraged from submitting their own standard terms and conditions with their proposals. Proposers should address the specific language in the sample contract in Attachment "B" of this RFP and submit any exceptions or deviations the Proposer wishes to negotiate. The proposed terms will be negotiated before a final contract is entered. Mandatory terms and conditions are not negotiable.

If the contract negotiation period exceeds thirty (30) days or if the selected Proposer fails to sign the contract within **twenty (20) calendar** days of delivery of it, the Parish may elect to cancel the award and award the contract to the next-highest-ranked Proposer.

Award shall be made to the Proposer with the highest points, whose proposal, conforming to the RFP, will be the most advantageous to the Parish, price and other factors considered.

The Parish intends to award to a single Proposer.

5.24 Protest Procedure

The letting of any public contract in connection with funds that are granted or advanced by the United States of America shall be subject to the effect, if any, of related laws of said United States and valid rules and regulations of federal agencies in charge, or governing use and payment of such federal funds.

Protests based on alleged solicitation improprieties that are apparent before the bid/RFP/RFQ/Quote opening, or the time set for receipt of initial proposals, must be filed with and received by the Procurement Department BEFORE these times. Any other protest shall be filed no later than ten (10) calendar days after: the bid/RFP/RFQ/Quote opening; the basis of the protest is known; or the basis of the protest should have been known (whichever is earlier). Only protests from interested parties will be allowed

It is the Parish's policy to provide a method to protest exclusion from a competition or from the award of a contract, or to challenge an alleged solicitation irregularity. It is always better to seek a resolution within the Parish system before resorting to outside agencies and/or litigation to resolve differences. All protests must be made in writing, and shall be concise and logically presented to facilitate review by the Parish. The written protest shall include:

1. The protester's name, address, and fax and telephone numbers and the solicitation, bid/RFP/RFQ/Quote, or contract number;
2. A detailed statement of its legal and factual grounds, including a description of the resulting prejudice to the protester;
3. Copies of relevant documents;
4. All information establishing that the protester is an interested party and that the protest is timely; and
5. A request for a ruling by the agency and a statement of the form of relief requested.

The protest shall be addressed to Mr. Anthony Smith, St. Tammany Parish Government Department of Procurement, P.O. Box 628, Covington, LA 70434

The protest review shall be conducted by the St. Tammany Parish Government Legal Department.

The Parish will use its best efforts to resolve the protest within thirty (30) days of the date that it is received by the Parish. The written response will be sent to the protestor via mail and fax, if a fax number has been provided by the protestor. The protester may request additional methods of notification.

5.25 Notice of Intent to Award

Upon review and approval of the evaluation committee's and agency's recommendation for award, the Procurement Department will issue a "Notice of Intent to Award" letter to the apparent successful Proposer. A contract shall be completed and signed by all parties concerned on or before the date indicated in the "Schedule of Events." If this date is not met, through no fault of the Parish, the Parish may elect to cancel the "Notice of Intent to Award" letter and make the award to the next most advantageous Proposer.

The Procurement Department will also notify all unsuccessful Proposers as to the outcome of the evaluation process. The evaluation factors, points, evaluation committee member names, and the completed evaluation summary and recommendation report will be made available to all interested parties after the "Notice of Intent to Award" letter has been issued.

5.26 Insurance Requirements

The Contractor shall comply with all insurance requirements of the Parish as contained in Attachment "D". All policies of insurance shall meet the requirements of the Parish prior to the commencing of any work. The Parish has the right, but not the duty, to approve all insurance policies prior to the commencing of any work. Contractor shall furnish the Parish with certificates of insurance effecting coverage(s) required by the RFP (see Attachment "D"). The certificates for each insurance policy are to be signed by a person authorized by that insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. The certificates are to be received and approved by the Parish before work commences. The Parish reserves the right to require complete certified copies of all required policies, at any time.

5.27 Subcontractor Insurance

The Contractor shall include all subcontractors as insured's under its policies or shall insure that all subcontractors satisfy the same insurance requirements stated herein for the contractor.

5.28 Indemnification and Limitation of Liability

Neither party shall be liable for any delay or failure in performance beyond its control resulting from acts of God or force majeure. The parties shall use reasonable efforts to eliminate or minimize the effect of such events upon performance of their respective duties under the contract.

Contractor shall be fully liable for the actions of its agents, employees, partners or subcontractors and shall fully indemnify and hold harmless the Parish from suits, actions, damages and costs of every name and description relating to personal injury and damage to real or personal tangible property caused by Contractor, its agents, employees, partners or subcontractors in the performance of the contract, without limitation; provided, however, that the Contractor shall not indemnify for that portion of any claim, loss or damage arising hereunder due to the negligent act or failure to act of the Parish. In connection therewith, the Contractor shall execute the Hold Harmless Agreement furnished by the Parish (Attachment "E"). Work may not commence until such Hold Harmless Agreement is executed by the Contractor and received by the Parish.

Contractor will indemnify, defend and hold the Parish harmless, **without limitation**, from and against any and all damages, expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees), claims judgments, liabilities and costs which may be finally assessed against the Parish in any action for infringement of a United States Letter Patent with respect to the Products, Materials, or Services furnished, or of any copyright, trademark, trade secret or intellectual property right, provided that the Parish shall give the Contractor: (i) prompt written notice of any action, claim or threat of infringement suit, or other suit, (ii) the opportunity to take over, settle or defend such action, claim or suit at Contractor's sole expense, and (iii) assistance in the defense of any such action at the expense of Contractor. Where a dispute or claim arises relative to a real or anticipated infringement, the Parish may require Contractor, at its sole expense, to submit such information and documentation, including formal patent attorney opinions, as the Parish shall require.

The Contractor shall not be obligated to indemnify that portion of a claim or dispute based upon: (i) Parish's unauthorized modification or alteration of a Product, Material, or Service; (ii) Parish's use of the Product, Material, or Service in combination with other products, materials, or services not furnished by Contractor; (iii) Parish's use in other than the specified operating conditions and environment.

In addition to the foregoing, if the use of any item(s) or part(s) thereof shall be enjoined for any reason or if Contractor believes that it may be enjoined, Contractor shall have the right, at its own expense and sole discretion as the Parish's exclusive remedy to take action in the following order of precedence: (i) to procure for the Parish the right to continue using such item(s) or part(s) thereof, as applicable; (ii) to modify the component so that it becomes non-infringing equipment of at least equal quality and performance; or (iii) to replace said item(s) or part(s) thereof, as applicable, with non-infringing components of at least equal quality and performance, or (iv) if none of the foregoing is commercially reasonable, then provide monetary compensation to the Parish up to the dollar amount of the Contract.

The Parish may, in addition to other remedies available to them at law or equity and upon notice to the Contractor, retain such monies from amounts due Contractor, or may proceed against the performance and payment bond, if any, as may be necessary to satisfy any claim for damages, penalties, costs and the like asserted by or against them.

5.29 Fidelity Bond Requirements

Omitted as not applicable to this RFP.

5.30 Payment

All monthly reports/invoicing must be in the STPG Grants Department by 12:00 pm on the 10th of each month.

Fuel costs should be submitted as a line item in invoices separate from the hourly represented in the Total Proposal Cost that is submitted in the proposal.

5.30.1 Payment for Services

The Parish shall pay Contractor in accordance with the Pricing Schedule set forth in Attachment "A". The Contractor may invoice the Parish monthly at the billing address designated by the Parish. Payments will be made by the Parish within approximately thirty (30) days after receipt of a properly executed invoice, and approval by the Parish. Invoices shall include the purchase order number. Invoices submitted without this information will not be approved for payment until the required information is provided/reflected on the invoice.

5.31 Termination

5.31.1 Termination of the Contract for Cause

The Parish may terminate the contract for cause based upon the failure of the Contractor to comply with the terms and/or conditions of the contract, or failure to fulfill its performance obligations pursuant to the contract, provided that the Parish shall give the Contractor written notice specifying the Contractor's failure. If within thirty (30) days after receipt of such notice, the Contractor shall not have corrected such failure or, in the case of failure which cannot be corrected in thirty (30) days, begun in good faith to correct such failure and thereafter proceeded diligently

to complete such correction, then the Parish may, at its option, place the Contractor in default and the contract shall terminate on the date specified in such notice.

The Contractor may exercise any rights available to it under Louisiana law to terminate for cause upon the failure of the Parish to comply with the terms and conditions of the contract, provided that the Contractor shall give the Parish written notice specifying the Parish's failure and a reasonable opportunity for the Parish to cure the defect.

5.31.2 Termination of the Contract for Convenience

The Parish may terminate the contract at any time by giving thirty (30) days written notice to the Contractor of such termination or negotiating with the Contractor an effective date.

The Contractor shall be entitled to payment for deliverables in progress, to the extent work has been performed satisfactorily.

5.31.3 Termination for Non-Appropriation of Funds

The continuance of the contract is contingent upon the appropriation of funds to fulfill the requirements of the contract by the Parish Council. If the Parish Council fails to appropriate sufficient monies to provide for the continuation of the contract, or if such appropriation is reduced for any lawful purpose, and the effect of such reduction is to provide insufficient monies for the continuation of the contract, the contract shall terminate on the date of the beginning of the first fiscal year for which funds are not appropriated.

5.32 Assignment

The Contractor shall not assign any interest in the contract by assignment, transfer, or novation, without prior written consent of the Parish. This provision shall not be construed to prohibit the contractor from assigning his bank, trust company, or other financial institution any money due or to become due from approved contracts without such prior written consent. Notice of any such assignment or transfer shall be furnished promptly to the Parish.

5.33 No Guarantee of Quantities

The quantities referenced in the RFP are estimated to be the amount needed. In the event a greater or lesser quantity is needed, the right is reserved by the Parish to increase or decrease the amount, at the unit price stated in the proposal.

The Parish does not obligate itself to contract for or accept more than its actual requirements during the period of the contract, as determined by actual needs and availability of appropriated funds.

5.34 Audit of Records

The Parish Auditor, state auditors, federal auditors or others so designated by the Parish, shall have the option to audit all accounts directly pertaining to the resulting contract for a period of five (5) years after Project acceptance or as required by applicable State and Federal law. Records shall be made available during normal working hours for this purpose.

5.35 Civil Rights Compliance

The Contractor agrees to abide by the requirements of the following as applicable: Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended by the Equal Opportunity Act of 1972, Federal Executive Order 11246, the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, the Vietnam Era Veteran's Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the Age Act of 1975, and Contractor agrees to abide by the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Contractor agrees not to discriminate in its employment practices, and will render services under the contract and any contract without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, veteran status, political affiliation, or disabilities. Any act of discrimination committed by Contractor, or failure to comply with these statutory obligations when applicable shall be grounds for termination of the contract.

5.36 Record Retention

The Contractor shall maintain all records in relation to the contract for a period of at least five (5) years after final payment.

5.37 Record Ownership

All records, reports, documents, or other material related to any contract resulting from this RFP and/or obtained or prepared by Contractor in connection with the performance of the services contracted for herein shall become the property of the Parish and shall, upon request, be returned by Contractor to the Parish, at Contractor's expense, at termination or expiration of the contract.

5.38 Content of Contract/ Order of Precedence

In the event of an inconsistency between the contract, the RFP and/or the Contractor's Proposal, the inconsistency shall be resolved by giving precedence first to the final contract, then to the RFP and subsequent addenda (if any) and finally, the Contractor's Proposal.

5.39 Contract Changes

No additional changes, enhancements, or modifications to any contract resulting from this RFP shall be made without the prior approval of the Parish.

Changes to the contract include any change in: compensation; beginning/ ending date of the contract; scope of work; and/or Contractor change through the Assignment of Contract process. Any such changes, once approved, will result in the issuance of an amendment to the contract.

5.40 Substitution of Personnel

The Parish intends to include in any contract resulting from this RFP the following condition:

Substitution of Personnel: If, during the term of the contract, the Contractor or subcontractor cannot provide the personnel as proposed and requests a substitution, that substitution shall meet or exceed the requirements stated herein. A detailed resume of qualifications and justification is to be submitted to the Parish for approval prior to any personnel substitution. It shall be

acknowledged by the Contractor that every reasonable attempt shall be made to assign the personnel listed in the Contractor's proposal.

5.41 Governing Law

All activities associated with this RFP process shall be interpreted under Louisiana Law. All proposals and contracts submitted are subject to provisions of the laws of the State of Louisiana and specifications listed in this RFP. Jurisdiction and venue for any suit filed in connection with this RFP process and contract shall be exclusive to the 22nd Judicial District Court for the Parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana.

5.42 Anti-Kickback Clause

The Contractor hereby agrees to adhere to the mandate dictated by the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act which provides that each Contractor or subgrantee shall be prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the completion of work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he is otherwise entitled.

5.43 Clean Air Act

The Contractor hereby agrees to adhere to the provisions which require compliance with all applicable standards, orders or requirements issued under Section 306 of the Clean Air Act which prohibits the use under non-exempt Federal contracts, grants or loans of facilities included on the EPA list of Violating Facilities.

5.44 Energy Policy and Conservation Act

The Contractor hereby recognizes the 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 (P.L. 94-163).

5.45 Clean Water Act

The Contractor hereby agrees to adhere to the provisions which require compliance with all applicable standards, orders, or requirements issued under Section 508 of the Clean Water Act which prohibits the use under non-exempt Federal contracts, grants or loans of facilities included on the EPA List of Violating Facilities.

5.46 Anti-Lobbying and Debarment Act

The Contractor will be expected to comply with Federal statutes required in the Anti-Lobbying Act and the Debarment Act.

ATTACHMENT “A”

Scope of Work

The Parish is seeking a transportation services provider to operate the STAR Transit Urban operations. The provider will also be able to identify or contribute funds that may serve as a qualifying local match to FTA grant funds. The Parish will pay all fuel cost up to \$80,000 a year; amounts over \$80,000 is the responsibility of the contractor. The contract services will begin October 1, 2021.

Contractor’s Responsibilities

Successful operation of the STAR Transit services will require the following practices, for which the Contractor will be contractually obligated to satisfactorily perform according to the Parish’s oversight and compliance guidelines. Each of these elements must be acknowledged and/or described in Respondents’ proposals.

1. STAR Transit Urban Service

This service will provide demand-response curb to curb transit service within the Parish’s urbanized areas as designated by the U.S. Census Bureau. The trip must originate and terminate within these urban areas. No urban trip is allowed to originate in urban area and terminate in rural area under the current FTA guidelines.

The Parish has funding constraints and the contractor will be required to work within the budget to provide as many trips as possible. In 2019 (last full year pre-covid), approximately 33,000 *service* hours and 78,000 trips were provided annually by the incumbent contractor and the Parish aims to maintain or increase this level of service in the future. These are the service characteristics that the Parish will aim to provide at a minimum:

1. 32,000 annual *revenue* hours
2. Transit service is to be provided from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday to Friday.
3. The following holidays will be observed with no service provided: New Year’s Day; MLK Day, Mardi Gras, Good Friday, Memorial Day; July 4th; Labor Day; Thanksgiving Day, Day after Thanksgiving; Christmas Eve; and Christmas Day.
If a holiday falls on a weekend, service will not operate on the day the holiday is officially observed.
4. A total of at least ten (10) wheelchair accessible transit vehicles will be provided each with a capacity of at least 12 to 20 passengers. The Parish will purchase additional vehicles as the current fleet reaches its useful life as determined by FTA regulations. The contractor is expected to provide additional vehicles to be utilized in the transit operations. These vehicles must meet FTA’s ADA requirements. The amount of contractor vehicles to be used is at the discretion of the contractor as long as the 32,000 annual revenue hours are met.

It is the expectation of the Parish that the Contractor will provide service to customers to the greatest extent possible within the budget constraints. The demand for service within the parish varies greatly throughout the day and week. A Contractor will be required to respond appropriately with added vehicles during high demand periods and reduce the number of vehicles at low demand times to conserve resources.

Local Match

The Parish strongly desires a contractor that can provide or identify existing funding sources that may act as local match for federal grant funds. Please review document FTA Circular "5010.1D" for a list of eligible funding sources, including in-kind contributions. The current total local match for this program is approximately \$722,000 annually. The Parish is requiring the potential contractor to provide or identify approximately \$600,000 annually for the remaining match.

Facilities

The Contractor shall provide suitable facilities that will accommodate all functions to be performed by the Contractor within St. Tammany Parish. This includes: reservation/call center, billing department, maintenance (may be out sourced) and storage facilities as well as all furnishings, equipment, and supplies. The quality and size of the facility is up to the discretion of the Contractor, but the Parish requires a facility that will ensure that the vehicles used for the service will be maintained properly and will be safe from vandalism. These facilities shall be available for inspection by the Parish as needed. This includes inspection of records kept on site.

Personnel

The Contractor shall be solely responsible for the provision of employees and their work performance as described by the RFP or any reasonable performance standard established by the Parish, and shall be solely responsible for payment of all employees and/or Subcontractors' wages and benefits. Without any additional expense to the Parish the Contractor shall comply with the requirements of employee liability, worker's compensation, unemployment insurance, and social security. For reasonable cause, the Parish shall have the right to demand removal from the project of any personnel associated with the project, furnished by the Contractor.

The Contractor agrees to comply with federal regulations, 49 CFR Part 40 and Part 655 in establishing a drug and alcohol-testing program. The Parish's FTA Drug and Alcohol Policy is can be found in the policy section.

Required personnel:

- **Operations Manager/Director:** The Contractor shall designate a full time internal Operations Manager/Director who shall oversee the proper operation of the service being provided. The Operations Manager/Director will work directly with the Parish Grants Department on issues as needed. The Operations Manager/Director may be required to meet with Parish management on a regular basis or as requested to discuss the status of the service and service related matters.
- **Office Staff:** The Contractor shall supply a sufficient number of employees to staff the office at all required times. The Contractor will be responsible for training these employees and making sure that all program policies and procedures are understood and followed.
- **Drivers:** The Contractor shall supply a sufficient number of properly qualified personnel to operate the equipment and to provide the services required. All drivers must be properly licensed in the State of Louisiana to provide this type of service and be at least 21 years of age. Drivers who do not meet the following minimum criteria may not participate in the program. This section applies to all the service types provided under this contract.
 - No more than one moving violation for each year of the last five years prior to application for this program.
 - If license has ever been suspended, applicant must have two full subsequent years with no violations.
 - Possession of a valid Louisiana Commercial Driver's License or Chauffer's License.

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- Must pass an employee background check for possible past violations and subsequent treatment for substance abuse with another DOT regulated employer.
- Must have passed a pre-employment drug screen and thereafter continuously comply with FTA mandated Substance Abuse Testing Program.
- EMPLOYEE TRAINING AND SAFETY: Submit a plan for the training schedule that addresses all the items discussed below. All services provided by the Contractor shall satisfy the requirements of the regulations as well as Parish policies. The regulations concerning blood borne pathogens shall apply to this project. The Parish shall have the right, but not the obligation, to inspect Contractor's premises and operations to insure contract compliance, including the maintenance of OSHA-required records.

All drivers must receive the following training through programs approved by the Parish:

Upon hire, each driver will have the following prior to transporting clients:

- Chauffer's license or CDL (A,B, C)-P
- Pre-employment OMV Driver History Record
- Pre-employment Criminal Background Check
- Pre-employment Drug Screen

Within six months, each driver will have training:

- CPR/First Aid
- Passenger Assistance Safety and Sensitivity (PASS)
- Blood Borne Pathogen
- Defensive Driving

Annually renewal as needed or upon expiration:

- OMV Driver History Criminal CPR/First Aid
- Passenger Assistance Safety and Sensitivity (PASS)
- Defensive Driving
- Annual background check (HR)
- Random drug screening

Contractor shall be responsible for all training expenses.

1. DRESS CODE: All of the Contractor's employees shall, at all times while on duty in the performance of the services required herein, be neatly and cleanly dressed and shall at all times maintain a courteous and cooperative attitude in their contact with the public. This section applies to all types of services provided under this contract.

General Operating Procedures

1. SERVICE: The Contractor is responsible for the day-to-day STAR Transit operations. The Contractor shall assign adequate personnel to monitor the movement of vehicles. Without any additional expense to STPG, the Contractor shall comply with requirements of employee liability, worker's compensation, unemployment insurance, and social security and any other federal, state or local laws and regulations, including, without limitation,

laws and regulations relating to protecting human health and the environment. The Parish shall have the right to demand removal from the project, for reasonable cause, the Operations Manager/Director furnished by the Contractor. This section applies to all types of services provided under this contract.

2. SCHEDULING/ RESERVATIONS: Demand response service will be provided on a space available basis. These requests will be accepted and scheduled by the Contractor's reservationist as space permits. The Contractor will take reservations during the hours proposed and approved by the Parish in a call center located in St. Tammany Parish.
3. FARES: All fares collected by the Contractor will be reflected on monthly invoices. All fare revenue shall be reflected on the monthly invoicing.
4. FARE PAYMENT: All STAR Transit passengers, excluding aides, must give the driver a Transit Voucher or pay the fare upon entering the transit vehicle. Drivers will not be allowed to issue change to the passengers. There will be **NO** advance pay system.
5. FARE COLLECTION: It should be understood that any fares collected are not the Contractor's fee or rate for service, but rather the current fare charged for the Parish's transit passengers for their transportation. Fares will be subtracted from the monthly invoicing with verification of fares collected. Fares will be accounted for in monthly invoices. Any change in the fare structure must be reviewed and approved by the Parish Council.
6. PICK UP TIMES: Riders are required to be ready for pickup 10 minutes before their scheduled pick up time. The driver will wait for 5 minutes after the pick-up time to allow for a rider to walk to the bus.
7. PICK UP PROCESS: The Contractor shall provide transit service as requested, or needed. At origin and destination, the driver shall position the vehicle to provide the passenger direct access to and from the sidewalk, where available. Drivers are required to provide assistance for all passengers, including minor physical support and limited assistance to passengers boarding or alighting from the vehicles. For wheelchair passengers, the driver will assist in loading, unloading and securing the passengers. At no time will the driver enter residences, except for emergencies. Drivers are responsible for the safety and comfort of each and every passenger being transported in their vehicles. Drivers must assure that the passengers are secured by seat belts and wheelchair tie-downs before placing the vehicle in motion. Drivers are to load and discharge passengers in reasonably safe environments.
8. PERSONAL CARE ATTENDANT (PCA): A Personal Care Attendant (PCA) is a person designated to care for and to travel with an eligible rider. This person can be a paid employee, a family member or friend. The PCA will ride free and must accompany the rider on all trips. The PCA must be capable of assisting the passenger in need to navigate the transit system. Passengers are allowed to use the assistance of a PCA if they are unable to navigate an accessible transit system because of the nature of their disability. This includes individuals who, because of the nature of their disability, cannot independently board, ride, and/or disembark from an accessible vehicle. This does not include the operation of the wheelchair lift since drivers are required to operate lifts.
9. RIDER VERIFICATION: To assist the Parish in compiling operational data for monitoring and evaluation purposes, the driver is to verify the passenger's name, the number of companions, if there are any, the pick-up location, and the arrival and pick-up times are to be recorded. An agreed upon format will be used by the contractor to report to the Parish.
10. TRIP LENGTH: Per ADA standards, except in extreme cases, passengers shall not spend more than ninety minutes in a vehicle. The Contractor is expected to complete all scheduled trips within this time frame.

