



Bid Instructions
Forward Fuel Purchase Contracts
RFP23119
City of Fargo
July 14, 2023

City of Fargo is seeking price quotations for fuel purchases and delivery of product to Fargo facilities (multiple locations within city) from qualified vendors for the first and second quarter of 2024. These fuel contracts are for #2 Diesel and No-Lead 10% Ethanol 87 octane gasoline to be delivered in 2024.

The Fuel Price quoted shall include;

Any local freight charges.

The Federal LUST (Leaking Underground Storage Tank) fee. (one tenth of one cent per gallon)

North Dakota State Inspection fee. (One-fortieth of one cent per gallon)

Federal Oil Spill Recovery fee (fee based on type of fuel)

When there is a shortage of product at the pipeline and long wait times, a demurrage charge may be added after the first hour. A demurrage charge per hour must be included on the bid sheet commencing with a second hour of wait time shall be with the submitted quotation.

Contract awarded to the vendor based on the following criteria.

- **85 points – price**
- **15 points – past performance on invoice accuracy / promptness of delivery.**

The City of Fargo may elect not to make an award.

The City of Fargo uses various mixtures of fuel depending on the time of year. For winter use, diesel is a blend of #1 and #2 with a cold weather additive. Bio diesel may also be used during the summer months. Additional products purchased outside of the contracted amount will be current rack price at the time of purchase. Splash blending for products like bio-diesel will be acceptable.

Delivery of fuel at City of Fargo's new fueling site requires a vent hose to be hooked up between the tanker and tank.

Payment to vendors will be honored within 10 days of receiving both product and invoice.

Approved vendors must E-mail or Fax quotations to the City of Fargo as indicated below. Verbal quotes will not be accepted.

Bidders must register and be pre-qualified by July 13, 2023, in order to be an approved vendor.

When an award is made, the successful bidder will be notified by 9:30 AM CT (on the same date as day bids are due)

Quotations are due by July 14, 2023 by 9:00 AM Central Time.

Submit quotations by e-mail or fax to: **(Note updated e-mail addresses)**

Fax 701-298-6971 Att. Allan Erickson

(Staff will document the time when quotations arrive by fax)

E-mail Address the email to the following group:

bdow@FargoND.gov AErickson@FargoND.gov JMSmith@FargoND.gov

If an award is not made the next scheduled time will be determined by City of Fargo and sent to the registered vendors.

Additional information

Bid instructions:

July 13, 2023

- Submit FUEL VENDOR REGISTRATION and CERTIFICATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS ON LOBBYING

July 14, 2023

- Fuel bid by email or fax

Submissions by e-mail

Send e-mail from same source (computer) as verified by the trial submission.

Attach a PDF of the Bid Submission Sheet.

Request a read receipt. If you do not receive a read receipt, call 701-241-1439.

Protests related to this solicitation must be submitted in writing and will only be accepted from prospective Bidder or Offerors whose direct economic interest would be affected by the award of a Contract or failure to award a Contract.

Copies of the detailed protest procedure are available upon request; contact Allan Erickson at 402 23 St N, Fargo ND 58102 or Jordan Smith at 650 23rd St N, Fargo ND 58102, for a copy, if desired.

As portions of this procurement are Federal funded, the provisions of FTA Circular 4220.1(as amended) apply. An appeal to FTA must be received by the cognizant FTA Regional or Headquarters Office within five (5) working days of the date the protestor knew or should have known of the violation. FTA will review bid protests only in the following circumstances:

- a. A protestor has exhausted all administrative remedies with the City of Fargo.
- b. FTA will only review protests regarding the alleged failure of the grantee to have or follow its written protest procedures or its failure to review a complaint or protest.

Up to 50% of the funding for the purchase of fuel may be provided through a Federal Transit Administration operating grant, Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) #20.507.

Alleged violations on other grounds are under the jurisdiction of the appropriate State or local authorities. Alleged violations of Federal law or regulation that provide an applicable complaint procedure shall be submitted and processed in accordance with the Federal law or regulation. Contractors who have exhausted all administrative remedies with the City of Fargo and FTA can pursue the matter further in the ND state courts as applicable.

The City of Fargo reserves the right to reject all quotations and request quotations to be submitted at a later date or the City of Fargo may elect to make a partial award (either diesel or unleaded).

Contact for Questions

Allan Erickson
Fleet Services Manager Public Works
402 23 St. North
Fargo, ND 58102
Phone (701) 241-1439
E-Mail AErickson@FargoND.gov

Jordan Smith
Assistant Transit Director – Fleet and Facilities
650 23rd St. North
Fargo, ND 58102
(701) 476-8940
JMSmith@FargoND.gov



PUBLIC WORKS/OPERATIONS

Fleet Management, Forestry, Streets & Sewers, Watermeters, Watermains & Hydrants 402 23rd STREET NORTH FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA 58102 PHONE: (701) 241-1453 FAX: (701) 241-8100

FUEL VENDOR REGISTRATION

Bidder's Exact Legal Name: _____

State of Organization: _____

Are you a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)? _____

- Bidder's Type of Legal Entity: (check one)
() Sole Proprietorship () Limited Liability Company
() Partnership () Limited Liability Partnership
() Corporation
() Limited Partnership () Other:

Address: _____
Street City State Zip Code

Website Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Sales contact: Name: Street: City/State/Zip: Phone: Fax: Email:
Alternate sales contact: Name: Street: City/State/Zip: Phone: Fax: Email:

Federal Employer Identification Number: _____

North Dakota Fuel License Numbers: (Attach copies of license) _____

Insurance Company: (Attach proof of insurance) _____

Authorized Signature Here ► _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____



CERTIFICATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS ON LOBBYING

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

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

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

3. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all sub-awards at all tiers (including subcontracts, sub-grants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all 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 section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

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

_____ Company/Contractor

_____ Signature of Company/Contractor's Authorized
Official

_____ Printed Name

_____ Title of Company/Contractor's Authorized Official

_____ Date

City of Fargo Fuel Bid for 1st and 2rd Quarter of 2024
Due by 9:00 AM Central Time, July 14, 2023
Please list below your prices on a quarterly basis.

\$ Per Gallon will **INCLUDE**

Any local freight/delivery charges.

The Federal LUST (Leaking Underground Storage Tank) fee. (One tenth of one cent per gallon)

North Dakota State Inspection fee. (One-fortieth of one cent per gallon)

Federal Oil Spill Recovery Fee

<u>1st Quarter (Jan 1 – Mar 31)</u>	<u>Gallons</u>	<u>Cost/Gallon</u>
#2 Diesel Fuel	135,000	_____
No-Lead Ethanol 87 Octane	71,000	_____
 <u>2nd Quarter (Apr 1 – June 30)</u>		
#2 Diesel Fuel	135,000	_____
No-Lead Ethanol 87 Octane	71,000	_____
 Total Gallons #2	270,000	\$ _____
Total Gallons No-Lead	<u>142,000</u>	\$ _____
	350,000	
	TOTAL	<input type="text" value="\$"/>

Demurrage Charge per hour **after** the first hour _____

Vendor: _____

Signature: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Buyer: _____

GOVERNMENT-WIDE DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION **(NONPROCUREMENT)**

49 CFR Part 29, Executive Orders 12549, 12689, and 31 U.S.C.6101 (Contracts over \$25,000)

Background and Applicability

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

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

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

Grantees, contractors, and subcontractors who enter into covered transactions also must require the entities they contract with to comply with 49 CFR 29, subpart C and include this requirement in their own subsequent covered transactions (i.e., the requirement flows down to subcontracts at all levels). Instructions for Certification; By signing and submitting this bid or proposal, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the signed certification set out below.

