

**ESCAMBIA COUNTY
FLORIDA**

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

Escambia County Area Transit (ECAT) Management Contract

SPECIFICATION NUMBER PD 10-11.060

RESPONSES WILL BE RECEIVED UNTIL: 3:00 p.m., CDT, Friday, July 29, 2011

A Pre-Solicitation Conference will be held in the Office of Purchasing, Purchasing Conference Room 11.407, 213 Palafox Place, 2nd Floor, Pensacola, FL 32502, on Friday, July 8, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. CDT. All submitters are encouraged to attend.

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SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS:

Any person requiring special accommodations to attend or participate, pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, should call the Office of Purchasing, (850) 595-4980 at least five (5) working days prior to the solicitation opening. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Office of Purchasing at (850) 595-4684 (TTY).

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REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATION
PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM
MANAGEMENT CONTRACT

I. INTRODUCTION

Escambia County, FL, Pensacola, FL (referred hereafter as the County) is requesting statements of qualifications (RFQ) from firms for management of the County's public transportation system, the Escambia County Area Transit (ECAT). The management of ECAT is guided by policies, objectives and service standards sanctioned by Escambia and the City of Pensacola.

II. SYSTEM DESCRIPTION

VEOLIA TRANSPORTATION, Ltd. presently manages ECAT. VEOLIA has created a subsidiary company, Veolia Transportation Services, Inc. to employ all ECAT transit personnel except the General Manager, Maintenance Manager and Finance Manager who work directly for VEOLIA.

The management company operates from a County-owned facility located at 1515 West Fairfield, Pensacola, Florida using a fleet of County owned vehicles. All office equipment, furniture, parts inventory and maintenance equipment required for the day-to-day transit operation are provided by the County.

Any firm selected to manage ECAT must abide by the terms and conditions of all current and subsequent agreements entered into by Escambia County pursuant to 49 U.S. C. 5333 (b) (formerly known as Section 13(c)) of the Federal Transit Act. The firm also must operate the services under the labor agreement negotiated between Veolia and the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1395, which represents the hourly paid drivers and maintenance employees. This current labor agreement is in effect until September 30, 2012.

ECAT operates a fixed route system. The fixed route system has 27 peak hour buses, which operate on 16 routes Monday through Friday from 5:00am until 7:00pm, and a reduced service on all routes on Saturday. No Sunday service is provided. The active fleet includes 43 standard diesel powered buses and seven (7) diesel replica trolley buses.

Under contract with the Santa Rosa Island Authority (SRIA) ECAT operates a free Pensacola Beach Trolley Shuttle Service 10:00 a.m. - Midnight, Friday, Saturday and Sunday from May thru Labor Day. Under a separate contract with The University of West Florida, ECAT operates The University of West Florida Trolley Service on two (2) routes, 7:00 a.m. - 9:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday. Reduced service is provided on Saturday. Service schedules are adjusted for the academic calendar.

ECAT also administers the contract for the County ADA Paratransit Service, Transportation Disadvantaged Program, and Non-urbanized Transportation services. These services are provided by the Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC), designated by the Florida-Alabama TPO.

Current ECAT staff consists of one hundred nine (109) employees; including sixty (60) drivers, (53 fixed route/7 trolley), thirty-two (32) maintenance employees and seventeen (17) general and administrative employees. The operating budget for ECAT for FY 10-11) (October 1, 2010 - September 30, 2011) is \$ 8,806,000 with operating revenues estimated at \$1,478,000.

Bus fares are \$1.75 and transfers are Free. Seven (7) and Thirty (30) day passes, and 20 Ride Tickets are available. Half price fares are available for the elderly and disabled, and a reduced fare is provided for students. All fixed route buses are equipped with GENFARE electronic fareboxes and security cameras.

In addition to the buses, vans and trucks assigned to ECAT, ECAT also operates a County vehicle maintenance facility, which provides both scheduled and unscheduled maintenance on the County's fleet of non-transit vehicles including all types of fire apparatus, ambulances, trucks, automobiles and vans. The budget for this service is included in the budget information provided above.

