#### Yuma County Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority (YCIPTA)

#### NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

#### Name of Project: FINANCIAL AUDITING SERVICES

#### 1. Introduction

Yuma County Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority (hereafter known as YCIPTA) is seeking sealed bids, proposals or statements of qualifications (hereinafter collectively referred to as "proposals") in the manner specified herein from certified public accounting to provide independent annual audit services. The audit shall comply with Governmental Accounting, Auditing and Financial Reporting (GAAFR), and Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). The audit shall be conducted in accordance with Generally Accepted Audit Standards (GAAS); the standards for financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; the Single Audit Act of 1984; the provisions of OMB Circular A-128, "Audits of State and Local Governments"; and other pertinent OMB Circulars issued since. The contract to be awarded to the winning proposer (Contractor) shall cover the audit of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2018, June 30, 2019 and June 30, 2020.

The term of the resulting contract will be for the audit of three (3) fiscal years, beginning on July 1, 2018 and ending on June 30, 2020. YCIPTA, at it's option, may renew the contract for two (2) additional one (1) year periods.

## 2. YCIPTA Contact Persons

All questions related to this **<u>RFP</u> and the bid process** must be sent via email and should be directed to:

## **Shelly Kreger**

#### Email: <a href="mailto:skreger@ycipta.az.gov">skreger@ycipta.az.gov</a>

Interested proposers must submit substantive questions, comments, and concerns **in writing** by email to the contact persons identified above if they desire additional information on the project. YCIPTA will not answer questions via telephone in order to ensure fairness in the provision of project information among all prospective proposers. Written questions must be received no later than the deadlines specified in the Schedule of Events. Questions will be answered in writing and when necessary, a frequently asked questions document will be released to registered proposers.

#### 3. Nature of the Purchase

The specifications and descriptions of the work and materials required are described in the attached "Specifications, Scope of Work or Requirements" that accompanies this Notice.

#### 4. Preparation of Proposal

4.1 It is the responsibility of the proposer to examine the entire solicitation and to seek clarification of any requirement that may not be clear. This solicitation includes the YCIPTA's "Standard Terms and Conditions" and any "Special Terms and Conditions" for this project, both of which will be incorporated into any contract between YCIPTA and the Contractor.

4.2 YCIPTA will not reimburse any costs incurred in developing, presenting or providing this proposal. All materials and documents submitted in response become the property of YCIPTA and will not be returned.

4.3 A proposal that is submitted to YCIPTA becomes a public record. If the proposer believes that any information included in a proposal should remain confidential, the proposer must specifically identify that information and its reasons. In the event of any public request for this information, YCIPTA will provide the proposer with notice of this request and a reasonable opportunity to obtain a court order, at the proposer's sole expense, protecting this information from release prior to making it available.

4.4 The specifications stated in this solicitation are the minimum level required. All proposals submitted must be for products or services that meet or exceed the minimum level of all such specifications.

4.5 If brand names or specific products are identified in the specifications, the proposer may propose substantially equivalent alternatives. For any such proposal, the proposer must submit technical literature or detailed production information sufficient to allow YCIPTA to evaluate the nature of the proposed product.

4.6 Prices shall be submitted on a per unit basis, by line item, when applicable. The prices offered should not include applicable state and local taxes. YCIPTA will reimburse the Contractor for applicable transaction or sales taxes, provided that they are separately identified in any invoice. The Contractor will be responsible for the payment of all applicable taxes.

4.7 Any exceptions that are included with the proposal shall be submitted in a clearly identified separate statement by which the proposer specifically identifies the precise terms to which any exception is made and describes any alternative offer, if applicable. Any exception that is not clearly identified will be without force and effect. An attached preprinted form of contract or the proposer's standard terms will not be considered to be a specific statement of exception.

## 5. Submission of the Proposal

- 5.1 Proposals must be in the actual possession of YCIPTA on or prior to the exact time and date indicated in the Schedule of Events. Late proposals will not be considered.
- 5.2 Proposals must be submitted via email with the following information in the title or body of the email:
  - a. Name of the Solicitation, as indicated by YCIPTA; and
  - b. Name and address of the proposer.
- 5.3 A proposal may be withdrawn upon the submission of a written, signed request submitted by the proposer prior to the due date and time. A proposal may not be amended or withdrawn after the due date and time.

## 6. Award of the Contract

- 6.1 YCIPTA reserves the right to waive any immaterial defect or informality in a proposal; to reject any or all submittals or portions thereof; to reissue this Notice; and to award this contract on a partial basis, if in the best interests of YCIPTA.
- 6.2 Unless otherwise stated, this contract will be awarded to the best value responsive, responsible bidder who has demonstrated the ability to perform as required. Factors that will be considered in making this award include technical capability of the proposer, performance history, demonstrated availability of the necessary people and equipment, price and timeliness of the performance.

## 7. Certification

- 7.1 By signing and submitting this proposal, the proposer certifies that this submission did not involve any collusion or other anti-competitive practice; that the Contractor will not discriminate against any employee, applicant, or customer in violation of applicable state and federal law; and that the proposer has not given, offered to give and will not give any economic opportunity, future employment, gift, loan, gratuity, trip, favor or discount to any YCIPTA employee or official in connection with this proposal.
- 7.2 The proposer further certifies that the individual signing this proposal has the authority to make a binding legal commitment on behalf of the proposer to perform and deliver everything that is required in connection with this proposal. Unless otherwise stated in the contract documents, the proposal shall be effective for a period of thirty (30) days.

## SPECIFICATIONS, SCOPE OF WORK OR REQUIREMENTS

## INTRODUCTION

The Yuma County Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority (YCIPTA) was formed on December 13, 2010 by the Yuma County Board of Supervisors to administer, plan, operate and maintain public transit services throughout Yuma County, including within the political jurisdictional boundaries of the Cities of Yuma, San Luis, Somerton, Town on Wellton and the unincorporated Yuma County areas.

Yuma County Area Transit (YCAT) is the marketing name for the YCIPTA and the fixed route transit system. YCAT Oncall, formerly known as Greater Yuma Area Dial-A-Ride, is the marketing name for the demand responsive transit system. YCAT began in 2002 as a rebranded effort from what was previously known as Valley Transit. Greater Yuma Area Dial-A-Ride began in 1999 and was the county's first public transportation service. The Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization (YMPO) has been the administrator of public transit service in Yuma County since 1999 utilizing Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding that has been available to the Yuma Urbanized Area since 1980 when the urbanized area exceeded 50,000 in population. As of July 2012, YCIPTA is now the administrator of YCAT.

YCAT operates eleven fixed routes and a demand responsive service throughout the southwestern quadrant of Yuma County and portions of eastern Imperial County with limited services to El Centro, California. YCAT generally operates Monday-Friday from 5:50 am to approximately 7:30 pm with headways every 45 to 60 minutes and on Saturday from 9:15 am to 6:30 pm with headways every 60 to 120 minutes. There is no service on Sundays or major holidays at this time. These services are provided under a contractual arrangement with RAPT Dev USA, LLC.

YCAT is currently operating 31 buses. 22 buses are powered by diesel and used on YCAT fixed routes. 6 small buses and 3 vans are powered by gasoline and used on YCAT OnCall and neighborhood YCAT routes. All buses and vans are owned by YCIPTA and were purchased with FTA and ADOT funding.

The books of YCIPTA are maintained on a local area network utilizing QuickBooks. YCIPTA currently reports on the accrual basis of accounting, in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments and Non-Profit Organizations. YCIPTA receives funding from it the U.S. Federal Transit Agency (FTA) and funding passed through from Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), its partner organizations, fares and advertising.

The Finance Department consists of: Shelly Kreger, Transit Director Chona Medel, Financial Services Operations Manager

YCIPTA has 6 employees with an annual payroll of approximately \$400 thousand. YCIPTA operates on a fiscal year basis, which starts on July 1 and ends on June 30. The Single Audit

for fiscal year June 30, 2017 completed with no findings. We anticipate being able to continue this level of conformity and compliance in subsequent years.

## STATEMENT OF WORK

The successful firm shall accomplish the following:

- 1. Submit project schedules, coordinate details and identify principal contacts for single point communications.
- 2. Will be expected to audit all revenues and expenditures of YCIPTA in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of American; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance), the U.S Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 audits of State and Local Governments and Non-Profit Organizations and Arizona Revised Statutes 28-9142, as applicable. The audit firm will render their auditors' report on the basic financial statements. The auditor will also review and help prepare the Management's Discussion and Analysis and a supplemental schedule fully identifying all YCIPTA revenues by source including the original source on pass through funds.
- 3. Will perform a Single Audit (if required) on the expenditures of federal grants in accordance with OMB Circular A-133 and render the appropriate audit reports on Internal Control over Financial Reporting based upon the audit of YCIPTA's financial statements in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and the appropriate reports on compliance with Requirements Applicable to each Major Program, Internal Control over Compliance and on the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards in Accordance with OMB Circular A-133. The single audit report will include appropriate schedule of expenditures of federal awards, footnotes, findings and questioned costs, including reportable conditions and material weaknesses, and follow up on prior audit findings where required.
- 4. Issue a separate "management letter" that includes recommendations for improvements in internal control, accounting procedures and other significant observations that are considered to be non-reportable conditions. Prior to issuance of the final management letter, the auditor shall deliver a draft copy to YCIPTA for review and management's responses.
- 5. Coordinate adjustments with YCIPTA staff and submit an auditor's opinion on the combined financial statements within the time frames required by the office of the State Auditor General.

The successful firm shall perform all audits using the most current version of each of the following:

- Generally accepted auditing standards as set forth by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants;
- The standards applicable to financial audits contained in the Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States;
- The provisions of the Single Audit Act as amended;
- The provisions of U. S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133, Audits of State and Local Governments and Non-Profit Organizations;
- State of Arizona requirements regarding audits for intergovernmental public transportation authorities as defined in A.R.S. 28-9142.

## SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING THE PROPOSAL AND THE EVALUATION

#### **Proposal Format**

A digital copy shall be submitted in the format specified in the Request for Proposal. The material should be in sequence and related to the RFP. YCIPTA shall not provide any reimbursement for the cost of developing or presenting proposals in response to this RFP. Failure to include the requested information may have a negative impact on the evaluation of the respondent's proposal.

## **Evaluation Criteria**

An evaluation committee of two or more persons, established by YCIPTA, will assess the Proposals received. The committee may elect to award to a Proposal without further discussion or may determine that no Proposer meets the needs of YCIPTA.

During the evaluation process and selection process, committee members may not disclose information from one Proposer to another Proposer. All information provided by Proposers shall remain confidential after the conclusion of the procurement process, to the extent possible by law.

The evaluation committee will review and analyze each Proposal. Proposals will be evaluated and scored per the following criteria:

Evaluation Factors	Max Points	Quality Level	Score
References (10 points each – Past Performance Surveys)	30		30
Schedule of Fees	40		40
Staffing and Availability	30		30
TOTAL POSSIBLE			100

Max points \* Quality Level = Score

Quality Level	Points	Description
Excellent	100%	Meets all requirements.
Good	75%	Meets all requirements; strengths and weaknesses, if any, tend to offset one another equally.
Fair	50%	Does not meet all requirements; strengths and weaknesses do not offset one another equally.
Poor	25%	Serious doubt exists about ability to meet needs but may be sufficient; significant weaknesses without offsetting strengths.
Deficient	0	Will not meet minimum needs.

The Quality Level will be based on the following scoring method:

#### **Discussion and Best and Final Offers**

After the initial receipt and evaluation of proposals, discussions may be conducted with respondents who submit proposals determined to be the most responsive, which most closely meet the requirements of the Statement of Work, and which are the candidates most likely of being selected for award. YCIPTA, at its option, may request best and final offers from a selected firm or firms regarding the Statement of Work and/or fees.

## Award of Contract

YCIPTA managers shall recommend the contract be awarded to the responsible respondent whose proposal is most advantageous to YCIPTA, based on the evaluation criteria listed above. Cost shall not be the sole determining criterion. The final decision shall be made by the Transit Director.

## **Requirements for Proposal Evaluation**

All respondents, in order for their proposal to be considered, must provide the following information:

#### 1. **Qualifications and Experience**

The respondent shall identify all members of the proposed audit team, along with each member's, or subcontractor's, qualification, job responsibilities and experience. The respondent shall identify any specialized education received in municipal auditing. This element of the proposal shall address the team's experience on similar projects, and the relevant experience of subcontractors. Respondent shall also submit an estimate of YCIPTA staff time required for this project.

#### 2. **Project Schedule**

The respondent shall provide an implementation schedule for providing these services, illustrating how the tasks will be scheduled and accomplished. Also, the respondent shall explain/describe the availability and time commitment of key staff and provide a man-hour estimate for each task identified to complete this project. The respondent shall describe and /or explain the methodology used on similar projects for scheduling staff to accomplish work tasks.

#### 3. Fee Schedule

The respondent must provide a firm fixed fee for all services. In addition, the respondent must provide a listing and fee schedule for the various team members and subcontractors. The fee schedule must reflect direct labor hours, wages, overhead and profit amounts that are summed into a total proposed annual cost. If fee is to change yearly, fee for years 2 thru 5 need to be included.

#### 4. **References**

The respondent shall provide a synopsis of the firm's experience and expertise, an outline of similar projects completed, a list of client references, a biographical sketch of the firm, and required certifications.

#### **OFFER TO YCIPTA:**

The undersigned hereby offers and agrees to furnish the materials and/ or services requested in compliance with all of the terms, conditions, specifications, and other descriptions of the work associated with this proposal. The proposer certifies that he or she has read, understands and will fully and faithfully comply with this contract, its attachments and any referenced documents. The proposer also certifies that the prices offered were independently developed without consultation with any of the other bides or potential bidders.

Authorized Signature

Date

Deliver to: Shelly Kreger, Transit Director YCIPTA (Yuma County Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority) 2715 E. 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Yuma, Arizona 85365 Email: skreger@ycipta.az.gov W: 928.539-7076 ext. 101

# **Schedule of Events**

Event:	Date
Request for Proposals issued by YCIPTA	June 28, 2018
Deadline for receipt of written questions and requests for addenda	July 9, 2018
YCIPTA responses and/or addenda issued	July 13, 2018
Proposals due – 4:00 p.m. Arizona Time	July 25, 2018
YCIPTA reviews proposals	July 26-30, 2018
YCIPTA holds interviews, if needed	July 26-30, 2018
Letters to respondents	July 31, 2018
Approval of contract by YCIPTA Board of Directors	August
PROPOSER Begins Service	August

## ESTIMATED TIME FRAME (Subject to change without notice)

# **ADOT - State Clauses**

#### **Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE)**

The SUBRECIPIENT receiving DOT-assisted transportation funds through ADOT must adopt and implement ADOT's DBE Program Plan, ADOT's DBE policy, DBE contract specifications and forms as a condition of receiving federal funds. ADOT Subrecipients/Subgrantees of federal funds must comply with ADOT DBE Plan and may not have a plan independent from ADOT.

The ADOT DBE Program Plan and LPA/SUBRECIPIENT DBE Guidelines are located online at http://www.azdot.gov/business/business-engagement-and-compliance and are herein incorporated by reference.

#### **Non-Discrimination**

The SUBRECIPIENT will not exclude any person from participation in, deny any person the benefits of, or otherwise discriminate against anyone in connection with the award and performance of any contract covered by 49 CFR Part 26 on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin, age, or disability.

In compliance with the ADOT DBE Program Plan, the SUBRECIPIENT/SUBGRANTEE shall not, directly or through contractual or other arrangements, use criteria or methods of administration that have the effect of defeating or substantially impairing accomplishment of the objectives of the DBE program. The SUBRECIPIENT will not exclude any person from participation in, deny any person the benefits of, or otherwise discriminate against anyone in connection with the award and performance of any contract covered by 49 CFR Part 26 on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin, age, or disability.

The SUBRECIPIENT shall take all necessary actions required under 49 CFR Part 26 to ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts.

By executing this Agreement, the SUBRECIPIENT, agrees to perform the following minimum DBE Program Compliance Required Activities:

FTA Funded Projects	Item Number	Item / Requirement
$\checkmark$		
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	1	Designate a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Liaison Officer (DBELO), responsible for adopting and implementing ADOT's DBE Program Plan; acting as the single point of contact for DBE compliance.
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	2	Adhere to the ADOT DBE Program Plan and concomitant procedures.
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	3	Follow ADOT's guidelines and procedures, and use the forms developed by ADOT to implement its DBE program.
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	4	Participate in training conducted by ADOT related to DBE requirements and program regulations
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<b>√</b>	5	Require firms that work on DOT-assisted contracts to register in AZ UTRACS.
$\checkmark$	6	Encourage small firms to register as an SBC (Small Business Concern) via the AZ UTRACS web portal.
√ √	7	Utilize certified DBEs found in the AZ UTRACS web portal.
·	8	Include the DBE contract goal as provided by ADOT BECO for FHWA-funded (and Race-Neutral Agency Voluntary Participation Goal for FTA-funded) contract bid advertisement, bid package, statement of qualification, request for proposal or other solicitation documents.
√	9	Include applicable DBE contract specifications as provided by ADOT in all DOT-assisted contract bid advertisements, bid packages, statements of qualification, requests for proposal or other solicitation documents.
	10	The SUBRECIPIENT shall confirm good faith by the contractor or determine any action required in response to the contractor submission of a verifiable explanation of the discrepancy in the DBE System as early as practicable but in no case later than seven days after reviewing relevant documentation.
$\checkmark$	11	No later than 15 calendar days after Notice of Procurement Award to a Vendor/Contractor, the SUBRECIPIENT shall enter the name, contact information, and subcontract amounts for all Contracts with federal funding participation associated with this Grant Agreement.
$\checkmark$	12	No later than 15 days after the end of each month, report payments to prime contractors within the ADOT Local Public Agencies DBE Reporting System located at www.arizonalpa.dbesystem.com.
~	13	Submit contract data in support of monthly, semi-annual and annual federal reporting submission made by ADOT. Subrecipients/Subgrantees, Certification Acceptance Agencies and LPAs are required to use the ADOT Local Public Agencies DBE System, via www.arizonalpa.dbesystem.com
✓	14	Monitor and enforce that contractors enter and report subcontractor payments by the last day of each month in the LPA DBE System and that Prompt Payment of DBEs and other subcontractors are monitored and enforced. Monitoring is accomplished through the LPA audit process and its notifications.
~	15	<ul> <li>Monitor and ensure Contractor compliance with DBE policies and regulations, including with the ADOTs concurrence, deems appropriate, which may include, but is not limited to:</li> <li>Withholding payments;</li> <li>Assessing sanctions;</li> <li>Liquidated damages; and/or</li> </ul>
√	16	<ul> <li>Disqualifying the contractor from future bidding on the grounds of being non-responsible.</li> <li>ADOT may conduct project site visits to ensure all DBEs are meeting a Commercially Useful Function (CUF) on each DOT-assisted contract. Any DBE determined to not be performing a commercially useful function will be notified by the SUBRECIPIENT within seven calendar days of the decision. In the event that the DBE appeals the decision to ADOT's Business Engagement and Compliance Office, the decision remains in effect unless and until ADOT BECO reverses or modifies Grantee decision. ADOT BECO will promptly consider any appeals and notify the contractor of the ADOT BECO findings and decisions. Decisions on CUF matters are not administratively appealable to USDOT.</li> </ul>
·	17	Implement monitoring and enforcement mechanisms to enforce the terms of the contract, including application of applicable sanctions, as needed, for payment reporting, prompt payment, DBE termination/substitution and not meeting the DBE contract goal.

