

**Iowa Department of Transportation  
Bid Solicitation Review and Checklist for Projects using Federal Funds  
Applies to Iowa DOT, Office of Public Transit and all Sub-recipients**

**\*CONCURRENCE by OPT is required for all third-party contracts of \$3,500 or more**

See FTA Circular 4220.1 F (Best Practice Procurement Manual)

[http://www.fta.dot.gov/grants/13054\\_6037.html](http://www.fta.dot.gov/grants/13054_6037.html) for additional reference or information and links to electronic forms.

**Transit Agency:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Estimated Total Project Cost:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Estimated Obligation Date and Project Completion Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Procurement method: (\*micro purchases under \$3,500 do not need OPT approval)

- Small Purchase (quotes only) (<\$150,000) - Attachment A
- Large Purchase (>\$150,001) - Attachment B
- Architectural and Engineering RFQ - Attachment C
- Sole Source - Attachment D
- Piggy Back - Attachments E and I

Bid method:

Informal quotes \_\_\_ IFB \_\_\_ RFP \_\_\_ RFQ \_\_\_ Sole Source \_\_\_ Piggyback \_\_\_ Joint \_\_\_\_\_

Justification: \_\_\_\_\_

List of Required Clauses and Certifications: Attachments F and G Guidance on determining

responsibility: Attachment H

Please include this cover sheet with selected procurement checklist (Attachments A-E)

Small Purchase Checklist

	Notes
Detailed Project Budget	
Developed Solicitation	
List of specifications	
No brand names used	
OPT Approval to proceed	
Solicited 2 or more vendors (must include FTA Certifications and Clauses)	
Sufficient time for bidders to prepare bids	
Made effort to utilize DBE vendors	
Analyzed bids	
If only 1 responsive bid, verified with vendors why	
If part of bid eliminated fair competition, correct bid and re-solicit	
<del>Cost/price analysis</del> (ICE and C/PA) no longer required for small purchases	
Prior to award notification search vendor on EPLS/SAM and print and verify TVM and notify FTA of award within 30 days	
report for records	
Evaluation of Responsibility	
Requested from OPT	
concurrency to award vendor	
Notification of award to vendor	
Contract with vendor	
Post Delivery Review	
Post Delivery Purchaser's Requirement	
Post Delivery FMVSS (Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards)	

Large Purchase Checklist

	Notes
Independent Cost Estimate (on projects over \$150,000)	
Detailed Project Budget	
List of specs	
No brand names used	
OPT Approval to Proceed	
included all FTA Certs/Clauses	
Vendors Solicited	
Advertised bid Publically	
Sufficient time to for bidders to prepare bids (min. 30 days)	
Made effort to utilize DBE Vendors	
Opened bids	
Analyzed bids	
If only 1 responsive bid, verified with vendors why	
If part of RFP eliminated fair competition, correct bid and re-solicit	
Cost/price analysis	
Evaluation of Responsibility	
Prior to award notification search vendor on EPLS/SAM and print, verify TVM and report to FTA within 30 days report for records	
Requested from OPT concurrence to award vendor	
Contract with vendor	
Post Delivery Review	
Post Delivery Buy America Certification	
Post Delivery Purchaser's Requirement	
Post Delivery FMVSS (Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards)	

A&E Services Checklist

	Notes
Detailed Project Budget	
No brand names used	
RFQ Includes all applicable clauses	
Cost not solicited in RFQ (follows Brooks Act)	
OPT Approval to proceed	
Vendors Solicited	
Advertised RFQ Publically	
Sufficient time for bidders to prepare bids (min. 30 days)	
Made effort to utilize DBE vendors	
Opened proposals	
Analyzed proposals	
If only 1 responsive bid, verified with vendors why	
If part of RFQ eliminated fair competition, correct bid and re-solicit	
Prior to award notification search vendor on EPLS/SAM and print report for records	
Negotiated with Vendor (reasonable price can be a factor)	
Requested from OPT	
concurrency to award vendor	

Sole Source Purchase Checklist

	Notes
Independent Cost Estimate (on projects over \$150,000)	
Detailed Project Budget	
Sole Source Justification sent	
to OPT/FTA for approval	
Prior to award notification search	
vendor on EPLS/SAM and print	
report for records	
Cost analysis	
If only 1 responsive bid, verified with	
vendors why	
OPT Approval	
Contract with vendor	
Post Delivery Review	
Post Delivery Buy America Certification	
Post Delivery Purchaser's Requirement	
I Post Delivery FMVSS (Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards)	

Piggybacking Checklist

Notes
Independent Cost Estimate (on projects over \$150,000)
Detailed Project Budget
Procurer has Assign-ability clause
Prior to award notification search vendor on EPLS/SAM and print report for records
Cost/price analysis
OPT Approval
Contract with vendor
Post Delivery Review
Post Delivery Buy America Certification
Post Delivery Purchaser's Requirement
Post Delivery FMVSS (Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards)

## Clauses and Certifications

### **Buy America Requirements (Rolling Stock)**

Construction Contracts and Acquisition of Goods or Rolling Stock (valued at more than \$100,000)  
 Contractor shall comply with 49 USC 5323(j) and 49 CFR 661, stating 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 include software, microcomputer equipment and small purchases (currently less than \$100,000) made with capital, operating or planning funds. Separate requirements for rolling stock are stated at 5323(j)(2)(C) and 49 CFR 661.11. Rolling stock must be manufactured in the US and have a minimum 60% domestic content. A bidder or offeror shall submit appropriate Buy America certification to the recipient with all bids on FTA-funded contracts, except those subject to a general waiver. Proposals not accompanied by a completed Buy America certification shall be rejected as nonresponsive. This requirement does not apply to lower tier subcontractors.

