INVITATION FOR BID

BID NUMBER: 0420 ADA Lowered floor mini-van side entry
DATE: March 23, 2023
OPENING DATE AND TIME: April 20, 2023 at 10:00 AM EST
OPENING LOCATION: Fairfield County Administration Building, Conference Room, 2nd Floor
250 N Walnut St, Winnsboro, SC 29180
MAILING ADDRESS: Fairfield County Procurement Office
P.O. Drawer 60
Winnsboro, SC 29180
PROCUREMENT FOR: Lowered floor mini-van side entry (2)

Subject to the conditions, provisions and the enclosed specifications, sealed bids will be received at this office until the stated date and time and then publicly opened. Any bid received after the scheduled deadline, will be immediately disqualified. The County assumes no responsibility for delivery of bids which are mailed.

BID NUMBER MUST BE SHOWN ON THE OUTSIDE OF ENVELOPE.

DIRECT ALL INQUIRES TO: Cathy Washington, Procurement Director
Phone: (803) 635-1415 ext. 4042
Fax: (803) 635-5969

NOTICE TO BIDDERS: Each bidder shall fully acquaint himself with conditions relating to the scope and restrictions attending the execution of the work under the conditions of this bid. The failure or omission of a bidder to acquaint himself with existing conditions shall in no way relieve him of any obligation with respect to this bid or to the contract.

There will not be a pre-bid conference. All prospective bidders should review the bid document and all Attachments and submit all questions and/or requests for additional information. Questions may be submitted using the enclosed form or e-mailed to Cathy Washington at cathy.washington@fairfield.sc.gov. Deadline for questions is April 6, 2023 at 10:00 am EST.

Cathy Washington
Procurement Director

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"NO BID" RESPONSE FORM

To submit a "No Bid" response for this project, this form must be completed for your company to remain on our bidders list for commodities/services referenced. If you do not respond your name may be removed from this bidders list. In order to ensure that the County file has current information, or if you wish to be added to Fairfield County’s Vendor Registration, you must also return the Certificate of Familiarity form completed in its entirety.

Note: Please show the solicitation number on the outside of the envelope.

Please check statement(s) applicable to your "No Bid" response --

☐ Specifications are ambiguous (explain below).
☒ We are unable to meet specifications.
☐ Insufficient time to respond to the solicitation.
☐ Our schedule would not permit us to perform.
☐ We are unable to meet bond requirements.
☐ We are unable to meet insurance requirements.
☐ We do not offer this product or service.
☐ Remove us from your vendor list for this commodity/service.
☐ Other (specify below).

Comments: _________________________________________________________________


Company Name (as registered with the IRS) ________________________________

Authorized Signature ________________________________

Correspondence Address _________________________________________________

Printed Name ________________________________

City, State, Zip ________________________________________________

Title ________________________________________________

Date ________________________________

Phone # / Fax # ________________________________
GENERAL BID CONDITIONS

1. **INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS:**

   Proposals shall be publicly opened at **10:00 A.M. (SHARP)** on **April 20, 2023** as indicated in the request to Bid and shall be conducted in the "FAIRFIELD COUNTY GOVERNMENT COMPLEX BUILDING, 250 N WALNUT STREET, WINNSBORO, and SC 29180, IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM.

   b. Sealed bids shall be enclosed and secured in an envelope. The name and address of the bidder shall be displayed on the envelope. Bids shall be addressed to the Director of Purchasing, PO Drawer 60, Winnsboro, South Carolina 29180. Hand carried bids shall be delivered to the Purchasing Department, 250 N Walnut Street, Winnsboro, South Carolina 29180.

   c. Bids shall be submitted no later than **10:00 A.M.** In the place and manner as described in paragraph 1b above and on the date indicated by the request to Bid. Bids received after this time is considered late bids. Late bids shall not be considered, unless the delay was caused by improper handling by the District employees.

   d. The County shall not accept responsibility for unidentified bids.

   e. In the event that a bid is unintentionally opened prior to the official time set for the bid opening, the employee opening such bid shall immediately inform the Director of Purchasing or his assistant who shall, in the presence of another of equal rank or above, immediately contact the vendor submitting the bid.

   f. The vendor so contacted will be informed as to the circumstances and shall be invited to come to the office of the Director of Purchasing to reseal and submit or withdraw the bid, if the vendor elects to reseal and submit the bid, such vendor shall be required to sign, date and indicate the time of resealing on the bid envelope. If the vendor directs the Purchasing Department to reseal the bid, both the employee making the contact to the vendor and the district witness present, shall sign, date and indicate the time of sealing on the bid envelope.

   g. In the event that the Purchasing Department is directed by the vendor to return the bid, a statement properly witnessed stating the action taken and when, shall be duly filed.

   h. All prices and quotations shall be entered in ink or typewritten and shall remain firm for not less than thirty (30) days from the date of the bid. Mistakes may be crossed out and corrections inserted adjacent there to and shall be initialed in ink by the person signing the bid. The bidder shall insert the net price per stated unit and the extension against each item, which he/she proposes to deliver. The price shall include in the grand total column all delivery charges, installation and applicable taxes when necessary.

2. **TAXES:** When applicable, South Carolina sales tax shall be shown as a separate entry on the bid total summation. In other words, there shall be a bid subtotal with South Carolina tax added in to create a grand total. When required, exemption certificates shall be furnished on forms provided by the vendor.

3. **PROPRIETARY INFORMATION:** Bidders shall visibly mark as "CONFIDENTIAL" each part of their bid which considers proprietary information. Price may not be considered confidential proprietary information.

4. **AMBIGUOUS BIDS:** Bids which are uncertain as to terms, delivery, quantity, or compliance with requirements and/or specifications may be rejected or otherwise disregarded.

5. **COVENANT AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES:** The vendor warrants that no person or selling agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this contract upon an agreement or understanding for a
commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee, excepting bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial or selling agencies maintained by the vendor for the purpose of securing business. For breach or violation of this warranty, Fairfield County shall have the right to annul this contract without liability or in its discretion to deduct from the contract price or consideration, or otherwise recover the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee.

6. **BIDDER’S QUALIFICATIONS:**
   a. Bids shall be considered only from bidders who are regularly established in the business called for and who in the judgment of the District are financially responsible and able to show evidence of their reliability, ability, experience, equipment supervised by them to render prompt and satisfactory service in the volume called for under this contract.

7. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF AMENDMENTS TO REQUEST FOR BIDS:**
   a. Bidders shall acknowledge receipt of any amendments to this solicitation either by signing and returning one (1) copy of the amendment or by letter or by email or by fax.
   
   b. Fairfield County must receive the acknowledgment by the time, date, and at the place specified for receipt of bids.

8. **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:** The successful bidder will take affirmative action in complying with all Federal and State requirements concerning fair employment, employment of the handicapped, and concerning the treatment of all employees, without regard or discrimination by reason of race, color, religion, sex, national origin and/or physical handicap.

9. **EXPLANATION TO PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS:**
   a. Any prospective bidder desiring an explanation or interpretation of this solicitation shall request it in writing soon enough to allow a reply to reach all prospective bidders before submission of their bids.
   
   b. Oral explanation and/or instructions given before the award of the contract shall not be binding.
   
   c. Any information given to a prospective bidder pertaining to this solicitation shall be furnished promptly to other prospective bidders as an amendment, if that information is necessary in submitting bids or if the lack of it would be prejudicial to other prospective bidders.

10. **AWARDING POLICY:** The County reserves the right to select and award on an individual item basis, lot (group) basis or an “all or none” basis, whichever the County determines to be most advantageous. Therefore, individual prices per item must be indicated on the bid form. Bidders are encouraged to offer discounts for consideration of consolidated award. Furthermore, the County in determining the lowest responsible bidder on each of the items shall consider, in addition to the bid prices, the quality, training, suitability and adaptability of the services required by this solicitation. The County reserves the right to reject or accept any or all bids and to waive any informalities and/or irregularities thereof.

In the event that identical bids are received on like items, the Director of Purchasing, subject to the approval of the County Administrator, shall award bids by whichever of the following procedures are deemed most appropriate under the circumstances:

a. Award to the firm whose primary business establishment is physically located:
   1. within the boundaries of Fairfield County; and
   2. within the boundaries of the State of South Carolina.
b. If all of the above are equal, the County shall award by a toss of a coin with all interested parties given an opportunity to witness. The County shall have a minimum of two witnesses for the coin toss.

11. **WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS:** Any bidder may withdraw his bid prior to the closing time scheduled for the receipt of bids. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days after the schedule closing time for the receipt of bids. The County reserves the right to award contracts for a period of thirty (30) days.

12. **INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:** All vendors who provide Fairfield County with services on County property will be required to submit General Liability Insurance minimum limits of $500,000 per occurrence, or $1,000,000 single limit, for damages arising from acts which occur during the contract period, with Fairfield County specifically listed as an additional insured on the policy. All vendors who provide Fairfield County with services will also provide and maintain workers compensation insurance, regardless of the number of employed persons at its organization. Failure to provide either requested policies will deem the vendor to be non-responsive. Vendors will provide these policies before commencing work on the project.