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✓ ✓	18	Follow DBE contract specification to notify ADOT BECO and ADOT PM in writing to secure ADOT BECO's approval prior to any termination, substitution, or reduction of work of a committed DBE firm used to meet the contract goal.
	19	Monitor DBE utilization on projects and notifying ADOT BECO as soon as Subrecipient/Subgrantee is aware of a potential issue that may affect DBE commitments made at award.
$\checkmark$	20	Ensure that all DBE Certification of Final Payment Forms are submitted by contractors within 30 days of subcontractor completing the work and submit a copy to ADOT BECO.
V	21	Ensure timely contract closeout by ensuring all subcontractor payments are reported in the DBE System, closeout contracts in the LPA DBE reporting system, and complete all mandatory reporting requirements in the LPA DBE system by April 1st and October 1st of each year.
✓	22	Part of the proposal submission during a formal procurement (RFP, IFB, etc.), the Grantee must incorporate receipt of a bidder's list into the responsiveness / susceptible for award determination. FAILURE TO SUBMIT THE REQUIRED BIDDERS/PROPOSERS LIST TO THE GRANTEE PROCUREMENT OFFICE BY THE STATED TIME AND IN THE MANNER HEREIN SPECIFIED SHALL BE CAUSE FOR THE BIDDER BEING DEEMED INELIGIBLE FOR AWARD OF THE CONTRACT.
<b>√</b>	23	Cooperate with ADOT or DOT audits and site visits for DBE regulation and contract compliance; providing access to procedures; project files; and enabling onsite interviews with contracting, financial, DBE compliance, and project staff.
<b>√</b>	24	Each contract you sign with a contractor or consultant and each subcontract a prime signs with a subcontractor must include the following assurance:
~	24.a	<ul> <li>A vendor/contractor/consultant/subcontractor/subconsultant (herein after referred to as "contractor") shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract. The contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 in the award and administration of USDOT-assisted contracts. Failure by the contractor to carry out these requirements represents a material breach of this contract, which may result in the termination of this contract or such other remedy as the Grantee, with the Department's concurrence, deems appropriate, which may include, but is not limited to:</li> <li>Withholding payments;</li> <li>Assessing sanctions;</li> <li>Liquidated damages; and/or</li> <li>Disqualifying the contractor from future bidding on the grounds of being non-responsible.</li> </ul>
$\checkmark$	24.b	Each contractor shall establish a program that will ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of contracts and subcontracts.
√ √	24.c	Each contractor shall designate a full time employee who shall be responsible for the administration of the contractor's DBE program.
	24.d	Each contractor shall prohibit agreements in which a DBE promises not to provide subcontracting quotations to other bidders.
√ √	24.e	Subcontract Payment Reporting in the DBE system:
	24.e.1	The Arizona Department of Transportation (the Department) is required to collect data on DBE and non-DBE participation, including lower tier subcontracts, to report to FTA on Federal-aid projects. The contractor is notified that such record keeping is required by the Department for tracking DBE participation on both race neutral and race conscious projects (i.e. projects with and without DBE goals).

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√ √	24.e.2	The contractor shall respond to Subrecipient payment audits reported each month electronically through the Department's web-based payment tracking system (https://adot.dbesystem.com), reporting its payments to all DBEs and non-DBE subcontractors working on the project. In addition, the contractor shall require that all DBE and non-DBE subcontractors, shall also respond to its audits and report lower-tier subcontractor payments in the same manner.
	24.e.3	If, by the DBE system audit deadline, the contractor has not submitted the required report for work performed during the preceding month, or the submitted report failed to include all amounts earned by and paid to all DBEs and non-DBEs, including all lower-tier DBE and non-DBE subcontractors, the Project Manager will work with the ADOT MPD Program Manager to determine if sanctions should be assessed. These liquidated damages shall be in addition to all other reductions or liquidated damages provided for elsewhere in the contract.
<b>√</b>	24.f	The contractor shall include these provisions in all of its subcontracts, and ensure that its subcontractors include these provisions in any lower-tier subcontracts.
$\checkmark$	24.g	Any language provided in this Agreement DBE Section supersedes language provided by ProcurementPro for FTA-funded contracting requirements.
	25	Submit all FHWA DOT-assisted contracts to ADOT to be assessed for a DBE goal.
	26	Notify the ADOT PM and ADOT Business Engagement and Compliance Office (BECO) in writing immediately following DOT-assisted project a) bid opening of architect & engineering, design, or construction low bidder or b) selected professional services when the contractor and/or consultant indicates on the DBE Assurance Form that the DBE contract goal cannot be met.
	27	Submit all Good Faith Effort documentation to ADOT BECO for review and concurrence prior to awarding of DOT-assisted contracts.
	28	Collect DBE Affidavits (FHWA-funded contracts only), bidder/proposer list confirmation email and all other ADOT required forms and submit to ADOT BECO in accordance with the applicable FHWA Compliance Checklist MPOs and COGs available at website www.azdot.gov/bec:
	29	Ensure the receipt of Bid Verification Notice from ADOT BECO prior to contract award.
	30	Prior to final payment on any Project with a designated DBE goal, the SUBRECIPIENT shall determine whether the consultant met the designated DBE goal. Where the goal was not met, the SUBRECIPIENT must forward the written determination document and a copy of the final invoice to the ADOT MPD Liaison/Project Manager, who will work with the BECO compliance office to determine if a sanction is required. In the event a sanction is required, the SUBRECIPIENT will reduce the final payment on the Project by the fee, copying the vendor with the sanction notice provided by ADOT.

# **Federal Clauses**

## **Fly America Requirements**

Applicability – all contracts involving transportation of persons or property, by air between the U.S. and/or places outside the U.S. These requirements do not apply to micro-purchases (\$3,500 or less, except for construction contracts over \$2,000).

Contractor shall comply with 49 USC 40118 (the "Fly America" Act) in accordance with General Services Administration regulations 41 CFR 301-10, stating that recipients and subrecipients of Federal funds and their contractors are required to use US Flag air carriers for US Government-financed international air travel and transportation of their personal effects or property, to the extent such service is available, unless travel by foreign air carrier is a matter of necessity, as defined by the Fly America Act. Contractor shall submit, if a foreign air carrier was used, an appropriate certification or memorandum adequately explaining why service by a US flag air carrier was not available or why it was necessary to use a foreign air carrier and shall, in any event, provide a certificate of compliance with the Fly America requirements. Contractor shall include the requirements of this section in all subcontracts that may involve international air transportation.

## **Energy Conservation**

All Contracts except micro-purchases (\$3,500 or less, except for construction contracts over \$2,000) Contractor shall comply with mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency, stated in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy & Conservation Act.

## Access to Records and Reports

Applicability – As shown below. These requirements do not apply to micro-purchases (\$3,500 or less, except for construction contracts over \$2,000) The following access to records requirements apply to this Contract:

- 1. Where the purchaser is not a State but a local government and is an FTA recipient or a subgrantee of FTA recipient in accordance with 49 CFR 18.36(i), contractor shall provide the purchaser, the FTA, the US Comptroller General or their authorized representatives access to any books, documents, papers and contractor records which are pertinent to this contract for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts and transcriptions. Contractor shall also, pursuant to 49 CFR 633.17, provide authorized FTA representatives, including any PMO contractor, access to contractor's records and construction sites pertaining to a capital project, defined at 49 USC 5302(a)1, which is receiving FTA assistance through the programs described at 49 USC 5307, 5309 or 5311.
- 2. Where the purchaser is a State and is an FTA recipient or a subgrantee of FTA recipient in accordance with 49 CFR 633.17, contractor shall provide the purchaser, authorized FTA representatives, including any PMO Contractor, access to contractor's records and

construction sites pertaining to a capital project, defined at 49 USC 5302(a)1, which receives FTA assistance through the programs described at 49 USC 5307, 5309 or 5311. By definition, a capital project excludes contracts of less than the simplified acquisition threshold currently set at \$150,000.

- 3. Where the purchaser enters into a negotiated contract for other than a small purchase or under the simplified acquisition threshold and is an institution of higher education, a hospital or other non-profit organization and is an FTA recipient or a subgrantee of FTA recipient in accordance with 49 CFR 19.48, contractor shall provide the purchaser, the FTA, the US Comptroller General or their authorized representatives, access to any books, documents, papers and record of the contractor which are directly pertinent to this contract for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts and transcriptions.
- 4. Where a purchaser which is an FTA recipient or a subgrantee of FTA recipient in accordance with 49 USC 5325(a) enters into a contract for a capital project or improvement (defined at 49 USC 5302(a)1) through other than competitive bidding, contractor shall make available records related to the contract to the purchaser, the Secretary of USDOT and the US Comptroller General or any authorized officer or employee of any of them for the purposes of conducting an audit and inspection.
- 5. Contractor shall permit any of the foregoing parties to reproduce by any means whatsoever or to copy excerpts and transcriptions as reasonably needed.
- 6. Contractor shall maintain all books, records, accounts and reports required under this contract for a period of 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 contractor agrees to maintain same until the recipient, FTA Administrator, US Comptroller General, or any of their authorized representatives, have disposed of all such litigation, appeals, claims or exceptions related thereto. Re: 49 CFR 18.39(i)(11).

FTA does not require the inclusion of these requirements in subcontracts.

## **Federal Changes**

All Contracts except micro-purchases (\$3,500 or less, except for construction contracts over \$2,000)

Contractor shall 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 purchaser and FTA, as they may be amended or promulgated from time to time during the term of the contract. Contractor's failure to comply shall constitute Yuma County Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority

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a material breach of the contract.

#### No Government Obligation to Third Parties

Applicability – All contracts except micro-purchases (\$3,500 or less, except for construction contracts over \$2,000)

- (1) The recipient and contractor acknowledge and agree that, notwithstanding any concurrence by the US Government in or approval of the solicitation or award of the underlying contract, absent the express written consent by the US Government, the US Government is not a party to this contract and shall not be subject to any obligations or liabilities to the recipient, the contractor, or any other party (whether or not a party to that contract) pertaining to any matter resulting from the underlying contract.
- (2) Contractor agrees to include the above clause in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with FTA assistance. It is further agreed that the clause shall not be modified, except to identify the subcontractor who will be subject to its provisions.

