



**Tri-Valley**

Opportunity Council, Inc.

*Transportation Programs*

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## **Request For Proposal**

### **Fleet Card Fueling Service and Pricing**

**Issued Date:**

**March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Cost Proposal due:**

**April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023**

Tri-Valley Transportation invites Fuel Cost Discount Proposals from perspective contractors in order to supply high quality fuel and fueling locations throughout the 8-county jurisdiction of for Tri-Valley Transportation Fleet, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this request.

**IMPORTANT:  
PROPOSALS ARE DUE BY April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023**

All Proposals must be submitted via mail or e-mail.

Proposals may be mailed to: Tri-Valley Transportation  
1345 Fairfax Ave  
Crookston, MN 56716  
ATTN: Elizabeth Hensrud

Or by e-mail to: [elizabeth.hensrud@tvoc.org](mailto:elizabeth.hensrud@tvoc.org)

**SPECIFIED CONDITIONS**

Proposals must be received by April 21<sup>st</sup>, at 3:30 PM Central Time. Any Proposals received after 3:30 pm will be kept on file unopened and will be opened and considered only if all other Proposals are deemed unresponsive.

1. Criteria for Award: Award shall be based on the best value for meeting the Proposal prices, which meet specifications. Multiple Proposals that cover specific geographic areas will be accepted. Tri-Valley Transportation reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals, to waive any technicalities and to accept the Proposal(s) which in its judgement that adequately completes the request requirements.
2. Proposal forms are to provide for the original term of 1/1/2023 (on or about) through 12/31/2025.
3. Guaranteed Performance: The Proposer, if awarded a contract as a result of this solicitation, guarantees that services will conform to the specifications in this Proposal and signed contract. Failure of the contractor to comply with providing a service, which meets minimum contract obligations, may result in termination of the award of that item or termination of the contract.

**CONTRACT**

The anticipated term of a contract awarded as a result of this Proposal shall begin on January 1, 2023, and end on December 31, 2023. Tri-Valley Transportation may exercise an additional two (2) year option term based on the pricing provided within the Pricing Form. Determining an option term will be based on conducting a market analysis to ensure the fuel discount pricing is more advantageous than the current market. Tri-Valley Transportation will only exercise option terms for Proposals with pricing during the option periods. All prices, cost and conditions submitted in response to this Request for Proposal shall remain fixed and valid after the closing date for this Proposal submission and throughout the term of the agreement. A breach of any terms of the contract shall be grounds for immediate termination of the contract.

**CONTRACTOR**

The Contractor shall be qualified to perform the required work under applicable licensing statutes of the State of Minnesota and other applicable regulatory agencies. The Contractor shall be properly licensed and shall comply with all applicable Federal, State and local government coded, laws, regulations and requirements in the performance of the work described herein.

**PROPOSAL OPENING**

Competitive Proposals will be accepted until April 21<sup>st</sup>, at 3:30 pm. At Tri-Valley Transportation's main office in Crookston, MN or as an attachment to an e-mail (the Proposal amount shall not be visible in the email) to Elizabeth Hensrud. The bids will be opened and recorded on April 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:30pm.

Tri-Valley Transportation reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals, to waive any technicalities, to accept in whole or in part such Proposal or Proposals as may be deemed in the best interest of the transit.

Tri-Valley Transportation reserves the right to purchase gasoline from other gasoline distributors. The Proposal by signing the Proposal form acknowledged that this is not an exclusive Proposal. No guarantee or warranty is made or implied that any order for any definite quantity will be issued.

#### PROPOSAL REVIEW AND CRITERIA

The Evaluation Committee will make a recommendation to award to the Proposer, based upon the Evaluation Committees' determination of the responsible Offer or whose Cost Proposal is most advantageous to Tri-Valley Transportation. It is anticipated that the evaluation and selection will be completed by April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

The following items make up the evaluation criteria (and their respective weights) Which Tri-Valley Transportation Evaluation Committee will use in evaluating proposals submitted in response to this RFP.

- Project Understanding – 25%
- Work Plan/ Detailed Deliverables – 15%
- Background and Experience of Company – 10%
- Background and Experience of Personnel – 10%
- Quality Management Plan – 10%
- Cost Detail – 30%

Quotations will be evaluated on a "best value" basis with 70% qualification and 30% cost considerations.

