



Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority  
(dba Wave Transit)

*Wilmington, North Carolina*

**Request for Proposals (RFP)**  
*for*  
**Commercial Backup Generators**

*August 22, 2022*

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**Due Date:** September 30, 2022  
**Time:** 2:00 PM EST  
**Receipt Location:** Wave Transit Administrative Offices  
505 Cando Street  
Wilmington, NC 28405

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# 1. Notice of Advertisement

## 1.1 Objective

The Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority (“Authority”) is seeking proposals from qualified Contractors for the purchase and installation of two (2) diesel powered automatic backup generators for the Authority’s Maintenance and Operations Center (“Operations Center”) and Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) fueling station located at 1480 Castle Hayne Rd., Wilmington, NC 28401. The selected Contractor will be responsible for the full implementation of the system including, equipment, permitting, installation, wiring, testing, training, and warranty. The work must be performed in accordance with the sealed engineering drawings and technical specifications included as part of this solicitation.

Solicitation documents can be downloaded from the Wave Transit website at the following link: <https://www.wavetransit.com/procurement/>

## 1.2 Submittal Details

Proposals shall be addressed to Executive Director and marked “**Commercial Backup Generators**” and will be received until 2:00 p.m. EST on Friday, September 30, 2022, at which time they will be opened.

Sealed proposals with one (1) original and (3) copies, and/or one electronic copy (PDF format preferred) will be received on or before the time and date referenced above. An early postmark will not suffice. Ample time should be allowed for postal and/or electronic delivery. Credentials for postal and electronic delivery are as follows:

**The Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority  
Attn: Marie Parker, Executive Director  
Commercial Backup Generators  
P.O. Box 12630  
Wilmington, NC 28405**

**Electronic submittals can be emailed to the following: [info@wavetransit.com](mailto:info@wavetransit.com) or submitted through the Proposer’s dropbox link emailed to: [info@wavetransit.com](mailto:info@wavetransit.com).**

Additional time will not be granted to a single Respondent; however, additional time may be granted to all Respondents if the Authority determines that circumstances warrant.

## 1.3 RFP Postponement, Amendment and Withdrawal

The Authority reserves the right to, in its sole and exclusive discretion, to postpone, to accept or to reject any and all proposals, in whole or in part. The Authority may amend this solicitation at any time up to the deadline for submittal as referenced. Revisions, and amendments, if any, shall be announced to each prospective contractor and published via written addenda. The deadline for submitting proposals shall be at least seven (7) calendar days after the last addendum, and any addenda shall include an announcement, if applicable, of the new deadline for submitting proposals.

All proposals shall be subject to all applicable State and Federal laws. The selected Contractor and any/all subcontractor(s) will be required to pay appropriate prevailing wage rates in accordance with United States Department of Labor and North Carolina Department of Labor standards.

#### **1.4 Requests for Additional Information**

Proposers requiring additional information or clarification may contact the Executive Director. Requests must be received in writing ten (10) days before the submittal deadline. All contact should be directed to the following:

**Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority**  
**Attn: Marie Parker, Executive Director**  
**P.O. Box 12630**  
**Wilmington, NC 28405-0130**  
**(910) 202-2035**  
**(910) 343-8317 (fax)**  
[info@wavetransit.com](mailto:info@wavetransit.com)

The Authority will send all requests for information and responses in writing to all known interested Proposers so that all parties have the same information. Any spoken communication given is not binding upon the Authority unless and until it is communicated in written form.

Should a Proposer find discrepancies or omissions in this RFP, or any other documents provided by the Authority, the Proposal shall provide immediate notification of such potential discrepancy in writing via email as noted above.

The Authority is an independent body politic and corporate as defined by **North Carolina General Statute 160A Article 25**. All inquiries regarding this proposal must be directed to the designated contact listed above. Approval of any contract resulting from this RFP will be made by the Authority. The decision of the Authority will be final.

#### **1.5 Non-mandatory Pre-proposal Conference**

A voluntary pre-proposal meeting to provide additional information, inspect the facility, and answer any questions will be held on **Wednesday, September 7th 2022, at 3:00 P.M. EST** at the project site located at 1480 Castle Hayne Rd., Wilmington, NC 28401.

During this time, Proposers will be provided a tour of the facility, shown the locations for installation of generator equipment, be able to inspect current electrical system, secure pictures and measurements and ask questions. Additional site visits can also be arranged through the Project Manager upon request.

The pre-proposal meeting is for information only. Any answers furnished will not be official until verified in writing which will be posted to the Authority's website following the meeting. Answers that change or clarify the bid will be affirmed in an addendum to the RFP.

## 1.6 Estimated Proposal Schedule

Sequence of Events	Date/Time
RFP Opportunity Advertisement	Monday, August 22nd, 2022
Pre-Proposal Meeting	Wednesday, September 7th, 2022 at 3:00 pm EST
Clarifications/Questions Due	Monday, September 12th, 2022 by 5:00 pm EST
Clarifications/Questions Answered	Friday, September 16th, 2022 by 5:00 pm EST
Proposals Due	Friday, September 30th, 2022 by 2:00 pm EST
Estimated Interviews	October 10th and 12th, 2022
Estimated Notice of Intent to Award	Thursday, October 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2022
Estimated Award/Contract Commencement	Monday, November 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2022

## 2.0 Introduction and Scope of Work

### 2.1 Background

Created in 2004, the Authority is an independent local government operating within the guidelines established under North Carolina General Statute 160A Article 25. The Authority is the designated public transportation provider for the Wilmington Urbanized Area (UZA) and offers a variety of public transportation services in Southeastern North Carolina including fixed-route bus and trolley, ADA complementary Paratransit, commuter vanpool and Microtransit. The Authority contracts with the University of North Carolina Wilmington to provide public transportation services in and around the university.

Constructed in 2015, the Authority's Operations Center is a replacement to a former 75+ year old transit maintenance facility situated in a low income, residential neighborhood in New Hanover County. The facility is situated on 13.4 acres, is 36,000 square feet and includes a non-climate-controlled maintenance shop, parts storage, dispatch and administrative offices and training rooms. A CNG fueling station and automatic bus wash is housed on the property. The CNG fueling station was built to accommodate the Authority's transfer from and reliance on diesel. The Authority's fleet of revenue vehicles is comprised of the following:

Vehicle Type	Year(s)	Quantity
35' Gillig Low Floor - Diesel	2003 - 2007	4
35' Gillig Low Floor - Hybrid	2010	2
35' Gillig Low Floor - CNG	2015 - 2019	15
28' Hometown Trolley - CNG	2019	2
28' 550 LTV - Diesel	2009 - 2017	7
28' 550 LTV - CNG	2018 - 2022	9
20' 350 LTV - Gas	2009 - 2019	24
2500 GM 12 passenger van - Gas	2014	4

*\*A complete listing of rolling stock including administrative support vehicles available upon request.*

The facility is operational seven days a week, 360 days per year and is occupied by personnel during the following hours:

- Monday through Friday: 5:30 am through 11:00 pm
- Saturday: 7:00 am through 9:00 pm
- Sunday: 8:00 am through 6:00 PM

The need to maintain operations and access to fuel in the event of a system wide or large-scale power outage is recognized.

## **2.2 Project Description and Scope of Services**

The Authority must always remain open and functional to ensure the safe and efficient delivery of public transportation services to our community. In recent years there have been several short-term (4 hours or less) power outages at the Operations Center that have been disruptive in our ability to fuel, to our operations and administrative support functions. Additionally, the Authority must remain operational during emergency events and/or natural disasters such as hurricanes, floods, fires, etc., that potentially require evacuation of residents. During such events, power outages are common and consequently backup power may be required continuously for several days to support operations.

The selected Proposer understands the scope of work includes purchasing, providing, and installing all components required to outfit the Operations Center with up to two (2) automatic backup generators to support operations and fueling functions in the event of a power outage. Quotes should be broken apart and may be accepted in part or whole.

This project is a design-build project which places the responsibility on the selected Contractor to provide a turnkey solution consistent with the engineering drawings and detailed technical specifications outlined in **Attachment A**. The Proposer shall secure all required permits and inspections. Installation shall comply with applicable state and local codes and meet the approval of the appropriate inspectors and engineering firm contracted by the Authority to oversee this project.

The Contractor shall provide field acceptance testing which will include a full load test of typical use with an electrical inspector on site. Contractor will provide reports to the Authority after conclusion of test/start-up. Upon project completion, Contractor shall provide paper and electronic copies of as-built drawings. Drawings shall include wiring diagram and connections to existing system

Contractor will provide a full three (3) year parts and labor warranty (all associated equipment) including a guarantee that in the event of a generator failure a repair technician will be on site to diagnose the generator within (24) hours of trouble report. This warranty will start from the date of acceptance. The warranty shall be comprehensive. No deductibles shall be allowed for travel time, service hours, repair parts cost, etc.

Contractor will instruct the Authority's Facilities Maintenance Manager on all operations and safety features. At least one (2) on-site hours of training will be provided to staff. Contractor will provide staff with two (2) copies of all manuals and instructions. Contractor will provide all warranty information in electronic and hard copy.

It is the expectation that all Proposers have reviewed and understand the requirements for this project and possess the expertise to execute all work functions in accordance with the above

referenced. If through research the proposer determines that the specifications can be modified and still meet or exceed the required objective, the Proposer is free to do so if fully described and justified in their submittal.