#### Program Fraud and False or Fraudulent Statements or Related Acts

Applicability – All contracts except micro-purchases (\$3,500 or less, except for construction contracts over \$2,000)

- (1) Contractor acknowledges that the provisions of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986, as amended, 31 USC 3801 et seq. and USDOT regulations, "Program Fraud Civil Remedies," 49 CFR 31, apply to its actions pertaining to this project. Upon execution of the underlying contract, 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 FTA assisted project for which this contract work is being performed. In addition to other penalties that may be applicable, contractor further acknowledges that if it makes, or causes to be made, a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submittal, or certification, the US Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act (1986) on contractor to the extent the US Government deems appropriate.
- (2) If contractor makes, or causes to be made, a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submittal, or certification to the US Government under a contract connected with a project that is financed in whole or in part with FTA assistance under the authority of 49 USC 5307, the Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of 18 USC 1001 and 49 USC 5307(n)(1) on contractor, to the extent the US Government deems appropriate.
- (3) Contractor shall include the above two clauses in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with FTA assistance. The clauses shall not be modified, except to identify the subcontractor who will be subject to the provisions.

## Termination

Applicability – All Contracts over \$10,000, except contracts with nonprofit organizations and institutions of higher learning, where the threshold is \$150,000

- a. Termination for Convenience (General Provision) the recipient may terminate this contract, in whole or in part, at any time by written notice to contractor when it is in the recipient's best interest. Contractor shall be paid its costs, including contract close-out costs, and profit on work performed up to the time of termination. Contractor shall promptly submit its termination claim to the recipient. If contractor is in possession of any of the recipient's property, contractor shall account for same, and dispose of it as the recipient directs.
- b. Termination for Default [Breach or Cause] (General Provision) If contractor does not deliver items in accordance with the contract delivery schedule, or, if the contract is for services, and contractor fails to perform in the manner called for in the contract, or if contractor fails to comply with any other provisions of the contract, the recipient may terminate this contract for default. Termination shall be affected by serving a notice of termination to contractor setting forth the manner in which contractor is in default. Contractor shall only be paid the contract price for supplies delivered and accepted, or for services performed in accordance with the manner of performance set forth in the contract. If it is later determined by the recipient that 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 contractor, the recipient, after setting up a new delivery or performance schedule, may allow contractor to continue work, or treat the termination as a termination for convenience.
- c. Opportunity to Cure (General Provision) the recipient in its sole discretion may, in the case of a termination for breach or default, allow contractor an appropriately short period of time in which to cure the defect. In such case, the notice of termination shall state the time period in which cure is permitted and other appropriate conditions

If contractor fails to remedy to the recipient'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 recipient setting forth the nature of said breach or default, the recipient 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 recipient from also pursuing all available remedies against contractor and its sureties for said breach or default.

d. Waiver of Remedies for any Breach In the event that the recipient elects to waive its remedies for any breach by contractor of any covenant, term or condition of this Contract, such waiver by the recipient shall not limit its remedies for any succeeding breach of that or of any other term, covenant, or condition of this Contract.

- e. Termination for Convenience (Professional or Transit Service Contracts) the recipient, by written notice, may terminate this contract, in whole or in part, when it is in the recipient's interest. If the contract is terminated, the recipient shall be liable only for payment under the payment provisions of this contract for services rendered before the effective date of termination.
- f. Termination for Default (Supplies and Service) If contractor fails to deliver supplies or to perform the services within the time specified in this contract or any extension or if the contractor fails to comply with any other provisions of this contract, the recipient may terminate this contract for default. The recipient shall terminate by delivering to contractor a notice of termination specifying the nature of default. Contractor shall only be paid the contract price for supplies delivered and accepted, or services performed in accordance with the manner or performance set forth in this contract.

If, after termination for failure to fulfill contract obligations, it is determined that contractor was not in default, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if termination had been issued for the recipient's convenience.

g. Termination for Default (Transportation Services) If contractor fails to pick up the commodities or to perform the services, including delivery services, within the time specified in this contract or any extension or if contractor fails to comply with any other provisions of this contract, the recipient may terminate this contract for default. The recipient shall terminate by delivering to contractor a notice of termination specifying the nature of default. Contractor shall only be paid the contract price for services performed in accordance with the manner of performance set forth in this contract.

If this contract is terminated while contractor has possession of the recipient goods, contractor shall, as directed by the recipient, protect and preserve the goods until surrendered to the recipient or its agent. Contractor and the recipient shall agree on payment for the preservation and protection of goods. Failure to agree on an amount shall be resolved under the Dispute clause. If, after termination for failure to fulfill contract obligations, it is determined that contractor was not in default, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if termination had been issued for the recipient's convenience.

h. Termination for Default (Construction) If contractor refuses or fails to prosecute the work or any separable part, with the diligence that will insure its completion within the time specified, or any extension, or fails to complete the work within this time, or if contractor fails to comply with any other provisions of this contract, the recipient may terminate this contract for default. the recipient shall terminate by delivering to contractor a notice of termination specifying the nature of default. In this event, the recipient may take over the work and compete it by contract or otherwise, and may take possession of and use any materials, appliances, and plant on the work site necessary for completing the work. Contractor and its sureties shall be liable for any damage to the recipient resulting from contractor's refusal or failure to complete the work within specified time, whether or not contractor's right to proceed with the work is terminated. This liability includes any increased costs incurred by the recipient in completing the work.

Contractor's right to proceed shall not be terminated nor shall contractor be charged with damages under this clause if:

- 1. Delay in completing the work arises from unforeseeable causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of contractor. Examples of such causes include: acts of God, acts of the recipient, acts of another contractor in the performance of a contract with the recipient, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, freight embargoes; and
- 2. Contractor, within 10 days from the beginning of any delay, notifies the recipient in writing of the causes of delay. If in the recipient's judgment, delay is excusable, the time for completing the work shall be extended. The recipient's judgment shall be final and conclusive on the parties, but subject to appeal under the Disputes clauses.

If, after termination of contractor's right to proceed, it is determined that contractor was not in default, or that the delay was excusable, the rights and obligations of the parties will be the same as if termination had been issued for the recipient's convenience.

i. Termination for Convenience or Default (Architect & Engineering) the recipient may terminate this contract in whole or in part, for the recipient's convenience or because of contractor's failure to fulfill contract obligations. The recipient shall terminate by delivering to contractor a notice of termination specifying the nature, extent, and effective date of termination. Upon receipt of the notice, contractor shall (1) immediately discontinue all services affected (unless the notice directs otherwise), and (2) deliver to the recipient all data, drawings, specifications, reports, estimates, summaries, and other information and materials accumulated in performing this contract, whether completed or in process. If termination is for the recipient's convenience, it shall make an equitable adjustment in the contract price but shall allow no anticipated profit on unperformed

services. If termination is for contractor's failure to fulfill contract obligations, the recipient may complete the work by contact or otherwise and contractor shall be liable for any additional cost incurred by the recipient.

If, after termination for failure to fulfill contract obligations, it is determined that contractor was not in default, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if termination had been issued for the recipient's convenience.

j. Termination for Convenience or Default (Cost-Type Contracts) the recipient may terminate this contract, or any portion of it, by serving a notice or termination on contractor. The notice shall state whether termination is for convenience of the recipient or for default of contractor. If termination is for default, the notice shall state the manner in which contractor has failed to perform the requirements of the contract. Contractor shall account for any property in its possession paid for from funds received from the recipient, or property supplied to contractor by the recipient. If termination is for default, the recipient may fix the fee, if the contract provides for a fee, to be paid to contractor in proportion to the value, if any, of work performed up to the time of termination. Contractor shall promptly submit its termination claim to the recipient and the parties shall negotiate the termination settlement to be paid to contractor. If termination is for the recipient's convenience, contractor shall be paid its contract close- out costs, and a fee, if the contract provided for payment of a fee, in proportion to the work performed up to the time of termination.

If, after serving a notice of termination for default, the recipient determines that contractor has an excusable reason for not performing, such as strike, fire, flood, events which are not the fault of and are beyond the control of contractor, the recipient, after setting up a new work schedule, may allow contractor to continue work, or treat the termination as a termination for convenience.

#### **Government Wide Debarment and Suspension (Non Procurement)**

The Recipient agrees to the following: (1) It will comply with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. part 180, subpart C, as adopted and supplemented by U.S. DOT regulations at 2 C.F.R. part 1200, which include the following: (a) It will not enter into any arrangement to participate in the development or implementation of the Project with any Third Party Participant that is debarred or suspended except as authorized by: 1 U.S. DOT regulations, "Nonprocurement Suspension and Debarment," 2 C.F.R. part 1200, 2 U.S. OMB, "Guidelines Governmentwide Debarment to Agencies on and Suspension (Nonprocurement)," 2 C.F.R. part 180, including any amendments thereto, and 3 Executive Orders Nos. 12549 and 12689, "Debarment and Suspension," 31 U.S.C. § 6101 note, (b) It will review the U.S. GSA "System for Award Management," http://https.www.sam.gov,.proxy1.semalt.design if required by U.S. DOT regulations, 2 C.F.R. part 1200, and (c) It will include, and require each of its Third Party Participants to include, a similar provision in each lower tier covered transaction, ensuring that each lower

tier Third Party Participant: 1 Will comply with Federal debarment and suspension requirements, and 2 Reviews the "System for Award Management" at http://https.www.sam.gov,.proxy1.semalt.design if necessary to comply with U.S. DOT regulations, 2 C.F.R. part 1200, and (2) If the Recipient suspends, debars, or takes any similar action against a Third Party Participant or individual, the Recipient will provide immediate written notice to the: (a) FTA Regional Counsel for the Region in which the Recipient is located or implements the Project, (b) FTA Project Manager if the Project is administered by an FTA Headquarters Office, or (c) FTA Chief Counsel,

## **Contracts Involving Federal Privacy Act Requirements**

When a grantee maintains files on drug and alcohol enforcement activities for FTA, and those files are organized so that information could be retrieved by personal identifier, the Privacy Act requirements apply to all contracts except micro-purchases (\$3,500 or less, except for construction contracts over \$2,000)

The following requirements apply to the Contractor and its employees that administer any system of records on behalf of the Federal Government under any contract:

- (1) The Contractor agrees to comply with, and assures the compliance of its employees with, the information restrictions and other applicable requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a. Among other things, the Contractor agrees to obtain the express consent of the Federal Government before the Contractor or its employees operate a system of records on behalf of the Federal Government. The Contractor understands that the requirements of the Privacy Act, including the civil and criminal penalties for violation of that Act, apply to those individuals involved, and that failure to comply with the terms of the Privacy Act may result in termination of the underlying contract.
- (2) The Contractor also agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract to administer any system of records on behalf of the Federal Government financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA.

