



Bid Instructions  
Forward Fuel Purchase Contracts  
City of Fargo  
Feb 2, 2024

RFP24111

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 third and fourth 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 Feb 21, 2024, 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 Feb 23, 2024 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](mailto:bdow@FargoND.gov) [AErickson@FargoND.gov](mailto:AErickson@FargoND.gov) [JMSmith@FargoND.gov](mailto: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**

### **The day before a bid is due**

A trial will be scheduled the day before the bid date to ensure e-mails with a PDF attachment are not stripped or held up by any security or firewalls.

### **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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:AErickson@FargoND.gov)

Jordan Smith  
Fleet & Facilities Manager Transit  
650 23<sup>rd</sup> St. North  
Fargo, ND 58102  
(701) 476-8940  
[JMSmith@FargoND.gov](mailto:JMSmith@FargoND.gov)

**City of Fargo Fuel Bid for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of 2024**  
**Due by 9:00 AM Central Time, Feb 23, 2024**  
**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>3rd Quarter (July 1 – Sep 30)</u>	<u>Gallons</u>	<u>Cost/Gallon</u>
#2 Diesel Fuel	135,000	_____
No-Lead Ethanol 87 Octane	71,000	_____
<u>4th Quarter (Oct 1 – Dec 31)</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>	\$ _____
	412,000	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 80px; height: 20px; vertical-align: middle;"></span></b>

Demurrage Charge per hour **after** the first hour \_\_\_\_\_

**Vendor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Time:** \_\_\_\_\_



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 subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

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

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

# **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  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ 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			
<b>3rd Quarter</b>				
1	July 1 – Sept 30	135,000	#2 Diesel Fuel	
2	July 1 – Sept 30	71,000	No-lead Ethanol 87 Octane	
<b>4th Quarter</b>				
3	Oct 1 – Dec 31	135,000	#2 Diesel Fuel	
4	Oct 1 – Dec 31	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.

**Notices:**

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

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

Buyer: City of Fargo  
225 4<sup>th</sup> ST. N  
Fargo, ND 58102

**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.

**Applicable Federal Clauses**

Only to the extent any of the following sections are applicable to a contract of the nature herein contemplated, the following shall apply:

### **No Government Obligation to Third Parties:**

The Buyer 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 Buyer, Contractor, or any other party (whether or not a party to that contract) pertaining to any matter resulting from the underlying contract.

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

### **Program Fraud & False or Fraudulent Statements & Related Acts:**

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 cause 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.

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.

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.

### **Access to Records and Reports:**

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.

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.

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.

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.

### **Federal Changes:**

Contractor shall at all times comply with all applicable FTA regulations, policies, procedures and directives, including without limitation those listed directly or by reference in the Master Agreement between Buyer and FTA, and they may be amended or promulgated from time to time during the term of this contract. Contractor's failure to so comply shall constitute a material breach of this contract.

### **Civil Rights and Equal Opportunity:**

The City of Fargo is an Equal Opportunity Employer. As such, the City of Fargo agrees to comply with all applicable Federal civil rights laws and implementing regulations. Apart from inconsistent requirements imposed by Federal laws or regulations, the City of Fargo 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

### **Termination Provisions:**

The City reserves the right to terminate this agreement for cause by written notices to the Contractor. Cause for termination will be documented failure(s) of the Contractor to provide services in the quantity and/or quality required by the agreement. Contractor will, within ten (10) days, correct the failure or present the City with a plan to correct the failure. In the event Contractor does not correct failure or complete its plan to correct failure, then the City may terminate this agreement by notifying Contractor of date of

termination. Said termination shall not diminish the City of Fargo's rights under law or equity.

This Contract may be terminated for cause by either party upon seven (7) days' written notice in the event of substantial failure to perform through no fault of the terminating party.

In the event of any termination, City of Fargo shall pay the agreed rate only for services delivered up to the date of termination. City of Fargo has no obligation to Contractor, of any kind, after the date of termination.