Preventive Maintenance and Vehicle Conditions

PM PLAN: The Contractor is responsible for performing all maintenance on Parish vehicles and lifts. The Contractor is required to have a Preventive Maintenance (PM) Plan, based on the vehicle manufacturer's recommendations, in place and approved by the Parish at the time of operations to ensure that vehicles are properly maintained. It is the sole responsibility of the Contractor to ensure that all vehicles are 100 percent PM current. The Contractor will maintain accurate, complete and current vehicle maintenance records. Contractor shall perform daily safety inspections of vehicles, according to a pre-trip and post-trip checklist to be submitted with this proposal and approved by the Parish, prior to beginning and ending the day's service. Vehicles failing the daily inspection will not be used in service until the reason for failure is corrected. The Parish reserves the right to ensure that vehicles are being maintained properly and are in safe operating condition. If a vehicle fails inspection, it is barred from providing transit service until the problem(s) are corrected.

1. **VEHICLE CLEANLINESS:** Vehicle interiors must be cleaned daily and exteriors must be cleaned as necessary.
2. **TEMPERATURE CONTROL:** For passenger comfort, the heating and air conditioning units of all vehicles must be kept in proper working order. No vehicle will be operated with an inoperable air conditioning or heating system.
3. **INSPECTIONS:** All vehicle maintenance records will also be inspected (at minimum) quarterly by the Parish's transit staff. Improper maintenance of vehicles including: not following manufacturer's recommended servicing, not being PM current, operating vehicles with defects in safety related components, and/or overall poor maintenance that affects service performance and reliability, will be cause to terminate this contract.

Policies

The Contractor will be required to understand, comply with, and implement all required Parish/STAR Transit policies listed below. The full texts of these policies can be found at the following location: <https://ftpweb.stpgov.org/ThinClient/WTM/public/#/login>
Login: TransitRFP Password: FG\$34T%\$. *All proposals must acknowledge that these policies are requirements and that any portions of the policies that pertain to the Contractor's operating procedures be implemented before start-up of service.* Should Respondents have recommendations on changes or additions to these policies, please describe these changes in the proposal.

- Service Description
- Cancellation/ No Show Policy
- Incident Policy
- Drug and Alcohol Policy
- Drug-Free Workplace Policy
- Vehicle Maintenance Policy
- Accident Policy
- FTA Title VI Program
- Transportation for Persons with Disabilities (ADA)
- ADA Complaint Procedures
- Disadvantage Business Enterprise (DBE)
- Complaint Procedures
- Financial Management Procedures
- Emergency Operations
- System Safety Program Plan
- System Security Plan (SSP)
- Cell Phone Policy

- Reasonable Modification

Monthly Invoicing

Parish staff will work with the selected contractor on the specific invoicing requirements. The Contractor will be required to provide the following information with monthly invoices.

- Passenger count and fare (broken down by rider demographics).
- Rider accountability (each ride must be accounted for).
- Documentation of fare deposits.
- Total vehicle miles and hours operated by each vehicle each month in meeting this contract.
- Total revenue miles and hours operated by each vehicle each month in meeting this contract.
- Preventive Maintenance for each vehicle/lift.
- All other maintenance performed on each vehicle.
- Fuel Expense for each vehicle.
- Number of trip denials.
- Number of No Shows (along with No Show notification letters).
- Number of cancellations.
- Complete list of passes used (including pass's numbers).
- Accident/incident reports (number of accidents/incidents and a brief description of the accident/incident and what action was taken).
- All staff training that occurs during the previous month.
- Partnership rider reports.
- Statistical information for the Parish's Section 5307 reporting requirements.

All monthly reports/invoicing must be in the STPG Grants Department by 12:00 pm on the 10th of each month.

Fuel costs should be submitted as a line item in invoices separate from the hourly represented in the Total Proposal Cost that is submitted in the proposal.

Records and Reports

The Contractor will be responsible for National Transit Database (NTD) reporting as required by FTA and it is therefore strongly recommended that the contractor use a trip scheduling and routing software that can provide detailed reports in support of this requirement. The Contractor will also be responsible for properly maintaining separate records and summaries for this service as deemed necessary for the Parish to remain in compliance with FTA regulations and monitor the performance and efficiency of transit service in St. Tammany Parish. Parish staff will work with the selected contractor on the specific invoicing requirements.

The Contractor is required to cooperate with the Parish in conducting surveys while passengers are being transported. The driver will periodically be asked to hand out questionnaires for passengers to fill out and collect them when they are complete. The Contractor shall collect all questionnaires and forward them to the Parish office. The surveys will be conducted on a quarterly basis as a means to gauge customer satisfaction. There will also be passenger information handouts the driver will be required to hand to passengers from time to time.

It is the objective of the Parish to provide a transit service that aims for consistent improvement in the quality of service and performance. As described above, the contractor will be required to keep detailed records and the Parish will perform analysis on a quarterly basis. If alarming trends arise in the performance as identified by the Parish's Grants Project Manager-Transit, the Contractor will provide written explanations of why the trend is occurring and present a plan as to how the trend can be corrected.

Accounting

All costs incurred in the performance of this contract shall be recorded in an account separate from those used for other business activities of the Contractor. The Contractor shall make his books available for a program audit to be conducted by the St. Tammany Parish Department of Finance on an annual basis. These books, and all records, shall be available for inspection by the Parish, the Federal Transit Administration, LADOTD, or any other federal agency, at all reasonable times. This section applies to all the service types provided under this contract.

Insurance

The Contractor will be required to provide acceptable evidence of insurance that will protect it and the Parish from claims under Workers' Compensation Acts, and from claims for bodily injury, death or property damage which may arise from the performance of services under this project.

Certificates of Insurance shall be furnished to the Parish and shall provide that insurance shall not be canceled without thirty (30) days prior written notice given to the Parish. Renewal and/or revised Certificates of Insurance are to be timely provided to the Parish without prompting throughout the term of this Agreement. Certificates and notices should be forwarded to St. Tammany Parish Government, P O Box 628, Covington, LA 70434.

All policies shall be endorsed to provide for a Waiver of Subrogation in favor of St. Tammany Parish Government, it being the intention of the parties that all insurance policies so affected shall protect both parties and be the primary coverage for any and all losses covered by the below described insurance. St. Tammany Parish Government shall be named as additional insured with respect to general liability, automobile liability, and excess liability coverages by policy endorsement. The Parish shall be allowed to examine the policies at any time.

The Contractor shall provide at its own expense, proof of the following insurance coverages by insurance companies authorized to do business in the State of Louisiana. Insurance coverage is to be placed with insurers having an A.M. Best rating of no less than A-, Category VII.

1. Commercial General Liability – in the minimum of \$1,000,000 per occurrence / \$3,000,000 general aggregate including, but not limited to, coverage for premises - operations, contractual liability, products and completed operations, advertising and personal injury, broad form property damage;
2. Business Automobile Liability / Bus Liability -- \$1,000,000 Combined Single Limit for bodily injury and property damage and shall include coverage for any autos, or owned or scheduled autos and hired and non-owned auto. Additionally, contractor shall maintain the following coverage:
 - a. Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist - Bodily Injury Coverage;
 - b. Comprehensive & Collision to be maintained on all vehicles.
3. Excess (Umbrella) Liability – an excess liability that follows form for *each* of the above policies is required when the liability limits do not equal or exceed \$5,000,000 per occurrence; (For example, the underlying policy limits are \$2,000,000 per occurrence; then excess liability insurance must be a minimum of \$3,000,000 per occurrence.)

4. Workers' Compensation, statutory limits; Employer's Liability -- \$1,000,000 each accident / \$1,000,000 disease – each employee / \$1,000,000 disease policy limit;
5. All liability policies shall be written on an Occurrence Basis Form; Claims-made policies are not acceptable.

All policies, coverages, and limits, including any self-insured retentions and/or high deductibles, are subject to the review and acceptance of the Parish.

Failure of the Contractor to maintain insurance shall not relieve the Contractor from any liability under the contract, nor shall the insurance requirements be construed to conflict with the obligation of the Contractor concerning indemnification.

Emergency Operations

Per the Emergency Operations Plan provided in the Policy Manual, in the event of an evacuation, St. Tammany Parish officials reserve the right to call upon the Contractor to utilize equipment, personnel, and resources to assist with the Parish's evacuation efforts. In the event of a Disaster Declaration, the Contractor's employees must be available to assist with evacuation efforts. Prior to the start-up of evacuation, the Parish will coordinate with the Contractor to establish procedures and plans. The Contractor will be required to track operating costs and provide separate invoicing at an hourly rate. Hourly rate is set by various Federal guidelines and may differ from standard contractual hourly rate. The Parish will seek guidance and support from the State and Federal agencies for evacuation assistance and funding. The Contractor will be responsible for reviewing and accepting the terms of the St. Tammany Parish Emergency Evacuations Preparedness Plan, including completing the necessary paperwork.

FTA Mandatory Provisions and DBE Requirements

These provisions, attached to this document as an appendix, must be signed, executed and included in proposal submissions to indicate the Contractor's acknowledgement that the Parish is an FTA grant recipient and the Contractor agrees to adhere to any and all terms and conditions of such a grant agreement as they relate to obligations the Contractors would assume under this contract. All proposals shall contain all certifications, duly executed, and containing the FTA mandatory provisions section of this proposal. Failure to do so may result in the Parish's refusal to consider the proposal. The DBE section of the document requires action on the part of the Respondent to make an effort to identify a DBE. The Parish has an overall DBE Goal of 3.0%. Failure to do so may result in STPG's refusal to consider the proposal or bid. These signed provisions will be included in the final contract and must be recertified annually at the request of the Parish to certify that the Contractor continues to adhere to the regulations.

The following clauses require signature certifications:

1. Buy American Requirement
2. Bus Testing
3. Pre-Award and Post Delivery Audit Requirements
4. Lobbying

STPG'S RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Measurement of Contractor Performance

The Parish will measure the Contractor performance in the following ways and may do so in other ways:

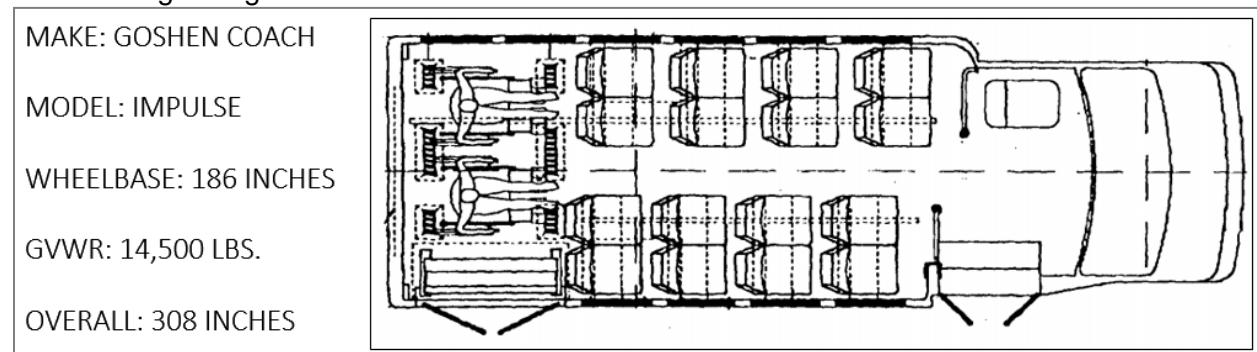
- Parish will randomly sample the Contractor's trips and analyze on-time performance, trip time, passenger treatment, as well as vehicle condition and cleanliness.
- Parish will review and verify monthly operating invoices, trip sheets, and statistics provided by the Contractor. This will be the basis for determining whether service standards are met.
- Parish will maintain oversight responsibilities by reviewing and maintaining records of the Contractor's sexual harassment policy, drug-free workplace policy, substance abuse policy, quarterly statistical testing summaries, and vendor credentials to insure compliance with applicable federal regulations.
- Parish staff will hold general contractor meetings monthly to discuss the transit program.

2. Equipment and Facilities

The Parish has a variety of assets that will be available for use by the contractor. The Parish may consider the purchase of additional equipment and facilities as it sees fit in coordination with the contractor.

1. Vehicles

STPG will provide the contractor ten (10) Goshen Coach Impulse vehicles for this service with the following configuration:



The Parish will replace the vehicles based on the FTA vehicle useful life regulations. Contractor is encouraged to use its own vehicles to provide transportation as well. All vehicles must meet all FTA guidelines specifically ADA compliance.

2. Marketing and Advertisement

The Parish will be responsible for marketing activities to promote the transportation services; however, at times the Contractor may be asked to participate.

3. Fares and Eligibility

The Parish has the sole responsibility for setting fares, and for providing the eligibility requirements of riders as established by the FTA (Contractor will certify eligibility). The Parish Council reserves the right to change fare policies.

4. Changes in Service Policies

The Parish reserves the right to make changes in the contracted service levels as required by Parish needs and funding restraints. Changes will be in writing and will become part of the contract.

5. Payment

All payments by the Parish will be made only after the service has been provided. The Contractor shall submit a monthly invoice to the Parish for service rendered in the previous calendar month for reviewed by the Grants Project Manager-Transit and approved by the Director of Grants. Payment shall be made no later than thirty (30) days from the Parish's approval of the monthly invoice.

6. Suspension of Service

The Parish reserves the right to suspend the transit services due to inclement weather and other such conditions that threaten the safety of STAR Transit passengers. Should the Parish deem it necessary to suspend service, the Contractor will be notified in a timely fashion.

ATTACHMENT "B"

CONTRACT FOR ESSENTIAL SERVICES

Contract No.: «txtContractNum»

Be it known, that on this _____ day of _____, 202____, the Parish of St. Tammany Government, through the Office of the Parish President (hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "Parish") and «txtREQCompanyName», an entity qualified to do and doing business in this State and Parish (hereinafter referred to as "Provider") do hereby enter into this Contract for non-professional services under the following terms and conditions.

1. SCOPE OF SERVICES

Provider hereby agrees to furnish the following services (hereinto referred to as the "Contract"):

«txtScopeSummary»

2. OPTION TO RENEW

The Parish has the right to renew the term of this Contract for two (2) additional one (1) year periods, based upon the same conditions of the initial term. Parish shall notify Provider in writing of its exercise of its option for an additional term not less than thirty (30) days prior to the end of the then current term.

3. NOTICE TO PROCEED

The Parish, through the Director, shall issue the Provider a Notice to Proceed in writing. This notice shall include the Work Order Number, Purchase Order Number, and instructions to undertake the services stated herein. The Provider shall commence the services within ten (10) days after receipt of such notification. The work necessary for the completion of each task shall be completed promptly following the Provider's receipt of the Notice to Proceed. If the Parish desires to divide the Project into various parts, a Notice to Proceed shall be issued for each part, and the Parish and the Provider shall mutually agree upon the period of time within which services for each part of the Project shall be performed. The Provider will be given time extensions for delays beyond its control, or for those delays caused by tardy approvals of work in progress by various official agencies, but no additional compensation shall be allowed or due Provider for such delays.

4. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Provider shall secure and maintain at its expense such insurance as may be required by the attached “Insurance Requirements”. It is specifically understood that this Contract shall not be effective until such time as all insurance requirements are met by the Provider and approved by the Parish.

5. INDEMNIFICATION

To the fullest extent permitted by law, Provider shall indemnify and hold harmless the St. Tammany Parish Government, its elected and appointed officials, departments, agencies, boards and commissions, their officers, agents, servants, employees including volunteers, from and against any and all claims, demands, suits, costs, liabilities or judgments for sums of money, and fines or penalties asserted by any party, firm or organization for loss of life, injury or damages to persons or property, growing out of, resulting from, or by reason of any acts, errors, and/or omissions, by Provider, its agents, servants or employees, and subcontractors, as well as any and all costs, expenses and/or attorney fees incurred as a result of any claims, demands, and/or causes of actions that arise while engaged in connection with the services required to be performed by the Provider under this Contract. Provider further agrees to pay all reasonable expenses and attorneys’ fees incurred by the Parish in establishing the right to indemnity pursuant to the provisions in this Contract.

6. TAXES

Provider hereby agrees to be responsible for payment of taxes from the funds thus received under this Contract. Provider agrees to be responsible for and to pay all applicable federal income taxes, federal social security tax (or self-employment tax in lieu thereof) and any other applicable federal or state unemployment taxes. Provider agrees to indemnify and hold the Parish harmless for any and all federal and/or state income tax liability, including taxes, interest and penalties, resulting from the Parish's treatment of Provider as independent contractor.

7. OWNERSHIP

All records, reports, documents, or other material related to this Contract and/or obtained or prepared by Provider in connection with the performance of the services contracted for herein, shall become the property of the Parish, and shall, upon request, be returned by Provider to Parish, at Provider’s expense, at termination or expiration of this Contract.

8. PAYMENT OF INVOICES

- A. Invoices for services shall be submitted by Provider to Parish for review and approval
- B. All invoices must indicate the Parish Purchase Order Number and Work Order Number and shall be submitted to the address below:

St. Tammany Parish Government
ATTN: Accounts Payable
P.O. Box 628
Covington, LA 70434

- C. All billings by Provider for services rendered shall be submitted in writing. Invoices shall not be submitted more frequently than monthly.
- D. The Parish agrees to make payment to Provider for services upon receipt and approval of each invoice. The Parish will pay Provider the amount due and payable within thirty (30) days or unless a conflict results in a delay of payment. Upon receipt of each invoice, the Parish shall have the right and opportunity to review, confirm or otherwise determine the accuracy of each invoice and performance of service. In the event that the Parish disputes or otherwise may question the accuracy of each invoice or quality of all work performed, the Parish may withhold payment of any invoice until a successful and satisfactory resolution can be had between the Parties. Parish agrees to not unreasonably withhold payments of any invoice.
- E. Other than the fee schedule herein, there will be absolutely no additional fees due Provider to cover its overhead costs, general expenses, capital expenses, expenses for principal/branch/ field offices, employee salaries, direct and indirect costs, additional costs or profit of any nature whatsoever in excess of the previously agreed hourly rate.

9. JURISDICTION

This Contract is made under the laws of the State of Louisiana, and for all purposes shall be interpreted in its entirety in accordance with the laws of said State. The Provider hereby agrees and consents to the jurisdiction of the courts of the State of Louisiana over its person. The Parties hereto agree that the sole and exclusive venue for all lawsuits, claims, disputes, and other matters in question between the Parties to this Contract or any breach thereof shall be in the 22nd Judicial District Court for the Parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana. It is also understood and agreed that the laws and ordinances of St. Tammany shall apply.

10. NON-ASSIGNABILITY

Provider shall not assign nor transfer any interest in this Contract (whether by assignment or novation) without prior written consent of the Parish. Failure to obtain the prior written consent of the Parish may be grounds for termination of this Contract. Claims for money due or to become due to the Provider from the Parish under this Contract may be assigned to a bank, trust company, or other financial institution without such prior written consent. Notice of any such assignment or transfer shall be furnished promptly to the Parish.

11. BUDGET LIMITATIONS

The continuation of this Contract is contingent upon the appropriation of funds by the Parish to fulfill the requirements of the Contract. If the Parish fails to appropriate sufficient monies to provide for the continuation of this or any other related Contract, or if such appropriation is reduced by the veto of Parish President by any means provided in the Budget Ordinance to prevent the total appropriation for the year from exceeding revenues for that year, or for any other lawful purpose, and the effect of such reduction is to provide insufficient monies for the continuation of the Contract, the Contract shall terminate on the date of the beginning of the first fiscal year for which funds are not appropriated.

12. SEVERABILITY

If any provision or item in this Contract is held invalid or unenforceable for any reason, then such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect other provisions or items of this Contract. In such event, the remaining portions shall be given full force and effect without the invalid provision or item, and to this end the provisions or items of this Contract are hereby declared severable.

13. TERMINATION FOR CAUSE

The Parish may terminate this Contract for cause based upon the failure of the Provider to comply with the terms and/or conditions of the Contract; provided that the Parish shall give the Provider written notice specifying the Provider's failure(s). If within thirty (30) days after receipt of such notice, the Provider shall not have either corrected such failure and thereafter proceeded diligently to complete such correction, then the Parish may, at its option, place the Provider in default and the Contract shall terminate on the date specified in such notice. The Provider may exercise any rights available to it under Louisiana law to terminate for cause upon the failure of the Parish to comply with the terms and conditions of this Contract; provided that the Provider shall give the Parish written notice specifying the Parish's failure and a reasonable opportunity for the Parish to cure the defect.

14. TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE

The Parish may terminate this Contract at any time by giving thirty (30) days written notice to the Provider. The Provider shall be entitled to payment for deliverables in progress, to the extent work has been performed satisfactorily.

15. AUDITORS

Notwithstanding other Sections herein, Provider shall maintain all records for a period of three (3) years after the date of final payment under this Contract. It is hereby agreed that the Parish Department of Finance or its designated auditor shall have the sole, unilateral and exclusive option of auditing all accounts of Provider which relate to this Contract. Such audit may be commenced at any reasonable time. Provider agrees not to delay, retard, interrupt or unduly interfere with commencement and completion of such an audit. If in the exclusive and unilateral opinion of the Parish that Provider delays, retards, interferes with or otherwise interrupts such an audit, the Parish may seek such relief as per law. In such an event, Provider agrees to be liable for all reasonable attorney fees, costs of auditors, court costs, and any other reasonably related expenses with such litigation.