#### Notification to Unsuccessful Proposals

Unsuccessful Proposers shall be notified of Tri-Valley Transportations Evaluation Committee's recommendation of award to the successful Proposer within five (5) working days of said recommendation.

#### GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. All forms included in the Request For Proposal, must be completed and returned as part of the Proposal document. The Cost Proposal Form must be completed and included with any other proposal documents requested.
2. Unless otherwise specified all formal Proposals submitted shall be binding for ninety (90) day following Proposal opening date, unless the Proposer upon request of Tri-Valley Transportation, agrees to an extension.
3. Tri Valley Transit System will be using federal funding for payments to the preferred vendor(s). In compliance with federal regulations, this solicitation document provides for the federal requirements with all contract/agreement with any vendor. It is the responsibility of the bidding vendor to review for compliance with the regulations.
4. The FTA is or will be providing federal assistance for this project in an estimated expected amount of \$176,881; the Assistance Listing number is 20.509.
5. ***Race Gender Neutral Assigned***  
The MnDOT Office of Civil Rights has assigned a Race/Gender Neutral Goal to this project. Responders are directed to read the DBE Provisions, as posted along with this [RFQ Notice](#). The DBE Provisions explains how to comply with the DBE requirements. If the DBE goal is Race/Gender Neutral (RGN), all responders are encouraged to include their anticipated DBE utilization for the contract in their proposals. **Each responder will still be required to submit a bidders list of all subcontractors and suppliers (both DBE and non-DBE) on projects with an RGN goal.** While DBE participation is encouraged on proposals with an RGN goal, responders are not required to submit GFE documentation specified in Table A, **other than a bidders list (parts D and E of Exhibit B, the GFE Consolidated form).** Payment information described in Table C is required on **all projects.**

To view a listing of certified DBE's, please contact the MnDOT Office of Civil Rights at 651-366-3073, TTY 651-282-5799, or visit their website at <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/civilrights>

6. Once Proposer enters into a contract, the contractor will be required to submit monthly invoices and statements directly to Tri-Valley Transportation, 1345 Fairfax Ave Crookston, MN 56716. The statements shall include the identification of the driver/vehicle, time and date of purchase, type of fuel purchased, gallons purchased, price per gallon, odometer reading, applicable taxes and total prices. For all goods/services provided by contractor, payment shall be made net thirty (30) days from invoice date after receipt of goods/services unless otherwise specified on Pricing form or as otherwise agreed upon by both parties.
7. Tri-Valley Transportation hereby reserves the right to approve as equivalent or to reject as not being equivalent, any item the responder proposes to furnish which contains variations from specification requirements but may comply substantially therewith, such decisions are strictly at the discretion of Tri-Valley Transportation.
8. If there is any clarification, problem, ambiguity or question regarding this Proposal, you must contact the Director or the designee prior to April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Answers provided regarding the Proposal specifications MUST be answered by the Director or designee. Questions answered by any other person or transit employee shall be considered completely non-applicable to the legal provisions of this Proposal, except as specifically authorized by the director.
9. Responders, by submitting a signed Cost Proposal certify that the accompanying bid is not the result of or affected by any unlawful act of collusion with any other person or company engaged in the same line of business or commerce or any other fraudulent act punishable under the Minnesota or Federal law.
10. Tri-Valley Transportation may make such investigations, as it deems necessary to determine the ability of the Responder to perform the work and the Responder shall furnish to Tri-Valley Transportation all such information and data for this purpose as Tri-Valley Transportation may request. Tri-Valley Transportation reserves the right to reject any Proposal if the evidence submitted by or investigation of such Responder fails to satisfy Tri-Valley Transportation and to complete the work contemplated therein.
11. Non-collusion: Responders, by submitting a signed Cost Proposal, certify that the accompanying Proposal is not the result of, or affected by, any unlawful act of collusion with any other person or company engaged in the same line of business any fraudulent act punishable under the Federal law.
12. Non-discrimination Statement: Tri-Valley Transportation in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252,42 U.S.C)

## FEDERAL CONTRACT CLAUSES

RECIPIENT agrees to abide by the following federal requirement and agrees to bind contractors and subcontractor to the same, as applicable

### **1. 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 fund 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 CFR 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 C.F.R. 661.7.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Company Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

**2. 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.

**Applicability to Micro-Purchases**

Micro-purchases are defined as those purchases under \$2,500. These requirements do not apply to micro-purchases.