### **Energy Conservation**

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

### **Clean Water**

All Contracts and Subcontracts over \$100,000 Contractor shall comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 USC 1251 et seq. Contractor shall report each violation to the recipient and understands and agrees that the recipient shall, in turn, report each violation as required to FTA and the appropriate EPA Regional Office. Contractor shall include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$100,000 financed in whole or in part with FTA assistance.

### **Bus Testing**

Contractor [manufacturer] shall comply with 49 USC A5323(c) and FTA's implementing regulation 49 CFR 665 and shall perform the following:

- A manufacturer of a new bus model or a bus produced with a major change in components or configuration shall provide a copy of the final test report to the recipient prior to the recipient's final acceptance of the first vehicle.
- A manufacturer who releases a report under para. 1 above shall provide notice to the operator of the testing facility that the report is available to the public.
- If the manufacturer represents that the vehicle was previously tested, the vehicle being sold should have the identical configuration and major components as the vehicle in the test report, which must be provided to the recipient prior to the recipient's final acceptance of the first vehicle. If configuration or components are not identical, the manufacturer shall provide a description of the change and the manufacturer's basis for concluding that it is not a major change requiring additional testing.
- If the manufacturer represents that the vehicle is "grandfathered" (has been used in mass transit service in the US before Oct. 1, 1988, and is currently being produced without a major change in configuration or components), the manufacturer shall provide the name and address of the recipient of such a vehicle and the details of that vehicle's configuration and major components.

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

Pre-Award & Post-Delivery Audit Requirements - Applicability - Rolling Stock/Turnkey

Contractor shall comply with 49 USC 5323(l) and FTA's implementing regulation 49 CFR 663 and submit the following certifications:

- Buy America Requirements: Contractor shall complete and submit a declaration certifying either compliance or noncompliance with Buy America. If contractor certifies compliance with Buy America, it shall submit documentation listing:

- Component and subcomponent parts of the rolling stock to be purchased identified by manufacturer of the parts, their country of origin and costs; and
- The location of the final assembly point for the rolling stock, including a description of the activities that will take place at the final assembly point and the cost of final assembly.
- Solicitation Specification Requirements: Contractor shall submit evidence that it will be capable of meeting the bid specifications.
- Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS): Contractor shall submit 1) manufacturer's FMVSS self-certification sticker information that the vehicle complies with relevant FMVSS or 2) manufacturer's certified statement that the buses will not be subject to FMVSS regulations.

### **Lobbying**

- Construction/Architectural and Engineering/Acquisition of Rolling Stock/Professional Service Contract/Operational Service Contract/Turnkey contracts over \$100,000, Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment, 31 U.S.C. 1352, as amended by the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995, P.L. 104-65 [to be codified at 2 U.S.C. § 1601, et seq.] - Contractors who apply or bid for an award of \$100,000 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 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.

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

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

- Where the purchaser is not a State but a local government and is an FTA recipient or a sub grantee of FTA recipient in accordance with 49 CFR 18.36(i), contractor shall provide the purchaser, the FTA, the US Comptroller General or their authorized representatives access to any books, documents, papers and contractor records which are pertinent to this contract for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts and transcriptions. Contractor shall also, pursuant to 49 CFR 633.17, provide authorized FTA representatives, including any PMO contractor, access to contractor's records and construction sites pertaining to a capital project, defined at 49 USC 5302(a)1, which is receiving FTA assistance through the programs described at 49 USC 5307, 5309 or 5311.
- Where the purchaser is a State and is an FTA recipient or a sub grantee of FTA recipient in accordance with 49CFR 633.17, contractor shall provide the purchaser, authorized FTA representatives, including any PMO Contractor, access to contractor's records and construction sites pertaining to a capital project, defined at 49 USC 5302(a) which receives FTA assistance through the programs described at 49 USC 5307, 5309 or 5311. By definition, a capital project excludes contracts of less than the simplified acquisition threshold currently set at \$100,000.
- Where the purchaser enters into a negotiated contract for other than a small purchase or under the simplified acquisition threshold and is an institution of higher education, a hospital or other non-profit organization and is an FTA recipient or a sub grantee of FTA recipient in accordance with 49 CFR 19.48, contractor shall provide the purchaser, the FTA, the US Comptroller General or their authorized representatives, access to any books, documents, papers and record of the contractor which are directly pertinent to this contract for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts and transcriptions.
- Where a purchaser which is an FTA recipient or a sub grantee of FTA recipient in accordance with 49 USC 5325(a) enters into a contract for a capital project or improvement (defined at 49 USC 5302(a)1) through other than competitive bidding, contractor shall make available records related to the contract to the purchaser, the Secretary of USDOT and the US Comptroller General or any authorized officer or employee of any of them for the purposes of conducting an audit and inspection.
- Contractor shall permit any of the foregoing parties to reproduce by any means whatsoever or to copy excerpts and transcriptions as reasonably needed.
- Contractor shall maintain all books, records, accounts and reports required under this contract for a period of not less than three (3) years after the date of termination or expiration of this contract, except in the event of litigation or settlement of claims arising from the performance of this contract, in which case contractor



agrees to maintain same until the recipient, FTA Administrator, US Comptroller General, or any of their authorized representatives, have disposed of all such litigation, appeals, claims or exceptions related thereto. Re: 49 CFR 18.39(i) (11). FTA does not require the inclusion of these requirements in subcontracts.

