

**Management Agreement  
Between the Duluth Transit Authority  
And  
ATE Management of Duluth, Inc.**

This agreement {"Agreement"}) entered into by and between the DULUTH TRANSIT AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF DULUTH, a public authority created by the statutes of the State of Minnesota, hereinafter referred to as the "DTA", and ATE Management of Duluth, Inc., a Minnesota corporation located at 2402 W. Michigan Street, Duluth, Minnesota, hereinafter referred to as "ATED", this xxx day of xxxx, 2022.

Whereas, under the Duluth Transit Authority Act of 1969, Chapter 720, DTA is legally able and presently engaged in the business of providing public transportation of passengers for hire within and the areas contiguous to the City of Duluth, Minnesota, the City of Superior, Wisconsin, and the City of Proctor, Minnesota; and

Whereas, DTA desires the services of ATED to operate and maintain its public transit services; and

Whereas, ATED is qualified, willing and able to perform such services in compliance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

Now, therefore, in consideration of these premises and of the mutual terms and conditions hereinafter set out, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. DTA does hereby engage and retain ATED to provide the full and complete management services reasonably required for the conduct and operations of public transportation facilities ("Transit System") principally within, or the areas contiguous to, the cities of Duluth, Minnesota, Superior, Wisconsin, and Proctor, Minnesota, and any additions made to the Transit System by the DTA under policies, standards, and procedures established by the DTA. ATED will not, however, be expected to achieve results beyond the limits of the funding and other resources made available to it for the operations of the Transit System.
2. The DTA, by and through its Board of Directors, shall have charge of all policy matters relating to the Transit System, including, but not limited to standards of services, route locations, capital improvements and service improvements, and shall cause ATED to submit, with DTA approval, the annual Transit System budget to the Duluth MN, City Council approval as required under MN Stat 458A.24 as may be amended from time to time.
3. ATED shall be responsible for hiring the General Manager with appropriate qualifications. ATED shall consult with the DTA on the appropriate qualifications sought in prospective candidates, and confer with the DTA on selection of the General Manager. The General Manager, shall reside within the Duluth area and shall provide the active management and direction of the Transit System for and on behalf of DTA including the transportation operations, equipment and building maintenance, operations, marketing, schedules, service standards, transit planning, labor relations and labor contract negotiations (excluding interest arbitration), equipment purchasing, accounting, budgeting, employee selection and training. ATED shall not replace the General Manager without prior approval of the DTA.
4. ATED will furnish a fidelity bond at its own expense to DTA covering the General Manager and any personnel used or furnished by ATED. ATED shall be the employer of all employees engaged in operation of the Transit System, including all maintenance and operations personnel. ATED have the right to direct and control what work shall be performed by such employees and how such work is done. ATED shall be responsible for testing and assessing employees'

qualifications and skills; training employees with regard to assigned work; establishing compensation for non-bargaining unit employees; and disciplining, discharging or reassigning employees. The DTA shall have no right to directly or indirectly control essential terms and conditions of employment of ATED's employees.

Specific responsibilities of ATED include but are not limited to those set forth on Exhibit A.

5. The DTA shall furnish ATED, without cost to ATED and at the expense of DTA, all the necessary office space, furniture, equipment, supplies, utilities, materials and telephone services, and any other services deemed necessary by the DTA for ATED to properly and efficiently perform the management services required under the terms of this Agreement.
6. All real estate, buildings, equipment, buses, motor vehicles, all materials and supplies reasonably necessary for the operations of the Transit System shall be furnished by DTA and shall remain the property of the DTA. All property of any type either real, personal, or mixed hereinafter acquired as reasonably necessary for performance of the Transit System operations shall be acquired at the DTA's expense and shall become the property of the DTA.
7. This includes the Duluth Transportation Center located at 228 West Michigan Street, Duluth, MN that is financed with Federal funds, State of Minnesota General Obligation Bonds and local funds (the "Facility"). The General Manager will, on an annual basis, report for approval to the DTA Board of Directors the Financial Status of the Facility as well as such documentation, information and reports as are needed by the DTA to fulfill its reporting requirements under the State Bond Grant Agreement No. 03806 and any other reporting requirements of the State of Minnesota and federal or local entities. The Financial report at a minimum will include current year budget and actual dollar comparisons for revenues and expenses and a forecasted budget that will include the same items plus capital improvements. The forecasted budget should be for a minimum of three years.
8. The DTA shall provide for the use of ATED a cash working fund sufficient to cover approximately one (1) month's normal working capital requirements and in addition thereto a reserve which is agreeable to both parties shall be set up which will be adequate to take care of any fluctuation in the monthly expenses. The DTA shall, upon presentation of proper certification by the ATED General Manager, reimburse ATED for the operating costs of the preceding month by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month next following. This shall include all expenses and liabilities incurred by ATED for and on account of the operation of the public Transit System and shall include but not be limited to the following:
  - A. Wages and salaries paid to all employees, including the General Manager, for the operation of the public Transit System together with all social security, unemployment, or other payroll taxes now or hereafter imposed or levied on an employer.
  - B. All other employee' costs, including the cost of Workers' Compensation insurance for the employees of ATED, retirement benefits, health and insurance and any cost required to be paid by ATED under the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the employees which shall include payments for any pensions for either union or non-union retirees.
  - C. All other expenses necessary and incident to the efficient operation and maintenance of the Transit System, the property, both real and tangible, owned by the DTA in

connection therewith and disbursed by ATED, including any independent audits performed by qualified public accounting firms, advertising and business promotion expenses, business, professional and civic association dues and expenses, subscriptions to periodicals, stationery, postage, other general, and administrative expenses.

- D. All premiums for liability insurance obtained by ATED as required by this Agreement, including, but not limited to, General Liability, Automotive Liability, and Professional Liability insurance.
9. ATED shall notify the DTA from time to time regarding the types and amounts of material, supplies, and equipment needed for use in the operation, maintenance, and repair of the Transit System. ATED shall make recommendations as to the type, quantity and amount of material, supplies and equipment to be purchased, and such shall be purchased with the prior approval of DTA.
10. All revenues derived from the operations of the Transit System, whether from passengers or from other sources, shall be and remain from the initial receipt thereof, the absolute property of the DTA and the treatment of such revenues, including the banking thereof and the accounting thereof shall be as directed by the DTA.
11. ATED, on behalf of the DTA, shall receive, collect, and deposit all the aforesaid revenues from the transit operations in the manner directed by the DTA, and ATED shall keep and maintain the books and records reflecting the operation of the Transit System in conformance with the requirements of the DTA and at the direction of the DTA, and shall render and certify to the DTA such full and complete monthly or other operating reports and financial statements as the DTA shall request. All money due and payable on behalf of the DTA in connection with ATED's operation of the Transit System shall be paid in such manner as the DTA shall direct.
12. ATED agrees to prepare the necessary budgets and projections as are required by the DTA and agrees to furnish periodic reports and recommendations to the DTA relating to service extensions, route planning, and service policies and either prepare or assist the DTA in the preparation of its annual report of operations. ATED agrees to assist in the setting up and operation of the "Operating Fund" as may be reasonably required and requested. The DTA has authority to establish and determine routes and the scheduling of service for the Transit System and, after public hearing before the City Council and upon approval by the City Council, the authority to fix and alter fares and any other charges to be collected in connection with the operation of the Transit System. ATED agrees to make periodic recommendations as to the rate of fares required and any deletions, additions, or changes in the service, and routing of the Transit System. The DTA shall also cause ATED submit, with DTA approval, all changes in fares to the Duluth MN City Council for a public hearing and approval by the Council, as required by MN Stat 458A.26(g) as may be amended from time to time. The DTA has the exclusive power to receive, control and order the expenditure of any and all moneys within the total budget approved by the City Council for operation of the Transit System.
13. It is understood by this Agreement that there shall be no monies accruing to ATED other than the management salaries and operating expenses as attributable to the operation of the Transit System. DTA shall indemnify ATED for any non-operating expenditures incurred in connection with the management and operation of the Transit System, provided that such expenses are included within the scope of this Agreement and comply with the DTA Financial Procedures.

14. ATED will indemnify, defend, and save the DTA their agents, servants, and employees, harmless from and against any and all loss, liability, claims, demands, suits, judgments, costs and expenses (including but not limited to attorneys' fees) asserted by any person or persons, including agents or employees of the DTA or of ATED, by reason of death or injury to person or persons or the loss of or damage to property arising out of ATED's performance or its obligations under this Agreement.
15. DTA shall furnish and maintain, at its sole cost and expense, at all times during the term of this Agreement and any renewal or extension thereof, (i) a standard policy of automobile liability insurance having a combined single limit of not less than \$5,000,000 per occurrence with a retention of not to exceed \$100,000 per occurrence insuring ATED and their agents, servants, and employees for the ownership, maintenance, use, or operation of the buses and other vehicles used in connection with the management and operation of the Transit System; (ii) a standard policy of general liability insurance having a combined single limit of not less than \$5,000,000 per occurrence with a retention of not to exceed \$100,000 per occurrence insuring ATED and their agents, servants, and employees for their wrongful acts and omissions in connection with the management and operation of the Transit System pursuant to this Agreement. Each such policy (a) shall be written by insurer reasonably acceptable to ATED, (b) shall be endorsed to name as additional insureds, (c) shall provide that the coverage afforded thereby is primary as to ATED not excess and (d) shall provide that it cannot be canceled or materially altered without thirty (30) days prior written notice to ATED.

Any contractual obligations or liability including, but not limited to, wages, benefits, pension or profit sharing plans including, but not limited to unfunded and under-funded pension benefit obligations, including without limitation, any withdrawal liability assessed pursuant to the Multiemployer Amendments Act by any multiemployer defined benefit pension fund, labor contract, and other contractual obligations entered into or assumed by ATED in connection with the operation of the Transit System shall be binding upon ATED only for the term of this Agreement and in the event this Agreement is terminated or expires then the DTA agrees to assume all obligations and liabilities under said contracts either on behalf of itself or any successors to ATED. The DTA does hereby indemnify ATED and hold them harmless from all liability or costs arising out of the operation of the Transit System.

16. ATED shall provide the following minimum amounts of insurance from insurance companies authorized to do business in the State of Minnesota, which insurance shall indemnify ATED and DTA from all liability described in Paragraph 12 above.
  - (a) Workers' compensation in accordance with the laws of the state of Minnesota.
  - (b) General Liability and Automobile Liability Insurance, with limits not less than **\$1,500,000** Single Limit; and shall provide for the following: Independent Contractors and Contractual Liability.
  - (c) The Duluth Transit Authority shall be named as an **Additional Insured** under the General Liability, Excess/Umbrella Liability\* and Automobile Liability, or as an alternate, ATED may provide Owners-Contractors Protective policy, naming itself and the DTA. ATED shall also provide evidence of Statutory Minnesota Workers' Compensation Insurance. ATED to provide Certificate of Insurance

evidencing such coverage with 30-days' notice of cancellation, non-renewal or material change provisions included.

*\*An umbrella policy with a "following form" provision is acceptable if written verification is provided that the underlying policy names the DTA as an additional insured.*

- (d) If a certificate of insurance is provided, the form of the certificate shall contain an unconditional requirement that the insurer notify the DTA without fail not less than 30 days prior to any cancellation, non-renewal or modification of the policy or coverages evidenced by said certificate and shall further provide that failure to give such notice to DTA will render any such change or changes in said policy or coverages ineffective as against the DTA.

The insurance required herein shall be maintained in full force and effect during the term of this Agreement and shall protect ATED, their employees, agents and representatives from claims and damages including but not limited to personal injury and death and any act or failure to act by ATED, their employees, agents and representatives in the negligent performance of work covered by this Agreement.

Certificates showing that ATED is carrying the above described insurance in the specified amounts shall be furnished to the DTA prior to the execution of this Contract and a certificate showing continued maintenance of such insurance shall be on file with the DTA during the term of this Contract. Professional Liability Insurance in an amount not less than \$1,500,000 Single Limit; provided further that in the event the professional malpractice insurance is in the form of "claims made" insurance, 60 days' notice prior to any cancellation or modification shall be required; and in such event, ATED agrees to provide the DTA with either evidence of new insurance coverage conforming to the provisions of this paragraph which will provide unbroken protection to the DTA, or, in the alternative, to purchase at its cost, extended coverage under the old policy for the period the state of repose runs; the protection to be provided by said "claims made" insurance shall remain in place until the running of the statute of repose for claims related to this Agreement.