**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.*

**3. 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.

**Applicability to Micro-Purchases**

Micro-purchases are defined as those purchases under \$2,500. These requirements do not apply to micro-purchases.

**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.

**4. 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.

**Applicability to Micro-Purchases**

Micro-purchases are defined as those purchases under \$2,500. These requirements do not apply to micro-purchases.

**Flow Down**

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

## **5. 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.

## **6. 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.

#### **Applicability to Micro-Purchases**

Micro-purchases are defined as those purchases under \$2,500. These requirements do not apply to micro-purchases.

#### **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**

- a. 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.*]

- b. 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)
- c. 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.

- d. 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 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

#### **7. 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"

#### **Applicability to Micro-Purchases**

Micro-purchases are defined as those purchases under \$2,500. These requirements do not apply to micro- purchases.

#### **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.

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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 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 Contracts

Contract Characteristics	Operational Service Contract	Turnkey	Construction	Architectural Engineering	Acquisition of Rolling Stock	Professional Services
<b><u>I State Grantees</u></b>	None					
a. Contracts below SAT (\$100,000)	None	Those imposed on	None	None	None	None
b. Contracts above \$100,000/Capital Projects	Unless 1 Non competitive award	state pass thru to Contractor	Yes, if non competitive award or if funded thru 2 5307/5309/5311	None unless Non competitive award	None unless Non competitive award	None unless Non competitive award
<b><u>II Non State Grantees</u></b>						
a. Contracts	Yes3	Those imposed on	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

below SAT (\$100,000)			non-state				
b. Contracts	Yes3		Grantee	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
above			pass				
\$100,000/Capit			thru to				
al Projects			Contractor				

#### Sources of Authority

1. 49 USC 5325 (a)
2. 49 CFR 633.17
3. 18 CFR 18.36 (i)

### 8. Federal Changes 49 CFR Part 18

#### Applicability to Contracts

The Federal Changes requirement applies to all contracts.

#### Applicability to Micro-Purchases

Micro-purchases are defined as those purchases under \$2,500. These requirements do not apply to micro- purchases.

#### 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.

### 9. 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 of 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 (Recipient) 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 (Recipient) 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 (Recipient).

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 (Recipient), 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 (Recipient'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 (Recipient) as provided in [Item x "Bid Security" of the Instructions to Bidders]) shall prove inadequate to fully recompense (Recipient) for the damages occasioned by default, then the undersigned bidder agrees to indemnify (Recipient) and pay over to (Recipient) the difference between the bid security and (Recipient's) total damages, so as to make (Recipient) 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 (Recipient) determines that a lesser amount would be adequate for the protection of the (Recipient).
2. The (Recipient) 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 (Recipient) 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 (Recipient) may require additional protection as required by subparagraph 1 if the contract price is increased.

**Performance and Payment Bonding Requirements (Non-Construction)**

The Contractor may be required to obtain performance and payment bonds when necessary to protect the (Recipient's) interest.

a. The following situations may warrant a performance bond:

1. (Recipient) 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 (Recipient), 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 (Recipient) determines that a lesser amount would be adequate for the protection of the (Recipient).
2. The (Recipient) 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 (Recipient) 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 (Recipient'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 (recipient) shall determine the amount of the advance payment bond necessary to protect the (Recipient).

#### **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 (recipient) shall determine the amount of the patent indemnity to protect the (Recipient).

#### **Warranty of the Work and Maintenance Bonds**

1. The Contractor warrants to (Recipient), 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 (Recipient), 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 (Recipient) and shall replace or repair any defective materials or equipment or faulty workmanship during the period of the guarantee at no cost to (Recipient). 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 (Recipient) 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).

**10. 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.

#### **11. 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.

##### **Applicability to Micro-Purchases**

Micro-purchases are defined as those purchases under \$2,500. These requirements do not apply to micro-purchases

##### **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.

#### **12. Davis-Bacon and Copeland Anti-Kickback Acts – Employee Protections**

##### **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 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 asset 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 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)(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** - The [ *insert name of 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 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, the [ *insert name of grantee* ] 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 [ *insert name of grantee* ] 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. (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. (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. (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, 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.

