
Request for Proposal

Outsourced IT & Managed Services

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1 **Request for Proposal (RFP)**

The Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. (SREC) invites you to respond to this Request for Proposal (RFP). The focus of the RFP is to select a single organization to provide IT managed services to Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. over a contracted five-year period, beginning on May 1, 2026, and ending no later than April 30, 2031. Responses should be received by 4:00pm on April 17, 2026.

All RFP documents, addenda, and responses to RFP questions that are submitted by the deadline will be published on our website, srecinc.org.

2 **Overview of Current Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. Technical Environment**

Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. is a 10-location non-profit company with 37 computer users, all using Windows based computers. The administrative office is located in Live Oak and is where the servers are located. The administrative office has 23 workstations, and the other 14 workstations are located in the other 10 locations. The locations are located in Live Oak, Jasper, Madison, Starke, Chiefland, Cross City, Mayo, Lake City and Perry.

The servers are supported by an outside 3rd party along with the daily backups by an outside 3rd party company. The anti-virus and malware software on the 23 workstations in the administrative office are supported by the same 3rd party company.

The need is for support for all the workstations in all the offices, help support and upgrade their accounting software and help with all the workstation software applications that SREC uses.

3 **Core Function Requirements**

As part of this RFP, the following services are the current priority items for Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.:

- **Technology strategy planning** – Working with current executive director to develop a long term strategic technology plan. The plan will take advantage of new and existing technologies to produce a pragmatic and effective future roadmap that enables the organization to fulfill its overall mandate in the community.
- **Accounting Software** -Being able to upgrade and help support Abilia's MIP Non-Profit accounting software.
- **Solution design** – Solution packages (e.g., hardware, software, licensing) and associated consolidation of data
- **Procurement management** – Selection of commercially rated equipment, order placement, order tracking, shipping, equipment returns, and sourcing and ordering of replacement parts.
- **Warranty, break fixes and installation** – Planned and on-call services, including emergency response to server issues.
- **Technical support** – Ability to support Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.'s inquiries as required, via on-site or remote support.
- **IT policy review and development** – Development of customized policies related to the use of technology.
- **Configuration** – Full assembly of hardware and software, including testing and burn-in.
- **PC deployment** – Delivery and setup of machines on-site.
- **On-site implementation of business applications** – Installation of Microsoft Office products along with non-image software. The configuration of Cirts, Transportation and Liheap remote software.
- **Life cycle management of hardware units** – Process for end-of-life notification, replacement, and asset decommissioning/disposal.
- **Software licensing control** – Oversight of automatic renewal of software applications and maintenance of appropriate documentation

4 *Minimum Qualifications and Capabilities*

Proposers shall demonstrate a minimum of five (5) years of experience in the provision of services comparable in scope and complexity to those described above.

5 *Evaluation of Proposal*

Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. will establish an evaluation committee comprised of no less than three candidates who will evaluate and score each proposal received per the Selection Criteria outlined below. The scores for each proposal will then be averaged and ranked to form a priority ranking.

5.1 *Selection Criteria*

Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. will use multiple criteria to select the most appropriate contractor. The following list summarizes the major qualitative areas that will be evaluated.

- Industry expertise and experience
- Ability to execute core functions
- Demonstrated customer service quality and support
- Previous relevant experience
- Vendor strength and stability
- Account management
- Reporting capabilities
- Financial considerations

6 *Response Contents and Format*

Please complete all sections of the RFP. Proposal must be submitted in letter size PDF formatting. If additional material is required for one or more questions, please label attachments clearly and reference them in your response. Your response to this RFP will serve as the basis for the consideration of your potential as a partner. Failure to respond to the RFP requirements is grounds for being deemed non-responsive and disqualification from the procurement.

Note that information submitted as part of the proposal is considered public record subject to public disclosure per Florida Statute.

For the purpose of understanding more about your company and your ability to successfully fulfill this important Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. requirement, please provide the information below as part of your response, clearly referencing each specific question.

6.1 *Corporate Information*

- a. Give a brief overview of your organization's involvement in providing IT value added services in the marketplace.
- b. How long has the organization been in this business? Provide your organization experience with non-profit and county governments.
- c. Indicate the number of employees in your organization. How many of those are dedicated to account management and/or technical support?
- d. Please describe your organization's experience in transitioning clients to public or private cloud technology from more traditional IT service models.