III. SCOPE OF SERVICES

Firms submitting qualifications should be capable of performing the following management services:

- Short-range transit planning
- Equipment selection and maintenance of all assigned vehicles
- Utilization of computerized Fleet Maintenance Management Program ensuring standardized accounting for parts, labor and inventory
- Building utilization and maintenance
- Security, vehicles and facilities
- Routes and schedules
- Fare analysis
- Budgeting & Financial Management
- Safety and selected types of insurance
- Employee selection and training
- Employee relations
- Labor negotiations
- Marketing and Public Relations
- Preparation of specifications for capital equipment
- Administration of Escambia County Complementary ADA Paratransit Service, and Transportation Disadvantaged Program
- Other functions reasonably required in day-to-day ECAT operations
- Grants; All grant activities including application, administration, reporting and close-out in accordance with all FTA procedures. The same functions are required for Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) funding programs. Management Company Staff required to perform all federal and state procedures required of Grantees (EEO, DBE, Title VI, NTDB, etc)
- Computer hardware and software selection, procurement and maintenance
- Preparation of FTA reports, compliance, and related programs
- Preparation of FDOT reports, compliance and related programs
- Procurement-Capital and operating and compliance with FTA regulations
- Environmental Compliance

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SERVICES

- Maintenance of all assigned vehicles including, fire department vehicles, ambulances, emergency support vehicles and other miscellaneous vehicles.
- All preventive and non-scheduled maintenance services, including capability for 24/7 emergency service.
- Preparation of specifications and recommendations for replacement of all capital equipment.
- Employee selection and training, including Emergency Vehicle Technician (EVT) certification.
- Budgeting & Financial Management. Accounts (including inventory) separate from all mass transit accounts to avoid co-mingling of federal or state funding with maintenance fees.
- Utilize federal fully allocated costs procedures to determine hourly labor charge for non-transit vehicle maintenance services.

County will provide:

1. Short-range and long-range transit planning
2. Grant Administration
3. Purchasing
4. Insurance

IV. GUIDELINES FOR SUBMITTING QUALIFICATIONS

A. Each firm must submit **two (2) originals and eight (8) copies** on compact disc (CD) of the qualifications statement by 3:00 PM, CDT, July 29, 2011.

B. All submittals to be considered shall be in the possession of the Office of Purchasing prior to the time of the solicitation closing. Submittals of qualifications may be mailed to 213 Palafox Place, 2nd Floor Room 11.101, Pensacola, Florida 32502 or delivered to the Office of Purchasing, 2nd floor, Room 11.101, Matt Langley Bell, III Bldg., 213 Palafox Place, Pensacola, Florida 32502, in a **sealed envelope clearly marked:**

Specification Number PD "10-11.060" Escambia County Area Transit (ECAT) Management Contract: Name of Submitting Firm, Time and Date due".

Note: If you are using a courier service; Federal Express, Airborne, UPS, etc., you must mark airbill and envelope or box with Specification Number and Project Name.

Regardless of the method of delivery, each submitter shall be responsible for his submittals being delivered on time as the County assumes no responsibility for same. Submittals received after the time set for solicitation closing will be rejected and returned unopened to the submitter.

Escambia County is a political subdivision of the State of Florida. It is governed by an independent elected five members Board of County Commissioners. The Board is elected by single member District vote for staggered terms. In Addition, the County has five Constitutional Officers, each elected by county-wide vote. The five Constitutional Officers of the County are: the Property Appraiser, the Sheriff, the Supervisor of Elections, the Clerk of the Circuit Court and the Tax Collector.

The Board appoints a County Administrator to administer the affairs of the County. In addition, the Board appoints a County Attorney to render legal advice to the Board of County Commissioners.

Conduct of Participants

After the issuance of any solicitation, all bidders/proposers/protestors or individuals acting on their behalf are hereby prohibited from **lobbying** as defined herein or otherwise attempting to persuade or influence any elected County officials, their agents or employees or any member of the relevant selection committee at any time during the **blackout period** as defined herein; provided, however, nothing herein shall prohibit bidders/proposers/protestors or individuals acting on their behalf from communicating with the purchasing staff concerning a pending solicitation unless otherwise provided for in the solicitation or unless otherwise directed by the purchasing manager.

Definitions

Blackout period means the period between the time the bids/proposals for invitations for bid or the request for proposal, or qualifications, or information, or requests for letters of interest, or the invitation to negotiate, as applicable, are received at the Escambia County Office of Purchasing and the time the Board awards the contract and any resulting bid protest is resolved or the solicitation is otherwise canceled.

Lobbying means the attempt to influence the thinking of elected County officials, their agents or employees or any member of the relevant Selection Committee for or against a specific cause related to a pending solicitation for goods or services, in person, by mail, by facsimile, by telephone, by electronic mail, or by any other means of communication.

Sanctions

The Board may impose any one or more of the following sanctions on a nonemployee for violations of the policy set forth herein:

- (a) Rejection/disqualification of submittal
- (b) Termination of contracts; or
- (c) Suspension or debarment as provided in Sec. 46-102 of the Escambia County Code of Ordinances.

This policy is not intended to alter the procedure for Protested Solicitations and Awards as set forth in the Sec. 46-101 of the Escambia County Code of Ordinances.