## 3.0 Detailed Submittal Requirements and Instructions

Respondents should organize Proposals into the following Sections:

### 3.1 Cover Letter

The cover letter shall briefly introduce your company, office location where work will be performed, the project manager and the following information:

- Legal company name and DBA (if applicable)
  - Address
  - Telephone Number
  - Website Address
- Name of single point of contact
  - Title
  - Telephone Number
  - Email Address
- Name of person with binding authority
  - Title
  - Telephone Number
  - Email Address

The letter must be signed by an individual authorized to commit personnel and financial resources to the project and to execute legal documents on behalf of the company.

### 3.2 Professional Qualifications / References

Provide a representative summary of your company's expertise with the services referenced in **Section 2.2**. Outline past performance through examples of no less than three (3) projects similar in scope. Projects referenced should include title, description of services provided, estimate of equipment and construction cost versus actual equipment and construction cost, and a change order history including reasons for any increase or decrease to the contract cost and duration.

References for each of the three (3) projects shall be provided. The point of contact and contact information including, mailing address, email and phone number shall be provided for each reference.

### 3.3 Proposed Work Plan

Detailed work plan outlining the successful delivery of services and completion of the project in accordance with the specifications outlined in **Section 2.2**. A listing of subcontractors utilized, if applicable, shall be included in the plan.

### 3.4 Fee Proposal

Please complete and submit the **Pricing Sheet** included in **Appendix B**.



### 3.5 Required Forms

Submittals must include copies of the following documents:

- Appendix A - Proposal Submission
- Appendix B - Pricing Sheet
- Appendix C - Addenda Receipt
- Appendix D - Buy America Compliance
- Appendix E - Affidavit of Compliance with N.C. E-Verify Statuses
- Appendix F - Certificate Regarding Lobbying
- Appendix G - Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion Lower Tier Covered Transaction

Any proposal that does not contain all completed required forms will be considered non-responsive and will not be eligible for consideration.

## 4.0 Evaluation Criteria and Selection Process

### 4.1 Selection Criteria

The Authority’s Executive Team will review and evaluate the proposals independently in accordance with the published evaluation criteria.

At its sole discretion, the Authority may ask written questions of, seek written clarification, and conduct discussions with Respondents on the submittals. Written notification to all short-listed Respondents of the selection at the conclusion of the Procurement will be provided.

At the Authority’s discretion, it will initiate negotiations with the Preferred Offeror. The “Preferred Offeror” is the Offeror that the Authority determines achieves the highest overall ranking. If the Authority is unable to execute a contract with the Preferred Offeror, negotiations with the Preferred Offeror may be terminated, and provided that such negotiations are terminated in writing, the Authority may proceed to negotiate with the next Preferred Offeror. The Authority will continue in accordance with this procedure until a contract agreement is reached or the selection process is terminated. Negotiations are at the Authority’s sole discretion.

### 4.2 Evaluation Selection Process

Responses to this RFP will be evaluated using a point system outlined below. A selection committee comprised of members from the Authority’s Executive Team will complete the evaluation.

Evaluation Criteria	Weights
<b>Pricing</b>	35%
<b>Experience with Design Build for Generator Installations &amp; References</b>	30%
<b>Ability to Meet RFP Requirements</b>	25%

<b>Work Plan</b>	10%
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**4.3 Award Procedure**

The Authority reserves the right to make an award without further discussion of the submittals received. It is understood that any proposal submitted will become part of the public record. The Authority may reject any or all submittals and may waive any immaterial deviation in a submittal.

More than one submittal from an individual, firm, partnership, corporation, or association under the same or different names, will not be considered.

The Authority may select and enter negotiations with the next most advantageous Offeror if negotiations with the initially chosen Offeror are not successful.

The award document will be a Contract incorporating, by reference, all the requirements, terms and conditions of the solicitation and the Offeror’s proposal as negotiated.

**5.0 Special Conditions and Requirements**

**5.1 Contract Award and Execution**

The Authority does not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, ethnicity, age, national origin, religion or disability in its employment opportunities, programs, services, contracting opportunities or activities. It is the Authority’s policy to ensure compliance with the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 in its contracting opportunities. The Authority’s Title VI Policy is available at: <https://www.wavetransit.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/November-2020-TitleVI-Program.pdf>.

The Authority shall attempt to negotiate a contract with the Respondent selected through the formal evaluation process outlined in **Section 4.2.** at a price that the Authority determines is fair and reasonable. If the Authority is unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with the Contractor selected at a price the Authority determines to be fair and reasonable, negotiations with that Contractor shall be formally terminated and the Authority shall select the next best proposal and continue until an agreement is reached or the process is terminated.

**5.2 Contractual Obligations**

The contents of this solicitation and the commitments set forth in the selected proposal shall be considered contractual obligations if a contract ensues. Failure to accept these obligations may result in cancellation of the award. All legally required terms and conditions shall be incorporated into final contract agreements with the selected Contractor.

All payroll taxes, liability and worker’s compensation are the sole responsibility of the Proposer. The Proposer understands that an employer/employee relationship does not exist under this contract.

**5.3 Equal Employment Opportunity**

All Firms will be required to follow Federal Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) policies. The

Authority will affirmatively assure that on any project constructed pursuant to this advertisement, equal employment opportunity will be offered to all persons without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, and marital status, status with regard to public assistance, membership or activity in a local commission, disability, sexual orientation, or age.

#### **5.4 Minority Business (MBE) or Disadvantaged Business (DBE)**

It is the policy of the Authority that Minority Businesses (MBEs), Women businesses (WBEs), Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) and other small businesses shall have the opportunity to compete fairly in contracts financed in whole or in part with public funds. Consistent with this policy, the Authority will not allow any person or business to be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise be discriminated against in connection with the award and performance of any contract because of sex, race, religion, or national origin. A copy of the Authority's adopted FFY2022 through FFY2024 DBE Goal can be obtained at the following link: <https://www.wavetransit.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Wave-Transit-FY-22-24-DBE-Goal-9-8-21.pdf>.

#### **5.5 Expense of Responder**

The Authority accepts no liability for the cost and expenses incurred by the Offeror in responding to this solicitation. Each Offeror that enters into the Procurement process shall prepare the required materials and the at its own expense and with the express understanding that the Offeror cannot make any claims whatsoever for reimbursement from the Authority for the costs and expenses associated with the process, even in the event the Authority cancels this solicitation or rejects all submittals.

#### **5.6 E-Verify**

E-Verify is the federal program operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security and other federal agencies, or any successor or equivalent program, used to verify the work authorization of newly hired employees pursuant to federal law.

To ensure compliance with the E-Verify requirements, all Contractors, including any subcontractors employed by the Contractor(s), by submitting a bid, proposal or any other response, or by providing any material, equipment, supplies, services, etc., attest and affirm that they are aware and in full compliance with Article 2 of Chapter 64, (NCGS64-26(a)) relating to the E-Verify requirements by executing and submitting the E-Verify Affidavit included in this solicitation as **Attachment C**.

#### **5.7 Insurance**

At a minimum, the following insurance limits are required if it is applicable to the project. The Authority reserves the right to require additional insurance depending on the nature of the agreement.

- General Liability \$1,000,000 Each Occurrence, \$2,000,000 Aggregate
- Auto Liability \$1,000,000 Combined Single Limit (CSL), including UIM, UM
- Workers Comp \$1,000,000/\$1,000,000/\$1,000,000
- Umbrella that is equal to or greater than the Authority's insurance limits of \$4,000,000



## 5.8 Indemnification

Contractor agrees to protect, defend, indemnify and hold the Authority, its officers, employees and agents free and harmless from and against any and all losses, penalties, damages, settlements, costs, charges, professional fees or other expenses or liabilities of every kind and character arising out of or relating to any and all claims, liens, demands, obligations, actions, proceedings, or causes of action of every kind in connection with or arising out of this agreement and/or the performance hereof that are due, in whole or in part, to the negligence of the Contractor, its officers, employees, subcontractors or agents. Contractor further agrees to investigate, handle, respond to, provide defense for, and defend the same at its sole expense and agrees to bear all other costs and expenses related thereto.

## 6.0 Federal and State Requirements and Special Conditions

### 6.1 General

The work performed under this contract will be financed, in part, by grants provided under programs of the Federal Transit Administration. Citations to federal law, regulation, and guidance references include, but are not limited to, the Master Agreement FTA MA (21), dated October 1, 2014, FTA Circular 4220.1F, dated November 1, 2008; "Best Practices Procurement Manual", updated March 13, 1999 with revisions through October 2005; Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards," 2 C.F.R part 1201, dated December 19, 2014, will supersede and apply in lieu of U.S. DOT's common grant rules, 49 C.F.R. parts 18 and 19, State and Local Governments and Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Other Non-Profit Organizations and any subsequent amendments or revisions thereto.