13. **ACCIDENTS:** The vendor shall hold the County harmless from any and all damages and claims that may arise by reason of any negligence on the part of the vendor, his agents or employees in the performance of this contract. In case any action is brought against the County or any of its agents or employees, the vendor shall assume full responsibility for the defense thereof. Upon his failure to do so after proper notice, the County reserves the right to defend such motion and charge all costs thereof to the vendor. The vendor shall take all precautions necessary to protect the public against injury.

14. **STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCES AND ASSURANCES:** By submitting a bid and signing the bid schedule, vendors are providing written assurance of non-collusion and understanding and acceptance of all general and special conditions stated in this contract. In addition, this signature certifies that the firm or agency represented in the bid submitted complies with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations.

15. **BIDDERS RESPONSIBILITY:** Each bidder shall fully acquaint himself/herself with conditions relating to the scope and restrictions attending the execution of the work under the conditions of this bid. It is expected that this will sometimes require on-site observation. The failure or omission of a bidder to acquaint himself/herself with existing conditions shall in no way relieve the bidder of any obligations with respect to this bid or contract.

16. **FAILURE TO SUBMIT BID:** Recipients of this solicitation not responding with a bid should not return this solicitation, unless it specified otherwise. Instead, they should advise the issuing office by letter or postcard whether they want to receive future consideration for similar requirements. If a recipient does not submit a bid or fails to respond by submitting a “no bid” for three (3) consecutive bids for the same commodity, they shall be removed from the applicable vendor list.

17. **EXAMINATION OF RECORDS:**

a. The County Administrator of Fairfield County or his duly authorized representative(s) and/or duly authorized representative(s) from the office of the County Auditor shall, until three (3) years after final payment under this contract, have access to and the right to examine any of the Contractors’ directly pertinent books, documents, papers or other records involving transactions related to this contract.

b. He/She agrees to include in first-tier subcontracts under this contract a clause to the effect that the County Administrator of Fairfield County or his duly authorized representative(s), and/or duly authorized representative(s) from the office of the County Auditor shall, until three (3) years after final payment under the subcontract, have access to and the right to examine any of the subcontractors’ directly pertinent books.
documents, papers or other records involving transactions related to the subcontract(s).

18. **MATERIALS REQUIRED:** Materials required must be in conformity with the specifications and shall be subject to inspection and approval after delivery, and shall comply in quality and type of material and method of manufacture with all applicable local or state laws pertaining thereto. The right is reserved to reject and return at the risk and expense of the vendor such portions of any shipment which may be defective or fail to comply with specifications and without validating the remainder of the order.

19. **PACKING AND DELIVERY:** All shipments shall be FOB to the County locations specified. Purchase order numbers and/or contract numbers(s) as appropriate, must be clearly stated on each carton or package.

20. **“OR APPROVED EQUAL” CLAUSES:** Certain processes, types of equipment or kinds of materials are described in the specifications and on the drawings by means of trade names and catalog numbers. In each instance where this occurs, it is understood and inferred that such description is followed by the words “or approved equal”. Such method of description is intended merely as a means of establishing a standard of comparison. However, the County reserves the right to select the items which, in the judgment of the County, are best suited to the needs of the County, based on price, quality, service, availability and other relative factors. Bidders must indicate brand name, model, model number, size, type, weight, color, etc., of the item bid if not exactly the same as the item specified. Vendor’s stock number or catalog number is not sufficient to meet this requirement. If any bidder desires to furnish an item different from that specifically mentioned in the specifications, he/she shall submit with his bid the information, data, pictures, cuts, designs, etc., of the material he/she plans to furnish so as to enable the County to compare the material specified; and, such material will be given due consideration. The County reserves the right to insist upon and receive the items as specified, if the submitted items do not meet the County’s standards for acceptance.

21. **PATENTS:** The vendor shall hold the County, its officers, agents, and employees harmless from liability of any nature or kind whatsoever, on account of use by the publisher or author, manufacturer or agent, of any copyrighted or uncopyrighted composition, secret process, article or appliance furnished or used under this bid.

22. **INSTALLATION:** Where equipment is called for to be installed under this bid, it shall be placed, leveled and accurately fastened into place by the vendor. He/she shall be responsible for obtaining dimensions and other such data which may be required to assure exact fit to work under another contract or as intended by the County. The vendor shall be responsible providing an appropriate amount of lead-in to equipment requiring electrical, water or other basic service. The County will normally be responsible for bringing the appropriate service to the lead-in. The vendor shall completely remove from the premises all packing, crating, and other letter due to his/her work. He/she shall also be responsible for the cost of repair of any damage to existing work which is caused by him/her equipment.

23. **GUARANTEE:** The vendor shall supply a guarantee for all workmanship for the equipment he/she is furnishing for a period comparable to the standards in the industry. When defects or faulty material is discovered during the guarantee period, the vendor shall, immediately, upon notification by the County, proceed at his/her own expense, to repair or replace the same, together with any damage to all finishes, equipment, and furnishings that may have been damaged as a result of the defective equipment or workmanship.

24. **PROPER INVOICE:** Invoices submitted for payment for goods or services provided under this contract shall contain, as a minimum, the following information:
- Name of business concern
- Contract number or other authorization for delivery of service or property
- Complete description
- Price and quantity of property or service actually delivered or executed
- Shipping and payment terms

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- Name where applicable
- Title, telephone number and complete mailing address of responsible official to whom payment is to be sent; and.
- Other substantiating documentation of information as required by the contract.

25. **TIME OF COMPLETION**: Date of delivery shall be a consideration factor in the awarding process. The bidder shall include with his/her bid delivery dates for each item as requested, and shall furnish all items in accordance with the bid solicitation unless an extension was granted by the County in writing.

26. **SERVICE FACILITIES**: In considering the equipment bid upon, the County shall take into consideration past performance of existing installations, service and maintenance facilities provided by the bidder. The bidder shall have available a local service organization that is trained in the proper servicing of equipment.

27. **LIQUIDATED DAMAGES**: Should the Contractor fail to complete the contract within the established time limit, or at the later date as authorized in writing by the Director of Purchasing, he/she shall pay liquidated damages in the sum of one hundred dollars ($100.00) per day.

28. **S.C. LAW CLAUSE**: Upon award of a contract under this bid, the person, partnership, association, or corporation to whom the award is made must comply with the laws of South Carolina which require such person or entity to be authorized and/or licensed to do business in this State. Notwithstanding the fact that applicable statutes may exempt or exclude the successful bidder from requirements that it be authorized and/or licensed to do business in this State, by submission of this signed bid, the bidder agrees to subject itself to the jurisdiction and process of the courts of the State of South Carolina as to all matters and disputes arising or to arise under the contract and the performance thereof, including any questions as to the liability for taxes, licenses, or fees levied by the State.

29. **COMPETITION**: There are no Federal or State laws that prohibit bidders from submitting a bid lower than a price or bid given to the United States Government. Bidders may bid lower than the United States Government Contract price without any liability because the State is exempt from provisions of the Robinson-Patman Act and other related laws.

30. **EXCUSABLE DELAY**: The Contractor shall not be liable for any excess costs of the failure to perform the contract arise out of causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the contractor. Such causes may include, but are not restricted to acts of God or of the public enemy, acts of the Government in either its sovereign or contractual capacity, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, freight embargoes, and unusually severe weather; but, in every case the failure to perform must be beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the contractor. If the failure to perform is caused by the default of a subcontractor, and if such default arises out of causes beyond the control of both the contractor and subcontractor, and without the fault or negligence of either of them, the contractor shall not be liable for any excess costs or failure to perform, unless the supplies or services to be furnished by the subcontractor were obtainable from other sources in sufficient time to permit the contractor to meet the required delivery schedule.

31. **ASSIGNMENT**: No contract may be assigned, sublet, or transferred without a written consent of the Director of Purchasing.

32. **SPECIFICATIONS**: Any deviation from specifications indicated herein must be clearly pointed out; otherwise, it will be considered that items offered are in strict compliance with these specifications, and the successful bidder shall be held responsible thereof.

33. **PROTECTION OF EXISTING VEGETATION, STRUCTURES, EQUIPMENT, UTILITIES, AND IMPROVEMENTS**: 
a. The Contractor shall preserve and protect all structures, equipment, and vegetation (such as grass, trees, and shrubs) or on or adjacent to the work site, which is not to be removed and which does not unreasonably interfere with the work required under this contract. The Contractor shall only remove trees when specifically authorized to do so, and shall avoid damaging vegetation that will remain in place. If any limbs or branches of trees are broken during contract performance, or by any careless operation of equipment, or by workman, the Contractor shall trim those limbs or branches with a clean cut and paint the cut with tree pruning compound as directed by the District representative(s).

b. The Contractor shall protect from damage all existing improvements and utilities at or near the work site and on adjacent property of a third party, the locations of which are known to or should be known by the Contractor. The Contractor shall repair any damage to those facilities, including those that are the property of a third party resulting from failure to comply with the requirements of this contract or failure to exercise reasonable care in performing the work. If the Contractor fails or refuses to repair the damage promptly, the County representatives(s) may recommend that the necessary work be performed and charge the cost to the Contractor.