### **13. 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.

## **14. No Government Obligation to Third Parties**

### **Applicability to Contracts**

Applicable to all contracts.

### **Applicability to Micro-Purchases**

Micro-purchases are defined as those purchases under \$2,500. These requirements do not apply to micro- purchases.

### **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.

**15. 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.

**Applicability to Micro-Purchases**

Micro-purchases are defined as those purchases under \$2,500. These requirements do not apply to micro-purchases.

**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.

**16. 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 affected 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 (Recipient) 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 (Recipient) to be paid the Contractor. If the Contractor has any property in its possession belonging to the (Recipient), the Contractor will account for the same, and dispose of it in the manner the (Recipient) 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 (Recipient) 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 (Recipient) 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 (Recipient), 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 (Recipient) 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 (Recipient)'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 (Recipient) setting forth the nature of said breach or default, (Recipient) shall have the right to terminate the Contract without any further obligation to Contractor. Any such termination for default shall not in any way operate to preclude (Recipient) from also pursuing all available remedies against Contractor and its sureties for said breach or default.

- e. **Waiver of Remedies for any Breach** In the event that (Recipient) elects to waive its remedies for any breach by Contractor of any covenant, term or condition of this Contract, such waiver by (Recipient) shall not limit (Recipient)'s remedies for any succeeding breach of that or of any other term, covenant, or condition of this Contract.
- f. **Termination for Convenience (Professional or Transit Service Contracts)** The (Recipient), by written notice, may terminate this contract, in whole or in part, when it is in the Government's interest. If this contract is terminated, the Recipient shall be liable only for payment under the payment provisions of this contract for services rendered before the effective date of termination.

**g. 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 (Recipient) may terminate this contract for default. The (Recipient) 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 Recipient.

**h. 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 (Recipient) may terminate this contract for default. The (Recipient) 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 Recipient goods, the Contractor shall, upon direction of the (Recipient), protect and preserve the goods until surrendered to the Recipient or its agent. The Contractor and (Recipient) 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 (Recipient).

**i. 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 (Recipient) may terminate this contract for default. The (Recipient) shall terminate by delivering to the Contractor a Notice of Termination specifying the nature of the default. In this event, the Recipient may take over the work and complete it by contract or otherwise, and may take possession of and use any materials, appliances, and plant on the work site necessary for completing the work. The Contractor and its sureties shall be liable for any damage to the Recipient 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 Recipient 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 Recipient, acts of another Contractor in the performance of a contract with the Recipient, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, freight embargoes; and
2. the contractor, within [10] days from the beginning of any delay, notifies the (Recipient) in writing of the causes of delay. If in the judgment of the (Recipient), the delay is excusable, the time for completing the work shall be extended. The judgment of the (Recipient) 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 Recipient.

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

If, after termination for failure to fulfill contract obligations, it is determined that 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 Recipient.

- j. **Termination for Convenience or Default (Cost-Type Contracts)** The (Recipient) may terminate this contract, or any portion of it, by serving a notice of termination on the Contractor. The notice shall state whether the termination is for convenience of the (Recipient) 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 (Recipient), or property supplied to the Contractor by the (Recipient). If the termination is for default, the (Recipient) 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 (Recipient) and the parties shall negotiate the termination settlement to be paid the Contractor.

If the termination is for the convenience of the (Recipient), 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.

If, after serving a notice of termination for default, the (Recipient) 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 (Recipient), after setting up a new work schedule, may allow the Contractor to continue work, or treat the termination as a termination for convenience.

## **17. Government-Wide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement)**

### **49 CFR Part 29**

#### **Executive Order 12549**

#### **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 {insert agency name}. If it is later determined that the bidder or proposer knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to remedies available to {insert agency name}, 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.

### **18. 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.

#### **Applicability to Micro-Purchases**

Micro-purchases are defined as those purchases under \$2,500. These requirements do not apply to micro-purchases.

#### **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.

**19. 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.

**Applicability to Micro-Purchases**

Micro-purchases are defined as those purchases under \$2,500. These requirements do not apply to micro-purchases.

**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:**

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.