6.2 **Technical Approach and Solution**

a. Work Plan

Please provide a work plan for migration to your organization as a Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. preferred vendor. Specifically, provide the following information:

- i. Key activities
- ii. Timing
- iii. Information/resource requirements from Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.
- iv. Deliverables
- v. Key milestones, checkpoints, and other decision points

b. Resource Requirements

If we elect to move forward with your organization, what Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. resources would you require (e.g., information, data, staff resources, communication) during the course of migration and on an ongoing basis?

c. Technical Team

- i. Please identify and provide resumes for the technical team that will be assigned to the account.
- ii. Describe how you plan to interact with us and any third-party providers that may provide services to Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.

d. Core Function Services

Please describe your experience in providing the following core function services:

- a. Remote backup
- b. Technology strategy planning
- c. Solution design
- d. Network and email system monitoring
- e. Warranty, break fixes and installation
- f. Technical support, including remote user support
- g. Reporting and communication
- h. IT policy review and development
- i. Implementation planning and guidance
- j. PC deployment
- k. On-site implementation of business applications
- l. Asset inventory management
- m. Life cycle management of hardware units
- n. Software licensing control
- o. User Security

Please describe your experience in providing server technology support and service for your customers, focusing on planning, implementation, and ongoing support.

e. Support

The Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. user base varies considerably in its level of technical sophistication. Please describe your experience in successfully supporting users that may be remote and possess limited technical skills.

f. Cost Proposal

Please submit annual year to year cost to perform this service.

7 Communications and Response

Matt Pearson is the designated Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. representative for this initiative. For any information related to this RFP, please direct all inquiries to his contact information as follows:

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RFP inquires and responses are available to the public on our website, srcinc.org.

8 Response Delivery Instructions

Please submit an electronic PDF copy of your proposal to the email address indicated in the *Communications and Response* section above. All responses must be received on or before the *Proposals Due* date indicated in the *Key Dates* table below.

9 Vendor Presentations

If determined by Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. that vendor presentations are needed, Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. will publish a notice of presentation with dates. The presentations would be held at Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. at 1171 Nobles Ferry Rd, Building #2 in Live Oak, FL 32064 and we will endeavor to provide successful firms with as much advance notice as possible.

10 Key Dates

	RFP Issued	Response to Questions	Proposals Due	Review Period	Presentations	Anticipated Award Date	Contract Period
Date	04/01/2026	04/06/26-04/10/2026	04/17/2026	04/20/26-04/23/26	TBD	04/30/2026	05/01/2026-04/30/2031

11 No Obligation

The submission of a proposal shall not in any manner oblige Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. to enter into a contract or to be responsible for the costs incurred by your organization in responding to this request. All costs associated with submitting a proposal shall be at the proposers own expense.

12 Agreement of Non-Disclosure

This document is considered to be proprietary and shall not be disclosed to any other party. It is designed, developed and submitted to potential partners of Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. solely for the benefit of Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.

13 No Guarantee

Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. makes no guarantee of future volumes and offers volume information for directional purposes only, to assist vendors with proposal preparation.

14 *Proposer Ineligibility and Disqualification*

The proposer must meet the following mandatory conditions and requirements. Failure to satisfy any of the criteria listed below will, at the sole discretion of Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. will result in the proposer's ineligibility and disqualification of the submission without further recourse.

- No previous suspension due to performance in previous contracts.
- No history of debarment or suspension from consideration for work with any other governmental entity.
- Firm is not included in either State's Vendor Complaint List or the Excluded Parties List.
- There is no conviction for contract crime by the Personnel.

15 *Protests Received*

Note that protests received under the RFP will be handled pursuant to FAC 28-110.001 et seq., and applicable Florida Law.

16 *Compensation and Method of Payment*

Payment to the Contractor shall be on a scheduled monthly basis.

EXHIBIT A – FEDERALLY REQUIRED CLAUSES

Applicable Federal Clauses

NO GOVERNMENT OBLIGATION TO THIRD PARTIES

Applicability to Contracts

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

Flow Down

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

Model Clause/Language

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

No Federal Government Obligation to Third Parties.