34. Documentation contained in Section “D” shall be completed and submitted along with the Proposal.

35. TERMINATION: Subject to the provisions below, the contract may be terminated by the Director of Purchasing providing a thirty (30) day advance notice in writing is given to the Contractor.

a. Termination for Convenience.
   In the event that this contract is terminated or cancelled upon request and for the convenience of the County without the required thirty (30) day advance notice, then the County shall negotiate reasonable termination costs, if applicable.

b. Termination for Cause.
   Termination by the County for cause, default or negligence on the part of the Contractor shall be excluded from the foregoing provisions; termination costs, if any, shall not apply. The thirty (30) day advance notice requirement is waived and the default provision in this bid shall apply.

36. DEFAULT: In case of default, the County reserves the right to purchase any or all items in open market, charging the Contractor with any excessive costs. Should such charges be assessed, no subsequent bids of the defaulting contractor shall be considered until the assessed charge has been satisfied.
Specifications

ADA Lowered-Floor Minivan Side-Entry Fold-Out Ramp (Chrysler Voyager/Pacifica LX –)

**Capacity:** This minivan shall be capable of carrying four (4) ambulatory adult forward-facing seated passengers or two (2) passengers seated in mobility aids, in addition to the driver. This minivan shall be made ADA compliant through a modification whereby the vehicle floor area is lowered approximately 13” from the engine toe-pan to the rear axle to meet minimum ADA door opening height requirement (56”). There shall be no modification to any portion of the vehicle roof in meeting the ADA door opening height requirement. A 30” usable clear width manual, 80-degree (nominal) swing-away, fold-up mobility aid ramp is to be mounted vertically and inboard of the curbside passenger sliding door.

**Chassis:** 2022 or Newer Model year Chrysler Voyager/Pacifica LX chassis.
- Engine: 3.6 L, V-6, 24V VVT gasoline ESS (engine start/stop) engine, with push button start.
- Stereo shall be OEM AM/FM stereo with integrated voice command with Bluetooth and 6 factory installed speakers, Parkview rear back-up camera, Apple Car Play, Google Android Auto, U-Connect 4 with 7” display, and integrated voice command with Bluetooth.
- Power front windows with 1-touch up and down, 2nd Row Power Windows.
- Transmission: 9-speed automatic, electronically controlled with overdrive.
- Radiator and Cooling system shall be OEM standard, with coolant recovery system; 50-50 mixture of factory specified antifreeze and water.
- The vehicle shall be equipped with 4-wheel disc brakes and a factory Anti-Lock Brake System. Parking Brake: The vehicle shall be equipped with the factory OEM electric park brake and dash warning light.
- The vehicle shall be provided with an OEM tilt steering wheel, speed control, and OEM power steering.
- Wheelbase: The minivan shall have a 121” minimum wheelbase.
- GVWR: The chassis shall offer a minimum GVWR of 6055#. The vehicle as converted shall not exceed the OEM chassis GVWR when fully loaded.
- Additional Key and Fob for total of 3
- Rear Mud Flaps

**Line Protection:** All metal, plastic, and rubber fluid lines beneath the vehicle that are altered or exposed as a result of floor modification shall be secure and reasonably protected from road damage. Any fuel and brake line modification/alteration must be of OEM equivalent material or workmanship. Straightening and re-bending OEM brake or fuel lines is strictly prohibited.

**Fuel Tank:** Fuel tank shall be OEM with OEM capacity of (19) gallons minimum with cap-less fuel fill (without discriminator). Tank, fuel lines, and hardware must meet all current FMVSS, including FMVSS 301, as well as all current CARB and EPA requirements and must be OEM equivalent in connection types, etc. The use of worm clamps is limited to that of the OEM. Tank shall be calibrated with the OEM dash fuel gauge.

**Suspension:** Spacers will be added to front and rear OEM suspension to maintain ground clearance and ADA requirements. There must be a minimum of five (5) inches clearance between the break-over angle position of the vehicle exhaust pipe and level ground when loaded to capacity. Vertical damping of the suspension shall be accomplished by OEM shock absorbers that shall maintain their effectiveness for at least standard OEM warranty period without repairs in normal service.

Suspension system components shall be matched and tuned to provide maximum load capacity, ride quality, stability, and desirable steering and handling characteristics. The vehicle shall be tested to FMVSS 126 Electronic Stability Control Test.

**Wheels:** The minivan shall be equipped with four (4) 17” Stamped Steel wheels with wheel covers, and a full size spare tire will be mounted in the interior rear of vehicle. Tires shall be 235/65R BSW All Season steel belted radials, as provided by the OEM for the chassis specified. Tire changing equipment, as provided by the OEM, shall include a jack of sufficient strength/capacity, and other tools necessary for changing the mounted tires, shall be stored in a compartment/container within the vehicle.

**Electrical:** Each vehicle shall have a 12-volt electrical charging system as supplied from the OEM. All electrical wiring shall be automotive stranded copper with printed circuit identifiers and be of sufficient gauge to handle the
load. All harnesses that are modified or added to the vehicle will be secured to the frame/body at a maximum of two feet intervals with insulated clamps, or adhesive tape, etc. All exposed terminals and wiring shall be protected from the elements using sealed terminals or heat shrink where necessary. Exposed wires will be wrapped or loomed in corrosion/moisture-resistant material.

Batteries: Vehicle shall be equipped with the OEM 12 volt dual battery system. Battery cables and connectors shall be OEM (battery 1: 650 cca, battery 2 (start/stop battery): 200 cca).

Alternator: Alternator shall be factory installed, heaviest duty available (180 amp minimum).

Front and Rear Heating and Air Conditioning: An OEM heating/defrosting and air conditioning system with vents front and rear shall be provided. All lines and hoses shall be sufficiently fastened, protected, and insulated to ensure against wear from friction and the elements. The lines must be mechanically attached, with OEM or equivalent clamps, to the vehicle structure and must be routed so as not to be exposed to wheel spray. Cold feed lines shall not pass within 2 inches of any part of the exhaust system. Conversion shall not impede access to front and rear air conditioning components.

Interior Lighting: LED lower lighting shall be added at the center row location of the vehicle that provides not less than two foot-candles of illumination at the entrance area. This system shall illuminate automatically when the vehicle front or sliding doors are open. All accessory vehicle lighting shall conform to ADA 49 CFR, Part 38, Subpart B.

Body Specifications: Conversion of a minivan by modifying the existing sidewalls and floor shall require the construction that maintains OEM structural equivalent. All metal welded components shall be constructed by qualified operators and made corrosion resistant through a commercial primer application or through the use of stainless steel or aluminum material.

Interior Height: Conversion shall provide a minimum clearance of 60" at the vehicle center of the interior roof.

Body Length: Chassis shall not exceed 203.8" in length.

Paint: The basic vehicle factory color shall be OEM standard bright white or any available colors to be determined at time of water with other available OEM factory colors optional upon request.

Sealant, Rustproofing, and Undercoating: All exposed floor seams shall be sealed with an industrial grade butyl sealant or equivalent which conforms to ASTM C920. The entire surface of exterior lowered floor shall have a rust inhibiting coating, such as an epoxy primer base, applied to cover all welded areas, and then a fresh application of undercoating over the entire surface. Undercoating shall comply with current Federal and State flammability standards.

Passenger Doors: The minivan shall have standard OEM driver and passenger front doors; one power left side and one power right OEM side doors extended to floor level, and one OEM power rear hatch. The power left and right-side sliding doors shall be OEM and extended to floor level to provide a minimum entry height of 56". The driver side sliding door shall be equipped with a system that prevents opening of the door when the fuel door is open. The passenger side sliding mobility aid accessible entry door shall be interlocked to the vehicle transmission and offer a minimum opening height of 56", a minimum opening width of 31" (excluding grab handle), and a maximum of 12.5" floor-to-ground height. Door extensions shall be constructed of aluminum to minimize weight while preserving strength and integrity. Both sliding doors shall have a mechanism to securely hold doors in open position when vehicle is on a hill.

Passenger Door Tracks: Sliding doors must have reinforced glides with an added stop brace to prevent doors from sliding off track. Door tracks shall be reinforced or strengthened beyond OEM standards as needed in all areas of contact with sliding door arms.

Sliding Passenger Door Arms/Brackets: Reinforcement of the sliding door components shall at a minimum be adequate to support the increased weight created by the door extensions. Under normal closure conditions, there should be no evidence of door track flexing or wobbling.
Door Locks: Power with child-protection door locks for rear doors.