## **20. 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. Recipients 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 (Recipient)'s [title of employee]. 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 (Recipient), Contractor shall continue performance under this Contract while matters in dispute are being resolved.

**Claims for Damages** - Should either party to the Contract suffer injury or damage to person or property because of any act or omission of the party or of any of his employees, agents or others for whose acts he is legally liable, a claim for damages therefor 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 (Recipient) 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 (Recipient) 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 (Recipient), (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.

## **21. 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 \_\_\_\_%. A separate contract goal [of \_\_\_\_ % DBE participation has] [has not] been established for this procurement.
- 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 {insert agency name} deems appropriate. Each subcontract the contractor signs with a subcontractor must include the assurance in this paragraph (see 49 CFR 26.13(b)).
- c. ***{If a separate contract goal has been established, use the following}*** Bidders/offers 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/offers'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)).

*(If no separate contract goal has been established, use the following)* 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 {insert agency name}. 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 {insert agency name}, 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 {insert agency name}.

## 22. Incorporation of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Terms

### [FTA Circular 4220.1E](#)

#### Applicability to Contracts

The incorporation of FTA terms applies to all contracts.

#### Applicability to Micro-Purchases

Micro-purchases are defined as those purchases under \$2,500. These requirements do not apply to micro- purchases.

#### 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 MnDOT Office of Transit and Active Transportation requests which would cause MnDOT Office of Transit and Active Transportation to be in violation of the FTA terms and conditions.

### Telecommunications

2 CFR part 200.216

**Telecommunications Certification.** By signing an agreement with the State and/or as a subcontractor, party certifies that, consistent with Section 889 of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019, Pub. L.

115-232 (Aug. 13, 2018), party does not and will not use any equipment, system, or service that uses "covered telecommunications equipment or services" (as that term is defined in Section 889 of the Act) as a substantial or essential component of any system or as critical technology as part of any system. Party will include this certification as a flow down clause in any contract related to this agreement.

"Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services" includes:

- Telecom equipment produced by Huawei or ZTE, or any subsidiary/affiliate.
- Video surveillance and telecom equipment produced by Hytera Communications Corp., Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Co., or Dahua Technology Co. (or any subsidiary/affiliate) for the purpose of public safety, security of government facilities, or surveillance of critical infrastructure; and
- Telecommunications or video surveillance services provided by an entity using such equipment.

Under this rule, recipients and subrecipients of federal aid are prohibited from obligating or expending grant or loan funds to:

- (1) Procure or obtain Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services.
- (2) Extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services.
- (3) Enter into a new contract (or extend or renew a contract) to procure or obtain equipment, services, or systems that use Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services "as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system."

### AFFIDAVIT OF NONCOLUSION

I hereby swear (or affirm) under penalty of perjury:

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

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

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

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

Additionally,

The \_\_\_\_\_ hereby certifies it is /is not (circle one)

Company Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
included on the United States Comptroller General's consolidated list of persons or firms currently debarred for violations of various public contracts incorporating labor standards provisions.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## DEBARRED BIDDERS

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Proposed Debarment, and Other Responsibility Matters:

The Contractor shall comply and facilitate compliance with U.S. DOT regulations, "Nonprocurement Suspension and Debarment," 2 C.F.R. part 1200, which adopts and supplements the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (U.S. OMB) "Guidelines to Agencies on Government wide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement)," 2 C.F.R. part 180. These provisions apply to each contract at any tier of \$25,000 or more, and to each contract at any tier for a federally required audit (irrespective of the contract amount), and to each contract at any tier that must be approved by an FTA official irrespective of the contract amount. As such, the Contractor shall verify that its principals, affiliates, and subcontractors are eligible to participate in this federally funded contract and are not presently declared by any Federal department or agency to be:

- a) Debarred from participation in any federally assisted Award.
- b) Suspended from participation in any federally assisted Award.
- c) Proposed for debarment from participation in any federally assisted Award.
- d) Declared ineligible to participate in any federally assisted Award.
- e) Voluntarily excluded from participation in any federally assisted Award; or
- f) Disqualified from participation in any federally assisted Award.

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

The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact relied upon by the [Agency Name]. If it is later determined by the [Agency Name] that the bidder or proposer knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to remedies available to the [Agency Name], 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 2 C.F.R. part 180, subpart C, as supplemented by 2 C.F.R. part 1200, 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.