### **Federal Changes**

- All Contracts except micro-purchases (\$3,000 or less, except for construction contracts over \$2,000) Contractor shall comply with all applicable FTA regulations, policies, procedures and directives, including without limitation those listed directly or by reference in the Master Agreement between the purchaser and FTA, as they may be amended or promulgated from time to time during the term of the contract. Contractor's failure to comply shall constitute a material breach of the contract.

### **Clean Air**

- Contractor shall comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations pursuant to the Clean Air Act, 42 USC 7401 et seq. Contractor shall report each violation to the recipient and understands and agrees that the recipient will, in turn, report each violation as required to FTA and the appropriate EPA Regional Office.
- Contractor shall include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$100,000 financed in whole or in part with FTA assistance.

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

Applicability - Contracts over \$100,000

- Overtime requirements - No contractor or subcontractor 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 40 hours in such workweek unless such laborer or mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in such workweek.
- Violation; liability for unpaid wages; liquidated damages - In the event of any violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section, contractor and any subcontractor responsible therefore shall be liable for the unpaid wages. In addition, such contractor and subcontractor shall be liable 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 para. (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 40 hours without payment of the overtime wages required by the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section.
- Withholding for unpaid wages and liquidated damages - the recipient shall upon its own action or upon written request of USDOL withhold or cause to be withheld, from any moneys payable on account of work performed by contractor or subcontractor under any such contract or any other Federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other federally-assisted contract subject to the Contract Work Hours & Safety Standards Act, which is held by the same prime contractor, such sums as may be determined to be necessary to satisfy any liabilities of such contractor or subcontractor for unpaid wages and liquidated damages as provided in the clause set forth in para. (2) of this section.
- Subcontracts - Contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in this section and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. Prime contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with the clauses set forth in this section.

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **Termination**

Applicability - All Contracts over \$10,000, except contracts with nonprofit organizations and institutions of higher learning, where the threshold is \$100,000

- Termination for Convenience (General Provision) the recipient may terminate this contract, in whole or in part, at any time by written notice to contractor when it is in the recipient's best interest. Contractor shall be paid its costs, including contract close-out costs, and profit on work performed up to the time of termination. Contractor shall promptly submit its termination claim to the recipient. If contractor is in possession of any of the recipient's property, contractor shall account for same, and dispose of it as the recipient directs.
- Termination for Default [Breach or Cause] (General Provision) If contractor does not deliver items in accordance with the contract delivery schedule, or, if the contract is for services, and contractor fails to perform in the manner called for in the contract, or if contractor fails to comply with any other provisions of the contract, the recipient may terminate this contract for default. Termination shall be effected by serving a notice of termination to contractor setting forth the manner in which contractor is in default. Contractor shall only be paid the contract price for supplies delivered and accepted, or for services performed in accordance with the manner of performance set forth in the contract. If it is later determined by the recipient that contractor had an excusable reason for not performing, such as a strike, fire, or flood, events which are not the fault of or are beyond the control of contractor, the recipient, after setting up a new delivery or performance schedule, may allow contractor to continue work, or treat the termination as a termination for convenience.
- Opportunity to Cure (General Provision) the recipient in its sole discretion may, in the case of a termination for breach or default, allow contractor an appropriately short period of time in which to cure the defect. In such case, the notice of termination shall state the time period in which cure is permitted and other appropriate conditions. If contractor fails to remedy to the recipient's satisfaction the breach or default or any of the terms, covenants, or conditions of this Contract within ten (10) days after receipt by contractor or written notice from the recipient setting forth the nature of said breach or default, the recipient shall have the right to terminate the Contract without any further obligation to contractor. Any such termination for default shall not in any way operate to preclude the recipient from also pursuing all available remedies against contractor and its sureties for said breach or default.
- Waiver of Remedies for any Breach In the event that the recipient elects to waive its remedies for any breach by contractor of any covenant, term or condition of this Contract, such waiver by the recipient shall not limit its remedies for any succeeding breach of that or of any other term, covenant, or condition of this Contract.
- Termination for Convenience (Professional or Transit Service Contracts) the recipient, by written notice, may terminate this contract, in whole or in part, when it is in the recipient's interest. If the contract is terminated, the recipient shall be liable only for payment under the payment provisions of this contract for services rendered before the effective date of termination.
- Termination for Default (Supplies and Service) If contractor fails to deliver supplies or to perform the services within the time specified in this contract or any extension, the recipient may terminate this contract for default.

The recipient shall terminate by delivering to contractor a notice of termination specifying the nature of default. Contractor shall only be paid the contract price for supplies delivered and accepted, or services performed in accordance with the manner or performance set forth in this contract. If, after termination for failure to fulfill contract obligations, it is determined that contractor was not in default, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if termination had been issued for the recipient's convenience.