Rear Door Emergency Exit: The rear cargo door shall be provided with a quick release, manual override for opening the door from inside the vehicle. Capable of opening the door even if the door is locked. The vehicles override device shall be spring loaded and mounted on the inside of the rear door to prevent accidental release. A decal shall be provided showing operating instructions.

Interior Panels: The basic interior color shall be OEM, with (upper) and black (lower) ABS form fitted plastic panels. Panel fastening devices shall match the color of the panels. Interior panels shall meet FMVSS 302. The interior shall provide a pleasant atmosphere, be aesthetically pleasing, and contain smooth finishes without any unprotected sharp edges.

Ground Effects: Flares shall be constructed of black formed TPO (Thermoplastic Olefin) plastic which is durable, impact resistant, and widely used in the automotive industry. In addition, TPO provides the optimum balance of stiffness, cold temperature impact, and low thermal expansion. A molded step shall be incorporated into the driver and passenger front flares to aid entry and egress via the front doors. Beneath the flare’s molded step surface shall be a steel support structure capable of supporting 400 lbs. with less than 1/8” deflection, which fastens directly to the vehicle’s body structure. The flare’s molded step surface shall have a minimum clear horizontal width of 4.5”, a minimum length of 26”, and utilize an anti-skid material which defines the step surface.

Flooring:

Sub Floor: The interior floor shall be thermoplastic panels, consisting of a polypropylene honeycomb core with chopped glass reinforced facing on both sides — providing a durable water-resistant base with superior strength to weight ratio. The panels provide a smooth surface for flooring attachment and minimize interior noise.

Floor Covering Material: 2.2 mm thick commercial grade vinyl transit floor covering shall cover the entire floor surface. Flooring should also possess anti-skid properties (Gerflor Tarabus Sirius or equivalent).

Floor Assembly: The lowered floor skin shall be constructed of 20 ga. Aluminized steel. The frame rails shall be made of 14 ga. Aluminized Steel formed channels; the floor shall be reinforced with 16 ga. Aluminized Steel formed channel crossmembers. The floor shall be lowered from the front toe-pan to the rear axle. The width of the floor shall extend from side doorsill to side doorsill. Mobility aid restraint tracks and seat locks shall be beveled, with no sharp edges and will protrude no more than 3/4” above floor surface.

Seats and Grab Handles: All seats and restraints in the vehicle as specified must comply with current FMVSS standards.

Front Seats: The driver seat will be OEM and mounted to the vehicle floor. The OEM front passenger seat shall be equipped to easily lock/unlock from the floor and permit easy roll out for mobility aid access/securement.

Rear Seat: The third row 3-passenger bench seat shall be the Freedman Rear Bench seat remounted to be capable of accommodating 3 adult passengers and is to be covered with vinyl upholstery to match the driver and front passenger seats. A manually operated folding one-piece lighted footrest will be installed for increased comfort of rear bench seat passengers.

Passenger Restraint: Restraints shall be furnished for all passengers, consisting of shoulder seatbelts and/or lap belts. Each belt shall be equipped with an automatic retractor. Securement devices, both for ambulatory and mobility aid passengers, shall meet all State and Federal Standards.

Grab Handles: Grab handles shall be installed, OEM are acceptable.
Mobility Aid/Occupant Restraint Systems: Each vehicle shall be equipped with two (2) Q-Straint QRT 360 series or equivalent (compatible with WC 19 wheelchairs) forward-facing mobility aid securement and occupant restraint system. The system shall utilize flanged “L” continuous track, capable of securing a variety of common mobility aid designs and accommodate a wide range of occupant sizes. All attachment hardware and anchorages shall meet or exceed the 30 mph/20 g Impact Test criteria per SAE J2249, 36 CFR Part 1192 and CFR Part 38, and all applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards, as amended. Each securement position system shall consist of four (4) automatic retractable securement strap assemblies that attach to the structural frame of the mobility aid at four separate points and anchor into the track on the vehicle floor at four separate points. Each securement system shall have a corresponding occupant restraint system. The occupant restraint system shall consist of an adjustable lap and a shoulder belt and shall meet all applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards.

Mobility Aid Ramp: The vehicle shall be equipped with a manually operated, 80-degree (nominal) swing-away mobility access ramp which stows vertically and folds and unfolds through the passenger side slide door. The ramp swings out to provide unobstructed ambulatory passenger entry/exit. The installed ramp shall not obstruct the view of the driver through any vehicle window. When clock-spring assisted ramp is deployed, it shall provide a minimum usable width of 30” and a slope meeting the requirements of ADA, 49 CFR. The ramp surface shall be continuous and made skid resistant through powder coating. It shall have no protrusions from the surface greater than ¼” and shall accommodate both four-wheel and three-wheel mobility aids. The ramp shall have a rated capacity of 1,000 lbs., with a safety factor of at least three (3) based on the ultimate strength of the material. Each side of the ramp shall have protective barriers at least two (2) inches high to prevent mobility aids from rolling off the ramp edge.

Control Interlock: The ramp door shall be interlocked with the vehicle transmission to ensure the vehicle cannot be shifted out of park while the right-side slide door is ajar.

Safety Equipment: The Following must be provided and secured in vehicle

- Ramp Tape installed at the end of the wheelchair ramp for visually impaired
- Biohazard Clean up Kit
- 10 Unit First Aid Kit
- Tri-Angle Flare Kit
- 5# Fire Extinguisher
- Seat Belt Cutter
- Wheelchair Decals (x2)
- ADA Seating Notice Decal
- Q’Loops (x4)- ship

Exhaust: The exhaust system shall be stainless steel.

Altoona Bus Testing Report: The converted minivan must have been submitted to the Altoona Bus Test Center for a 4 yr./100,000 mile Surface Transportation and Uniform Relocation Assistance Act (STURAA) test. Testing must have been completed on current body style being converted. A copy of the test report shall be made available to the State upon request.

Delivery: A maximum of 30-day delivery to the end-user.

Successful bidder will need to provide an itemized listing of equipment and parts to be used.

Please include shipping fee and South Carolina sales tax (7%). Fairfield County is not tax exempt.
BID FORM

BID NUMBER: IFB 0420

DATE: March 23, 2023

OPENING DATE AND TIME: April 20, 2023 at 10:00 am EST

OPENING LOCATION: Fairfield County Procurement Office
County Administration Building, Conference Rm. 2nd Floor,
Winnsboro, SC 29180

PROCUREMENT OF: (2) ADA Lowered-Floor Minivan Side-Entry Fold-Out Ramp (Chrysler Voyager/Pacifica LX –)

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All prices quoted shall include sales tax and any delivery charges.

COMPANY NAME: ________________________________

ADDRESS: ______________________________________

CITY/STATE/ZIP: ________________________________

PHONE: ___________________ FAX: ___________________

SIGNATURE: ___________________ Title: ___________________

Print Signature: ___________________ Date: ___________________

By signing this Bid Form, the Bidder acknowledges that he/she has read this document and understands the provisions, agrees to be bound by its terms and conditions, will adhere to scheduling requirements stated herein and is capable of providing all required services as stated in this document.

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BIDDER'S QUESTION SUBMITTAL FORM

FOR QUESTIONS RELATED TO BID # 0420
Lowered floor mini-van side entry

Deadline for submitting a question is April 6, 2023 at 10:00am EST.

If possible, please submit your questions via e-mail to the buyer assigned to this bid. Buyer’s contact information is listed below.

Name: Cathy Washington
Title: Procurement Director
E-mail: cathy.washington@fairfield.sc.gov
Phone: 803-635-1415 ext. 4042

If you do not have access to e-mail, you may use the form below to fax questions to (803) 635-5969.

Company Name: ___________________________ Date: ________________
Address: ___________________________________________
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Contact Person: ________________________________
Phone #: (____) ______________ Fax #: (____) __________________

(Please refer to page and paragraph number from the bid, wherever possible)

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ACCESS TO RECORDS AND REPORTS

a. Record Retention. The Contractor will retain, and will require its subcontractors of all tiers to retain, complete and readily accessible records related in whole or in part to the contract, including, but not limited to, data, documents, reports, statistics, sub-Contracts, leases, subcontracts, arrangements, other third party Contracts of any type, and supporting materials related to those records.

b. Retention Period. The Contractor agrees to comply with the record retention requirements in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.333. The Contractor shall maintain all books, records, accounts and reports required under this Contract for a period of at not less than three (3) years after the date of termination or expiration of this Contract, except in the event of litigation or settlement of claims arising from the performance of this Contract, in which case records shall be maintained until the disposition of all such litigation, appeals, claims or exceptions related thereto.

c. Access to Records. The Contractor agrees to provide sufficient access to FTA and its contractors to inspect and audit records and information related to performance of this contract as reasonably may be required.

d. Access to the Sites of Performance. The Contractor agrees to permit FTA and its contractors access to the sites of performance under this contract as reasonably may be required.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT(ADA)

The contractor agrees to comply with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 5301 (d), which states the Federal policy that the elderly and persons with disabilities have the same right as other persons to use mass transportation service and facilities, and that special efforts shall be made in planning and designing those services and facilities to implement that policy. The contractor also agrees to comply with all applicable requirements of section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, 29 U.S.C. § 794, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps, 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 persons with disabilities, including any subsequent amendments to that Act, 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 persons with disabilities, including any subsequent amendments to that Act. In addition, the contractor agrees to comply with any and all applicable requirements issued by the FTA, DOT, DOJ, U.S. GSA, U.S. EEOC, U.S. FCC, any subsequent amendments thereto and any other nondiscrimination statute(s) that may apply to the Project.