#### **Civil Rights Requirements**

Applicability - All contracts except micro-purchases (\$3,500 or less, except for

construction contracts over \$2,000) The following requirements apply to the underlying

contract:

The Recipient understands and agrees that it must comply with applicable Federal civil rights laws and regulations, and follow applicable Federal guidance, except as the Federal Government determines otherwise in writing. Therefore, unless a Recipient or Program, including an Indian Tribe or the Tribal Transit Program, is specifically exempted from a Yuma County Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority

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civil rights statute, FTA requires compliance with that civil rights statute, including compliance with equity in service:

a. Nondiscrimination in Federal Public Transportation Programs. The Recipient agrees to, and assures that each Third-Party Participant will, comply with Federal transit law, 49 U.S.C. § 5332 (FTA's "Nondiscrimination" statute):

(1) FTA's "Nondiscrimination" statute prohibits discrimination on the basis of: (a) Race, (b) Color, (c) Religion, (d) National origin, (e) Sex, (f) Disability, (g) Age, or (h) Gender identity and (2) The FTA "Nondiscrimination" statute's prohibition against discrimination includes: (a) Exclusion from participation, (b) Denial of program benefits, or (c) Discrimination, including discrimination in employment or business opportunity, (3) Except as FTA determines otherwise in writing: (a) General. Follow: 1 The most recent edition of FTA Circular 4702.1, "Title VI Requirements and Guidelines for Federal Transit Administration Recipients," to the extent consistent with applicable Federal laws, regulations, and guidance, and

2 Other applicable Federal guidance that may be issued, but (b) Exception for the Tribal Transit Program. FTA does not require an Indian Tribe to comply with FTA program-specific guidelines for Title VI when administering its projects funded under the Tribal Transit Program,

b. Nondiscrimination – Title VI of the Civil Rights Act. The Recipient agrees to, and assures that each Third Party Participant will: (1) Prohibit discrimination based on: (a) Race, (b) Color, or (c) National origin, (2) Comply with: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq., (b) U.S. DOT regulations, "Nondiscrimination in Federally-Assisted Programs of the Department of Transportation – Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964," 49 C.F.R. part 21, and (c) Federal transit law, specifically 49 U.S.C. § 5332, as stated in the preceding section a, and (3) Except as FTA determines otherwise in writing, follow: (a) The most recent edition of FTA Circular 4702.1, "Title VI and Title VI-Dependent Guidelines for Federal Transit Administration Recipients," to the extent consistent with applicable Federal laws, regulations, and guidance. (b)

U.S. DOJ, "Guidelines for the enforcement of Title VI, Civil Rights Act of 1964," 28 C.F.R. § 50.3, and (c) Other applicable Federal guidance that may be issued,

c. Equal Employment Opportunity. (1) Federal Requirements and Guidance. The Recipient agrees to, and assures that each Third Party Participant will, prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin, and: (a) Comply with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e et seq., (b) Facilitate compliance with Executive Order No. 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity," as amended by Executive Order No. 11375, "Amending Executive Order No. 11246, Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity," 42 U.S.C. § 2000e note, (c) Comply with

Federal transit law, specifically 49 U.S.C. § 5332, as stated in section a, and (d) Comply with other applicable EEO laws and regulations, as provided in Federal guidance, including laws and regulations prohibiting discrimination on the basis of disability, except as the Federal Government determines otherwise in writing, (2) General. The Recipient agrees to: (a) Ensure that applicants for employment are employed and employees are treated during employment without discrimination on the basis of their: 1 Race, 2 Color, 3 Religion, 4 Sex, 5 Disability, 6 Age, or 7 National origin, (b) Take affirmative action that includes, but is not limited to: 1 Recruitment advertising, 2 Recruitment, 3 Employment, 4 Rates of pay, 5 Other forms of compensation, 6 Selection for training, including apprenticeship, 7 Upgrading, 8 Transfers, 9 Demotions, 10 Layoffs, and 11 Terminations, but (b) Indian Tribe. Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, exempts Indian Tribes under the definition of "Employer".

(3) Equal Employment Opportunity Requirements for Construction Activities. In addition to the foregoing, when undertaking "construction" as recognized by the U.S. Department of Labor (U.S. DOL), the Recipient agrees to comply, and assures the compliance of each Third Party Participant, with: (a) U.S. DOL regulations, "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor," 41 C.F.R. chapter 60, and (b) Executive Order No. 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity," as amended by Executive Order No. 11375, "Amending Executive Order No. 11246, Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity," 42 U.S.C. § 2000e note,

d. Disadvantaged Business Enterprise. To the extent authorized by applicable Federal law, the Recipient agrees to facilitate, and assures that each Third-Party Participant will facilitate, participation by small business concerns owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals, also referred to as "Disadvantaged Business Enterprises" (DBEs), in the Project as follows: 1) Requirements. The Recipient agrees to comply with:

(a) Section 1101(b) of MAP-21, 23 U.S.C. § 101 note, (b) U.S. DOT regulations, "Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in Department of Transportation Financial Assistance Programs," 49 C.F.R. part 26, and (c) Federal transit law, specifically 49 U.S.C. § 5332, as stated in section a, (2) Assurance. As required by 49 C.F.R.

§ 26.13(a), (b) DBE Program Requirements. Recipients receiving planning, capital and/or operating assistance that will award prime third-party contracts exceeding \$250,000 in a Federal fiscal year must: 1 Have a DBE program meeting the requirements of 49 C.F.R. part 26, 2 Implement a DBE program approved by FTA, and 3 Establish an annual DBE participation goal, (c) Special Requirements for a Transit Vehicle Manufacturer. The Recipient understands and agrees that each transit vehicle manufacturer, as a condition of being authorized to bid or propose on FTA-assisted transit vehicle procurements, must certify that it has complied with the requirements of 49 C.F.R. part 26, (d) the Recipient

provides assurance that: The Recipient shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the award and performance of any DOT-assisted contract or in the administration of its DBE program or the requirements of 49 C.F.R. part 26. The Recipient shall take all necessary and reasonable steps under 49 C.F.R. part 26 to ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts. The Recipient's DBE program, as required by 49 C.F.R. part 26 and as approved by DOT, is incorporated by reference in this agreement. Implementation of this program is a legal obligation and failure to carry out its terms shall be treated as a violation of this agreement. Upon notification to the Recipient of its failure to carry out its approved program, the Department may impose sanctions as provided for under 49

C.F.R. part 26 and may, in appropriate cases, refer the matter for enforcement under 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and/or the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986, 31 U.S.C. § 3801 et seq.,

(2) Exception for the Tribal Transit Program. FTA exempts Indian tribes from the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise regulations at 49 C.F.R. part 26 under MAP-21 and previous legislation,

e. Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex. The Recipient agrees to comply with Federal prohibitions against discrimination on the basis of sex, including: (1) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, 20

U.S.C. § 1681 et seq., (2) U.S. DOT regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance," 49 C.F.R. part 25, and (3) Federal transit law, specifically 49

U.S.C. § 5332, as stated in section a,

f. Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Age. The Recipient agrees to comply with Federal prohibitions against discrimination on the basis of age, including: (1) The Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA), 29 U.S.C. §§ 621 – 634, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age, (2) U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (U.S. EEOC) regulations, "Age Discrimination in Employment Act," 29 C.F.R. part 1625, which implements the ADEA, (3) The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 6101 et seq., which prohibits discrimination against individuals on the basis of age in the administration of programs or activities receiving Federal funds, (4) U.S. Health and Human Services regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Age Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance," 45 C.F.R. part 90, which implements the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and (5) Federal transit law, specifically 49 U.S.C. §

g. Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability. The Recipient agrees to comply with the following Federal prohibitions pertaining to discrimination against seniors or individuals with disabilities: (1) Federal laws, including:

(a) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, 29 U.S.C. § 794, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in the administration of federally funded programs or activities, (b) The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq., which requires that accessible facilities and services be made available to individuals with disabilities, 1 General. Titles I, II, and III of the ADA apply to FTA Recipients, but 2 Indian Tribes. While Titles II and III of the ADA apply to Indian Tribes, Title I of the ADA exempts Indian Tribes from the definition of "employer," (c) The Architectural Barriers Act of 1968, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 4151 et seq., which requires that buildings and public accommodations be accessible to individuals with disabilities, (d) Federal transit law, specifically 49 U.S.C. § 5332, which now includes disability as a prohibited basis for discrimination, and (e) Other applicable laws and amendments pertaining to access for elderly individuals or individuals with disabilities, (2) Federal regulations, including: (a) U.S. DOT regulations, "Transportation Services for Individuals with Disabilities (ADA)," 49 C.F.R. part 37, (b) U.S. DOT regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in Programs and Activities Receiving or Benefiting from Federal Financial Assistance," 49 C.F.R. part 27, (c) U.S. DOT regulations, "Transportation for Individuals with Disabilities: Passenger Vessels," 49 C.F.R. part 39, (d) Joint U.S. Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (U.S. ATBCB) and U.S. DOT regulations, "Americans With Disabilities (ADA) Accessibility Specifications for Transportation Vehicles," 36 C.F.R. part 1192 and 49 C.F.R. part 38, (e) U.S. DOJ regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in State and Local Government Services," 28 C.F.R. part 35, (f) U.S. DOJ regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability by Public Accommodations and in Commercial Facilities," 28 C.F.R. part 36, (g) U.S. EEOC, "Regulations to Implement the Equal Employment Provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act," 29 C.F.R. part 1630, (h) U.S. Federal Communications Commission regulations, "Telecommunications Relay Services and Related Customer Premises Equipment for Persons with Disabilities," 47 C.F.R. part 64, Subpart F, (i) U.S. ATBCB regulations, "Electronic and Information Technology Accessibility Standards," 36 C.F.R. part 1194, and (j) FTA regulations, "Transportation for Elderly and