16. DISCRIMINATION CLAUSE

Provider agrees to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and any current amendments thereto. All individuals shall have equal access to employment opportunities available to a similarly suited individual. Provider agrees not to discriminate in its employment practices, and will render services under this Contract without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, veteran status, political affiliation, or disabilities. Any act of discrimination committed by Provider, or failure to comply with these statutory obligations when applicable shall be grounds for termination of this Contract. Provider agrees to abide by the requirements of all local, state, and/or federal law, including but not limited to the following: Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended by the Equal Opportunity Act of 1972, Federal Executive Order 11246, the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, the Vietnam Era Veteran's Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the Age Act of 1975, and the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Provider warrants and guarantees that it is an Equal Employment Opportunity employer. In all hiring or employment made possible by or resulting from this Contract, there shall not be any discrimination against any person because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age or veterans status; and where applicable, affirmative action will be taken to ensure that Provider's employees are treated equally during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, political affiliation, disabilities or veteran status. This requirement shall apply to but not be

limited to the following: employment upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. All solicitations or advertisements for employees shall state that all applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age or veteran status.

17. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

While in the performance of services or carrying out obligations herein, the Provider shall be acting in the capacity of an independent Contractor (as defined in LSA-R.S. 23:1021(7)), and not as an employee of the Parish. Nothing herein shall create a partnership between the Provider and the Parish. The Parish shall not be obliged to any person, firm or corporation for any obligations of the Provider arising from the performance of its services under this Contract. The Provider shall not be authorized to represent the Parish with respect to services being performed, dealings with other agencies, and administration of specifically related contracts, unless done so in writing by the Parish. Provider acknowledges Exclusions of Workmen's Compensation and/or Unemployment Coverage.

18. RECORDATION OF CONTRACT

Provider authorizes Parish to deduct from any payment due herein costs for recordation of this Contract in full or an excerpt hereof, or any revisions or modifications thereof as required by law. Provider agrees to execute an excerpt or extract of this agreement for recordation purposes. If Provider fails to execute such an excerpt, then the Parish shall file and record the entire Contract and all attachments at the expense of Provider and Parish is hereby authorized to deduct all related costs from any proceeds due to the Provider.

19. AUTHORITY TO ENTER CONTRACT

The undersigned representative of Provider warrants and personally guarantees that he/she has the requisite and necessary authority to enter and sign this Contract on behalf of the corporate entity, partnership, etc. The undersigned Parties warrant and represent that they each have the respective authority and permission to enter this Contract. In the event that Provider is a member of a corporation, partnership, LLC, LLP, or any other juridical entity, the Parish requires, as an additional provision, that Provider supplies a certified copy of a corporate resolution authorizing the undersigned to enter and sign this Contract.

This Contract is executed in **Three (3)** originals. IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, they have executed this agreement, the date(s) written below.

WITNESSES:

PROVIDER:

Signature

Signature

Print Name

Print Name

Signature

Title

Print Name

Date

SAMPLE

WITNESSES:

ST. TAMMANY PARISH GOVERNMENT:

Signature

Print Name

Signature

Print Name

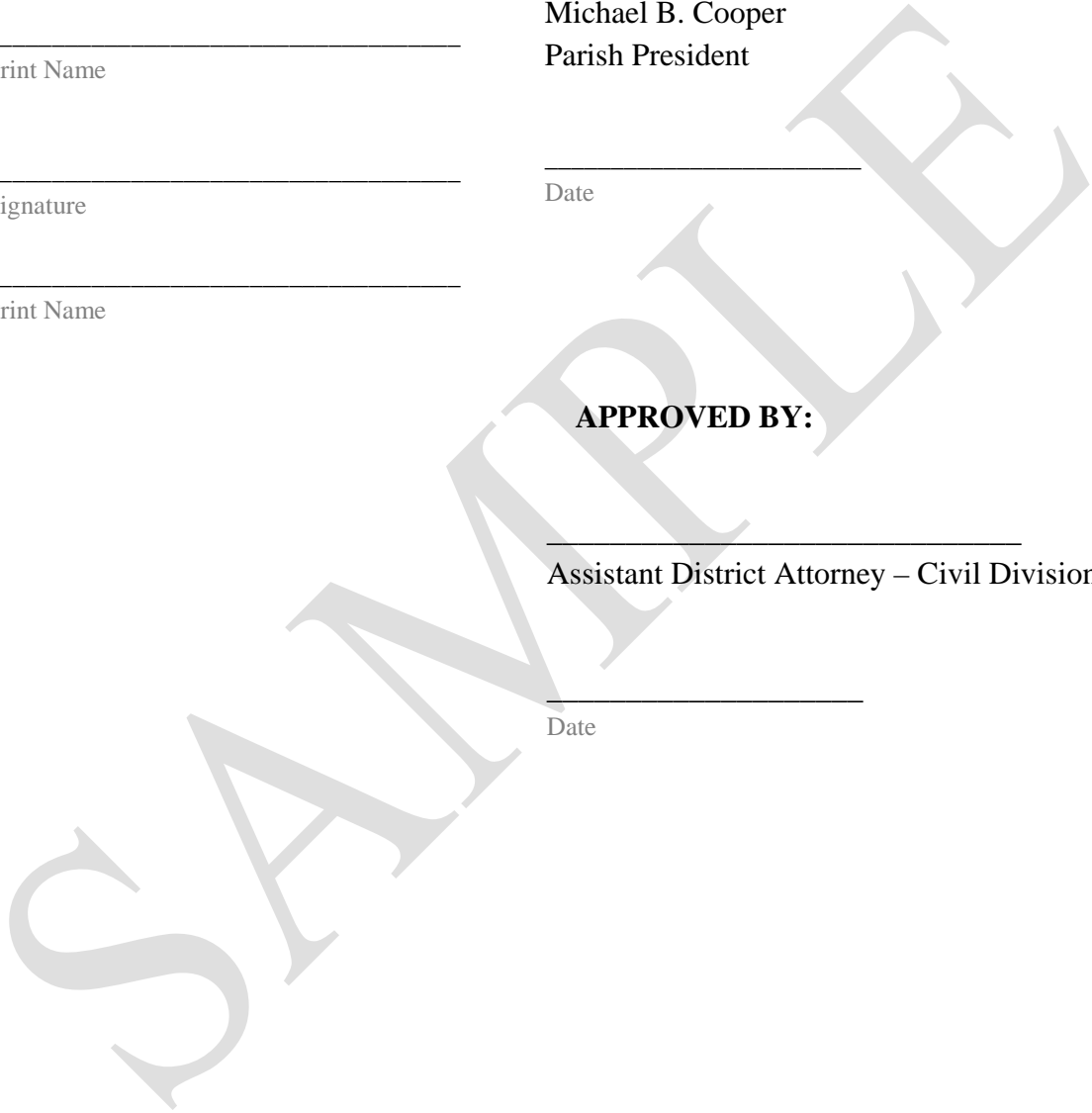
Michael B. Cooper
Parish President

Date

APPROVED BY:

Assistant District Attorney – Civil Division

Date



ATTACHMENT "C"
ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND WAIVER

_____ ("Proposer") hereby acknowledges that it has received Request for Proposal No. _____ ("RFP"), issued by the St. Tammany Parish Government, and has been advised that same is not subject to the Louisiana Public Bid Law or the Louisiana Procurement Code. As such, Proposer understands and acknowledges that it has not been granted and otherwise possesses no right to protest, contest, debate or otherwise call in question the processes, procedures, methodology or results of the RFP or the selection of a Contractor in connection therewith.

To the extent that the Proposer may otherwise have any such rights, Proposer herein waives all such rights to protest, contest, debate or otherwise call in question the processes, procedures, methodology or results of the RFP or the selection of a Contractor in connection therewith and agrees it will not file claims of any type or manner, in a court of law or otherwise, in any way related to same.

SIGNED, this _____ day of _____, 202__.

WITNESSES:

Proposer

Printed Name: _____

By: _____
(Signature of Authorized Representative)

Printed Name: _____

Printed Name: _____
Title: _____

STATE OF _____

PARISH/COUNTY OF _____

SWORN TO and subscribed before me, Notary, on this _____ day of _____, 202__.

NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires: _____



INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS*

Professional Services Project: STAR Transit Urban Operations 2021

Project/Quote/Bid#: RFP No.: 21-11-3

*****IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ*****

Prior to submitting your quote or bid, it is recommended that you review these insurance requirements with your insurance broker/agent.

These requirements modify portions of the insurance language found in the General Conditions and/or Supplementary General Conditions; however, there is no intention to remove all sections pertaining to insurance requirements and limits set forth in the General Conditions and/or Supplementary General Conditions, only to amend and specify those items particular for this Project.

- A. The Provider shall secure and maintain at its expense such insurance that will protect it and St. Tammany Parish Government (the "Parish") from claims for bodily injury, death or property damage as well as from claims under the Workers' Compensation Acts that may arise from the performance of services under this agreement. All certificates of insurance shall be furnished to the Parish and provide thirty (30) days prior notice of cancellation to the Parish, in writing, on all of the required coverage.
- B. All policies shall provide for and certificates of insurance shall indicate the following:
1. Waiver of Subrogation: The Provider's insurers will have no right of recovery or subrogation against the Parish of St. Tammany, it being the intention of the parties that all insurance policy(ies) so affected shall protect both parties and be the primary coverage for any and all losses covered by the below described insurance.
 2. Additional Insured: St. Tammany Parish Government shall be named as Additional Insured with respect to general liability, automobile liability and excess liability coverages, as well as marine liability and pollution/environmental liability, when those coverages are required or necessary.
 3. Payment of Premiums: The insurance companies issuing the policy or policies will have no recourse against St. Tammany Parish Government for payment of any premiums or for assessments under any form of policy.
 4. Deductibles/Self-Insured Retentions: Any deductibles and/or self-insured retentions in the described insurance policies **must be declared on the Certificate of Insurance**, and are both assumed by and the sole risk of the Provider. The Parish will have the sole discretion to accept or reject deductibles and/or self-insured retentions exceeding \$100,000 as it deems appropriate. The Parish may require Provider to produce evidence of verifiable financial ability to satisfy its deductibles and/or self-insured retentions; however, the Parish assumes no liability or obligation resulting from its examination, acceptance, or rejection of information presented.
 5. Project Reference: The project(s) and location(s) shall be referenced in the Comment or Description of Operations section of the Certificate of Insurance (Project #-###, or Bid # if applicable, Type of Work, Location).
- C. Coverage must be issued by insurance companies authorized to do business in the State of Louisiana. Companies must have an A.M. Best rating of no less than A-, Category VII. St. Tammany Parish Risk Management Department may waive this requirement only for Workers Compensation coverage at their discretion.

Provider shall secure and present proof of insurance on forms acceptable to St. Tammany Parish Government, Office of Risk Management no later than the time of submission of the Contract to the Parish. However, should any work performed under this Contract by or on behalf of Provider include exposures that are not covered by those insurance coverages, Provider is not relieved of its obligation to maintain appropriate levels and types of insurance necessary to protect itself, its agents and employees, its subcontractors, St. Tammany Parish Government (Owner), and all other interested third parties, from any and all claims for damage or injury in connection with the services performed or provided throughout the duration of this Project, as well as for any subsequent periods required under this Contract.

The insurance coverages checked (✓) below are those required for this Contract.



1. **Commercial General Liability*** insurance – **Occurrence Form** - with a Combined Single Limit for bodily injury and property damage of at least \$1,000,000 per Occurrence / \$3,000,000 General Aggregate and \$2,000,000 Products-Completed Operations. Contracts over \$1,000,000 may require higher limits. The insurance shall provide for and the certificate(s) of insurance shall indicate the following coverages:
 - a) Premises - operations;
 - b) Broad form contractual liability;
 - c) Products and completed operations;
 - d) Personal/Advertising Injury, **including Sexual Abuse**;
 - e) Broad form property damage;
 - f) Explosion and collapse.



2. **Business Automobile Liability*** insurance with a Combined Single Limit of \$1,000,000 per Occurrence for bodily injury and property damage, and shall include coverage for the following:
 - a) Any auto;
 - or**
 - b) Owned autos; **and**
 - c) Hired autos; **and**
 - d) Non-owned autos; (If no owned vehicles, hired and non-owned may be acceptable, subject to the review and approval of St. Tammany Parish, Office of Risk Management.)
 - e) Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist – Bodily Injury Coverage;
 - f) Comprehensive & Collision to be maintained on all vehicles owned by ST. Tammany Parish Government and operated by the transit Company.



3. **Workers' Compensation/Employers Liability insurance*** - Workers' Compensation coverage as required by State law. Employers' liability limits shall be a minimum of \$1,000,000 each accident, \$1,000,000 each disease, \$1,000,000 disease policy aggregate. When water activities are expected to be performed in connection with this project, coverage under the USL&H Act, Jones Act and/or Maritime Employers Liability (MEL) must be included. **Coverage for owners, officers and/or partners in any way engaged in the Project shall be included in the policy.** The names of any excluded individual must be shown in the Description of Operations/Comments section of the Certificate.



4. **Pollution Liability and Environmental Liability*** insurance in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000 per occurrence / \$2,000,000 aggregate including full contractual liability and third party claims for bodily injury and/or property damage, for all such hazardous waste, pollutants and/or environmental exposures that may be affected by this project stemming from pollution/environmental incidents as a result of Contractor's operations.

If coverage is provided on a claims-made basis, the following conditions apply:

- 1) the retroactive date must be prior to or coinciding with the effective date of the Contract, or prior to the commencement of any services provided by the Contractor on behalf of the Parish, whichever is earlier; **AND**
- 2) continuous coverage must be provided to the Parish with the same retro date for 24 months following acceptance or termination of the Project by the Parish either by
 - a) continued renewal certificates **OR**
 - b) a 24 month Extended Reporting Period

*The Certificate must indicate whether the policy is written on an occurrence or claims-made basis and, if claims-made, the applicable retro date must be stated.



5. **Professional Liability/Errors and Omissions*** insurance in the sum of at least \$1,000,000 per claim / \$2,000,000 aggregate is required when work performed by Contractor or on behalf of Contractor includes professional or technical services including, but not limited to, construction administration and/or management, engineering services such as design, surveying, and/or inspection, technical services such as testing and laboratory analysis, and/or environmental assessments. An occurrence basis policy is preferred.

If coverage is provided on a claims-made basis, the following conditions apply:

- 1) the retroactive date must be prior to or coinciding with the effective date of the Contract, or prior to the commencement of any services provided by the Contractor on behalf of the Parish, whichever is earlier; AND
- 2) continuous coverage must be provided to the Parish with the same retro date for 24 months following acceptance or termination of the Project by the Parish either by
 - a) continued renewal certificates **OR**
 - b) a 24 month Extended Reporting Period

*The Certificate must indicate whether the policy is written on an occurrence or claims-made basis and, if claims-made, the applicable retro date must be stated.



6. **Excess Automobile Liability** – an excess automobile liability that follows form of the underlying Automobile Liability policy is required when the underlying limits do not equal or exceed \$5,000,000 per occurrence. For example, the underlying policy limits are \$2,000,000 per occurrence; then excess liability insurance must be a minimum of \$3,000,000 per occurrence

***Excess/Umbrella Liability** insurance may be provided to meet the limit requirements for any Liability coverage. For example: if the General Liability requirement is \$3,000,000 per occurrence, but the policy is only \$1,000,000 per occurrence, then the excess policy should be at least \$2,000,000 per occurrence thereby providing a combined per occurrence limit of \$3,000,000.)

- D. All policies of insurance shall meet the requirements of the Parish prior to the commencing of any work. The Parish has the right, but not the duty, to approve all insurance coverages prior to commencement of work. If any of the required policies are or become unsatisfactory to the Parish as to form or substance; or if a company issuing any policy is or becomes unsatisfactory to the Parish, the Provider shall promptly obtain a new policy, timely submit same to the Parish for approval, and submit a certificate thereof as provided above. The Parish agrees not to unreasonably withhold approval of any insurance carrier selected by Provider. In the event that Parish cannot agree or otherwise authorize a carrier, Provider shall have the option of selecting and submitting a new insurance carrier within 30 days of said notice by the Parish. In the event that the second submission is insufficient or is not approved, then the Parish shall have the unilateral opportunity to thereafter select a responsive and responsible insurance carrier all at the cost of Provider and thereafter deduct from Provider's fee the cost of such insurance.
- E. Provider shall maintain a current copy of all annual insurance policies and agrees to provide a certificate of insurance to the Parish on an annual basis or as may be reasonably requested for the term of the contract or any required Extended Reporting Period. Provider further shall ensure that all insurance policies are maintained in full force and effect throughout the duration of the Project and shall provide the Parish with annual renewal certificates of insurance evidencing continued coverage, without any prompting by the Parish.
- F. Provider shall maintain a current copy of all annual insurance policies and agrees to provide same to the Parish on an annual basis or as may be reasonably requested. Provider further shall ensure that all insurance policies are maintained in full force and effect throughout the duration of the Project and shall provide the Parish with annual renewal certificates of insurance evidencing continued coverage, without any prompting by the Parish.

- G. It shall be the responsibility of Provider to require that these insurance requirements are met by all contractors and sub-contractors performing work for and on behalf of Provider. Provider shall further ensure the Parish is named as an additional insured on all insurance policies provided by said contractor and/or sub-contractor throughout the duration of the project.
- H. Certificates of Insurance shall be issued as follows:

**St. Tammany Parish Government
Attn: Risk Management
P O Box 628
Covington, LA 70434**

To avoid contract processing delays, be certain the project name/number is included on all correspondence including Certificates of Insurance.

***NOTICE: St. Tammany Parish Government reserves the rights to remove, replace, make additions to and/or modify any and all of the insurance requirements at any time.**

Any inquiry regarding these insurance requirements should be addressed to:

**St. Tammany Parish Government
Office of Risk Management
P O Box 628
Covington, LA 70434
Telephone: 985-898-5226
Email: riskman@stpgov.org**

Attachment "E"

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

_____ (Contractor) agrees to protect, defend, indemnify, save, and hold harmless St. Tammany Parish Government, its elected and appointed officials, departments, agencies, boards and commissions, its officers, agents servants, employees, including volunteers, from and against any and all claims, demands, expense and liability arising out of injury or death to any person or the damage, loss or destruction of any property to the extent caused by any act or omission of Contractor, its agents, servants, employees, and subcontractors, or any and all costs, expense and/or attorney fees incurred as a result of any claim, demands, and/or causes of action that results under the performance or non-performance of this contract.

_____ (Contractor) agrees to investigate, handle, respond to, provide defense for and defend any such claims, demand, or suit, as described in the paragraph above, at its sole expense and agrees to bear all other costs and expenses related thereto, even if it (claims, etc.) is groundless, false or fraudulent.

SIGNED, this ____ day of _____, 20__

WITNESSES:

Print Name: _____

Print Name: _____

BY: _____
(Signature of Authorized Officer)

Print Name: : _____

Title: _____

STATE OF _____

PARISH/COUNTY OF _____

SWORN TO and subscribed before me, Notary, on this ____ day of _____, 20__.

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: _____

Please complete the following:

Claims contact for this project will be:

(Print name and title of Contact Person)

Address

Email address

Telephone#

Cell #

Fax #

**SAMPLE SCORING MATRIX
STAR TRANSIT URBAN OPERATIONS 2021
RFP#21-11-3**

Vendor/Business Name

STPG Evaluator

| Criteria | Possible Points | Assigned Points | Comments |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|
| Proposed Solution/Technical Response | 30 Pts | | |
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| Qualifications of the Proposer, including, but not limited to, its experience and personnel assigned to the Project | 20 Pts | | |
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| Financial Proposal: The following formula will be used to award points for the price proposal evaluation: $(\text{Lowest Total Proposal Cost received}) / (\text{Total Proposal Cost under evaluation}) \times 35 = \text{Price proposal score}$ | 35 Pts | | |
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| Local Match Proposal - The following formula will be used to award points for the price proposal evaluation: $(\text{Total Local Match Proposal under evaluation}) / (\text{Highest Total Local Match Proposal received}) \times 15 = \text{Local Match Proposal score}$ | 15 Pts | | |
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| | | | |
| Vendor's Total: | 100 Pts | | |

Signature of Evaluator: _____

Date: _____

ATTACHMENT “G”

Cost and Local Match Proposal

The undersigned proposer hereby agrees to furnish all labor and support services necessary for performance of the Scope of Work for the total sum indicated below, including hourly rate break down:

| <i>Period</i> | <i>Cost per Revenue Hour</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| <i>Year 1 (32,000 Revenue Hours)</i> | \$ | \$ |
| <i>Year 2 (32,000 Revenue Hours)</i> | \$ | \$ |
| <i>Year 3 (32,000 Revenue Hours)</i> | \$ | \$ |
| <i>Total Proposal Cost:</i> | | \$ |
| <i>Option Year 1 (32,000 Rev. Hrs)</i> | \$ | \$ |
| <i>Option Year 2 (32,000 Rev. Hrs)</i> | \$ | \$ |
| <i>Total Proposal Cost Including Option Years:</i> | | \$ |

The undersigned proposer hereby affirms that the statements/claims made in the Price Proposal are true and accurate to the best of the proposer’s knowledge. By signing this Price Proposal, the proposer hereby claims his/her willingness to certify to and comply with all requirements contained in this RFP and all RFP attachments/forms. The undersigned recognizes that its Price Proposal shall become public records upon submission and will be open to public inspection.

The Proposer agrees that the price(s)/rate(s)/cost(s) presented in its Price Proposal shall remain in effect until the Parish awards the resulting agreement and throughout the duration of the agreement. Contract extensions, if any, shall, unless otherwise negotiated and approved by the Parish, be billed at the price(s)/rate(s) stated in the Price Proposal for the term that is shown.

| | | | |
|-----------------------|-----|-------------|-----|
| Name of Bidding Firm: | | | |
| Street address | | | |
| City/State | | Zip Code: | |
| Telephone number: | () | Fax number: | () |
| Printed name: | | Title: | |
| Signature: | | Date: | |

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FTA MANDATORY PROVISIONS

Bidders are required to note that St. Tammany Parish is an FTA (Federal Transit Authority) grant recipient and that FTA funds will be used to complete this project. Bidders and Contractors must adhere to any and all terms and conditions required by FTA. **All bids and contracts must contain the applicable certifications, duly executed, which are contained in the following document. Failure to do so may result in St. Tammany Parish’s refusal to consider the proposal or bid.**

Upon thirty (30) days of written request by the Parish, Contractor shall provide a signed certification statement that it has complied with any and all FTA requirements included but not limited to the FTA Clauses. Should there be any claims made by FTA for reimbursement of funds due to the negligence, whether intentional or not, fault or inaction of Contractor or its employees, agents, subcontractors or assigns, Contractor shall be liable to the Parish for any and all damages it sustains, including, but, not limited to, the amount of the reimbursement claim, the inability to obtain future grant funds and any and all other damages sustained by the Parish.