- Termination for Default (Transportation Services) If contractor fails to pick up the commodities or to perform the services, including delivery services, within the time specified in this contract or any extension or if contractor fails to comply with any other provisions of this contract, the recipient may terminate this contract for default. The recipient shall terminate by delivering to contractor a notice of termination specifying the nature of default. Contractor shall only be paid the contract price for services performed in accordance with the manner of performance set forth in this contract. If this contract is terminated while contractor has possession of the recipient goods, contractor shall, as directed by the recipient, protect and preserve the goods until surrendered to the recipient or its agent. Contractor and the recipient shall agree on payment for the preservation and protection of goods. Failure to agree on an amount shall be resolved under the Dispute clause. If, after termination for failure to fulfill contract obligations, it is determined that contractor was not in default, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if termination had been issued for the recipient's convenience.
- Termination for Default (Construction) If contractor refuses or fails to prosecute the work or any separable part, with the diligence that will insure its completion within the time specified, or any extension, or fails to complete the work within this time, or if contractor fails to comply with any other provisions of this contract, the recipient may terminate this contract for default. The recipient shall terminate by delivering to contractor a notice of termination specifying the nature of default. In this event, the recipient may take over the work and complete it by contract or otherwise, and may take possession of and use any materials, appliances, and plant on the work site necessary for completing the work. Contractor and its sureties shall be liable for any damage to the recipient resulting from contractor's refusal or failure to complete the work within specified time, whether or not contractor's right to proceed with the work is terminated. This liability includes any increased costs incurred by the recipient in completing the work. Contractor's right to proceed shall not be terminated nor shall contractor be charged with damages under this clause if:
  1. Delay in completing the work arises from unforeseeable causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of contractor. Examples of such causes include: acts of God, acts of the recipient, acts of another contractor in the performance of a contract with the recipient, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, freight embargoes; and
  2. Contractor, within 10 days from the beginning of any delay, notifies the recipient in writing of the causes of delay. If in the recipient's judgment, delay is excusable, the time for completing the work shall be extended. The recipient's judgment shall be final and conclusive on the parties, but subject to appeal under the Disputes clauses. If, after termination of contractor's right to proceed, it is determined that contractor was not in default, or that the delay was excusable, the rights and obligations of the parties will be the same as if termination had been issued for the recipient's convenience.
- Termination for Convenience or Default (Architect & Engineering) the recipient may terminate this contract in whole or in part, for the recipient's convenience or because of contractor's failure to fulfill contract obligations. Recipient shall terminate by delivering to contractor a notice of termination specifying the nature, extent, and effective date of termination. Upon receipt of the notice, contractor shall (1) immediately discontinue all services affected (unless the notice directs otherwise), and (2) deliver to the recipient all data, drawings, specifications, reports, estimates, summaries, and other information and materials accumulated in performing this contract, whether completed or in process. If termination is for the recipient's convenience, it shall make an equitable adjustment in the contract price but shall allow no anticipated profit on unperformed services. If termination is for contractor's failure to fulfill contract obligations, the recipient may complete the work by contract or otherwise and contractor shall be liable for any additional cost incurred by the recipient. If, after termination for failure to fulfill contract obligations, it is determined that contractor was not in default, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if termination had been issued for the recipient's convenience.
- Termination for Convenience or Default (Cost-Type Contracts) the recipient may terminate this contract, or any portion of it, by serving a notice of termination on contractor. The notice shall state whether termination is for convenience of the recipient or for default of contractor. If termination is for default, the notice shall state the manner in which contractor has failed to perform the requirements of the contract. Contractor shall account

for any property in its possession paid for from funds received from the recipient, or property supplied to contractor by the recipient. If termination is for default, the recipient may fix the fee, if the contract provides for a fee, to be paid to contractor in proportion to the value, if any, of work performed up to the time of termination. Contractor shall promptly submit its termination claim to the recipient and the parties shall negotiate the termination settlement to be paid to contractor. If termination is for the recipient's convenience, contractor shall be paid its contract close-out costs, and a fee, if the contract provided for payment of a fee, in proportion to the work performed up to the time of termination.

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

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

Applicability - Contracts over \$25,000

- This contract is a covered transaction for purposes of 49 CFR Part 29. As such, the contractor is required to verify that none of the contractors, its principals, as defined at 49 CFR 29.995, or affiliates, as defined at 49 CFR 29.905, are excluded or disqualified as defined at 49 CFR 29.940 and 29.945. The contractor is required to comply with 49 CFR 29, Subpart C and must include the requirement to comply with 49 CFR 29, Subpart C in any lower tier covered transaction it enters into. By signing and submitting its bid or proposal, the bidder or proposer certifies as follows: The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact relied upon by the recipient. If it is later determined that the bidder or proposer knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to remedies available to the recipient, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment. The bidder or proposer agrees to comply with the requirements of 49 CFR 29, Subpart C while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any contract that may arise from this offer. The bidder or proposer further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

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

- When a grantee maintains files on drug and alcohol enforcement activities for FTA, and those files are organized so that information could be retrieved by personal identifier, the Privacy Act requirements apply to all contracts except micro-purchases (\$3,000 or less, except for construction contracts over \$2,000). The following requirements apply to the Contractor and its employees that administer any system of records on behalf of the Federal Government under any contract:
  1. The Contractor agrees to comply with, and assures the compliance of its employees with, the information restrictions and other applicable requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a. Among other things, the Contractor agrees to obtain the express consent of the Federal Government before the Contractor or its employees operate a system of records on behalf of the Federal Government. The Contractor understands that the requirements of the Privacy Act, including the civil and criminal penalties for violation of that Act, apply to those individuals involved, and that failure to comply with the terms of the Privacy Act may result in termination of the underlying contract.
  2. The Contractor also agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract to administer any system of records on behalf of the Federal Government financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA.