Suspension and Debarment

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

The contractor is required to comply with 49 CFR 29, Subpart C and must include the requirement to comply with 49 CFR 29, Subpart C in any lower tier covered transaction it enters into. By signing and submitting its bid or proposal, the bidder or proposer certifies as follows:

The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact relied upon by the municipal corporation. If it is later determined that the bidder or proposer knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to remedies available to the municipal corporation, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment. The bidder or proposer agrees to comply with the requirements of 49 CFR 29, subpart C while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any contract that may arise from this offer. The bidder or proposer further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

_____ Company/Contractor

_____ Date

City of Fargo

FORWARD CONTRACT

Contractor: _____

Buyer: City of Fargo
225 4th ST. N
Fargo, ND 58102

	Delivery Period	Quantity	Product	Price/Gallon
	2024			
1st Quarter				
1	Jan 1 – Mar 31	135,000	#2 Diesel Fuel	
2	Jan 1 – Mar 31	71,000	No-lead Ethanol 87 Octane	
2nd Quarter				
3	Apr 1 – June 30	135,000	#2 Diesel Fuel	
4	Apr 1 – June 30	71,000	No-lead Ethanol 87 Octane	

Price: Quoted price is per gallon and inclusive of:

- Any local freight/delivery charges.
- The Federal LUST (Leaking Underground Storage Tank) fee.(one-tenth of one cent per gallon)
- North Dakota State Inspection fee.(one-fortieth of one cent per gallon)
- Federal Oil Spill Recovery Fee

Demurrage Charge: \$ _____ per hour commencing with the second (2nd) hour.

Measurement: Terminal Meter Tickets (Gross Gallons)

Terms: Net 10 Days from Invoice Date

Sales Representative: _____

Buyer Representative: Allan Erickson
City of Fargo

Credit: Credit shall be approved and within the established line.

Definitions:

The terms City of Fargo, City, Buyer and Grantee are synonymous and mean the City of Fargo

The terms "Bidder, Contractor, Offerer, Proposer, Contractor, Firm, Company" are synonymous and mean the offerer or Contractor.

Efficiency Payments:

In the event Buyer does not take delivery of the contracted quantity for the delivery period, Contractor can sell the volume not lifted in the open market the last 2 days of the quarter contract or the first 5 days of the following quarter contract.

If the open market price is less than the fixed forward pricing above, the Buyer will pay Contractor the amount equal to the volume not lifted times the difference between the open market price and the fixed forward price.

If the open market price is more than the fixed forward pricing above, the Contractor will pay Buyer the amount equal to the volume not lifted times the difference between the open market price and the fixed forward price.

Delivery of Fuel

Delivery of fuel will be to all City of Fargo's three (3) fueling sites located at:

402 23rd Street North	Public Works (3 Underground tanks)
650 23rd Street North	Metro Transit Garage (2 underground tanks)
4501 7th Avenue North	Landfill (1 above ground tank)

Delivery of fuel to the fueling site at Public Works will require a vent hose to be connected between tanker and tank.

Additional Products and Fuel Additives

The Buyer uses various mixtures of fuel depending on the time of year. For winter use, diesel is a blend of #1 and #2 with a cold weather additive. Bio diesel may also be used during the summer months. Additional products purchased outside of the contracted amount will be current rack price at the time of purchase. Splash blending for products like bio-diesel will be acceptable.

Failure to Perform:

If, during any month of the delivery period, Contractor fails to deliver the contracted volume, and such failure is not excused as provided herein, and the Replacement Price (cost incurred by Buyer to secure the contracted for volume) is greater than the Contract

Price, then Contractor shall be liable for and shall pay Buyer the amount equal to the volume not delivered times the difference between the Replacement Price and the Contract Price.

Excused Performance:

Except with regard to a Party's obligation to make payments due under this Contract, in the event either Buyer or Contractor is rendered unable, wholly or in part, by unforeseeable causes to carry out its obligations, then upon notification by telephone with a subsequent written notice setting forth the specifics within a reasonable time, but not in excess of six (6) days after the commencement of the failure to perform due to unforeseeable causes, the obligations of the Party giving such notice, insofar as they are affected by such causes, from its inception, shall be excused during the entire period of any inability so caused but for no longer period.

Excused performance, as employed in this Contract will mean any event that prevents delivery or receipt of Product, including acts of God, strikes, lockouts, or industrial disputes or disturbances, civil disturbances, interruptions by government or court orders, necessity for compliance with any court order, law, statute, ordinance, or regulation promulgated by a governmental authority having jurisdiction, acts of the public enemy, events affecting facilities or services of non-affiliated third parties, or any other cause of like kind not reasonably within the control of the non-performing Party and which by the exercise of due diligence such Party could not have prevented or is unable to overcome.

Contractor Warrants:

Contractor warrants that all royalties, taxes and other sums due on production and transportation of the Fuel to the Delivery Point(s) are paid, and that it will have the right to convey and will transfer good and merchantable title to all Fuel sold hereunder and delivered by it to Buyer, free and clear of any and all liens, encumbrances and claims. All Fuel delivered will meet the ASTM standard for that product.

Contractor shall pay all taxes lawfully levied on Contractor applicable to the Fuel delivered to Buyer. Buyer shall pay all taxes lawfully levied on Buyer after delivery to Buyer. If Buyer is exempt from any taxes, Buyer shall furnish Contractor with proper documentation.

If in the event of a product shortage at the local pipeline and a tanker must be sent to another pipeline outside of the metro area, the additional freight charge must be agreed upon between buyer and Contractor at the time of order.

Transfer or Assignment:

This Contract shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the successors, assigns, personal representatives, and heirs of the respective Parties hereto, and the covenants, conditions, rights and obligations of this Contract shall run for the full term of this Contract. No assignment of this contract, in whole or in part, will be made without the prior written consent of the non-assigning party, which consent will not be unreasonably withhold or delayed provided, Upon any transfer and assumption, the transferor shall not be relieved of or discharged from any obligations hereunder unless such assumption is made in the transfer/assumption agreement.

Severability:

If any term, provision, covenant, or condition of this Contract or the application thereof, to any party or circumstance, shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable (in whole or in part) for any reason, the remaining terms, provisions, covenants, and conditions hereof shall continue in full force and effect as if this Contract had been executed with the invalid or unenforceable portion eliminated.

Applicable Law:

The Contract shall be governed in accordance with the laws of the State of North Dakota.

Consequential and Incidental Damages:

In no event will either party be liable under this Contract, whether in contract, tort (including negligence and strict liability) or otherwise, for incidental, consequential, special or punitive damages

Notices:

All billings, payments, statements, notices and communications made pursuant to this Contract shall be made as follows:

Contractor:

Buyer: City of Fargo
225 4th ST. N
Fargo, ND 58102

Entire Agreement:

THE TERMS CONTAINED IN THIS CONTRACT CONSTITUTE THE ENTIRE CONTRACT OF THE PARTIES, AND THERE ARE NO CONTRACTS, UNDERSTANDINGS, OBLIGATIONS, PROMISES, ASSURANCES OR CONDITIONS, PRECEDENT OR OTHERWISE, EXCEPT THOSE EXPRESSLY SET OUT HEREIN.

DESTINATION IS CITY OF FARGO FUELING STATIONS

Dated this 14 day of July, 2024.

BUYER:

CONTRACTOR:

City of Fargo

Mayor

Title

Title

(Both Parties are Signatories)

1. BID PROTEST PROCEDURE

a. General

Protests will be accepted from prospective bidders or offerors whose direct economic interest would be affected by the award of a contract or by failure to award a contract. The City of Fargo's staff will consider all protests or objections filed in a timely manner regarding the award of a contract, whether submitted before or after award. All protests shall be in writing and shall be supported by sufficient information to enable the protest to be considered. A protest will not be considered if it is insufficiently supported or it is not received within the time limits specified herein. Protest submissions should be concise, logically arranged, and clearly state the ground for the protest. Protests must include at least the following information:

- Name, address, and telephone number of protestor.
- Identification of the solicitation or bid.
- A detailed statement of the legal and factual grounds of the protest, including copies of relevant documents.
- A statement as to what relief is requested.