Handicapped Persons," 49 C.F.R. part 609, and (3) Other applicable Federal civil rights and nondiscrimination guidance,

h. Drug or Alcohol Abuse - Confidentiality and Other Civil Rights Protections. The Recipient agrees to comply with the confidentiality and civil rights protections of: (1) The Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972, as amended, 21 U.S.C. § 1101 et seq., (2)

The Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 4541 et seq., and (3) The Public Health Service Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 290dd – 290dd-2,

i. Access to Services for People with Limited English Proficiency. Except as the Federal Government determines otherwise in writing, the Recipient agrees to promote accessibility of public transportation services to people whose understanding of English is limited by following: 1) Executive Order No. 13166, "Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency," August 11, 2000, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d-1 note, and (2) U.S. DOT Notice, "DOT Policy Guidance Concerning Recipients' Responsibilities to Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Persons," 70 Fed. Reg. 74087, December 14, 2005,

j. Other Nondiscrimination Laws. Except as the Federal Government determines otherwise in writing, the Recipient agrees to: (1) Comply with other applicable Federal nondiscrimination laws and regulations, and (2) Follow Federal guidance prohibiting discrimination.

k. Remedies. Remedies for failure to comply with applicable Federal Civil Rights laws and Federal regulations may be enforced as provided in those Federal laws or Federal regulations.

## Patent and Rights in Data

Contracts Involving Experimental, Developmental, or Research Work (\$3,500 or less, except for construction contracts over \$2,000).

Patent Rights

A. General. The Recipient agrees that:

(1) Depending on the nature of the Project, the Federal Government may acquire patent rights when the Recipient or Third Party Participant produces a patented or patentable: (a) Invention, (b) Improvement, or (c) Discovery, (2) The Federal Government's rights arise when the patent or patentable information is: (a) Conceived under the Project, or (b) Reduced to practice under the Project, and (3) When a patent is issued or patented information becomes available as described in Patent Rights section A(2), the Recipient agrees to: (a) Notify FTA immediately, and (b) Provide a detailed report satisfactory to FTA,

B. Federal Rights. The Recipient agrees that:

(1) Its rights and responsibilities, and the rights and responsibilities of each Third Party Participant, in that federally funded invention, improvement, or discovery will be determined as provided by applicable Federal laws, regulations, and guidance, including any waiver thereof, and (2) Unless the Federal Government determines otherwise in writing, irrespective of the Recipient's status or the status of any Third Party Participant as a large business, a small business, a State government, a State instrumentality, a local government, an Indian tribe, a nonprofit organization, an institution of higher education, or an individual, the Recipient agrees to transmit the Federal Government's patent rights to FTA as specified in: (a) 35 U.S.C. § 200 et seq., and (b) U.S. Department of Commerce regulations, "Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements," 37 C.F.R. part 401, and

C. License Fees and Royalties. As permitted by 49 C.F.R. parts 18 and 19:

(1) License fees and royalties for patents, patent applications, and inventions derived from the Project are program income, and (2) The Recipient has no obligation to the Federal Government with respect to those license fees or royalties, except: (a) For compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 200 et seq., which applies to patent rights developed under a federally funded research-type project, and (b) As FTA determines otherwise in writing.

Rights in Data and Copyrights

A. Definition of "Subject Data." means recorded information: (1) Copyright. Whether or not copyrighted, and (2) Delivery. That is delivered or specified to be delivered under the Underlying Agreement,

B. Examples of "Subject Data." Examples of "subject data": (1) Include, but are not limited to:

(a) Computer software, (b) Standards, (c) Specifications, (d) Engineering drawings and associated lists, (e) Process sheets, (f) Manuals, (g) Technical reports, (h) Catalog item identifications, and (i) Related information, but

- (2) Do not include: (a) Financial reports,
- (b) Cost analyses, or (c) Other similar information used for Project administration,

C. General Federal Restrictions. The following restrictions apply to all subject data first produced in the performance of the Recipient's Project supported by the Underlying Agreement: (1) Prohibitions. The Recipient may not: (a) Publish or reproduce any subject data in whole or in part, or in any manner or form, or (b) Permit others to do so, but (2) Exceptions. The prohibitions of Rights in Data and Copyrights C(1) do not apply to: (a) Publications or reproductions for the Recipient's own internal use, (b) An institution of higher learning, (c) The portion of subject data that the Federal Government has previously released or approved for release to the public, or (d) The portion of data that has the Federal Government's prior written consent for release,

D. Federal Rights in Data and Copyrights. The Recipient agrees that: (1) License Rights. The Recipient must provide a license to its "subject data" to the Federal Government, which license is: (a) Royalty-free, (b) Non- exclusive, and (c) Irrevocable, (2) Uses. The Federal Government's license must permit the Federal Government to take the following actions provided those actions are taken for Federal Government purposes: (a) Reproduce the subject data, (b) Publish the subject data, (c) Otherwise use the subject data, and (d) Permit other entities or individuals to use the subject data, and

E. Special Federal Rights in Data for Research, Development, Demonstration, Deployment, and Special Studies Projects. In general, FTA's purpose in providing Federal funds for a research, development, demonstration, deployment, or special studies Project is to increase transportation knowledge, rather than limit the benefits of the Project to the Recipient and its Third-Party Participants, therefore, the Recipient agrees that: (1) Publicly Available Report. When the Project is completed, it must provide a Project report that FTA may publish or make available for publication on the Internet, (2) Other Reports. It must provide other reports pertaining to the Project that FTA may request, (3) Availability of Subject Data. FTA may make available to any FTA Recipient or any of its Third-Party Participants at any tier of the Project, either FTA's copyright license to the subject data or a copy of the subject data, except as the Federal Government determines otherwise in writing, (4) Identification of Information. It must identify clearly any specific confidential, privileged, or proprietary information submitted to FTA, (5) Incomplete Project. If the Project is not completed for any reason whatsoever, all data developed under the Project becomes "subject data" and must be delivered as the Federal Government may direct, but (6) Exception. Rights in Data and Copyrights Section E does not apply to an adaptation of automatic data processing equipment or program that is both: (a) For the

Recipient's use, and (b) Acquired with FTA capital program funding,

F. License Fees and Royalties. As permitted by 49 C.F.R. parts 18 and 19: (1) License fees and royalties for copyrighted material or trademarks derived from Project are program income, and

(2) The Recipient has no obligation to the Federal Government with respect to those license fees or royalties, except: (a) For compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 200 et seq., which applies to patent rights developed under a federally funded research-type project, and (b) As FTA determines otherwise in writing,

G. Hold Harmless. Upon request by the Federal Government, the Recipient agrees that:(1) Violation by Recipient. (a) If it willfully or intentionally violates any: 1 Proprietary rights, 2 Copyrights, or 3 Right of privacy, and

(b) Its violation occurs from any of the following uses of Project data: 1 Publication, 2 Translation, 3 Reproduction, 4 Delivery, 5 Use, or 6 Disposition, then (c) It will indemnify, save, and hold harmless against any liability, including costs and expenses of: 1 The Federal Government's officers acting within the scope of their official duties,

2 The Federal Government's employees acting within the scope of their official duties, and 3 Federal Government's agents acting within the scope of their official duties, but (2) Exceptions. The Recipient will not be required to indemnify the Federal Government for any liability described in Rights in Data and Copyrights section G(1) if: (a) Violation by Federal Officers, Employees or Agents. The violation is caused by the wrongful acts of Federal employees or agents, or (b) State law. If indemnification is prohibited or limited by applicable State law,

H. Restrictions on Access to Patent Rights. Nothing in this Rights in Data and Copyrights section pertaining to rights in data either: (1) Implies a license to the Federal Government under any patent, or (2) May be construed to affect the scope of any license or other right otherwise granted to the Federal Government under any patent,

1. Data Developed Without Federal Funding or Support. The Recipient understands and agrees that in certain circumstances it may need to provide data developed without any Federal funding or support to FTA. Nevertheless: (1) Protections. Rights in Data and Copyrights Sections A, B, C, and D generally do not apply to data developed without Federal funding, even though that data may have been used in connection with the Project, and (2) Identification of Information. The Recipient understands and agrees that the Federal Government will not be able to protect data developed without Federal funding from unauthorized disclosure unless that data is clearly marked "Proprietary" or "Confidential," and

- J. Requirements to Release Data. The Recipient understands and agrees that the Federal Government may be required to release Project data and information the Recipient submits to the Federal Government as required by:
  - (1) The Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552,

(2) Another applicable Federal law requiring access to Project records, (3) U.S. DOT regulations, "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Other Non-Profit Organizations," specifically 49 C.F.R. § 19.36(d), or

(4) Other applicable Federal regulations and guidance pertaining to access to Project records.