- 17. This Agreement may be reopened by either party upon providing thirty (30 ) days written notice to the other party.
- 18. ATED agrees to abide by the terms and conditions of any agreement entered into by the DTA pursuant to Section 13(c) of the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, as amended, in the performance of its obligations hereunder.
- 19. ATED shall not bid for, operate, or provide services for other transit or transportation services outside of the Transit System without prior approval of the DTA.
- 20. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the respective Parties hereto and their successor or assigns.
- 21. In connection with the execution of this Agreement, ATED shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, age, sex, disability, or national origin. Contractor will take affirmative actions to ensure that applicants are employed and that employees are treated during their employment without regard to their race, religion,

color, age, sex, disability, or national origin. Such actions shall include, but not be limited to, the following employment and promotion; demotion or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, rate of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. No person in the United States shall, on grounds of race, religion, color, age, sex, disability or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity for which the DTA has received federal financial assistance from the Department of Transportation. The applicable provisions of the Presidential Executive Order 11246, as amended, relating to the Equal Employment Opportunity are incorporated by reference herein.

22. The DTA agrees that, in the event ATED, its agents, servants, or employees are charged with or sued for any alleged illegal or unlawful practices, insofar as the alleged practices occurred at the direction of the DTA or were done according to the policies of the DTA, the DTA will indemnify ATED against any liability or expenses involved in the defense of such claims or lawsuits.
23. Within 180 days of the effective date of this Agreement, ATED shall submit a document to the DTA Board President outlining an orderly Succession Plan for ATED's key personnel. The Succession Plan will identify the primary responsibilities, skills and requirements of all key personnel, as well as potential successor positions to key personnel. ATED will be responsible for developing and training individuals with the appropriate skills to fill key positions in the future. The Succession plan will be updated and provided to the DTA Board at least annually. In the event that one or more key personnel are unable because of physical disability, death, resignation or absence to to other similar reasons or are otherwise unable to fulfill the duties and responsibilities required under the terms of this Agreement, then ATED shall determine the anticipated replacement personnel based on its Succession Plan. If ATED is unable to supply suitable personnel for key positions, the DTA shall have the right to terminate this Agreement with 60-days notice.
24. In case of any default hereunder claimed to exist by either Party, such Party shall give the other Party prompt written notice of such default, setting forth the facts and reasonable detail, and in the event that the allegedly defaulting Party has not remedied such default within thirty (30) days (or in case of defaults which require a longer period of remedy has failed to commence upon such remedy within said period and thereafter to diligently proceed with the same to completion), the non-defaulting Party shall have the right to terminate this Agreement for cause. This Agreement shall also be terminable for cause at the option of the other Party if any party is adjudicated as bankrupt, is subjected to the appointment of a receiver and fails to have such receiver removed within sixty (60) days, has any of its property attached and fails to remove such attachment within sixty (60) days, becomes insolvent and for a period of sixty (60) days is unable to pay its debts as the same become due upon sixty (60) days' written notice.
25. This Agreement shall be terminable should the DTA lose the right to provide public transit services or should funding from the State of Minnesota or Federal Government be discontinued.
26. No member of or delegate to the Congress of the United States shall be admitted to any share or part of this Agreement or to any benefit arising therefrom.
27. No member of the DTA board of directors, officer, or employee of DTA during his or her tenure or for one (1) year thereafter shall have any interest, direct or indirect, in this Agreement or the proceeds thereof.

28. Should any part of this Agreement be declared to be unconstitutional, invalid, or beyond the authority of either party to enter into or carry out, such decisions will not affect the validity of the remainder of this Agreement, which will continue in full force and effect.
29. This Agreement is not intended to be a third-party beneficiary contract and confers no rights on anyone other than the DTA and ATED.
30. This Agreement shall not be assigned, transferred, hypothecated, or pledged by either Party without the prior written consent of the other Party. However, this Agreement shall be binding upon the successors or assigns of the respective Parties.
31. No officer, director, or employee of the DTA or ATED shall be personally liable for the fulfillment of the conditions of this Agreement, including any withdrawal liability assessed on ATED.
32. ATED shall not be liable to the DTA for any failure, delay, or interruption of service or for any failure or delay in the performance of any obligation under this Agreement due to strikes, walkouts, acts of God, governmental restriction, enemy action, civil commotion, unavoidable casualty, unavailability of fuel or parts, or other similar acts beyond the reasonable control of ATED.
33. This Agreement shall be governed by the law of the State of Minnesota.
34. ATED shall comply with all DTA applicable standards, orders, or requirements issued under Section 306 of the Clean Air Act (42 USC 1857(h)), Section 50B of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1368), Executive Order 11738, and Environmental Protection Agency regulations (40 CFR, Part 15), which prohibit the use under non-exempt federal contracts, grants, or loans of facilities included on the EPA List of Violating Facilities. Contractor shall report all violations to FTA and to the USEPA Assistant Administrator for Enforcement (EN-329).
35. ATED shall recognize mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the State Energy Conservation Plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 USC Section 6321 et seq.).
36. ATED shall comply with all applicable FTA standard contract clauses attached herein as Exhibit B, as may be amended from time to time.
37. ATED shall comply with all DTA policies and procedures, including the DTA Financial Procedures, the DTA Title VI program, the DTA Equal Employment Opportunity policy, the DTA DBE Program, and all other applicable policies and procedures to operate the Transit System.
38. This Agreement shall expire upon termination under the provisions herein.
39. No provision of this Agreement may be waived except by a writing signed by the Party to be charged, nor may this Agreement be amended except by a writing executed by both Parties.
40. ATED and any officers or employees thereof shall not be considered an employee of the DTA, and any and all claims that may or might arise under the Workers' Compensation Act of the State of Minnesota on behalf of ATED arising out of employment or alleged employment, including without limitation, claims of discrimination against the DTA, its officers, agents, contractors and employees shall in no way be the responsibility of the DTA. ATED and its officers, agents,



contractors and employees shall not be entitled to any compensation rights or benefits of any hospital care, sick leave and vacation pay, Workers' Compensation, Unemployment Insurance, disability pay or severance pay. Furthermore, the DTA shall not in any way, be responsible to defend, indemnify or save harmless ATED from liability or judgments arising out of the intentional or negligent acts or omissions of Contractor or any of their employees while performing the work specified by this Agreement.

41. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties, with respect to the subject matter, and supersedes any previous understandings, representations, commitments, or agreements, oral or written.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized officers.

On Behalf of ATE Management of Duluth, Inc.

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

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

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

On Behalf of the Duluth Transit Authority

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

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

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

## EXHIBIT A

1. Contractor will be responsible for daily operations, maintenance and employment purposes in order to operate the transit system as applicable.
2. Operate the transit system in compliance with all applicable federal, state and local regulations and the DTA Board of Directors' requirements.
3. Select, employ and properly train all employees needed to operate the transit system, including labor relations and labor contract negotiations.
4. Ensure safety of personnel, prevent losses and arrange all appropriate insurance coverages.
5. Ensure compliance with any existing labor agreement(s) and negotiate future labor agreements.
6. Maintain positive employee relations.
7. Ensure compliance with applicable environmental and occupational safety and health laws and regulations.
8. Seek state, federal and local operating and capital grants to benefit the DTA and properly complete all necessary documents for such grants.
9. Perform all budgeting, accounting and financial functions.
10. Prepare and administer all federal, state or local grants.
11. Establish and maintain the accounting controls necessary to ensure protection of all funds and assets and compliance with DTA audit requirements.
12. Develop and execute marketing analysis and plans to increase ridership.
13. Monitor and evaluate all current operations and institute internal procedures to improve operations and create economies to reduce costs.
14. Develop and implement management techniques and operational improvements to ensure an environmentally sound transit system.
15. Prepare and execute a strategic plan for the transit system and work with the DTA to help implement specific goals identified in the DTA comprehensive plan and vision.
16. Perform all marketing and promotional functions for all operations including advertising.
17. Prepare and administer the budget for the DTA.
18. Participate on local and or state transportation committees as needed.
19. Provide management personnel development, training continuity and recruitments as necessary.
20. Provide overall management and policy recommendations.
21. Maintain all facilities, equipment and rolling stock and make recommendations for future purchases of each category as may be required by the transit system.

EXHIBIT B

**Federal Transit Administration  
Contract Clauses**

ATED shall comply with all applicable Federal Transit Administration Contract Clauses as may be amended from time to time.

**A.1 ACCESS TO RECORDS AND REPORTS**

**49 U.S.C. § 5325(g) 2 C.F.R. § 200.333 49 C.F.R. part 633**

**Applicability to Contracts**

The record keeping and access requirements extend to all third party contractors and their contracts at every tier and subrecipients and subcontract at every tier.

**Flow Down**

The record keeping and access requirements extend to all third party contractors and their contracts at every tier and subrecipients and their subcontracts at every tier.

**Clause Language**

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

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

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

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

End of Section

**A.2 BONDING REQUIREMENTS**

**2 CFR §200.325 31 CFR Part 223**

**Applicability to Contracts**

Bonds are required for all construction or facility improvement contracts and subcontracts exceeding the simplified acquisition threshold, currently \$150,000. FTA may accept the bonding policy and requirements of the recipient if FTA has determined that the Federal interest is adequately protected. If such a determination has *not* been made, the following minimum requirements apply:

a. A bid guarantee from each bidder equivalent to five percent of the bid price. The “bid guarantee” must consist of a firm commitment such as a bid bond, certified check, or other negotiable instrument accompanying a bid as assurance that the bidder will, upon acceptance of the bid, execute such contractual documents as may be required within the time specified.

b. A performance bond on the part of the contractor for 100 percent of the contract price. A “performance bond” is one executed in connection with a contract to secure fulfillment of all the contractor's obligations under such contract.

c. A payment bond on the part of the contractor for 100 percent of the contract price. A “payment bond” is one executed in connection with a contract to assure payment as required by law of all persons supplying labor and material in the execution of the work provided for in the contract.

#### **Flow Down**

These requirements extend to all third party contractors and their contracts at every tier and subrecipients and their subcontracts at every tier that exceed the simplified acquisition threshold of \$150,000.

#### **Bond Requirements**

Bidders shall furnish a bid guaranty in the form of a bid bond, or certified treasurer’s or cashier’s check issued by a responsible bank or trust company, made payable to the Duluth Transit Authority. The amount of such guaranty shall be equal to 5% of the total bid price for bids over one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00).

In submitting this bid, it is understood and agreed by Bidder that the Duluth Transit Authority reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or part of any bid, and it is agreed that the bid may not be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) days subsequent to the opening of bids, without the written consent of the Duluth Transit Authority.

It is also understood and agreed that if the undersigned Bidder should withdraw any part of all of his bid within ninety (90) days after the bid opening without the written consent of the Duluth Transit Authority, or refuse or be unable to enter into this Contract as provided above, or refuse or be unable to furnish adequate and acceptable Performance and Payment Bonds, or refuse or be unable to furnish adequate and acceptable insurance as provided herein, it shall forfeit its bid guaranty to the extent the Duluth Transit Authority damages occasioned by such withdrawal, or refusal, or inability to enter into an agreement, or provide adequate security thereof.

It is further understood and agreed that to the extent the defaulting bidder’s bid guaranty shall prove inadequate to fully recompense the Duluth Transit Authority for any damages occasioned by default, then the undersigned Bidder agrees to indemnify the Duluth Transit Authority and pay over to the Duluth Transit Authority the difference between the bid guarantee and the Duluth Transit Authority’s total damages so as to make the Duluth Transit Authority whole.

The undersigned understands that any material alteration of any of the above or any of the material contained herein, other than that requested will render the bid unresponsive.