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

PROGRAM FRAUD AND FALSE OR FRAUDULENT STATEMENTS AND RELATED ACTS

49 U.S.C. § 5323(l) (1); 31 U.S.C. §§ 3801-3812; 18 U.S.C. § 1001; 49 C.F.R. part 31

Applicability to Contracts

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

Flow Down

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

Model Clause/Language

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

Program Fraud and False or Fraudulent Statements or Related Acts

The Contractor acknowledges that the provisions of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986, as amended, 31 U.S.C. § 3801 et seq. and U.S. DOT regulations, "Program Fraud Civil Remedies," 49 C.F.R. part 31, apply to its actions pertaining to this Project. Upon execution of the underlying contract, the Contractor certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of

any statement it has made, it makes, it may make, or causes to be made, pertaining to the underlying contract or the FTA assisted project for which this contract work is being performed. In addition to other penalties that may be applicable, the Contractor further acknowledges that if it makes, or causes to be made, a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, or certification, the Federal Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986 on the Contractor to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate. The Contractor also acknowledges that if it makes, or causes to be made, a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, or certification to the Federal Government under a contract connected with a project that is financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance originally awarded by FTA under the authority of 49 U.S.C. chapter 53, the Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and 49 U.S.C. § 5323(l) on the Contractor, to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.

Additional Notice to U.S. DOT Inspector General. The Contractor must promptly notify the U.S. DOT Inspector General in addition to the FTA Chief Counsel or Regional Counsel for the Region in which the Project is

located, if the Contractor has knowledge of potential fraud, waste, or abuse occurring on any project receiving assistance from FTA. The notification provision applies if a person has or may have submitted a false claim under the False Claims Act, 31 U.S.C. § 3729 et seq., or has or may have committed a criminal or civil violation of law pertaining to such matters as fraud, conflict of interest, bid rigging, misappropriation or embezzlement, bribery, gratuity, or similar misconduct involving federal assistance. This responsibility occurs regardless of whether the project is related to this Contract or another agreement with FTA, and also applies to subcontractors at any tier. "Knowledge," as used in this paragraph, includes, but is not limited to, knowledge of a criminal or civil investigation by a Federal, state, or local law enforcement or other investigative agency, a criminal indictment or civil complaint, or probable cause that could support a criminal indictment, or any other credible information in the possession of the Contractor. In this paragraph, "promptly" means to refer information without delay and without change.

The Contractor agrees to include the above two clauses on 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.

ADA ACCESS

The Contractor agrees to comply with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 5301(d) which expresses the federal policy that the elderly and persons with disabilities have the same right as other persons to use mass transportation service and facilities, and that special efforts shall be made in planning and designing those services and facilities to implement those policies. The

Contractor also agrees to comply with all applicable requirements of sections 503 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, 29 U.S.C. § 794, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps, and with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101 et seq., which requires the provision of accessible facilities and services, and with the following federal regulations, including any amendments thereto: (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. 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," 47 C.F.R. Part 64, Subpart F; and (9) FTA regulations, "Transportation for Elderly and Handicapped Persons," 49 C.F.R. Part 609; and (10) Any implementing requirements FTA may issue.

ACCESS TO RECORDS AND AUDITS

49 U.S.C. § 5325(g); 2 C.F.R. § 200.337; MA 33 §9

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

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

c) Access to Records. The Contractor agrees to provide sufficient access to FTA and its contractors to inspect and audit records and information related to the performance of this contract as reasonably may be required. Contractor is notified that the Authority may be subject to the Single Audit Act, set forth in 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F – Audit Requirements, as amended.

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

e) Closeout. Closeout of the Award does not alter the record retention or access requirements of this section of this Master Agreement.

FEDERAL CHANGES

Applicability to Contracts

The Federal Changes requirement applies to all contracts.

Flow Down

The Federal Changes requirement flows down appropriately to each applicable changed federal requirement.

Model Clause/Language

No specific language is mandated. The following language has been developed by FTA.

