

No Federal Government Obligations to Third Parties

(1) The Transit Agency and Vendor 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 Transit Agency, Vendor, or any other party (whether or not a party to that contract) pertaining to any matter resulting from the underlying contract.

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

Program Fraud and False or Fraudulent Statements or Related Acts

(1) The Vendor 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 Vendor 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 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) assisted project for which this contract work is being performed. In addition to other penalties that may be applicable, the Vendor 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 Vendor to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.

(2) The Vendor 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 Vendor, to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.

(3) The Vendor 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.

Exclusionary or Discriminatory Specifications

The Vendor agrees that it will comply with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. §5325(h) by refraining from using any Federal assistance awarded by the Transit Agency to support procurements using exclusionary or discriminatory specifications.

Geographic Restrictions

The Vendor agrees to refrain from using state or local geographic preferences, except those expressly mandated or encouraged by Federal statute, and as permitted by FTA.

Access to Records

The Vendor agrees to permit the Transit Agency, WV Division of Public Transit, the Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation and the Comptroller General of the United States, or their authorized representatives, to inspect all Contract work, materials, payrolls, and other data and records with regard to the Contract. The Vendor also agrees to permit an audit of the books, records, and accounts of the Vendor and its subcontractors.

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)

The Vendor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this Contract. The requirements of 49 C.F.R. Part 26 and the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) approved Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program are incorporated in the Contract by reference. The Vendor agrees to take all necessary and reasonable steps under the requirements of 49 C.F.R. Part 26 and the USDOT approved Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program (where required) to ensure that eligible DBEs have the maximum feasible opportunity to participate in USDOT approved Contracts. Failure by the Vendor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of the Contract, which may result in the termination of this Contract or such other remedy as the Transit Agency deems appropriate.

Civil Rights

In connection with the execution of this contract, the following requirements will apply:

- A. Nondiscrimination. In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d, *et seq.*, Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §6101, *et seq.*, Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 12101, *et seq.*, and Federal transit law at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, as amended, the GRANTEE agrees that it will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment on the basis of race, color, or national origin. In addition, the GRANTEE agrees to comply with any other applicable Federal statutes that may be signed into law or regulations that may be promulgated.
- B. Equal Employment Opportunity. The following equal employment opportunity requirements apply to the underlying contract:
 - 1) Race, Color, Religion, National Origin, Sex, Disability, Age, Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity or Status as a Parent. In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e, *et seq.*, and Federal transit laws at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, the GRANTEE agrees to comply with all applicable equal employment opportunity requirements of the U.S. Department of Labor (US 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 Number 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity", as amended by Executive Order Number 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 GRANTEE agrees to take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during their employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or status as a parent. 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 or compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. In addition, the GRANTEE agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.
- C. The GRANTEE 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.

Energy Conservation

The Vendor agrees to comply with, and obtain the compliance of its subcontractors, with mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency contained in applicable state energy conservation plans issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 6321 *et seq.*

Clean Air & Clean Water Requirements

(1) The Vendor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 7414 and other applicable provisions of the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 7401 *et seq.* and Section 508 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. § 1368, and other provisions of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. §§ 1251 *et seq.* The Vendor agrees to report each violation to the Transit Agency and understands and agrees that the Transit Agency, in turn, will report each violation to the WV Division of Public Transit who will, in turn, report each violation as required to FTA and the appropriate EPA Regional Office.

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

Application of Federal, State and Local Laws and Regulations

To achieve compliance with changing federal, state and local requirements, the Vendor shall note that federal, state and local requirements may change and the changed requirements will apply to this Contract as required.

Termination

(a) Termination for Convenience

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

(b) Termination for Default (Breach or Cause)

If the Vendor does not deliver supplies in accordance with the contract delivery schedule, or, if the contract is for services, the Vendor fails to perform in the manner called for in the contract, or if the Vendor fails to comply with any other provisions of the contract, the Transit Agency 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 Vendor is in default. The Vendor 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 Transit Agency that the Vendor 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 Vendor, the Transit Agency, after setting up a new delivery of performance schedule, may allow the Vendor to continue work, or treat the termination as a termination for convenience.