C. By submitting a qualifications statement, the firm agrees that the company does not appear on the Comptroller General's list of ineligible contractors for federally assisted projects.

D. The County will not consider any qualifications statement received after the deadline. Respondents are solely responsible for timely delivery and those statements received after the deadline will be returned unopened.

E. Responses to this RFQ should not be elaborately designed. Firms should describe the company's qualifications only to the extent that these qualifications can translate into delivery of the full scope of services to the Escambia County.

F. The issuance of this RFQ and receipt of qualifications statements by the County in no way commits the County to any contractual agreements for management of ECAT services. The County will not be liable for any expenses incurred by a respondent in preparing a qualifications statement.

V. CONTENT OF RESPONSE

A respondent should provide the following information in the submittal:

A. General Manager

The firm must submit a resume of the proposed General Manager including relevant education, training and experience in all areas listed under Scope of Services. Similar experience in other Florida local government communities or other public transit experience outside the state of Florida should be identified.

B. Maintenance Manager

The firm must submit a resume of the proposed Maintenance Manager including relevant education, training and experience in maintaining buses, trolleys, fire trucks, ambulances and large fleets, and expertise in related areas listed under Scope of Service. EVT certification is highly desirable.

C. Finance Manager

The firm must submit a resume of the proposed Finance Manager including relevant education, training and experience with federal, state and local government finance and accounting procedures, and expertise in all related areas listed under the Scope of Service. Similar experience in other Florida local government communities or other public transit experience with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) should be identified.

D. Staff Support Services

Provide a staff support list with capabilities and a description of the support staff and appropriate responsibilities and technical services available to the County.

E. Transit Management Experience

Provide a list of transit managed systems including the start date and most recent renewal date of each contract. Provide the name, address and telephone number of a local official qualified to serve as a reference. A summary of the types of services provided should also be included.

F. Management Methodologies/Procedures

Identify management tools, procedures and practices used to manage systems.

G. Achievements in the Transit Industry

Identify major achievements in the transit industry including any innovative techniques and any specific cost savings that have resulted for clients in using these techniques.

H. Financial Statement

Provide a corporate financial statement for the most recent fiscal year. If a financial statement is not available, please provide documentation of the financial stability of the firm.

I. Other Information

The firm can submit any additional information that is believed to be pertinent and not requested elsewhere.

J. Affidavit of Authenticity

A respondent must include a signed and notarized Affidavit of Authenticity (Exhibit A) with the qualifications statement.

Management Company acknowledges that it has not engaged any public crimes and has completed the Public Entity Crime Disclosure Form.

VI. SELECTION

Based on information provided in the qualifications statement, the County may invite representatives of responding firms to provide more information in an interview. At minimum, the respondent's proposed general manager and senior level executive authorized to commit the firm to the contract will be present at such an interview.

Following evaluation of respondents, the County will select a firm and begin contract negotiations. If negotiations with the first choice firm are unsuccessful, the County may negotiate with the second choice firm. The County reserves the right to reject any and all responses and to select any firm whom in the County's opinion would best perform the services.

The County will use the following criteria in selecting a management company:

- A. Proposed General Manager
- B. Proposed Maintenance Manager
- C. Proposed Finance Manager
- D. Management Company staff support
- E. Experience with Similar Systems
- F. Financial Stability of Firm
- G. Firms Organizational Depth and Resources
- H. Firms ability to Deliver Full Scope of Services
- I. Management Fee (Determined during negotiations)

VII. REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Questions regarding this document should be directed to:

Mr. Joe Pillitary, CPPO, CPPB
Office of Purchasing
Purchasing Coordinator
213 Palafox Place, 2nd Floor
Pensacola, FL 32502
Phone: (850) 595-4878
Fax: (850) 595-4807
Email: joe_pillitary@co.escambia.fl.us

VIII. ADDENDUM

The response to this RFQ and all other accompanying documents or materials submitted by the respondents will be deemed to constitute part of the response. Changes to any certificates, modifications to this solicitation document or the submission of alternative proposals not specifically called for in this solicitation document will result in rejection of the response. Any proposed change in the response to this RFQ must be submitted in writing to the County at least fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the deadline for the RFQ. The submitted proposal must not contain erasures, changes or corrections. Any changes made to this RFQ will be made by Addendum and will be sent to all respondents. Should any Addendum be issued, certification of receipt of such must be included in the response.

IX. WITHDRAWAL OF QUALIFICATIONS STATEMENT

Response to this RFQ may be withdrawn by written request received by the County at any time prior to the deadline for receipt of responses.

X. LOBBYING

No firm will lobby any County official, employee, staff or agent on any matter regarding this RFQ.