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Print Name and Title

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Signature

## Anti-Lobbying Disclosure

### 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 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 influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.
3. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all sub-awards at all tiers (including subcontracts, sub-grants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

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

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Signature of Contractor's Authorized Official

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Name and Title of Contractor's Authorized Official

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Date



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### REQUEST FOR PRICING Fuel

TO: SPF #12

FROM: Elizabeth Hensrud, Tri-Valley Transportation

DATE: 3/24/2023

PROJECT: Solicitation for Fuel Discount and/or Fuel Card usage

You are invited to submit pricing for the purposes of determining the preferred vendor(s) that provide the best value for meeting our solicitation for fuel discounts and fuel card usage. All vendors who adequately complete the Pricing matrix will be considered for this project. Pricing form is to provide for the original term of 1/1/2023 through 12/31/2023 and for the optional term period of 1/1/2024 through 12/31/2025.

Bids will be received until Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 at 3:30pm. Notification to enter into an agreement will be on or before April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

- ☐ Pay At the Pump Fuel Discount  
☐ Invoiced Fuel Card Discount  
☐ Other:

Fuel Purchase Community <small>i.e.: City of Crookston, City of TRF, Mahnomon County and Clearwater County and surrounding cities</small>	Pay At the Pump Per Gallon Discount Amount	Invoiced Fuel Card Per Gallon Discount Amount	Comments
	2023: 2024: 2025:	2023: 2024: 2025:	
Incentive Fuel Discounts for multiple communities			
	2023: 2024: 2025:	2023: 2024: 2025:	

- ☐ Location of Fuel Station(s) is attached (required). ☐ Map with location(s) ☐ Matrix with location(s)

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email (required): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) SPECIAL  
PROVISIONS**  
**Federal Transit Administration (FTA)**  
**Goods and Services**  
**RACE/GENDER NEUTRAL GOAL**

Project Information	
MnDOT Grant Agreement Number: 1051360	<b>This contract uses the following project delivery method:</b>
<b>This contract will be solicited and administered by:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A subrecipient of Federal FTA Funds (governments or non-profit agency)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For the procurement of Goods <input type="checkbox"/> For the procurement of Services <input type="checkbox"/> For the procurement of Third Party Operations/Services <b>OR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> For the procurement of Professional Services

## Introduction

**Federal Regulations Govern.** Some or all of the funds for this contract will come from the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT). Therefore, the federal Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program described at Title 49, Part 26 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) applies to this contract. The responder is responsible for understanding and following the requirements of 49 CFR Part 26.

**Purpose.** These special provisions (1) outline the responder's obligations under the federal DBE program, (2) explain the process MnDOT Office of Civil Rights (OCR) will follow to evaluate the responder's compliance with DBE program requirements, and (3) identify sanctions for failing to comply with DBE program requirements. These provisions apply *in addition to* any other requirements applicable to award of this contract.

**Policy Statement.** MnDOT must ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of contracts funded in whole or in parts with federal funds. The DBE program seeks to:

- Create a level playing field on which DBEs can compete fairly for federally funded projects,
- Ensure that the DBE program is narrowly tailored,
- Ensure that only eligible firms are permitted to participate as DBEs,
- Help remove barriers to the participation of DBEs in federally funded projects, and
- Provide flexibility in establishing and providing opportunities for DBEs.

**Contract Assurance.** The USDOT requires MnDOT, as a recipient of federal funds, to include the following paragraph in contracts for federally funded projects. It applies to the responder, and the responder must also include it in subcontracts the responder executes for this project.

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, which may include, but is not limited to, (1) withholding monthly progress payments, (2) assessing sanctions, (3) liquidated damages, and/or (4) disqualifying the contractor from future bidding as non-responsible.

**Application and Interpretation.** Terms must be interpreted as follows:

- "Responder" refers to the bidder, apparent low bidder, proposer, or apparent successful proposer.
- "Proposal" includes a bid, proposal or price proposal.