Protests should be sent via certified mail through the U.S. Postal Service to:

**Fleet Services Manager
Public Works
402 23 St. North
Fargo, ND 58102**

**Fleet & Facilities Manager
Transit
650 23rd St. North
Fargo, ND 58102**

Protests must be filed with City of Fargo in accordance with our procedures and time requirements. The protest to City of Fargo must be complete and contain all the issues that the protestor believes relevant. The City of Fargo will respond to each substantive issue raised in the protest. Failure to include an issue in the protest to the City of Fargo will preclude raising the issue to FTA, if the protest is appealed to that agency. Following an adverse decision by City of Fargo, protestor may file a protest with FTA under certain limited circumstances listed in paragraph f.

On occasion, when considered appropriate by the Fargo City Administrator, an informal conference on the merits of the protest with all interested parties may be held.

b. Protests Before Award

1. Solicitation Phase

Protests concerning the solicitation must be submitted in writing by **COB at 4:30 CT Jul 21, 2023**. If the written protest is not received by the time specified, award may be made in the normal manner unless the Fargo Public Works Fleet Services Manager and Fargo Transit Fleet & Facilities Manager, upon investigation, find that remedial action is required. Oral protests not followed up by a written protest will be disregarded.

Notice of a protest and the basis therefore will be given to all potential bidders or offerors.

2. Pre-Award Phase

When a protest against the making of an award is received after receipt of bids or proposals but prior to award, City of Fargo staff may determine to withhold the award pending disposition of the protest. City of Fargo will provide a written response to each material issue raised in the written protest. Notice of a protest as well as City of Fargo's response will be provided to bidders/proposers who responded to the solicitation and are in line for the award of a contract.

Where a written protest against the making of an award is received by the time specified an award will not be made unless City of Fargo determines that:

- The items to be procured are urgently required;
- Delivery or performance will be unduly delayed by failure to make award promptly; or,
- Failure to make award will otherwise cause undue harm to City of Fargo or the Federal Government.

If award is made, the City of Fargo Public Works Fleet Services Manager or the Assistant Transit Director will document the file to explain the need for an award and will give written notice of the decision to proceed with the award to the protestor and, bidders/proposers who responded to the solicitation and are in line for the award of a contract by **COB AT 4:30 CT Five (5) business days after the award.**

c. Protests After Award

A protest received after the award shall be reviewed by the City of Fargo Public Works Fleet Services Manager and the Assistant Transit Director, and the Legal Department. The selected contractor will, in any event, be furnished with the notice of protest and the basis therefore. When it appears likely that an award may be invalidated and a delay in receiving the supplies or services is not prejudicial to City of Fargo's interest, the Public Works Fleet Services Manager and the Assistant Transit Director, and the Legal Department may consider a mutual agreement with the contractor to suspend performance on a no-cost basis. A written response by City of Fargo staff will be issued by **COB AT 4:30 CT Five (5) business days after the written protest is received.**

d. Post-Award Appeals

Appeals must be sent in writing to the Fargo City Commission by **COB AT 4:30 CT Ten (10) business days after notification of protest determination.** The Fargo City Commission will schedule a hearing at the next scheduled City of Fargo Commission meeting where the appellant may be heard. The Fargo City Commission will issue a final written determination by **COB AT 4:30 CT five (5) business days after the meeting.**

The decision of the Commission is **final** and **no further appeals to the City of Fargo** may be made.

e. Determination of Interested Party

An interested party is an actual prospective bidder or offeror whose direct economic interest would be affected by award of a contract or failure to award a contract. This definition specifically excludes subcontractors and their suppliers.

1. The ability to qualify as an actual or prospective bidder/proposer ends when the vendor registration period ends.
2. The offer received from the protestor must be technically responsive.
3. The protestor must be the next in line to receive the award if the protested issues prevail.
4. If not next in line, the protestor must successfully challenge all intervening offers to establish next in line status.

f. Protests to FTA

Under certain limited circumstances, an interested party may protest to FTA the award of a contract pursuant to an FTA grant. FTA's review of any protest will be limited to alleged failure of City of Fargo to have or follow its written protest procedures or alleged failure to review a complaint or protest.

1. Time for Filing

- i. An appeal to FTA must be received by FTA Region VIII **within five (5) working days** of the date the protester learned or should have learned of an adverse decision by the grantee or other basis of appeal to FTA. Protests should be addressed to

**U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Transit Administration, Region VIII
12300 W Dakota Ave, Suite 310
Lakewood, CO 80228**

- ii. Violations of Federal law or regulation will be handled by the complaint process stated within the law or regulation.

2. Submission of Protest to FTA

- i. A protestor must exhaust all administrative remedies with City of Fargo before pursuing a protest to FTA.
- ii. Protests to FTA should be sent to the FTA Regional or Headquarters Office. A concurrent copy of the protest must be sent to City of Fargo.

iii. The protest filed with FTA shall:

- Include the name and address of the protestor.
- Identify City of Fargo and the number/title of the contract solicitation.
- Contain a statement of the grounds for the protest and any supporting documentation. This should detail the alleged failure of City of Fargo to have or follow its protest procedures or the alleged failure to review a complaint or protest.
- Include a copy of the local protest filed with City of Fargo and a copy of City of Fargo's decision, if any.

g. Other Remedies

Contractors may seek remedy in the North Dakota courts, as applicable, if they desire to do so.

By entering into a sale with the City of Fargo, ND, and/or the City of Moorhead, MN, doing business as MATBUS, the supplier is agreeing to be bound by the following federal clauses and certifications as applicable:



1. **No Government Obligation to Third Parties:** *Applies to all third-party contracts that are federally funded.*
 - a. 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.
 - b. 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.



2. **Access to Records and Reports:** *Applies to all contracts funded in whole or in part with FTA funds.*
 - 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-agreements, leases, subcontracts, arrangements, other third-party agreements 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.



3. **Federal Changes:** *Applies to all contracts.*

The 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 the Agency and FTA, and they may be amended or promulgated from time to time during the term of this contract. The Contractor's failure to so comply shall constitute a material breach of this contract.



4. **Civil Rights and Equal Opportunity:** *Applies to all contracts.*

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. § 5323(h) (3) by not using any Federal assistance awarded by FTA to support procurements using exclusionary or discriminatory specifications. Under this Agreement, the Contractor shall at all times comply with the following requirements and shall include these requirements in each subcontract entered into as part thereof.

- a. **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 applicable Federal implementing regulations and other implementing requirements FTA may issue.
- b. **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 FTA may issue.
- c. **Age.** In accordance with the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, 29 U.S.C. §§ 621-634, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (U.S. EEOC) regulations, "Age Discrimination in Employment Act," 29 C.F.R. part 1625, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 6101 et seq., U.S. Health and Human Services regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Age in Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance," 45 C.F.R. part 90, and Federal transit law at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, the Contractor agrees to refrain from discrimination against present and prospective employees for reason of age. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.
- d. **Disabilities.** In accordance with section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, 29 U.S.C. § 794, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq., the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 4151 et seq., and Federal transit law at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, the Contractor agrees that it will not discriminate against individuals on the basis of disability. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.