#### **THE FOLLOWING MAY BE USED SYNONYMOUSLY:**

**“BIDDER” AND “CONTRACTOR”**

**“PURCHASER,” “PROCURING AGENCY” AND “OWNER”**

### 6.2 Federal Changes

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

FTA's new authorizing legislation, MAP-21 made significant changes to FTA's public transportation programs. FTA has determined that:

(1) MAP-21 requirements apply to:

- a. New grants and cooperative agreements for which FTA awarded FY 2013 or a later fiscal year funds appropriated or made available to carry out MAP-21 programs,
- b. Amendments to existing grants and cooperative agreements for which FTA awarded funds made available or appropriated to carry out MAP-21 programs, and
- c. All "recoveries" funds FTA awards, irrespective of the fiscal year for which those funds were appropriated,

(2) Fiscal Year 2012 and previous fiscal year funding requirements apply as follows:

- a. In some instances, as determined by FTA, previous program requirements apply or will apply to grants and cooperative agreements for which FTA awarded Fiscal Year 2012 or a previous fiscal year funds, but
- b. In other instances, as determined by FTA, MAP-21 program requirements (including MAP-21 “cross-cutting requirements” identified in section 49 of this Master Agreement) apply or will apply to grants and cooperative agreements for which FTA awarded Fiscal Year 2012 or a previous fiscal year funds.

### **6.3 Notification of Federal Participation**

To the extent required by Federal law, the State of North Carolina agrees that, in administering any Federal assistance Program or Project supported by the underlying Grant Agreement or Cooperative Agreement, any request for proposals, solicitation, grant application, form, notification, press release, or other publication involving the distribution of FTA assistance for the Program or the Project that it will identify the FTA grant source by listing the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number of the program. The following FTA grant programs will be eligible to participate in this bid, 20.505, 20.507, 20.500, 20.513, 20.509, 20.516, 20.519, 20.521, 20.525, and 20.526. Federal funding assistance up to eighty (80%) percent may be provided.

### **6.4 Definitions**

*Third Party Agreement*, in accordance with the Master Agreement unless FTA determines otherwise in writing, includes all the following agreements, such as:

- (1) Third party contracts,
- (2) Leases,
- (3) Third party subcontracts; and
- (4) Other similar arrangements or agreements.

*Third Party Participant*, in accordance with the Master Agreement unless FTA determines otherwise in writing, includes all the following participants, such as:

- (1) Third party contractors,
- (2) Lessees,
- (3) Third party subcontractors, and
- (4) Other participants in the Project

### **6.5 Conflict of Interest**

No employee, officer, board member, or agent of the Owner shall participate in the selection, award, or administration of a contract supported by Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds if a conflict of interest, real or apparent, would be involved. Such a conflict would arise when the employee, officer, board member, or agent, any member of his or her immediate family, his or her partner, or an organization that employs, or is about to employ any of the above, has a financial or other interest in the firm selected for award.

### **6.6 Lobbying**

Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment, 31 U.S.C. 1352, as amended by the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995, PL 104-65 (2 U.S.C. §1601, et seq.). Contractors who apply or bid for an award of \$250,000 or more shall file the certification required by 49 CFR part 20, “New Restrictions on

Lobbying.” Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S. C. 1352. Each tier shall comply with Federal statutory provisions or the extent applicable prohibiting the use of Federal assistance funds for activities designed to influence congress to a State legislature on legislation or appropriations, except through proper official channels. Each tier shall also disclose the name of any registrant under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 who has made lobbying contacts on its behalf with non-Federal funds with respect to that Federal contract, grant or award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the recipient.

***The requisite “Lobbying Certification” is included as Attachment D (attach Standard Form-LLL if necessary) and must be executed for contracts of \$250,000 or more and prior to the award of the contract.***

## **6.7 Civil Rights**

(1) **Nondiscrimination** - In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d, section 303 of the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 6101 et seq., section 202 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. § 12101, and 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.

(a) The third-party contractor and all lower tiers shall comply with all provisions of FTA Circular 4702.1 “Title VI Requirements and Guidelines for Federal Transit Administration Recipients,” issued October 1, 2012.

(2) **Equal Employment Opportunity** - The following equal employment opportunity requirements apply to the underlying contract:

(a) Race, Color, Religion, National Origin, Disability, Age, Sexual Origin, Gender Identity, or Status as a Parent - In accordance with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, 28 C.F.R. § 50.3, 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. Parts 60 et seq., (which implement Executive Order No. 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity," as amended by Executive Order No. 11375, "Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity," 42 U.S.C. § 2000e note, and as further amended by Executive Order 13672, "Further Amendments to Executive Order 11478, Equal Employment Opportunity in the Federal Government, and Executive Order 11246, Equal Employment Opportunity," July 21, 2014, and with any applicable Federal statutes, executive orders, regulations, and Federal policies that may in the future affect construction activities undertaken in the course of the Project. 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, sex, or age. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff, or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.

(b) Equal Employment Opportunity Requirements for Construction Activities. For activities determined by the U.S. Department of Labor (U.S. DOL) to qualify as “construction,” the Contractor agrees to comply and assures the compliance of each subcontractor at any tier of the Project, with all applicable equal employment opportunity requirements of U.S. DOL regulations, "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor," 41 C.F.R. Parts 60 *et seq.*, which implement Executive Order No. 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity," as amended by Executive Order No. 11375, "Amending Executive Order No. 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity," 42 U.S.C. § 2000(e) note, and also with any Federal laws, regulations, and directives affecting construction undertaken as part of the Project.

(3) **Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Age** – The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable requirements of the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 6101 *et seq.*, and with implementing 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, which prohibit discrimination against individuals on the basis of age.

The Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA) 29 U.S.C. §§ 621 through 634 and with implementing U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (U.S. EEOC) regulations, “Age Discrimination in Employment Act,” 29 C.F.R. Part 1625, which prohibits discrimination against individuals on the basis of age.

(4) **Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex** - The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable requirements of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, 20 U.S.C. §§ 1681 *et seq.*, and with implementing U.S. DOT regulations, “Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance,” 49 C.F.R. Part 25, that prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex.

(5) **Access for Individuals with Disabilities** - The Contractor agrees to comply with 49 U.S.C. § 5301(d), which states the Federal policy that elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities have the same right as other individuals to use public transportation services and facilities, and that special efforts shall be made in planning and designing those services and facilities to implement transportation accessibility rights for elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities. The Contractor also agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, with 29 U.S.C. § 794, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability; with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101 *et seq.*, which requires that accessible facilities and services be made available to individuals with disabilities; and with the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 4151 *et seq.*, which requires that buildings and public accommodations be accessible to individuals with disabilities. In addition, the Contractor agrees

to comply with applicable Federal regulations and directives and any subsequent amendments thereto, except to the extent the Federal Government determines otherwise in writing, as follows:

- (1) U.S. DOT regulations "Transportation Services for Individuals with Disabilities (ADA)" 49 C.F.R. Part 37;
- (2) U.S. DOT regulations "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Handicap in Programs and Activities Receiving or Benefiting from Federal Financial Assistance," 49 C.F.R. Part 27;
- (3) Joint U.S. Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (U.S. ATBCB) U.S. DOT regulations, "Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Accessibility Specifications for Transportation Vehicles," 36 C.F.R. Part 1192 and 49 C.F. R. Part 38;
- (4) U.S. DOJ regulations "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in State and Local Government Services," 28 C.F.R. Part 35;
- (5) U.S. DOJ regulations "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability by Public Accommodations and in Commercial Facilities." 28 C.F.R. Part 36;
- (6) U.S. GSA regulations "Accommodations for the Physically Handicapped," 41 C.F.R. Subpart 101-19;
- (7) U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, "Regulations to Implement the Equal Employment Provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act," 29 C.F.R. Part 1630;
- (8) U.S. Federal Communications Commission regulations "Telecommunications Relay Services and Related Customer Premises Equipment for the Hearing and Speech Disabled," 49 C.F.R. Part 64, Subpart F;
- (9) U.S. Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board regulations, "Electronic and Information Technology Accessibility Standards." 36 C.F.R. Part 1194;
- (10) FTA regulations, "Transportation of Elderly and Handicapped Persons," 49 C.F.R. part 609; and
- (11) Federal regulations, "Miscellaneous Civil Rights Amendments (RRR)," pertaining to nondiscrimination on the basis of disability within 49 C.F.R. Parts 27, 37, and 38 were published in 79 Fed. Reg. 21402, April 16, 2014; and
- (12) Federal civil rights and nondiscrimination directives implementing the foregoing Federal laws and regulations, except to the extent the Federal Government determines otherwise in writing.

(6) **Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency.** The Contractor agrees to comply with Executive Order No. 13166, "Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency," 42 U.S.C. § 2000d-1 note, and U.S. DOT Notice, "DOT Policy Guidance Concerning Recipients' Responsibilities to Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Persons," 70 *Fed. Reg.* 74087, December 14, 2005, except to the extent that the Federal Government determines otherwise in writing.

(7) **Drug or Alcohol Abuse-Confidentiality and Other Civil Rights Protections.** To the extent applicable, the Contractor agrees to comply with the confidentiality and other civil rights protections of the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972, as amended, 21 U.S.C. §§ 1101 *et seq.*, with the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 4541 *et seq.*, and with the Public Health Service Act of 1912, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 290dd through 290dd-2, and any amendments thereto.



(8) **Other Nondiscrimination Laws.** The Contractor agrees to comply with applicable provisions of other Federal laws and regulations, and follow applicable directives prohibiting discrimination, except to the extent that the Federal Government determines otherwise in writing.

(9) The Contractor also agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA, modified only if necessary to identify the affected parties.