## **Disadvantaged Business Enterprise**

Contracts over \$3,500 awarded on the basis of a bid or proposal offering to use DBEs

a. This contract is subject to the requirements of Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 26, Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in Department of Transportation Financial Assistance Programs. The national goal for participation of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) is 10%. The recipient's overall goal for DBE participation is listed elsewhere. If a separate contract goal for DBE participation has been established for this procurement, it is listed elsewhere.

b. The contractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or sex in the performance of this contract. The contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 in the award and administration of this contract. Failure by the contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract, which may result in the termination of this contract or such other remedy as the municipal corporation deems appropriate. Each subcontract the contractor signs with a subcontractor must include the assurance in this paragraph (see 49 CFR 26.13(b)).

c. If a separate contract goal has been established, Bidders/offerors are required to document sufficient DBE participation to meet these goals or, alternatively, document adequate good faith efforts to do so, as provided for in 49 CFR 26.53.

d. If no separate contract goal has been established, the successful bidder/offeror will be required to report its DBE participation obtained through race-neutral means throughout the period of performance.

e. The contractor is required to pay its subcontractors performing work related to this contract for satisfactory performance of that work no later than 30 days after the contractor's receipt of payment for that work from the recipient. In addition, the contractor may not hold retainage from its subcontractors or must return any retainage payments to those subcontractors within 30 days after the subcontractor's work related to this contract is satisfactorily completed or must return any retainage payments to those subcontractors within 30 days after incremental acceptance of the subcontractor's work by the recipient

and contractor's receipt of the partial retainage payment related to the subcontractor's work.

f. The contractor must promptly notify the recipient 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 recipient.

## **Prompt payment**

Applicability – All contracts except micro-purchases (\$3,500 or less, except for construction contracts over \$2,000)

The prime contractor agrees to pay each subcontractor under this prime contract for satisfactory performance of its contract no later than 30 days from the receipt of each payment the prime contract receives from the Recipient. The prime contractor agrees further to return retainage payments to each subcontractor within 30 days after the subcontractor's work is satisfactorily completed. Any delay or postponement of payment from the above referenced time frame may occur only for good cause following written approval of the Recipient. This clause applies to both DBE and non-DBE subcontracts.

## Incorporation of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Terms

All contracts except micro-purchases (\$3,500 or less, except for construction contracts over \$2,000)

The preceding provisions include, in part, certain Standard Terms & Conditions required by USDOT, whether or not expressly stated in the preceding contract provisions. All USDOT-required contractual provisions, as stated in FTA Circular 4220.1F, are hereby incorporated by reference. Anything to the contrary herein notwithstanding, all FTA mandated terms shall be deemed to control in the event of a conflict with other provisions contained in this Agreement. The contractor shall not perform any act, fail to perform any act, or refuse to comply with any request that would cause the recipient to be in violation of FTA terms and conditions.

## **Other Federal Requirements**

The following requirements are not federal clauses.

## **Full and Open Competition**

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. § 5325(a) all procurement transactions shall be conducted in a manner that provides full and open competition.

## Prohibition Against Exclusionary or Discriminatory Specifications

Apart from inconsistent requirements imposed by Federal statute or regulations, the contractor shall comply with the requirements of 49 USC 5323(h)(2) by refraining from using any FTA assistance to support procurements using exclusionary or discriminatory specifications.

#### **Conformance with ITS National Architecture**

Contractor shall conform, to the extent applicable, to the National Intelligent Transportation Standards architecture as required by SAFETEA-LU Section 5307(c), 23 U.S.C. Section 512 and as amended by MAP-21 23 U.S.C. § 517(d), note and follow the provisions of FTA Notice, "FTA National Architecture Policy on Transit Projects," 66 Fed. Reg.1455 etseq., January 8, 2001, and any other implementing directives FTA may issue at a later date, except to the extent FTA determines otherwise in writing.

## **Notification of Federal Participation**

To the extent required by law, in the announcement of any third-party contract award for goods and services (including construction services) having an aggregate value of \$500,000 or more, contractor shall specify the amount of Federal assistance to be used in financing that acquisition of goods and services and to express that amount of Federal assistance as a percentage of the total cost of the third-party contract.

#### **Interest of Members or Delegates to Congress**

No members of, or delegates to, the US Congress shall be admitted to any share or part of this contract nor to any benefit arising therefrom.

## **Ineligible Contractors and Subcontractors**

Any name appearing upon the Comptroller General's list of ineligible contractors for federally-assisted contracts shall be ineligible to act as a subcontractor for contractor pursuant to this contract. If contractor is on the Comptroller General's list of ineligible contractors for federally financed or assisted construction, the recipient shall cancel, terminate or suspend this contract.

## **Other Contract Requirements**

To the extent not inconsistent with the foregoing Federal requirements, this contract shall also include those provisions attached hereto, and shall comply with the recipient's Procurement Guidelines, available upon request from the recipient.

#### **Compliance with Federal Regulations**

Any contract entered pursuant to this solicitation shall contain the following provisions: All USDOT-required contractual provisions, as set forth in FTA Circular 4220.1F, are incorporated by reference. Anything to the contrary herein notwithstanding, FTA mandated terms shall control in the event of a conflict with other provisions contained in this Agreement. Contractor shall not perform any act, fail to perform any act, or refuse to comply with any grantee request that would cause the recipient to be in violation of FTA terms and conditions. Contractor shall comply with all applicable FTA regulations, policies, procedures and directives, including, without limitation, those listed directly or incorporated by reference in the Master Agreement between the recipient and FTA, as 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.

## **Real Property**

Any contract entered into shall contain the following provisions: Contractor shall at all times comply with all applicable statutes and USDOT regulations, policies, procedures and directives governing the acquisition, use and disposal of real property, including, but not limited to, 49 CFR 18.31-18.34, 49 CFR 19.30-19.37, 49 CFR Part 24, 49 CFR 5326 as amended by FAST Act, 49 CFR part 18 or 19, 49 USC 5334, applicable FTA Circular 5010, and FTA Master Agreement, as they may be amended or promulgated during the term of this contract.

Contractor's failure to so comply shall constitute a material breach of this contract.

#### Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency

To the extent applicable and except to the extent that FTA determines otherwise in writing, the Recipient agrees to comply with the policies of Executive Order No. 13166, "Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency," 42 U.S.C. § 2000d 1 note, and with the provisions of U.S. DOT Notice, "DOT Guidance to Recipients on Special Language Services to Limited English Proficient (LEP) Beneficiaries," 70 Fed. Reg. 74087, December 14, 2005.

## **Environmental Justice**

Except as the Federal Government determines otherwise in writing, the Recipient agrees to promote environmental justice by following: (1)

Executive Order No. 12898, "Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low- Income Populations," February 11, 1994, 42 U.S.C. § 4321 note, as well as facilitating compliance with that Executive Order, and (2) DOT Order 5610.2, "Department of Transportation Actions To Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations," 62 Fed. Reg. 18377, April 15, 1997, and (3) The most recent and applicable edition of FTA Circular 4703.1, "Environmental Justice Policy Guidance for Federal Transit Administration Recipients," August 15, 2012, to the extent consistent with applicable Federal laws, regulations, and guidance,

## **Environmental Protections**

Compliance is required with any applicable Federal laws imposing environmental and resource conservation requirements for the project. Some, but not all, of the major Federal

laws that may affect the project include: The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; the Clean Air Act; the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act; the comprehensive Environmental response, Compensation and Liability Act; as well as environmental provisions with Title 23 U.S.C., and 49 U.C. chapter 53. The U.S. EPA, FHWA and other federal agencies may issue other federal regulations and directives that may affect the project. Compliance is required with any applicable Federal laws and regulations in effect now or that become effective in the future.

## **Geographic Information and Related Spatial Data**

Any project activities involving spatial data or geographic information systems activities financed with Federal assistance are required to be consistent with the National Spatial Data Infrastructure promulgated by the Federal Geographic Data Committee, except to the extent that FTA determines otherwise in writing.

## **Geographic Preference**

All project activities must be advertised without geographic preference, (except in A/E under certain circumstances, preference for hiring veterans on transit construction projects and geographic-based hiring preferences as proposes to be amended in 2 CFR Part 1201).

## **Organizational Conflicts of Interest**

The Recipient agrees that it will not enter into a procurement that involves a real or apparent organizational conflict of interest described as follows: (1) When It Occurs. An organizational conflict of interest occurs when the Project work, without appropriate restrictions on certain future activities, results in an unfair competitive advantage: (a) To that Third-Party Participant or another Third-Party Participant performing the Project work, and

(b) That impairs that Third-Party Participant's objectivity in performing the Project work, or (2) Other. An organizational conflict of interest may involve other situations resulting in fundamentally unfair competitive conditions, (3) Disclosure Requirements. Consistent with FTA policies, the Recipient must disclose to FTA, and each of its Subrecipients must disclose to the Recipient: (a) Any instances of organizational conflict of interest, or

(b) Violations of federal criminal law, involving fraud, bribery, or gratuity violations potentially affecting the federal award, and (4) Failure to Disclose. Failure to make required disclosures can result in remedies for noncompliance, including debarment or suspension.

**Federal Single Audit Requirements for State Administered Federally Aid Funded Projects Only** Non Federal entities that expend \$750,000 or more in a year in Federal awards from all sources are required to comply with the Federal Single Audit Act provisions contained in U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular No. A 133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non Profit Organizations" (replaced with 2 CFR Part 200,"Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards" effective December 26, 2014 as applicable). Non-Federal entities that expend Federal awards from a single source may provide a program specific audit, as defined in the Circular. Non-Federal entities that expend less than the amount above in a year in Federal awards from all sources are exempt from Federal audit requirements for that year, except as noted in Sec. 215 (a) of OMB Circular A-133 Subpart B--Audits, records must be available for review or audit by appropriate officials of the cognizant Federal agency the New York State Department of Transportation, the New York State Comptroller's Office and the U.S. Governmental Accountability Office (GAO). Non-Federal entities are required to submit a copy of all audits, as described above, within 30 days of issuance of audit report, but no later than 9 months after the end of the entity's fiscal year, to the New York State Department of Transportation, Contract Audit Bureau, 50 Wolf Road, Albany, NY 12232. Unless a time extension has been granted by the cognizant Federal Agency and has been filed with the New York State Department of Transportation's Contract Audit Bureau, failure to comply with the requirements of OMB Circular A-133 may result in suspension or termination of Federal award payments.