5. **Incorporation of FTA Terms:** *Applies to all contracts.*

The preceding provision includes, in part, certain Standard Terms and Conditions required by DOT, whether or not expressly set forth in the preceding contract provisions. All contractual provisions required by DOT, as set forth in FTA Circular 4220.1 as amended, are hereby incorporated by reference. Anything to the contrary herein notwithstanding, all FTA mandated terms shall be deemed to control in the event of a conflict with other provisions contained in this Agreement. The Contractor shall not perform any act, fail to perform any act, or refuse to comply with any Agency requests which would cause the Agency to be in violation of the FTA terms and conditions.



6. **Energy Conservation:** *Applies to all contracts. The Recipient agrees to, and assures that its sub recipients, if any, will comply with the mandatory energy standards and policies of its state energy conservation plans under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 6201 et seq., and perform an energy assessment for any building constructed, reconstructed, or modified with federal assistance as required under FTA regulations, 'Requirements/or Energy Assessments,' 49 C.F.R. part 622, subpart C.*

The Contractor shall recognize 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 (42 USC Section 6321 et seq).



7. **Veterans Employment:** *Applies to capital projects, to the extent practicable*

As provided by 49 U.S.C. § 5325(k): a. To the extent practicable, the Contractor agrees that it:

- a. Will give a hiring preference to veterans (as defined in 5 U.S.C. § 2108), who have the skills and abilities required to perform construction work required under a third-party contract in connection with a capital project supported with funds made available or appropriated for 49 U.S.C. chapter 53, and
- b. Will not require an employer to give a preference to any veteran over any equally qualified applicant who is a member of any racial or ethnic minority, female, an individual with a disability, or a former employee, and

The Contractor also assures that its sub-recipients will:

- a. Will give a hiring preference to veterans (as defined in 5 U.S.C. § 2108), who have the skills and abilities required to perform construction work required under a third-party contract in connection with a capital project supported with funds made available or appropriated for 49 U.S.C. chapter 53, to the extent practicable, and
- b. Will not require an employer to give a preference to any veteran over any equally qualified applicant who is a member of any racial or ethnic minority, female, an individual with a disability, or a former employee.



8. **Prohibition on Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment:** *Applies to all contracts.*

The Contractor is prohibited from obligating or expending federal funds to:

- a. Procure or obtain

- b. Extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain; or
- c. Enter into a contract (or extend or renew a contract) to procure or obtain equipment, services, or systems that use covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. As described in Public Law 115-232, section 889, “covered telecommunications equipment or services” is:
 - i. Telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities)
 - ii. For the purpose of public safety, security of government facilities, physical security surveillance of critical infrastructure, and other national security purposes, video surveillance and telecommunications equipment produced by Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).
 - iii. Telecommunications or video surveillance services provided by such entities or using such equipment.
- d. Telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services produced or provided by an entity that the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of National Intelligence or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reasonably believes to be an entity owned or controlled by, or otherwise connected to, the government of a covered foreign country.

The Contractor shall not provide covered telecommunications equipment or services in the performance of this contract.



9. **Termination Provisions:** *Applies to all contracts over \$10,000.*

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 be paid its costs, including contract closeout costs, and profit on work performed up to the time of termination. The Contractor shall promptly submit its termination claim to the 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 Agency 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 only be paid the contract price for supplies delivered and accepted, or services performed in accordance with the manner of performance set forth in the contract.

If it is later determined by the 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 are 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.13

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 the Agency's satisfaction the breach or default or any of the terms, covenants, or conditions of this contract within ten [10] days after receipt by Contractor or written notice from the Agency setting forth the nature of said breach or default, the 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 the 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 the Agency elects to waive its remedies for any breach by Contractor of any covenant, term or condition of this contract, such waiver by the Agency shall not limit the Agency's remedies for any succeeding breach of that or of any other term, covenant, or condition of this contract.

This termination clause extends to all third-party contractors and their contracts at every tier and sub recipients and their subcontracts at every tier.



10. Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion: *Applies to contracts in an amount expected to equal or exceed \$25,000 or a contract award at any tier for a federally required audit (irrespective of the contract amount) must not be made to parties listed on the government-wide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 C.F.R. part 180. Recipients, contractors, and subcontractors (at any level) that enter into covered transactions are required to verify that the entity (as well as its principals and affiliates) with which they propose to contract or subcontract is not excluded or disqualified. This is done by: (a) checking the SAM exclusions; (b) collecting a certification from that person; or (c) adding a clause or condition to the contract or subcontract.*

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

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

By signing and submitting its bid or proposal, the Bidder or Proposer certifies as follows: The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact relied upon by the Agency. If it is later determined by the Agency that the Bidder or Proposer knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to remedies available to the Agency, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment. The Bidder or Proposer agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. part I 80, subpart C, as supplemented by 2 C.F.R. part I 200, while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any contract that may arise from this offer. The Bidder or Proposer further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.



11. Notice to FTA and U.S. DOT Inspector General of Information Related to Fraud, Waste, Abuse, or Other Legal Matters : *Applies to all contracts exceeding \$25,000.*

If a current or prospective legal matter that may affect the Federal Government emerges, the Contractor must promptly notify City Utilities, which will promptly notify the FTA Chief Counsel and FTA Regional Counsel for the Region in which City Utilities is located. The Contractor must 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.

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.

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 between the FTA and City Utilities, and any Amendments thereto, or the Federal Government’s administration or enforcement of federal laws, regulations, and requirements.

Additional Notice to U.S. DOT Inspector General. The Contractor must promptly notify the Agency, which will promptly notify the U.S. DOT Inspector General in addition to the FTA Chief Counsel or Regional Counsel for the Region in which the Agency is located, if the Contractor 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, bid rigging, misappropriation or embezzlement, bribery, gratuity, or similar misconduct involving federal assistance. This responsibility occurs whether the project is subject to this agreement or another agreement with the Agency involving a principal, officer, employee, agent, or Third-Party Participant of the Contractor. 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 Contractor. In this paragraph, “promptly” means to refer information without delay and without change. This notification provision applies to all divisions of the Contractor, including divisions tasked with law enforcement or investigatory functions.



12. Lobbying Restrictions: *Applies to all contracts and subcontracts of \$100,000 or more at any tier under a Federal grant. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of*

Congress in connection with this agreement, the payor must complete and submit the Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

49 C.F.R. part 20, Appendices A and B provide specific language for inclusion in FTA funded third party contracts as follows:

The undersigned certifies (Note: A separate certification will be required to be signed if the contract meets this criteria), to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

- a. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- b. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.
- c. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all sub-awards at all tiers (including subcontracts, sub-grants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all 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 section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

13. **Buy America:** *Applies to projects that involve the purchase of more than \$150,000 of iron, steel, manufactured goods, or rolling stock to be delivered to the recipient to be used in an FTA assisted project.*

The Contractor agrees to comply with 49 U.S.C. 5323(j) and 49 C.F.R. part 661, which provide that Federal funds may not be obligated unless 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) and 49 C.F.R. § 661.11.

14. **Clean Air Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act:** *Applies to all contracts exceeding \$150,000.*

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 and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended, 33 U.S.C. § 1251-

1388. 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 FTA and the appropriate EPA Regional Office.

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

The Contractor also agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA.



15. Administrative, contractual, or legal remedies in instances where contractors violate or breach contract terms, and provide for such sanctions and penalties as

appropriate: *Applies to all contracts in excess of the Simplified Acquisition Threshold (currently set at \$250,000) and those contracts shall contain administrative, contractual, or legal remedies in instances where contractors violate or breach contract terms and provide for such sanctions and penalties as appropriate.*

- a. Disputes will be presented in writing to the appropriate Agency personnel - in Fargo, the Fargo Transit Director, in Moorhead, the Moorhead Transit Manager. Agency personnel and the Contractor will attempt to resolve any dispute arising in the performance of the contract.