#### **Performance Guarantee**

A Performance Guarantee in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract value for contracts over one hundred thousand dollars (\$150,000) is required by the Duluth Transit Authority to ensure faithful performance of the Contract. Either a Performance Bond or an Irrevocable Stand-By Letter of Credit shall be provided by the Contractor and shall remain in full force for the term of the Contract. The successful Bidder shall certify that it will provide the requisite Performance Guarantee to the Duluth Transit Authority within ten (10) business days from Contract execution. The Duluth Transit Authority requires all Performance Bonds to be provided by a fully qualified surety company acceptable to the Duluth Transit Authority and listed as a company currently authorized under 31 C.F.R. Part 22 as possessing a Certificate of Authority as described hereunder. The Duluth Transit Authority may require additional performance bond protection when the contract price is increased. The increase in protection shall generally equal one hundred percent (100%) of the increase in the Contract price. The Duluth Transit Authority may secure additional protection by directing the Contractor to increase the amount of the existing bond or to obtain an additional bond.

If the Bidder chooses to provide a Letter of Credit as its Performance Guarantee, the Bidder shall furnish with its bid, certification that an Irrevocable Stand-By Letter of Credit will be furnished should the Bidder become the successful Contractor. The Bidder shall also provide a statement from the banking institution certifying that an Irrevocable Stand-By Letter of Credit for the action will be provided if the Contract is awarded to the Bidder. The Irrevocable Stand-By Letter of Credit will only be accepted by the Duluth Transit Authority if:

1. A bank in good standing issues it. The Duluth Transit Authority will not accept a Letter of Credit from an entity other than a bank.
2. It is in writing and signed by the issuing bank.
3. It conspicuously states that it is an irrevocable, non-transferable, "standby" Letter of Credit.
4. The Duluth Transit Authority is identified as the Beneficiary.
5. It is in an amount equal to **100%** of the Contract value. This amount must be in U.S. dollars.
6. The effective date of the Letter of Credit is the same as the effective date of the Contract.
7. The expiration date of the Letter of Credit coincides with the terms of this Contract.
8. It indicates that it is being issued in order to support the obligation of the Contractor to perform under the Contract. It must specifically reference the Contract between the Duluth Transit Authority and the Contractor for the work stipulated herein.

The issuing bank's obligation to pay will arise upon the presentation of the original Letter of Credit and a certificate and draft similar to the forms attached herein to the issuing bank's representative at a location and time to be determined by the parties. This documentation will indicate that the Contractor is in default under the Contract.

#### **Payment Bonds**

A Labor and Materials Payment Bond equal to the full value of the Contract must be furnished by the Contractor to the Duluth Transit Authority as security for payment by the Contractor and subcontractors for labor, materials, and rental of equipment. The bond may be issued by a fully qualified surety company acceptable to the Duluth Transit Authority and listed as a company currently authorized under 31 CFR Part 223 as possessing a Certificate of Authority as described thereunder.

#### **Sample Bond Certifications**

##### **Performance Guarantee Certification**

The undersigned hereby certifies that the Bidder shall provide a Performance Guarantee in accordance with the Specifications.

Designate below which form of Performance Guarantee shall be provided: (example only)

\_\_\_\_\_ Performance Bond  
\_\_\_\_\_ Irrevocable Stand-By-Letter of Credit

BIDDER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

##### **Performance Bond** (example)

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: that \_\_\_\_\_ (insert full name and address and legal title of Contractor) as Principal, hereinafter called Contractor, and

\_\_\_\_\_ (insert full name and address or legal title of Surety) as Surety, hereinafter called Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the Duluth Transit Authority as Obligee, hereinafter called DTA, in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars (\$) for the payment whereof Contractor and Surety bind themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

Whereas, Contractor has by written agreement dated \_\_\_\_\_, entered into a contract with the Duluth Transit Authority for Contract Number \_\_\_\_\_, which contract is by reference made a part hereof, and is hereinafter referred to as the Contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION is such that, if Contractor shall promptly and faithfully perform said Contract, then this obligation shall be null and void; otherwise it shall remain in full force and effect.

The Surety hereby waives notice of any alteration or extension of time made by the Duluth Transit Authority.

Whenever Contractor shall be, and is declared by the Duluth Transit Authority to be in default under the Contract, the Duluth Transit Authority have performed the Duluth Transit Authority's obligations thereunder, the Surety may promptly remedy the default, or shall promptly:

1. Complete the Contract in accordance with its terms and conditions, or
2. Obtain a bid or bids for completing the Contract in accordance with its terms and conditions, and upon determination by Surety of the lowest responsible bidder, or if the Duluth Transit Authority elects, upon determination by the Duluth Transit Authority and Surety jointly of the lowest responsible bidder, arrange for a contract between such bidder and the Duluth Transit Authority, and make available as Work progresses (even though there should be a default or a succession of defaults under the contract or contracts of completion arranged under this paragraph) sufficient funds to pay the cost of completion less the balance of the contract price; but not exceeding, the amount set forth in the first paragraph hereof.

The term "balance of the contract price" as used in this paragraph, shall mean the total amount payable by the Duluth Transit Authority to the Contractor and any amendments thereto, less the amount properly paid by the Duluth Transit Authority to the Contractor.

Any suit under this bond must be instituted before the expiration of two (2) years from the date on which final payment under the Contract falls due.

No right of action shall accrue on this bond to or for the use of any person or corporation other than the Duluth Transit Authority or the heirs, executors, administrators or successors of the Duluth Transit Authority.

Signed and sealed this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_.

PRINCIPAL

\_\_\_\_\_(example)\_\_\_\_\_(seal)  
\_\_\_\_\_(title)

WITNESS

\_\_\_\_\_(example)\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_(Title)

SURETY

(SEAL)

Attach hereto proof of authority of officers or agents to sign bond.

**Irrevocable Stand-By Letter of Credit Certificate** (example)

The undersigned states that he/she is \_\_\_\_\_(Title) of the \_\_\_\_\_(Name of Beneficiary), known as the "Beneficiary" and hereby certifies on behalf of the Beneficiary to \_\_\_\_\_(Name of Issuing Bank) known as the "Bank" with Reference to Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit No. \_\_\_\_\_ Issued by the Bank ("Letter of Credit") that:

1. The undersigned is duly authorized to execute and deliver this certificate on behalf of the Beneficiary.
2. The Beneficiary is making a drawing under the Letter of Credit.
3. An Event of Default has occurred under Contract number \_\_\_\_\_
4. The amount of the draft presented with this certificate does not exceed the total maximum amount drawable today under the Letter of Credit as provided therein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this certificate is executed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_.  
(NAME OF BENEFICIARY)

By: (example)

ITS: \_\_\_\_\_

**Bank Draft** (example)

**FOR VALUE RECEIVED**

Pay on presentment to \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Beneficiary) the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars (\$)

Charge the Account of \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Issuing Bank) Irrevocably Standby Letter of Credit No. \_\_\_\_\_, dated \_\_\_\_\_.

To \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Issuing Bank)

**NAME OF BENEFICIARY**

By \_\_\_\_\_ (example)

Its \_\_\_\_\_

End of Section

**A.3 BUS TESTING**

**49 U.S.C. § 5318(e)**

**49 C.F.R. part 665**

**Applicability to Contracts**

The Bus Testing requirements pertain only to the purchase or lease of any new bus model, or any bus model with a major change in configuration or components to be acquired or leased with funds obligated by FTA. Recipients are responsible for determining whether a vehicle to be acquired requires full or partial testing or has already satisfied the bus testing requirements by achieving a passing test score in accordance with 49 C.F.R. part 665. Recipients must certify compliance with FTA's bus testing requirements in all grant applications for FTA funding for bus procurements.

**Flow Down**

There is no flow down requirement for Bus Testing.

**Model Clause/Language**

The operator of the bus testing facility is required to provide the resulting test report to the entity that submits the bus for testing. The manufacturer or dealer of a new bus model or a bus produced with a major change in component or configuration is required to provide a copy of the corresponding full bus testing report and any applicable partial testing report(s) to the recipient during the point in the procurement process specified by the recipient, but in all cases before final acceptance of the first bus by the recipient. The complete bus testing reporting requirements are provided in 49 C.F.R. § 665.11. Although no specific certification and bus testing language is required, recipients can draw on the following language for inclusion in their federally funded procurements.

**Bus Testing**

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

End of Section

**A.4 BUY AMERICA REQUIREMENTS**

**49 U.S.C. 5323(j) 49 C.F.R. part 661**

**Applicability to Contracts**

FTA's Buy America law and regulations apply to projects that involve the purchase of more than \$150,000 of iron, steel, manufactured goods, or rolling stock to be delivered to the recipient to be used in an FTA assisted project. FTA cautions that its Buy America regulations are complex. Recipients can obtain detailed information on FTA's Buy America regulation at: The Federal Transit Administration's

Buy America website.

**Flow Down**

The Buy America requirements flow down from FTA recipients and subrecipients to first tier contractors, who are responsible for ensuring that lower tier contractors and subcontractors are in compliance.

**Model Clause/Language**

**Buy America**

The Contractor agrees to comply with 49 U.S.C. 5323 (j) and 49 C.F.R. Part 661, which provide that Federal funds may not be obligated unless all steel, iron and manufactured products used in FTA funded projects are produced in the United States, unless a waiver has been granted by the FTA or the product is subject to a general waiver. General waivers are listed in 49 C.F.R. §661.7. Separate requirements for rolling stock are set out at 49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(2)(C) and 49 C.F.R. §661.11.

The Bidder or Offeror must submit to the Duluth Transit Authority the appropriate Buy America certification below with its bid or offer. Bids or offers that are not accompanied by a completed Buy America certification will be rejected as nonresponsive.

***In accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 661.6, for the procurement of steel, iron or manufactured products, use the certifications below.***

*Certificate of Compliance with Buy America Requirements*

The bidder or offeror hereby certifies that it will comply with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(1), and the applicable regulations in 49 C.F.R. part 661.

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

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

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

*Certificate of Non-Compliance with Buy America Requirements*

The bidder or offeror hereby certifies that it cannot comply with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5323(j), but it may qualify for an exception to the requirement pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(2), as amended, and the applicable regulations in 49 C.F.R. § 661.7.

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

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

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

***In accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 661.12, for the procurement of rolling stock (including train control, communication, and traction power equipment) use the following certifications:***

*Certificate of Compliance with Buy America Rolling Stock Requirements*

The bidder or offeror hereby certifies that it will comply with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5323(j), and the applicable regulations of 49 C.F.R. § 661.11.

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

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

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

*Certificate of Non-Compliance with Buy America Rolling Stock Requirements*

The bidder or offeror hereby certifies that it cannot comply with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5323(j), but may qualify for an exception to the requirement consistent with 49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(2)(C), and the applicable regulations in 49 C.F.R. § 661.7.

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



Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Company: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_

End of Section

## **A.5 CARGO PREFERENCE REQUIREMENTS**

### **46 U.S.C. § 55305 46 C.F.R. part 381**

#### **Applicability to Contracts**

The Cargo Preference Act of 1954 requirements applies to all contracts involving equipment, materials, or commodities that may be transported by ocean vessels.

#### **Flow Down**

The Cargo Preference requirements apply to all contracts involved with the transport of equipment, material, or commodities by ocean vessel.

#### **Model Clause/Language**

The Maritime Administration (MARAD) regulations at 46 C.F.R. § 381.7 contain suggested contract clauses. Recipients can draw on the following language for inclusion in their federally funded procurements.

#### **Cargo Preference - Use of United States-Flag Vessels**

The contractor agrees:

- a. to use privately owned United States-Flag commercial vessels to ship at least 50 percent of the gross tonnage (computed separately for dry bulk carriers, dry cargo liners, and tankers) involved, whenever shipping any equipment, material, or commodities pursuant to the underlying contract to the extent such vessels are available at fair and reasonable rates for United States-Flag commercial vessels;
- b. to furnish within 20 working days following the date of loading for shipments originating within the United States or within 30 working days following the date of loading for shipments originating outside the United States, a legible copy of a rated, "on-board" commercial ocean bill-of-lading in English for each shipment of cargo described in the preceding paragraph to the Division of National Cargo, Office of Market Development, Maritime Administration, Washington, DC 20590 and to the FTA recipient (through the contractor in the case of a subcontractor's bill-of-lading.); and
- c. to include these requirements in all subcontracts issued pursuant to this contract when the subcontract may involve the transport of equipment, material, or commodities by ocean vessel.