#### **Veterans Preference**

Veterans Preference. As provided by 49 U.S.C. § 5325(k), to the extent practicable, the Recipient agrees and assures that each of its Subrecipients:

(1) 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 federal assistance appropriated or made available for 49 U.S.C. chapter 53, and

(2) 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.

## Safe Operation of Motor Vehicles

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.

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.

## Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Identification Number

The municipal project sponsor is required to identify in its accounts all Federal awards received and expended, and the Federal programs under which they were received. Federal program and award identification shall include, as applicable, the CFDA title and number, award number and year, name of the Federal agency, and name of the pass-through entity.

## CFDA number for the Federal Transportation Administration

Nonurbanized Area Formula (Section 5311) is 20.509. A Recipient covered by the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations," (replaced with 2 CFR Part 200, "Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards" effective December 26, 2014 as applicable) agrees to separately identify the expenditures for Federal awards under the Recovery Act on the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA) and the Data Collection Form (SF-SAC) required by OMB Circular A-133. The Recipient agrees to accomplish this by identifying expenditures for Federal awards made under Recovery Act separately on the SEFA, and as separate rows under Item 9 of Part III on the SF-SAC by CFDA number, and inclusion of the prefix "ARRA" in identifying the name of the Federal program on the SEFA and as the first characters in Item 9d of Part III on the SF-SAC.

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

- (1) It will comply and facilitate compliance with U.S. DOT regulations, "Nonprocurement Suspension and Debarment," 2 CFR part 1200, which adopts and supplements the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (U.S. OMB) "Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement)," 2 CFR part 180,
- (2) To the best of its knowledge and belief, that its Principals and Subrecipients at the first tier:
  - a. Are eligible to participate in covered transactions of any Federal departmentor agency and are not presently:
    - (1) Debarred,
    - (2) Suspended,
    - (3) Proposed for debarment,
    - (4) Declared ineligible,
    - (5) Voluntarily excluded, or
    - (6) Disqualified,
  - b. Its management has not within a three-year period preceding its latest application or proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against any of them for:
    - (1) Commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or local) transaction, or contract under a public transaction,
    - (2) Violation of any Federal or State antitrust statute, or
    - (3) Commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making any false statement, or receivingstolen property,
  - C. It is not presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State, or local) with commission of any of the offenses listed in the preceding subsection 2.b of thisCertification,
  - d. It has not had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause or default within a three-year period preceding this Certification,
  - e. If, at a later time, it receives any information that contradicts the statements of subsections 2.a 2.d above, it will promptly provide that information to FTA,

- f. It will treat each lower tier contract or lower tier subcontract under its Project as a covered lower tier contract for purposes of 2 CFR part 1200 and 2 CFR part 180 if it:
  - (1) Equals or exceeds \$25,000,
  - (2) Is for audit services, or
  - (3) Requires the consent of a Federal official, and
- g. It will require that each covered lower tier contractor and subcontractor:
  - (1) Comply and facilitate compliance with the Federal requirements of 2CFR parts 180 and 1200, and
  - (2) Assure that each lower tier participant in its Project is not presently declared by any Federal department or agency to be:
    - a. Debarred from participation in its federally funded Project,
    - b. Suspended from participation in its federally funded Project,
    - C. Proposed for debarment from participation in its federally funded Project,
    - d. Declared ineligible to participate in its federally funded Project,
    - e. Voluntarily excluded from participation in its federally funded Project, or
    - f. Disqualified from participation in its federally funded Project, and
- 3. It will provide a written explanation as indicated on a page attached in FTA's TrAMS platform or the Signature Page if it or any of its principals, including any of its first tier Subrecipients or its Third-Party Participants at a lower tier, is unable to certify compliance with the preceding statements in thisCertification Group.

Certification			
Contractor	_		
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Signature of Authorized Official	_Date	/	/
Name and Title of Contractor's Authorized Official	_		

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#### INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS CERTIFICATION

Contractor shall procure and maintain for the duration of the contract insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property, which may arise from or in conjunction with the performance of the work hereunder by the Contractor, his agents, representatives, or employees.

#### **Minimum Scope of Insurance**

Coverage shall be at least as broad as:

- Insurance Services Office Commercial General Liability Coverage (occurrence Form CG0001).
- Insurance Services Office Form Number CA 0001 covering Automobile Liability, Code 1 (any auto).
- Workers' Compensation insurance as required by the State of Arizona (A.R.S. 23-901) and Employer's Liability Insurance.
- Errors and Omissions Liability insurance appropriate to the contractor's profession. Architects' and engineers' coverage is to be endorsed to include contractual liability.

#### **Minimum Limits of Insurance**

Contractor shall maintain limits no less than:

General Liability	\$1,000,000 per occurrence for bodily injury, personal injury and property damage. If Commercial General Liability Insurance or other form with a general aggregate limit is used, either the general aggregate limit shall apply separately to this project/location or the general aggregate limit shall be twice the required occurrence limit.
Automobile Liability	\$1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury and property damage.
Employer's Liability	\$1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury or disease.
Errors and Omissions Liability	\$1,000,000 per occurrence.

#### **Deductibles and Self-Insured Retentions**

Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by YCIPTA, either: the insurer shall reduce or eliminate such deductibles or self-insured retentions as respects YCIPTA, its officers, officials, employees and volunteers; or the Contractor shall provide a financial guarantee satisfactory to YCIPTA guaranteeing payment of losses and related investigations, claim administration and defense expenses.

#### **Other Insurance Provisions**

The commercial general liability and automobile liability policies are to contain or be endorsed to contain, the following provisions:

- YCIPTA, its officers, officials, employees and volunteers are to be covered as insureds as respects: liability arising out of work or operations performed by or on behalf of the Contractor; or automobiles owned, leased, hired or borrowed by the Contractor.
- For any claims related to this project, the Contractor's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects YCIPTA, its officers, officials, employees and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by YCIPTA, its officers, officials, employees or volunteers shall be excess of the Contractor's insurance and shall not contribute with it.
- Each insurance policy required by this clause shall be endorsed to state that coverage shall not be canceled by either party, except after thirty (30) days' prior written notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, has been given to YCIPTA.
- Coverage shall not extend to any indemnity coverage for the active negligence of the additional insured in any case where an agreement to indemnify the additional insured would be invalid under the Arizona Revised Statutes.

## Acceptability of Insurers

Insurance is to be placed with insurers with a current A.M. Best's rating of no less than A:VII, unless otherwise acceptable to YCIPTA.

## Verification of Coverage

Contractor shall furnish YCIPTA with the original certificates and amendatory endorsements effecting coverage required by this clause. The endorsements should be on forms provided by YCIPTA or on other than YCIPTA's forms provided those endorsements conform to YCIPTA requirements, all certificates and endorsements are to be received and approved by YCIPTA before work commences. YCIPTA reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, including endorsements effecting the coverage required by these specifications at any time.

## Indemnification

Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless YCIPTA and its officers, officials, employees and volunteers from and against all claims, damages, losses and expenses including attorney fees arising out of the performance of the work described herein, caused in whole or in part by any negligent act or omission of the contractor, any subcontractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable, except where caused by the active negligence, sole negligence, or willful misconduct of YCIPTA.

*I hereby certify that I have received, reviewed, and agreed to abide by the insurance requirements herein.* 

Contractor:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature

## **COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT FOR CONTRACTOR**

## STATE OF ARIZONA

## COUNTY OF YUMA

1. That he/she is the (owner, partner, representative, or agent)

of,	hereinafter	referred	to	as
(contractor) or (subcontractor).				

declares and says:

2. That he/she is fully informed regarding the preparation and contents of this proposal for certain work in Yuma County, State of Arizona.

3. That his/her proposal is genuine and is not collusive or a sham proposal.

4. That any of its officers, owners, agents, representatives, employees, or parties in interest, including this affiliate, has not in any way colluded, conspired, connived or agreed, directly or indirectly, with any other CONTRACTOR, firm, or person to submit a collusive or sham proposal in connection with such contract, or to refrain to submitting a proposal in connection with such contract, or has in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by unlawful agreement or connivance with any other CONTRACTOR, firm, or person to fix the price or prices in said proposal, or to secure through collusion, conspiracy, connivance, or unlawful agreement any advantage against YCIPTA, or any person interested in the proposed contract; and,

5. That the price or prices quoted in the proposal are fair and proper, and are not tainted by any collusion, conspiracy, connivance, or unlawful agreement on the part of the CONTRACTOR, or any of its agents, owners, representatives, employees, or parties in interest, including this affiliate.

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated this	day of	, 20, at_	, Arizona.
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Signed:
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Title:

## **CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY (LABOR STANDARDS)**

The \_\_\_\_\_\_ (Name of CONTRACTOR) hereby certifies that it is not included on the United States Comptroller General's Consolidated List of Persons or Firms currently Debarred for Violations of Various Public Agreements Incorporating Labor Standard Provisions.

Signed:

Title:

Date:

## CERTIFICATION OF RESTRICTIONS ON LOBBYING

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby certify on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_, that:

a. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by on or behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing, or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any Federal 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 Federal 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 sub grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) which exceed \$100,000, and that all such 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, USC. 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.

Executed this	day of	,	of 20
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Signature of Authorized Official:	

Title of Authorized Official:	
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## CERTIFICATION DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM/ EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

CC	ONTRACTOR:
1.	CONTRACTOR overall DBE participation rate:
2.	Names/Locations of DBEs contacted by CONTRACTOR:
3.	Names/Locations of DBEs selected by CONTRACTOR:
	CONTRACTOR work force breakdown by race and gender:
<u>10</u>	DB CATEGORIES <u>EMPLOYEES</u> Male Female
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