XI. INSURANCE

Insurance Requirements

Standard Insurance Requirements and Certificates

This offer contains an extensive insurance requirement. Offerors are encouraged to review these requirements with their insurance agents before submitting offers.

It is not necessary to have this level of insurance in effect at the time of submitting the offer.

A letter from the offeror's insurance carrier will be required as evidence that the offeror will be able to obtain the levels of insurance as required by the contract and indicated on the Sample Certificate of Insurance should your firm be awarded the contract.

County Insurance Required

The contractor shall procure and maintain the following described insurance, except for coverages specifically waived by the County. Such policies shall be from insurers with a minimum financial size of VII according to the latest edition of the AM Best Rating Guide. An A or better Best Rating is "preferred"; however, other ratings if "Secure Best Ratings" may be considered. Such policies shall provide coverages for any or all claims which may arise out of, or result from, the services, work and operations carried out pursuant to and under the requirements of the contract documents, whether such services, work and operations be by the contractor, its employees, or by subcontractor(s), or anyone employed by or under the supervision of any of them, or for whose acts any of them may be legally liable.

The contractor shall require, and shall be responsible for assuring throughout the time the agreement is in effect, that any and all of its subcontractors obtain and maintain until the completion of that subcontractor's work, such of the insurance coverages described herein as are required by law to be provided on behalf of their employees and others.

The required insurance shall be obtained and written for not less than the limits of liability specified hereinafter, or as required by law, whichever is greater.

These insurance requirements shall not limit the liability of the contractor.

The County does not represent these types or amounts of insurance to be sufficient or adequate to protect the contractor's interests or liabilities, but are merely minimums.

Except for workers compensation and professional liability, the contractor's insurance policies shall be endorsed to name Escambia County as an additional insured to the extent of its interests arising from this agreement, contract or lease.

The contractor waives its right of recovery against the County, to the extent permitted by its insurance policies.

The contractor's deductibles/self-insured retentions shall be disclosed to the County and may be disapproved by the County. They shall be reduced or eliminated at the option of the County. The contractor is responsible for the amount of any deductible or self-insured retention.

Insurance required of the contractor or any other insurance of the contractor shall be considered primary, and insurance of the county, if any, shall be considered excess, as may be applicable to claims obligations which arise out of this agreement, contract or lease.

Workers Compensation Coverage

The contractor shall purchase and maintain workers compensation insurance for all workers compensation obligations imposed by state law and with employers liability limits of at least \$100,000 each accident and \$100,000 each employee/\$500,000 policy limit for disease, or a valid certificate of exemption issued by the state of Florida, or an affidavit in accordance with the provisions of Florida Workers Compensation law.

Contractor shall also purchase any other coverages required by law for the benefit of employees.

General, Automobile and Excess or Umbrella Liability Coverage

The contractor shall purchase and maintain coverage on forms no more restrictive than the latest editions of the commercial general liability and business auto policies of the insurance services office.

Minimum limits of \$1,000,000 per occurrence for all liability must be provided, with excess or umbrella insurance making up the difference, if any, between the policy limits of underlying policies (including employers liability required in the workers compensation coverage section) and the total amount of coverage required.

General Liability Coverage - Occurrence Form Required

Coverage A shall include bodily injury and property damage liability for premises, operations, products and completed operations, independent contractors, contractual liability covering this agreement, contract or lease, broad form property damage coverages, and property damage resulting from explosion, collapse or underground (x,c,u) exposures.

Coverage B shall include personal injury.

Coverage C, medical payments, is not required.

The contractor is required to continue to purchase products and completed operations coverage, at least to satisfy this agreement, contract or lease, for a minimum of three years beyond the County's acceptance of renovation or construction projects.

Business Auto Liability Coverage

Business auto liability coverage is to include bodily injury and property damage arising out of ownership, maintenance or use of any auto, including owned, nonowned and hired automobiles and employee nonownership use.

Excess or Umbrella Liability Coverage

Umbrella liability insurance is preferred, but an excess liability equivalent may be allowed. Whichever type of coverage is provided, it shall not be more restrictive than the underlying insurance policy coverages. Umbrella coverage shall drop down to provide coverage where the underlying limits are exhausted.

Evidence/Certificates of Insurance

Required insurance shall be documented in certificates of insurance. If and when required by the County, certificates of insurance shall be accompanied by documentation that is acceptable to the County establishing that the insurance agent and/or agency issuing the certificate of insurance has been duly authorized, in writing, to do so by and on behalf of each insurance company underwriting the insurance coverage(s) indicated on each certificate of insurance.