Federal Changes

Contractor shall at all times comply with all applicable FTA regulations, policies, procedures and directives, including without limitation those listed directly or by reference in the Master Agreement between Purchaser and FTA, Super Circular 2 CFR Part 200 and FTA Circular 4220.1G, as they may be amended or promulgated from time to time during the term of the contract. Contractor's failure to so comply shall constitute a material breach of this contract.

CHARTER SERVICE

42 U.S.C. 5323(f); 49 C.F.R. part 604

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

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

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

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

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

CIVIL RIGHTS LAWS AND REGULATIONS

Applicability to Contracts

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

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

Flow Down

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

Model Clause/Language

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

Civil Rights and Equal Opportunity

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

FTA to support procurements using exclusionary or discriminatory specifications.

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

1. **Nondiscrimination.** In accordance with Federal transit law at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, the Contractor agrees that it will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, or age. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with applicable Federal implementing regulations and other implementing requirements FTA may issue.

2. **Race, Color, Religion, National Origin, Sex.** In accordance with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e et seq., and Federal transit laws at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, the Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable equal employment opportunity requirements of U.S. Department of Labor (U.S.

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

3. Age. In accordance with the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, 29 U.S.C. §§ 621-634, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (U.S. EEOC) regulations, "Age Discrimination in Employment Act," 29 C.F.R. part 1625, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 6101 et seq., U.S. Health and Human Services regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Age in Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance," 45 C.F.R.

part 90, and Federal transit law at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, the Contractor agrees to refrain from discrimination against present and prospective employees for reason of age. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.

4. Disabilities. In accordance with section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, 29 U.S.C. § 794, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq., the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 4151 et seq., and Federal transit law at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, the Contractor agrees that it will not discriminate against individuals on the basis of disability. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.

Sanctions for Noncompliance. In the event of the Contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination provisions of this Contract, the Authority shall impose such contract sanctions as it, the FTA, FDOT or the U.S. DOT may determine to be appropriate, including, but not limited to: withholding of payments to the Contractor under the Contract until the Contractor complies and/or cancellation, termination or suspension of the Contract, in whole or in part.

DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE)

49 CFR Part 26; 49 C.F.R. § 26.13(b)

"DBE: the DBE participation goal for the resulting contract is set to 0%." "Certified DBEs meeting the minimum qualifications and capabilities set forth in this RFP are encouraged to submit proposals. No preference will be given in the evaluation and selection process for DBE Participation."

INCORPORATION OF FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) TERMS

FTA Circular 4220.1G

Applicability to Contracts

The incorporation of FTA terms applies to all contracts.

Flow Down

This requirement flows down to all subcontracts at every tier.

Model Clause/Language

FTA has developed the following incorporation of terms language:

Incorporation of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Terms

All contractual provisions required by FTA, as set forth in FTA Circular 4220.1G and the Super Circular 2 CFR Part 200, 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 State requests, which would cause the State to be in violation of the FTA terms and conditions.

ENERGY CONSERVATION REQUIREMENTS

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

Applicability to Contracts

The Energy Policy and Conservation requirements are applicable to all contracts. The Recipient agrees to, and assures that its subrecipients, if any, will comply with the mandatory energy standards and policies of its state energy conservation plans under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 6201 et seq., and perform an energy assessment for any building constructed, reconstructed, or modified with federal assistance as required under FTA regulations, "Requirements for Energy Assessments," 49 C.F.R. part 622, subpart C.

Flow Down

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

Model Clause/Language

No specific clause is recommended in the regulations because the Energy Conservation requirements are so dependent on the state energy conservation plan. Recipients can draw on the following language for inclusion in their federally funded procurements.

Energy Conservation

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, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 6321 et seq., and perform an energy assessment for any building constructed, reconstructed, or modified with federal assistance required under FTA regulations, "Requirements for Energy Assessments," 49 C.F.R. part 622, subpart C.

SCHOOL BUS REQUIREMENTS

42 U.S.C. 5323(f); 49 C.F.R. part 605

Applicability to Contracts

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

Flow Down Requirements

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

Model Clause/Language

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

School Bus Operations

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

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

If Contractor violates this School Bus Agreement, FTA may:

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

When operating exclusive school bus service under an allowable exemption, the contractor may not use federally funded equipment, vehicles, or facilities. The Contractor should include the substance of this clause in each subcontract or purchase under this contract that may operate public transportation services.

PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SERVICES OR EQUIPMENT

2 CFR 200.216

Applicability to Contracts

The Prohibition on Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Service or Equipment requirements applies to all contracts.

Flow Down

This requirement flows down to all subcontracts at every tier.

Model Clauses/Language

(a) Definitions. As used in this clause—

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

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

Covered telecommunications equipment or services means—

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

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

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

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

Critical technology means—

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Interconnection arrangements means arrangements governing the physical connection of two or more networks to allow the use of another's network to hand off traffic where it is ultimately delivered (e.g.,

connection of a customer of telephone provider A to a customer of telephone company B) or sharing data and other information resources.

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

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

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

(b) *Prohibition.* (1) Section 889(a)(1)(A) of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Pub. L. 115-232) prohibits the Department from procuring or obtaining, or extending or renewing a contract to procure or obtain, any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. The Contractor is prohibited from providing to the Department any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system.

(2) Section 889(a)(1)(B) of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Pub. L. 115-232) prohibits the Department on or after August 13, 2020, from entering into a contract, or extending or renewing a contract, with an entity that uses any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system, unless an exception at paragraph (c) of this clause applies or the covered telecommunication equipment or services are covered by a waiver described in FAR 4.2104. This prohibition applies to the use of covered telecommunications equipment or services, regardless of whether that use is in performance of work under a Federal contract.

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

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

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

(d) *Reporting requirement.* (1) In the event the Contractor identifies covered telecommunications equipment or services used as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system, during contract performance, or the Contractor is notified of such by a subcontractor at any tier or by any other source, the Contractor shall report the information in paragraph (d)(2) of this clause to the Department immediately.

SEAT BELT USE

Master Agreement 34(a); 23 U.S.C. part 402; EO 13043

Applicability to Contracts

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

Flow Down Requirements

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

Model Clause/Language

There is no required language for the Safe Operation of Motor Vehicles clause. Recipients can draw on the following language for inclusion in their federally funded procurements.

Safe Operation of Motor Vehicles

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

Contractor is further encouraged to adopt and enforce workplace safety policies to decrease crashes caused by distracted drivers, including policies to ban text messaging while using an electronic device supplied by an employer, and driving a vehicle the driver owns or rents, a vehicle Contractor owns, leases, or rents, or a privately-owned vehicle when on official

business in connection with the work performed under this agreement. Contractor is also encouraged to conduct workplace safety initiatives in a manner commensurate with its size, such as establishing new rules and programs to prohibit text messaging while driving, re-evaluating the existing programs to prohibit text messaging while driving, and providing

education, awareness, and other outreach to employees about the safety risks associated with texting while driving.

SAFE OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

23 U.S.C. part 402; Executive Order No. 13043; Executive Order No. 13513

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FEDERAL TAX LIABILITY AND RECENT CONVICTIONS

Master Agreement 33 § 4(g)

Applicability to Contracts

The Federal Tax Liability and Recent Convictions requirement applies to all contracts.

Flow Down

The Recipient agrees to require all Third Party Participants to flow this requirement down to participants at all lower tiers, without regard to the value of any subagreement.

Model Clause/Language

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

Federal Tax Liability and Recent Convictions

The Contractor certifies that:

- a) The Contractor does not have any unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed, for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted or have lapsed, and that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability; and
 - b) Was not convicted of the felony criminal violation under any Federal law within the preceding 24 months.
- If the Contractor cannot so certify, the Recipient may refer the matter to FTA and not to enter into any Third Party Agreement with the Contractor without FTA's written approval.

SPECIAL NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR STATES

Master Agreement 33 §37

Applicability to Contracts

Statutory Authorities

- (a) Federal transit laws, 49 U.S.C. chapter 53,
- (b) Continuing Resolutions or Other Appropriations Resolutions or Acts funding the Department of Transportation during Fiscal Year 2025.
- (c) Title 23, United States Code (Highways).
- (d) Other federal legislation that FTA administers, as FTA so determines

Section 37. Special Notification Requirements for States.