### RACE/GENDER NEUTRAL GOAL

If the DBE goal is Race/Gender Neutral (RGN), all responders are encouraged to include their anticipated DBE utilization for the contract in their proposals. **Each responder will still be required to submit a bidders list (Part D) of all subcontractors and suppliers (both DBE and non-DBE) on projects with an RGN goal.** While DBE participation is encouraged on proposals with an RGN goal, responders who are able to meet DBE participation are to **complete and submit the Contractors Payment Form and DBE Total Payment Affidavit).**

### ADDITIONAL SUBCONTRACTORS, SUPPLIERS AND SERVICE PROVIDERS

Whenever an additional subcontractor, supplier or service provider is selected, and this information has not been previously reported to the Mn/DOT Office of Civil Rights, the Contractor or its designated OCR Officer shall promptly provide Mn/DOT OCR with the following information regarding the subcontract:

- a) The name of the subcontractor; supplier or service provider;
- b) The total dollar amount of the subcontract;
- c) The specific work items covered by the subcontract;
- d) Estimated quantities of each work item; and
- e) Individual unit prices (if applicable).

### SUBMITTAL OF DOCUMENTATION

Upon award of the contract, the Contractor shall submit on the attached Bidders List, a complete list of all subcontractors, service providers, suppliers and consultants that submitted bids, and shall indicate the successful quotes that will be used on the contract.

Additionally, during the life of the contract, the Contractor shall submit progress payment reports on the attached Contractor Payment Form regarding the payments made to its subcontractors, suppliers, service providers and sub-consultants. In accordance with federal regulations and Minnesota's Prompt Payment law, Contractors are required to pay their subcontractors within ten

(10) days of receiving progress payments from Mn/DOT. Contractors are also required to submit to the Project Engineer and the Mn/DOT OCR the Contractor Payment Forms no later than ten

(10) days after receiving payment from Mn/DOT. PROMPT

### PAYMENT

The prime contractor agrees to pay each subcontractor under this prime contract within ten days of the prime contractor's receipt of payment from the state for undisputed services provided by the subcontractor. The prime contractor must pay interest of 1-1/2 percent per month or any part of a month to the subcontractor on any undisputed amount not paid on time to the subcontractor. The prime contractor agrees further to return retainage payments to each subcontractor within ten days after the subcontractor's work is satisfactorily completed. This clause applies to both DBE and non-DBE subcontractors. Any contractor making payments to subcontractors must complete and submit the attached Contractor Payment form.

### FINAL PAYMENT AFFIDAVIT

Pursuant to Mn/DOT Standard Specifications for Construction Sec. 1908, "Unless a Contractor has presented an Affidavit showing the total dollar amounts of works performed by disadvantaged business enterprise (DBE), final payment may be withheld." The DBE Total Payment Affidavit shall be executed by the Prime Contractor after all work has been performed by DBE(s) on the project.

**This Race/Gender Neutral Goal Language is an addendum to the Mn/DOT DBE Special Provisions.**



DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION

Contractor:

Office of Civil Rights - Good Faith Efforts Consolidated Form

**PART D - BIDDERS LIST - NON-DBE and DBE QUOTES SUBMITTED**

**DBE COMMITMENTS**

List all DBE firms who provided quotes or bid proposals. Indicate whether the quotes were accepted. Please include a copy of their quote(s).

**DBE Contractor Information**

DBE Contractor Information					DBE Goal Submitted? Description of Work	Dollar Amount Of Bid/Proposal	Will Firm Be Used?
1.	DBE Contractor Name	Contact Name	Address	Federal Tax # E-mail Phone			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
2.	DBE Contractor Name	Contact Name	Address	Federal Tax # E-mail Phone			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
3.	DBE Contractor Name	Contact Name	Address	Federal Tax # E-mail Phone			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
4.	DBE Contractor Name	Contact Name	Address	Federal Tax # E-mail Phone			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

Make additional copies of this page as necessary

Minnesota Department of Transportation  
Office of Civil Rights

**Contractor Payment Form**

1<sup>st</sup> Tier Sub-  
Contractor:

State Project Number \_\_\_\_\_

Prime Contractor: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Reporting Period: From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_



Instructions: All Contractors making payments to Contractors/Subcontractors/Suppliers/Service Providers, regardless of their tier or DBE status, are required to complete and submit this form to the Mn/DOT Office of Civil Rights (OCR), each time payments are made to sub-contractors until final payment is made. Failure to comply with this form and Minnesota's prompt payment law may cause progress payments to be withheld. Submit one copy of this form to the Mn/DOT OCR and one copy to the Project Engineer, no later than ten (10) days after receiving payment from Mn/DOT.