New certificates of insurance are to be provided to the County at least 30 days prior to coverage renewals. Failure of the contractor to provide the County with such renewal certificates may be considered justification for the County to terminate this agreement, contract or lease.

Certificates should contain the following additional information:

1. Indicate that Escambia County is an additional insured on the general liability policy.

2. Include a reference to the project and the Office of Purchasing number.
3. Disclose any self-insured retentions in excess of \$1,000.
4. Designate Escambia County as the certificate holder as follows:
Escambia County
Attention: Joe Pillitary, CPPO, CPPB
Office of Purchasing, Room 11.101
P.O. Box 1591
Pensacola, FL 32591-1591
Fax (850) 595-4805
5. Indicate that the County shall be notified at least 30 days in advance of cancellation.

Receipt of certificates or other documentation of insurance or policies or copies of policies by the county, or by any of its representatives, which indicate less coverage than required does not constitute a waiver of the contractor's obligation to fulfill the insurance requirements herein.

If requested by the County, the contractor shall furnish complete copies of the contractor's insurance policies, forms and endorsements, and/or such additional information with respect to its insurance as may be requested.

For commercial general liability coverage the contractor shall, at the option of the County, provide an indication of the amount of claims payments or reserves chargeable to the aggregate amount of liability coverage.

Endorsements/Additional Insurance

Professional Liability/Malpractice/Errors or Omissions Insurance

The contractor shall purchase and maintain professional liability or malpractice or errors or omissions insurance with minimum limits of \$1,000,000 per occurrence. If a claims made form of coverage is provided, the retroactive date of coverage shall be no later than the inception date of claims made coverage, unless the prior policy was extended indefinitely to cover prior acts.

Coverage shall be extended beyond the policy year either by a supplemental extended reporting period (erp) of as great duration as available, and with no less coverage and with reinstated aggregate limits, or by requiring that any new policy provide a retroactive date no later than the inception date of claims made coverage.

X. FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS AND SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. General

The work performed under this contract will be financed, in part, by grants provided under programs of the Federal Transit Act, as amended. References include, but are not limited to, the Master Agreement FTA MA (16), dated October 1, 2009; FTA Circular 4220.1E, dated June 19, 2003; "Best Practices Procurement Manual", updated March 13, 1999 with revisions through October 2005; 49 CFR Part 18 (State and Local Governments) and 49 CFR Part 19 (Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Other Non-Profit Organizations) and any subsequent amendments or revisions thereto.

NOTE: "BIDDER" AND "CONTRACTOR" ARE USED SYNONYMOUSLY

2. Federal Changes

Contractor shall at all times comply with all applicable Federal Transit Administration (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.

3. Notification of Federal Participation

In the announcement of any third party contract award for goods or services (including construction services) having an aggregate value of \$500,000 or more, the Purchaser agrees to specify the amount of Federal assistance to be used in financing that acquisition of goods and services and to express the amount of that Federal assistance as a percentage of the total cost of that third party contract (Public Law 102-141).

4. **Conflict of Interest**

No employee, officer, board member, or agent of the Owner shall participate in the selection, award, or administration of a contract supported by Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds if a conflict of interest, real or apparent, would be involved. Such a conflict would arise when the employee, officer, board member, or agent, any member of his or her immediate family, his or her partner, or an organization that employs, or is about to employ any of the above, has a financial or other interest in the firm selected for award.

5. **Lobbying**

This document incorporates the provisions of the Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment, 31 U.S.C. 1352, as amended by the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995, PL 104-65 (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 comply with Federal statutory provisions to the extent applicable prohibiting the use of Federal assistance funds for activities designed to influence congress to a State legislature on legislation or appropriations, except through proper official channels. 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.

The requisite "Lobbying Certification" is included as ATTACHMENT "A."

The Contractor also agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, with 29 U.S.C. § 794, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability; with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101 *et seq.*, which requires that accessible facilities and services be made available to individuals with disabilities; and with the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 4151 *et seq.*, which requires that buildings and public accommodations be accessible to individuals with disabilities. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with applicable Federal regulations and directives and any subsequent amendments thereto, except to the extent the Federal Government determines otherwise in writing, as follows:

- (1) U.S. DOT regulations "Transportation Services for Individuals with Disabilities (ADA)" 49 C.F.R. Part 37;
- (2) U.S. DOT regulations "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Handicap in Programs and Activities Receiving or Benefiting from Federal Financial Assistance," 49 C.F.R. Part 27;
- (3) Joint U.S. Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (U.S. ATBCB) U.S. DOT regulations, "Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Accessibility Specifications for Transportation Vehicles," 36 C.F.R. Part 1192 and 49 C.F. R. Part 38;
- (4) U.S. DOJ regulations "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in State and Local Government Services," 28 C.F.R. Part 35;
- (5) U.S. DOJ regulations "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability by Public Accommodations and in Commercial Facilities." 28 C.F.R. Part 36;
- (6) U.S. GSA regulations "Accommodations for the Physically Handicapped," 41 C.F.R. Subpart 101-19;
- (7) 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;
- (8) U.S. Federal Communications Commission regulations "Telecommunications Relay Services and Related Customer Premises Equipment for the Hearing and Speech Disabled," 49 C.F.R. Part 64, Subpart F;