### **Civil Rights Requirements**

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

The following requirements apply to the underlying contract:

- Nondiscrimination - In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, as amended, 42 USC 2000d, Sec. 303 of the Age Discrimination Act (1975), as amended, 42 USC 6102, Sec. 202 of the Americans with Disabilities Act (1990), 42 USC 12132, and 49 USC 5332, contractor shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, age or disability. Contractor shall also comply with applicable Federal implementing regulations and other requirements FTA may issue.
- Equal Employment Opportunity - The following equal employment opportunity requirements apply to the underlying contract:
  1. Race, Color, Creed, National Origin, Sex - In accordance with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, as

amended, 42 USC 2000e, and 49 USC 5332, contractor shall comply with all applicable equal employment opportunity requirements of USDOL, "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, USDOL," 41 CFR 60 et seq., (implementing Executive Order No. 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity," as amended by Executive Order No. 11375, "Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity," 42 USC 2000e), and any applicable Federal statutes, executive orders, regulations, and policies that may in the future affect construction activities undertaken in the course of the project. Contractor shall take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, creed, 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, contractor shall comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.

2. Age - In accordance with Sec. 4 of the Age Discrimination in Employment Act (1967), as amended, 29 USC 623 and 49 USC 5332, contractor shall refrain from discrimination against present and prospective employees for reason of age. Contractor shall also comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.
  3. Disabilities - In accordance with Sec. 102 of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), as amended, 42 USC 12112, contractor shall comply with the requirements of US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), Regulations to Implement Equal Employment Provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, 29 CFR 1630, pertaining to employment of persons with disabilities. Contractor shall also comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.
- Contractor shall include these requirements in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with FTA assistance, modified only if necessary to identify the affected parties.

### **Breaches and Dispute Resolution**

All contracts over \$100,000

- Disputes arising in the performance of this contract which are not resolved by agreement of the parties shall be decided in writing by the recipient's authorized representative. This decision shall be final and conclusive unless within ten (10) days from the date of receipt of its copy, contractor mails or otherwise furnishes a written appeal to the recipient's CEO. In connection with such appeal, contractor shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard and to offer evidence in support of its position. The decision of the recipient's CEO shall be binding upon contractor and contractor shall abide by the decision. Performance During Dispute - Unless otherwise directed by the recipient, 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 therefore shall be made in writing to such other party within ten days 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 recipient and 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 residing State. Rights and Remedies - Duties and obligations imposed by the contract documents and the rights and remedies available there under 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 recipient 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 there under, except as may be specifically agreed in writing.

### **Disadvantaged Business Enterprise**

Contracts over \$3,000 awarded on the basis of a bid or proposal offering to use DBEs

- This contract is subject to the requirements of Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 26, Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in Department of Transportation Financial Assistance Programs. The national goal for participation of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) is 10%. The recipient's overall goal for DBE participation is listed elsewhere. If a separate contract goal for DBE participation has been established for this procurement, it is listed elsewhere.
- 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 contract. Failure by the contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract, which may result in the termination of this contract or such other remedy as the municipal corporation deems appropriate. Each subcontract the contractor signs with a subcontractor must include the assurance in this paragraph (see 49 CFR 26.13(b)).

- If a separate contract goal has been established, Bidders/offerors are required to document sufficient DBE participation to meet these goals or, alternatively, document adequate good faith efforts to do so, as provided for in 49 CFR 26.53.
- If no separate contract goal has been established, the successful bidder/offeror will be required to report its DBE participation obtained through race-neutral means throughout the period of performance.
- The contractor is required to pay its subcontractors performing work related to this contract for satisfactory performance of that work no later than 30 days after the contractor's receipt of payment for that work from the recipient. In addition, the contractor may not hold retainage from its subcontractors or must return any retainage payments to those subcontractors within 30 days after the subcontractor's work related to this contract is satisfactorily completed or must return any retainage payments to those subcontractors within 30 days after incremental acceptance of the subcontractor's work by the recipient and contractor's receipt of the partial retainage payment related to the subcontractor's work.
- The contractor must promptly notify the recipient whenever a DBE subcontractor performing work related to this contract is terminated or fails to complete its work, and must make good faith efforts to engage another DBE subcontractor to perform at least the same amount of work. The contractor may not terminate any DBE subcontractor and perform that work through its own forces or those of an affiliate without prior written consent of the recipient.

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

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

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

#### **Full and Open Competition**

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

#### **Prohibition Against Exclusionary or Discriminatory Specifications**

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

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

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

#### **Access Requirements for Persons with Disabilities**

- Contractor shall comply with 49 USC 5301(d), stating Federal policy that the elderly and persons with disabilities have the same rights as other persons to use mass transportation services and facilities and that special efforts shall be made in planning and designing those services and facilities to implement that policy. Contractor shall also comply with all applicable requirements of Sec. 504 of the Rehabilitation Act (1973), as amended, 29 USC 794, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), as amended, 42 USC 12101 et seq., which requires that accessible facilities and services be made available to persons with disabilities, including any subsequent

amendments thereto.