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

## **6.8 Contracting with Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs)**

The newest version on the Department of Transportation's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program became effective October 1, 2004.

a. This contract is subject to the requirements of U.S. DOT regulations, "Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in Department of Transportation Financial Assistance Programs," 49 C.F.R. Part 26 [*U.S. DOT published final rule, "Disadvantaged Business Enterprise: Program Improvements," 49 C.F.R. Part 26, on January 28, 2011 (see 76 Fed. Reg. 5083)*], and Section 1101(b) of MAP-21, 23 U.S.C. § 101 note, as amended by Section 451 of the Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment (HIRE) Act, Pub. L. 111-147, March 18, 2010, 23 U.S.C. § 101 note.

The Authority's overall goal for DBE participation for FFY2022 through FFY2024 is **1.13%**.

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

The successful bidder/offeror will be required to report its DBE participation obtained through race-neutral means throughout the period of performance.

c. 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 Procuring Agency. In addition, these may apply:

- **the contractor may not hold retainage from its subcontractors; or**
- **is required to return any retainage payments to those subcontractors within 30 days after the subcontractor's work related to this contract is satisfactorily completed; or**
- **is required to return any retainage payments to those subcontractors within 30 days after incremental acceptance of the subcontractor's work by the Procuring Agency and contractor's receipt of the partial retainage payment related to the subcontractor's work.**

d. The contractor must promptly notify the **Procuring Agency** whenever a DBE subcontractor performing work related to this contract is terminated or fails to complete its work and must make good faith efforts to engage another DBE subcontractor to perform at least the same amount of work. The contractor may not terminate any DBE subcontractor and perform that work through its own forces or those of an affiliate without prior written consent of the **Procuring Agency**.

## **6.9 Clean Air Act**

(a) The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders, or regulations issued pursuant to Section 306 of the Clean Air Act as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 7606, and other applicable provisions of the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 7401 through 7671q. The Contractor agrees to report any violation to the Purchaser and understands and agrees that the Purchaser will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the State and/or FTA and the appropriate EPA Regional Office.

(b) The Contractor also agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$250,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal Assistance provided by FTA.

## **6.10 Clean Water**

(a) The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders, or regulations issued pursuant to Section 508 of the Clean Water Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. § 1368, and other applicable requirements of the Clean Water Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. §§ 1251 through 1377, The Contractor agrees to report each violation as required to assure notification to FTA and the appropriate EPA Regional Office.

(b) The Contractor also agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$250,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA.

## **6.11 Buy America**

The Consultant agrees to comply with 49 U.S.C. 5323(j) as amended by MAP-21, 49 U.S.C. 5323(h), 49 CFR Part 661, and FAST Act (Pub. L. 114-94) which provide that Federal funds may not be obligated unless steel, iron, and manufactured products used in FTA-funded projects are produced in the United States, unless a waiver has been granted by FTA or the product is subject to a general waiver. General waivers are listed in 49 CFR 661.7 and was amended by Section 3011 of the FAST Act (Pub. L. 114-94). Separate requirements for rolling stock are set out at 5323(j)(2)(C) and 49 CFR 661.11. Rolling stock not subject to a general waiver must be manufactured in the United States and have a sixty percent (60%) domestic content for FY16 & FY17; sixty-five percent (65%) domestic content for FY18 & FY19; and seventy percent (70%) domestic content for FY20 & beyond. General waivers for small purchases do not apply to Consultants equipment purchases when Consultant's contract value exceeds \$150,000 in value. Consultant must submit to NCTD the appropriate Buy America certification with all bids on FTA-funded contracts, except those subject to a general waiver. Bids or offers that are not accompanied by a completed Buy America certification must be rejected as non-responsive. This requirement does not apply to lower tier sub-consultants.

## **6.12 Cargo Preference Requirements**

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

### **Cargoes Procured, Furnished, or Financed by the United States Government**

(a) Definition.- In this section, the term "privately-owned commercial vessel of the United States" does not include a vessel that, after September 21, 1961, was built or rebuilt outside the United States or documented under the laws of a foreign country, until the vessel has been documented under the laws of the United States for at least three (3) years.

(b) Minimum Tonnage.-When the United States Government procures, contracts for, or otherwise obtains for its own account, or furnishes to or for the account of a foreign country, organization, or persons without provision for reimbursement, any equipment, materials, or commodities, or provides financing in any way with Federal funds for the account of any persons unless otherwise exempted, within or without the United States, or advances funds or credits, or guarantees the convertibility of foreign currencies in connection with the furnishing or obtaining of the equipment, materials, or commodities, the appropriate agencies shall take steps necessary and practicable to ensure that at least fifty percent (50%) of the gross tonnage of the equipment, materials, or commodities (computed separately for dry bulk carriers, dry cargo liners, and tankers) which may be transported on ocean vessels is transported on privately-owned commercial vessels of the United States, to the extent those vessels are available at fair and reasonable rates for commercial vessels of the United States, in a manner that will ensure a fair and reasonable participation of commercial vessels of the United States in those cargoes by geographic areas.

(c) Waivers.-The President, the Secretary of Defense, or Congress (by concurrent resolution or otherwise) may waive this section temporarily by-

- (1) Declaring the existence of an emergency justifying a waiver; and
- (2) Notifying the appropriate agencies of the waiver.

(d) Programs of Other Agencies.-

- (1) Each department or agency that has responsibility for a program under this section shall administer that program with respect to this section under regulations and guidance issued by the Secretary of Transportation. The Secretary, after consulting with the

department or agency or organization or person involved, shall have the sole responsibility for determining if a program is subject to the requirements of this section.

(2) The Secretary-

- A. shall conduct an annual review of the administration of programs determined pursuant to paragraph (1) as subject to the requirements of this section;
- B. may direct agencies to require the transportation on United States-flagged vessels of cargo shipments not otherwise subject to this section in equivalent amounts to cargo determined to have been shipped on foreign carriers in violation of this section;
- C. may impose on any person that violates this section, or a regulation prescribed under this section, a civil penalty of not more than \$25,000 for each violation willfully and knowingly committed, with each day of a continuing violation following the date of shipment to be a separate violation; and
- D. may take other measures as appropriate under the Federal Acquisition Regulations issued pursuant to section 25(c)(1) 1 of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act (41 U.S.C. 421(c)(1) 2 or contract with respect to each violation.

(e) Security of Government-Impelled Cargo.-

- (1) In order to ensure the safety of vessels and crewmembers transporting equipment, materials, or commodities under this section, the Secretary of Transportation shall direct each department or agency (except the Department of Defense), when responsible for the carriage of such equipment, materials, or commodities, to provide armed personnel aboard vessels of the United States carrying such equipment, materials, or commodities if the vessels are transiting high-risk waters.
- (2) The Secretary of Transportation shall direct each department or agency responsible to provide armed personnel under paragraph (1) to reimburse, subject to the availability of appropriations, the owners or operators of applicable vessels for the cost of providing armed personnel.
- (3) In this subsection, the term “high-risk waters” means waters so designated by the Commandant of the Coast Guard in the Port Security Advisory in effect on the date on which an applicable voyage begins.

(Pub. L. 109–304, §8(c), Oct. 6, 2006, 120 Stat. 1642; Pub. L. 110–417, div. C, title XXXV, §3511(a), (b), Oct. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 4769; Pub. L. 112–213, title V, §503, Dec. 20, 2012, 126 Stat. 1575.)

## 6.14 Davis-Bacon and Copeland Anti-Kickback Acts

(1) **Minimum wages** - (i) All laborers and mechanics employed or working upon the site of the work (or under the United States Housing Act of 1937 or under the Housing Act of 1949 in the construction or development of the project), will be paid unconditionally and not less often than once a week, and without subsequent deduction or rebate on any account (except such payroll deductions as are permitted by regulations issued by the Secretary of Labor under the Copeland Act (29 CFR part 3), the full amount of wages and bona fide fringe benefits (or cash equivalents thereof) due at time of payment computed at rates not less than those contained in the wage determination of the Secretary of Labor, regardless of any contractual relationship which may be alleged to exist between the consultant and such laborers and mechanics.

Contributions made or costs reasonably anticipated for bona fide fringe benefits under section 1(b)(2) of the Davis-Bacon Act on behalf of laborers or mechanics are considered wages paid to such laborers or mechanics, subject to the provisions of paragraph (1)(iv) of this section; also, regular contributions made or costs incurred for more than a weekly period (but not less often than Monthly) under plans, funds, or programs which cover the particular weekly period, are deemed to be constructively made or incurred during such weekly period. Such laborers and mechanics shall be paid the appropriate wage rate and fringe benefits on the wage determination for the classification of work performed, without regard to skill, except as provided in 29 CFR Part 5.5(a)(4). Laborers or mechanics performing work in more than one (1) classification may be compensated at the rate specified for each classification for the time actually worked therein: Provided, that the employer's payroll records accurately set forth the time spent in each classification in which work is performed. The wage determination (including any additional classifications and wage rates conformed under paragraph (1)(ii) of this section) and the Davis-Bacon poster (WH-1321) shall be posted at all times by the consultant and its sub-consultants at the site of the work in a prominent and accessible place where it can be easily seen by the workers.