BUS TESTING

The operator of the bus testing facility is required to provide the resulting test report to the entity that submits the bus for testing. The manufacturer or dealer of a new bus model or a bus produced with a mass transportation service and facilities, is required to provide a copy of the corresponding full bus testing report and any applicable partial testing report(s) to the Agency during the point in the procurement process specified by the Agency, but in all cases before final acceptance of the first bus by the Agency. The complete bus testing reporting requirements are provided in 49 C.F.R. § 665.11.

BUY AMERICA REQUIREMENTS

The contractor agrees to comply with 49 U.S.C. 5323(j) and 49 C.F.R. part 661 and 2 CFR § 200.322 Domestic preferences for procurements, which provide that Federal funds may not be obligated unless all 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. Separate requirements for rolling stock are set out at 49 U.S.C. § 5323(j)(2)(C), 49 U.S.C. § 5323(u) and 49 C.F.R. § 661.11. The bidder or offeror must submit to the Agency the appropriate Buy America certification. Bids or offers that are not accompanied by a completed Buy America certification will be rejected as nonresponsive.

BYRD ANTI-LOBBYING AMENDMENT

Contractors who apply or bid for an award of $100,000 or more shall file the required certification. 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 any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the Agency.

CARGO PREFERENCE REQUIREMENTS

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 loading 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); and

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.

CIVIL RIGHTS LAWS AND REGULATIONS

The following Federal Civil Rights laws and regulations apply to all contracts.

1 Federal Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Requirements. These include, but are not limited to:

Chapter 53, prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex (including sexual orientation and gender identity), disability, or age, and prohibits discrimination in employment or business opportunity.


4 Federal Protections for Individuals with Disabilities. The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended (ADA), 42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq., prohibits discrimination against qualified individuals with disabilities in programs, activities, and services, and imposes specific requirements on public and private entities. Third party contractors must comply with their responsibilities under Titles I, II, III, IV, and V of the ADA in employment, public services, public accommodations, telecommunications, and other provisions, many of which are subject to regulations issued by other Federal agencies.

Civil Rights and Equal Opportunity

The Agency is an Equal Opportunity Employer. As such, the Agency agrees to comply with all applicable Federal civil rights laws and implementing regulations. Apart from inconsistent requirements imposed by Federal laws or regulations, the Agency agrees to comply with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 5332(h) (3) by not using any Federal assistance awarded by FTA to support procurements using exclusionary or discriminatory specifications. Under this Contract, the Contractor shall at all times comply with the following requirements and shall include these requirements in each subcontract entered into as part thereof.

1. Nondiscrimination. In accordance with 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, religion, national origin, sex, disability, or age. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with the Agency’s implementing regulations and other implementing requirements for Federal funds.

2. Race, Color, Religion, National Origin, Sex. In accordance with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e et seq., 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. chapter 60, and Executive Order No. 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity in Federal Employment," September 24, 1965, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e note, as amended by any later Executive Order that amends or supersedes it, referenced in 42 U.S.C. § 2000e note. 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, religion, national origin, or sex (including sexual orientation and gender identity). Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, promotion, 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 for Federal funds.


5. Promoting Free Speech and Religious Liberty. The Contractor shall ensure that Federal funding is expended in full accordance with the U.S. Constitution, Federal Law, and statutory and public policy requirements: including, but not limited to, those protecting free speech, religious liberty, public welfare, the environment, and prohibiting discrimination.

CLEAN AIR ACT AND FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT

The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders, or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. § 7401-7671c) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. § 1251-1387). Violations must be reported to FTA and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency. The following applies for contracts of amounts in excess of $150,000:

Clean Air Act

(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.

(2) The contractor agrees to report each violation to the Agency and understands and agrees that the Agency will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the Agency, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.

(3) The contractor agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding $150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA.

Federal Water Pollution Control Act

(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.

(2) The contractor agrees to report each violation to the Agency and understands and agrees that the Agency will, in turn, report each violation as required to
assure notification to the Agency, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.

(3) The contractor agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding $150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA."

CONFORMANCE WITH ITS NATIONAL ARCHITECTURE

Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) projects shall conform to the National ITS Architecture and standards. Conformance with the National ITS Architecture is interpreted to mean the use of the National ITS Architecture to develop a regional ITS architecture in support of integration and the subsequent adherence of all ITS projects to that regional ITS architecture. Development of the regional ITS architecture should be consistent with the transportation planning process for Statewide and Metropolitan Transportation Planning (49 CFR Part 613 and 621).

CONTRACT WORK HOURS AND SAFETY STANDARDS ACT

a. Applicability: This requirement applies to all FTA grant and cooperative agreement programs.

b. Where applicable (see 40 U.S.C. § 3701), all contracts awarded by the non-Federal entity in excess of $100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers must include a provision for compliance with 40 U.S.C. §§ 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations at 29 C.F.R. Part 5. See 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II.

c. Under 40 U.S.C. § 3702, each contractor must be required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week.

d. The requirements of 40 U.S.C. § 3704 are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic must be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.

e. The regulation at 29 C.F.R. § 5.5(b) provides the required contract clause concerning compliance with the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act:

Compliance with the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act:

(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 (in the case of work done under contract for the District of Columbia or a territory, to such District or to such territory), 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 agency 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 paragraph (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."
(1) Withholding monthly progress payments; (2) Assessing sanctions; (3) Liquidated damages; and/or (4) Disqualifying the contractor from future bidding as non-responsible. 49 C.F.R. § 26.13(b).

Prime contractors are required to pay subcontractors for satisfactory performance of their contracts no later than 30 days from receipt of each payment the Agency makes to the prime contractor. 49 C.F.R. § 26.29(a).

Finally, for contracts with defined DBE contract goals, each FTA Recipient must include in each prime contract a provision stating that the contractor shall utilize the specific DBEs listed unless the contractor obtains the Agency’s written consent; and that, unless the Agency’s consent is provided, the contractor shall not be entitled to any payment for work or material unless it is performed or supplied by the listed DBE. 49 C.F.R. § 26.53(f) (1).

It is the policy of the Agency and the United States Department of Transportation ("DOT") that Disadvantaged Business Enterprises ("DBE’s"), as defined herein and in the Federal regulations published at 49 C.F.R. part 26, shall have an equal opportunity to participate in DOT-assisted contracts.

DHS SEAL, LOGO, AND FLAGS

The contractor shall not use the DHS seal(s), logos, crests, or reproductions of flags or likenesses of DHS agency officials without specific FTA pre-approval.

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.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:

(1) The contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. The contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. 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. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the contracting officer setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

(2) The contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin.

(3) The contractor will not discharge or in any other manner discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because such employee or applicant has inquired about, discussed, or disclosed the compensation of the employee or applicant or another employee or applicant. This provision shall not apply to instances in which an employee who has access to the compensation information of other employees or applicants as a part of such employee’s essential job functions discloses the compensation of such other employees or applicants to individuals who do not otherwise have access to such information, unless such disclosure is in response to a formal complaint or charge, in furtherance of an investigation, proceeding, hearing, or action, including an investigation conducted by the employer, or is consistent with the contractor’s legal duty to furnish information.

(4) The contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided by the agency contracting officer, advising the labor union or workers’ representative of the contractor’s commitments under section 202 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

(5) The contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.

(6) The contractor will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by the rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and accounts by the contracting agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.

(7) In the event of the contractor’s non-compliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this contract or with any of such rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be canceled, terminated or suspended in whole or in part and the contractor may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.