It is mandatory that any and all contracts entered into by contractor with subcontractors include the appropriate FTA clauses. Prior to execution of the subcontract, Contractor shall provide the Parish with a copy of the proposed contract with the subcontractor so that the Parish can review same for compliance with this section.

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1. FLY AMERICA REQUIREMENTS
49 U.S.C. § 40118
41 CFR Part 301-10

Applicability to Contracts

The Fly America requirements apply to the transportation of persons or property, by air, between a place in the U.S. and a place outside the U.S., or between places outside the U.S., when the FTA will participate in the costs of such air transportation. Transportation on a foreign air carrier is permissible when provided by a foreign air carrier under a code share agreement when the ticket identifies the U.S. air carrier's designator code and flight number. Transportation by a foreign air carrier is also permissible if there is a bilateral or multilateral air transportation agreement to which the U.S. Government and a foreign government are parties and which the Federal DOT has determined meets the requirements of the Fly America Act.

Flow Down Requirements

The Fly America requirements flow down from FTA recipients and subrecipients to first tier contractors, who are responsible for ensuring that lower tier contractors and subcontractors are in compliance.

Model Clause/Language

The relevant statutes and regulations do not mandate any specified clause or language. FTA proposes the following language.

Fly America Requirements

The Contractor agrees to comply with 49 U.S.C. 40118 (the "Fly America" Act) in accordance with the General Services Administration's regulations at 41 CFR Part 301-10, which provide that recipients and subrecipients of Federal funds and their contractors are required to use U.S. Flag air carriers for U.S. 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. The Contractor shall submit, if a foreign air carrier was used, an appropriate certification or memorandum adequately explaining why service by a U.S. 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. The Contractor agrees to include the requirements of this section in all subcontracts that may involve international air transportation.

2. BUY AMERICA REQUIREMENTS
49 U.S.C. 5323(j)
49 CFR Part 661

Applicability to Contracts

The Buy America requirements apply to the following types of contracts: Construction Contracts and Acquisition of Goods or Rolling Stock (valued at more than \$100,000).

Flow Down

The Buy America requirements flow down from FTA recipients and subrecipients to first tier contractors, who are responsible for ensuring that lower tier contractors and subcontractors are in compliance. The \$100,000 threshold applies only to the grantee contract, subcontracts under that amount are subject to Buy America.

Mandatory Clause/Language

The Buy America regulation, at 49 CFR 661.13, requires notification of the Buy America requirements in FTA-funded contracts, but does not specify the language to be used. The following language has been developed by FTA.

Buy America - The contractor agrees to comply with 49 U.S.C. 5323(j) and 49 C.F.R. Part 661, which provide that Federal funds may not be obligated unless steel, iron, and manufactured products used in

FTA-funded projects are produced in the United States, unless a waiver has been granted by FTA or the product is subject to a general waiver. General waivers are listed in 49 C.F.R. 661.7, and include final assembly in the United States for 15 passenger vans and 15 passenger wagons produced by Chrysler Corporation, and microcomputer equipment and software. Separate requirements for rolling stock are set out at 49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(2)(C) and 49 C.F.R. 661.11. Rolling stock must be assembled in the United States and have a 60 percent domestic content.

A bidder or offeror must submit to the FTA recipient the appropriate Buy America certification (below) with all bids or offers on FTA-funded contracts, except those subject to a general waiver. Bids or offers that are not accompanied by a completed Buy America certification must be rejected as nonresponsive. This requirement does not apply to lower tier subcontractors.

Certification requirement for procurement of steel, iron, or manufactured products.

Certificate of Compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(1)

The bidder or offeror hereby certifies that it will meet the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(1) and the applicable regulations in 49 C.F.R. Part 661.5.

Date _____

Signature _____

Company Name _____

Title _____

Certificate of Non-Compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(1)

The bidder or offeror hereby certifies that it cannot comply with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(1) and 49 C.F.R. 661.5, but it may qualify for an exception pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(2)(A), 5323(j)(2)(B), or 5323(j)(2)(D), and 49 C.F.R. 661.7.

Date _____

Signature _____

Company Name _____

Title _____

Certification requirement for procurement of buses, other rolling stock and associated equipment.

Certificate of Compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(2)(C).

The bidder or offeror hereby certifies that it will comply with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(2)(C) and the regulations at 49 C.F.R. Part 661.11.

Date _____

Signature _____

Company Name _____

Title _____

Certificate of Non-Compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(2)(C)

The bidder or offeror hereby certifies that it cannot comply with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(2)(C) and 49 C.F.R. 661.11, but may qualify for an exception pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(2)(A), 5323(j)(2)(B), or 5323(j)(2)(D), and 49 CFR 661.7.

Date _____

Signature _____

Company Name _____

Title _____

3. CHARTER BUS REQUIREMENTS

49 U.S.C. 5323(d)

49 CFR Part 604

Applicability to Contracts

The Charter Bus requirements apply to the following type of contract: Operational Service Contracts.

Flow Down Requirements

The Charter Bus requirements flow down from FTA recipients and subrecipients to first tier service contractors.

Model Clause/Language

The relevant statutes and regulations do not mandate any specific clause or language. The following clause has been developed by FTA.

Charter Service Operations - The contractor agrees to comply with 49 U.S.C. 5323(d) and 49 CFR Part 604, which provides that recipients and subrecipients of FTA assistance are prohibited from providing charter service using federally funded equipment or facilities if there is at least one private charter operator willing and able to provide the service, except under one of the exceptions at 49 CFR 604.9. Any charter service provided under one of the exceptions must be "incidental," i.e., it must not interfere with or detract from the provision of mass transportation.

3. SCHOOL BUS REQUIREMENTS

49 U.S.C. 5323(F)

49 CFR Part 605

Applicability to Contracts

The School Bus requirements apply to the following type of contract: Operational Service Contracts.

Flow Down Requirements

The School Bus requirements flow down from FTA recipients and subrecipients to first tier service contractors.

Model Clause/Language

The relevant statutes and regulations do not mandate any specific clause or language. The following clause has been developed by FTA.

School Bus Operations - Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 5323(f) and 49 CFR Part 605, recipients and subrecipients of FTA assistance may not engage in school bus operations exclusively for the transportation of students and school personnel in competition with private school bus operators unless

qualified under specified exemptions. When operating exclusive school bus service under an allowable exemption, recipients and subrecipients may not use federally funded equipment, vehicles, or facilities.

4. CARGO PREFERENCE REQUIREMENTS

**46 U.S.C. 1241
46 CFR Part 381**

Applicability to Contracts

The Cargo Preference requirements apply to all contracts involving equipment, materials, or commodities which may be transported by ocean vessels.

Flow Down

The Cargo Preference requirements apply to all subcontracts when the subcontract may be involved with the transport of equipment, material, or commodities by ocean vessel.

Model Clause/Language

The MARAD regulations at 46 CFR 381.7 contain suggested contract clauses. The following language is proffered by FTA.

Cargo Preference - Use of United States-Flag Vessels - The contractor agrees: a. to use privately owned United States-Flag commercial vessels to ship at least 50 percent 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 United States-Flag commercial vessels; b. to furnish within 20 working days following the date of loading for shipments originating within the United States or within 30 working days following the date of leading for shipments originating outside the United States, a legible copy of a rated, "on-board" commercial ocean bill-of-lading in English for each shipment of cargo described in the preceding paragraph to the Division of National Cargo, Office of Market Development, Maritime Administration, Washington, DC 20590 and to the FTA recipient (through the contractor in the case of a subcontractor's bill-of-lading.) c. to include these requirements in all subcontracts issued pursuant to this contract when the subcontract may involve the transport of equipment, material, or commodities by ocean vessel.

5. SEISMIC SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

**42 U.S.C. 7701 et seq. 49
CFR Part 41**

Applicability to Contracts

The Seismic Safety requirements apply only to contracts for the construction of new buildings or additions to existing buildings.

Flow Down

The Seismic Safety requirements flow down from FTA recipients and subrecipients to first tier contractors to assure compliance, with the applicable building standards for Seismic Safety, including the work performed by all subcontractors.

Model Clauses/Language

The regulations do not provide suggested language for third-party contract clauses. The following language has been developed by FTA.

Seismic Safety - The contractor agrees that any new building or addition to an existing building will be designed and constructed in accordance with the standards for Seismic Safety required in Department of Transportation Seismic Safety Regulations 49 CFR Part 41 and will certify to compliance to the extent required by the regulation. The contractor also agrees to ensure that all work performed under this

contract including work performed by a subcontractor is in compliance with the standards required by the Seismic Safety Regulations and the certification of compliance issued on the project.

6. ENERGY CONSERVATION REQUIREMENTS

42 U.S.C. 6321 et seq.

49 CFR Part 18

Applicability to Contracts

The Energy Conservation requirements are applicable to all contracts.

Flow Down

The Energy Conservation requirements extend to all third party contractors and their contracts at every tier and subrecipients and their subagreements at every tier.

Model Clause/Language

No specific clause is recommended in the regulations because the Energy Conservation requirements are so dependent on the state energy conservation plan. The following language has been developed by FTA:

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.

7. CLEAN WATER REQUIREMENTS

33 U.S.C. 1251

Applicability to Contracts

The Clean Water requirements apply to each contract and subcontract which exceeds \$100,000.

Flow Down

The Clean Water requirements flow down to FTA recipients and subrecipients at every tier.

Model Clause/Language

While no mandatory clause is contained in the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, the following language developed by FTA contains all the mandatory requirements:

Clean Water - (1) The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq. The Contractor agrees to report each violation to the Purchaser and understands and agrees that the Purchaser will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to FTA and the appropriate EPA Regional Office.

(2) The Contractor also agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$100,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA.

8. BUS TESTING

49 U.S.C. 5323(c)

49 CFR Part 665

Applicability to Contracts

The Bus Testing requirements pertain only to the acquisition of Rolling Stock/Turnkey.

Flow Down

The Bus Testing requirements should not flow down, except to the turnkey contractor as stated in Master Agreement.

Model Clause/Language

Clause and language therein are merely suggested. 49 CFR Part 665 does not contain specific language to be included in third party contracts but does contain requirements applicable to subrecipients and third party contractors. Bus Testing Certification and language therein are merely suggested.

Bus Testing - The Contractor [Manufacturer] agrees to comply with 49 U.S.C. A 5323(c) and FTA's implementing regulation at 49 CFR Part 665 and shall perform the following:

- 1) A manufacturer of a new bus model or a bus produced with a major change in components or configuration shall provide a copy of the final test report to the recipient at a point in the procurement process specified by the recipient which will be prior to the recipient's final acceptance of the first vehicle.
- 2) A manufacturer who releases a report under paragraph 1 above shall provide notice to the operator of the testing facility that the report is available to the public.
- 3) If the manufacturer represents that the vehicle was previously tested, the vehicle being sold should have the identical configuration and major components as the vehicle in the test report, which must be provided to the recipient prior to recipient's final acceptance of the first vehicle. If the configuration or components are not identical, the manufacturer shall provide a description of the change and the manufacturer's basis for concluding that it is not a major change requiring additional testing.
- 4) If the manufacturer represents that the vehicle is "grandfathered" (has been used in mass transit service in the United States before October 1, 1988, and is currently being produced without a major change in configuration or components), the manufacturer shall provide the name and address of the recipient of such a vehicle and the details of that vehicle's configuration and major components.

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH FTA'S BUS TESTING REQUIREMENTS

The undersigned [Contractor/Manufacturer] certifies that the vehicle offered in this procurement complies with 49 U.S.C. A 5323(c) and FTA's implementing regulation at 49 CFR Part 665.

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 Department of Transportation's regulation on Program Fraud Civil Remedies, 49 CFR Part 31. In addition, the undersigned understands that FTA may suspend or debar a manufacturer under the procedures in 49 CFR Part 29.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Company Name: _____

Title: _____

9. PRE-AWARD AND POST DELIVERY AUDITS REQUIREMENTS

49 U.S.C. 5323

49 CFR Part 663

Applicability to Contracts

These requirements apply only to the acquisition of Rolling Stock/Turnkey.

Flow Down

These requirements should not flow down, except to the turnkey contractor as stated in Master Agreement.

Model Clause/Language

Clause and language therein are merely suggested. 49 C.F.R. Part 663 does not contain specific language to be included in third party contracts but does contain requirements applicable to subrecipients and third party contractors.

- Buy America certification is mandated under FTA regulation, "Pre-Award and Post-Delivery Audits of Rolling Stock Purchases," 49 C.F.R. 663.13.

-- Specific language for the Buy America certification is mandated by FTA regulation,

"Buy America Requirements--Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982, as amended,"

49 C.F.R. 661.12, but has been modified to include FTA's Buy America requirements codified at 49 U.S.C. A 5323(j).

Pre-Award and Post-Delivery Audit Requirements - The Contractor agrees to comply with 49 U.S.C. § 5323(l) and FTA's implementing regulation at 49 C.F.R. Part 663 and to submit the following certifications:

(1) Buy America Requirements: The Contractor shall complete and submit a declaration certifying either compliance or noncompliance with Buy America. If the Bidder/Offeror certifies compliance with Buy America, it shall submit documentation which lists 1) component and subcomponent parts of the rolling stock to be purchased identified by manufacturer of the parts, their country of origin and costs; and 2) the location of the final assembly point for the rolling stock, including a description of the activities that will take place at the final assembly point and the cost of final assembly.

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

(3) Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS): The 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 contracted buses will not be subject to FMVSS regulations.

**BUY AMERICA CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH FTA REQUIREMENTS
FOR BUSES, OTHER ROLLING STOCK, OR ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT**

(To be submitted with a bid or offer exceeding the small purchase threshold for Federal assistance programs, currently set at \$100,000.)

Certificate of Compliance

The bidder hereby certifies that it will comply with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. Section 5323(j)(2)(C), Section 165(b)(3) of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982, as amended, and the regulations of 49 C.F.R. 661.11:

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Company Name: _____

Title: _____

Certificate of Non-Compliance

The bidder hereby certifies that it cannot comply with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. Section 5323(j)(2)(C) and Section 165(b)(3) of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982, as amended, but may qualify for an exception to the requirements consistent with 49 U.S.C. Sections 5323(j)(2)(B) or (j)(2)(D), Sections 165(b)(2) or (b)(4) of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act, as amended, and regulations in 49 C.F.R. 661.7.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Company Name: _____

Title: _____

10. LOBBYING
31 U.S.C. 1352
49 CFR Part 19
49 CFR Part 20

Applicability to Contracts

The Lobbying requirements apply to Construction/Architectural and Engineering/Acquisition of Rolling Stock/Professional Service Contract/Operational Service Contract/Turnkey contracts.

Flow Down

The Lobbying requirements mandate the maximum flow down, pursuant to Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment, 31 U.S.C. § 1352(b)(5) and 49 C.F.R. Part 19, Appendix A, Section 7.

Mandatory Clause/Language

Clause and specific language therein are mandated by 49 CFR Part 19, Appendix A.

Modifications have been made to the Clause pursuant to Section 10 of the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995, P.L. 104-65 [to be codified at 2 U.S.C. § 1601, *et seq.*]

- Lobbying Certification and Disclosure of Lobbying Activities for third party contractors are mandated by 31 U.S.C. 1352(b)(5), as amended by Section 10 of the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995, and DOT implementing regulation, "New Restrictions on Lobbying," at 49 CFR § 20.110(d)

- Language in Lobbying Certification is mandated by 49 CFR Part 19, Appendix A, Section 7, which provides that contractors file the certification required by 49 CFR Part 20, Appendix A.

Modifications have been made to the Lobbying Certification pursuant to Section 10 of the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995.

- Use of "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," Standard Form-LLL set forth in Appendix B of 49 CFR Part 20, as amended by "Government wide Guidance For New Restrictions on Lobbying," 61 Fed. Reg. 1413 (1/19/96) is mandated by 49 CFR Part 20, Appendix A.

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

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U.S.C. 1352. Each tier shall also disclose the name of any registrant under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 who has made lobbying contacts on its behalf with non-Federal funds with respect to that Federal contract, grant or award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the recipient.

APPENDIX A, 49 CFR PART 20--CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements

(To be submitted with each bid or offer exceeding \$100,000)

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

(1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

(2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for making lobbying contacts to an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form--LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions [as amended by "Government wide Guidance for New Restrictions on Lobbying," 61 Fed. Reg. 1413 (1/19/96). Note: Language in paragraph (2) herein has been modified in accordance with Section 10 of the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (P.L. 104-65, to be codified at 2 U.S.C. 1601, *et seq.*)]

(3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by 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.

[Note: Pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 1352(c)(1)-(2)(A), any person who makes a prohibited expenditure or fails to file or amend a required certification or disclosure form shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such expenditure or failure.]

The Contractor, _____, certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of each statement of its certification and disclosure, if any. In addition, the Contractor understands and agrees that the provisions of 31 U.S.C. A 3801, *et seq.*, apply to this certification and disclosure, if any.

_____ Signature of Contractor's Authorized Official

_____ Name and Title of Contractor's Authorized Official

_____ Date

11. ACCESS TO RECORDS AND REPORTS

49 U.S.C. 5325
18 CFR 18.36 (i)
49 CFR 633.17

Applicability to Contracts

Reference Chart "Requirements for Access to Records and Reports by Type of Contracts"

Flow Down

FTA does not require the inclusion of these requirements in subcontracts.

Model Clause/Language

The specified language is not mandated by the statutes or regulations referenced, but the language provided paraphrases the statutory or regulatory language.

Access to Records - The following access to records requirements apply to this Contract:

1. Where the Purchaser is not a State but a local government and is the FTA Recipient or a subgrantee of the FTA Recipient in accordance with 49 C.F.R. 18.36(i), the Contractor agrees to provide the Purchaser, the FTA Administrator, the Comptroller General of the United States or any of their authorized representatives access to any books, documents, papers and records of the Contractor which are directly pertinent to this contract for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts and transcriptions. Contractor also agrees, pursuant to 49 C.F.R. 633.17 to provide the FTA Administrator or his authorized representatives including any PMO Contractor access to Contractor's records and construction sites pertaining to a major capital project, defined at 49 U.S.C. 5302(a)1, which is receiving federal financial assistance through the programs described at 49 U.S.C. 5307, 5309 or 5311.
2. Where the Purchaser is a State and is the FTA Recipient or a subgrantee of the FTA Recipient in accordance with 49 C.F.R. 633.17, Contractor agrees to provide the Purchaser, the FTA Administrator or his authorized representatives, including any PMO Contractor, access to the Contractor's records and construction sites pertaining to a major capital project, defined at 49 U.S.C. 5302(a)1, which is receiving federal financial assistance through the programs described at 49 U.S.C. 5307, 5309 or 5311. By definition, a major capital project excludes contracts of less than the simplified acquisition threshold currently set at \$100,000.
3. Where the Purchaser enters into a negotiated contract for other than a small purchase or under the simplified acquisition threshold and is an institution of higher education, a hospital or other non-profit organization and is the FTA Recipient or a subgrantee of the FTA Recipient in accordance with 49 C.F.R. 19.48, Contractor agrees to provide the Purchaser, FTA Administrator, the Comptroller General of the United States or any of their duly authorized representatives with access to any books, documents, papers and record of the Contractor which are directly pertinent to this contract for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts and transcriptions.
4. Where any Purchaser which is the FTA Recipient or a subgrantee of the FTA Recipient in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 5325(a) enters into a contract for a capital project or improvement (defined at 49 U.S.C. 5302(a)1) through other than competitive bidding, the Contractor shall make available records related to the contract to the Purchaser, the Secretary of Transportation and the Comptroller General or any authorized officer or employee of any of them for the purposes of conducting an audit and inspection.
5. The Contractor agrees to permit any of the foregoing parties to reproduce by any means whatsoever or to copy excerpts and transcriptions as reasonably needed.
6. The Contractor agrees to maintain all books, records, accounts and reports required under this contract for a period of not less than three 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 Purchaser, the FTA Administrator, the

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Comptroller General, or any of their duly authorized representatives, have disposed of all such litigation, appeals, claims or exceptions related thereto. Reference 49 CFR 18.39(i)(11).

7. FTA does not require the inclusion of these requirements in subcontracts.

Requirements for Access to Records and Reports by Types of Contract

| Contract Characteristics | Operational Service Contract | Turnkey | Construction | Architectural Engineering | Acquisition of Rolling Stock | Professional Services |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| <u>I State Grantees</u> a. Contracts below SAT (\$100,000) b. Contracts above \$100,000/Capital Projects | None None unless ¹ non-competitive award | Those imposed on state pass thru to Contractor | None Yes, if non-competitive award or if funded thru ² 5307/5309/5311 | None None unless non-competitive award | None None unless non-competitive award | None None unless non-competitive award |
| <u>II Non State Grantees</u> a. Contracts below SAT (\$100,000) b. Contracts above \$100,000/Capital Projects | Yes ³ Yes ³ | Those imposed on non-state Grantee pass thru to Contractor | Yes Yes | Yes Yes | Yes Yes | Yes Yes |

Sources of Authority:

¹ 49 USC 5325 (a)

² 49 CFR 633.17

³ 18 CFR 18.36 (i)

12. FEDERAL CHANGES
49 CFR Part 18

Applicability to Contracts

The Federal Changes requirement applies to all contracts.

Flow Down

The Federal Changes requirement flows down appropriately to each applicable changed requirement.

Model Clause/Language

No specific language is mandated. The following language has been developed by FTA.

Federal Changes - Contractor shall at all times comply with all applicable FTA regulations, policies, procedures and directives, including without limitation those listed directly or by reference in the Master Agreement between Purchaser and FTA, as they 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.