End of Section

## **A.6 CHARTER SERVICE**

### **49 U.S.C. 5323(d) and (r) 49 C.F.R. part 604**

#### **Applicability to Contracts**

The Charter Bus requirements apply to contracts for operating public transportation service.

#### **Flow Down Requirements**

The Charter Bus requirements flow down from FTA recipients and subrecipients to first tier service contractors.

#### **Model Clause/Language**

The relevant statutes and regulations do not mandate any specific clause or language. Recipients can draw

on the following language for inclusion in their federally funded procurements.

#### **Charter Service**

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

1. Federal transit laws, specifically 49 U.S.C. § 5323(d);
2. FTA regulations, “Charter Service,” 49 C.F.R. part 604;
3. Any other federal Charter Service regulations; or
4. Federal guidance, except as FTA determines otherwise in writing.

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

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

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

End of Section

### **A.7 CLEAN AIR ACT AND FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT 42 U.S.C. §§ 7401 – 7671q 33 U.S.C. §§ 1251-1387 2 C.F.R. part 200, Appendix II (G)**

#### **Applicability to Contracts**

The Clean Air and Clean Water Act requirements apply to each contract and subcontract exceeding \$150,000.

#### **Flow Down**

The Clean Air Act and Federal Water Pollution Control Act requirements extend to all third-party contractors and their contracts at every tier and subrecipients and subcontracts at every tier.

#### **Model Clause/Language**

The Contractor agrees:

1. It will not use any violating facilities
2. It will report the use of facilities placed on or likely to be placed on the U.S. EPA “List of Violating Facilities;”
3. It will report violations of use of prohibited facilities to FTA; and
4. It will comply with the inspection and other requirements of the Clean Air Act, as amended, (42 U.S.C. §§7401-7671q); and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. §§1251-1387.)

End of Section

### **A.8 CIVIL RIGHTS LAWS AND REGULATIONS**

### **Applicability to Contracts**

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

1. Federal Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Requirements. These include, but are not limited to: a. Nondiscrimination in Federal Public Transportation Programs. 49 U.S.C. § 5332, covering projects, programs, and activities financed under 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53, prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex (including sexual orientation and gender identity), disability, or age, and prohibits discrimination in employment or business opportunity.  
b. Prohibition against Employment Discrimination. Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e, and Executive Order No. 11246, “Equal Employment Opportunity,” September 24, 1965, as amended, prohibit discrimination in employment on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.
2. Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, 20 U.S.C. § 1681 *et seq.* and implementing Federal regulations, “Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance,” 49 C.F.R. part 25 prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex.
3. Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Age. The “Age Discrimination Act of 1975,” as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 6101 *et seq.*, and Department of Health and Human Services implementing regulations, “Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Age in Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance,” 45 C.F.R. part 90, prohibit discrimination by participants in federally assisted programs against individuals on the basis of age. The Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA), 29 U.S.C. § 621 *et seq.*, and Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) implementing regulations, “Age Discrimination in Employment Act,” 29 C.F.R. part 1625, also prohibit employment discrimination against individuals age 40 and over on the basis of age.
4. Federal Protections for Individuals with Disabilities. The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended (ADA), 42 U.S.C. § 12101 *et seq.*, prohibits discrimination against qualified individuals with disabilities in programs, activities, and services, and imposes specific requirements on public and private entities. Third party contractors must comply with their responsibilities under Titles I, II, III, IV, and V of the ADA in employment, public services, public accommodations, telecommunications, and other provisions, many of which are subject to regulations issued by other Federal agencies.

### **Flow Down**

The Civil Rights requirements flow down to all third party contractors and their contracts at every tier.

### **Model Clause/Language**

Every federally funded contract must include an Equal Opportunity clause. Recipients can draw on the following language for inclusion in their federally funded procurements.

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

The Duluth Transit Authority is an Equal Opportunity Employer. As such, the Duluth Transit Authority agrees to comply with all applicable Federal civil rights laws and implementing regulations. Apart from inconsistent requirements imposed by Federal laws or regulations, the Duluth Transit Authority agrees to comply with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 5323(h) (3) by not using any Federal assistance awarded by FTA to support procurements using exclusionary or discriminatory specifications.

Under this Agreement, the Contractor shall at all times comply with the following requirements and shall include these requirements in each subcontract entered into as part thereof.

1. **Nondiscrimination.** In accordance with Federal transit law at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, the Contractor agrees that it will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color,

religion, national origin, sex, disability, or age. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with applicable Federal implementing regulations and other implementing requirements FTA may issue.

**2. Race, Color, Religion, National Origin, Sex.** In accordance with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e *et seq.*, and Federal transit laws at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, the Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable equal employment opportunity requirements of U.S. Department of Labor (U.S. DOL) regulations, "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor," 41 C.F.R. chapter 60, and Executive Order No. 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity in Federal Employment," September 24, 1965, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e note, as amended by any later Executive Order that amends or supersedes it, referenced in 42 U.S.C. § 2000e note. The Contractor agrees to take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, national origin, or sex (including sexual orientation and gender identity). Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, promotion, demotion or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.

**3. Age.** In accordance with the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, 29 U.S. C. §§ 621-634, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (U.S. EEOC) regulations, "Age Discrimination in Employment Act," 29 C.F.R. part 1625, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 6101 *et seq.*, U.S. Health and Human Services regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Age in Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance," 45 C.F.R. part 90, and Federal transit law at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, the Contractor agrees to refrain from discrimination against present and prospective employees for reason of age. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.

**4. Disabilities.** In accordance with section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, 29 U.S.C. § 794, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 12101 *et seq.*, the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 4151 *et seq.*, and Federal transit law at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, the Contractor agrees that it will not discriminate against individuals on the basis of disability. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue. Discrimination in Employment Act," 29 C.F.R. part 1625, also prohibit employment discrimination against individuals age 40 and over on the basis of age.

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

End of Section

## **A.9 DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE)**

### **49 C.F.R. part 26**

#### **Background and Applicability**

The Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program applies to FTA recipients receiving planning, capital and/or operating assistance that will award prime contracts (excluding transit vehicle purchases) exceeding \$250,000 in FTA funds in a Federal fiscal year. All FTA recipients above this threshold must submit a DBE program and overall triennial goal for DBE participation. The overall goal reflects the anticipated amount of DBE participation on DOT-assisted contracts. As part of its DBE program, FTA recipients must require that each transit vehicle manufacturer (TVM), as a condition of being authorized to bid or propose on FTA assisted transit vehicle procurements, certify that it has complied with the

requirements of 49 C.F.R. § 26.49. Only those transit vehicle manufacturers listed on FTA's certified list of Transit Vehicle Manufacturers, or that have submitted a goal methodology to FTA that has been approved or has not been disapproved at the time of solicitation, are eligible to bid.

FTA recipients must meet the maximum feasible portion of their overall goal using race-neutral methods. Where appropriate, however, recipients are responsible for establishing DBE contract goals on individual DOT-assisted contracts. FTA recipients may use contract goals only on those DOT-assisted contracts that have subcontracting responsibilities. *See* 49 C.F.R. § 26.51(e). Furthermore, while FTA recipients are not required to set a contract goal on every DOT-assisted contract, they are responsible for achieving their overall program goals by administering their DBE program in good faith.

FTA recipients and third party contractors can obtain information about the DBE program at the following website locations:

Federal Transit Administration website Disadvantaged Business Enterprise page

Department of Transportation website Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program

### **Flow Down**

The DBE contracting requirements flow down to all third-party contractors and their contracts at every tier. It is the recipient's and prime contractor's responsibility to ensure the DBE requirements are applied across the board to all subrecipients/contractors/subcontractors. Should a subcontractor fail to comply with DBE regulations, FTA would look to the recipient to make sure it intervenes to monitor compliance. The onus for compliance is on the recipient. For all DOT-assisted contracts, each FTA recipient must include assurance that third party contractors will comply with the DTA program requirements of 49 C.F.R Part 26, when applicable. The following contract clause is required in all DOT-assisted prime and subcontracts.

### **Clause/Language**

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

#### **Contractor Assurance**

The contractor, subrecipient or subcontractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this Contract. The contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts. Failure by the contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract, which may result in the termination of this contract or such other remedy as Duluth Transit Authority deems appropriate, which may include, but is not limited to:

1. Withholding monthly progress payments
2. Assessing sanctions;
3. Liquidated damages; and/or
4. Disqualifying the contractor from future bidding as non-responsible. 49 C.F.R. §26.13(b).

Further, recipients must establish a contract clause to require prime contractors to pay subcontractors for satisfactory performance of their contracts no later than 30 days from receipt of each payment the recipient makes to the prime contractor. 49 C.F.R. § 26.29(a). Finally, for contracts with defined DBE contract goals, each FTA recipient must include in each prime contract a provision stating that the contractor shall utilize the specific DBEs listed unless the contractor obtains the recipient's written consent; and that, unless the recipient's consent is provided, the contractor shall not be entitled to any payment for work or material unless it is performed or supplied by the listed DBE. 49 C.F.R. § 26.53(f) (1).

As an additional resource, recipients can draw on the following language for inclusion in their federally funded procurements.

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

contracts. It is also the policy of the Duluth Transit Authority to:

1. ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts;
2. Create a level playing field on which DBE's can compete fairly for DOT-assisted contracts;
3. Ensure that the DBE program is narrowly tailored in accordance with applicable law;
4. Ensure that only firms that fully meet 49 C.F.R. Part 26 eligibility standards are permitted to participate as DBEs;
5. Help remove barriers to the participation of DBEs in DOT assisted contracts;
6. To promote the use of DBEs in all types of federally assisted contracts and procurement activities; and
7. Assist in the development of firms that can compete successfully in the marketplace outside the DBE program.

This contract is subject to the requirements of Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 26. Therefore, the Contractor must satisfy the requirements for DBE participation as set forth herein. These requirements are in addition to all other equal opportunity employment requirements of this Contract.

The Duluth Transit Authority shall make all determinations with regard to whether or not a Bidder/Offeree is in compliance with the requirements stated herein. In assessing compliance, the Duluth Transit Authority may consider during its review of the Bidder/Offeree's submission package, the Bidder/Offeree/s documented history of non-compliance with DBE requirements on previous contracts with the Duluth Transit Authority.

#### **DBE Participation**

For purposes of this Contract, the Duluth Transit Authority will only accept DBEs who are:

1. Certified at the time of the bid opening or proposal evaluation by the Unified Certification Program; or
2. An out of state firm who has been certified by either a local government, state government or Federal government entity authorized to certify DBE status or an agency whose DBE certification process has received FTA approval; or
3. Certified by another agency approved by the Duluth Transit Authority.

**DBE Participation Goal** (only for those contracts with a DBE participation goal)

The DBE participation goal for this Contract is set at \_\_\_\_%. This goal represents those elements of work under this Contract performed by qualified Disadvantaged Business Enterprises for amounts totaling **not less than** \_\_\_\_% of the total Contract price. Failure to meet the stated goal at the time of proposal submission **may** render the Bidder/Offeree non-responsive.

#### **Proposed Submission**

Each Bidder/Offeree, as part of its submission, shall supply the following information:

1. A completed **DBE Utilization Form** (see below) that indicates the percentage and dollar value of the total bid/contract amount to be supplied by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises under this Contract.
2. A list of those qualified DBE's with whom the Bidder/Offeree intends to contract for the performance of portions of the work under the Contract, the agreed price to be paid to each DBE for work, the Contract items or parts to be performed by each DBE, a proposed timetable for the performance or delivery of the Contract item, and other information as required by the **DBE Participation Schedule** (see below). No work shall be included in the Schedule that the Bidder/Offeree has reason to believe the listed DBE will subcontract, at any tier, to other than another DBE. If awarded the Contract, the Bidder/Offeree may not deviate from the DBE Participation Schedule submitted in response to the bid. Any subsequent changes and/or substitutions of DBE firms will require review and written approval by the Duluth Transit Authority.
3. An original **DBE Letter of Intent** (see below) from each DBE listed in the **DBE Participation Schedule**.
4. An original **DBE Affidavit** (see below) from each DBE stating that there has not been any change in its status since the date of its last certification.