(a) Types of Information. To the extent required under federal law, the State, as the Recipient, agrees to provide the following information about federal assistance awarded for its State Program, Project, or related activities:

- (1) The Identification of FTA as the federal agency providing the federal assistance for a State Program or Project;
- (2) The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number (CFDA#) of the program from which the federal assistance for a State Program or Project is authorized; and
- (3) The amount of federal assistance FTA has provided for a State Program or Project.

(b) Documents. The State agrees to provide the information required under this provision in the following documents:

- (1) applications for federal assistance,
- (2) requests for proposals or solicitations,
- (3) forms,
- (4) notifications,
- (5) press releases, and
- (6) other publications

Flow Down

This section applies to subcontractors at all tiers.

Model Clauses/Language

Recipients are required to acknowledge and provide notification of the FTA assistance and can draw on language provided in their FTA Master Agreement.

PROMPT PAYMENT

49 C.F.R. Part 26 (2016)

Applicability to Contracts

Specific requirements for ensuring prompt payment or release of retainage to subcontractors, subconsultants, third party contractors, and vendors, are promulgated in 49 C.F.R. Part 26.13, 26.29, 26.37, and 26.109. The regulations outline what recipients must do to ensure compliance with the requirement that subcontractors (which includes subconsultants) must be promptly paid for work performed on a U.S. Department of Transportation funded (DOT-assisted) contract. The applicability is extended to DBE subcontractors specifically and must be outlined in the recipients DBE program. Recipients must use legal and contract remedies available under Federal, state, and local law, to include available penalties or sanctions that

may be imposed, if they should breach the prompt payment or release of retainage clause. The recipient's DBE program must specify the requirements, remedies, and penalties or sanctions that may be imposed specifically. Recipients are expected to enforce the terms of the contract that specifies what happens if this provision of the contract is breached. The recipient's DBE program plan also must describe the process used by the recipient, if any, to resolve disputes concerning the subcontractor's performance or indicate what happens in the event of a dispute.

Recipients that hold retainage must make incremental acceptances of portions of the prime contract as the work is completed so that retainage that covers that work is released before final payment for completion of the entire contract. If retainage is held by the recipient against the prime contractor or held by the prime contractor against the subcontractor, there must be a contract clause obligating the payment of retainage within 30 days of the recipient's incremental acceptance of the work performed by the subcontractor. Contractors must submit the required documentation to recipients to begin the payment process. Similarly, subcontractors may be required to submit documentation to the prime contractor.

The contractual commitment is a material term of the contract between the recipient and the prime contractor, and it is a material term of the contract between the prime contractor and the subcontractor.

Flow Down

This section applies to subcontractors at all tiers.

Model Clauses/Language

Recipients are required to pay promptly to contractors, subcontractors, subconsultants, and third-party vendors, and must ensure that contractors and subcontractors pay promptly and includes such language in applicable contracts and agreements. Recipients can draw on language provided in 49 C.F.R. Part 26 for appropriate Prompt Payment Clauses for use in their federally funded projects and programs.

Additional Federal Clauses when procurement exceeds \$10,000

TERMINATION

2 C.F.R. § 200.339; 2 C.F.R. part 200

Applicability to Contracts

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

Flow Down

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

Model Clause/Language

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

Termination for Convenience (General Provision)

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

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

If the Contractor does not deliver supplies in accordance with the contract delivery schedule, or if the contract is for services, the Contractor fails to perform in the manner called for in the contract, or if the Contractor fails to comply with any other provisions of the contract, the AGENCY may terminate this contract for default. Termination shall be effected by

serving a Notice of Termination on the Contractor setting forth the manner in which the Contractor is in default. The Contractor will be paid only the contract price for supplies delivered and accepted, or services performed in accordance with the manner of performance set forth in the contract.

If it is later determined by the AGENCY 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 AGENCY, after setting up a new delivery of performance schedule, may allow the Contractor to continue work, or treat the termination as a Termination for Convenience.