- (9) U.S. Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board regulations, "Electronic and Information Technology Accessibility Standards." 36 C.F.R. Part 1194;
- (10) FTA regulations, "Transportation of Elderly and Handicapped Persons," 49 C.F.R. part 609; and
- (11) Federal civil rights and nondiscrimination directives implementing the foregoing regulations.

(5) Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency. The Contractor agrees to comply with Executive Order No. 13166, "Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency," 42 U.S.C. § 2000d-1 note, and U.S. DOT Notice, "DOT Guidance to Recipients on Special Language Services to Limited English Proficient (LEP) Beneficiaries," 66 Fed. Reg. 6733 et seq., January 22, 2001.

(6) Environmental Justice. The Contractor agrees to comply with the policies of Executive Order No. 12898, "Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations," 42 U.S.C. § 4321 note.

(7) Drug or Alcohol Abuse-Confidentiality and Other Civil Rights Protections. To the extent applicable, the Contractor agrees to comply with the confidentiality and other civil rights protections of the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972, as amended, 21 U.S.C. §§ 1101 *et seq.*, with the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 4541 *et seq.*, and with the Public Health Service Act of 1912, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 201 *et seq.*, and any amendments to these laws.

(8) Other Nondiscrimination Statutes. The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) that may apply to this Contract.

(9) 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.

6. **Civil Rights**

(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. § 6101 et seq., section 202 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. § 12101, 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, (4) **Access for Individuals with Disabilities** - The Contractor agrees to comply with 49 U.S.C. § 5301(d), which states the Federal policy that elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities have the same right as other individuals to use public transportation services and facilities, and that special efforts shall be made in planning and designing those services and facilities to implement transportation accessibility rights for elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities.

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- (1) U.S. DOT regulations "Transportation Services for Individuals with Disabilities (ADA)" 49 C.F.R. Part 37;
- (2) U.S. DOT regulations "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Handicap in Programs and Activities Receiving or Benefiting from Federal Financial Assistance," 49 C.F.R. Part 27;
- (3) Joint U.S. Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (U.S. ATBCB) U.S. DOT regulations, "Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Accessibility Specifications for Transportation Vehicles," 36 C.F.R. Part 1192 and 49 C.F. R. Part 38;
- (4) U.S. DOJ regulations "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in State and Local Government Services," 28 C.F.R. Part 35;
- (5) U.S. DOJ regulations "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability by Public Accommodations and in Commercial Facilities." 28 C.F.R. Part 36;
- (6) U.S. GSA regulations "Accommodations for the Physically Handicapped," 41 C.F.R. Subpart 101-19;
- (7) 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;

- (8) U.S. Federal Communications Commission regulations "Telecommunications Relay Services and Related Customer Premises Equipment for the Hearing and Speech Disabled," 49 C.F.R. Part 64, Subpart F;
- (9) U.S. Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board regulations, "Electronic and Information Technology Accessibility Standards," 36 C.F.R. Part 1194;
- (10) FTA regulations, "Transportation of Elderly and Handicapped Persons," 49 C.F.R. part 609; and
- (12) Federal civil rights and nondiscrimination directives implementing the foregoing regulations.

(5) Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency. The Contractor agrees to comply with Executive Order No. 13166, "Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency," 42 U.S.C. § 2000d-1 note, and U.S. DOT Notice, "DOT Guidance to Recipients on Special Language Services to Limited English Proficient (LEP) Beneficiaries," 66 Fed. Reg. 6733 et seq., January 22, 2001.

(6) Environmental Justice. The Contractor agrees to comply with the policies of Executive Order No. 12898, "Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations," 42 U.S.C. § 4321 note.

(7) Drug or Alcohol Abuse-Confidentiality and Other Civil Rights Protections. To the extent applicable, the Contractor agrees to comply with the confidentiality and other civil rights protections of the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972, as amended, 21 U.S.C. §§ 1101 *et seq.*, with the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 4541 *et seq.*, and with the Public Health Service Act of 1912, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 201 *et seq.*, and any amendments to these laws.

(8) Other Nondiscrimination Statutes. The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) that may apply to this Contract.

(9) 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.