Contractor Information			Original Contract Amount	Committed DBE %	Actual DBE % to Date
Name:					
Address:					
Phone:					
Name of Subcontractor/Supplier	DBE? (Check if Yes)	Description of Work	Subcontract Amount		
1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	1.	1.		
2.	<input type="checkbox"/>	2.	2.		
3.	<input type="checkbox"/>	3.	3.		
4.	<input type="checkbox"/>	4.	4.		
5.	<input type="checkbox"/>	5.	5.		
6.	<input type="checkbox"/>	6.	6.		
Amount of Current Payment	Total Sub-Contractor Payment-To-Date	% Paid to date	Final Payment? Yes/No		
1.	1.	1.	1.		
2.	2.	2.	2.		
3.	3.	3.	3.		
4.	4.	4.	4.		
5.	5.	5.	5.		
6.	6.	6.	6.		
Company Officials Signature & Title	Date Signed	Name & Title of Individual Completing Report (Type or Print Clearly)			
Title:					
Phone:	Fax:	Phone:		Fax:	

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**State Project Number:** As identified by Mn/DOT

**Prime Contractor:** The contractor who was awarded the project.

**1<sup>st</sup> Tier Sub-Contractor:** If there is an instance of a sub who has a subcontractor, list the 1<sup>st</sup> tier sub here and then list all of the 2<sup>nd</sup> tier Subcontractor(s) in the Name of Subcontractor/Supplier area. *All areas should be filled in regarding the prime as well.*

**Payment Reporting Period:** This should reflect the current payment period.

**Contractor Information:** Contractor's information who is making the payments. Should be filled out completely.

**Original Contract Amount:** Prime contractor's contract dollar amount.

**Committed DBE%:** The DBE requirement as certified by the prime in the proposal that is the minimum percentage to be met.

**Actual DBE % to Date:** The percent met to date.

**Name of Subcontractor/Supplier:** Company who is working for the prime contractor on this project.  
(If a sub was contracted for more than one contract, list each contract separately.)

**DBE?:** Check this box if the subcontractor is a certified DBE in Minnesota. You can find a listing of the DBE firms certified in Minnesota at <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/eeoocm/uepdirectory.html>.

**Description of Work:** The type of work the subcontractor was contracted for.

**Subcontract Amount:** The dollar amount the subcontractor was contracted for.

**Amount of Current Payment:** The current dollar amount being paid to the sub.

**Total Sub-Contractor Payment-to-Date:** Total dollar amount paid to the sub including the current payment.

**% Paid to Date:** Percentage of total payments made in comparison to the prime's award amount.

**Final Payment?:** Indicate whether this is the final payment being made to the sub.

**Company Officials Signature & Title:** Self explanatory

**Name & Title of Individual Completing Report:** Self explanatory

*If you have questions on completing the form, call the Office of Civil Rights at (651) 366-3073.*

## DBE Total Payment Affidavit

Pursuant to Mn/DOT Standard Specifications for Construction, Section 1908, the following DBE Total Payment Affidavit shall be executed by the Prime Contractor after all work has been performed by a DBE on this project. If the dollar value of the DBE firm's total work is less than the DBE's original subcontract, please explain. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

State Project Number: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, being first duly sworn, do depose and say that:

1. I am the authorized representative of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Individual, Company, Partnership or Corporation)  
and I have the authority to make this Affidavit for and on behalf of said Prime Contractor.

2. The following DBE Subcontractors/Suppliers/Service Providers/Sub-Consultants have preformed work on this contract/project with a total dollar value of:

	Name of DBE Firm	Dollar Amount of Subcontract	Total Dollar Amount
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			

3. I have fully informed myself regarding the accuracy of the statements made in this Affidavit.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Prime Contractor or Authorized Representative)

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Notary Public)

My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

Prepare Affidavit in duplicate. Submit one original to the  
Project Engineer, and one original to:  
**Mn/DOT's Office of Civil Rights**  
**395 John Ireland Blvd., MS 170**  
**St. Paul, MN 55155**

**No. 1908 – Standard Specifications for Construction**  
Unless the Contractor has presented an Affidavit showing  
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Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE), final payment  
may be withheld.