(8) The contractor will include the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (8) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as may be directed by the Secretary of Labor as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance. Provided, however, that in the event the contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction, the contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

FEDERAL CHANGES

49 CFR Part 18 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.

FLY AMERICA

a) Definitions. As used in this clause—

1) "International air transportation" means transportation by air between a place in the United States and a place outside the United States or between two places both of which are outside the United States. 2) "United States" means the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and outlying areas. 3) "U.S.-flag air carrier" means an air carrier holding a certificate under 49 U.S.C. Chapter 411.
b) When Federal funds are used to fund travel, Section 5 of the International Air Transportation Fair Competitive Practices Act of 1974 (49 U.S.C. 40118) (Fly America Act) requires contractors, Agencies, and others use U.S.-flag air carriers for U.S. Government-financed international air transportation of personnel (and their personal effects) or property, to the extent that service by those carriers is available. It requires the Comptroller General of the United States, in the absence of satisfactory proof of the necessity for foreign-flag air transportation, to disallow expenditures from funds, appropriated or otherwise established for the account of the United States, for international air transportation secured aboard a foreign-flag air carrier if a U.S.-flag air carrier is available to provide such services.

c) If available, the Contractor, in performing work under this contract, shall use U.S.-flag carriers for international air transportation of personnel (and their personal effects) or property.

d) In the event that the Contractor selects a carrier other than a U.S.-flag air carrier for international air transportation, the Contractor shall include a statement on vouchers involving such transportation essentially as follows:

**Statement of Unavailability of U.S.-Flag Air Carriers**

*International air transportation of persons (and their personal effects) or property by U.S.-flag air carrier was not available or it was necessary to use foreign-flag air carrier service for the following reasons. See FAR § 47.403. [State reasons]*

e) Contractor shall include the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (e), in each subcontract or purchase under this contract that may involve international air transportation.

INCORPORATION OF FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) TERMS

Incorporation of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Terms - The provisions within 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 the current FTA Circular 4220 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 Contractor shall not perform any act, fail to perform any act, or refuse to comply with any request which would cause a violation of the FTA terms and conditions.

NO GOVERNMENT OBLIGATION TO THIRD PARTIES

The Agency 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 Agency, Contractor or any other party (whether or not a party to that contract) pertaining to any matter resulting from the underlying Contract. The Contractor agrees to include the above clause in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by the FTA. It is further agreed that the clause shall not be modified, except to identify the subcontractor who will be subject to its provisions.

NOTIFICATION TO FTA

If a current or prospective legal matter that may affect the Federal Government emerges, the Recipient must promptly notify the FTA Chief Counsel and FTA Regional Counsel for the Region in which the Recipient is located. The Recipient must include a similar notification requirement in its Third Party Agreements and must require each Third Party Participant to include an equivalent provision in its sub agreements at every tier, for any agreement that is a "covered transaction" according to 2 C.F.R. §§ 180.220 and 1200.220.

(1) The types of legal matters that require notification include, but are not limited to, a major dispute, breach, default, litigation, or naming the Federal Government as a party to litigation or a legal disagreement in any forum for any reason.

(2) Matters that may affect the Federal Government include, but are not limited to, the Federal Government's interests in the Award, the accompanying Underlying Agreement, and any Amendments thereto, or the Federal Government's administration or enforcement of federal laws, regulations, and requirements.

(3) The Recipient must promptly notify the U.S. DOT Inspector General in addition to the FTA Chief Counsel or Regional Counsel for the Region in which the Recipient is located, if the Recipient has knowledge of potential fraud, waste, or abuse occurring on a Project receiving assistance from FTA. The notification provision applies if a person has or may have submitted a false claim under the False Claims Act, 31 U.S.C. § 3729 et seq., or has or may have committed a criminal or civil violation of law pertaining to such matters as fraud, conflict of interest, bribery, gratuity, or similar misconduct. This responsibility occurs whether or not the Project is subject to this Agreement or another agreement between the Recipient and FTA, or an agreement involving a principal, officer, employee, agent, or Third Party Participant of the Recipient. It also applies to subcontractors at any tier. Knowledge, as used in this paragraph, includes, but is not limited to, knowledge of a criminal or civil investigation by a Federal, state, or local law enforcement or other investigative agency, a criminal indictment or civil complaint, or probable cause that could support a criminal indictment, or any other credible information in the possession of the Recipient.

PRE-AWARD AND POST-DELIVERY AUDITS OF ROLLING STOCK PURCHASES

The Contractor agrees to comply with 49 U.S.C. § 5323(m) and FTA's implementing regulation at 49 C.F.R. part 663. The Contractor shall comply with the Buy America certification(s) submitted with its proposal/bid. The Contractor agrees to participate and cooperate in any pre-award and post-delivery audits performed pursuant to 49 C.F.R. part 663 and related FTA guidance.

PROGRAM FRAUD AND FALSE OR FRAUDULENT STATEMENTS AND RELATED ACTS

The contractor acknowledges that 31 U.S.C. Chap. 38 (Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statements) applies to the contractor’s actions pertaining to this contract."

PROMPT PAYMENT

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. In addition, the contractor 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.

The contractor must promptly notify the Agency, 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 the Agency.

SAFE OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

Seat Belt Use
The Contractor is encouraged to adopt and promote on-the-job seat belt use policies and programs for its employees and other personnel that operate company-owned vehicles, company rented vehicles, or personally operated vehicles. The terms “company-owned” and “company-leased" refer to vehicles owned or leased either by the Contractor or Agency.

Distracted Driving
The Contractor agrees to adopt and enforce workplace safety policies to decrease crashes caused by distracted drivers, including policies to ban text messaging while using an electronic device supplied by an employer, and driving a vehicle the driver owns or rents, a vehicle Contractor owns, leases, or rents, or a privately-owned vehicle when on official business in connection with the work performed under this Contract.

SPECIAL NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR STATES

Applies to States –

a. To the extent required under federal law, the State, as the Recipient, agrees to provide the following information about federal assistance awarded for its State Program, Project, or related activities:

1. The Identification of FTA as the federal agency providing the federal assistance for a State Program or Project;
2. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number of the program from which the federal assistance for a State Program or Project is authorized; and
3. The amount of federal assistance FTA has provided for a State Program or Project.

b. Documents - The State agrees to provide the information required under this provision in the following documents: (1) applications for federal assistance, (2) requests for proposals or solicitations, (3) forms, (4) notifications, (5) press releases, and (6) other publications.

SIMPLIFIED ACQUISITION THRESHOLD

Contracts for more than the simplified acquisition threshold, which is the inflation adjusted amount determined by the Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council (Councils) as authorized by 41 U.S.C. § 1908, or otherwise set by law, must address administrative, contractual, or legal remedies in instances where contractors violate or breach contract terms, and provide for such sanctions and penalties as appropriate. (Note that the simplified acquisition threshold determines the procurement procedures that must be employed pursuant to 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.317–200.327. The simplified acquisition threshold does not exempt a procurement from other eligibility or processes requirements that may apply. For example, Buy America’s eligibility and process requirements apply to any procurement in excess of $150,000. 49 U.S.C. § 5323(j)(13).

TERMINATION

Termination for Convenience (General Provision)
The Agency may terminate this contract, in whole or in part, at any time by written notice to the Contractor when it is in the Agency’s best interest. The Contractor shall pay 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 Agency to be paid the Contractor. If the Contractor has any property in its possession belonging to the Agency, the Contractor will account for the same, and dispose of it in the manner Agent directs.

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 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 Contractor is in default. The Contractor will be paid only 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 Agency 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 beyond the control of the Contractor, the Agency, 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.

Opportunity to Cure (General Provision)
The Agency, 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 Agency's satisfaction the breach or default of any of the terms, covenants, or conditions of this Contract within [10 days] after receipt by Contractor of written notice from Agency setting forth the nature of said breach or default, Agency 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 Agency from also pursuing all available remedies against Contractor and its sureties for said breach or default.

Waiver of Remedies for any Breach
In the event that Agency elects to waive its remedies for any breach by Contractor of any covenant, term or condition of this contract, such waiver by Agency shall not limit Agency's remedies for any succeeding breach of that or of any other covenant, term, or condition of this contract.

Termination for Convenience (Professional or Transit Service Contracts)
The Agency, by written notice, may terminate this contract, in whole or in part, when it is in the Agency’s interest. If this contract is terminated, the Agency shall be liable only for payment under the payment provisions of this contract for services rendered before the effective date of termination.

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 Agency may terminate this contract for default. The Agency 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 Agency.

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

Termination for Default (Construction)
If the Contractor refuses or fails to prosecute the work or any separable part, with the diligence that will ensure 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 provision of this contract, Agency may terminate this contract for default. The Agency shall terminate by delivering to the Contractor a Notice of Termination specifying the nature of the default. In this event, the Agency may take over and compete 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 Agency 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 Agency in completing the work.

The Contractor's right to proceed shall not be terminated nor shall the Contractor be 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 Agency, acts of another contractor in the performance of a contract with Agency, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, freight embargoes, and 2. The Contractor, within [10] days from the beginning of any delay, notifies Agency in writing of the cause of delay. If, in the judgment of Agency, the delay is excusable, the time for completing the work shall be extended. The judgment of Agency shall be final and conclusive for the parties, subject to appeal under the Dispute clauses of this contract. 3. 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 Agency.

Termination for Convenience or Default (Architect and Engineering)
The Agency may terminate this contract in whole or in part, for the Agency's convenience or because of the failure of the Contractor to fulfill the contract obligations. The Agency 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 Agency 's Contracting Officer all data, drawings, specifications, reports, estimates, summaries, and other information and materials accumulated in performing this contract, whether completed or in process. Agency has a royalty-free, nonexclusive, and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish or otherwise use, all such data, drawings, specifications, reports, estimates, summaries, and other information and materials.