7. Clean Air

(a) The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders, or regulations issued pursuant to Section 306 of the Clean Air Act as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 7414 as amended and other applicable provisions of the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 7401 through 7671q. 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.

(b) The Contractor also agrees to comply with the applicable requirements of section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. § 7506(c), consistent with the joint FHWA/FTA document, "Interim Guidance for Implementing Key SAFETEA-LU Provisions on Planning, Environment, and Air Quality for Joint FHWA/FTA Authorities," dated September 2, 2005, and any subsequent applicable Federal directives that may be issued; with U.S. EPA regulations, "Conformity to State or Federal Implementation Plans of Transportation Plans, Programs, and Projects Developed, Funded or Approved Under Title 23 US.C. or the Federal Transit Act," 40 C.F.R. Part 51, Subpart T; and "Determining Conformity of Federal Actions to State or Federal Implementation Plans," 40 C.F.R. Part 93, and any subsequent Federal conformity regulations that may be promulgated. To support the requisite air quality conformity finding for the Project, the Contractor agrees to implement each air quality mitigation or control measure incorporated in the Project. The Recipient further agrees that any Project identified in an applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP) as a Transportation Control Measure will be wholly consistent with the design concept and scope of the Project described in the SIP.

(c) 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.

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(c) 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.

9. Environmental Protection

The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended 42 U.S.C. subsection 4321 *et seq.* in accordance with Executive Order No. 12898, "Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations," 59 Fed. Reg. 7629, Feb. 16, 1994, FTA statutory requirements on environmental matters at 49 U.S.C. section 5324(b); Council on Environmental Quality regulations on compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, 40 C.F.R. Part 1500 *et seq.* and joint FHWA/FTA regulations, "environmental Impact and Related procedures," 23 C.F.R. Part 771 and 49 C.F.R. Part 622; and when promulgated, FHWA/FTA joint regulations, "NEPA and Related Procedures for Transportation Decision-making, Protection of Public Parks, Wildlife and Waterfowl Refuges, and Historic Sites," 23 C.F.R. Part 1420 and 49 C.F.R. Part 623. As a result of enactment of 23 U.S.C. §§ 139 and 326 as well as to amendments to 23 U.S.C. § 138, environmental decision-making requirements imposed on FTA projects to be implemented consistent with the joint FHWA/FTA document, "Interim Guidance for Implementing Key SAFETEA-LU Provisions on Planning, Environment, and Air Quality for Joint FHWA/FTA Authorities," dated September 2, 2005, and any subsequent applicable Federal directives that may be issued, except to the extent that FTA determines otherwise in writing.

10. Energy Conservation

The Contractor shall comply with mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency that are contained in applicable State energy conservation plans issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, 42 U.S.C. Sect. 6321 et seq.

11. Debarment and Suspensions

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:

The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact relied upon by the City of Winston-Salem. If it is later determined that the bidder or proposer knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to remedies available to the City of Winston-Salem, 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.

The Owner will be reviewing all third party contractors under the Excluded Parties Listing System at <http://epls.arnet.gov/> before entering into any contracts.

The requisite Debarment and Suspension Certification is included as ATTACHMENT B

12. Termination or Cancellation of Contract

Termination or cancellation of the contract, in whole or in part, may be determined by the project if it is in the best interest of the project. A notice of termination shall be delivered to the Contractor, specifying the extent to which performance of work under the contract is terminated, and the date upon which such termination becomes effective. The Contractor shall be paid for work that has been performed and completed up to the time of termination. The Contractor shall promptly submit its termination claim to be paid. A 30 day notice of termination shall be required.

13. No Federal Government Obligations to Third Parties

(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.

14. Program Fraud and False or Fraudulent Statements and 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 a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, certification, or agreement with or to the Federal Government involving a project authorized by 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 or any other Federal law, the Federal Government reserves the right to impose on the Contractor the penalties of 49 U.S.C. 5323(l), 18 U.S.C. § 1001 or other applicable Federal law 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.

15. Access to Records and Reports

The Contractor agrees to permit, and require its subcontractors to permit, the U.S. Secretary of Transportation, and the Comptroller General of the United States, and, to the extent appropriate, the State, or their authorized representatives, upon their request to inspect all Project work, materials, payrolls, and other data, and to audit the books, records, and accounts of the Contractor and its subcontractors pertaining to the Project, as required by 49 U.S.C. § 5325(g).

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.

The Contractor agrees to maintain all books, records, accounts and reports required under this contract for a period of not less than three (3) years after that 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,

16. Contracting With Disadvantaged Business Enterprise

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* and with section 1101(b) of SAFETEA-LU, 23 U.S.C. § 101.