#### **Good Faith Efforts**

If the Bidder/Offeror is unable to meet the goal set forth above (DBE Participation Goal), the Duluth Transit Authority will consider the Bidder /Offeror's documented good faith efforts to meet the goal in determining responsiveness. The types of actions that the Duluth Transit Authority will consider as part of the Bidder/Offeror's good faith efforts include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Documented communication with the Duluth Transit Authority's DBE Coordinator (questions of IFB or RFP requirements, subcontracting opportunities, appropriate certification, will be addressed in a timely fashion);
2. Pre-bid meeting attendance. At the pre-bid meeting, the Duluth Transit Authority generally informs potential Bidder/Offeror's of DBE subcontracting opportunities;
3. The Bidder/Offeror's own solicitations to obtain DBE involvement in general circulation media, trade association publication, minority-focus media and other reasonable and available means within sufficient time to allow DBEs to respond to the solicitation;
4. Written notification to DBE's encouraging participation in the proposed Contract; and
5. Efforts made to identify specific portions of the work that might be performed by DBE's.

The Bidder/Offeror shall provide the following details, at a minimum, of the specific efforts it made to negotiate in good faith with DBE's for elements of the Contract:

1. The names, addresses, and telephone numbers of DBE's that were contacted;
2. A description of the information provided to targeted DBE's regarding the specifications and bid proposals for portions of the work;
3. Efforts made to assist DBE's contacted in obtaining bonding or insurance required by the Bidder or the Authority.

Further, the documentation of good faith efforts must include copies of each DBE and non-DBE subcontractor quote submitted when a non-DBE subcontractor was selected over a DBE for work on the contract. 49 C.F.R. § 26.53(b) (2) (VI). In determining whether a Bidder has made good faith efforts, the Duluth Transit Authority may take into account the performance of other Bidders in meeting the Contract goals. For example, if the apparent successful Bidder failed to meet the goal, but meets or exceeds the average DBE participation obtained by other Bidders, the Duluth Transit Authority may view this as evidence of the Bidder having made good faith efforts.

### **Administrative Reconsideration**

Within five (5) business days of being informed by the Duluth Transit Authority that it is not responsive or responsible because it has not documented sufficient good faith efforts, the Bidder/Offeror may request administrative reconsideration. The Bidder should make this request in writing to the Duluth Transit Authority's DBE Officer, Carla Montgomery. The DBE Officer will forward the Bidder/Offeror's request to a reconsideration official who will not have played any role in the original determination that the Bidder/Offeror did not document sufficient good faith efforts.

As part of this reconsideration, the Bidder/Offeror will have the opportunity to provide written documentation or argument concerning the issue of whether it met the goal or made adequate good faith efforts to do so. The Bidder/Offeror will have the opportunity to meet in person with the assigned reconsideration official to discuss the issue of whether it met the goal or made adequate good faith efforts to do so. The Duluth Transit Authority will send the Bidder/Offeror a written decision on its reconsideration, explaining the basis for finding that the Bidder/Offeror did or did not meet the goal or make adequate good faith efforts to do so. The result of the reconsideration process is not administratively appealable to the Department of Transportation.

### **Termination of DBE Subcontractor**

The Contractor shall not terminate the DBE subcontractor(s) listed in the **DBE Participation Schedule** (see below) without the s prior written consent. The Duluth Transit Authority may provide such written

consent only if the Contractor has good cause to terminate the DBE firm. Before transmitting a request to terminate, the Contractor shall give notice in writing to the DBE subcontractor of its intent to terminate and the reason for the request. The Contractor shall give the DBE five days to respond to the notice and advise of the reasons why it objects to the proposed termination. When a DBE subcontractor is terminated or fails to complete its work on the Contract for any reason, the Contractor shall make good faith efforts to find another DBE subcontractor to substitute for the original DBE and immediately notify the Duluth Transit Authority in writing of its efforts to replace the original DBE. These good faith efforts shall be directed at finding another DBE to perform at least the same amount of work under the Contract as the DBE that was terminated, to the extent needed to meet the Contract goal established for this procurement. Failure to comply with these requirements will be in accordance with Section 8 below (Sanctions for Violations).

### **Continued Compliance**

The Duluth Transit Authority shall monitor the Contractor's DBE compliance during the life of the Contract. In the event this procurement exceeds ninety (90) days, **it will be the responsibility of the Contractor to submit quarterly written reports to the Duluth Transit Authority that** summarize the total DBE value for this Contract. These reports shall provide the following details:

- DBE utilization established for the Contract;
  - Total value of expenditures with DBE firms for the quarter;
  - The value of expenditures with each DBE firm for the quarter by race and gender;
  - Total value of expenditures with DBE firms from inception of the Contract; and
  - The value of expenditures with each DBE firm from the inception of the Contract by race and gender.
- Reports and other correspondence must be submitted to the DBE Coordinator with copies provided to the Duluth Transit Authority DBE Officer, Carla Montgomery and a copy to the Duluth Transit Authority Procurement Manager. Reports shall continue to be submitted quarterly until final payment is issued or until DBE participation is completed.

The successful Bidder/Offeror shall permit:

- The Duluth Transit Authority to have access to necessary records to examine information as the Duluth Transit Authority deems appropriate for the purpose of investigating and determining compliance with this provision, including, but not limited to, records of expenditures, invoices, and contract between the successful Bidder/Offeror and other DBE parties entered into during the life of the Contract.
- The authorized representative(s) of the Duluth Transit Authority, the U.S. Department of Transportation, the Comptroller General of the United States, to inspect and audit all data and record of the Contractor relating to its performance under the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Participation provision of this Contract.
- All data/record(s) pertaining to DBE shall be maintained as stated herein.

### **Sanctions for Violations**

If at any time the Duluth Transit Authority has reason to believe that the Contractor is in violation of its obligations under this Agreement or has otherwise failed to comply with terms of this Section, the Duluth Transit Authority may, in addition to pursuing any other available legal remedy, commence proceedings, which may include but are not limited to, the following:

- Suspension of any payment or part due the Contractor until such time as the issues concerning the Contractor's compliance are resolved; and
- Termination or cancellation of the Contract, in whole or in part, unless the successful Contractor is able to demonstrate within a reasonable time that it is in compliance with the DBE terms stated herein.

### **DBE UTILIZATION FORM**

The undersigned Bidder/Offeror has satisfied the requirements of the solicitation in the following manner (please check the appropriate space):



\_\_\_\_\_ The Bidder/Offer is committed to a minimum of \_\_\_\_\_ % DBE utilization on this contract.  
\_\_\_\_\_ The Bidder/Offeror (if unable to meet the DBE goal of %) is committed to a minimum of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ % DBE utilization on this contract and submits documentation demonstrating good faith efforts.

#### **DBE PARTICIPATION SCHEDULE**

The Bidder/Offeror shall complete the following information for all DBE's participating in the contract that comprises the DBE Utilization percent stated in the DBE Utilization Form. The Bidder/Offeror shall also furnish the name and telephone number of the appropriate contact person should the Authority have any questions in relation to the information furnished herein.

#### **DBE IDENTIFICATION AND INFORMATION FORM**

Name and Address	Name and Telephone Number	Percent (Of Total Contract Value)	Of Work To Be Performed	Race and Gender of Firm

The contractor must promptly notify Duluth Transit Authority, 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 Duluth Transit Authority.

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 Duluth Transit Authority or in accordance with state statutes, whichever is more restrictive. In addition, the contractor is required to return any retainage payments to those subcontractors within 30 days (or in accordance with state law, whichever is more restrictive) after the subcontractor's work related to this contract is satisfactorily completed.

End of Section

#### **A.10 EMPLOYEE PROTECTIONS**

**49 U.S.C. § 5333(a); 40 U.S.C. §§ 3141 – 3148; 29 C.F.R. part 5**

**18 U.S.C. § 874; 29 C.F.R. part 3 40 U.S.C. §§3701-3708; 29 C.F.R. part 1926**

##### **Applicability to Contracts**

Certain employee protections apply to all FTA funded contracts with particular emphasis on construction related projects.

##### **Flow Down**

These requirements extend to all third party contractors and their contracts at every tier and subrecipients and their subcontractors at every tier. The Davis-Bacon Act and the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act apply to all prime construction, alteration or repair contracts in excess of \$2,000. The Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act apply to all FTA funded contracts in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers.

##### **Model Clause/Language**

##### **Prevailing Wage and Anti-Kickback**

For all prime construction, alteration or repair contracts in excess of \$2,000 awarded by FTA, the Contractor shall comply with the Davis-Bacon Act and the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act. Under 49 U.S.C. § 5333(a), prevailing wage protections apply to laborers and mechanics employed on FTA assisted construction, alteration, or repair projects. The Contractor will comply with the Davis-Bacon Act, 40 U.S.C. §§ 3141-3144, and 3146-3148 as supplemented by DOL regulations at 29 C.F.R. part 5, "Labor

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

### **Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards**

For all contracts in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers, the Contractor shall comply with the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§ 3701-3708), as supplemented by the DOL regulations at 29 C.F.R. part 5. Under 40 U.S.C. § 3702 of the Act, the Contractor shall compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer, including watchmen and guards, on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week. The requirements of 40 U.S.C. § 3704 are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchase of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or to contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.

In the event of any violation of the clause set forth herein, the Contractor and any subcontractor responsible therefor shall be liable for the unpaid wages. In addition, the Contractor and subcontractor shall be liable to the United States (in the case of work done under contract for the District of Columbia or a territory, to such District or to such territory), for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer or mechanic, including watchmen and guards, employed in violation of this clause in the sum of \$10 for each calendar day on which such individual was required or permitted to work in excess of the standard workweek of forty hours without payment of the overtime wages required by this clause.

The FTA shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor withhold or cause to be withheld, from any moneys payable on account of work performed by the Contractor or subcontractor under any such contract or any other Federal contract with the same prime Contractor, or any other federally-assisted contract subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, which is held by the same prime Contractor, such sums as may be determined to be necessary to satisfy any liabilities of such Contractor or subcontractor for unpaid wages and liquidated damages as provided in this section.

The Contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in this section and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime Contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with the clauses set forth in this agreement.

### **Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards for Awards Not Involving Construction**

The Contractor shall comply with all federal laws, regulations, and requirements providing wage and hour protections for non-construction employees, in accordance with 40 U.S.C. § 3702, Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, and other relevant parts of that Act, 40 U.S.C. § 3701 *et seq.*, and U.S. DOL regulations, “Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction (also Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Non-construction Contracts Subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act),” 29 C.F.R. part 5.

The Contractor shall maintain payrolls and basic payroll records during the course of the work and shall preserve them for a period of three (3) years from the completion of the contract for all laborers and mechanics, including guards and watchmen, working on the contract. Such records shall contain the name and address of each such employee, social security number, correct classifications, hourly rates of wages paid, daily and weekly number of hours worked, deductions made, and actual wages paid. Such records maintained under this paragraph shall be made available by the Contractor for inspection, copying, or transcription by authorized representatives of the FTA and the Department of Labor, and the Contractor will permit such representatives to interview employees during working hours on the job. The contractor shall require the inclusion of the language of this clause within subcontracts of all tiers.

End of Section

## **A.11 ENERGY CONSERVATION**

**42 U.S.C. 6321 *et seq.* 49 C.F.R. part 622, subpart C**

### **Applicability to Contracts**

The Energy Conservation requirements are applicable to all contracts.

### **Flow Down**

These requirements extend to all third party contractors and their contracts at every tier and subrecipients and their subcontractors at every tier.

### **Model Clause/Language**

**Energy Conservation** – The contractor agrees to comply with mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act.