13. BONDING REQUIREMENTS

Applicability to Contracts

For those construction or facility improvement contracts or subcontracts exceeding \$100,000, FTA may accept the bonding policy and requirements of the recipient, provided that they meet the minimum requirements for construction contracts as follows:

- a. A bid guarantee from each bidder equivalent to five (5) percent of the bid price. The "bid guarantees" shall consist of a firm commitment such as a bid bond, certified check, or other negotiable instrument accompanying a bid as assurance that the bidder will, upon acceptance of his bid, execute such contractual documents as may be required within the time specified.
- b. A performance bond on the part to the Contractor for 100 percent of the contract price. A "performance bond" is one executed in connection with a contract to secure fulfillment of all the contractor's obligations under such contract.
- c. A payment bond on the part of the contractor for 100 percent of the contract price. A "payment bond" is one executed in connection with a contract to assure payment, as required by law, of all persons supplying labor and material in the execution of the work provided for in the contract. Payment bond amounts required from Contractors are as follows:
 - (1) 50% of the contract price if the contract price is not more than \$1 million;
 - (2) 40% of the contract price if the contract price is more than \$1 million but not more than \$5 million; or
 - (3) \$2.5 million if the contract price is more than \$5 million.
- d. A cash deposit, certified check or other negotiable instrument may be accepted by a grantee in lieu of performance and payment bonds, provided the grantee has established a procedure to assure that the interest of FTA is adequately protected. An irrevocable letter of credit would also satisfy the requirement for a bond.

Flow Down

Bonding requirements flow down to the first tier contractors.

Model Clauses/Language

FTA does not prescribe specific wording to be included in third party contracts. FTA has prepared sample clauses as follows:

Bid Bond Requirements (Construction)

(a) Bid Security

A Bid Bond must be issued by a fully qualified surety company acceptable to the St. Tammany Parish Government and listed as a company currently authorized under 31 CFR, Part 223 as possessing a Certificate of Authority as described thereunder.

(b) Rights Reserved

In submitting this Bid, it is understood and agreed by bidder that the right is reserved by St. Tammany Parish Government to reject any and all bids, or part of any bid, and it is agreed that the Bid may not be withdrawn for a period of [ninety (90)] days subsequent to the opening of bids, without the written consent of St. Tammany Parish Government.

It is also understood and agreed that if the undersigned bidder should withdraw any part or all of his bid within [ninety (90)] days after the bid opening without the written consent of the St. Tammany Parish Government, shall refuse or be unable to enter into this Contract, as provided above, or refuse or be unable to furnish adequate and acceptable Performance Bonds and Labor and Material Payments Bonds, as provided above, or refuse or be unable to furnish adequate and acceptable insurance, as provided above, he shall forfeit his bid security to the extent of the St. Tammany Parish Government's damages occasioned by such withdrawal, or refusal, or inability to enter into an agreement, or provide adequate security therefor.

It is further understood and agreed that to the extent the defaulting bidder's Bid Bond, Certified Check, Cashier's Check, Treasurer's Check, and/or Official Bank Check (excluding any income generated thereby which has been retained by the St. Tammany Parish Government as provided in [Item x "Bid Security" of the Instructions to Bidders]) shall prove inadequate to fully recompense the St. Tammany Parish Government for the damages occasioned by default, then the undersigned bidder agrees to indemnify St. Tammany Parish Government and pay over to St. Tammany Parish Government the difference between the bid security and the St. Tammany Parish Government's total damages, so as to make the St. Tammany Parish Government whole.

The undersigned understands that any material alteration of any of the above or any of the material contained on this form, other than that requested will render the bid unresponsive.

Performance and Payment Bonding Requirements (Construction)

The Contractor shall be required to obtain performance and payment bonds as follows:

(a) Performance bonds

1. The penal amount of performance bonds shall be 100 percent of the original contract price, unless the St. Tammany Parish Government determines that a lesser amount would be adequate for the protection of the St. Tammany Parish Government.
2. The St. Tammany Parish Government may require additional performance bond protection when a contract price is increased. The increase in protection shall generally equal 100 percent of the increase in contract price. The St. Tammany Parish Government may secure additional protection by directing the Contractor to increase the penal amount of the existing bond or to obtain an additional bond.

(b) Payment bonds

1. The penal amount of the payment bonds shall equal:
 - (i) Fifty percent of the contract price if the contract price is not more than \$1 million.
 - (ii) Forty percent of the contract price if the contract price is more than \$1 million but not more than \$5 million; or
 - (iii) Two and one half million if the contract price is more than \$5 million.
2. If the original contract price is \$5 million or less, the St. Tammany Parish Government may require additional protection as required by subparagraph 1 if the contract price is increased.

Performance and Payment Bonding Requirements (Non-Construction)

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The Contractor may be required to obtain performance and payment bonds when necessary to protect the St. Tammany Parish Government's interest.

(a) The following situations may warrant a performance bond:

1. St. Tammany Parish Government property or funds are to be provided to the contractor for use in performing the contract or as partial compensation (as in retention of salvaged material).
2. A contractor sells assets to or merges with another concern, and the St. Tammany Parish Government, after recognizing the latter concern as the successor in interest, desires assurance that it is financially capable.
3. Substantial progress payments are made before delivery of end items starts.
4. Contracts are for dismantling, demolition, or removal of improvements.

(b) When it is determined that a performance bond is required, the Contractor shall be required to obtain performance bonds as follows:

1. The penal amount of performance bonds shall be 100 percent of the original contract price, unless the St. Tammany Parish Government determines that a lesser amount would be adequate for the protection of the St. Tammany Parish Government.
2. The St. Tammany Parish Government may require additional performance bond protection when a contract price is increased. The increase in protection shall generally equal 100 percent of the increase in contract price. The St. Tammany Parish Government may secure additional protection by directing the Contractor to increase the penal amount of the existing bond or to obtain an additional bond.

(c) A payment bond is required only when a performance bond is required, and if the use of payment bond is in the St. Tammany Parish Government's interest.

(d) When it is determined that a payment bond is required, the Contractor shall be required to obtain payment bonds as follows:

1. The penal amount of payment bonds shall equal:
 - (i) Fifty percent of the contract price if the contract price is not more than \$1 million;
 - (ii) Forty percent of the contract price if the contract price is more than \$1 million but not more than \$5 million; or
 - (iii) Two and one half million if the contract price is increased.

Advance Payment Bonding Requirements

The Contractor may be required to obtain an advance payment bond if the contract contains an advance payment provision and a performance bond is not furnished. The St. Tammany Parish Government shall determine the amount of the advance payment bond necessary to protect the St. Tammany Parish Government.

Patent Infringement Bonding Requirements (Patent Indemnity)

The Contractor may be required to obtain a patent indemnity bond if a performance bond is not furnished and the financial responsibility of the Contractor is unknown or doubtful. The St. Tammany Parish

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Government shall determine the amount of the patent indemnity to protect the St. Tammany Parish Government.

Warranty of the Work and Maintenance Bonds

1. The Contractor warrants to St. Tammany Parish Government, the Architect and/or Engineer that all materials and equipment furnished under this Contract will be of highest quality and new unless otherwise specified by St. Tammany Parish Government, free from faults and defects and in conformance with the Contract Documents. All work not so conforming to these standards shall be considered defective. If required by the [Project Manager], the Contractor shall furnish satisfactory evidence as to the kind and quality of materials and equipment.

2. The Work furnished must be of first quality and the workmanship must be the best obtainable in the various trades. The Work must be of safe, substantial and durable construction in all respects. The Contractor hereby guarantees the Work against defective materials or faulty workmanship for a minimum period of one (1) year after Final Payment by the St. Tammany Parish Government and shall replace or repair any defective materials or equipment or faulty workmanship during the period of the guarantee at no cost to the St. Tammany Parish Government. As additional security for these guarantees, the Contractor shall, prior to the release of Final Payment [as provided in Item X below], furnish separate Maintenance (or Guarantee) Bonds in form acceptable to the St. Tammany Parish Government written by the same corporate surety that provides the Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond for this Contract. These bonds shall secure the Contractor's obligation to replace or repair defective materials and faulty workmanship for a minimum period of one (1) year after Final Payment and shall be written in an amount equal to ONE HUNDRED PERCENT (100%) of the CONTRACT SUM, as adjusted (if at all).

14. CLEAN AIR
42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq
40 CFR 15.61
49 CFR Part 18

Applicability to Contracts

The Clean Air requirements apply to all contracts exceeding \$100,000, including indefinite quantities where the amount is expected to exceed \$100,000 in any year.

Flow Down

The Clean Air requirements flow down to all subcontracts which exceed \$100,000.

Model Clauses/Language

No specific language is required. FTA has proposed the following language.

Clean Air - (1) The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 7401 et seq. The Contractor agrees to report each violation to the Purchaser and understands and agrees that the Purchaser will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to FTA and the appropriate EPA Regional Office.

(2) The Contractor also agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$100,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA.

15. RECYCLED PRODUCTS

42 U.S.C. 6962

40 CFR Part 247

Executive Order 12873

Applicability to Contracts

The Recycled Products requirements apply to 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 fiscal year, or has procured \$10,000 or more of such items in the previous fiscal year, using Federal funds. New requirements for "recovered materials" will become effective May 1, 1996. These new regulations apply to all procurement actions involving items designated by the EPA, where the procuring agency purchases \$10,000 or more of one of these items in a fiscal year, or when the cost of such items purchased during the previous fiscal year was \$10,000.

Flow Down

These requirements flow down to all to all contractor and subcontractor tiers.

Model Clause/Language

No specific clause is mandated, but FTA has developed the following language.

Recovered Materials - 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.

16. DAVIS-BACON AND COPELAND ANTI-KICKBACK ACTS

Background and Application

The Davis-Bacon and Copeland Acts are codified at 40 USC 3141, *et seq.* and 18 USC 874. The Acts apply to grantee construction contracts and subcontracts that "at least partly are financed by a loan or grant from the Federal Government." 40 USC 3145(a), 29 CFR 5.2(h), 49 CFR 18.36(i)(5). The Acts apply to any construction contract over \$2,000. 40 USC 3142(a), 29 CFR 5.5(a). 'Construction,' for purposes of the Acts, includes "actual construction, alteration and/or repair, including painting and decorating." 29 CFR 5.5(a). The requirements of both Acts are incorporated into a single clause (see 29 CFR 3.11) enumerated at 29 CFR 5.5(a) and reproduced below.

The clause language is drawn directly from 29 CFR 5.5(a) and any deviation from the model clause below should be coordinated with counsel to ensure the Acts' requirements are satisfied.

Clause Language

Davis-Bacon and Copeland Anti-Kickback Acts

(1) **Minimum wages** - (i) All laborers and mechanics employed or working upon the site of the work (or under the United States Housing Act of 1937 or under the Housing Act of 1949 in the construction or development of the project), will be paid unconditionally and not less often than once a week, and without subsequent deduction or rebate on any account (except such payroll deductions as are permitted by regulations issued by the Secretary of Labor under the Copeland Act (29 CFR part 3)), the full amount of wages and bona fide fringe benefits (or cash equivalents thereof) due at time of payment computed at rates not less than those contained in the wage determination of the Secretary of Labor which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, regardless of any contractual relationship which may be alleged to exist between the contractor and such laborers and mechanics.

Contributions made or costs reasonably anticipated for bona fide fringe benefits under section 1(b)(2) of the Davis-Bacon Act on behalf of laborers or mechanics are considered wages paid to such laborers or

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mechanics, subject to the provisions of paragraph (1)(iv) of this section; also, regular contributions made or costs incurred for more than a weekly period (but not less often than quarterly) under plans, funds, or programs which cover the particular weekly period, are deemed to be constructively made or incurred during such weekly period. Such laborers and mechanics shall be paid the appropriate wage rate and fringe benefits on the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed, without regard to skill, except as provided in 29 CFR Part 5.5(a)(4). Laborers or mechanics performing work in more than one classification may be compensated at the rate specified for each classification for the time actually worked therein: Provided, That the employer's payroll records accurately set forth the time spent in each classification in which work is performed. The wage determination (including any additional classifications and wage rates conformed under paragraph (1)(ii) of this section) and the Davis-Bacon poster (WH-1321) shall be posted at all times by the contractor and its subcontractors at the site of the work in a prominent and accessible place where it can be easily seen by the workers.

(ii)(A) The contracting officer shall require that any class of laborers or mechanics, including helpers, which is not listed in the wage determination and which is to be employed under the contract shall be classified in conformance with the wage determination. The contracting officer shall approve an additional classification and wage rate and fringe benefits therefore only when the following criteria have been met:

- (1) Except with respect to helpers as defined as 29 CFR 5.2(n)(4), the work to be performed by the classification requested is not performed by a classification in the wage determination; and
- (2) The classification is utilized in the area by the construction industry; and
- (3) The proposed wage rate, including any bona fide fringe benefits, bears a reasonable relationship to the wage rates contained in the wage determination; and
- (4) With respect to helpers as defined in 29 CFR 5.2(n)(4), such a classification prevails in the area in which the work is performed.

(B) If the contractor and the laborers and mechanics to be employed in the classification (if known), or their representatives, and the contracting officer agree on the classification and wage rate (including the amount designated for fringe benefits where appropriate), a report of the action taken shall be sent by the contracting officer to the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Employment Standards Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Washington, DC 20210. The Administrator, or an authorized representative, will approve, modify, or disapprove every additional classification action within 30 days of receipt and so advise the contracting officer or will notify the contracting officer within the 30-day period that additional time is necessary.

(C) In the event the contractor, the laborers or mechanics to be employed in the classification or their representatives, and the contracting officer do not agree on the proposed classification and wage rate (including the amount designated for fringe benefits, where appropriate), the contracting officer shall refer the questions, including the views of all interested parties and the recommendation of the contracting officer, to the Administrator for determination. The Administrator, or an authorized representative, will issue a determination within 30 days of receipt and so advise the contracting officer or will notify the contracting officer within the 30-day period that additional time is necessary.

(D) The wage rate (including fringe benefits where appropriate) determined pursuant to paragraphs (a)(1)(ii) (B) or (C) of this section, shall be paid to all workers performing work in the classification under this contract from the first day on which work is performed in the classification.

(iii) Whenever the minimum wage rate prescribed in the contract for a class of laborers or mechanics includes a fringe benefit which is not expressed as an hourly rate, the contractor shall either pay the benefit as stated in the wage determination or shall pay another bona fide fringe benefit or an hourly cash equivalent thereof.

(iv) If the contractor does not make payments to a trustee or other third person, the contractor may consider as part of the wages of any laborer or mechanic the amount of any costs reasonably anticipated in providing bona fide fringe benefits under a plan or program, Provided, That the Secretary of Labor has found, upon the written request of the contractor, that the applicable standards of the Davis-Bacon Act have been met. The Secretary of Labor may require the contractor to set aside in a separate account assets for the meeting of obligations under the plan or program.

(v)(A) The contracting officer shall require that any class of laborers or mechanics which is not listed in the wage determination and which is to be employed under the contract shall be classified in conformance with the wage determination. The contracting officer shall approve an additional classification and wage rate and fringe benefits therefor only when the following criteria have been met:

(1) The work to be performed by the classification requested is not performed by a classification in the wage determination; and

(2) The classification is utilized in the area by the construction industry; and

(3) The proposed wage rate, including any bona fide fringe benefits, bears a reasonable relationship to the wage rates contained in the wage determination.

(B) If the contractor and the laborers and mechanics to be employed in the classification (if known), or their representatives, and the contracting officer agree on the classification and wage rate (including the amount designated for fringe benefits where appropriate), a report of the action taken shall be sent by the contracting officer to the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Employment Standards Administration, Washington, DC 20210. The Administrator, or an authorized representative, will approve, modify, or disapprove every additional classification action within 30 days of receipt and so advise the contracting officer or will notify the contracting officer within the 30-day period that additional time is necessary.

(C) In the event the contractor, the laborers or mechanics to be employed in the classification or their representatives, and the contracting officer do not agree on the proposed classification and wage rate (including the amount designated for fringe benefits, where appropriate), the contracting officer shall refer the questions, including the views of all interested parties and the recommendation of the contracting officer, to the Administrator for determination. The Administrator, or an authorized representative, will issue a determination with 30 days of receipt and so advise the contracting officer or will notify the contracting officer within the 30-day period that additional time is necessary.

(D) The wage rate (including fringe benefits where appropriate) determined pursuant to paragraphs (a)(1)(v) (B) or (C) of this section, shall be paid to all workers performing work in the classification under this contract from the first day on which work is performed in the classification.

(2) **Withholding** - St. Tammany Parish Government shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor withhold or cause to be withheld from the contractor under this contract or any other Federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other federally-assisted contract subject to Davis-Bacon prevailing wage requirements, which is held by the same prime contractor, so much of the accrued payments or advances as may be considered necessary to pay laborers and mechanics, including apprentices, trainees, and helpers, employed by the contractor or any subcontractor the full amount of wages required by the contract. In the event of failure to pay any laborer or mechanic, including any apprentice, trainee, or helper, employed or working on the site of the work (or under the United States Housing Act of 1937 or under the Housing Act of 1949 in the construction or development of the project), all or part of the wages required by the contract, St. Tammany Parish Government may, after written notice to the contractor, sponsor, applicant, or owner, take such action as may be necessary to cause the suspension of any further payment, advance, or guarantee of funds until such violations have ceased.

(3) **Payrolls and basic records** - (i) Payrolls and basic records relating thereto shall be maintained by

the contractor during the course of the work and preserved for a period of three years thereafter for all laborers and mechanics working at the site of the work (or under the United States Housing Act of 1937, or under the Housing Act of 1949, in the construction or development of the project). Such records shall contain the name, address, and social security number of each such worker, his or her correct classification, hourly rates of wages paid (including rates of contributions or costs anticipated for bona fide fringe benefits or cash equivalents thereof of the types described in section 1(b)(2)(B) of the Davis-Bacon Act), daily and weekly number of hours worked, deductions made and actual wages paid. Whenever the Secretary of Labor has found under 29 CFR 5.5(a)(1)(iv) that the wages of any laborer or mechanic include the amount of any costs reasonably anticipated in providing benefits under a plan or program described in section 1(b)(2)(B) of the Davis-Bacon Act, the contractor shall maintain records which show that the commitment to provide such benefits is enforceable, that the plan or program is financially responsible, and that the plan or program has been communicated in writing to the laborers or mechanics affected, and records which show the costs anticipated or the actual cost incurred in providing such benefits. Contractors employing apprentices or trainees under approved programs shall maintain written evidence of the registration of apprenticeship programs and certification of trainee programs, the registration of the apprentices and trainees, and the ratios and wage rates prescribed in the applicable programs.

(ii)(A) The contractor shall submit weekly for each week in which any contract work is performed a copy of all payrolls to the St. Tammany Parish Government for transmission to the Federal Transit Administration. The payrolls submitted shall set out accurately and completely all of the information required to be maintained under section 5.5(a)(3)(i) of Regulations, 29 CFR part 5. This information may be submitted in any form desired. Optional Form WH-347 is available for this purpose and may be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents (Federal Stock Number 029-005-00014-1), U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402. The prime contractor is responsible for the submission of copies of payrolls by all subcontractors.

(B) Each payroll submitted shall be accompanied by a "Statement of Compliance," signed by the contractor or subcontractor or his or her agent who pays or supervises the payment of the persons employed under the contract and shall certify the following:

(1) That the payroll for the payroll period contains the information required to be maintained under section 5.5(a)(3)(i) of Regulations, 29 CFR part 5 and that such information is correct and complete;

(2) That each laborer or mechanic (including each helper, apprentice, and trainee) employed on the contract during the payroll period has been paid the full weekly wages earned, without rebate, either directly or indirectly, and that no deductions have been made either directly or indirectly from the full wages earned, other than permissible deductions as set forth in Regulations, 29 CFR part 3;

(3) That each laborer or mechanic has been paid not less than the applicable wage rates and fringe benefits or cash equivalents for the classification of work performed, as specified in the applicable wage determination incorporated into the contract.

(C) The weekly submission of a properly executed certification set forth on the reverse side of Optional Form WH-347 shall satisfy the requirement for submission of the "Statement of Compliance" required by paragraph (a)(3)(ii)(B) of this section.

(D) The falsification of any of the above certifications may subject the contractor or subcontractor to civil or criminal prosecution under section 1001 of title 18 and section 231 of title 31 of the United States Code.

(iii) The contractor or subcontractor shall make the records required under paragraph (a)(3)(i) of this section available for inspection, copying, or transcription by authorized representatives of the Federal Transit Administration or the Department of Labor, and shall permit such representatives to interview employees during working hours on the job. If the contractor or subcontractor fails to submit the required records or to make them available, the Federal agency may, after written notice to the contractor,

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sponsor, applicant, or owner, take such action as may be necessary to cause the suspension of any further payment, advance, or guarantee of funds. Furthermore, failure to submit the required records upon request or to make such records available may be grounds for debarment action pursuant to 29 CFR 5.12.

(4) **Apprentices and trainees** - (i) Apprentices - Apprentices will be permitted to work at less than the predetermined rate for the work they performed when they are employed pursuant to and individually registered in a bona fide apprenticeship program registered with the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training, or with a State Apprenticeship Agency recognized by the Bureau, or if a person is employed in his or her first 90 days of probationary employment as an apprentice in such an apprenticeship program, who is not individually registered in the program, but who has been certified by the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training or a State Apprenticeship Agency (where appropriate) to be eligible for probationary employment as an apprentice. The allowable ratio of apprentices to journeymen on the job site in any craft classification shall not be greater than the ratio permitted to the contractor as to the entire work force under the registered program. Any worker listed on a payroll at an apprentice wage rate, who is not registered or otherwise employed as stated above, shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed. In addition, any apprentice performing work on the job site in excess of the ratio permitted under the registered program shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the work actually performed. Where a contractor is performing construction on a project in a locality other than that in which its program is registered, the ratios and wage rates (expressed in percentages of the journeyman's hourly rate) specified in the contractor's or subcontractor's registered program shall be observed. Every apprentice must be paid at not less than the rate specified in the registered program for the apprentice's level of progress, expressed as a percentage of the journeymen hourly rate specified in the applicable wage determination. Apprentices shall be paid fringe benefits in accordance with the provisions of the apprenticeship program. If the apprenticeship program does not specify fringe benefits, apprentices must be paid the full amount of fringe benefits listed on the wage determination for the applicable classification. If the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division of the U.S. Department of Labor determines that a different practice prevails for the applicable apprentice classification, fringes shall be paid in accordance with that determination. In the event the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training, or a State Apprenticeship Agency recognized by the Bureau, withdraws approval of an apprenticeship program, the contractor will no longer be permitted to utilize apprentices at less than the applicable predetermined rate for the work performed until an acceptable program is approved.