Fargo: If the Transit Director and Contractor cannot resolve the dispute, the issue will be presented in writing to the Fargo City Administrator within ten [10] working days of dispute. If the dispute cannot be resolved by the City Administrator, it will be submitted in writing within ten [10] working days of the Fargo City Administrator's decision to the Fargo City Commission - it is the sole responsibility of the Contractor to schedule a hearing with the Fargo City Commission. 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 at the hearing.

Moorhead: If the Transit Manager and Contractor cannot resolve the dispute, the issue will be presented in writing to the Moorhead City Manager within ten [10] working days of the dispute. If the dispute cannot be resolved by the City Manager, it will be submitted in writing within ten [10] working days of the Moorhead City Manager's decision to the Moorhead City Council - it is the sole responsibility of the Contractor to schedule a hearing with the Moorhead City Council. 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 at the hearing.

The decision of the Fargo City Commission or Moorhead City Council shall be binding upon the Contractor and the Contractor shall abide by the decision.

- b. Unless otherwise directed by the Cities of Fargo/Moorhead, the Contractor shall continue performance under this contract while matters in dispute are being resolved.
- c. Should either party to the contract suffer injury or damage to person or property because of any act or omission of the party or of any of his employees, agents or others for whose acts he is legally liable, a claim for damages therefore shall be made in writing to such other party within a reasonable time after the first observance of such injury or damage.

- d. Unless this contract provides otherwise, all claims, counterclaims, disputes and other matters in question between the Cities of Fargo and/or Moorhead and the Contractor arising out of or relating to this agreement or its breach will be decided by arbitration if the parties mutually agree, or in a court of competent jurisdiction within the applicable state.



16. **Cargo Preference:** *Applies to all contracts involving equipment, materials, or commodities that may be transported by ocean vessels.*

The Contractor agrees:

- a. to use privately owned United States-Flag commercial vessels to ship at least 50 percent of the gross tonnage (computed separately for dry bulk carriers, dry cargo liners, and tankers) involved, whenever shipping any equipment, material, or commodities pursuant to the underlying contract to the extent such vessels are available at fair and reasonable rates for United States-Flag commercial vessels;
- b. to furnish within 20 working days following the date of loading for shipments originating within the United States or within 30 working days following the date of 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.



17. **Fly America:** *Applies to the transportation of persons or property, by air, between a place in the U.S. and a place outside the U.S., or between places outside the U.S., when the FTA will participate in the costs of such air transportation.*

Definitions. As used in this clause—

"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.

"United States" means the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and outlying areas.

"U.S.-flag air carrier" means an air carrier holding a certificate under 49 U.S.C. Chapter 411.

- a. 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, recipients, 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.

- b. 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.
- c. 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]:

(End of statement)

The 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.



18. Davis-Bacon Act and Copeland Act – Prevailing Wage and Anti-Kickback: *Applies to all FTA funded contracts for all prime construction, alteration or repair contracts in excess of \$2,000. The recipient will ensure that each third-party contractor complies with all federal laws, regulations, and requirements, including:*

a. Prevailing Wage Requirements

- i. Federal transit laws, specifically 49 U.S.C. § 5333(a), (FTA 's 'Davis-Bacon Related Act");*
- ii. The Davis-Bacon Act, 40 USC. §§ 3141-3144, 3146, and 3147; and*
- iii. U.S. DOL regulations, "Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction (also Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Non-construction Contracts Subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act)," 29 C.F.R. part 5.*

b. "Anti-Kickback" Prohibitions

- i. Section 1 of the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act, as amended, 18 U.S.C. § 874;*
- ii. Section 2 of the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act, as amended, 40 USC. § 3145; and*
- iii. US. DOL regulations, "Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in part by Loans or Grants from the United States," 29 C.F.R. part 3.*

For all prime construction, alteration or repair contracts in excess of \$2,000 awarded by FTA, the Contractor shall comply with the Davis-Bacon Act and the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act. Under 49 U.S.C. § 5333(a), prevailing wage protections apply to laborers and mechanics employed on FTA assisted construction, alteration, or repair projects. The Contractor will comply with the Davis-Bacon

Act, 40 U.S.C. §§ 3141-3144, and 3146-3148 as supplemented by DOL regulations at 29 C.F.R. part 5, "Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Governing Federally Financed and Assisted Construction." In accordance with the statute, the Contractor shall pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, the Contractor agrees to pay wages not less than once a week. The Contractor shall also comply with the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (40 U.S.C. § 3145), as supplemented by DOL regulations at 29 C.F.R. part 3, "Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in part by Loans or Grants from the United States." The Contractor is prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled.



19. **Contract Work Hours & Safety Standards Act:** *Applies to all FTA funded contracts in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers. Certain employee protections apply to all FTA funded contracts with particular emphasis on construction related projects. The recipient will ensure that each third-party contractor complies with all federal laws, regulations, and requirements, including:*

a. **Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards**

- i. *Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, as amended, 40 USC. §§ 3701- 3708; and supplemented by Department of Labor (DOL) regulations, 29 C.F.R. part 5; and A-38*
- ii. *U.S. DOL regulations, "Safety and Health Regulations for Construction," 29 C.F.R. part 1926.*

b. **For Construction Contracts:**

- i. For all contracts in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers, the Contractor shall comply with the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§ 3701-3708), as supplemented by the DOL regulations at 29 C.F.R. part 5. Under 40 U.S.C. § 3702 of the Act, the Contractor shall compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer, including watchmen and guards, 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. The requirements of 40 U.S.C. § 3704 are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchase of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or to contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.
- ii. In the event of any violation of the clause set forth herein, the Contractor and any subcontractor responsible therefor shall be liable for the unpaid wages. In addition, the 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 this clause 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 this clause.

- iii. The FTA 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 this section.
- iv. The Contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in 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 this agreement.

c. **For Awards Not Involving Construction:**

- i. The Contractor shall comply with all federal laws, regulations, and requirements providing wage and hour protections for non-construction employees, in accordance with 40 U.S.C. § 3702, Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, and other relevant parts of that Act, 40 U.S.C. § 3701 et seq., and U.S. DOL regulations, "Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction (also Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Non-construction Contracts Subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act)," 29 C.F.R. part 5.
- ii. The Contractor shall maintain payrolls and basic payroll records during the course of the work and shall preserve them for a period of three (3) years from the completion of the contract for all laborers and mechanics, including guards and watchmen, working on the contract. Such records shall contain the name and address of each such employee, social security number, correct classifications, hourly rates of wages paid, daily and weekly number of hours worked, deductions made, and actual wages paid.
- iii. Such records maintained under this paragraph shall be made available by the Contractor for inspection, copying, or transcription by authorized representatives of the FTA and the Department of Labor, and the Contractor will permit such representatives to interview employees during working hours on the job.

20. **Bonding:** *The Common Grant Rules require bonds for all construction contracts exceeding the simplified acquisition threshold (exceeding \$175,000. Minnesota State Statute 574.26 limit is \$100,000) unless FTA determines that other arrangements adequately protect the Federal interest. FTA's bonding policies are as follows:*

- a. A bid guarantee from each bidder equivalent to five [5] percent of the bid price. The "bid guarantees" shall consist of a firm commitment such as a bid bond, certified check, or other negotiable instrument accompanying a bid as assurance that the bidder will, upon acceptance of his bid, execute such contractual documents as may be required within the time specified.
- b. A performance bond on the part to the Contractor for 100 percent of the contract price. A "performance bond" is one executed in connection with a contract to secure fulfillment of all the contractor's obligations under such contract.