(c) Opportunity to Cure

The Transit Agency in its sole discretion may, in the case of a termination for breach or default, allow the Vendor 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 Vendor fails to remedy to Transit Agency's satisfaction the breach or default or any of the terms, covenants, or conditions of this Contract within ten (10) days after receipt by Vendor or written notice from Transit Agency setting forth the nature of said breach or default, Transit Agency shall have the right to terminate the Contract without any further obligation to Vendor. Any such termination for default shall not in any way operate to preclude Transit Agency from also pursuing all available remedies against Vendor and its sureties for said breach or default.

(d) Waiver of Remedies for Any Breach

In the event that Transit Agency elects to waive its remedies for any breach by Vendor of any covenant, term or condition of this Contract, such waiver by Transit Agency shall not limit Transit Agency's remedies for any succeeding breach of that or of any other term, covenant, or condition of this Contract.

Bankruptcy

Upon entering of a judgment of bankruptcy or insolvency by or against a Vendor, the Transit Agency may terminate this Contract for cause.

FTA Role in Bid Protests

Under the Federal Transit Administration's Circular 4220.1F, the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA's) appeals process for reviewing protests of a recipient's procurement decisions are:

1. Requirements for the Protester. The protester must:

- a. Qualify as an "Interested Party." Only an "interested party" qualifies for FTA review of its appeal. An "interested party" is a party that is an actual or prospective bidder or offeror whose direct economic interest would be affected by the award or failure to award the contract at issue.

1. Subcontractors. A subcontractor does not qualify as an “interested party” because it does not have a direct economic interest in the results of the procurement.

2. Consortia/Joint Ventures/Partnerships/Teams. An established consortium, joint venture, partnership, or team that is an actual bidder or offeror and is acting in its entirety, would qualify as an “interested party” because it has a direct economic interest in the results of the procurement. An individual member of a consortium, joint venture, partnership, or team, acting solely in its individual capacity, does not qualify as an “interested party” because it does not have a direct economic interest in the results of the procurement.

3. Associations or Organizations. An association or organization that does not perform contracts does not qualify as an “interested party,” because it does not have a direct economic interest in the results of the procurement.

b. Exhaust Administrative Remedies. The protester must exhaust its administrative remedies by pursuing the Transit Agency’s protest procedures to completion before appealing the Transit Agency’s decision to FTA.

c. Appeal Within Five Days. The protester must deliver its appeal to the FTA Regional Administrator, Region III, 1760 Market Street, Suite 500, Philadelphia, PA 19103-4124 within five (5) working days of the date when the protester has received actual or constructive notice of the Transit Agency’s final decision. Likewise, the protester must provide its appeal to the same address within five (5) working days of the date when the protester has identified other grounds for appeal to FTA. For example, other grounds for appeal include the Transit Agency’s failure to have or failure to comply with its protest procedures or failure to review the protest.

Prohibited Interest

No employee, officer, board member, agent or their family members of the Transit Agency may participate in the selection, award, or administration of a Contract supported by Federal funds if a real or apparent conflict of interest is involved. Such a conflict could arise when any of the parties mentioned above have a financial or other interest in the Vendor selected for the Contract.

Preference for Recycled Products

The Vendor agrees to comply with all the requirements of Section 6002 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 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.

Metric System

As required by U.S. DOT or FTA, the Vendor agrees to use the metric system of measurement in its Project activities, as may be required by Metric Conversion Act, as amended by the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 205a et seq.; Executive Order No. 12770, “Metric Usage in Federal Government Programs,” 15 U.S.C. § 205a note; and other regulations, guidelines, and policies issued by U.S. DOT or FTA.