(ii)(A) The Contracting Officer shall require that any class of laborers or mechanics, including helpers, which is not listed in the wage determination, and which is to be employed under the contract shall be classified in conformance with the wage determination. The Contracting Officer shall approve an additional classification and wage rate and fringe benefits therefore only when the following criteria have been met:

- (1) Except with respect to helpers as defined as 29 CFR 5.2(n) (4), the work to be performed by the classification requested is not performed by a classification in the wage determination; and
- (2) The classification is utilized in the area by the construction industry; and
- (3) The proposed wage rate, including any bona fide fringe benefits, bears a reasonable relationship to the wage rates contained in the wage determination; and
- (4) With respect to helpers as defined in 29 CFR 5.2(n) (4), such a classification prevails in the area in which the work is performed.

(B) If the consultant and the laborers and mechanics to be employed in the classification (if known), or their representatives, and the Contracting Officer agree on the classification and wage rate (including the amount designated for fringe benefits where appropriate), a report of the action taken shall be sent by the Contracting Officer to the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Employment Standards Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Washington, DC 20210. The Administrator, or an authorized representative, will approve, modify, or disapprove every additional classification action within thirty (30) days of receipt and shall advise the Contracting Officer or will notify the Contracting Officer within the thirty (30) day period that additional time is necessary.

(C) In the event the consultant, the laborers or mechanics to be employed in the classification or their representatives, and the Contracting Officer do not agree on the proposed classification and wage rate (including the amount designated for fringe benefits, where appropriate), the Contracting Officer shall refer the questions, including the views of all interested parties and the recommendation of the Contracting Officer, to the Administrator for determination. The Administrator, or an authorized representative, will issue a determination within thirty (30) days of receipt and shall advise the Contracting Officer or will notify the Contracting Officer within



the thirty (30) day period that additional time is necessary.

(D) The wage rate (including fringe benefits where appropriate) determined pursuant to paragraphs (a)(1)(ii)(B) or (C) of this section, shall be paid to all workers performing work in the classification under this contract from the first day on which work is performed in the classification.

(iii) Whenever the minimum wage rate prescribed in the contract for a class of laborers or mechanics includes a fringe benefit which is not expressed as an hourly rate, the consultant shall either pay the benefit as stated in the wage determination or shall pay another bona fide fringe benefit or an hourly cash equivalent thereof.

(iv) If the consultant does not make payments to a trustee or other third person, the consultant may consider as part of the wages of any laborer or mechanic the amount of any costs reasonably anticipated in providing bona fide fringe benefits under a plan or program, Provided, That the Secretary of Labor has found, upon the written request of the consultant, that the applicable standards of the Davis-Bacon Act have been met. The Secretary of Labor may require the consultant to set aside in a separate account assets for the meeting of obligations under the plan or program.

(v)(A) The Contracting Officer shall require that any class of laborers or mechanics which is not listed in the wage determination, and which is to be employed under the contract shall be classified in conformance with the wage determination. The Contracting Officer shall approve an additional classification and wage rate and fringe benefits therefor only when the following criteria have been met:

(1) The work to be performed by the classification requested is not performed by a classification in the wage determination; and

(2) The classification is utilized in the area by the construction industry; and

(3) The proposed wage rate, including any bona fide fringe benefits, bears a reasonable relationship to the wage rates contained in the wage determination.

(B) If the consultant and the laborers and mechanics to be employed in the classification (if known), or their representatives, and the Contracting Officer agree on the classification and wage rate (including the amount designated for fringe benefits where appropriate), a report of the action taken shall be sent by the Contracting Officer to the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Employment Standards Administration, Washington, DC 20210. The Administrator, or an authorized representative, will approve, modify, or disapprove every additional classification action within thirty (30) days of receipt and so advise the Contracting Officer or will notify the Contracting Officer within the thirty (30) day period that additional time is necessary.

(C) In the event the consultant, the laborers, or mechanics to be employed in the classification or their representatives, and the Contracting Officer do not agree on the proposed classification and wage rate (including the amount designated for fringe benefits, where appropriate), the Contracting Officer shall refer the questions, including the views of all interested parties and the recommendation of the Contracting Officer, to the Administrator for determination. The Administrator, or an authorized representative, will issue a determination with thirty (30) days of receipt and shall advise the Contracting Officer or will notify the Contracting Officer within the thirty (30) day period that additional time is necessary.

(D) The wage rate (including fringe benefits where appropriate) determined pursuant to

paragraphs (a)(1)(v) (B) or (C) of this section, shall be paid to all workers performing work in the classification under this contract from the first day on which work is performed in the classification.

(2) **Withholding** - NCTD 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 the consultant under this contract or any other Federal contract with the same prime consultant, or any other federally-assisted contract subject to Davis-Bacon prevailing wage requirements, which is held by the same prime consultant, so much of the accrued payments or advances as may be considered necessary to pay laborers and mechanics, including apprentices, trainees, and helpers, employed by the consultant or any sub-consultant the full amount of wages required by the contract. In the event of failure to pay any laborer or mechanic, including any apprentice, trainee, or helper, employed or working on the site of the work (or under the United States Housing Act of 1937 or under the Housing Act of 1949 in the construction or development of the project), all or part of the wages required by the contract, NCTD may, after written notice to the consultant, sponsor, applicant, or owner, take such action as may be necessary to cause the suspension of any further payment, advance, or guarantee of funds until such violations have ceased.

(3) **Payrolls and basic records** - (i) Payrolls and basic records relating thereto shall be maintained by the consultant during the course of the work and preserved for a period of three (3) years thereafter for all laborers and mechanics working at the site of the work (or under the United States Housing Act of 1937, or under the Housing Act of 1949, in the construction or development of the project). Such records shall contain the name, address, and social security number of each such worker, his or her correct classification, hourly rates of wages paid (including rates of contributions or costs anticipated for bona fide fringe benefits or cash equivalents thereof of the types described in section 1(b) (2) (B) of the Davis-Bacon Act), daily and weekly number of hours worked, deductions made and actual wages paid. Whenever the Secretary of Labor has found under 29 CFR 5.5(a)(1)(iv) that the wages of any laborer or mechanic include the amount of any costs reasonably anticipated in providing benefits under a plan or program described in section 1(b)(2)(B) of the Davis-Bacon Act, the consultant shall maintain records which show that the commitment to provide such benefits is enforceable, that the plan or program is financially responsible, and that the plan or program has been communicated in writing to the laborers or mechanics affected, and records which show the costs anticipated or the actual cost incurred in providing such benefits. Consultants employing apprentices or trainees under approved programs shall maintain written evidence of the registration of apprenticeship programs and certification of trainee programs, the registration of the apprentices and trainees, and the ratios and wage rates prescribed in the applicable programs.

(ii)(A) The consultant shall submit weekly for each week in which any contract work is performed a copy of all payrolls to NCTD for transmission to the Federal Transit Administration. The payrolls submitted shall set out accurately and completely all of the information required to be maintained under section 5.5(a) (3) (i) of Regulations, 29 CFR part 5. This information may be submitted in any form desired. Optional Form WH-347 is available for this purpose and may be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents (Federal Stock Number 029-005-00014-1), U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402. The prime consultant is responsible for the submission of copies of payrolls by all sub-consultants.

(B) Each payroll submitted shall be accompanied by a "Statement of Compliance," signed by the consultant or sub-consultant or his or her agent who pays or supervises the payment of the

persons employed under the contract and shall certify the following:

(1) That the payroll for the payroll period contains the information required to be maintained under section 5.5(a) (3) (i) of Regulations, 29 CFR part 5 and that such information is correct and complete;

(2) That each laborer or mechanic (including each helper, apprentice, and trainee) employed on the contract during the payroll period has been paid the full weekly wages earned, without rebate, either directly or indirectly, and that no deductions have been made either directly or indirectly from the full wages earned, other than permissible deductions as set forth in Regulations, 29 CFR part 3;

(3) That each laborer or mechanic has been paid not less than the applicable wage rates and fringe benefits or cash equivalents for the classification of work performed, as specified in the applicable wage determination incorporated into the contract.

(C) The weekly submission of a properly executed certification set forth on the reverse side of Optional Form WH-347 shall satisfy the requirement for submission of the "Statement of Compliance" required by paragraph (a)(3)(ii)(B) of this section.

(D) The falsification of any of the above certifications may subject the consultant or sub-consultant to civil or criminal prosecution under section 1001 of title 18 and section 231 of title 31 of the United States Code.

(iii) The consultant or sub-consultant shall make the records required under paragraph (a)(3)(i) of this section available for inspection, copying, or transcription by authorized representatives of the Federal Transit Administration or the Department of Labor, and shall permit such representatives to interview employees during working hours on the job. If the consultant or sub-consultant fails to submit the required records or to make them available, the Federal agency may, after written notice to the consultant, sponsor, applicant, or owner, take such action as may be necessary to cause the suspension of any further payment, advance, or guarantee of funds. Furthermore, failure to submit the required records upon request or to make such records available may be grounds for debarment action pursuant to 29 CFR 5.12.