- c. A payment bond on the part of the contractor for 100 percent of the contract price. A "payment bond" is one executed in connection with a contract to assure payment, as required by law, of all persons supplying labor and material in the execution of the work provided for in the contract. Payment bond amounts required from Contractors are as follows:
 - i. 50% of the contract price if the contract price is not more than \$1 million;
 - ii. 40% of the contract price if the contract price is more than \$1 million but not more than \$5 million; or
 - iii. \$2.5 million if the contract price is more than \$5 million.
- d. A cash deposit, certified check or other negotiable instrument may be accepted by a grantee in lieu of performance and payment bonds, provided the grantee has established a procedure to assure that the interest of FTA is adequately protected. An irrevocable letter of credit would also satisfy the requirement for a bond. Bid Bond Requirements (Construction)

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

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

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

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

The undersigned understands that any material alteration of any of the above or any of the material contained on this form, other than that requested, will render the bid unresponsive. Performance and Payment Bonding Requirements (Construction)

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

Performance bonds

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

Payment bonds

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

Performance and Payment Bonding Requirements (Non-Construction)

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

The following situations may warrant a performance bond:

- a. The Agency's property or funds are to be provided to the contractor for use in performing the contract or as partial compensation (as in retention of salvaged material).
- b. A contractor sells assets to or merges with another concern, and the Agency, after recognizing the latter concern as the successor in interest, desires assurance that it is financially capable.
- c. Substantial progress payments are made before delivery of end items starts.
- d. Contracts are for dismantling, demolition, or removal of improvements.

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

- a. The penal amount of performance bonds shall be 100 percent of the original contract price, unless the Agency determines that a lesser amount would be adequate for the protection of the Agency.
- b. The Agency may require additional performance bond protection when a contract price is increased. The increase in protection shall generally equal 100 percent of the increase in contract price.

The Agency may secure additional protection by directing the Contractor to increase the penal amount of the existing bond or to obtain an additional bond.

- c. A payment bond is required only when a performance bond is required, and if the use of payment bond is in the Agency's interest.
- d. When it is determined that a payment bond is required, the Contractor shall be required to obtain payment bonds as follows:

The penal amount of payment bonds shall equal:

- I. Fifty percent of the contract price if the contract price is not more than \$1 million;
- II. Forty percent of the contract price if the contract price is more than \$1 million but not more than \$5 million; or
- III. Two and one half million if the contract price is increased.

Advance Payment Bonding Requirements

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

Patent Infringement Bonding Requirements (Patent Indemnity)

The Contractor may be required to obtain a patent indemnity bond if a performance bond is not furnished, and the financial responsibility of the Contractor is unknown or doubtful. The Agency shall determine the amount of the patent indemnity to protect the Agency.

Warranty of the Work and Maintenance Bonds

The Contractor warrants to the Agency, the architect and/or engineer that all materials and equipment furnished under this contract will be of highest quality and new unless otherwise specified by the Agency, free from faults and defects and in conformance with the contract documents. All work not so conforming to these standards shall be considered defective. If required by the project manager, the Contractor shall furnish satisfactory evidence as to the kind and quality of materials and equipment.

The work furnished must be of first quality and the workmanship must be the best obtainable in the various trades. The work must be of safe, substantial and durable construction in all respects. The Contractor hereby guarantees the work against defective materials or faulty workmanship for a minimum period of one [1] year after final payment by the Agency and shall replace or repair any defective materials or equipment or faulty workmanship during the period of the guarantee at no cost to the Agency. As additional security for these guarantees, the Contractor shall, prior to the release of final payment, furnish separate maintenance (or guarantee) bonds in form acceptable to the Agency written by the same corporate surety that provides the performance bond and labor and material payment bond for this contract. These bonds shall secure the Contractor's obligation to replace or repair defective materials and faulty workmanship for a minimum period of one [1] year after final payment and shall be written in an amount equal to ONE HUNDRED PERCENT [100%] of the CONTRACT SUM, as adjusted (if at all).

21. EEO: *Applies to all contracts that meet the definition of "federally assisted construction contract" in 41 CFR Part 60-1.3*

All Firms will be required to follow Federal Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) policies. The Agency will affirmatively assure that on any project constructed pursuant to this advertisement, equal employment opportunity will be offered to all persons without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, and marital status, status with regard to public assistance, membership or activity in a local commission, disability, sexual orientation, or age.

22. Seismic Safety: *Applies only to contracts for the construction of new buildings or additions to existing buildings.*

The Contractor agrees that any new building or addition to an existing building will be designed and constructed in accordance with the standards for Seismic Safety required in Department of Transportation (DOT) Seismic Safety Regulations 49 C.F.R. part 41 and will certify to compliance to the extent required by the regulation. The Contractor also agrees to ensure that all work performed under this contract, including work performed by a subcontractor, is in compliance with the standards required by the Seismic Safety regulations and the certification of compliance issued on the project.

23. Transit Employee Protective Arrangements: *Applies to each contract for transit operations performed by employees of a Contractor recognized by FTA to be a transit operator.*

The Contractor agrees to comply with the following employee protective arrangements of 49 U.S.C. § 5333(b):

- a. U.S. DOL Certification. Under this contract or any amendments thereto that involve public transportation operations that are supported with federal assistance, a certification issued by U.S. DOL is a condition of the contract.
- b. Special Warranty. When the contract involves public transportation operations and is supported with federal assistance appropriated or made available for 49 U.S.C. § 5311, U.S. DOL will provide a special warranty for its award, including its award of federal assistance under the Tribal Transit Program. The U.S. DOL special warranty is a condition of the contract.
- c. Special Arrangements. The conditions of 49 U.S.C. § 5333(b) do not apply to Contractors providing public transportation operations pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 5310. FTA reserves the right to make case-by-case determinations of the applicability of 49 U.S.C. § 5333(b) for all transfers of funding authorized under title 23, United States Code (flex funds), and make other exceptions as it deems appropriate, and, in those instances, any special arrangements required by FTA will be incorporated herein as required.



24. Charter Service Operations: *Applies to contracts for operating public transportation service.*

The Contractor agrees to comply with 49 U.S.C. 5323(d), 5323(r), and 49 C.F.R. part 604, which provides that recipients and sub recipients of FTA assistance are prohibited from providing charter service using federally funded equipment or facilities if there is at least one private charter operator willing and able to provide the service, except as permitted under:

- a. Federal transit laws, specifically 49 U.S.C. § 5323(d);
- b. FTA regulations, "Charter Service," 49 C.F.R. part 604;
- c. Any other federal Charter Service regulations; or
- d. Federal guidance, except as FTA determines otherwise in writing.

The Contractor agrees that if it engages in a pattern of violations of FTA's Charter Service regulations, FTA may require corrective measures or impose remedies on it. These corrective measures and remedies may include:

- a. Barring it or any subcontractor operating public transportation under its award that has provided prohibited charter service from receiving federal assistance from FTA;
- b. Withholding an amount of federal assistance as provided by Appendix D to part 604 of FTA's Charter Service regulations; or
- c. Any other appropriate remedy that may apply.

The Contractor should also include the substance of this clause in each subcontract that may involve operating public transit services.



25. School Bus Service Operations: *Applies to contracts for operating public transportation service.*

The Contractor agrees to comply with 49 U.S.C. 5323(f), and 49 C.F.R. part 604, and not engage in school bus operations using federally funded equipment or facilities in competition with private operators of school buses, except as permitted under:

- a. Federal transit laws, specifically 49 U.S.C. § 5323(f);
- b. FTA regulations, "School Bus Operations," 49 C.F.R. part 605;
- c. Any other Federal School Bus regulations; or
- d. Federal guidance, except as FTA determines otherwise in writing.

If the Contractor violates this school bus agreement, FTA may:

- a. Bar the Contractor from receiving Federal assistance for public transportation; or
- b. Require the Contractor to take such remedial measures as FTA considers appropriate.

When operating exclusive school bus service under an allowable exemption, the Contractor may not use federally funded equipment, vehicles, or facilities.

The Contractor should include the substance of this clause in each subcontract or purchase under this contract that may operate public transportation services.