If the termination is for the convenience of the Agency, the Agency's 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 Agency may complete the work by contact or otherwise and the Contractor shall be liable for any additional cost incurred by the Agency. 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 Agency.

Termination for Convenience or Default (Cost-Type Contracts)
The Agency 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 Agency 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 Agency, or property supplied by the Contractor by the Agency. If the termination is for default, the Agency 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 Agency and the parties shall negotiate the settlement termination to be paid the Contractor.

If the termination is for the convenience of Agency, 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 Agency determines that the Contractor has an excusable reason for not performing, the Agency, after setting up a new work schedule, may allow the Contractor to continue work, or treat the termination as a Termination for Convenience.

VIOLATION AND BREACH OF CONTRACT

Rights and Remedies of the Agency
The Agency shall have the following rights in the event that the Agency deems the Contractor guilty of a breach of any term under the Contract.

1. The right to take over and complete the work or any part thereof as agency for and at the expense of the Contractor, either directly or through other contractors;
2. The right to cancel this Contract as to any or all of the work yet to be performed;
3. The right to specific performance, an injunction or any other appropriate equitable remedy; and
4. The right to money damages.

For purposes of this Contract, breach shall include.

Rights and Remedies of Contractor
Inasmuch as the Contractor can be adequately compensated by money damages for any breach of this Contract, which may be committed by the Agency, the Contractor expressly agrees that no default, act or omission of the Agency shall constitute a material breach of this Contract, entitling Contractor to cancel or rescind the Contract (unless the Agency directs Contractor to do so) or to suspend or abandon performance.

Remedies
Substantial failure of the Contractor to complete the Project in accordance with the terms of this Contract will be a default of this Contract. In the event of a default, the Agency will have all remedies in law and equity, including the right to specific performance, without further assistance, and the rights to termination or suspension as provided herein. The Contractor recognizes that in the event of a breach of this Contract by the Contractor before the Agency
takes action contemplated herein, the Agency will provide the Contractor with sixty (60) days written notice that the Agency considers that such a breach has occurred and will provide the Contractor a reasonable period of time to respond and to take necessary corrective action.

Disputes
Disputes arising in the performance of this Contract that are not resolved by agreement of the parties shall be decided in writing by an authorized representative of Agency. This decision shall be final and conclusive unless within [10] days from the date of receipt of its copy, the Contractor mails or otherwise furnishes a written appeal to the Agency's authorized representative. 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 Agency's authorized representative shall be binding upon the Contractor and the Contractor shall abide by the decision.

In the event that a resolution of the dispute is not mutually agreed upon, the parties can agree to mediate the dispute or proceed with litigation. Notwithstanding any provision of this section, or any other provision of this Contract, it is expressly agreed and understood that any court proceeding arising out of a dispute under the Contract shall be heard by a Court de novo and the court shall not be limited in such proceeding to the issue of whether the Authority acted in an arbitrary, capricious or grossly erroneous manner.

Pending final settlement of any dispute, the parties shall proceed diligently with the performance of the Contract, and in accordance with the Agency's direction or decisions made thereof.

Performance during Dispute
Unless otherwise directed by Agency, 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 its employees, agents or others for whose acts it 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 Agency and the Contractor arising out of or relating to this Contract 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 Agency 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 Agency 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.
CERTIFICATION AND RESTRICTIONS ON LOBBYING

I, ___________________________ hereby certify

(Name and title of official)

On behalf of ___________________________ that:

(Name of Bidder/Company Name)

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

- If any funds other than federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, and officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form – LLL, “Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying,” in accordance with its instructions.

- The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all sub-awards at all tiers (including sub-contracts, sub-grants and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all sub-recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by 31 U.S.C. § 1352 (as amended by the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995). Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than $10,000 and not more than $100,000 for each such failure.

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

Name of Bidder/Company Name: __________________________________________

Type or print name: _______________________________________________________

Signature of authorized representative: ___________________________ Date / / 

Signature of notary and SEAL: ____________________________________________
GOVERNMENT-WIDE DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION (NONPROCUREMENT)

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

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

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

a. Are eligible to participate in covered transactions of any Federal department or agency and are not presently:
   1. Debarred,
   2. Suspended,
   3. Proposed for debarment,
   4. Declared ineligible,
   5. Voluntarily excluded, or
   6. Disqualified,

b. Its management has not within a three-year period preceding its latest application or proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against any of them for:
   1. Commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or local) transaction, or contract under a public transaction,
   2. Violation of any Federal or State antitrust statute, or,
   3. Commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making any false statement, or receiving stolen property,

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

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

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

f. It will treat each lower tier contract or lower tier subcontract under its Project as a covered lower tier contract for purposes of 2 CFR part 1200 and 2 CFR part 180 if it:
   1. Equals or exceeds $25,000,
   2. Is for audit services, or,
   3. Requires the consent of a Federal official, and

g. It will require that each covered lower tier contractor and subcontractor:
   1. Comply and facilitate compliance with the Federal requirements of 2 CFR parts 180 and 1200, and
   2. Assure that each lower tier participant in its Project is not presently declared by any Federal department or agency to be:
      a. Debarred from participation in its federally funded Project,
      b. Suspended from participation in its federally funded Project,
      c. Proposed for debarment from participation in its federally funded Project,
      d. Declared ineligible to participate in its federally funded Project,
      e. Voluntarily excluded from participation in its federally funded Project, or
      f. Disqualified from participation in its federally funded Project, and

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

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

Certification

Contractor: ________________________________

Signature of Authorized Official: ________________________________ Date __/____/____

Name and Title of Contractor’s Authorized Official: ________________________________

BUS TESTING CERTIFICATION

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

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

The undersigned understands that misrepresenting the testing status of a vehicle acquired with Federal financial assistance may subject the undersigned to civil penalties as outlined in the U.S. Department of Transportation's regulation on Program Fraud Civil Remedies, 49 CFR Part 31. In addition, the undersigned understands that FTA may suspend or debar a manufacturer under the procedures in 49 CFR Part 29.

Name of Bidder/Company Name: ________________________________

Type or print name: __________________________________________

Signature of authorized representative: __________________________

Signature of notary and SEAL: _________________________________

Date of Signature: ______/_______/_______
PRE-AWARD CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT FOR PROCUREMENT OF ROLLING STOCK (RECIPIENT)

BUY AMERICA REQUIREMENTS: Contractor shall complete and submit a declaration certifying either compliance or noncompliance with Buy America. If contractor certifies compliance with Buy America, it shall submit documentation listing:

A. Component and subcomponent parts of the rolling stock to be purchased identified by manufacturer of the parts, their country of origin and costs; and

B. The location of the final assembly point for the rolling stock, including a description of the activities that will take place at the final assembly point and the cost of final assembly.

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

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

As required by Title 49 of the CFR, Part 663 – Subpart B, __________________________________________ (the recipient) is satisfied that the buses to be purchased, __________________________________________ (number and description of buses) from __________________________________________ (the manufacturer), meet the requirements of Section 165(b)(3) of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982, as amended. The recipient or its appointed analyst (the analyst, not the manufacturer or its agent), has reviewed documentation provided by the manufacturer, which lists (1) the proposed component and subcomponent parts of the buses identified by manufacturer, country of origin, and cost; and (2) the proposed location of the final assembly point for the buses, including a description of the activities that will take place at the final assembly point and the cost of final assembly.

PRE-AWARD PURCHASER'S REQUIREMENTS CERTIFICATION

As required by Title 49 of the CFR, Part 663 – Subpart B, __________________________________________ (the recipient) certifies that the buses to be purchased, __________________________________________ (number and description of buses) from __________________________________________ (the manufacturer), are the same product described in the recipient's solicitation specification and that the proposed manufacturer is a responsible manufacturer with the capability to produce a bus that meets the specifications.

PRE-AWARD FMVSS COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION

As required by Title 49 of the CFR, Part 663 – Subpart D, award stage, a copy of __________________________________________ (the recipient) certifies that it received, at the pre-certification information stating that the buses, __________________________________________, will comply with the relevant Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards issued by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 571.

Date: __________________________________________

Signature: __________________________________________

Title: __________________________________________
PRE-AWARD CERTIFICATION FOR PROCUREMENT OF ROLLING STOCK (VENDOR)

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

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

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

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

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

   1. The component and subcomponent parts of the rolling stock that are produced in the United States is more than sixty percent (60%) of the cost of all components and subcomponents of the vehicle identified by the manufacturer; and

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

PRE-AWARD PURCHASERS REQUIREMENTS CERTIFICATION: For purposes of this part, a pre-award purchaser’s requirements certification is a certification a recipient keeps on file that:

a. The rolling stock the recipient is contracting for is the same product described in the purchaser’s solicitation specification; and

b. The proposed manufacturer is a responsible manufacturer with the capability to produce a vehicle that meets the recipient’s specification set forth in the recipient’s solicitation.