Opportunity to Cure (General Provision)

The AGENCY, in its sole discretion may, in the case of a termination for breach or default, allow the Contractor [an appropriately short period of time] in which to cure the defect. In such case, the Notice of Termination will state the time period in which cure is permitted and other appropriate conditions. If Contractor fails to remedy to AGENCY's satisfaction the breach or default of any of the terms, covenants, or conditions of this Contract within [10 days] after receipt by Contractor of written notice from AGENCY setting forth the nature of said

breach or default, AGENCY 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 AGENCY 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 AGENCY elects to waive its remedies for any breach by Contractor of any covenant, term or condition of this contract, such waiver by AGENCY shall not limit AGENCY's remedies for any succeeding breach of that or of any other covenant, term, or condition of this contract.

Termination for Convenience (Professional or Transit Service Contracts)

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

Termination for Default (Supplies and Service)

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

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

Termination for Default (Transportation Services)

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

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

Termination for Default (Construction)

If the Contractor refuses or fails to prosecute the work or any separable part, with the diligence that will ensure its completion within the time specified in this contract or any extension or fails to complete the work within this time, or if the Contractor fails to comply with any other provision of this contract, AGENCY may terminate this contract for default. The

AGENCY shall terminate by delivering to the Contractor a Notice of Termination specifying the nature of the default. In this event, the AGENCY may take over the work and complete it by contract or otherwise, and may take possession of and use any materials, appliances, and plant on the work site necessary for completing the work. The Contractor and its sureties

shall be liable for any damage to the AGENCY resulting from the Contractor's refusal or failure to complete the work within specified time, whether or not the Contractor's right to proceed with the work is terminated.

This liability includes any increased costs incurred by the AGENCY in completing the work.

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

clause if:

1. The delay in completing the work arises from unforeseeable causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor. Examples of such causes include: acts of God, acts of AGENCY, acts of another contractor in the performance of a contract with AGENCY, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, freight embargoes; and

2. The Contractor, within [10] days from the beginning of any delay, notifies AGENCY in writing of the causes of delay. If, in the judgment of AGENCY, the delay is excusable, the time for completing the work shall be extended. The judgment of AGENCY shall be final and conclusive for the parties, but subject to appeal under the Disputes clause(s) of this contract. If, after termination of the Contractor's right to proceed, it is determined that the Contractor was

not in default, or that the delay was excusable, the rights and obligations of the parties will be the same as if the termination had been issued for the convenience of AGENCY.

Termination for Convenience or Default (Architect and Engineering)

The AGENCY may terminate this contract in whole or in part, for the AGENCY's convenience or because of the failure of the Contractor to fulfill the contract obligations. The AGENCY 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 AGENCY's Contracting Officer all data, drawings, specifications, reports, estimates, summaries, and other information and materials accumulated in performing this contract, whether completed or in process. AGENCY has a royalty-free, nonexclusive, and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish or otherwise use, all such data, drawings, specifications, reports, estimates, summaries, and other information and materials.

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

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

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 AGENCY.

Termination for Convenience or Default (Cost-Type Contracts)

The AGENCY may terminate this contract, or any portion of it, by serving a Notice of Termination on the Contractor. The notice shall state whether the termination is for convenience of AGENCY or for the default of the Contractor. If the termination is for default, the notice shall state the manner in which the Contractor has failed to perform the requirements of the contract. The Contractor shall account for any property in its

possession paid for from funds received from the AGENCY, or property supplied to the Contractor by the AGENCY. If the termination is for default, the AGENCY may fix the fee, if the contract provides for a fee, to be paid the Contractor in proportion to the value, if any, of work performed up to the time of termination. The Contractor shall promptly submit its termination claim to the AGENCY and the parties shall negotiate the termination settlement to be paid the Contractor.

If the termination is for the convenience of AGENCY, the Contractor shall be paid its contract close-out costs, and a fee, if the contract provided for payment of a fee, in proportion to the work performed up to the time of termination.

If, after serving a Notice of Termination for Default, the AGENCY determines that the Contractor has an excusable reason for not performing, the AGENCY, after setting up a new work schedule, may allow the Contractor to continue work, or treat the termination as a Termination for Convenience.