26. Substance Abuse Requirements: Drug & Alcohol Testing: *Applies to third party contractors who perform safety-sensitive functions. Contractors must comply with FTA's substance abuse management program under 49 C.F.R. part 655, "Prevention of Alcohol Misuse and Prohibited Drug Use in Transit Operations." Under 49 C.F.R. § 655.4, Safety-sensitive function means any of the following duties, when performed by employees of recipients, sub recipients, operators, or contractors:*

- a. *Operating a revenue service vehicle, including when not in revenue service;*
- b. *Operating a non-revenue service vehicle, when required to be operated by a holder of a Commercial Driver's License;*
- c. *Controlling dispatch or movement of a revenue service vehicle;*
- d. *Maintaining (including repairs, overhaul and rebuilding) a revenue service vehicle or equipment used in revenue service. This section does not apply to the following: an employer who receives funding under 49 U.S.C. § 5307 or § 5309, is in an area less than 200,000 in population, and contracts or such services; or an employer who receives funding under 49 USC § 5311 and contracts out such services.*
- e. *Carrying a firearm for security purposes.*

Additionally, third-party contractors providing testing services involving the performance of safety sensitive activities must also comply with 49 C.F.R. part 40, "Procedures for Transportation Workplace Drug and Alcohol Testing Programs."

The Contractor agrees to establish and implement a drug and alcohol testing program that complies with 49 C.F.R. part 655, produce any documentation necessary to establish its compliance with part 655, and permit any authorized representative of the United States Department of Transportation or its operating administrations, the State Oversight Agency of North Dakota and/or Minnesota, or the Cities of Fargo/Moorhead, to inspect the facilities and records associated with the implementation of the drug and alcohol testing program as required under 49 C.F.R. part 655 and review the testing process. The Contractor agrees further to certify annually its compliance with part 655 before February 1 and to submit the Management Information System (MIS) reports before February 1 to the City of Moorhead Transit Manager and City of Fargo Transit Director. To certify compliance, the Contractor shall use the "Substance Abuse Certifications" in the "Annual List of Certifications and Assurances for Federal Transit Administration Grants and Cooperative Agreements," which is published annually in the Federal Register.

27. Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement: *Applies when entering into a contract (or subcontract) with a small business firm or nonprofit organization for the performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under the FTA award. The recipient or subrecipient must comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. part 401, "Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements," and any implementing regulations issued by the awarding agency. Except in the case of an "other agreement" in which the Federal Government has agreed to take more limited rights, the Federal Government is entitled to a non-exclusive, royalty free license to use the resulting invention, or patent the invention for Federal Government purposes. The FTA has the right to:*

- a. Obtain, reproduce, publish, or otherwise use the data produced under a Federal award; and*
- b. Authorize others to receive, reproduce, publish, or otherwise use such data for Federal purposes.*

Intellectual Property Rights: This project is funded through a Federal award with FTA for experimental, developmental, or research work purposes. As such, certain Patent Rights and Data Rights apply to all subject data first produced in the performance of this contract. The Contractor shall grant the Agency intellectual property access and licenses deemed necessary for the work performed under this Agreement and in accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. part 401, "Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements," and any implementing regulations issued by FTA or U.S. DOT. The terms of an intellectual property agreement and software license rights will be finalized prior to execution of this agreement and shall, at a minimum, include the following restrictions: Except for its own internal use, the Contractor may not publish or reproduce subject data in whole or in part, or in any manner or form, nor may the Contractor authorize others to do so, without the written consent of FTA, until such time as FTA may have either released or approved the release of such data to the public. This restriction on publication, however, does not apply to any contract with an academic institution. For purposes of this agreement, the term "subject data" means recorded information whether or not copyrighted, and that is delivered or specified to be delivered as required by the contract. Examples of "subject data" include, but are not limited to computer software, standards, specifications, engineering drawings and associated lists, process sheets, manuals, technical reports, catalog item identifications, and related information, but do not include financial reports, cost analyses, or other similar information used for performance or administration of the contract.

- a. The Federal Government reserves a royalty-free, non-exclusive and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use, and to authorize others to use for "Federal Government Purposes," any subject data or copyright described below. For "Federal Government Purposes," means use only for the direct purposes of the Federal Government. Without the copyright owner's consent, the Federal Government may not extend its Federal license to any other party.
 - i. Any subject data developed under the contract, whether or not a copyright has been obtained; and
 - ii. Any rights of copyright purchased by the Contractor using Federal assistance in whole or in part by the FTA.
- b. Unless FTA determines otherwise, the Contractor performing experimental, developmental, or research work required as part of this contract agrees to permit FTA to make available to the public, either FTA 's license in the copyright to any subject data developed in the course of the contract, or a copy of the subject data first produced under the contract for which a copyright has not been obtained. If the experimental, developmental, or research work, which is the subject of this contract, is not completed for any reason whatsoever, all data developed under the contract shall become subject data as defined herein and shall be delivered as the Federal Government may direct.
- c. Unless prohibited by state law, upon request by the Federal Government, the Contractor agrees to indemnify, save, and hold harmless the Federal Government, its officers, agents, and employees acting within the scope of their official duties against any liability, including costs and expenses, resulting from any willful or intentional violation by the Contractor of proprietary rights, copyrights, or right of privacy, arising out of the publication, translation, reproduction, delivery, use, or disposition of any data furnished under that contract. The Contractor shall be required to indemnify the Federal Government for any such liability arising out of the wrongful act of any employee, official, or agents of the Federal Government.
- d. Nothing contained in this clause on rights in data shall imply a license to the Federal Government under any patent or be construed as affecting the scope of any license or other right otherwise granted to the Federal Government under any patent.
- e. Data developed by the Contractor and financed entirely without using Federal assistance provided by the Federal Government that has been incorporated into work required by the underlying contract is exempt from the requirements herein, provided that the Contractor identifies those data in writing at the time of delivery of the contract work.
- f. The Contractor agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract for experimental, developmental, or research work financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance.



28. Disadvantaged and Small Business Enterprise (DBEs): *Applies to FTA recipients receiving planning, capital and/or operating assistance that will award prime contracts (excluding transit vehicle purchases) exceeding \$250,000 in FTA funds in a Federal fiscal year.*

For all DOT-assisted contracts, each FTA recipient must include assurances that third party contractors will comply with the DBE program requirements of 49 C.F.R. part 26, when applicable. The following contract clause is required in all DOT-assisted prime and subcontracts:

The Contractor, subrecipient or subcontractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract. The Contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 49

C.F.R. part 26 in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts. Failure by the Contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract, which may result in the termination of this contract or such other remedy as the recipient deems appropriate, which may include, but is not limited to:

- a. Withholding monthly progress payments;
- b. Assessing sanctions;
- c. Liquidated damages; and/or
- d. Disqualifying the Contractor from future bidding as non-responsible. 49 C.F.R. § 26.13(b).

In connection with the performance of this service, the Contractor will cooperate with the Agency in the utilization of disadvantaged business enterprises including women-owned business enterprises for the duration of the contract and will use its best efforts to ensure that disadvantaged business enterprises have the maximum practicable opportunity to compete for subcontract work. In order to ensure that a fair proportion of the purchases of supplies and services is placed with disadvantaged business enterprises, the Contractor agrees to take affirmative action to identify disadvantaged business firms, solicit bids or quotations from them for supplies and services related to this proposal.

The Contractor agrees to meet any goals established by Agency for purchases pertaining to this contract to the best of the Contractor's ability and will provide the Agency with the necessary certification and records for reporting purposes. When the majority of the contract is labor, which is not a contracting opportunity, DBE goals will not be set but Contractors are encouraged to use DBE businesses.