(ii) Trainees - Except as provided in 29 CFR 5.16, trainees will not be permitted to work at less than the predetermined rate for the work performed unless they are employed pursuant to and individually registered in a program which has received prior approval, evidenced by formal certification by the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration. The ratio of trainees to journeymen on the job site shall not be greater than permitted under the plan approved by the Employment and Training Administration. Every trainee must be paid at not less than the rate specified in the approved program for the trainee's level of progress, expressed as a percentage of the journeyman hourly rate specified in the applicable wage determination. Trainees shall be paid fringe benefits in accordance with the provisions of the trainee program. If the trainee program does not mention fringe benefits, trainees shall be paid the full amount of fringe benefits listed on the wage determination unless the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division determines that there is an apprenticeship program associated with the corresponding journeyman wage rate on the wage determination which provides for less than full fringe benefits for apprentices. Any employee listed on the payroll at a trainee rate who is not registered and participating in a training plan approved by the Employment and Training Administration shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed. In addition, any trainee performing work on the job site in excess of the ratio permitted under the registered program shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the work actually performed. In the event the Employment and Training Administration withdraws approval of a training program, the contractor will no longer be permitted to utilize trainees at less than the applicable predetermined rate for the work performed until an acceptable program is approved.

(iii) Equal employment opportunity - The utilization of apprentices, trainees and journeymen under this part shall be in conformity with the equal employment opportunity requirements of Executive Order 11246, as amended, and 29 CFR part 30.

(5) **Compliance with Copeland Act requirements** - The contractor shall comply with the requirements of 29 CFR part 3, which are incorporated by reference in this contract.

(6) **Subcontracts** - The contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses contained in 29 CFR 5.5(a)(1) through (10) and such other clauses as the Federal Transit Administration may by appropriate instructions require, and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for the compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with all the contract clauses in 29 CFR 5.5.

(7) **Contract termination: debarment** - A breach of the contract clauses in 29 CFR 5.5 may be grounds for termination of the contract, and for debarment as a contractor and a subcontractor as provided in 29 CFR 5.12.

(8) **Compliance with Davis-Bacon and Related Act requirements** - All rulings and interpretations of the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts contained in 29 CFR parts 1, 3, and 5 are herein incorporated by reference in this contract.

(9) **Disputes concerning labor standards** - Disputes arising out of the labor standards provisions of this contract shall not be subject to the general disputes clause of this contract. Such disputes shall be resolved in accordance with the procedures of the Department of Labor set forth in 29 CFR parts 5, 6, and 7. Disputes within the meaning of this clause include disputes between the contractor (or any of its subcontractors) and the contracting agency, the U.S. Department of Labor, or the employees or their representatives.

(10) **Certification of eligibility** - (i) By entering into this contract, the contractor certifies that neither it (nor he or she) nor any person or firm who has an interest in the contractor's firm is a person or firm ineligible to be awarded Government contracts by virtue of section 3(a) of the Davis-Bacon Act or 29 CFR 5.12(a)(1).

(ii) No part of this contract shall be subcontracted to any person or firm ineligible for award of a Government contract by virtue of section 3(a) of the Davis-Bacon Act or 29 CFR 5.12(a)(1).

(iii) The penalty for making false statements is prescribed in the U.S. Criminal Code, 18 U.S.C. 1001.

17. CONTRACT WORK HOURS AND SAFETY STANDARDS ACT

Background and Application

The Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act is codified at 40 USC 3701, *et seq.* The Act applies to grantee contracts and subcontracts "financed at least in part by loans or grants from ... the [Federal] Government." 40 USC 3701(b)(1)(B)(iii) and (b)(2), 29 CFR 5.2(h), 49 CFR 18.36(i)(6). Although the original Act required its application in any construction contract over \$2,000 or non-construction contract to which the Act applied over \$2,500 (and language to that effect is still found in 49 CFR 18.36(i)(6)), the Act no longer applies to any "contract in an amount that is not greater than \$100,000." 40 USC 3701(b)(3) (A)(iii).

The Act applies to construction contracts and, in very limited circumstances, non-construction projects that employ "laborers or mechanics on a public work." These non-construction applications do not generally apply to transit procurements because transit procurements (to include rail cars and buses) are deemed "commercial items." 40 USC 3707, 41 USC 403 (12). A grantee that contemplates entering into a contract to procure a developmental or unique item should consult counsel to determine if the Act

applies to that procurement and that additional language required by 29 CFR 5.5(c) must be added to the basic clause below.

The clause language is drawn directly from 29 CFR 5.5(b) and any deviation from the model clause below should be coordinated with counsel to ensure the Act's requirements are satisfied.

Clause Language

Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards

(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 forty 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 forty hours in such workweek.

(2) **Violation; liability for unpaid wages; liquidated damages** - In the event of any violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section the contractor and any subcontractor responsible therefor shall be liable for the unpaid wages. In addition, such contractor and subcontractor shall be liable to the United States 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 paragraph (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 forty hours without payment of the overtime wages required by the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section.

(3) **Withholding for unpaid wages and liquidated damages** - The (*write in the name of the grantee*) shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor withhold or cause to be withheld, from any moneys payable on account of work performed by the 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 and 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 paragraph (2) of this section.

(4) **Subcontracts** - The contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in paragraphs (1) through (4) of this section and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with the clauses set forth in paragraphs (1) through (4) of this section.

18. [RESERVED]

19. NO GOVERNMENT OBLIGATION TO THIRD PARTIES

Applicability to Contracts

Applicable to all contracts.

Flow Down

Not required by statute or regulation for either primary contractors or subcontractors, this concept should flow down to all levels to clarify, to all parties to the contract, that the Federal Government does not have contractual liability to third parties, absent specific written consent.

Model Clause/Language

While no specific language is required, FTA has developed the following language.

No Obligation by the Federal Government.

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

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

20. PROGRAM FRAUD AND FALSE OR FRAUDULENT STATEMENTS AND RELATED ACTS

**31 U.S.C. 3801 et seq.
49 CFR Part 31 18 U.S.C. 1001
49 U.S.C. 5307**

Applicability to Contracts

These requirements are applicable to all contracts.

Flow Down

These requirements flow down to contractors and subcontractors who make, present, or submit covered claims and statements.

Model Clause/Language

These requirements have no specified language, so FTA proffers the following language.

Program Fraud and False or Fraudulent Statements or Related Acts.

(1) The Contractor acknowledges that the provisions of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986, as amended, 31 U.S.C. § 3801 et seq. and U.S. DOT regulations, "Program Fraud Civil Remedies," 49 C.F.R. Part 31, apply to its actions pertaining to this Project. Upon execution of the underlying contract, the 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 the FTA assisted project for which this contract work is being performed. In addition to other penalties that may be applicable, the Contractor further acknowledges that if it makes, or causes to be made, a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, or certification, the Federal Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986 on the Contractor to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.

(2) The Contractor also acknowledges that if it makes, or causes to be made, a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, or certification to the Federal Government under a contract connected with a project that is financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance originally awarded by FTA under the authority of 49 U.S.C. § 5307, the Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and 49 U.S.C. § 5307(n)(1) on the Contractor, to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.

(3) The Contractor agrees to include the above two clauses in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA. It is further agreed that the clauses shall not be modified, except to identify the subcontractor who will be subject to the provisions.

21. TERMINATION
49 U.S.C. Part 18
FTA Circular 4220.1E

Applicability to Contracts

All contracts (with the exception of contracts with nonprofit organizations and institutions of higher education,) in excess of \$10,000 shall contain suitable provisions for termination by the grantee including the manner by which it will be effected and the basis for settlement. (For contracts with nonprofit organizations and institutions of higher education the threshold is \$100,000.) In addition, such contracts shall describe conditions under which the contract may be terminated for default as well as conditions where the contract may be terminated because of circumstances beyond the control of the contractor.

Flow Down

The termination requirements flow down to all contracts in excess of \$10,000, with the exception of contracts with nonprofit organizations and institutions of higher learning.

Model Clause/Language

FTA does not prescribe the form or content of such clauses. The following are suggestions of clauses to be used in different types of contracts:

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

b. Termination for Default [Breach or Cause] (General Provision) If the Contractor does not deliver supplies in accordance with the contract delivery schedule, or, if the contract is for services, the Contractor fails to perform in the manner called for in the contract, or if the Contractor fails to comply with any other provisions of the contract, the St. Tammany Parish Government may terminate this contract for default. Termination shall be effected by serving a notice of termination on the contractor setting forth the manner in which the Contractor is in default. The contractor will only be paid the contract price for supplies delivered and accepted, or services performed in accordance with the manner of performance set forth in the contract.

If it is later determined by the St. Tammany Parish Government that the 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 the Contractor, the St. Tammany Parish Government, after setting up a new delivery of performance schedule, may allow the Contractor to continue work, or treat the termination as a termination for convenience.

c. Opportunity to Cure (General Provision) The St. Tammany Parish Government in its sole discretion may, in the case of a termination for breach or default, allow the Contractor [an appropriately short period of time] in which to cure the defect. In such case, the notice of termination will state the time period in which cure is permitted and other appropriate conditions

If Contractor fails to remedy to the St. Tammany Parish Government's satisfaction the breach or default of any of the terms, covenants, or conditions of this Contract within [ten (10) days] after receipt by Contractor of written notice from the St. Tammany Parish Government setting forth the nature of said breach or default, the St. Tammany Parish Government 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 St. Tammany Parish Government 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 St. Tammany Parish Government elects to waive its remedies for any breach by Contractor of any covenant, term or condition of this Contract, such waiver by the St. Tammany Parish Government shall not limit the St. Tammany Parish Government's 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 St. Tammany Parish Government, by written notice, may terminate this contract, in whole or in part, when it is in the Government's interest. If this contract is terminated, the St. Tammany Parish Government 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 the 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 St. Tammany Parish Government may terminate this contract for default. The St. Tammany Parish Government shall terminate by delivering to the Contractor a Notice of Termination specifying the nature of the default. The Contractor will 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 the Contractor was not in default, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if the termination had been issued for the convenience of the St. Tammany Parish Government.

g. Termination for Default (Transportation Services) If the 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 the Contractor fails to comply with any other provisions of this contract, the St. Tammany Parish Government may terminate this contract for default. The St. Tammany Parish Government shall terminate by delivering to the Contractor a Notice of Termination specifying the nature of default. The Contractor will 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 the Contractor has possession of St. Tammany Parish Government goods, the Contractor shall, upon direction of the St. Tammany Parish Government, protect and preserve the goods until surrendered to the St. Tammany Parish Government or its agent. The Contractor and St. Tammany Parish Government shall agree on payment for the preservation and protection of goods. Failure to agree on an amount will be resolved under the Dispute clause.

If, after termination for failure to fulfill contract obligations, it is determined that the Contractor was not in default, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if the termination had been issued for the convenience of the St. Tammany Parish Government.

h. Termination for Default (Construction) If the Contractor refuses or fails to prosecute the work or any separable part, with the diligence that will insure its completion within the time specified in this contract or any extension or fails to complete the work within this time, or if the Contractor fails to comply with any other provisions of this contract, the St. Tammany Parish Government may terminate this contract for default. The St. Tammany Parish Government shall terminate by delivering to the Contractor a Notice of Termination specifying the nature of the default. In this event, the St. Tammany Parish Government 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. The Contractor and its sureties shall be liable for any damage to the St. Tammany Parish Government resulting from the Contractor's refusal or failure to complete the work within specified time, whether or not the Contractor's right to proceed with the work is terminated. This liability includes any increased costs incurred by the St. Tammany Parish Government in completing the work.

The Contractor's right to proceed shall not be terminated nor the Contractor charged with damages under this clause if-

1. The delay in completing the work arises from unforeseeable causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor. Examples of such causes include: acts of God, acts of the St. Tammany Parish Government, acts of another Contractor in the performance of a contract with the St. Tammany Parish Government, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, freight embargoes; and
2. The contractor, within [10] days from the beginning of any delay, notifies the St. Tammany Parish Government in writing of the causes of delay. If in the judgment of the St. Tammany Parish Government, the delay is excusable, the time for completing the work shall be extended. The judgment of the St. Tammany Parish Government shall be final and conclusive on the parties, but subject to appeal under the Disputes clauses.

If, after termination of the Contractor's right to proceed, it is determined that the Contractor was not in default, or that the delay was excusable, the rights and obligations of the parties will be the same as if the termination had been issued for the convenience of the St. Tammany Parish Government.

i. Termination for Convenience or Default (Architect and Engineering) The St. Tammany Parish Government may terminate this contract in whole or in part, for the St. Tammany Parish Government's convenience or because of the failure of the Contractor to fulfill the contract obligations. The St. Tammany Parish Government shall terminate by delivering to the Contractor a Notice of Termination specifying the nature, extent, and effective date of the termination. Upon receipt of the notice, the Contractor shall (1) immediately discontinue all services affected (unless the notice directs otherwise), and (2) deliver to the Contracting Officer all data, drawings, specifications, reports, estimates, summaries, and other information and materials accumulated in performing this contract, whether completed or in process.

If the termination is for the convenience of the St. Tammany Parish Government, the Contracting Officer shall make an equitable adjustment in the contract price but shall allow no anticipated profit on unperformed services.

If the termination is for failure of the Contractor to fulfill the contract obligations, the St. Tammany Parish Government may complete the work by contract or otherwise and the Contractor shall be liable for any additional cost incurred by the St. Tammany Parish Government.

If, after termination for failure to fulfill contract obligations, it is determined that the Contractor was not in default, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if the termination had been issued for the convenience of the St. Tammany Parish Government.

j. Termination for Convenience of Default (Cost-Type Contracts) The St. Tammany Parish Government may terminate this contract, or any portion of it, by serving a notice of termination on the Contractor. The notice shall state whether the termination is for convenience of the St. Tammany Parish Government or for the default of the Contractor. If the termination is for default, the notice shall state the manner in which the contractor has failed to perform the requirements of the contract. The Contractor shall account for any property in its possession paid for from funds received from the St. Tammany Parish Government, or property supplied to the Contractor by the St. Tammany Parish Government. If the termination is for default, the St. Tammany Parish Government may fix the fee, if the contract provides for a fee, to be paid the contractor in proportion to the value, if any, of work performed up to the time of termination. The Contractor shall promptly submit its termination claim to the St. Tammany Parish Government and the parties shall negotiate the termination settlement to be paid the Contractor.

If the termination is for the convenience of the St. Tammany Parish Government, the 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.

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If, after serving a notice of termination for default, the St. Tammany Parish Government determines that the 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 the contractor, the St. Tammany Parish Government, after setting up a new work schedule, may allow the Contractor to continue work, or treat the termination as a termination for convenience.

22. GOVERNMENT-WIDE DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION (NONPROCUREMENT)

Background and Applicability

In conjunction with the Office of Management and Budget and other affected Federal agencies, DOT published an update to 49 CFR Part 29 on November 26, 2003. This government-wide regulation implements Executive Order 12549, *Debarment and Suspension*, Executive Order 12689, *Debarment and Suspension*, and 31 U.S.C. 6101 note (Section 2455, Public Law 103-355, 108 Stat. 3327).

The provisions of Part 29 apply to all grantee contracts and subcontracts at any level expected to equal or exceed \$25,000 as well as any contract or subcontract (at any level) for Federally required auditing services. 49 CFR 29.220(b). This represents a change from prior practice in that the dollar threshold for application of these rules has been lowered from \$100,000 to \$25,000. These are contracts and subcontracts referred to in the regulation as "covered transactions."

Grantees, contractors, and subcontractors (at any level) that enter into covered transactions are required to verify that the entity (as well as its principals and affiliates) they propose to contract or subcontract with is not excluded or disqualified. They do this by (a) Checking the Excluded Parties List System, (b) Collecting a certification from that person, or (c) Adding a clause or condition to the contract or subcontract. This represents a change from prior practice in that certification is still acceptable but is no longer required. 49 CFR 29.300.

Grantees, contractors, and subcontractors who enter into covered transactions also must require the entities they contract with to comply with 49 CFR 29, subpart C and include this requirement in their own subsequent covered transactions (i.e., the requirement flows down to subcontracts at all levels).

Clause Language

The following clause language is suggested, not mandatory. It incorporates the optional method of verifying that contractors are not excluded or disqualified by certification.

Suspension and Debarment

This contract is a covered transaction for purposes of 49 CFR Part 29. As such, the contractor is required to verify that none of the contractor, its principals, as defined at 49 CFR 29.995, or affiliates, as defined at 49 CFR 29.905, are excluded or disqualified as defined at 49 CFR 29.940 and 29.945.

The contractor is required to comply with 49 CFR 29, Subpart C and must include the requirement to comply with 49 CFR 29, Subpart C in any lower tier covered transaction it enters into.

By signing and submitting its bid or proposal, the bidder or proposer certifies as follows:

The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact relied upon by St. Tammany Parish. If it is later determined that the bidder or proposer knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to remedies available to St. Tammany Parish, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment. The bidder or proposer agrees to comply with the requirements of 49 CFR 29, Subpart C while this offer is valid and throughout the period

of any contract that may arise from this offer. The bidder or proposer further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

23. PRIVACY ACT **5 U.S.C. 552**

Applicability to Contracts

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.

Flow Down

The Federal Privacy Act requirements flow down to each third party contractor and their contracts at every tier.

Model Clause/Language

The text of the following clause has not been mandated by statute or specific regulation, but has been developed by FTA.

Contracts Involving Federal Privacy Act Requirements - 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.

24. CIVIL RIGHTS REQUIREMENTS **29 U.S.C. § 623, 42 U.S.C. § 2000** **42 U.S.C. § 6102, 42 U.S.C. § 12112** **42 U.S.C. § 12132, 49 U.S.C. § 5332** **29 CFR Part 1630, 41 CFR Parts 60 et seq.**

Applicability to Contracts

The Civil Rights Requirements apply to all contracts.

Flow Down

The Civil Rights requirements flow down to all third party contractors and their contracts at every tier.

Model Clause/Language

The following clause was predicated on language contained at 49 CFR Part 19, Appendix A, but FTA has shortened the lengthy text.

Civil Rights - The following requirements apply to the underlying contract:

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(1) Nondiscrimination - In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d, section 303 of the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 6102, section 202 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. § 12132, and Federal transit law at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, the Contractor agrees that it will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, age, or disability. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with applicable Federal implementing regulations and other implementing requirements FTA may issue.

(2) Equal Employment Opportunity - The following equal employment opportunity requirements apply to the underlying contract:

(a) Race, Color, Creed, National Origin, Sex - In accordance with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e, and Federal transit laws at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, the Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable equal employment opportunity requirements of U.S. Department of Labor (U.S. DOL) regulations, "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor," 41 C.F.R. Parts 60 et seq., (which implement Executive Order No. 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity," as amended by Executive Order No. 11375, "Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity," 42 U.S.C. § 2000e note), and with any applicable Federal statutes, executive orders, regulations, and Federal policies that may in the future affect construction activities undertaken in the course of the Project. The Contractor 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, national origin, sex, or age. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.

(b) Age - In accordance with section 4 of the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, as amended, 29 U.S.C. § 623 and Federal transit law at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, the Contractor agrees to refrain from discrimination against present and prospective employees for reason of age. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.

(c) Disabilities - In accordance with section 102 of the Americans with Disabilities Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 12112, the Contractor agrees that it will comply with the requirements of U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, "Regulations to Implement the Equal Employment Provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act," 29 C.F.R. Part 1630, pertaining to employment of persons with disabilities. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.

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

25. BREACHES AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

49 CFR Part 18 FTA Circular 4220.1E

Applicability to Contracts

All contracts in excess of \$100,000 shall contain provisions or conditions which will allow for administrative, contractual, or legal remedies in instances where contractors violate or breach contract terms, and provide for such sanctions and penalties as may be appropriate. This may include provisions for bonding, penalties for late or inadequate performance, retained earnings, liquidated damages or other appropriate measures.

Flow Down

The Breaches and Dispute Resolutions requirements flow down to all tiers.

Model Clauses/Language

FTA does not prescribe the form or content of such provisions. What provisions are developed will depend on the circumstances and the type of contract. St. Tammany Parish Government should consult legal counsel in developing appropriate clauses. The following clauses are examples of provisions from various FTA third party contracts.

Disputes - Disputes arising in the performance of this Contract which are not resolved by agreement of the parties shall be decided in writing by the authorized representative of St. Tammany Parish Government's CAO. This decision shall be final and conclusive unless within [ten (10)] days from the date of receipt of its copy, the Contractor mails or otherwise furnishes a written appeal to the [title of employee]. In connection with any such appeal, the Contractor shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard and to offer evidence in support of its position. The decision of the [title of employee] shall be binding upon the Contractor and the Contractor shall abide by the decision.

Performance During Dispute - Unless otherwise directed by the St. Tammany Parish Government, 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 a reasonable time 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 St. Tammany Parish Government and the 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 State in which the St. Tammany Parish Government is located.

Rights and Remedies - The 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 St. Tammany Parish Government, (Architect) 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.

26. PATENT AND RIGHTS IN DATA

**37 CFR Part 401
49 CFR Parts 18 and 19**

Applicability to Contracts

Patent and rights in data requirements for federally assisted projects ONLY apply to research projects in which FTA finances the purpose of the grant is to finance the development of a product or information. These patent and data rights requirements do not apply to capital projects or operating projects, even though a small portion of the sales price may cover the cost of product development or writing the user's manual.

Flow Down

The Patent and Rights in Data requirements apply to all contractors and their contracts at every tier.

Model Clause/Language

The FTA patent clause is substantially similar to the text of 49 C.F.R. Part 19, Appendix A, Section 5, but the rights in data clause reflects FTA objectives. For patent rights, FTA is governed by Federal law and regulation. For data rights, the text on copyrights is insufficient to meet FTA's purposes for awarding research grants. This model clause, with larger rights as a standard, is proposed with the understanding that this standard could be modified to FTA's needs.

CONTRACTS INVOLVING EXPERIMENTAL, DEVELOPMENTAL, OR RESEARCH WORK.