Additional Federal Clauses when procurement exceeds \$25,000

GOVERNMENT-WIDE DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION

2 C.F.R. part 180; 2 C.F.R. part 100; 2 C.F.R. § 200.213; 2

Executive Order 12549; Executive Order 12689

Background and Applicability

A contract award (of any tier) in an amount expected to equal or exceed \$25,000 or a contract award at any tier for a federally required audit (irrespective of the contract amount) must not be made to parties listed on the government-wide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 C.F.R. part 180. The

Excluded Parties List System in SAM contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549.

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

Flow Down

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

Model Clause/Language

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

Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion

The Contractor shall comply and facilitate compliance with U.S. DOT regulations, "Nonprocurement Suspension and Debarment," 2 C.F.R. part 1200, which adopts and supplements the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (U.S. OMB) "Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement)," 2 C.F.R. part 180. These

provisions apply to each contract at any tier of \$25,000 or more, and to each contract at any tier for a federally required audit (irrespective of the contract amount), and to each contract at any tier that must be approved by an FTA official irrespective of the contract amount. As such, the Contractor shall verify that its principals, affiliates, and subcontractors are eligible to participate in this federally funded contract and are not presently declared by any Federal department or agency to be:

- a) Debarred from participation in any federally assisted Award;
- b) Suspended from participation in any federally assisted Award;

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

By signing and submitting its bid or proposal, the bidder or proposer certifies as follows:
 The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact relied upon by the AGENCY. If it is later determined by the AGENCY that the bidder or proposer knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to remedies available to the AGENCY, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment. The bidder or proposer agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. part 180, subpart C, as supplemented by 2 C.F.R. part 1200, while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any contract that may arise from this offer. The bidder or proposer further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

NOTICE TO FTA AND US DOT INSPECTOR GENERAL OF INFORMATION RELATED TO FRAUD, WASTE, ETC.

FTA Master Agreement 39(b); 2 CFR 180.220 and 1200.220

Applicability to Contracts

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

Flow Down

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

Model Clause/Language

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

Program Fraud and False or Fraudulent Statements or Related Acts

The Contractor acknowledges that the provisions of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986, as amended, 31 U.S.C. § 3801 et seq. and U.S. DOT regulations, "Program Fraud Civil Remedies," 49 C.F.R. part 31, apply to its actions pertaining to this Project. Upon execution of the underlying contract, the Contractor certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of

any statement it has made, it makes, it may make, or causes to be made, pertaining to the underlying contract or the FTA assisted project for which this contract work is being performed. In addition to other penalties that may be applicable, the Contractor further acknowledges that if it makes, or causes to be made, a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, or certification, the Federal Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986 on the Contractor to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.

The Contractor also acknowledges that if it makes, or causes to be made, a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, or certification to the Federal Government under a contract connected with a project that is financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance originally awarded by FTA under the authority of 49 U.S.C. chapter 53, the Government

reserves the right to impose the penalties of 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and 49 U.S.C. § 5323(l) on the Contractor, to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.

Additional Notice to U.S. DOT Inspector General. The Contractor must promptly notify the U.S. DOT Inspector General in addition to the FTA Chief Counsel or Regional Counsel for the Region in which the Project is located, if the Contractor has knowledge of potential fraud, waste, or abuse occurring on any project receiving assistance from FTA. The notification provision applies if a person has or may have submitted a false claim under the False Claims Act, 31 U.S.C. § 3729 et seq., or has or may have committed a criminal or civil violation of law pertaining to such matters as fraud, conflict of interest, bid rigging, misappropriation or embezzlement, bribery, gratuity, or similar misconduct involving federal assistance. This responsibility occurs regardless of whether the project is related to this Contract or another agreement with FTA, and also

applies to subcontractors at any tier. "Knowledge," as used in this paragraph, includes, but is not limited to, knowledge of a criminal or civil investigation by a Federal, state, or local law enforcement or other investigative agency, a criminal indictment or civil complaint, or probable cause that could support a criminal indictment, or any other credible information in the possession of the Contractor. In this paragraph, "promptly" means to refer information without delay and without change. The Contractor agrees to include the above two clauses on 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.

Printed Name

Signature

Company Name

Date