End of Section

## **A.12 FLY AMERICA**

**49 U.S.C. § 40118 41 C.F.R. part 301-10 48 C.F.R. part 47.4**

### **Applicability to Contracts**

The Fly America requirements apply to the transportation of persons or property, by air, between a place in the U.S. and a place outside the U.S., or between places outside the U.S., when the FTA will participate in the costs of such air transportation. Transportation on a foreign air carrier is permissible when provided by a foreign air carrier under a code share agreement when the ticket identifies the U.S. air carrier's designator code and flight number. Transportation by a foreign air carrier is also permissible if there is a bilateral or multilateral air transportation agreement to which the U.S. Government and a foreign government are parties and which the U.S. DOT has determined meets the requirements of the Fly America Act.

### **Flow Down Requirements**

The Fly America requirements flow down from FTA recipients and subrecipients to first tier contractors who are responsible for ensuring that lower tier contractors and subcontractors are in compliance.

### **Model Clause/Language**

The relevant statutes and regulations do not require any specific clause or language that recipients use in their third party contracts. A sample clause is provided for Federal contracts at 48 C.F.R. 52.247-63. Recipients can draw on the following language for inclusion in their federally funded procurements. FTA proposes the following language, modified from the Federal clause.

“International air transportation” means transportation by air between a place in the United States and a place outside the United States or between two places both of which are outside the United States.

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

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

b) When Federal funds are used to fund travel, Section 5 of the International Air Transportation Fair Competitive Practices Act of 1974 (49 U.S.C. 40118) (Fly America Act) requires contractors, recipients, and others use U.S.-flag air carriers for U.S. Government-financed international air transportation of personnel (and their personal effects) or property, to the extent that service by those carriers is available. It requires the Comptroller General of the United States, in the absence of satisfactory proof of the necessity for foreign-flag air transportation, to disallow expenditures from funds, appropriated or otherwise established for the account of the United States, for international air transportation secured aboard a foreign-flag air carrier if a U.S.-flag air carrier is available to provide such services.

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

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

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

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

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

End of Section

**A.13 GOVERNMENT-WIDE DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION**

**2 C.F.R. part 180; 2 C.F.R part 1200; 2 C.F.R. § 200.213**

**2 C.F.R. part 200 Appendix II (I); Executive Order 12549; Executive Order 12689**

**Background and Applicability**

A contract award (of any tier) in an amount expected to equal or exceed \$25,000 or a contract award at any tier for a federally required audit (irrespective of the contract amount) must not be made to parties listed on the government-wide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 C.F.R. part 180. The Excluded Parties List System in SAM contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549.

Recipients, contractors, and subcontractors (at any level) that enter into covered transactions are required to verify that the entity (as well as its principals and affiliates) with which they propose to contract or subcontract is not excluded or disqualified. This is done by: (a) checking the SAM exclusions (b) collecting a certification from that person; or (c) adding a clause or condition to the contract or subcontract.

**Flow Down**

Recipients, contractors, and subcontractors who enter into covered transactions with a participant at the next lower level, must require that participant to: (a) comply with subpart C of 2 C.F.R. part 180, as supplemented by 2 C.F.R. part 1200; and (b) pass the requirement to comply with subpart C of 2 C.F.R. part 180 to each person with whom the participant enters into a covered transaction at the next lower tier.

**Model Clause/Language**

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

The Contractor shall comply and facilitate compliance with U.S. DOT regulations, "Nonprocurement Suspension and Debarment," 2 C.F.R. part 1200, which adopts and supplements the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (U.S. OMB) "Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement)," 2 C.F.R. part 180. These provisions apply to each contract at any tier of \$25,000 or more, and to each contract at any tier for a federally required audit (irrespective of the contract

amount), and to each contract at any tier that must be approved by an FTA official irrespective of the contract amount. As such, the Contractor shall verify that its principals, affiliates, and subcontractors are eligible to participate in this federally funded contract and are not presently declared by any Federal department or agency to be:

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

By signing and submitting its bid or proposal, the bidder or proposer certifies as follows:

The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact relied upon by the Duluth Transit Authority. If it is later determined by the Duluth Transit Authority that the bidder or proposer knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to remedies available to the Duluth Transit Authority, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment. The bidder or proposer agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. part 180, subpart C, as supplemented by 2 C.F.R. part 1200, while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any contract that may arise from this offer.

The bidder or proposer further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

End of Section

#### **A.14 LOBBYING RESTRICTIONS**

**31 U.S.C. § 1352 2 C.F.R. § 200.450 2 C.F.R. part 200 appendix II (J) 49 C.F.R. part 20**

##### **Applicability to Contracts**

The lobbying requirements apply to all contracts and subcontracts of \$100,000 or more at any tier under a Federal grant. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this agreement, the payor must complete and submit the Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

##### **Flow Down**

The lobbying requirements mandate the maximum flow down pursuant to Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment, 31 U.S.C. § 1352(b)(5).

##### **Model Clause/Language**

##### **Lobbying Restrictions**

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

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

Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

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

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

End of Section

## **A.15 NO GOVERNMENT OBLIGATION TO THIRD PARTIES**

### **Applicability to Contracts**

The No Obligation clause applies to all third-party contracts that are federally funded.

### **Flow Down**

The No Obligation clause extends to all third-party contractors and their contracts at every tier and subrecipients and their subcontracts at every tier.

### **Model Clause/Language**

There is no required language for the No Obligations clause. Recipients can draw on the following language for inclusion in their federally funded procurements.

#### **No Federal Government Obligation to Third Parties.**

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

End of Section

## **A.16 PATENT RIGHTS AND RIGHTS IN DATA 2 C.F.R. part 200, Appendix II (F) 37 C.F.R. part 401**

### **Applicability to Contracts**

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

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

### **Flow Down**

The Patent Rights and Rights in Data requirements flow down to all third party contractors and their contracts at every tier that meet the definition of a research-type project under 37 U.S.C. § 401.2.

### **Model Clause/Language**

Recipients can draw on language provided in 37 C.F.R. § 401.3 for appropriate Patent Rights and Data Rights Clauses for use in their federally funded research, development, demonstration, or special studies projects. Recipients should consult legal counsel for guidance in developing an appropriate Intellectual Property Agreement. At a minimum, recipients can include the following language in their standard boilerplates.

### **Intellectual Property Rights**

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

1. The Federal Government reserves a royalty-free, non-exclusive and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use, and to authorize others to use for "Federal Government Purposes," any subject data or copyright described below. For "Federal Government Purposes," means use only for the direct purposes of the Federal Government. Without the copyright owner's consent, the Federal Government may not extend its Federal license to any other party. A. Any subject data developed under the Contract, whether or not a copyright has been obtained; and

b. Any rights of copyright purchased by the Contractor using Federal assistance in whole or in part by the FTA.

2. Unless FTA determines otherwise, the Contractor performing experimental, developmental, or research work required as part of this Contract agrees to permit FTA to make available to the public, either FTA's license in the copyright to any subject data developed in the course of the Contract, or a copy of the subject data first produced under the Contract for which a copyright has not been obtained. If the experimental, developmental, or research work, which is the subject of this Contract, is not completed for any reason whatsoever, all data developed under the Contract shall become subject data as defined herein and shall be delivered as the Federal Government may direct.

3. Unless prohibited by state law, upon request by the Federal Government, the Contractor agrees to indemnify, save, and hold harmless the Federal Government, its officers, agents, and employees acting

within the scope of their official duties against any liability, including costs and expenses, resulting from any willful or intentional violation by the Contractor of proprietary rights, copyrights, or right of privacy, arising out of the publication, translation, reproduction, delivery, use, or disposition of any data furnished under that contract. The Contractor shall be required to indemnify the Federal Government for any such liability arising out of the wrongful act of any employee, official, or agents of the Federal Government.

4. Nothing contained in this clause on rights in data shall imply a license to the Federal Government under any patent or be construed as affecting the scope of any license or other right otherwise granted to the Federal Government under any patent.

5. Data developed by the Contractor and financed entirely without using Federal assistance provided by the Federal Government that has been incorporated into work required by the underlying Contract is exempt from the requirements herein, provided that the Contractor identifies those data in writing at the time of delivery of the Contract work.

6. The Contractor agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract for experimental, developmental, or research work financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance.

End of Section

#### **A.17 PRE-AWARD AND POST-DELIVERY AUDITS OF ROLLING STOCK PURCHASES 49 U.S.C. 5323(m) 49 C.F.R. part 663**

##### **Applicability to Contracts**

Recipients purchasing revenue service rolling stock with FTA funds must comply with the pre-award and post-delivery audit requirements set forth in 49 U.S.C. 5323(m) and supplemented by 49 C.F.R. part 663. For more information about pre-award and post-delivery audit requirements, please go to FTA's Buy America page on its website.

##### **Flow Down**

There is no flow down requirement for Pre-Award and Post-Delivery Audits of Rolling Stock.

##### **Model Clause/Language**

Part 663 of Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, does not contain specific language to be included in third party contracts but does contain requirements applicable to subrecipients and third party contractors. Recipients are advised to use the model certificates and language contained in the audit handbook. Additionally, recipients can draw on the following language for inclusion in their federally funded procurements.

##### **Pre-Award and Post-Delivery Audit Requirements**

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

End of Section

#### **A.18 PROGRAM FRAUD AND FALSE OR FRAUDULENT STATEMENTS AND RELATED ACTS 49 U.S.C. § 5323(l) (1) 31 U.S.C. §§ 3801-3812 18 U.S.C. § 1001 49 C.F.R. part 31**

##### **Applicability to Contracts**

The Program Fraud clause applies to all third-party contracts that are federally funded.

##### **Flow Down**

The Program Fraud clause extends to all third-party contractors and their contracts at every tier and subrecipients and their subcontracts at every tier. These requirements flow down to contractors and subcontractors who make, present, or submit covered claims and statements.



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

The Contractor acknowledges that the provisions of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986, as amended, 31 U.S.C. § 3801 *et seq.* and U.S. DOT regulations, "Program Fraud Civil Remedies," 49 C.F.R. part 31, apply to its actions pertaining to this Project. Upon execution of the underlying contract, the Contractor certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of any statement it has made, it makes, it may make, or causes to be made, pertaining to the underlying contract or the FTA assisted project for which this contract work is being performed. In addition to other penalties that may be applicable, the Contractor further acknowledges that if it makes, or causes to be made, a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, or certification, the Federal Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986 on the Contractor to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.

The Contractor also acknowledges that if it makes, or causes to be made, a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, or certification to the Federal Government under a contract connected with a project that is financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance originally awarded by FTA under the authority of 49 U.S.C. chapter 53, the Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and 49 U.S.C. § 5323(l) on the Contractor, to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.

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

End of Section

## **A.19 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION EMPLOYEE PROTECTIVE ARRANGEMENTS**

### **49 U.S.C. § 5333(b) ("13(c)") 29 C.F.R. part 215**

#### **Applicability to Contracts**

The Public Transportation Employee Protective Arrangements apply to each contract for transit operations performed by employees of a Contractor recognized by FTA to be a transit operator.

#### **Flow Down**

The employee protective arrangements clause flows down to all third party contractors and their contracts at every tier.

#### **Model Clause/Language**

There is no required language for the Public Transportation Employee Protective Arrangements clause. Recipients can draw on the following language for inclusion in their federally funded procurements.

#### **Public Transportation Employee Protective Arrangements**

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

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

End of Section

## **A.20 RECYCLED PRODUCTS**

### **Applicability to Contracts**

The Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, as amended, (42 U.S.C. § 6962 *et seq.*), requires States and local governmental authorities to provide a competitive preference to products and services that conserve natural resources, protect the environment, and are energy efficient. Recipients are required to procure only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 C.F.R. part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired during the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000.

### **Flow Down**

These requirements extend to all third party contractors and their contracts at every tier and subrecipients and their subcontracts at every tier where the value of an EPA designated item exceeds \$10,000.