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

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

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

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

#### **Ineligible Contractors and Subcontractors**

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

#### **Other Contract Requirements**

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

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

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

#### **Real Property**

- Any contract entered into shall contain the following provisions: Contractor shall at all times comply with all applicable statutes and USDOT regulations, policies, procedures and directives governing the acquisition, use and disposal of real property, including, but not limited to, 29 CFR 18.31, 49 CFR 24 Subpart B, FTA Circular 5010.1D, and FTA Master Agreement, as they may be amended or promulgated during the term of this contract. Contractor's failure to so comply shall constitute a material breach of this contract.

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

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

#### **Environmental Justice**

- The Recipient agrees to comply with the policies of Executive Order No. 12898, "Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low Income Populations," 42 U.S.C. § 4321 note, except to the extent that the Federal Government determines otherwise in writing.

**Environmental Protections**

- Compliance is required with any applicable Federal laws imposing environmental and resource conservation requirements for the project. Some, but not all, of the major Federal laws that may affect the project include: the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; the Clean Air Act; the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act; the comprehensive Environmental response, Compensation and Liability Act; as well as environmental provisions with Title 23 U.S.C., and 49 U.C. chapter 53. The U.S. EPA, FHWA and other federal agencies may issue other federal regulations and directives that may affect the project. Compliance is required with any applicable Federal laws and regulations in effect now or that become effective in the future.

**Geographic Information and Related Spatial Data**

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

**Federal Single Audit Requirements for State Administered Federally Aid Funded Projects Only**

- Non Federal entities that expend \$500,000 or more in a year in Federal awards from all sources are required to comply with the Federal Single Audit Act provisions contained in U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular No. A 133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non Profit Organizations. Non Federal entities that expend Federal awards from a single source may provide a program specific audit, as defined in the Circular. Non Federal entities that expend less than \$500,000 in a year in Federal awards from all sources are exempt from Federal audit requirements for that year, except as noted in '3052.215(a), but records must be available for review or audit by appropriate officials of the Federal and State agencies.

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

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

**CFDA number for the Federal Transportation Administration**

- A Recipient covered by the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations," agrees to separately identify the expenditures for Federal awards under the Recovery Act on the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA) and the Data Collection Form (SF-SAC) required by OMB Circular A-133. The Recipient agrees to accomplish this by identifying expenditures for Federal awards made under Recovery Act separately on the SEFA, and as separate rows under Item 9 of Part III on the SFSAC by CFDA number, and inclusion of the prefix "ARRA" in identifying the name of the Federal program on the SEFA and as the first characters in Item 9d of Part III on the SF-SAC.



Federal Certifications

**CERTIFICATION AND RESTRICTIONS ON LOBBYING**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby certify (Name and title of official) On behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ that: (Name of Bidder/Company Name) No federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, and officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any federal contract, the making of any federal grant, the making of any federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement. If any funds other than federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, and officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form - LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all sub-awards at all tiers (including sub-contracts, subgrants and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all sub-recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly. *This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by 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 \$100,000 for each such failure. The undersigned certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of the contents of the statements submitted on or with this certification and understands that the provisions of 31 U.S.C. Section 3801, et seq., are applicable thereto.*

Name of Bidder/Company Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Type or print name \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of authorized representative \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_/\_\_/\_\_  
Signature of notary and SEAL \_\_\_\_\_

**GOVERNMENT-WIDE DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION (NONPROCUREMENT) 49 CFR Part 29, Executive Orders 12549,12689, and31 U.S.C.6101 (Contracts over \$25,000)**

**Background and Applicability**

In conjunction with the Office of Management and Budget and other affected Federal agencies, DOT published an update to 49 CFR Part 29 on November 26, 2003. This government-wide regulation implements Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, Executive Order 12689, Debarment and Suspension, and 31 U.S.C. 6101 note (Section 2455, Public Law 103-355, 108 Stat. 3327). The provisions of Part 29 apply to all grantee contracts and subcontracts at any level expected to equal or exceed \$25,000 as well as any contract or subcontract (at any level) for Federally required auditing services. 49 CFR 29.220(b). This represents a change from prior practice in that the dollar threshold for application of these rules has been lowered from \$ 100,000 to \$25,000. These are contracts and subcontracts referred to in the regulation as “covered transactions.” Grantees, contractors, and subcontractors (at any level) that enter into covered transactions are required to verify that the entity (as well as its principals and affiliates) they propose to contract or subcontract with is not excluded or disqualified. They do this by (a) Checking the Excluded Parties List System, (b) Collecting a certification from that person, or (c) Adding a clause or condition to the contract or subcontract. This represents a change from prior practice in that certification is still acceptable but is no longer required. 49 CFR 29.300. Grantees, contractors, and subcontractors who enter into covered transactions also must require the entities they contract with to comply with 49 CFR 29, subpart C and include this requirement in their own subsequent covered transactions (i.e., the requirement flows down to subcontracts at all levels). Instructions for Certification: By signing and submitting this bid or proposal, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the signed certification set out below