If buses or other rolling stock (including train control, communication, and traction power equipment) are being procured, the appropriate certificate as set forth below shall be completed and submitted by each bidder in accordance with the requirements in 49 CFR 661.13(b).

PRE-AWARD FMVSS COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION: As required by Title 49 of the CFR, Part 663 – Subpart D, the recipient certifies that it received, at the pre-award stage, a copy of the manufacturers self-certification information stating that the buses will comply with the relevant Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards issued by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 571.

Bidder or Offeror Certificate of COMPLIANCE with Buy America and FMVSS Rolling Stock Requirements

As required by 49 CFR Part 663, the bidder or offeror hereby certifies that it will comply with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5323(j), and the applicable regulations of 49 CFR 661.11.

Company

Name_________________________________________Title_________________________________________

Signature____________________________________________Date_________________/

Bidder or Offeror Certificate of NON-COMPLIANCE with Buy America and FMVSS Rolling Stock Requirements

As required by 49 CFR Part 663, the bidder or offeror hereby certifies that it cannot comply with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5323(j), but may qualify for an exception to the requirement consistent with 49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(2), as amended, and the applicable regulations in 49 CFR 661.7.

Company

Name_________________________________________Title_________________________________________

Signature____________________________________________Date_________________/

Name_________________________________________
ON-SITE MANUFACTURER INSPECTION COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION

(Rolling Stock Procurements for more than 10 vehicles for areas >200,000 in population)

As required by 49 CFR Part 663-Subpart C, the

[Recipient's name]

Certifies that a resident inspector,

[Name of inspector]

Was at

[the manufacturer's]

manufacturing site during the period of manufacture of the buses,

[description of buses].

The inspector visually inspecting the buses, the [the recipient] has reviewed
the inspection documentation, maintains a copy of this report, and certifies that the buses meet the contract specifications.

ON-SITE MANUFACTURER INSPECTION COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION

(Rolling Stock Procurements for more than 10 vehicles for areas < 200,000 in population)

As required by 49 CFR Part 663-Subpart C, the

[Recipient's name]

Certifies that a resident inspector,

[Name of inspector]

Was at

[the manufacturer's]

manufacturing site during the period of manufacture of the buses,

[description of buses].

The inspector visually inspecting the buses, the [the recipient] has reviewed the
inspection documentation, maintains a copy of this report, and certifies that the buses meet the contract specifications.

Signature ___________________________ Date __________/________/________

Title _______________________________
TRANSIT VEHICLE MANUFACTURER (TVM) CERTIFICATION

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

Certification:

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

BIDDER/COMPANY

Name of Bidder/Company ________________________________

Signature of Representative ________________________________

Type or Print Name ________________________________

Title ___________________________________________ Date ___________ / ___________ /

NOTARY

Type or Print Name ________________________________

Signature of Notary ________________________________

Place Notary SEAL Here:
**POST DELIVERY CERTIFICATION FOR PROCUREMENT OF ROLLING STOCK (RECIPIENT)**

**POST DELIVERY AUDIT REQUIREMENTS:** A recipient purchasing revenue service rolling stock with FTA funds must ensure that a post-delivery audit is complete before title to the rolling stock is transferred to the recipient.

**DESCRIPTION OF POST DELIVERY AUDIT:** A post-delivery audit under this part includes: (a) A post-delivery Buy America certification as described in 49 CFR 663.35; (b) A post-delivery purchaser's requirements certification as described in 49 CFR 663.37; and (c) When appropriate, a manufacturer's Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard self-certification information as described in 49 CFR 663.41 or 49 CFR 663.43.

**POST DELIVERY BUY AMERICA CERTIFICATION:** For purposes of this part, a post-delivery Buy America certification is a certification that the recipient keeps on file that:

a. There is a letter from FTA which grants a waiver to the rolling stock received from the Buy America requirements under sections 165 (b)(1), or (b)(4) of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982, as amended; or
b. The recipient is satisfied that the rolling stock received meets the requirements of section 165 (a) or (b)(3) of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982, as amended, after having reviewed itself or by means of an audit prepared by someone other than the manufacturer or its agent documentation provided by the manufacturer which lists:
   1. Components and subcomponent parts of the rolling stock identified by manufacturer of the parts, their country of origin and costs; and
   2. The actual location of the final assembly point for the rolling stock including a description of the activities which took place at the final assembly point and the cost of the final assembly.

**POST DELIVERY PURCHASERS REQUIREMENTS CERTIFICATION**

For purposes of this part, a post-delivery purchaser's requirements certification is a certification that the recipient keeps on file that—

a. Except for procurements covered under paragraph (c) in this section, a resident inspector (other than an agent or employee of the manufacturer) was at the manufacturing site throughout the period of manufacture of the rolling stock to be purchased and monitored and completed a report on the manufacture of such rolling stock. Such a report, at a minimum, shall:
   1. Provide accurate records of all vehicle construction activities; and
   2. Address how the construction and operation the vehicles fulfills the contract specifications.

b. After reviewing the report required under paragraph (a) of this section, and visually inspecting and road testing the delivered vehicles, the vehicles meet the contract specifications.

c. For procurements of:
   1. Ten or fewer buses; or
   2. Procurements of twenty vehicles or fewer serving rural (other than urbanized) areas, or urbanized areas of 200,000 people or fewer; or
   3. Any number of primary manufacturer standard production and unmodified vans, after visually inspecting and road testing the vehicles, the vehicles meet the contract specifications.

**POST DELIVERY AUDIT REVIEW**

a. If a recipient cannot complete a post-delivery audit because the recipient or its agent cannot certify Buy America compliance or that the rolling stock meets the purchaser’s requirements specified in the contract, the rolling stock may be rejected and final acceptance by the recipient will not be required. The recipient may exercise any legal rights it has under the contract or at law.

b. This provision does not preclude the recipient and manufacturer from agreeing to a conditional acceptance of rolling stock pending manufacturer’s correction of deviations within a reasonable period of time.

**POST DELIVERY FMVSS COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION**

If a vehicle purchased under this part is subject to the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards issued by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in part 571 of this title, a recipient shall keep on file its certification that it received, both at the pre-award and post-delivery stage, a copy of the manufacturer's self-certification information that the vehicle complies with relevant Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards.

**Certificate of COMPLIANCE with Buy America and FMVSS Rolling Stock Requirements**

The recipient hereby certifies that it has reviewed and ensures the bidder or offeror has complied with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5323(j), and the applicable regulations of 49 CFR 661.11.

Company ________________________  Title ________________________
Name ___________________  Signature ___________________  Date __________

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POST DELIVERY CERTIFICATION FOR PROCUREMENT OF ROLLING STOCK (VENDOR)

POST DELIVERY AUDIT REQUIREMENTS: A recipient purchasing revenue service rolling stock with FTA funds must ensure that a post-delivery audit is complete before title to the rolling stock is transferred to the recipient.

DESCRIPTION OF POST DELIVERY AUDIT: A post-delivery audit under this part includes: (a) A post-delivery Buy America certification as described in 49 CFR 663.35; (b) A post-delivery purchaser’s requirements certification as described in 49 CFR 663.37; and (c) When appropriate, a manufacturer’s Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard self-certification information as described in 49 CFR 653.41 or 49 CFR 663.43.

POST DELIVERY BUY AMERICA CERTIFICATION

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

a. There is a letter from FTA which grants a waiver to the rolling stock received from the Buy America requirements under sections 165 (b)(1), or (b)(4) of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982, as amended; or
b. The recipient is satisfied that the rolling stock received meets the requirements of section 165 (a) or (b)(3) of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982, as amended, after having reviewed itself or by means of an audit prepared by someone other than the manufacturer or its agent documentation provided by the manufacturer which lists:
   1. Components and subcomponent parts of the rolling stock identified by manufacturer of the parts, their country of origin and costs; and
   2. The actual location of the final assembly point for the rolling stock including a description of the activities which took place at the final assembly point and the cost of the final assembly.

POST DELIVERY PURCHASER’S REQUIREMENTS CERTIFICATION

For purposes of this part, a post-delivery purchaser’s requirements certification is a certification that the recipient keeps on file that

a. Except for procurements covered under paragraph (c) in this section, a resident inspector (other than an agent or employee of the manufacturer) was at the manufacturing site throughout the period of manufacture of the rolling stock to be purchased and monitored and completed a report on the manufacture of such rolling stock. Such a report, at a minimum, shall:
   1. Provide accurate records of all vehicle construction activities; and
   2. Address how the construction and operation of the vehicles fulfills the contract specifications.

b. After reviewing the report required under paragraph (a) of this section, and visually inspecting and road testing the delivered vehicles, the vehicles meet the contract specifications.

c. For procurements of:
   1. Ten or fewer buses; or
   2. Procurements of twenty vehicles or fewer serving rural (other than urbanized) areas, or urbanized areas of 200,000 people or fewer; or
   3. Any number of primary manufacturer standard production and unmodified vans, after visually inspecting and road testing the vehicles, the vehicles meet the contract specifications.

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