### **Model Clause/Language**

#### **Recovered Materials**

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

End of Section

## **A.21 SAFE OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES**

**23 U.S.C. part 402; Executive Order No. 13043**

**Executive Order No. 13513; U.S. DOT Order No. 3902.10**

### **Applicability to Contracts**

The Safe Operation of Motor Vehicles requirements apply to all federally funded third party contracts. In compliance with Federal Executive Order No. 13043, “Increasing Seat Belt Use in the United States,” April 16, 1997, 23 U.S.C. Section 402 note, FTA encourages each third party contractor to adopt and promote on-the-job seat belt use policies and programs for its employees and other personnel that operate company owned, rented, or personally operated vehicles, and to include this provision in each third party subcontract involving the project. Additionally, recipients are required by FTA to include a Distracted Driving clause that addresses distracted driving, including text messaging in each of its third party agreements supported with Federal assistance.

### **Flow Down Requirements**

The Safe Operation of Motor Vehicles requirements flow down to all third-party contractors at every tier.

### **Model Clause/Language**

#### **Safe Operation of Motor Vehicles**

##### **Seat Belt Use**

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

##### **Distracted Driving**

The Contractor agrees to adopt and enforce workplace safety policies to decrease crashes caused by distracted drivers, including policies to ban text messaging while using an electronic device supplied by an employer, and driving a vehicle the driver owns or rents, a vehicle Contractor owns, leases, or rents, or

a privately-owned vehicle when on official business in connection with the work performed under this agreement.

End of Section

## **A.22 SCHOOL BUS OPERATIONS**

### **49 U.S.C. 5323(f) 49 C.F.R. part 605**

#### **Applicability to Contracts**

The School Bus requirements apply to contracts for operating public transportation service.

#### **Flow Down Requirements**

The School Bus requirements flow down from FTA recipients and subrecipients to first tier service contractors.

#### **Model Clause/Language**

The relevant statutes and regulations do not mandate any specific clause or language. Recipients can draw on the following language for inclusion in their federally funded procurements.

#### **School Bus Operations**

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

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

If Contractor violates this School Bus Agreement, FTA may:

1. Bar the Contractor from receiving Federal assistance for public transportation; or
2. Require the contractor to take such remedial measures as FTA considers appropriate.

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

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

End of Section

## **A.23 SEISMIC SAFETY**

### **42 U.S.C. 7701 et seq. 49 C.F.R. part 41 Executive Order (E.O.) 12699**

#### **Applicability to Contracts**

The Seismic Safety requirements apply only to contracts for the construction of new buildings or additions to existing buildings.

#### **Flow Down**

The Seismic Safety requirements flow down from FTA recipients and subrecipients to first tier contractors to assure compliance with the applicable building standards for Seismic Safety, including the work performed by all subcontractors.

#### **Model Clauses/Language**

The regulations do not provide suggested language for third party contract clauses. Recipients can draw

on the following language for inclusion in their federally funded procurements.

### **Seismic Safety**

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

End of Section

## **A.24 SUBSTANCE ABUSE REQUIREMENTS**

### **49 U.S.C. § 5331 49 C.F.R. part 655 49 C.F.R. part 40**

#### **Applicability to Contracts**

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

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

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

#### **Flow Down Requirements**

The Substance Abuse requirements flow down to all third party contractors at every tier who perform a safety-sensitive function for the recipient or subrecipient.

#### **Model Clause/Language**

FTA's drug and alcohol rules, 49 C.F.R. part 655, are unique among the regulations issued by FTA. First, they require recipients to ensure that any entity performing a safety-sensitive function on the recipient's behalf (usually subrecipients and/or contractors) implement a complex drug and alcohol testing program that complies with part 655. Second, the rules condition the receipt of certain kinds of FTA funding on the recipient's compliance with the rules; thus, the recipient is not in compliance with the rules unless every entity that performs a safety-sensitive function on the recipient's behalf is in compliance with the rules. Third, the rules do not specify how a recipient ensures that its subrecipients and/or contractors comply with them.

How a recipient does so depends on several factors, including whether the contractor is covered independently by the drug and alcohol rules of another Department of Transportation operating administration, the nature of the relationship that the recipient has with the contractor, and the financial resources available to the recipient to oversee the contractor's drug and alcohol testing program. In short,

there are a variety of ways a recipient can ensure that its subrecipients and contractors comply with the rules.

FTA has developed three model contract provisions for recipients to use "as is" or to modify to fit their particular situations.

### **Explanation of Model Contract Clauses**

#### **Option 1**

The recipient ensures the contractor's compliance with the rules by requiring the contractor to participate in a drug and alcohol program administered by the recipient. The advantages of doing this are obvious: the recipient maintains total control over its compliance with 49 C.F.R. part 655. The disadvantage is that the recipient, which may not directly employ any safety-sensitive employees, has to implement a complex testing program. Therefore, this may be a practical option for only those recipients that have a testing program for their employees, and can add the contractor's safety-sensitive employees to that program.

#### **Option 2**

The recipient relies on the contractor to implement a drug and alcohol testing program that complies with 49 C.F.R. part 655, but retains the ability to monitor the contractor's testing program; thus, the recipient has less control over its compliance with the drug and alcohol testing rules than it does under Option 1. The advantage of this approach is that it places the responsibility for complying with the rules on the entity that is actually performing the safety-sensitive function. Moreover, it reserves to the recipient the power to ensure that the contractor complies with the program. The disadvantage of Option 2 is that, without adequate monitoring of the contractor's program, the recipient may find itself out of compliance with the rules.

#### **Option 3**

The recipient specifies some or all of the specific features of a contractor's drug and alcohol compliance program. Thus, it requires the recipient to decide what it wants to do and how it wants to do it. The advantage of this option is that the recipient has more control over the contractor's drug and alcohol testing program, yet it is not actually administering the testing program. The disadvantage is that the recipient has to specify and understand clearly what it wants to do and why.

### **SUBSTANCE ABUSE TESTING Option 1**

The Contractor agrees to participate in the Duluth Transit Authority's drug and alcohol program established in compliance with 49 C.F.R. part 655.

### **SUBSTANCE ABUSE TESTING Option 2**

The Contractor agrees to establish and implement a drug and alcohol testing program that complies with 49 C.F.R. parts 655, produce any documentation necessary to establish its compliance with part 655, and permit any authorized representative of the United States Department of Transportation or its operating administrations, the State Oversight Agency of Minnesota, or the Duluth Transit Authority, to inspect the facilities and records associated with the implementation of the drug and alcohol testing program as required under 49 C.F.R. part 655 and review the testing process. The Contractor agrees further to certify annually its compliance with parts 655 before March 1 and to submit the Management Information System (MIS) reports before March 15 to the Duluth Transit Authority General Manager, 2402 West Michigan Street, Duluth, MN 55806. To certify compliance, the Contractor shall use the "Substance Abuse Certifications" in the "Annual List of Certifications and Assurances for Federal Transit Administration Grants and Cooperative Agreements," which is published annually in the *Federal Register*.

### **SUBSTANCE ABUSE TESTING Option 3**

The Contractor agrees to establish and implement a drug and alcohol testing program that complies with 49 C.F.R. part 655, produce any documentation necessary to establish its compliance with part 655, and permit any authorized representative of the United States Department of Transportation or its operating administrations, the State Oversight Agency of Minnesota, or the Duluth Transit Authority, to inspect the facilities and records associated with the implementation of the drug and alcohol testing program as

required under 49 C.F.R. part 655 and review the testing process. The Contractor agrees further to certify annually its compliance with parts 655 before March 1 and to submit the Management Information System (MIS) reports before March 15 to the Duluth Transit Authority General Manager, 2402 West Michigan Street, Duluth, MN 55806. To certify compliance the Contractor shall use the "Substance Abuse Certifications" in the "Annual List of Certifications and Assurances for Federal Transit Administration Grants and Cooperative Agreements," which is published annually in the Federal Register. The Contractor agrees further to submit for review and approval before March 1 a copy of its Policy Statement developed to implement its drug and alcohol testing program. In addition, the Contractor agrees to the selection of the certified laboratory, substance abuse professional, or Medical Review Officer, as determined by the Duluth Transit Authority.

End of Section

## **A.25 TERMINATION**

### **2 C.F.R. § 200.339 2 C.F.R. part 200, Appendix II (B)**

#### **Applicability to Contracts**

All contracts in excess of \$10,000 must address termination for cause and for convenience, including the manner by which it will be effected and the basis for settlement.

#### **Flow Down**

For all contracts in excess of \$10,000, the Termination clause extends to all third party contractors and their contracts at every tier and subrecipients and their subcontracts at every tier.

#### **Model Clause/Language**

There is no required language for the Terminations clause. Recipients can draw on the following language for inclusion in their federally funded procurements.

#### **Termination for Convenience (General Provision)**

The Duluth Transit Authority may terminate this contract, in whole or in part, at any time by written notice to the Contractor when it is in the Duluth Transit Authority's best interest. The Contractor shall be paid its costs, including contract close-out costs, and profit on work performed up to the time of termination. The Contractor shall promptly submit its termination claim to the Duluth Transit Authority to be paid the Contractor. If the Contractor has any property in its possession belonging to the Duluth Transit Authority, the Contractor will account for the same, and dispose of it in the manner the Duluth Transit Authority directs.

#### **Termination for Default [Breach or Cause] (General Provision)**

If the Contractor does not deliver supplies in accordance with the contract delivery schedule, or if the contract is for services, the Contractor fails to perform in the manner called for in the contract, or if the Contractor fails to comply with any other provisions of the contract, the Duluth Transit Authority may terminate this contract for default. Termination shall be effected by serving a Notice of Termination on the Contractor setting forth the manner in which the Contractor is in default. The Contractor will be paid only the contract price for supplies delivered and accepted, or services performed in accordance with the manner of performance set forth in the contract.

If it is later determined by the Duluth Transit Authority that the Contractor had an excusable reason for not performing, such as a strike, fire, or flood, events which are not the fault of or are beyond the control of the Contractor, the Duluth Transit Authority, after setting up a new delivery of performance schedule, may allow the Contractor to continue work, or treat the termination as a Termination for Convenience.

#### **Opportunity to Cure (General Provision)**

The Duluth Transit Authority, in its sole discretion may, in the case of a termination for breach or default, allow the Contractor twenty (20) days in which to cure the defect. In such case, the Notice of Termination will state the time period in which cure is permitted and other appropriate conditions.

If Contractor fails to remedy to the Duluth Transit Authority's satisfaction the breach or default of any of the terms, covenants, or conditions of this Contract within 10 days after receipt by Contractor of written notice from the Duluth Transit Authority setting forth the nature of said breach or default, the Duluth Transit Authority 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 Duluth Transit Authority from also pursuing all available remedies against Contractor and its sureties for said breach or default.

#### **Waiver of Remedies for any Breach**

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

#### **Termination for Convenience (Professional or Transit Service Contracts)**

The Duluth Transit Authority, by written notice, may terminate this contract, in whole or in part, when it is in the Duluth Transit Authority's interest. If this contract is terminated, the Duluth Transit Authority shall be liable only for payment under the payment provisions of this contract for services rendered before the effective date of termination.

#### **Termination for Default (Supplies and Service)**

If the Contractor fails to deliver supplies or to perform the services within the time specified in this contract or any extension, or if the Contractor fails to comply with any other provisions of this contract, the Duluth Transit Authority may terminate this contract for default. The Duluth Transit Authority shall terminate by delivering to the Contractor a Notice of Termination specifying the nature of the default. The Contractor will only be paid the contract price for supplies delivered and accepted, or services performed in accordance with the manner or performance set forth in this contract.

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

#### **Termination for Default (Transportation Services)**

If the Contractor fails to pick up the commodities or to perform the services, including delivery services, within the time specified in this contract or any extension, or if the Contractor fails to comply with any other provisions of this contract, the Duluth Transit Authority may terminate this contract for default. The Duluth Transit Authority shall terminate by delivering to the Contractor a Notice of Termination specifying the nature of default. The Contractor will only be paid the contract price for services performed in accordance with the manner of performance set forth in this contract.