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 the City of Winston-Salem deems appropriate. Each subcontract the contractor signs with a subcontractor must include the assurance in this paragraph (see 49 CFR 26.13(b)).

17. Termination or Cancellation of Contract

Termination or cancellation of the contract, in whole or in part, may be determined by the project if it is in the best interest of the project. A notice of termination shall be delivered to the Contractor, specifying the extent to which performance of work under the contract is terminated, and the date upon which such termination becomes effective. The Contractor shall be paid for work that has been performed and completed up to the time of termination. The Contractor shall promptly submit its termination claim to be paid. A 30 day notice of termination shall be required.

18. Resolution of 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 the Owner. 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 authorized representative of the Owner. 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 authorized representative of the Owner shall be binding upon the Contractor and the Contractor shall abide by the decision.

Performance During Dispute -Unless otherwise directed by the Owner, the Contractor shall continue performance under this Contract while matters in dispute is being resolved.

19. **Charter Service Operations**

The Contractor agrees that neither it nor any public transportation operator performing work in connection with a Project financed under 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 or under 23 U.S.C. §§ 133 or 142 will engage in charter service operations, except as authorized by 49 U.S.C. § 5323(d) and FTA regulations, "Charter Service," 49 C.F.R. Part 604, and any subsequent Charter Service regulations or FTA directives that may be issued, except to the extent that FTA determines otherwise in writing. Any charter service agreement required by FTA regulations is incorporated by reference and made part of the Grant Agreement or Cooperative Agreement for the Project. The Recipient understands and agrees that in addition to any remedy specified in the charter service agreement, if a pattern of violations of that agreement is found, the violator will be barred from receiving Federal transit assistance in an amount to be determined by FTA or U.S. DOT.

20. **School Transportation Operations**

The Contractor agrees that it will not (while performing work in connection with a Project financed under 49 U.S.C. chapter 53, or under 23 U.S.C. §§ 133 or 142) engage in school transportation operations for the transportation of students or school personnel exclusively in competition with private school transportation operators, except as authorized by 49 U.S.C. §§ 5323(f) or (g), as applicable, and FTA regulations, "School Bus Operations," 49 C.F.R. Part 605, and any subsequent School Transportation Operations regulations or FTA directives that may be issued, except to the extent that FTA determines otherwise in writing. Any school transportation operations agreement required by FTA regulations is incorporated by reference and made part of the Grant Agreement or Cooperative Agreement for the Project. The Recipient understands and agrees that if it or an operator violates that school transportation operations agreement, the violator will be barred from receiving Federal transit assistance in an amount to be determined by FTA or U.S. DOT.

21. **Substance Abuse**

To the extent applicable, the Contractor agrees to comply with the following Federal substance abuse regulations:

- a. **Drug-Free Workplace.** U.S. DOT regulations, "Government wide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Financial Assistance), 49 C.F.R. Part 32, that implement the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, 41 U.S.C. §§ 701 *et seq.*

b. Alcohol Misuse and Prohibited Drug Use. FTA regulations, "Prevention of Alcohol Misuse and Prohibited Drug Use in Transit Operations," 49 C.F.R. Part 655, that implement 49 U.S.C. § 5331.

EXHIBIT A

AFFIDAVIT OF AUTHENTICITY

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

being first duly sworn that he or she is (corporate title) _____ (name),

of (name of company) _____,

the party that submitted the foregoing Proposal, that such Proposal is genuine and that all statements in said Proposal are true and correct to the best of his or her knowledge.

Signed:

Respondent (if the respondent is an Individual)
Partner (if the respondent is a Partnership)
Officer (if the respondent is a Corporation)

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me, Notary, on this
____ day of _____ 201____

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: _____

ATTACHMENT B

**CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION,
INELIGIBILITY and VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION
LOWER TIER COVERED TRANSACTION**

(To be submitted with all bids exceeding \$25,000.)

- (1) The prospective lower tier participant (Bidder/Contractor) certifies, by submission of this bid or proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.

- (2) Where the prospective lower tier participant (Bidder/Contractor) is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

The lower tier participant (Bidder/Contractor) certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of this statement of its certification and disclosure, if any.

SIGNATURE _____

TITLE _____

COMPANY _____

DATE _____

State of _____

County of _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ___ day of _____, 20__

Notary Public _____

My Appointment Expires _____

ATTACHMENT C

CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

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 persons 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 the awarding to 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 [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 is placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transactions 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 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. Section A 3801 *et seq.*, apply to this certification and disclosure, if any.

Date

Signature of Contractor's Authorized Official

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ___ day of _____, 20___, in the State of _____;
and the County of _____.

Notary Public _____
My Appointment Expires _____