**Disadvantaged and Small Business Enterprise:**

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

Further, recipients must establish a contract clause to require prime contractors to pay subcontractors for satisfactory performance of their contracts no later than 30 days 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).

In connection with the performance of this service, the Contractor will cooperate with the City of Fargo 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 insure that disadvantaged business enterprises have the maximum practicable opportunity to compete for subcontract work. In order to insure 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 City of Fargo for purchases pertaining to this Contract to the best of the Contractor's ability and will provide the City of Fargo 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 City of Fargo 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 City of Fargo.

Fostering Small Business Participation. The City of Fargo 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 City of Fargo. This program is race- and gender- neutral, however SBEs can also count towards DBE goals.

#### **Incorporation of FTA Terms:**

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 City of Fargo requests, which would cause City of Fargo to be in violation of the FTA terms and conditions.

#### **Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion:**

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 180, subpart C, as supplemented by 2 C.F.R. part 1200, while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any contract that may arise from this offer. The bidder or proposer further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

#### **Breach of Contract and Dispute Resolution:**

Disputes: Disputes arising in the performance of this Contract which are not resolved by agreement of the parties shall be decided in writing by the authorized representative of the City, the City Administrator. This decision shall be final and conclusive unless within ten (10) calendar days from the date of receipt of its copy, the Contractor mails or otherwise furnishes a written appeal to the Fargo City Commission, 225 4<sup>th</sup> Street N, Fargo, ND 58102. A hearing will be scheduled with the Fargo City Commission at the next regularly scheduled meeting. 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 said hearing. The decision of the Fargo City Commission shall be binding upon the Contractor and the Contractor shall abide by the decision.

Performance During Dispute: Unless otherwise directed by the City, Contractor shall continue performance under this Contract while matters in dispute are being resolved.

Claims of Damages: Should either party to the Contract suffer injury or damage to person or property because of any act or omission of the party or of any of his employees, agents or others for whose acts he is legally liable, a claim for damages therefore shall be made in writing to such other party within a reasonable time after the first observance of such injury of damage.

Remedies: Unless this contract provides otherwise, all claims, counterclaims, disputes and other matters in question between the City and the Contractor arising out of or relating to this agreement or its breach will be decided by arbitration if the parties mutually agree, or in a court of competent jurisdiction within the State of North Dakota.

Rights and Remedies: The duties and obligations imposed by this Agreement/Contract and the rights and remedies available thereunder shall be in addition to and not a limitation of any duties, obligations, rights and remedies otherwise imposed or available by law. No action or failure to act by the City or Contractor shall constitute a waiver of any right or duty afforded any of them under the Contract, nor shall any such action or failure to act constitute an approval of or acquiescence in any breach thereunder, except as may be specifically agreed in writing.

### **Lobbying Restrictions:**

The Proposer certifies that: No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the Proposer, 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 the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person 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.

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

### **Clean Air and Federal Water Pollution Control Act:**

The Contractor agrees:

It will not use any violating facilities;

It will report the use of facilities placed on or likely to be placed on the U.S. EPA "List of Violating Facilities;"

It will report violations of use of prohibited facilities to FTA; and

It will comply with the inspection and other requirements of the Clean Air Act, as amended, (42 U.S.C. §§ 7401 – 7671q); and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended, (33 U.S.C. §§ 1251-1387).

**Contract Work Hours & Safety Standards Act:**

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.

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.

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.

The contractor shall require the inclusion of the language of this clause within subcontracts of all tiers.

**Substance Abuse Requirements: Drug and Alcohol Testing:**

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 or the City of Fargo, 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 the start of the contract period and to submit the Management Information System (MIS) reports before the start of the contract to the City of Fargo Fleet Manager. 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*.

**Energy Conservation:**

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).

**Safe Operation of Motor Vehicles:**

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

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

**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 \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

CONTRACTOR

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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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 Feb 23, 2024**. 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 Transit Fleet and Facilities Manager 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 Transit Fleet & Facilities Manager, 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 Transit Fleet & Facilities Manager, 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.

b) Other Remedies

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