The Contractor will be required to report its DBE participation obtained through race neutral means throughout the period of performance.

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.

Fostering Small Business Participation

The Agency has established a small business element to its DBE program, pursuant to 49 CFR 26.39. This program aims to provide opportunities and foster small business enterprises (SBE)/participation in contracting with the Agency. This program is race and gender-neutral, however SBEs can also count towards DBE goals.



29. Prompt Payment and Return of Retainage: *Applies to all contracts.*

Recipients must establish a contract clause to require prime Contractors to pay subcontractors for satisfactory performance of their contracts no later than 30 days (payment required within 10 days or paying interest at 1 ½ percent per Minnesota State Statute 4 71.425 subd. 4a) from receipt of each payment the recipient 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 recipient's written consent; and that, unless the recipient'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).



30. 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act: *Applies to all contracts for items designated by the EPA, when the purchaser or contractor procures \$10,000 or more of one of these items during the fiscal year or has procured \$10,000 or more of such items in the previous fiscal year, using Federal funds. These regulations apply to all procurement actions involving items designated by the EPA, where the procuring agency purchases \$10,000 or more of one of these items in a fiscal year, or when the cost of such items purchased during the previous fiscal year was \$10,000.*

The Contractor agrees to comply with all the requirements of Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6962) by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), including but not limited to the regulatory provisions of 40 CFR Part 247, and Executive Order 12873, as they apply to the procurement of the items designated in Subpart B of 40 CFR Part 247.



31. Americans with Disabilities Act Access (ADA): *Applies to all contracts.*

Introduction: 49 U.S.C. § 5301(d), which states the Federal policy that elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities have the same right as other individuals to use public transportation services and facilities, and that special efforts shall be made in planning and designing those services and facilities to implement transportation accessibility rights for elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities. The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended (ADA), 42 U.S.C. Sections 12101 *et seq.*, prohibits discrimination against qualified individuals with disabilities in programs, activities, and services, and imposes specific requirements on public and private public and private entities. Third party contractors must comply with their responsibilities under Titles I thru V of the ADA in employment, public services, public accommodations, telecommunications, and other provisions, many of which are subject to regulations issues by other Federal agencies.

a) **Rolling Stock Accessibility:** Rolling stock must comply with the accessibility requirements of DOT regulations, "Transportation Services for Individuals with Disabilities (ADA)," 49 CFR Part 37, and Joint ATBCB/DOT regulations, "Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Accessibility Specifications for Transportation Vehicles," 36 CFR Part 1192 and 49 CFR Part 38. Vehicles acquired (with limited exceptions) should be accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities, including individuals using wheelchairs;



b) **Purchased Transportation Services Accessibility:** A third party contractor providing public transportation services must operate its services in compliance with 42 U.S.C. Sections 12101 *et seq.* and DOT regulations, "Transportation Services for Individuals with Disabilities (ADA)," using facilities and equipment that comply with 49 CFR Part 37; and Joint ATBCB/DOT regulations, "Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Accessibility Specifications for Transportation Vehicles," 36 CFR Part 1192 and 49 CFR Part 38. Private entities must comply with the requirements of 49 CFR Part 37 applicable to public entities with which they contract to provide public transportation services. MART advises its third party contractors operating public transportation services to review the requirements for public entities in this context which include but are not limited to:



a. **Complementary Paratransit Service:** Requirements that public entities providing fixed-route service provide complementary paratransit service to individuals with disabilities who cannot use the fixed-route system.

b. Equal Opportunity: Requirements for service with service requirements intended to ensure that individuals with disabilities are afforded equal opportunity to use transportation systems and services.



c) Design and Construction Accessibility: Facilities to be used in public transportation systems and service must comply with 42 U.S.C. Sections 12101 *et seq.* and DOT regulations, "Transportation Services for Individuals with Disabilities (ADA), "49 CFR Part 37; and Joint ATBCB/DOT regulations, "Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Accessibility Specifications for Transportation Vehicles, " 36 CFR Part 1192 and 49 CFR Part 38. Notably, DOT incorporated by reference the ATBCB's Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines" (ADAAG), revised July 2004, which include accessibility guidelines for buildings and facilities, and are incorporated into Appendix A to 49 CFR Part 37. DOT also added specific provisions to Appendix A modifying the ADAAG, with the result that buildings and facilities must comply with both the ADAAG and amendments thereto in Appendix A to 49 CFR Part 37.



32. Assignability Clause: *Applies to all contracts.*

Procurements through assignments: Neither the Agency nor the Contractor shall assign or transfer any of its rights or obligations hereunder without the prior written consent of the other.



33. Program Fraud & False or Fraudulent Statements & Related Acts: *Applies to all third-party contracts that are federally funded.*

- a. The Contractor acknowledges that the provisions of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986, as amended, 31 U.S.C. 3801 *et seq.* and U.S. DOT regulations, "Program Fraud Civil Remedies," 49 C.F.R. Part 31, apply to its actions pertaining to this project. Upon execution of the underlying contract, the Contractor certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of any statement it has made, it makes, it may make, or causes to be made, pertaining to the underlying contract or the FTA assisted project for which this contract work is being performed. In addition to other penalties that may be applicable, the Contractor further acknowledges that if it makes, or causes to be made, a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission or certification, the Federal Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986 on the Contractor to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.
- b. The Contractor also acknowledges that if it makes, or causes to be made, a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, or certification to the Federal Government under a contract connected with a project that is financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance originally awarded by FTA under the authority of 49 U.S.C. chapter 53, the Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and 49 U.S.C. § 5323(1) on the Contractor, to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.
- c. The Contractor agrees to include the above two clauses in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA. It is further agreed that the clauses shall not be modified, except to identify the subcontractor who will be subject to the provisions.



34. Bus Testing: *Applies only to the purchase or lease of any new bus model, or any bus model with a major change in configuration or components to be acquired or leased with funds obligated by FTA. Recipients are responsible for determining whether a vehicle to be acquired*

requires full or partial testing or has already satisfied the bus testing requirements by achieving a passing test score in accordance with 49 C.F.R. part 665. Recipients must certify compliance with FTA 's bus testing requirements in all grant applications for FTA funding for bus procurements.

The Contractor [Manufacturer] agrees to comply with the Bus Testing requirements under 49 U.S.C. 5318(e) and FT A's implementing regulation at 49 C.F.R. part 665 to ensure that the requisite testing is performed for all new bus models or any bus model with a major change in configuration or components, and that the bus model has achieved a passing score. Upon completion of the testing, the contractor shall obtain a copy of the bus testing reports from the operator of the testing facility and make that report(s) publicly available prior to final acceptance of the first vehicle by the recipient.



35. Pre-Award and Post-Delivery Audits of Rolling Stock Purchases: *Applies to the purchase of revenue service rolling stock with FTA funds and must comply with the pre-award and post-delivery audit requirements set forth in 49 U.S.C. 5323(111) and supplemented by 49 C.F.R. part 663.*

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



36. Safe Operation of Motor Vehicles: *Applies to all federally funded third party contracts.*

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 Contactor owns, leases, or rents, or a privately-owned vehicle when on official business in connection with the work performed under this agreement.



37. Recycled Products: *Applies to all third party contractors and their contracts at every tier and subrecipients and their subcontracts at every tier where the value of an EPA designated item exceeds \$10,000. Applies to States and local governmental authorities to provide a competitive preference to products and services that conserve natural resources, protect the environment, and are energy efficient. Recipients are required to procure only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 C.F.R. part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired during the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000.*

The Contractor agrees to provide a preference for those products and services that conserve natural resources, protect the environment, and are energy efficient by complying with and facilitating compliance with Section 6002 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 6962, and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), "Comprehensive Procurement Guideline for Products Containing Recovered Materials," 40 C.F.R. part 247.