A. **Rights in Data** - This following requirements apply to each contract involving experimental, developmental or research work:

(1) The term "subject data" used in this clause means recorded information, whether or not copyrighted, that is delivered or specified to be delivered under the contract. The term includes graphic or pictorial delineation in media such as drawings or photographs; text in specifications or related performance or design-type documents; machine forms such as punched cards, magnetic tape, or computer memory printouts; and information retained in computer memory. Examples include, but are not limited to: computer software, engineering drawings and associated lists, specifications, standards, process sheets, manuals, technical reports, catalog item identifications, and related information. The term "subject data" does not include financial reports, cost analyses, and similar information incidental to contract administration.

(2) The following restrictions apply to all subject data first produced in the performance of the contract to which this Attachment has been added:

(a) Except for its own internal use, the Purchaser or Contractor may not publish or reproduce subject data in whole or in part, or in any manner or form, nor may the Purchaser or Contractor authorize others to do so, without the written consent of the Federal Government, until such time as the Federal Government may have either released or approved the release of such data to the public; this restriction on publication, however, does not apply to any contract with an academic institution.

(b) In accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 18.34 and 49 C.F.R. § 19.36, the Federal Government reserves a royalty-free, non-exclusive and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use, and to authorize others to use, for "Federal Government purposes," any subject data or copyright described in subsections (2)(b)1 and (2)(b)2 of this clause below. As used in the previous sentence, "for Federal Government purposes," means use only for the direct purposes of the Federal Government. Without the copyright owner's consent, the Federal Government may not extend its Federal license to any other party.

1. Any subject data developed under that contract, whether or not a copyright has been obtained; and
2. Any rights of copyright purchased by the Purchaser or Contractor using Federal assistance in whole or in part provided by FTA.

(c) When FTA awards Federal assistance for experimental, developmental, or research work, it is FTA's general intention to increase transportation knowledge available to the public, rather than to restrict the benefits resulting from the work to participants in that work. Therefore, unless FTA determines otherwise, the Purchaser and the Contractor performing experimental, developmental, or research work required by the underlying contract to which this Attachment is added agrees to permit FTA to make available to the public, either FTA's license in the copyright to any subject data developed in the course of that contract, or a copy of the subject data first produced under the contract for which a copyright has not been obtained. If the experimental, developmental, or research work, which is the subject of the underlying contract, is not completed for any reason whatsoever, all data developed under that contract shall become subject data as defined in subsection (a) of this clause and shall be delivered as the Federal Government may direct. This subsection (c) , however, does not apply to adaptations of automatic data processing equipment or programs for the Purchaser or Contractor's use whose costs are financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA for transportation capital projects.

(d) Unless prohibited by state law, upon request by the Federal Government, the Purchaser and the Contractor agree to indemnify, save, and hold harmless the Federal Government, its officers, agents, and employees acting within the scope of their official duties against any liability, including costs and expenses, resulting from any willful or intentional violation by the Purchaser or Contractor of proprietary rights, copyrights, or right of privacy, arising out of the publication, translation, reproduction, delivery, use, or disposition of any data furnished under that contract. Neither the Purchaser nor the Contractor shall be

required to indemnify the Federal Government for any such liability arising out of the wrongful act of any employee, official, or agents of the Federal Government.

(e) Nothing contained in this clause on rights in data shall imply a license to the Federal Government under any patent or be construed as affecting the scope of any license or other right otherwise granted to the Federal Government under any patent.

(f) Data developed by the Purchaser or Contractor and financed entirely without using Federal assistance provided by the Federal Government that has been incorporated into work required by the underlying contract to which this Attachment has been added is exempt from the requirements of subsections (b), (c), and (d) of this clause, provided that the Purchaser or Contractor identifies that data in writing at the time of delivery of the contract work.

(g) Unless FTA determines otherwise, the Contractor agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract for experimental, developmental, or research work financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA.

(3) Unless the Federal Government later makes a contrary determination in writing, irrespective of the Contractor's status (*i.e.*, a large business, small business, state government or state instrumentality, local government, nonprofit organization, institution of higher education, individual, etc.), the Purchaser and the Contractor agree to take the necessary actions to provide, through FTA, those rights in that invention due the Federal Government as described in

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.

(4) The Contractor also agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract for experimental, developmental, or research work financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA.

B. Patent Rights - The following requirements apply to each contract involving experimental, developmental, or research work:

(1) General - If any invention, improvement, or discovery is conceived or first actually reduced to practice in the course of or under the contract to which this Attachment has been added, and that invention, improvement, or discovery is patentable under the laws of the United States of America or any foreign country, the Purchaser and Contractor agree to take actions necessary to provide immediate notice and a detailed report to the party at a higher tier until FTA is ultimately notified.

(2) Unless the Federal Government later makes a contrary determination in writing, irrespective of the Contractor's status (a large business, small business, state government or state instrumentality, local government, nonprofit organization, institution of higher education, individual), the Purchaser and the Contractor agree to take the necessary actions to provide, through FTA, those rights in that invention due the Federal Government as described in 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.

(3) The Contractor also agrees to include the requirements of this clause in each subcontract for experimental, developmental, or research work financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA.

27. TRANSIT EMPLOYEE PROTECTIVE AGREEMENTS

49 U.S.C. § 5310, § 5311, and § 5333

29 CFR Part 215

Applicability to Contracts

The Transit Employee Protective Provisions apply to each contract for transit operations performed by employees of a Contractor recognized by FTA to be a transit operator. (Because transit operations involve many activities apart from directly driving or operating transit vehicles, FTA determines which activities constitute transit "operations" for purposes of this clause.)

Flow Down

These provisions are applicable to all contracts and subcontracts at every tier.

Model Clause/Language

Since no mandatory language is specified, FTA had developed the following language:

Transit Employee Protective Provisions. (1) The Contractor agrees to the comply with applicable transit employee protective requirements as follows:

(a) General Transit Employee Protective Requirements - To the extent that FTA determines that transit operations are involved, the Contractor agrees to carry out the transit operations work on the underlying contract in compliance with terms and conditions determined by the U.S. Secretary of Labor to be fair and equitable to protect the interests of employees employed under this contract and to meet the employee protective requirements of 49 U.S.C. A 5333(b), and U.S. DOL guidelines at 29 C.F.R. Part 215, and any amendments thereto. These terms and conditions are identified in the letter of certification from the U.S. DOL to FTA applicable to the FTA St. Tammany Parish Government's project from which Federal assistance is provided to support work on the underlying contract. The Contractor agrees to carry out that work in compliance with the conditions stated in that U.S. DOL letter. The requirements of this subsection (1), however, do not apply to any contract financed with Federal assistance provided by FTA either for projects for elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities authorized by 49 U.S.C. § 5310(a)(2), or for projects for nonurbanized areas authorized by 49 U.S.C. § 5311. Alternate provisions for those projects are set forth in subsections (b) and (c) of this clause.

(b) Transit Employee Protective Requirements for Projects Authorized by 49 U.S.C. § 5310(a)(2) for Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities - If the contract involves transit operations financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance authorized by 49 U.S.C. § 5310(a)(2), and if the U.S. Secretary of Transportation has determined or determines in the future that the employee protective requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 5333(b) are necessary or appropriate for the state and the public body subrecipient for which work is performed on the underlying contract, the Contractor agrees to carry out the Project in compliance with the terms and conditions determined by the U.S. Secretary of Labor to meet the requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 5333(b), U.S. DOL guidelines at 29 C.F.R. Part 215, and any amendments thereto. These terms and conditions are identified in the U.S. DOL's letter of certification to FTA, the date of which is set forth Grant Agreement or Cooperative Agreement with the state. The Contractor agrees to perform transit operations in connection with the underlying contract in compliance with the conditions stated in that U.S. DOL letter.

(c) Transit Employee Protective Requirements for Projects Authorized by 49 U.S.C. § 5311 in Nonurbanized Areas - If the contract involves transit operations financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance authorized by 49 U.S.C. § 5311, the Contractor agrees to comply with the terms and conditions of the Special Warranty for the Nonurbanized Area Program agreed to by the U.S. Secretaries of Transportation and Labor, dated May 31, 1979, and the procedures implemented by U.S. DOL or any revision thereto.

(2) The Contractor also agrees to include the any applicable requirements in each subcontract involving transit operations financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA.

28. DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE)
49 CFR Part 26

Background and Applicability

The newest version on the Department of Transportation's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program became effective July 16, 2003. The rule provides guidance to grantees on the use of overall and contract goals, requirement to include DBE provisions in subcontracts, evaluating DBE participation where specific contract goals have been set, reporting requirements, and replacement of DBE subcontractors. Additionally, the DBE program dictates payment terms and conditions (including limitations on retainage) applicable to all subcontractors regardless of whether they are DBE firms or not.

The DBE program applies to all DOT-assisted contracting activities. A formal clause such as that below must be included in all contracts above the micro-purchase level. The requirements of clause subsection b flow down to subcontracts.

A substantial change to the payment provisions in this newest version of Part 26 concerns retainage (see section 26.29). Grantee choices concerning retainage should be reflected in the language choices in clause subsection d.

Clause Language

The following clause language is suggested, not mandatory. It incorporates the payment terms and conditions applicable to all subcontractors based in Part 26 as well as those related only to DBE subcontractors. The suggested language allows for the options available to grantees concerning retainage, specific contract goals, and evaluation of DBE subcontracting participation when specific contract goals have been established.

Disadvantaged Business Enterprises

- a. This contract is subject to the requirements of Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, 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 agency's overall goal for DBE participation is **3.0%**.
- b. 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 St. Tammany Parish Government deems appropriate. Each subcontract the contractor signs with a subcontractor must include the assurance in this paragraph (see 49 CFR 26.13(b)).
- c. Bidders/offerors are required to document sufficient DBE participation to meet these goals or, alternatively, document adequate good faith efforts to do so, as provided for in 49 CFR 26.53. Award of this contract is conditioned on submission of the following **[concurrent with and accompanying sealed bid] [concurrent with and accompanying an initial proposal] [prior to award]**:
 1. The names and addresses of DBE firms that will participate in this contract;
 2. A description of the work each DBE will perform;
 3. The dollar amount of the participation of each DBE firm participating;
 4. Written documentation of the bidder/offeror's commitment to use a DBE subcontractor whose participation it submits to meet the contract goal;

5. Written confirmation from the DBE that it is participating in the contract as provided in the prime contractor's commitment; and
6. If the contract goal is not met, evidence of good faith efforts to do so.

[Bidders][Offerors] must present the information required above **[as a matter of responsiveness] [with initial proposals] [prior to contract award]** (see 49 CFR 26.53(3)).

The successful bidder/offeror will be required to report its DBE participation obtained through race-neutral means throughout the period of performance.

d. The contractor is required to pay its subcontractors performing work related to this contract for satisfactory performance of that work no later than 30 days after the contractor's receipt of payment for that work from the St. Tammany Parish Government. In addition, **[the contractor may not hold retainage from its subcontractors.] [is required to return any retainage payments to those subcontractors within 30 days after the subcontractor's work related to this contract is satisfactorily completed.] [is required to return any retainage payments to those subcontractors within 30 days after incremental acceptance of the subcontractor's work by the {insert agency name} and contractor's receipt of the partial retainage payment related to the subcontractor's work.]**

e. The contractor must promptly notify St. Tammany Parish Government, 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 the 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 St. Tammany Parish Government.

(Please see the St. Tammany Parish Government DBE Program and Demonstration of Good Faith Efforts for Utilization of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises on the following pages.)

St. Tammany Parish Government DBE Program

POLICY STATEMENT

Section 26.1, 26.23 Objectives/Policy Statement

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

It is the policy of St. Tammany Parish Government to ensure that the DBEs as defined in Part 26, have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in DOT-assisted contracts. It is our policy:

1. To ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of DOT—assisted contracts.
2. To 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;
5. To help remove barriers to the participation of DBEs in DOT assisted contracts;
6. To assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the market place outside the DBE program.

Perry Felarise has been delegated as the DBE Liaison Officer. In that capacity, he 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 St. Tammany Parish Government in its financial assistance agreements with the Department of Transportation.

St. Tammany Parish Government has disseminated this policy statement to the St. Tammany Parish Council and all of the components of our organization. We have distributed this statement to DBE and non-DBE business communities that perform work for the Parish on DOT-assisted contracts. This distribution is accomplished by using the U.S. Postal Service and interoffice mail. It is also available at public meetings, pre-bid conferences, via internet and included in bid packages.

SUBPART A – GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Section 26.1 Objectives

The objectives are found in the policy statement on the first page of this program.

Section 26.3 Applicability

St. Tammany Parish Government receives Federal financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) and, as a condition of receiving this financial assistance, St. Tammany Parish Government has signed an assurance that it will comply with 49 CFR Part 26. In accordance with these regulations, St. Tammany Parish Government has established a Disadvantage Business Enterprise (DBE) program.

Section 26.5 Definitions

St. Tammany Parish Government has adopted the terms set forth in 49 Code of Federal Regulation, Part 26 of its DBE program.

Section 26.7 Non-discrimination Requirements

St. Tammany Parish Government will never exclude any person from participation in, deny any person the benefits of, or otherwise discriminate against anyone in connection with the award and performance of any contract covered by 49 CFR Part 26 on the basis of race, color, sex, or national origin.

In administering its DBE program, St. Tammany Parish Government will not, directly or through contractual or other arrangements, use criteria or methods of administration that have the effect of defeating or substantially impairing accomplishment of the objectives of the DBE program with respect to individuals of a particular race, color, sex, or national origin.

Section 26.11 Record Keeping Requirements

Reporting to DOT: 26.11(b)

St. Tammany Parish will report DBE to DOT using the electronic semi-annual Uniform Report of DBE Award or Commitments and Payments, through TrAMS-Web for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funded projects and through FAA Civil Rights Connect for Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) funded projects.

Bidders List: 26.11(c)

St. Tammany Parish Government will create and maintain a bidders list, consisting of information about all DBE and non-DBE firms that bid or quote on DOT-assisted contracts. The purpose of the list is for calculating the Parish's overall goal. The Parish will collect this information by placing a clause in all such requests for bids or proposals, requiring bidders to include in the bid submission the Bidder's List regarding all firms bidding or quoting as subcontractors for that same solicitation. The Bidders List will include the firms' name, address and phone numbers. This information will be requested from the St. Tammany Parish Government Department of Purchasing.

Section 26.13 Federal Financial Assistance Agreement

St. Tammany Parish Government has signed the following assurances, applicable to all DOT-assisted contracts and their administration:

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Assurance: 26.13(a)

St. Tammany Parish Government 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 CFR Part 26. The recipient shall take all necessary and reasonable steps under 49 CFR Part 26 to ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of DOT assisted contracts. The Parish's DBE Program, as required by 49 CFR 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 Parish of its failure to carry out its approved program, the Department may impose sanctions as provided for under 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.*).

This language will appear in financial assistance agreements with sub-recipients.

Contract Assurance: 26.13b

We will ensure that the following clause is placed in every DOT-assisted contract and subcontract:

The contractor, sub-recipient, or subcontractor 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 DOT-assisted contracts. 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 the recipient deems appropriate.

SUBPART B - ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Section 26.21 DBE Program Updates

Since St. Tammany Parish Government has received, during a federal fiscal year, a grant of \$250,000 or more for airport planning or development and, \$250,000 or more for FTA planning, capital, and/or operating assistance, and/or any funds authorized by FHWA statutes for which this part applies, the Parish will continue to carry out this program until all funds from DOT financial assistance have been expended. We will provide to DOT updates representing significant changes in the program. The Parish will submit an updated goal tri-annually on August 1 if we plan to award contracts exceeding \$250,000 in FAA, FTA, or FWHA funds in that Federal fiscal year.

Section 26.23 Policy Statement

The Policy Statement is elaborated on the first page of this DBE Program.

Section 26.25 DBE Liaison Officer (DBELO)

St. Tammany Parish Government have designated the following individual as our DBE Liaison Officer:

Mr. Perry Felarise, Grants Project Manager-Transit
St. Tammany Parish Government
PO Box 628
Covington, LA 70434
Phone: (985) 809-2989
Email: pfelarise@stpgov.org

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In that capacity, the DBELO is responsible for implementing all aspects of the DBE program and ensuring that the Parish complies with all provisions of 49 CFR Part 26. The DBELO has direct, independent access to the Chief Operating Officer concerning DBE program matters. The DBELO has adequate staff to administer the program in compliance with this part. An organization chart displaying the DBELO's position in the organization is found in Attachment 1 to this program document.

The DBELO is responsible for developing, implementing and monitoring the DBE program, in coordination with other appropriate officials. The duties and responsibilities include the following:

1. Gathers and reports statistical data and other information as required by DOT.
2. Reviews third party contracts and purchase requisition for compliance with this program.
3. Works with all departments to set overall annual goals.
4. Ensures that bid notices and requests for proposals are available to DBEs in a timely manner.
5. Identifies contracts and procurements so that DBE goals are included in solicitations (both race-neutral methods and contract specific goals) and monitors results.
6. Analyzes St. Tammany Parish Government's progress toward attainment and identifies ways to improve progress.
7. Participates in pre-bid meetings.
8. Advises the CAO on DBE matters and achievement.
9. Chairs the DBE Advisory Committee
10. Plans and participates in DBE training seminars.
11. Provides DBEs with information and assistance in preparing bids, obtaining bonding and insurance.
12. Acts as liaison to LA DOTD's Uniform Certification Process in Louisiana.
13. Certifies DBEs according to the criteria set by DOT (not applicable at this time) and acts as liaison to the Uniform Certification Process in Louisiana.
14. Provides outreach to DBEs and community organizations to advise them of opportunities.
15. Maintains the Parish's updated directory on certified DBEs.

Section 26.27 DBE Financial Institutions

It is the policy of St. Tammany Parish Government to investigate the full extent of services offered by financial institutions owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals in the community, to make reasonable efforts to use these institutions, and to encourage prime contractors on DOT-assisted contracts to make use of these institutions. The Parish has made the following efforts to identify and use such institutions:

1. Research local banking organizations.
2. Review local business publications.
3. Review publications specifically discussing socially and economically disadvantaged businesses.

The Parish will also re-evaluate the availability of DBE financial institutions every 18 months. To date, there are no certified DBE financial institutions in our service area.

Section 26.29 Prompt Payment Mechanisms

Prompt Payment: 26.29(a)

St. Tammany Parish Government will include the following clause in each DOT-assisted prime contract:

The prime contractor agrees to pay each subcontractor under this prime contract for satisfactory performance of its contract no later than thirty (30) days from the receipt of

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each payment the prime contractor receives from the Parish. Any delay or postponement of payment from the above referenced time frame may occur only for good cause following written approval of St. Tammany Parish Government. This clause applies to both DBE and non-DBE subcontracts.

Retainage: 26.29(b)

The prime contractor agrees further to return retainage payments to each subcontractor within thirty (30) days after the subcontractor's work is satisfactorily completed and accepted by the Parish, and all lien delays under applicable laws have expired. Any delay or postponement of payment from the above referenced timeframe may occur only for good cause following written approval of the Parish. This clause applies to both DBE and non-DBE subcontractors.

Section 26.31 Directory

St. Tammany Parish Government maintains a directory identifying all firms eligible to participate as DBEs. The directory lists the firm's name, address, phone number, date of the most recent certification, and the type of work the firm has been certified to perform as a DBE. The Parish revises the directory annually. The directory may be obtained by contacting the Parish's DBELO.

The Directory may be found in Attachment 3 to this program document. A list of all DBE firms in the State can be found by accessing the LA DOTD Uniform Certification Program at:

www.laucp.org/UCP/UCPSearch.aspx

Section 26.33 Overconcentration

St. Tammany Parish Government has not identified that over-concentration exists in the types of work that DBEs perform. An analysis of the DBE vendors included on the Louisiana Unified Certification Program for Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) was completed, to determine if any overconcentration exists. St. Tammany Parish Government will re-evaluate for overconcentration every 18 months.

If St. Tammany Parish Government determines that DBE participation is over concentrated in certain types of work or contracting opportunities the following measures may be used to address overconcentration, with prior approval from FTA. The measures include, but are not limited to the following:

- Coordinate with prime bidders to identify and use DBEs in other industry areas outside of the specific overconcentration area;
- Varying the use of contract goals to ensure non-DBEs are not unfairly prevented from competing for subcontracts.

Section 26.35 Business Development Programs

The St. Tammany Economic Development Foundation ("STEDF") is the economic development entity for the parish. The goal for the program is to bring new business and industry to St. Tammany Parish and to aid in the retention and expansion of established businesses. The STEDF provides help in securing and administering state tax incentive programs, zoning/permitting coordination with municipality and parish planning officials, current demographic information, revolving loan fund, free business counseling, Small Business Administration information, promotion of business opportunities, site locations, and public education about economic development and its impact on the community. These programs are open to the general public. Persons interested in taking advantage of any of these opportunities should contact the STEDF at (985) 809-7874, visit www.stedf.org or mail inquiries to:

St. Tammany Economic Development Foundation
21489 Koop Drive, Suite 7
Mandeville, LA 70471

Section 26.37 Monitoring and Enforcement Mechanisms

St. Tammany Parish Government will take the following monitoring and enforcement mechanisms to ensure compliance with 49 CFR Part 26.

1. The Parish will bring to the attention of the Department of Transportation any false, fraudulent, or dishonest conduct in connection with the program so that DOT can take the steps (e.g., referral to the Department of Justice for criminal prosecution, referral to the DOT Inspector General, action under suspension and debarment or Program Fraud and Civil Penalties rules) provided in 26.109.
2. The Parish will consider similar action under its own legal authorities, including responsibility determinations in future contracts. There will be a contract clause providing that the prime contractor will not be reimbursed for work performed by subcontractors unless and until the prime contractor ensures that the subcontractors are promptly paid for the work they have performed.
3. The Parish will also provide a monitoring and enforcement mechanism to verify that work committed to DBE's at contract award is actually performed by DBE's. This will be accomplished by periodic checks from fiscal, operating and administrative staff to ensure that work is being completed by the DBE organizations including but limited to on-site inspections.
4. The Parish will keep a running tally of actual payments to DBE firms for work committed to them at the time of contract award.

SUBPART C – GOALS, GOOD FAITH EFFORTS, AND COUNTING

Section 26.43 Set-asides or Quotas

St. Tammany Parish Government does not use quotas in any way in the administration of this DBE program.

Section 26.45 Overall Goals

In accordance with Section 26.45, St. Tammany Parish Government will submit its triennial overall DBE goal to FTA on August 1st of the year specified. The goal for Fiscal Year 2020 to Fiscal Year 2022 has been submitted to FTA and FAA.