(4) **Apprentices and trainees** - (i) Apprentices - Apprentices will be permitted to work at less than the predetermined rate for the work they performed when they are employed pursuant to and individually registered in a bona fide apprenticeship program registered with the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training, or with a State Apprenticeship Agency recognized by the Bureau, or if a person is employed in his or her first ninety (90) days of probationary employment as an apprentice in such an apprenticeship program, who is not individually registered in the program, but who has been certified by the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training or a State Apprenticeship Agency (where appropriate) to be eligible for probationary employment as an apprentice. The allowable ratio of apprentices to journeymen on the job site in any craft classification shall not be greater than the ratio permitted to the consultant as to the entire work force under the registered program. Any worker listed on a payroll at an apprentice wage rate, who is not registered or otherwise employed as stated above, shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed. In addition, any apprentice performing work on the job site in excess of the ratio permitted under the registered program shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the work actually performed. Where a consultant is performing construction on a project in a locality other



than that in which its program is registered, the ratios and wage rates (expressed in percentages of the journeyman's hourly rate) specified in the Consultant's or Sub-consultant's registered program shall be observed. Every apprentice must be paid at not less than the rate specified in the registered program for the apprentice's level of progress, expressed as a percentage of the journeymen hourly rate specified in the applicable wage determination. Apprentices shall be paid fringe benefits in accordance with the provisions of the apprenticeship program. If the apprenticeship program does not specify fringe benefits, apprentices must be paid the full amount of fringe benefits listed on the wage determination for the applicable classification. If the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division of the U.S. Department of Labor determines that a different practice prevails for the applicable apprentice classification, fringes shall be paid in accordance with that determination. In the event the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training, or a State Apprenticeship Agency recognized by the Bureau, withdraws approval of an apprenticeship program, the consultant will no longer be permitted to utilize apprentices at less than the applicable predetermined rate for the work performed until an acceptable program is approved.

(ii) Trainees - Except as provided in 29 CFR 5.16, trainees will not be permitted to work at less than the predetermined rate for the work performed unless they are employed pursuant to and individually registered in a program which has received prior approval, evidenced by formal certification by the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration. The ratio of trainees to journeymen on the job site shall not be greater than permitted under the plan approved by the Employment and Training Administration.

Every trainee must be paid at not less than the rate specified in the approved program for the trainee's level of progress, expressed as a percentage of the journeyman hourly rate specified in the applicable wage determination. Trainees shall be paid fringe benefits in accordance with the provisions of the trainee program. If the trainee program does not mention fringe benefits, trainees shall be paid the full amount of fringe benefits listed on the wage determination unless the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division determines that there is an apprenticeship program associated with the corresponding journeyman wage rate on the wage determination which provides for less than full fringe benefits for apprentices. Any employee listed on the payroll at a trainee rate who is not registered and participating in a training plan

approved by the Employment and Training Administration shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed. In addition, any trainee performing work on the job site in excess of the ratio permitted under the registered program shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the work actually performed. In the event the Employment and Training Administration withdraws approval of a training program, the consultant will no longer be permitted to utilize trainees at less than the applicable predetermined rate for the work performed until an acceptable program is approved.

(iii) Equal employment opportunity - The utilization of apprentices, trainees and journeymen under this part shall be in conformity with the equal employment opportunity requirements of Executive Order 11246, as amended and 29 CFR part 30.

(5) **Compliance with Copeland Act requirements** - The consultant shall comply with the requirements of 29 CFR part 3, which are incorporated by reference in this contract.

(6) **Subcontracts** - The consultant or sub-consultant shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses contained in 29 CFR 5.5(a)(1) through (10) and such other clauses as the Federal Transit



Administration may by appropriate instructions require, and also a clause requiring the sub-consultants to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime consultant shall be responsible for the compliance by any subconsultant or lower tier sub-consultant with all the contract clauses in 29 CFR 5.5.

(7) **Contract termination: debarment** - A breach of the contract clauses in 29 CFR 5.5 may be grounds for termination of the contract, and for debarment as a consultant and a sub-consultant as provided in 29 CFR 5.12.

(8) **Compliance with Davis-Bacon and Related Act requirements** - All rulings and interpretations of the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts contained in 29 CFR parts 1, 3, and 5 are herein incorporated by reference in this contract.

(9) **Disputes concerning labor standards** - Disputes arising out of the labor standards provisions of this contract shall not be subject to the general disputes clause of this contract. Such disputes shall be resolved in accordance with the procedures of the Department of Labor set forth in 29 CFR parts 5, 6, and 7. Disputes within the meaning of this clause include disputes between the consultant (or any of its subconsultants) and the contracting agency, the U.S. Department of Labor, or the employees or their representatives.

(10) **Certification of eligibility** –

(i) By entering into this contract, the consultant certifies that neither it (nor he or she) nor any person or Consultant who has an interest in the consultant's Consultant is a person or Consultant ineligible to be awarded Government contracts by virtue of section 3(a) of the Davis-Bacon Act or 29 CFR 5.12(a)(1).

(ii) No part of this contract shall be subcontracted to any person or Consultant ineligible for award of a Government contract by virtue of section 3(a) of the Davis-Bacon Act or 29 CFR 5.12(a)(1).

(iii) The penalty for making false statements is prescribed in the U.S. Criminal Code, 18 U.S.C. 1001.

(b) Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act. The Agency Head shall cause or require the contracting officer to insert the following clauses set forth in paragraphs (b)(1), (2), (3), and (4) of this section in full in any contract in an amount in excess of \$100,000 and subject to the overtime provisions of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act. These clauses shall be inserted in addition to the clauses required by §5.5(a) or §4.6 of part 4 of this title. As used in this paragraph, the terms laborers and mechanics include watchmen and guards.

(1) Overtime requirements. No consultant or sub-consultant contracting for any part of the contract work which may require or involve the employment of laborers or mechanics shall require or permit any such laborer or mechanic in any workweek in which he or she is employed on such work to work in excess of forty hours in such workweek unless such laborer or mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half (1.5) times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of forty (40) hours in such workweek.

(2) Violation; liability for unpaid wages; liquidated damages. In the event of any violation of the clause set

forth in paragraph (b)(1) of this section the consultant and any sub-consultant responsible therefor shall be liable for the unpaid wages. In addition, such consultant and sub-consultant

shall be liable to the United States (in the case of work done under contract for the District of Columbia or a territory, to such District or to such territory), for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer or mechanic, including watchmen and guards, employed in violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (b)(1) of this section, in the sum of \$10 for each calendar day on which such individual was required or permitted to work in excess of the standard workweek of forty hours without payment of the overtime wages required by the clause set forth in paragraph (b)(1) of this section.

(3) Withholding for unpaid wages and liquidated damages. The (write in the name of the Federal agency or the loan or grant recipient) 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 consultant or sub-consultant under any such contract or any other Federal contract with the same prime consultant, or any other federally-assisted contract subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, which is held by the same prime consultant, such sums as may be determined to be necessary to satisfy any liabilities of such consultant or sub-consultant for unpaid wages and liquidated damages as provided in the clause set forth in paragraph (b)(2) of this section.

(4) Subcontracts. The consultant or sub-consultant shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in paragraph (b)(1) through (4) of this section and also a clause requiring the sub-consultants to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime consultant shall be responsible for compliance by any sub-consultant or lower tier sub-consultant with the clauses set forth in paragraphs (b)(1) through (4) of this section.

(c) In addition to the clauses contained in paragraph (b), in any contract subject only to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act and not to any of the other statutes cited in §5.1, the Agency Head shall cause or require the contracting officer to insert a clause requiring that the consultant or sub-consultant shall maintain payrolls and basic payroll records during the course of the work and shall preserve them for a period of three 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. Further, the Agency Head shall cause or require the contracting officer to insert in any such contract a clause providing that the records to be maintained under this paragraph shall be made available by the consultant or sub-consultant for inspection, copying, or transcription by authorized representatives of the (write the name of agency) and the Department of Labor, and the consultant or sub-consultant will permit such representatives to interview employees during working hours on the job.

(The information collection, recordkeeping, and reporting requirements contained in the following paragraphs of this section were approved by the Office of Management and Budget:

(a)(1)(ii)(B) 1215-0140, (a)(1)(ii)(C) 1215-0140, (a)(1)(iv) 1215-0140, (a)(3)(i) 1215-0140, 1215-0017, (a)(3)(ii)(A) 1215-0149, (c) 1215-0140, 1215-0017

[48 FR 19540, Apr. 29, 1983, as amended at 51 FR 12265, Apr. 9, 1986; 55 FR 50150, Dec. 4, 1990; 57 FR 28776, June 26, 1992; 58 FR 58955, Nov. 5, 1993; 61 FR 40716, Aug. 5, 1996; 65 FR 69693, Nov. 20, 2000; 73 FR 77511, Dec. 19, 2008]

Effective Date Note: At 58 FR 58955, Nov. 5, 1993, §5.5 was amended by suspending paragraph (a)(1)(ii) indefinitely.

## 6.15 Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act

(1) **Overtime requirements** - No consultant or sub-consultant contracting for any part of the contract work which may require or involve the employment of laborers or mechanics shall require or permit any such laborer or mechanic in any workweek in which he or she is employed on such work to work in excess of forty (40) hours in such workweek unless such laborer or mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half (1.5) times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of forty (40) hours in such workweek.

(2) **Violation; liability for unpaid wages; liquidated damages** - In the event of any violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section the consultant and any sub-consultant responsible therefor shall be liable for the unpaid wages. In addition, such consultant and sub-consultant shall be liable to the United States for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer or mechanic, including watchmen and guards, employed in violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section, in the sum of \$10 for each calendar day on which such individual was required or permitted to work in excess of the standard workweek of forty (40) hours without payment of the overtime wages required by the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section.