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

#### **Termination for Default (Construction)**

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

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

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

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

#### **Termination for Convenience or Default (Architect and Engineering)**

The Duluth Transit Authority may terminate this contract in whole or in part, for the Duluth Transit Authority's convenience or because of the failure of the Contractor to fulfill the contract obligations. The Duluth Transit Authority shall terminate by delivering to the Contractor a Notice of Termination specifying the nature, extent, and effective date of the termination. Upon receipt of the notice, the Contractor shall (1) immediately discontinue all services affected (unless the notice directs otherwise), and (2) deliver to the Duluth Transit Authority's Contracting Officer all data, drawings, specifications, reports, estimates, summaries, and other information and materials accumulated in performing this contract, whether completed or in process. The Duluth Transit Authority has a royalty-free, nonexclusive, and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish or otherwise use, all such data, drawings, specifications, reports, estimates, summaries, and other information and materials.

If the termination is for the convenience of the Duluth Transit Authority, the Duluth Transit Authority's Contracting Officer shall make an equitable adjustment in the contract price but shall allow no anticipated profit on unperformed services.

If the termination is for failure of the Contractor to fulfill the contract obligations, the Duluth Transit Authority may complete the work by contract or otherwise and the Contractor shall be liable for any additional cost incurred by the Duluth Transit Authority.

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

#### **Termination for Convenience or Default (Cost-Type Contracts)**



The Duluth Transit Authority may terminate this contract, or any portion of it, by serving a Notice of Termination on the Contractor. The notice shall state whether the termination is for convenience of the Duluth Transit Authority or for the default of the Contractor. If the termination is for default, the notice shall state the manner in which the Contractor has failed to perform the requirements of the contract. The Contractor shall account for any property in its possession paid for from funds received from the Duluth Transit Authority, or property supplied to the Contractor by the Duluth Transit Authority. If the termination is for default, the Duluth Transit Authority may fix the fee, if the contract provides for a fee, to be paid the Contractor in proportion to the value, if any, of work performed up to the time of termination. The Contractor shall promptly submit its termination claim to the Duluth Transit Authority and the parties shall negotiate the termination settlement to be paid the Contractor. If the termination is for the convenience of the Duluth Transit Authority, the Contractor shall be paid its contract close-out costs, and a fee, if the contract provided for payment of a fee, in proportion to the work performed up to the time of termination. If, after serving a Notice of Termination for Default, the Duluth Transit Authority determines that the Contractor has an excusable reason for not performing, the Duluth Transit Authority, after setting up a new work schedule, may allow the Contractor to continue work, or treat the termination as a Termination for Convenience.

End of Section

## **A.26 VIOLATION AND BREACH OF CONTRACT**

### **2 C.F.R. § 200.326 2 C.F.R. part 200, Appendix II (A)**

#### **Applicability to Contracts**

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

#### **Flow Down**

The Violations and Breach of Contracts clause flow down to all third party contractors and their contracts at every tier.

#### **Model Clauses/Language**

FTA does not prescribe the form or content of such provisions. The provisions developed will depend on the circumstances and the type of contract. Recipients should consult legal counsel in developing appropriate clauses. The following clauses are examples of provisions from various FTA third party contracts. Recipients can draw on these examples for inclusion in their federally funded procurements.

#### **Rights and Remedies of the Duluth Transit Authority**

The Duluth Transit Authority shall have the following rights in the event that the Duluth Transit Authority deems the Contractor guilty of a breach of any term under the Contract.

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

#### **Rights and Remedies of Contractor**

Inasmuch as the Contractor can be adequately compensated by money damages for any breach of this Contract, which may be committed by the Duluth Transit Authority, the Contractor expressly agrees that no default, act or omission of the Duluth Transit Authority shall constitute a material breach of this

Contract, entitling Contractor to cancel or rescind the Contract (unless the Duluth Transit Authority directs Contractor to do so) or to suspend or abandon performance.

### **Remedies**

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

### **Disputes**

- **Example 1:** Disputes arising in the performance of this Contract that are not resolved by agreement of the parties shall be decided in writing by the authorized representative of the Duluth Transit Authority's Procurement Manager. This decision shall be final and conclusive unless within 10 days from the date of receipt of its copy, the Contractor mails or otherwise furnishes a written appeal to the Duluth Transit Authority General Manager. In connection with any such appeal, the Contractor shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard and to offer evidence in support of its position. The decision of the General Manager shall be binding upon the Contractor and the Contractor shall abide by the decision.
- **Example 2:** The Duluth Transit Authority and the Contractor intend to resolve all disputes under this Agreement to the best of their abilities in an informal manner. To accomplish this end, the parties will use an Alternative Dispute Resolution process to resolve disputes in a manner designed to avoid litigation. In general, the parties contemplate that the Alternative Dispute Resolution process will include, at a minimum, an attempt to resolve disputes through communications between their staffs, and, if resolution is not reached at that level, a procedure for review and action on such disputes by appropriate management level officials within the Duluth Transit Authority and the Contractor's organization.

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

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

### **Performance during Dispute**

Unless otherwise directed by the Duluth Transit Authority, Contractor shall continue performance under this Contract while matters in dispute are being resolved.

### **Claims for Damages**

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

### **Remedies**

Unless this Contract provides otherwise, all claims, counterclaims, disputes and other matters in question between the Duluth Transit Authority and the Contractor arising out of or relating to this agreement or its

breach will be decided by arbitration if the parties mutually agree, or in a court of competent jurisdiction within the State in which the Duluth Transit Authority is located.

### **Rights and Remedies**

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

#### **A. 27 PROHIBITION ON CONTRACTING FOR CERTAIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SERVICES OR EQUIPMENT**

(a) *Definitions.* As used in this clause—

*Backhaul* means intermediate links between the core network, or backbone network, and the small subnetworks at the edge of the network (e.g., connecting cell phones/towers to the core telephone network). Backhaul can be wireless (e.g., microwave) or wired (e.g., fiber optic, coaxial cable, Ethernet).

*Covered foreign country* means The People's Republic of China.

*Covered telecommunications equipment or services* means—

(1) Telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities);

(2) For the purpose of public safety, security of Government facilities, physical security surveillance of critical infrastructure, and other national security purposes, video surveillance and telecommunications equipment produced by Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities);

(3) Telecommunications or video surveillance services provided by such entities or using such equipment; or

(4) Telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services produced or provided by an entity that the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of National Intelligence or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reasonably believes to be an entity owned or controlled by, or otherwise connected to, the government of a covered foreign country.

*Critical technology* means—

(1) Defense articles or defense services included on the United States Munitions List set forth in the International Traffic in Arms Regulations under subchapter M of chapter I of title 22, Code of Federal Regulations;

(2) Items included on the Commerce Control List set forth in Supplement No. 1 to part 774 of the Export Administration Regulations under subchapter C of chapter VII of title 15, Code of Federal Regulations, and controlled-

(i) Pursuant to multilateral regimes, including for reasons relating to national security, chemical and biological weapons proliferation, nuclear nonproliferation, or missile technology; or

(ii) For reasons relating to regional stability or surreptitious listening;

(3) Specially designed and prepared nuclear equipment, parts and components, materials, software, and technology covered by part 810 of title 10, Code of Federal Regulations (relating to assistance to foreign atomic energy activities);

(4) Nuclear facilities, equipment, and material covered by part 110 of title 10, Code of Federal Regulations (relating to export and import of nuclear equipment and material);

(5) Select agents and toxins covered by part 331 of title 7, Code of Federal Regulations, part 121 of title 9 of such Code, or part 73 of title 42 of such Code; or

(6) Emerging and foundational technologies controlled pursuant to section 1758 of the Export Control Reform Act of 2018 (50 U.S.C. 4817).

*Interconnection arrangements* means arrangements governing the physical connection of two or more networks to allow the use of another's network to hand off traffic where it is ultimately delivered (e.g., connection of a customer of telephone provider A to a customer of telephone company B) or sharing data and other information resources.

*Reasonable inquiry* means an inquiry designed to uncover any information in the entity's possession about the identity of the producer or provider of covered telecommunications equipment or services used by the entity that excludes the need to include an internal or third-party audit.

*Roaming* means cellular communications services (e.g., voice, video, data) received from a visited network when unable to connect to the facilities of the home network either because signal coverage is too weak or because traffic is too high.

*Substantial or essential component* means any component necessary for the proper function or performance of a piece of equipment, system, or service.

(b) *Prohibition.*

(1) Section 889(a)(1)(A) of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Pub. L. 115-232) prohibits the DTA on or after August 13, 2019, from procuring or obtaining, or extending or renewing a contract to procure or obtain, any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. The Contractor is prohibited from providing to the Government any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system, unless an exception at paragraph (c) of this clause applies or the covered telecommunication equipment or services are covered by a waiver described in FAR [4.2104](#).

(2) Section 889(a)(1)(B) of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Pub. L. 115-232) prohibits the head of an executive agency on or after August 13, 2020, from entering into a contract, or extending or renewing a contract, with an entity that uses any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or

essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system, unless an exception at paragraph (c) of this clause applies or the covered telecommunication equipment or services are covered by a waiver described in FAR [4.2104](#). This prohibition applies to the use of covered telecommunications equipment or services, regardless of whether that use is in performance of work under a Federal contract.

(c) *Exceptions*. This clause does not prohibit contractors from providing—

(1) A service that connects to the facilities of a third-party, such as backhaul, roaming, or interconnection arrangements; or

(2) Telecommunications equipment that cannot route or redirect user data traffic or permit visibility into any user data or packets that such equipment transmits or otherwise handles.

(d) Reporting requirement.

(1) In the event the Contractor identifies covered telecommunications equipment or services used as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system, during contract performance, or the Contractor is notified of such by a subcontractor at any tier or by any other source, the Contractor shall report the information in paragraph (d)(2) of this clause to the Contracting Officer, unless elsewhere in this contract are established procedures for reporting the information. For indefinite delivery contracts, the Contractor shall report to the Contracting Officer for the indefinite delivery contract and the Contracting Officer(s) for any affected order.

(2) The Contractor shall report the following information pursuant to paragraph (d)(1) of this clause:

(i) Within one business day from the date of such identification or notification: the contract number; the order number(s), if applicable; supplier name; supplier unique entity identifier (if known); supplier Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) code (if known); brand; model number (original equipment manufacturer number, manufacturer part number, or wholesaler number); item description; and any readily available information about mitigation actions undertaken or recommended.

(ii) Within 10 business days of submitting the information in paragraph (d)(2)(i) of this clause: any further available information about mitigation actions undertaken or recommended. In addition, the Contractor shall describe the efforts it undertook to prevent use or submission of covered telecommunications equipment or services, and any additional efforts that will be incorporated to prevent future use or submission of covered telecommunications equipment or services.

(e) *Subcontracts*. The Contractor shall insert the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (e) and excluding paragraph (b)(2), in all subcontracts and other contractual instruments, including subcontracts for the acquisition of commercial items.

(End of clause)

## ~~**A.28 COMBATING RACE AND SEX STEREOTYPING**~~ **Repealed**

### **A. 29) Notice of Legal Agreement or Litigation**

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

Contractor shall promptly notify the Duluth Transit Authority of any current or prospective legal matter that may affect the Duluth Transit Authority or the Federal Government. Legal matters that require notification include, but are not limited to, a major dispute, breach, default, litigation, or naming the Duluth Transit Authority or the Federal Government as a party to litigation or any legal agreement in any forum for any reason.

This notification provision applies to instances of false claims under the False Claims Act, or has or may have committed a criminal or civil violation of law pertaining to such matters as fraud, conflict of interest, bid rigging, misappropriation or embezzlement, bribery, gratuity, or similar misconduct involving federal assistance. This responsibility occurs whether the Contractor is subject to this Agreement between the Contractor and the Duluth Transit Authority or the Federal Transit Administration, or an agreement involving a principal, officer, employee, agent or subcontractor of the Contractor. Knowledge, as it is used in this paragraph, includes, but is not limited to, knowledge of a criminal or civil investigation by a Federal, state, or local law enforcement or other investigative agency, a criminal indictment or civil complaint, or probable cause that could support a criminal indictment, or any other credible information in the possession of the Contractor. In this paragraph, “promptly” means to refer to information without delay and without change.

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