St. Tammany Parish Government will also request use of project-specific DBE goals as appropriate, and/or will establish project-specific DBE goals as directed by FTA or FAA.

St. Tammany Parish Government will annually establish overall goals if we anticipate that we will award prime contracts exceeding \$250,000 in FTA funds in a Federal fiscal year in accordance with the 2-step process as specified in 49 CFR Part 26.45. If the Parish does not anticipate awarding more than \$250,000 in FTA funds in prime contracts within the Federal fiscal year, we will not develop an overall goal; however the existing DBE program will remain in effect and the Parish will seek to fulfill the objectives outlined in 49 CFR Part 26.1.

The Parish will annually establish overall goals in accordance with the 2-Step process as specified in 49 CFR Part 26.45. The first step is to determine the relative availability of DBEs in the market area, "base figure". The second step is to adjust the "base figure" percentage from Step 1 so that it reflects as accurately as possible the DBE participation the recipient would expect in the absence of discrimination based on past participation, a disparity study and/or information about barriers to entry to past competitiveness of DBEs on projects.

A description of the methodology to calculate the overall goal and the goal calculations can be found in Attachment 5 to this program.

In accordance with Section 26.45(f) the Parish will submit its overall goal to DOT on August 1 of each year, or as required by the federal agency, if later. In establishing the overall goal each year, the Parish will

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consult with minority, women's and general contractor groups, community organizations, and other officials or organizations to obtain information concerning the availability of disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged businesses, the effects of discrimination on opportunities for DBEs, and the Parish's efforts to establish a level playing field for the participation of DBEs.

Following this consultation, we will publish a notice of the proposed overall goals, informing the public that the proposed goal and its rationale are available for inspection during normal business hours at St. Tammany Parish Government's Department of Grants at 21454 Koop Drive, Room 327, Building B, Mandeville, LA 70471 for 30 days following the date of the notice, and informing the public that the Parish and DOT will accept comments on the goals for 45 days from the date of the notice. Notice will be issued in general circulation media and available minority-focus media and trade publications. Normally, we will issue this notice by June 1 of each year. The notice will include addresses to which comments may be sent and addresses (including offices and websites) where the proposal may be reviewed.

Our overall goal submission to DOT will include: the goal; a copy of the methodology, worksheets, etc. used to develop the goal; a summary of information and comments received during this public participation process and our responses; and proof of publication of the goal in media outlets listed above.

The Parish will begin using our overall goal on October 1 of each year, unless the Parish has received other instructions from DOT. If we establish a goal on a project basis, we will begin using our goal by the time of the first solicitation for a DOT-assisted contract for the project. Our goal will remain effective for the duration of the three-year period established and approved by FTA.

Section 26.47 Goal Setting and Accountability

St. Tammany Parish Government annually reviews its DBE attainments in contrast to its overall DBE goal to determine if any measures would need to be instituted to effectively meet its established overall DBE goal.

St. Tammany Parish Government follows accountability mechanisms in instances where the Parish has failed to meet its overall goal for a given fiscal year. The Parish thoroughly analyzes why it fell short of meeting its overall goal for a given goal period and establish specific steps and milestones for correcting identified problems so that the Parish will meet its overall goal in subsequent years.

Section 26.49 Transit Vehicle Manufacturers Goals

St. Tammany Parish Government will require each transit vehicle manufacturer, as a condition of being authorized to bid or propose on FTA-assisted transit vehicle procurements, to certify that it has complied with the requirements of this section. Alternatively, St. Tammany Parish Government may, at its discretion and with FTA approval, establish project-specific goals for DBE participation in the procurement of transit vehicles in lieu of the TVM complying with this element of the program.

Section 26.51(a-c) Breakout of Estimated Race-Neutral & Race-Conscious Participation

The breakout of estimated race-neutral and race-conscious participation can be found in Attachment 5 (FAA) and Attachment 6 (FTA) to this program. This section of the program will be updated annually when the goal calculation is updated.

Section 26.51(d-g) Contract Goals

St. Tammany Parish Government will use contract goals to meet any portion of the overall goal the Parish does not project being able to meet using race-neutral means. Contract goals are established so that, over the period to which the overall goal applies, they will cumulatively result in meeting any portion of our overall goal that is not projected to be met through the use of race-neutral means.

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The Parish will establish contract goals only on those DOT-assisted contracts that have subcontracting possibilities. We need not establish a contract goal on every such contract, and the size of contract goals will be adapted to the circumstances of each such contract (e.g., type and location of work, availability of DBEs to perform the particular type of work.)

The Parish will express our contract goals as a percentage of the total amount of a DOT-assisted contract.

Section 26.53 Good Faith Efforts Procedures

Demonstration of good faith efforts (26.53(a) & (c))

The obligation of the bidder/offeror is to make good faith efforts. The bidder/offeror can demonstrate that it has done so either by meeting the contract goal or documenting good faith efforts. Examples of good faith efforts are found in Appendix A to Part 26.

The following personnel are responsible for determining whether a bidder/offeror who has not met the contract goal has documented sufficient good faith efforts to be regarded as responsive.

The Parish will ensure that all information is complete and accurate and adequately documents the bidder/offer's good faith efforts before we commit to the performance of the contract by the bidder/offeror.

Information to be submitted (26.53(b))

St. Tammany Parish Government treats bidder/offerors' compliance with good faith efforts requirements as a matter of responsiveness.

Each solicitation for which a contract goal has been established will require all bidders/offerors to submit the following information:

1. The names and addresses of DBE firms that will participate in the contract;
2. A description of the work that each DBE will perform;
3. The dollar amount of the participation of each DBE firm participating;
4. Written and signed documentation of commitment to use a DBE subcontractor whose participation it submits to meet a contract goal;
5. Written and signed confirmation from the DBE that it is participating in the contract as provided in the prime contractors commitment and
6. If the contract goal is not met, evidence of good faith efforts.

Administrative reconsideration (26.53(d))

Within seven (7) business days of being informed by St. Tammany Parish Government that it is not responsive because it has not documented sufficient good faith efforts, a bidder/offeror may request administrative reconsideration. Bidder/offerors should make this request in writing to the following reconsideration official: Anthony Smith, Director of Procurement, St. Tammany Parish Government, Post Office Box 628, Covington, LA, 70434, (985) 898-2520, tonysmith@stpgov.org. The reconsideration official will not have played any role in the original determination that the bidder/offeror did not document sufficient good faith efforts.

As part of this reconsideration, the bidder/offeror will have the opportunity to provide written documentation or argument concerning the issue of whether it met the goal or made adequate good faith efforts to do so. The bidder/offeror will have the opportunity to meet in person with our reconsideration official to discuss the issue of whether it met the goal or made adequate good faith efforts to do so. We will send the bidder/offeror a written decision on reconsideration, explaining the basis for finding that the bidder did or did not meet the goal or make adequate good faith efforts to do so. The result of the reconsideration process is not administratively appealable to the Department of Transportation.

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Good Faith Efforts when a DBE is Replaced on a contract with Contract Goals (26.53(f))

St. Tammany Parish Government requires that prime contractors not terminate a DBE subcontractor listed on a bid/contractor with a DBE contract goal without the parish's prior written consent. Prior written consent will only be provided where there is "good cause" for termination of the DBE firm, as established by Section 26.53(f)(3) of the DBE regulation.

Before transmitting to St. Tammany Parish its request to terminate, the prime contractor must give notice in writing to the DBE of its intent to do so. A copy of this notice must be provided to the parish prior to consideration of the request to terminate. The DBE will then have five (5) days to respond and advise St. Tammany Parish of why it objects to the proposed termination.

In those instances where "good cause" exist to terminate a DBE contract, St. Tammany Parish will require the prime contractor to make good faith efforts to replace a DBE that is terminated or has otherwise failed to complete its work on a contract with another certified DBE, to the extent needed to meet the contract goal. We will require the prime contractor to notify the DBE Liaison officer immediately of the DBE's inability or unwillingness to perform and provide reasonable documentation.

In this situation, we will require the prime contractor to obtain our prior approval of the substitute DBE and to provide copies of new or amended subcontracts, or documentation of good faith efforts.

If the contractor fails or refuses to comply in the time specified, our contracting office will issue an order stopping all or part of payment/work until satisfactory action has been taken. If the contractor still fails to comply, the contracting officer may issue a termination for default proceeding.

Sample Bid Specification:

The requirements of 49 CFR Part 26, Regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation, apply to this contract. It is the policy of St. Tammany Parish Government to practice nondiscrimination based on race, color, sex, or national origin in the award or performance of this contract. All firms qualifying under this solicitation are encouraged to submit bids/proposals. Award of this contract will be conditioned upon satisfying the requirements of this bid specification. These requirements apply to all bidders/offerors, including those who qualify as a DBE. A DBE contract goal of ___ (as determined in the goal calculation attachment) percent has been established for this contract. The bidder/offeror shall make good faith efforts, as defined in Appendix A, 49 CFR Part 26 (Appendix A), to meet the contract goal for DBE participation in the performance of this contract.

The bidder/offeror will be required to submit the following information: (1) the names and addresses of DBE firms that will participate in the contract; (2) a description of the work that each DBE firm will perform; (3) the dollar amount of the participation of each DBE firm participating; (4) Written documentation of the bidder/offeror's commitment to use a DBE subcontractor whose participation it submits to meet the contract goal; (5) Written confirmation from the DBE that it is participating in the contract as provided in the commitment made under (4); and (6) if the contract goal is not met, evidence of good faith efforts.

Section 26.55 Counting DBE Participation

St. Tammany Parish Government will count DBE participation toward overall and contract goals as provided in 49 CFR 26.55.

SUBPART D & E - CERTIFICATION

Section 26.61 – 26.73 Certification Process

St. Tammany Parish Government will use the certification standards of Subpart D of Part 26 to determine the eligibility of firms to participate as DBEs in DOT-assisted contracts. To be certified as a DBE, a firm

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must meet all certification eligibility standards. The Parish will make our certification decisions based on the facts as a whole.

For information about the certification process or to apply for certification, firms should contact:

Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development
Compliance Programs Section
P. O. Box 94245, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9245
Attn: Staci Messina Phone (225) 379-1382

Section 26.81 Unified Certification Programs

St. Tammany Parish Government is the member of a Unified Certification Program (UCP) administered by the Louisiana Department of Transportation (LADOTD). The UCP will meet all of the requirements of this section. The Parish will use and count for DBE credit only those DBE firms certified by the Louisiana Unified Certification Program (LAUCP).

The following is a description of the UCP: LADOTD may certify any firm doing business in the State of Louisiana. St. Tammany Parish is located in LADOTD Region 2. In Region 2, the Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport, Orleans Levee District and the New Orleans Regional Transit Authority have formed the New Orleans Metropolitan Certifying Agency (NOMCA). NOMCA will operate as a single certifying agency and will certify firms that have their principal place in business in Region 2.

Section 26.83-26.91 Procedures for Certification Decisions

St. Tammany Parish Government will follow the certification processes of Subpart E of Part 26 to determine the eligibility of firms to participate as DBEs in DOT assisted contracts. A copy of the Louisiana UCP's certification procedures and UCP program is included in Attachment 7, and is available at: <http://www8.dotd.louisiana.gov/ucp/>.

Any firm or complainant may appeal a LADOTD decision in a certification matter to DOT. Such appeals may be sent to:

US Department of Transportation
Office of Civil Rights Certification Appeals Branch
1200 New Jersey Ave., S.E.
West Building, 7th Floor
Washington, DC 20590

St. Tammany Parish Government will promptly implement any DOT certification appeal decisions affecting the eligibility of DBEs for our DOT assisted contracting (e.g., certify a firm if DOT has determined that our denial of its application was erroneous).

SUBPART F – COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT

Section 26.109 Information, Confidentiality, Cooperation

St. Tammany Parish Government will safeguard from disclosure to third parties information that may reasonably be regarded as confidential business information, consistent with Federal, state, and local law.

Notwithstanding any contrary provisions of state or local law, St. Tammany Parish Government will not release personal financial information submitted in response to the personal net worth requirement to a third party (other than DOT) without the written consent of the submitter.

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Monitoring Payments to DBEs

St. Tammany Parish Government will require prime contractors to maintain records and documents of payments to DBEs for three (3) years following the performance of the contract. These records will be made available for inspection upon request by any authorized representative of St. Tammany Parish or DOT. This reporting requirement also extends to any certified DBE subcontractor.

St. Tammany Parish Government will perform interim audits of contract payments to DBEs. The audit will review payments to DBE subcontractors to ensure that the actual amount paid to DBE subcontractors equals or exceeds the dollar amounts stated in the schedule of DBE participation.

ST TAMMANY PARISH ANNUAL SHORT-FALL ANALYSIS

Failure to meet overall goals ~ 49 CRF §26.47

The St. Tammany Parish Civil Rights Officer is required to perform an Annual DBE Short-Fall Analysis. The analysis will be performed by December 30th of each year (90 days after the end of the Federal fiscal year).

When and if the approved annual goal is not achieved by St. Tammany Parish, the Civil Rights Officer will provide a written analysis explaining why the goal was not met and what actions the Parish will take to attempt to achieve the annual goal in the following fiscal year. The analysis will be kept on file by the Civil Rights Officer.

**Forms 1 & 2 for Demonstration of Good Faith Efforts for
Utilization of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs)**

FORM 1: BIDDER/OFFEROR'S DBE PARTICIPATION ASSURANCE FORM

The undersigned bidder/offeror has satisfied the requirements of the bid specification in the following manner (please summarize below and check the appropriate space):

| Name and Address of Participating DBE Firm | Description of Work that Each DBE firm will Perform | Dollar Amount of the Participation of Each DBE Firm | DBE's Participation Percentage |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | | \$ | % |
| | | \$ | % |
| | | \$ | % |
| | | \$ | % |
| Total DBE Participation | | \$ | % |
| Total Bid Price (Prime & | All Subcontractors) | \$ | % |

_____ The bidder/offeror is committed to a minimum of _____ % DBE utilization on this contract, as documented by the attached forms signed by the DBE firms.

_____ The bidder/offeror (if unable to meet the DBE goal of _____%) is committed to a minimum of _____% DBE utilization on this contract, as documented by the attached forms and other described good faith efforts.

Name of bidder/offeror's firm: _____

By _____
(Signature)

Name _____ Title _____

State Registration No. _____

FORM 2: LETTER OF INTENT

Name of bidder/offeror's firm: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Name of DBE firm: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Description of work to be performed by DBE firm:

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The bidder/offeror is committed to utilizing the above-named DBE firm for the work described above. The estimated dollar value of this work is \$ _____.

Affirmation

The above-named DBE firm affirms that it will perform the portion of the contract for the estimated dollar value as stated above.

By _____
(Signature)

Name _____ Title _____

If the bidder/offeror does not receive award of the prime contract, any and all representations in this Letter of Intent and Affirmation shall be null and void.

[Submit this page for each DBE subcontractor.]

29. [RESERVED]

30. INCORPORATION OF FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) TERMS
FTA Circular 4220.1E

Applicability to Contracts

The incorporation of FTA terms applies to all contracts.

Flow Down

The incorporation of FTA terms has unlimited flow down.

Model Clause/Language

FTA has developed the following incorporation of terms language:

Incorporation of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Terms - The preceding provisions include, in part, certain Standard Terms and Conditions required by DOT, whether or not expressly set forth in the preceding contract provisions. All contractual provisions required by DOT, as set forth in FTA Circular 4220.1E, 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 (name of grantee) requests which would cause (name of grantee) to be in violation of the FTA terms and conditions.

31. DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING

49 U.S.C. §5331

49 CFR Parts 653 and 654

Applicability to Contracts

The Drug and Alcohol testing provisions apply to Operational Service Contracts.

Flow Down Requirements

Anyone who performs a safety-sensitive function for the recipient or subrecipient is required to comply with 49 CFR 653 and 654, with certain exceptions for contracts involving maintenance services. Maintenance contractors for non-urbanized area formula program grantees are not subject to the rules. Also, the rules do not apply to maintenance subcontractors.

Model Clause/Language

Introduction

FTA's drug and alcohol rules, 49 CFR 653 and 654, respectively, are unique among the regulations issued by FTA. First, they require recipients to ensure that any entity performing a safety-sensitive function on the recipient's behalf (usually subrecipients and/or contractors) implement a complex drug and alcohol testing program that complies with Parts 653 and 654. Second, the rules condition the receipt of certain kinds of FTA funding on the recipient's compliance with the rules; thus, the recipient is not in compliance with the rules unless every entity that performs a safety-sensitive function on the recipient's behalf is in compliance with the rules. Third, the rules do not specify how a recipient ensures that its subrecipients and/or contractors comply with them.

How a recipient does so depends on several factors, including whether the contractor is covered independently by the drug and alcohol rules of another Department of Transportation operating administration, the nature of the relationship that the recipient has with the contractor, and the financial resources available to the recipient to oversee the contractor's drug and alcohol testing program. In

short, there are a variety of ways a recipient can ensure that its subrecipients and contractors comply with the rules.

Therefore, FTA has developed three model contract provisions for recipients to use "as is" or to modify to fit their particular situations.

Explanation of Model Contract Clauses

Under Option 1, the recipient ensures the contractor's compliance with the rules by requiring the contractor to participate in a drug and alcohol program administered by the recipient. The advantages of doing this are obvious: the recipient maintains total control over its compliance with 49 CFR 653 and 654. The disadvantage is that the recipient, which may not directly employ any safety-sensitive employees, has to implement a complex testing program. Therefore, this may be a practical option only for those recipients which have a testing program for their employees, and can add the contractor's safety-sensitive employees to that program.

Under Option 2, the recipient relies on the contractor to implement a drug and alcohol testing program that complies with 49 CFR 653 and 654, but retains the ability to monitor the contractor's testing program; thus, the recipient has less control over its compliance with the drug and alcohol testing rules than it does under option 1. The advantage of this approach is that it places the responsibility for complying with the rules on the entity that is actually performing the safety-sensitive function. Moreover, it reserves to the recipient the power to ensure that the contractor complies with the program. The disadvantage of Option 2 is that without adequate monitoring of the contractor's program, the recipient may find itself out of compliance with the rules.

Under option 3, the recipient specifies some or all of the specific features of a contractor's drug and alcohol compliance program. Thus, it requires the recipient to decide what it wants to do and how it wants to do it. The advantage of this option is that the recipient has more control over the contractor's drug and alcohol testing program, yet it is not actually administering the testing program. The disadvantage is that the recipient has to specify and understand clearly what it wants to do and why.

Drug and Alcohol Testing Option 1

The contractor agrees to:

(a) participate in (grantee's or recipient's) drug and alcohol program established in compliance with 49 CFR 653 and 654.

Drug and Alcohol Testing Option 2

The contractor agrees to establish and implement a drug and alcohol testing program that complies with 49 CFR Parts 653 and 654, produce any documentation necessary to establish its compliance with Parts 653 and 654, and permit any authorized representative of the United States Department of Transportation or its operating administrations, the State Oversight Agency of (name of State), or the St. Tammany Parish Government, to inspect the facilities and records associated with the implementation of the drug and alcohol testing program as required under 49 CFR Parts 653 and 654 and review the testing process. The contractor agrees further to certify annually its compliance with Parts 653 and 654 before (insert date) and to submit the Management Information System (MIS) reports before (insert date before March 15) to (insert title and address of person responsible for receiving information). To certify compliance the contractor shall use the "Substance Abuse Certifications" in the "Annual List of Certifications and Assurances for Federal Transit Administration Grants and Cooperative Agreements," which is published annually in the Federal Register.

Drug and Alcohol Testing Option 3

The contractor agrees to establish and implement a drug and alcohol testing program that complies with 49 CFR Parts 653 and 654, produce any documentation necessary to establish its compliance with Parts 653 and 654, and permit any authorized representative of the United States Department of Transportation or its operating administrations, the State Oversight Agency of (name of State), or the St. Tammany Parish Government, to inspect the facilities and records associated with the implementation of the drug and alcohol testing program as required under 49 CFR Parts 653 and 654 and review the testing process. The contractor agrees further to certify annually its compliance with Parts 653 and 654 before (insert date) and to submit the Management Information System (MIS) reports before (insert date before March 15) to (insert title and address of person responsible for receiving information). To certify compliance the contractor shall use the "Substance Abuse Certifications" in the "Annual List of Certifications and Assurances for Federal Transit Administration Grants and Cooperative Agreements," which is published annually in the Federal Register. The Contractor agrees further to [Select a, b, or c] (a) submit before (insert date or upon request) a copy of the Policy Statement developed to implement its drug and alcohol testing program; OR (b) adopt (insert title of the Policy Statement the recipient wishes the contractor to use) as its policy statement as required under 49 CFR 653 and 654; OR (c) submit for review and approval before (insert date or upon request) a copy of its Policy Statement developed to implement its drug and alcohol testing program. In addition, the contractor agrees to: (to be determined by the recipient, but may address areas such as: the selection of the certified laboratory, substance abuse professional, or Medical Review Officer, or the use of a consortium).

32. Prompt Payment Mechanisms

Prompt Payment Mechanisms

St. Tammany Parish Government will include the following clause in each FTA/DOT assisted prime contract:

The prime contractor agrees to pay each subcontractor under this prime contract for satisfactory performance of its contract no later than fourteen calendar days from the receipt of each payment the prime contract receives from St. Tammany Parish Government. The prime contractor agrees further to return retainage payments to each subcontractor within fourteen calendar 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 Razorback Transit. This clause applies to both DBE and non-DBE subcontracts.

Retainage

The prime contractor agrees to return retainage payments to each subcontractor within fourteen 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 St. Tammany Parish Government. This clause applies to both DBE and non- DBE subcontracts.

Monitoring and Enforcement

St. Tammany Parish Government has established an oversight program monitored the Procurement Officer to monitor and enforce that prompt payment and return of retainage is in fact occurring.

END OF SECTION

ATTACHMENT "I"

STAR Transit Policies

The Contractor will be required to understand, comply with, and implement all required Parish/STAR Transit policies listed below.

The full texts of these policies can be found at the following location:

<https://ftpweb.stpgov.org/ThinClient/WTM/public/#/login>

Login: TransitRFP Password: FG\$34T%\$

All proposals must acknowledge that these policies are requirements and that any portions of the policies that pertain to the Contractor's operating procedures be implemented before start-up of service. Should Respondents have recommendations on changes or additions to these policies, please describe these changes in the proposal.