(3) **Withholding for unpaid wages and liquidated damages** - NCTD 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 consultant or sub-consultant under any such contract or any other Federal contract with the same prime consultant, or any other federally-assisted contract subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, which is held by the same prime consultant, such sums as may be determined to be necessary to satisfy any liabilities of such consultant or sub-consultant for unpaid wages and liquidated damages as provided in the clause set forth in paragraph (2) of this section.

(4) **Subcontracts** - The Consultant or sub-consultant shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in paragraphs (1) through (4) of this section and also a clause requiring the sub-consultants to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime consultant shall be responsible for compliance by any sub-consultant or lower tier sub-consultant with the clauses set forth in paragraphs (1) through (4) of this section.

## 6.16 Debarment and Suspensions

This contract is a covered transaction for purposes of 2 CFR Part 1200, which adopts and supplements the provisions of U.S. Office of Management and Budget (U.S. OMB) "Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (No procurement)," 2 CFR Part 180. As such, the contractor is required to verify that none of the contractor, its principals, as defined at 2 CFR 180.995, or affiliates, as defined at 2 CFR 180.905, are excluded, or disqualified as defined at 2 CFR 180.940, 180.935 and 180.945.

The contractor is required to comply with 2 CFR 180, Subpart C and must include the requirement to comply with 2 CFR 180, Subpart C in any lower tier covered transaction it enters into.

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

The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact relied upon by the **Procuring Agency**. If it is later determined that the bidder or proposer knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to remedies available to **Procuring Agency**, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment. The bidder or proposer agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 CFR 180, Subpart C while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any contract that may arise from this offer. The bidder or proposer further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

The Procuring Agency agrees and assures that its third-party contractors and lessees will review the “System for Award Management” at <https://www.sam.gov/> before entering into any sub-agreement, lease, or third-party contract.

The Procuring Agency will be reviewing all third-party contractors under the “System for Award Management” at <https://www.sam.gov/> before entering into any contracts.

If the Procuring Agency, recipient, or subrecipient suspends, debar, or takes similar action against a Third-Party Participant or individual, the Agency, recipient, or subrecipient will provide immediate written notice to the:

- (a) NCDOT/Public Transportation Division,
- (b) FTA Regional Counsel for the Region in which the Agency is located or implements the Project,
- (c) FTA Project Manager if the Project is administered by FTA Headquarters Office, or
- (d) FTA Chief Counsel.

***The requisite Debarment and Suspension Certification is included as Attachment D (attach additional statement if necessary) and must be executed for contracts of \$25,000 or more and prior to the award of the contract.***

## **6.17 Termination or Cancellation of Contract**

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

The Owner may terminate this contract in whole or in part, for the Owner's convenience or because of the failure of the Contractor to fulfill the contract obligations. The Owner 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 Owner all data, drawings, specifications, reports, estimates, summaries, and other information and materials accumulated in performing this contract, whether completed or in process. A 30-day notice of termination shall be required.

If the termination is for the convenience of the Owner 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 Owner may complete the work by issuing another contract or otherwise and the Contractor shall be



liable for any additional cost incurred by the Owner.

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 Owner.

### **6.18 Breach of Contract**

If the Contractor does not deliver the required services or 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 Owner may terminate this contract for default. Termination shall be affected by serving a notice of termination on the contractor setting forth the manner in which the Contractor is in default. The contractor will only be paid the contract price for supplies delivered and accepted, or services performed in accordance with the manner of performance set forth in the contract.

If it is later determined by the Owner 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 Owner, 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.

The Owner in its sole discretion may, in the case of a termination for breach or default, allow the Contractor [an appropriately brief time] in which to address the defect. In such case, the notice of termination will state the time period in which cure is permitted and other appropriate conditions.

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

If there is credible evidence that a Third-Party Participant (Contractor) has submitted a false claim under the False Claims Act, 31 U.S.C. § 3729 *et seq.*, or has committed a criminal or civil violation of law pertaining to fraud, conflict of interest, bribery, gratuity, or similar misconduct involving Federal funding, notification of FTA is required.

If a legal matter as described above emerges, the Recipient must promptly notify the U.S. DOT Inspector General, in addition to the FTA Chief Counsel or FTA Regional Counsel for the Region in which the Recipient is located and the NCDOT.

### **6.19 Resolution of Disputes**

Disputes - Disputes arising in the performance of this Contract which are not resolved by agreement of the parties shall be decided in writing by the authorized representative of the Owner. This decision shall be final and conclusive unless within ten (10) days from the date of receipt of its copy, the Contractor mails or otherwise furnishes a written appeal to the authorized representative of the Owner. 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 authorized representative of the Owner shall be binding upon the Contractor and the Contractor shall abide by the decision.

Performance During Dispute - Unless otherwise directed by the Owner, the 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 his employees, agents or others for whose acts he 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 Owner 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 Owner 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 Owner, Architect 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.

## **6.20 Protest Procedures**

To ensure that protests are received and processed effectively the Purchaser shall provide written bid protest procedures upon request. In all instances information regarding the protest shall be disclosed to the N.C. Department of Transportation (NCDOT). All protest requests and decisions must be in writing. A protester must exhaust all administrative remedies with the Purchaser before pursuing remedies through the NCDOT. Reviews of protests by the NCDOT will be limited to the Purchaser's failure to have or follow its protest procedures, or its failure to review a complaint or protest. An appeal to the NCDOT must be received by the Department within three (3) working days of the date the protester knew or should have known of the violation. An appeal to FTA must be received by the cognizant FTA regional or Headquarters Office within five (5) working days of the date the protester knew or should have known of the violation. Violations of Federal law or regulation will be handled by the complaint process stated within that law or regulation. Violations of State or local law or regulations will be under the jurisdiction of State or local authorities.

## **6.21 No Federal Government Obligations to Third Parties**

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

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

## **6.22 False or Fraudulent Statements or Claims**

(1) 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 activities in connection with this Project. Accordingly, upon execution of the underlying contract or agreement 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 apply, the Contractor also acknowledges that if it makes a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, or certification to the Federal Government, the Federal Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986, as amended, on the Contractor to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.

(2) The Contractor also acknowledges that if it makes a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, certification, assurance or representation to the Federal Government or includes a false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation in any agreement involving a project authorized under 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 or any other Federal statute, the Federal Government reserves the right to impose on the Contractor the penalties of 18 U.S.C. § 1001 or other applicable Federal statute to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.

(3) 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.

## **6.23 Record Retention and Access to Records and Reports**

The Contractor agrees to permit, and require its subcontractors to permit, the U.S. Secretary of Transportation, and the Comptroller General of the United States, and, to the extent appropriate, the State, or their authorized representatives, upon their request to inspect all Project work, materials, payrolls, and other data, and to audit the books, records, and accounts of the Contractor and its subcontractors pertaining to the Project, as required by 49 U.S.C. § 5325(g).

Contractor also agrees, pursuant to 49 C.F.R. 633.17 to provide the FTA Administrator or his authorized representatives including any PMO Contractor access to Contractor's records and construction sites pertaining to a major capital project, defined at 49 U.S. D. 5302(a)1, which is receiving federal financial assistance through the programs described at 49 U.S.C. 5303, 5307, 5309, 5310, 5311, 5316, or 5317.

The Contractor agrees to permit any of the foregoing parties to reproduce by any means whatsoever or to copy excerpts and transcriptions as reasonably needed.

The State of North Carolina, Office of the State Auditor, now requires that all records now be retained for five (5) years after that date of termination or expiration of this contract, except in



the event of litigation or settlement of claims arising from the performance of this contract, in which case Contractor agrees to maintain same until the Purchaser, the FTA Administrator, the Comptroller General, or any of their duly authorized representatives have disposed of all such litigation, appeals, claims or exceptions related thereto.

#### **6.24 Privacy Act**

To the extent that the Contractor, or its subcontractors, if any, or any to their respective employees administer any system of records on behalf of the Federal Government, Contractor agrees to comply with, and assure the compliance of its subcontractors, if any, with the information restrictions and other applicable requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, 5 U.S.C. Sect. 552, (the Privacy Act).

The Contractor shall obtain the express consent of the Department and the Federal Government before the Contractor, and any subcontractors, or any of their respective employees operate a system of records on behalf of the Federal Government. Failure to do so may result in termination of the Contract and civil and criminal penalties for violation of the Privacy Act.

The Contractor also agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract to administer any system of records on behalf of the Federal Government financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA.

#### **6.25 Veterans Employment**

To the extent practicable, Contractor agrees that it:

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

Contractor also assures that its sub-contractor will:

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

#### **6.26 State and Local Disclaimer**

The use of many of the suggested clauses are not governed by Federal law but are significantly affected by State law. The language of the suggested clauses may need to be modified depending on state law, and that before the suggested clauses are used in the grantee's procurement documents, the grantees should consult with their local attorney.

### **6.27 Incorporation of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Terms**

The preceding provisions include, in part, certain Standard Terms and Conditions required by DOT, whether or not expressly set forth in the preceding contract provisions. All contractual provisions required by DOT, as set forth in FTA Circular 4220.1F, dated November 1, 2008, are hereby incorporated by reference. Anything to the contrary herein notwithstanding, all FTA mandated terms shall be deemed to control in the event of a conflict with other provisions contained in this Agreement. The Contractor shall not perform any act, fail to perform any act, or refuse to comply with any (name of grantee) requests which would cause (name of grantee) to be in violation of the FTA terms and conditions.