Hold Harmless

The Vendor agrees to protect, defend, indemnify and hold the Transit Agency, its officers, employees and agents free and harmless from and against any and all losses, penalties, damages, settlements, costs, charges, professional fees or other expenses or liabilities of every kind and character arising out of or relating to any and all claims, liens, demands, obligations, actions, proceedings or causes of action of every kind and character in connection with or arising directly or indirectly out of this Contract and/or the performance hereof. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, any and all such claims, etc. relating to personal injury, infringement of any patent, trademark, copyright (or application for any thereof) or of any other tangible or intangible personal or property right, or actual or alleged violation of any other tangible or intangible personal or property rights, or actual or alleged violation of any applicable statute, ordinance, administrative order, rule or regulation, or decrees of any court, shall be included in the indemnity hereunder. The Vendor further agrees to investigate, handle, respond to, provide defense for and defend any such claims, etc., at

his/her sole expense and agrees to bear all other costs and expenses related thereto, even if such claim is groundless, false or fraudulent.

Licensing and Permits

The Vendor shall be appropriately licensed for the work required as a result of the Contract. The cost for any required licenses or permits shall be the responsibility of the Vendor. The Vendor is liable for any and all taxes due as a result of the Contract.

Compliance with Laws and Permits

The Vendor shall give all notices and comply with all existing and future federal, state and municipal laws, ordinances, rules, Regulations, and orders of any public authority bearing on the performance of the Contract, including, but not limited to, the laws referred to in these provisions of the Contract and the other Contract documents. If the Contract documents are at variance therewith in any respect, any necessary changes shall be incorporated by appropriate modification. Upon request, the Vendor shall furnish to the Transit Agency certificates of compliance with all such laws, orders, and regulations.

Severability

In the event any provision of the Contract is declared or determined to be unlawful, invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration shall not affect, in any manner, the legality of the remaining provisions of the Contract and each provision of the Contract will be and is deemed to be separate and severable from each other provision.

Debarment and Suspension

Vendor agrees to comply, and assures the compliance of any other participant at any tier of the project, with Executive Orders Nos. 12549 and 12689, "Debarment and Suspension," 31 U.S.S. § 6101 note, and U.S. DOT regulations, "Nonprocurement Suspension and Debarment," 2 CFR Part 1200, which adopts and supplements the provisions of U.S. Office of Management and Budget (U.S. OMB) "Guidelines to Agencies on Government wide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement)," 2 CFR Part 180.

The vendor agrees to, and assures that any other participant at any tier of the project will review the U.S. GSA's debarment and suspension information available at <https://www.sam.gov> before entering into any other arrangement in connection with the project.

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

The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact relied upon by the Transit Agency. If it is later determined that the bidder knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to remedies available to the Transit Agency, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment. The bidder agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 CFR Part 1200, while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any contract that may arise from this offer. The bidder further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

Prompt Payment

The Vendor agrees to pay each sub-contractor under this prime contract for satisfactory performance of its contract no later than 15 days from the receipt of each payment the prime Vendor receives from the Transit Agency. The Vendor agrees further to return retainage payments to each subcontractor within 15 days after the subcontractor's work is satisfactorily completed. Any delay or postponement of payment from the above referenced time frame may occur only for good cause following written approval of the Transit Agency. This clause applies to both DBE and non-DBE subcontractors.

Federal Regulation Changes

Vendor 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 (Form FTA MA(23) dated October 1,

2016) between the Transit Authority and FTA, as they may be amended or promulgated from time to time during the term of this Contract. Vendor's failure to so comply shall constitute a material breach of this contract.

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 provision. All contractual provisions required by DOT, as set forth in FTA Circular 4220.1F, are hereby incorporated by reference. Anything to the contrary herein notwithstanding, all FTA mandated terms shall be deemed to control in the event of a conflict with other provisions contained in this Contract. The Vendor shall not perform any act, fail to perform any act, or refuse to comply with any Transit Agency requests which would cause Transit Agency to be in violation of the FTA terms and conditions.

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