Suspension and Debarment: This contract is a covered transaction for purposes of 49 CFR Part 29. As such, the contractor is required to verify that none of the contractor, its principals, as defined at 49 CFR 29.995, or affiliates, as defined at 49 CFR 29.905, are excluded or disqualified as defined at 49 CFR 29.940 and 29.945. The contractor is required to comply with 49 CFR 29, Subpart C and must include the requirement to comply with 49 CFR 29, Subpart C in any lower tier covered transaction it enters into. By signing and submitting its bid or proposal, the bidder or proposer certifies as follows: The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact relied upon by the recipient. If it is later determined that the bidder or proposer knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to remedies available to the recipient, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment. The bidder or proposer agrees to comply with the requirements of 49 CFR 29, Subpart C while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any contract that may arise from this offer. The bidder or proposer further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

Contractor \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Authorized Official \_\_\_\_\_ Date /        /  
Name and Title of Contractor's Authorized Official

**BUS TESTING CERTIFICATION**

The undersigned bidder [Contractor/Manufacturer] certifies that the vehicle model or vehicle models offered in this bid submission complies with 49 CFR Part 665. A copy of the test report (for each bid ITEM) prepared by the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Altoona, Pennsylvania Bus Testing Center is attached to this certification and is a true and correct copy of the test report as prepared by the facility. The undersigned understands that misrepresenting the testing status of a vehicle acquired with Federal financial assistance may subject the undersigned to civil penalties as outlined in the U.S. Department of Transportation's regulation on Program Fraud Civil Remedies, 49 CFR Part 31. In addition, the undersigned understands that FTA may suspend or debar a manufacturer under the procedures in 49 CFR Part 29.

Name of Bidder/Company Name

Type or print name

Signature of authorized representative

Signature of notary and SEAL

Date of Signature: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_

**PRE- AWARD CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT FOR PROCUREMENT OF ROLLING STOCK (RECIPIENT)**

**BUY AMERICA REQUIREMENTS**

Contractor shall complete and submit a declaration certifying either compliance or noncompliance with Buy America. If contractor certifies compliance with Buy America, it shall submit documentation listing:

1. Component and subcomponent parts of the rolling stock to be purchased identified by manufacturer of the parts, their country of origin and costs; and
2. The location of the final assembly point for the rolling stock, including a description of the activities that will take place at the final assembly point and the cost of final assembly.
3. Solicitation Specification Requirements: Contractor shall submit evidence that it will be capable of meeting the bid specifications.
4. D. Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS): Contractor shall submit
  - (a) manufacturer's FMVSS self-certification sticker information that the vehicle complies with relevant FMVSS or
  - (b) manufacturer's certified statement that the buses will not be subject to FMVSS regulations. As required by Title 49 of the CFR, Part 663 - Subpart B,

\_\_\_\_\_ (the recipient) is satisfied that the buses to be purchased, \_\_\_\_\_ (number and description of buses) from \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (the manufacturer), meet the requirements of Section 165(b)(3) of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982, as amended. The recipient or its appointed analyst \_\_\_\_\_ (the analyst - not the manufacturer or its agent), has reviewed documentation provided by the manufacturer, which lists (1) the proposed component and subcomponent parts of the buses identified by manufacturer, country of origin, and cost; and (2) the proposed location of the final assembly point for the buses, including a description of the activities that will take place at the final assembly point and the cost of final assembly.

**PRE-AWARD PURCHASER’S REQUIREMENTS CERTIFICATION**

- As required by Title 49 of the CFR, Part 663 - Subpart B, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (the recipient) certifies that the buses to be purchased,  
\_\_\_\_\_ (number and description of buses) from  
\_\_\_\_\_ (the manufacturer), are the same  
product described in the recipient’s solicitation specification and that the proposed manufacturer is a  
responsible manufacturer with the capability to produce a bus that meets the specifications.

**PRE-AWARD FMVSS COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION**

- As required by Title 49 of the CFR, Part 663 - Subpart D, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (the recipient) certifies that it received, at the pre-award stage, a copy of \_\_\_\_\_'s (the manufacturer) self -certification information stating that the buses, \_\_\_\_\_(number and description of buses), will comply with the relevant Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards issued by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 571.  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**PRE-AWARD CERTIFICATION FOR PROCUREMENT OF ROLLING STOCK (VENDOR)**  
*71 FR14117, Mar. 21, 2006, as amended at 72 FR 53698, Sept. 20, 2007; 74 FR 30239, June 25, 2009*

**PRE-AWARD AUDIT REQUIREMENTS**

- A recipient purchasing revenue service rolling stock with FTA funds must ensure that a pre-award audit under this part is complete before the recipient enters into a formal contract for the purchase of such rolling stock.

**DESCRIPTION OF PRE-AWARD AUDIT**

- A pre-award audit under this part includes:
  1. A Buy America certification
  2. A purchaser's requirements certification
  3. Where appropriate, a manufacturer's Federal Motor Vehicle Safety certification information.

**PRE-AWARD BUY AMERICA CERTIFICATION**

- For purposes of this part, a pre-award Buy America certification is a certification that the recipient keeps on file that:
  1. There is a letter from FTA which grants a waiver to the rolling stock to be purchased from the Buy America requirements under section 165(b)(1), (b)(2), or (b)(4) of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982, as amended; or
  2. The recipient is satisfied that the rolling stock to be purchased meets the requirements of section 165(a) or (b)(3) of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982, as amended, after having reviewed itself or through an audit prepared by someone other than the manufacturer or its agent documentation provided by the manufacturer which lists:
    - (a) The Component and subcomponent parts of the rolling stock that are produced in the United States is more than sixty percent (60%) of the cost of all components and subcomponents of the vehicle identified by the manufacturer
    - (b) The location of the final assembly must take place in the United States (49 CFR 661.11), including a description of the activities that will take place at the final assembly point and the cost of final assembly.