### **6.28 Incorporation of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Terms**

Except as prohibited or otherwise limited by State law, the Contractor agrees to indemnify, save, and hold harmless the Owner of this Contract and its officers, agents, and employees acting within the scope of their official duties against any liability, including all claims, losses, costs and expenses accruing or resulting to any other person, firm, or corporation furnishing or supplying work, services, materials, or supplies in connection with the performance of this contract, and from any and all claims and losses accruing or resulting to any person, firm, or corporation that may be injured or damaged by the contractor or subcontractor in the performance of this contract and that are attributable to the negligence or intentionally tortuous acts of the contractor.

The Contractor represents and warrants that it shall make no claim of any kind or nature against the Owner or its agents who are involved in the delivery or processing of contractor goods to the Owner. The representation and warranty in the preceding sentence shall survive the termination or expiration of this contract.

### **6.29 Metric System**

To the extent required by U.S. DOT or FTA, the Contractor agrees to use the metric system of measurement in its Contract activities as may be required by 49 U.S.C. Sect. 205a et seq.; Executive Order No. 12770, "Metric Usage in Federal Government Programs," 15 U.S.C. Sect. 205a; and other regulations, guidelines and policies issued by U.S. DOT or FTA. To the extent practicable and feasible, the Contractor agrees to accept products and services with dimensions expressed in the metric system of measurement.

### **6.30 Exclusionary or Discriminatory Specifications or Requirements**

The Contractor agrees that it will comply with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. Sect. 5325(h) by refraining from using any funds derived from FTA in performance of this Contract to support any sub-contracts using exclusionary or discriminatory specifications or requirements.

### **6.31 North Carolina State Ethics Requirement**

Pursuant to Governor Perdue's Executive Order # 24, this section should be included in the terms and conditions of all contracts let by the Governor's Cabinet Agencies and the Office of the Governor:

- 1) "By Executive Order 24, issued by Governor Perdue, and N.C. G.S. § 133-32, it is unlawful for any vendor or contractor ( i.e. architect, bidder, contractor, construction manager, design professional, engineer, landlord, offeror, seller, subcontractor, supplier, or vendor), to make gifts or to give favors to any State employee of the Governor's Cabinet

Agencies (i.e., Administration, Commerce, Correction, Crime Control and Public Safety, Cultural Resources, Environment and Natural Resources, Health and Human Services, Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Revenue, Transportation, and the Office of the Governor). This prohibition covers those vendors and contractors who:

- (1) have a contract with a governmental agency; or
- (2) have performed under such a contract within the past year; or
- (3) anticipate bidding on such a contract in the future.

For additional information regarding the specific requirements and exemptions, vendors and contractors are encouraged to review Executive Order 24 and G.S. Sec. 133-32.

Executive Order 24 also encouraged and invited other State Agencies to implement the requirements and prohibitions of the Executive Order to their agencies. Vendors and contractors should contact other State Agencies to determine if those agencies have adopted Executive Order 24.”

To be added near the signature portion of all contracts let by the Governor’s Cabinet Agencies and the Office of the Governor:

“N.C.G.S. § 133-32 and Executive Order 24 prohibit the offer to, or acceptance by, any State Employee of any gift from anyone with a contract with the State, or from any person seeking to do business with the State. By execution of any response in this procurement, you attest, for your entire organization and its employees or agents, that you are not aware that any such gift has been offered, accepted, or promised by any employees of your organization.”

**APPENDIX A**

**PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORM**

**This Proposal is submitted by:**

Company Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Website Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPENDIX B**

**PRICING PROPOSAL**

Pricing for this requirement is as follows- please split costs out by generator type:

	<i>Materials</i>	<i>Labor</i>
Generator equipment and transfer switch (250KW)		
Concrete pads and trench work		
Wire, conduit, and accessories		
Piping and trenching		
Warranty		
Training		
Misc _____ _____		
Permit, Allowance		
<b>Subtotal Cost Material</b>		
<b>Subtotal Cost Labor</b>		
<b>TOTAL PROJECT COST</b>	\$	

	<i>Materials</i>	<i>Labor</i>
Generator equipment and transfer switch (400W)		
Concrete pads and trench work		
Wire, conduit, and accessories		
Piping and trenching		
Warranty		
Training		
Misc _____ _____		
Permit, Allowance		
<b>Subtotal Cost Material</b>		
<b>Subtotal Cost Labor</b>		
<b>TOTAL PROJECT COST</b>	\$	

	<i>Materials</i>	<i>Labor</i>
Generator equipment and transfer switch (Combined)		
Concrete pads and trench work		
Wire, conduit, and accessories		
Piping and trenching		
Warranty		
Training		
Misc _____ _____		
Permit, Allowance		
<b>Subtotal Cost Material</b>		
<b>Subtotal Cost Labor</b>		
<b>TOTAL PROJECT COST</b>	\$	

**APPENDIX C**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ADDENDA**

Please acknowledge receipt of all addenda by including this form with your Proposal. Any questions or changes received will be posted as an addendum on

Addendum No.	_____	Dated	_____
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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**APPENDIX D**

**BUY AMERICA CERTIFICATION**

*Instructions: Bidder to complete the Buy America Certification listed below. Bidder shall certify EITHER COMPLIANCE OR NON-COMPLIANCE (not both). This Certification MUST BE submitted with the Bidder's bid response.*

**Certification requirement for procurement of steel, iron, or manufactured products.**

*Certificate of Compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(1)*

The bidder or offeror hereby certifies that it **will meet** the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(1) and the applicable regulations in 49 CFR Part 661 and any amendments thereto.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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*Certificate of Non-Compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(1)*

The bidder or offeror hereby certifies that it cannot comply with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(1) and 49 C.F.R. 661.5, but it may qualify for an exception pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(2)(A), 5323(j)(2)(B), or 5323(j)(2)(D), and 49 C.F.R. 661.7.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



**Special Note: Make sure you have signed only one of the above statements -- either Compliance OR Non-Compliance (not both).**

**APPENDIX E**

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

**AFFIDAVIT OF COMPLIANCE WITH N.C. E-VERIFY STATUTES**

*(To be submitted with all bids)*

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (hereinafter the “Affiant”), duly authorized by and on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ (hereinafter the “Employer”) after being first duly sworn deposes and says as follows:

1. I am the \_\_\_\_\_ (President, Manager, CEO, etc.) of the Employer and possess the full authority to speak for and on behalf of the Employer identified above.
2. Employer understands that “E-Verify” means the federal E-Verify program operated by the United States Dept. of Homeland Security and other federal agencies, or any successor or equivalent program used to verify the work authorization of newly hired employees pursuant to federal law.
3.  Employer employs twenty-five (25) or more employees and is in compliance with the provisions of N.C. General Statute §64-26. Employer has verified the work authorization of its employees through E-Verify and shall retain the records of verification for a period of at least one year.  
 Employer employs fewer than twenty-five (25) employees and is therefore not subject to the provisions of N.C. General Statute §64-26.
4. All subcontractors engaged by or to be engaged by Employer have or will have likewise complied with the provisions of N.C. General Statute §64-26.
5. Employer shall keep the State of North Carolina informed of any change in its status pursuant to Article 2 of Chapter 64 of the North Carolina Statutes.

This \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Affiant

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Printed Name and Title

State of \_\_\_\_\_

County of \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

Notary Public \_\_\_\_\_

(SEAL)

My Appointment Expires \_\_\_\_\_

## APPENDIX F

### CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

*(To be submitted with all bids or offers exceeding \$250,000; must be executed prior to Award)*

The undersigned \_\_\_\_\_ certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:  
(Contractor)

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any persons for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding to 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 [as amended by "Government wide Guidance for New Restrictions on Lobbying," 61 Fed. Reg. 1413 (1/19/96). Note: language in paragraph (2) herein has been modified in accordance with Section 10 of the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (P.L. 104-65, to be codified at 2 U.S.C. 1601, *et seq.*)]
3. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, 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 is placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by 31, U.S.C. 1352 (as amended by the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995). Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$250,000 for each such failure.

[Note: Pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352(c)(1)-(2)(A), any person who makes a prohibited expenditure or fails to file or amend a required certification or disclosure form shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 for each such expenditure or failure.]

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Contractor's Authorized Official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name and Title of Contractors Authorized Official

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_, in the State of \_\_\_\_\_;  
and the County of \_\_\_\_\_.

Notary Public \_\_\_\_\_

My Appointment Expires \_\_\_\_\_

**APPENDIX G**

**CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION,  
INELIGIBILITY and VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION  
LOWER TIER COVERED TRANSACTION**

*(To be submitted with all bids exceeding \$25,000.)*

- (1) The prospective lower tier participant (Bidder/Contractor) certifies, by submission of this bid or proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.
- (2) The prospective Bidder/Contractor also certifies by submission of this bid or proposal that all subcontractors and suppliers (this requirement flows down to all subcontracts at all levels) are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.
- (3) Where the prospective lower tier participant (Bidder/Contractor) is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this bid or proposal.

The lower tier participant (Bidder/Contractor), \_\_\_\_\_, certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of this statement of its certification and disclosure, if any.

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

COMPANY \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE \_\_\_\_\_

State of \_\_\_\_\_

County of \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

Notary Public \_\_\_\_\_

My Appointment Expires \_\_\_\_\_