**PRE-AWARD PURCHASERS REQUIREMENTS CERTIFICATION**

- For purposes of this part, a pre-award purchaser's requirements certification is a certification a recipient keeps on file that:
  1. The rolling stock the recipient is contracting for is the same product described in the purchaser's solicitation specification
  2. The proposed manufacturer is a responsible manufacturer with the capability to produce a vehicle that meets the recipient's specification set forth in the recipient's solicitation. If buses or other rolling stock (including train control, communication, and traction power equipment) are being procured, the appropriate certificate as set forth below shall be completed and submitted by each bidder in accordance with the requirements in 49 CFR 661.13(b).

**PRE-AWARD FMVSS COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION**

- As required by Title 49 of the CFR, Part 663 - Subpart D, the recipient certifies that it received, at the preaward stage, a copy of the manufacturers self-certification information stating that the buses will comply with the relevant Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards issued by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 571.

**PRE-AWARD CERTIFICATION FOR PROCUREMENT OF ROLLING STOCK (VENDOR) Cont.**

*Bidder or offeror Certificate of:*

**COMPLIANCE with Buy America and FMVSS Rolling Stock Requirements**

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



Company \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

***Bidder or offeror Certificate of:***

**NON-COMPLIANCE with Buy America and FMVSS Rolling Stock Requirements**

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

Company \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**ON-SITE MANUFACTURER INSPECTION COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION**

*(Post-Delivery purchaser's requirement, in compliance with the federal requirements of 49 U.S.C. Section 5323(m))*

ON-SITE MANUFACTURER INSPECTION COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION (Rolling Stock Procurements for more than 10 vehicles for areas >200,000 in population) As required by 49 CFR Part 663-Subpart C, the

\_\_\_\_\_ (Recipient's name) Certifies that a resident inspector,

\_\_\_\_\_ (Name of the manufacturer's

inspector) Was at \_\_\_\_\_ manufacturing site during the period of manufacture of the buses,

\_\_\_\_\_ (description of buses). The inspector visually inspecting the buses, the \_\_\_\_\_ (the recipient) has reviewed the inspection documentation, maintains a copy of this report, and certifies that the buses meet the contract specifications. ON-SITE MANUFACTURER INSPECTION COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION (Rolling Stock Procurements for more than 20 vehicles for areas <200,000 in population) As required by 49 CFR Part 663-Subpart C, the

\_\_\_\_\_ (Recipient's name) Certifies that a resident inspector,

\_\_\_\_\_ (Name of the manufacturer's

inspector) Was at \_\_\_\_\_ manufacturing site during the period of manufacture of the buses,

\_\_\_\_\_ (description of buses). The inspector visually inspecting the buses, the \_\_\_\_\_ (the recipient) has reviewed the inspection documentation, maintains a copy of this report, and certifies that the buses meet the contract specifications.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
Title:

**TRANSIT VEHICLE MANUFACTURER (TVM) CERTIFICATION**

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 105(f) of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982, each bidder for this contract must certify that it has complied with the requirements of 49 CFR Part 26.49, regarding the participation of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) in FTA assisted procurements of transit vehicles. Absent this certification, properly completed and signed, a bid shall be deemed non-responsive.

*Certification: I hereby certify, for the bidder named below, that it has complied with the provisions of 49 CFR Part 26.49 and that I am duly authorized by said bidder to make this certification.*

**BIDDER/COMPANY**

Name of Bidder/Company \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Representative \_\_\_\_\_

Type or Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTARY**

Type or Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Notary \_\_\_\_\_

Place Notary SEAL Here:

Determining Vendor Responsibility

	<u>Notes</u>
<u>Bidder has physical and technical</u>	
<u>capacity to perform work</u>	
<u>HI Bidder shows financial responsibility</u>	
<u>(can produce adequate audits, D&amp;B Information,</u>	
<u>financial statements, etc.)</u>	
<u>Bidder has ability to get sureties and</u>	
<u>insurance as required</u>	
<u>Bidder can produce references in</u>	
<u>which past performance can be</u>	
<u>evaluated</u>	

Piggybacking Worksheet

Obtained a copy of the contract and solicitation documents, including any Buy America Pre-award or Post-Delivery audits
Ensure the solicitation and contract contain an express “assignability” clause that provides for the assignment of all or part of the specified deliverables
Ensure the contractor submitted the certifications required by Federal regulations
Ensure the contract contains the clause required by Federal regulations
Ensure the piggybacking quantities included in the original solicitation (included in the original bid and were evaluated as part of the contract award decision)
Verify that the contract is not an indefinite quantity contract
Ensure that the option that is intended to be piggybacked on is still valid and has not expired
Ensure that a cost or price analysis was performed by the original contracting agency and it documented the reasonableness of the price; Keep copy for your files
Ensure that the contract term complies with the five-year term limit established by FTA
Ensure that there was proper evaluation of the bids/proposals; Include copy for your files
If you require changes to the vehicle (deliverables), verify that they are within the scope of the contract and are not “cardinal changes”